

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."

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We Can Learn Something from a Summer in a Hospital

The writer is not qualified to write about hospitals or the feeling of patients after eight or nine weeks in a big hospital; he can only write what it did for him.

In private rooms on three different floors it was mostly by imagination and logical reasoning (like somebody outside the hospital) that I know what the average patient thinks about hospital life. There was never much wrong with me that I was conscious of except the four fractured ribs that made deep breathing and turning a little difficult. I did experience stomach discomfort for a week because of antibiotic medicine. I was never conscious of the vertebrae trouble that so concerned the orthopedic specialist or the broken leg and other fractures.

I was three times in the operating and recovery rooms without any discomfort. The many changes of needle for intravenous feedings, the hypos, the drawing of blood for testing time after time left no feeling, only concern for the technicians, nurses, doctors and anesthetists who usually had to try twice to puncture my veins and were sweating because they thought they were hurting me. Normally I have as much pain as anybody else. Of course there was a tremendous volume of prayer in my behalf that I began to hear about.

My initial point is that although I have heard cries of pain in the distance and have had my door shut momentarily a number of times as non-breathing patients were quickly wheeled out, I know little more about hospital life than the blind man who felt the skinny little tail of the elephant and tried to describe the beast.

I do know and appreciate hospital staff and routine though I was never a slave to the latter and spent almost all my time outside of visiting hours doing my office work and supplemental reading. Afternoon visiting hours three days a week were spent conferring with my secretary and giving dictation. It was not that I had to but it was good for me. Never a dull moment.

After such an introduction I would

like to say something about hospital life as it affected me and might affect some other people who are fortunate enough to spend an extended time in the hospital in a private room.

For the first time in my life I have consciously organized my day from 5:45 a.m. to 11 p.m. without any jumping up from my chair, running errands or watching TV. (I had TV available in my room for weeks). This has been good for me. Perhaps this good will stick to me.

When I was a chaplain in the Army I never had time to think, and prepared very few good sermons. I was too active, out with the men in training, encouraging them by my presence and otherwise making things easier for them. I visited the sick and counseled the prisoners who had broken the rules and were bashing their heads (figuratively) against the stone wall of Army discipline.

My civilian ministry was much the same, with more emphasis most of the time on visitation and physical activity than on consecutive study.

With complete inactivity in the hospital one adjusts and is happy or fights the hospital life and is unhappy. Nobody has had to make a bigger adjustment than I. Never having missed a preaching appointment in 36 years of ordained ministry on account of health and never missing a day at my office in 15 years as secretary-editor, adjustment might seem difficult. Strangely enough, by the grace of God, it hasn't consciously presented the slightest problem. Is this, too, because of prayers in my behalf? Certainly the editor cannot claim credit for that which came to pass without a struggle. I must admit that there was about half an hour of readjustment after six weeks that was a struggle. I was to go home the next day. My wife had made all necessary preparations for a semi-ambulatory husband with a back brace and one leg in a cast when an infection was discovered in changing the cast. Healing time for the flesh meant an unpredictable number of weeks delay in returning home. But the problem was momentary. In another part of the hospital where a fresh gown

MEMORY TEXT

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified. Psalm 70:4.

had to be put on before entering the room there was a whole new constantly changing staff to get acquainted with and to talk with about spiritual things.

Why tell this story of adjustments? Perhaps there is a lesson for others to learn who sometime may have to go to the hospital with nothing more serious than my light affliction—nine fractured bones. Can you live more than one kind of life? If the physical activity is cut off, are you prepared to switch to things of the mind, intellectual activity and enjoy day after day of it? More important, if your body is made inactive do you have spiritual resources, a Christian faith that gives you satisfaction and makes it possible for you to enjoy times of meditation, and the vast field of stimulating Christian literature? You can't shift gears on a single speed bicycle. But if you have provided yourself with a three speed, which costs but a little more, there is no hill you cannot ride up; and you have also that high gear.

Current Giving, Undesignated for OWM

This is the money that you send through your church treasurer to Our World Mission each month, thus it is called "current giving."

The term "undesignated" means that it should be divided among all boards and agencies, and this is how it is divided.

Current Giving, Designated for OWM

Some people give to a specific board or project. They may send it directly to the board or agency involved, or send through OWM treasurer, who forwards specific gifts 100% to their destination.

Budget Promotion Chairman

Our World Mission Appeal

Remarks of General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler just prior to the taking of the Sabbath morning offering at General Conference, Kearney, Nebr., August 17.

It is a very humble privilege to be asked to impart to you some very exciting news. It is a pleasure to share with you some *insight*, *information* and an *invitation*. This regards our being yoked in mission with Jesus Christ honoring Our World Mission.

The *insight* is expressed with the realization that light and darkness are both ordained of God. They are both servant to God. They are both blessings to man in punctuating times and purposes as well as dividing light from darkness within a 24-hour span of time. For instance, in Isaiah's time there had been an extended time of darkness hovering over God's chosen people which seemed to have hovered over them for far too long a time. Ugly clouds of repetitious invasions by the Syrians, Assyrians and others had discouraged them. And then all of a sudden in the depressive silence of darkness there was a shattering of that darkness by the jubilant sound of the trumpet call. And as God's people awakened out of their sleep and listened in curiosity, they heard the prophetic voice of Isaiah, loud and clear. This is something of what he said, "The people who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death; upon them hath the light shined!" He did not say that Isaiah's "denomination" or that some council of churches had harnessed up some new source of power to produce more light. Rather, the exciting news was that God Himself was turning on light from heaven and it was shining upon His people to light their way. God had promised to make them a happy people, to bless them with joy, and to grant them a fantastic harvest which they will hardly be able to reap for the greatness of it. Furthermore, the promise was that they would not do this alone because, according to verses 6 and 7, He would even send someone

from the headquarters of heaven, the Messiah Himself, and He would be amongst them and be before them to direct their ways.

We are privileged to have seen the fulfillment of the coming of this Christ. He is in our midst today and He would go before us. For us there has been all too long a darkness for some fifty years perhaps, but now we are happy to renew the assurance of our desire to proclaim the good news. The insight is that the lights are being turned on but not by our own ingenuity nor power nor dynamics. But God Himself is turning on the lights and we are becoming more and more people of His light. In these times God is good, and He has said "My word goes forth and it shall not return unto me void." John chapter one says that in Jesus Christ lights were turned on and no one can ever turn them out. This is good news!

The *information* is that more and more of our people are bearing testimony that they believe in this God of light and the lights have been coming on one by one! There have been boards and agencies which have come forth with programs—not merely to spend monies, not to keep people busy, but to answer the call of this Christ who keeps beckoning us to move on faster and faster and to reap of this harvest before it falls in waste in the ripening seasons of time. The *information* is that we have not only those who are now laboring, but we have young men who in answer to God's call are preparing to serve Him in the future. The lights have come on and we have a wonderful group of young men who believe there is a harvest ahead. They are saying they are feeling the call of God to enter into the gospel ministry. The lights have come on as many other young people and adults have entered into dedicated service, giving of time and talents for days, weeks, months, and even years. The lights are coming on, beloved, as fifteen youth dedicated these passing summer months to serve the Lord; and as two young ladies at this time are saying that if God wills and if their talents are needed, they will happily serve the Lord for a year.

These are exciting times in which to be alive. The most beautiful and awesome dawn is about to grace God's passing of time and you and I are alive to behold it in all of its dramatic splendor.

We have those such as Mrs. Clare who has gone to Guyana this summer, Velma Maxson who plans to go to Jamaica to work as a teacher if God calls and if our people enable. We have Connie Coon who is evangelized as God has prospered her and enables her to share with others that which He has given her. We could go on and on and on citing situations of others to say that if our faith will match their works, indeed a bounty of harvest lies ahead.

The *invitation* is this. In the past we have done well, but with God's people there is no such thing as being satisfied with that. Not even our best begins to thrill us because who among the twelve Apostles even would have dared to predict the extent to which Jesus Christ would bless the loaves and fishes of one boy when they were placed in the hands of our Lord and Savior. If we can only reflect something of what was said in the testimonial service last night, we will put our lives, our works, our pocket-books, our checkbooks, and our signatures in Jesus' hands. Who can tell? We would not dare predict how much we, a people here, can give to our Lord and Savior if we put our complete lives in the hands of our Lord Jesus Christ. We know of one person who said "Let's double what we have given the last few years"; some five minutes later he said, "Let's double even that for this time for God is going to prosper us."

It has been suggested by one of the leaders that we have a ceremony at this time and that all who have written checks tear them in pieces. Each of us has until 2:30 this afternoon to double, triple and quadruple the amount of that check. There is no end to what you and I will do for Him. God is gracious. God is good. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light! There is a new dawn awaiting us! Let us be there to share it!

Time to Talk Turkey About OWM Giving

Committee of the Committed Corner

Giving for Others

We have a commendable practice of giving money toward a memorial for someone whom we have loved and respected. Since the loved ones themselves can't give, we do it!

Now I'm suggesting that you give something for someone else. And I don't mean a dead relative . . . presumably you've already worked that out with your church or the Memorial Fund trustees.

You yourself have given, or should have given by now, *over and above* for Our World Mission this year. Why not give an extra gift for someone who isn't able to give anymore? Either choose someone who had had a stroke of misfortune and has not the cash to give, or choose someone who is lax in their dedication and stewardship, and give for them.

Striving to be *Sensitive in His Service*,
Paul B. Osborn, Chairman,
Stewardship Committee of the Committed.

Biafra, Africa, Starvation

Direct word from inside blockaded Biafra estimates daily starvation deaths at 6,000. Several weeks previously the daily death rate was between two to three thousand.

Confirmation of mass starvation fatalities was relayed to James MacCracken, executive director of Church World Service, by Dr. H. W. Middelkoop, a World Council of Churches representative, who heads the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Umuahia, Biafra. The 13,000,000 Biafrans, mostly Christian Ibos, are completely surrounded by Nigerian Federal forces.

The latest news as the *Recorder* goes to press is that the Red Cross has been defying the Central Nigerian government in sending in 50 ton plane loads of high protein food. Now agreement has been reached so that the planes are not fired upon.

Conference a Great Success

By Leon M. Maltby, Editor

Everyone who attended General Conference at Kearney, Nebr., last month must have been agreed that program-wise it was a great success. This speaks well for the planning done by President Clarke.

Your editor was not able to be at Conference this year. He got few of the fringe benefits that go with attendance. He feels that he did get a good bird's eye view of the program and business because three days after the close of the sessions he had all of Conference on tapes and began listening to the last three days. He could wish that everybody else who was not at Conference could have the same opportunity. He wouldn't want all to be in the hospital so that they would have hours enough in two days to listen to three days of Conference sessions and to read all the "Conference Criers" and study all the reports that were available to the editor.

When one gets to the end of General Conference week he begins for the first time to see it as a whole and to appreciate some of the things that came to a climax on the Sabbath that had been working toward it during the week. It is said in the Gospel of John of the Sabbath after the crucifixion of Jesus, "that Sabbath was a high day." It could be said of the week at Kearney that the Sabbath was the great day. Of course this is always true. There was, however, a difference this year. Let us note what that difference was. It was not the masterful, moving Sabbath eve sermon by Rev. Kenneth Smith, president of Milton College on the "Company of the Committed." It was not the strong Sabbath sermon so filled with practical thoughts by Rev. Edgar Wheeler of Ashaway, nor was it the dramatic presentation in the afternoon. It was the young people, particularly the 15 SCSC young people and the others involved in dedicated service who appeared to set the tone.

President Clarke arranged for a testimony service following the sermon on

Sabbath eve. Some presidents have departed from that long established custom, partly because of the difficulty of people being heard in a large auditorium, partly because they felt that there was not great value in it. The meetings were often dominated by the testimonies of ministers who felt that they had to lead out to keep the meeting moving. However, there have been some good testimony meetings in recent years.

Your editor, a few years ago, tried the experiment of getting the people who wanted to speak to come to the microphone. It worked pretty well, but some were timid. This year there were microphones conveniently located throughout the audience so that there was no delay in getting to where one could be heard.

Rev. Charles Swing of De Ruyter, N. Y., opened the meeting with a few words and frequently seconded what was said. He never had to encourage people to speak. They were always ready. Perhaps the ministers had been told ahead of time to hold their fire. More likely they sensed that the young people and other laymen were so ready to testify of vital things that they ought to give place.

Listening to the clear voices on the tape recorder it was quite apparent that the SCSC team members were leading the way and setting the tone. There were no stereotyped testimonies, no telling of what religion meant to my grandmother, etc. There were a few longer testimonies but they were by people who wanted to tell how much Christ had come to mean to them in recent years. Through it all rang the enthusiasm of dedicated youth whose zeal had been felt during the week.

When the hour of ten o'clock came the leader suggested that perhaps they should close soon, but that there would be opportunity for any to speak who wanted to. It seemed to be a signal for folks to be on their feet. Adults, doctors and others who have never spoken before in such a meeting were prominent. The heartfelt words of praise and aspiration kept coming for another half hour with no hint of stopping until the leader

brought it to a close. The young people had led the way.

On Sabbath afternoon following the splendid dramatic presentation of the Sabbath School lesson, prepared by Rev. Herbert Saunders of Plainfield, N. J., the prime time was given to a presentation of the work of the SCSC under the simple program heading, "Reports of the Summer Christian Service Corps." The president knew it would be good, but he couldn't have known how well organized and how well executed, how moving it would be. Motivated by one of the SCSC workers, Bernard (Butch) Keown, it moved steadily with a mixture of adult and youth statements. The project directors told of what it meant to them to have the team working in their churches. The team captains and others gave some of their experiences in the communities outside the churches where they worked. They were enthusiastic.

The unique thing about the work this summer was the initial enthusiasm brought from the training session conducted by Director of Evangelism Leon Lawton and Rev. Rex Zwiebel, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education. The team spirit was maintained through the summer by prayer meetings at 9:30 each evening throughout the United States, by telephone contact between teams upon occasion and by mail. There was no abatement of that initial enthusiasm.

It would be well for churches to request copies of the tape recordings of Sabbath eve and Sabbath afternoon from the Tract Society. (The Sabbath sermon will be printed later in the *Sabbath Recorder*.)

Now as one looks back over the week from the tapes, and much more, if one were present at committee meetings, he notes how these and other equally dedicated young people helped set the tone of Conference and lift the spirits of the other delegates.

One of the influences was through the *Conference Crier*, the staff of which was well salted with previous and current SCSC workers. It was the largest and by far the best daily youth publica-

tion ever put out during a Conference session. Here the editor found hours of thrilling reading through the courtesy of friends who mailed him copies. The reporting was of the highest quality, suitable for use in the *Sabbath Recorder* if there were room. A number of items in this issue are taken almost verbatim from this youth publication. More will follow.

A successful Conference, we have called it, speaking only of certain parts of the program and the evidence of the influence of the dedication of youth running through it like a ray of heavenly sunshine. The business of Conference, the adult contributions, the forward-looking work of Planning Committee and boards; well, those are other stories about a Conference that carried out well the theme "Yoked in Mission— which built upon last year's theme, "Open Your Hearts—Loving."

Yearly Meeting

The Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Seventh Day Baptist churches will be held at Berlin, N. Y., October 11 and 12, 1968.

The theme will be taken from Ephesians 5:9, stressing Goodness, Righteousness, and Truth.

Arlie L. Greene,
Church Clerk.

Metairie Church Vandalized

The New Orleans *Times Picayune* for Sunday, August 18, carried a three column story (2 column picture of Jack Hays in the midst of the interior rubble) which began as follows:

Vandals struck the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Metairie, 409 Papworth St., and caused damage estimate at \$500 by the church's assistant pastor, the Rev. Jack Hays.

There will be in a later issue the Christian response made by the church, which is highly interesting. Jack Hays found on the chalkboard this scrawl, "My name is Hosea. Try to catch me if you can." The damage may be less than \$500.

Prayer, Please

By Rev. David C. Pearson

A handwritten report from Pastor Lamech Vumah in Rhodesia shows three divisions.

First he expresses his appreciation, and quotes Philippians 4:10, 11, 15, 16. He finds the words of the Apostle Paul as expressing his own sentiment. Together they rejoice in the Lord.

He speaks also of his desire to keep us informed of the work in Rhodesia, that together we may rejoice, and that together we may weep.

In the second place he writes, "Facing the field in hardship." In this section he speaks of Rhodesia as a country which is "losing hope." He describes it as "mixed" (mixed up) and "tormented." He tells us that hatred has been substituted for love in the relations of black men and white men. Christianity, he says, has been termed "white-men made religion," and that many have returned to paganism. It is the opinion of the writer that Christianity as practiced by its founder would be acceptable to many, but alas . . .

Thirdly, his report reads, "Conquering through your prayers." After writing more of sin, suffering, and sorrow, he states that he must rely heavily upon us here in Malawi, that he might conquer through our prayers. He reminds us to "pray without ceasing," a good scriptural injunction.

In his closing remarks he speaks of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ as "not merely some expression of sentiment . . . but is revealed as a potent weapon in the hands of the Christian warrior, fighting against heavy odds."

Again he reminds us, "pray for us brethren," and closes his report, "Sincerely yours in His service, L. M. Vumah."

Not that we in Malawi should seek to dodge the responsibility of intercession laid upon us, but we solicit your help, too! Please pray for the people of Rhodesia, and pray for the establishment of peace and righteousness "wherever man is found."

Pastor Nangazi Reports

By Rev. David C. Pearson

Among other things Pastor Nangazi reports having been asked by those of another church group to preach at a funeral, which he was pleased to do. He chose to preach on the resurrection (Kuuka Kwa Akufa). This is not at all strange, but after the message one of the group stood to say there was no resurrection of the dead. It is pleasing to know that many were not pleased with this naive rebuttal of plain scriptural truth.

Not long thereafter the pastor was again asked to preach at a funeral at the same place. Fearing rebuttal he was reluctant to accept the opportunity, but the request was urgent and he yielded to the demand. He was told that if any one should try to stop him, that person would be removed from the funeral.

Again, the African pastor resorted to—you guessed it—First Corinthians, chapter fifteen, that classic resurrection chapter. Other scriptural passages were used as well. Pastor wrote, "When I had finished preaching, that same man—who tried to stop me before—stood. Then the people took him by the arm, and all the people at the funeral laughed at him, and told him, 'You (evidently a preacher also) will not (be allowed to) preach at any (future) funeral.'" According to the report six persons were converted, one of whom was a chief. Much joy was the result.

Some miles distant, and possibly two or three weeks later, Pastor Nangazi was asked by the Catholics to preach at a funeral. Their request surprised the pastor very much. He said, "I do not preach unless I pray. You do not close your eyes (when you pray). Are you willing to close your eyes?" They agreed, and Mr. Nangazi proceeded by God's help to preach strongly and joyfully.

"Preach the word"; Pastor, 'be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine.' You are entirely correct; the *dead shall rise*, 'some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt' (Dan. 12:2). So much for

the dead; as for the living, they need your message."

COMMENT—by Missionary Society secretary:

Preaching, whether in Africa, America, or wheresoever, is the same God-given task and priceless privilege, a means of saving them that believe (I Cor. 1:21). May God's call come to rest heavily upon our young men, and upon others too, causing them to consider the utterly vast potential of preaching, preaching the resurrection, preaching the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, "the first begotten of the dead" (Rev. 1:5)—Christ, "who is over all, God blessed for ever" (Rom. 9:5).

Laymen's Sabbath— the Urgent Fellowship

Early in August 1968 all Seventh Day Baptist churches and fellowships received a pamphlet through the mail titled "The Urgent Fellowship." This little booklet carried suggestions for observance of Laymen's Sabbath on the second Sabbath of October (October 12, 1968).

Formerly this observance was known and observed in our churches as "Men and Missions Sabbath." It is hoped that the mission emphasis may not be lost. Encouragement may be given to church men to take a more active part in the program of outreach of the local church. Such a program includes both the national and the overseas interests of our denomination.

The theme of this year's observance is "The Urgent Fellowship," with scriptural reference to I Corinthians 1:9, "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord" (RSV).

Perhaps the pastor will want to bring a message on the above noted theme or some related subject. Perhaps the men of the church might be requested to take charge of the Sabbath morning service that day. Some churches have used the occasion for holding a father and son banquet, featuring missions. It can be the occasion for bringing the men of the church, old and young, into a growing interest in the work of our churches.

Extra Copies of Annual Report Needed

This is a request for extra copies of the 126th Annual Report of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. If any family attending Conference at Kearney, Nebr., should find that they carried home two copies of this report, please send by mail one of the copies to the Missionary Society office at 401 Washington Trust Building, Westerly, R. I. 02891.

Copies are needed to send to several libraries across the country and abroad, also to our overseas mission workers and also to interested individuals that make requests for copies during the year. Your cooperation and help in the matter will be greatly appreciated.

Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, 120 Main Street, Westerly, Rhode Island, on September 15, 1968, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. for the following purposes:

1. To amend the Act of Incorporation of the Society by increasing from \$500,000 to \$2,000,000 the amount of real and personal estate which the Society may hold, by deleting Sections 3, 4, and 5 thereof, and by enacting a new section enumerating the powers of the Society.

2. To repeal the existing Constitution of the Society and replace the same with a new, modern Constitution.

3. To elect a Board of Managers and officers for the ensuing year.

4. To receive the Annual Reports of the Board of Managers and of the Treasurer.

5. To transact such other and further business as may legally come before the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Managers,
Elston Van Horn, Secretary

Summer Christian Service Corps Teams Tell of Their Work

Team Hope

Before I entered Dedicated Service this summer, I had this attitude about my home church: that it was dead, it had no life, no enthusiasm, no outreach. There was nothing that I nor anyone else could do about it. So what did I do? Nothing? I went to church most of the time, and to Youth Fellowship, and otherwise my time was my own. I've found out this summer that my time is *not* my own. It is a hard lesson to learn, and it might have been an impossible one for me if I hadn't given this summer of full-time service.

This summer my own home church has had an SCSC team working with it. I know that there will be a tremendous need for follow-up. I plan to continue serving God in my own church, and I hope and pray that this will be the attitude of the members of all the churches which have had an SCSC team this summer. If they do take this opportunity to serve God, I'm sure they will be truly blessed.

Jeanne Lawrence
In Conference Crier

Team Effective

Team Effective was composed of Chris Williams of North Loup and Bob Harris from Shiloh. The project began on July 14 and ended on August 3.

Schenectady, the site of the project, is in a very real sense a mission church. Pastor Leland Davis was a wonderful and enthusiastic project director. His zeal and labor for the Lord is most remarkable. It was quite a thrill to work with such a man in the three short weeks of the project. We gained much inspiration and knowledge from him.

We arrived at Schenectady on July 14. The next day we started in on Bible School. Chris taught the senior class having a total attendance of ten, and an average attendance of seven. Bob taught the Intermediate class. The total was ten and the average attendance was six.

Our day began with the Bible School from 8:45 - 11:30 a.m. After lunch we

went calling. Sometimes Pastor Davis went with the team.

The summer was a very rewarding experience. We had many wonderful hosts. Chris stayed at the home of the Rev. Gene Fatato's parents, while Bob stayed at the parsonage.

The last week of the project was spent mostly in calling. The final Sabbath saw the team, along with Ed Page, doing the service. Chris played the organ, while Bob conducted the worship service and Ed gave the Junior sermon.

The weeks went by very fast, but they were filled with lasting memories and impressions. We only hope and pray that our work was not in vain. Praise God for the experiences at Schenectady, New York!

Chris Williams
Bob Harris
In Conference Crier

Team Devoted

Among my memorable experiences this summer in SCSC was the week Debby and I spent at Jersey Oaks Camp. Pastor Herb Saunders and Miss Florence Bowden planned a program on "Worship" which climaxed at a rather emotional faggot service Friday night. The Holy Spirit was really working among us that week, and several campers sincerely accepted Christ as their Savior. It filled me with joy to see this change take place in their lives.

But it did not end there. Sabbath night, we discussed ways the campers could serve the Lord, beginning the day camp ended. This was done to make sure that the Spirit did not die in the campers going home and down from the "Mountain Top."

I continue to remember these campers in my prayers. I pray that God will go on working in their lives, strengthening this new found faith and teaching them how they can best respond to the love of Christ.

Debby Randolph
Steve Crouch
In Conference Crier

Fraternal Delegates Speak at Conference

This year two other denominations sent delegates to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. The International Council of Christian Churches, commonly called Disciples, who have never before sent a representative, were represented by Mrs. Wallace Lilly who spoke briefly, bringing greetings from the national and international body.

The other fraternal delegate, Dr. Robert Torbet, came from the American Baptist Convention, a former president of that denomination. This is not the first time he has visited a Seventh Day Baptist Conference. What he said about the election of General Secretary Alton Wheeler to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches is significant. We quote those remarks as taken from the tape.

Dr. Torbet Speaks

Mr. President and Fellow Christians:

I am very happy to be here today and to bring greetings from the American Baptist Convention. Dr. Tuller, our general secretary, who has met with you on other occasions, wanted me particularly to express his warm greetings to you, and I know I express the feeling of our General Council through the leadership of our Convention in saying that we have a very special feeling of friendship and warm fellowship toward the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. In fact we have been very pleased that it has been possible to have in the past few years some informal conversations about how we might work together more closely. This is of great interest to us and we do hope that it will be of interest to all of you as you think about it and respond to those who have talked with us. We hope these conversations will continue and that great good will come from them.

I would be very remiss if I did not take advantage of this opportunity to express a word of real congratulation to you for the honor that has come to you through the election of your general

secretary, Dr. Wheeler, as a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. I assume that you have probably heard this news, but if you haven't you should have heard it by now, and I want to say that I am personally very pleased with this place of responsibility which has come to him. I am not sure that you know enough about the World Council of Churches to know what this means, but let me just say that the World Council of Churches which represents some 252 or more communions meets about once in seven years. In the intervening time there is a Central Committee made up of about 150 members selected from various ones that carry on the work of the World Council. For a Baptist to be elected to the Central Committee is in itself a distinction and to have your general secretary elected to this very important Central Committee of the World Council is indeed a great honor to him and to you. I wanted to say this because sometimes there is such a wide gulf of understanding between those few of us who have opportunity to go to World Council meetings or other kinds of ecumenical meetings and the rest of you who only read about it casually in the papers that you might not realize what this can mean.

What it really means is that the man of the caliber of your general secretary, who represents the free church point of view, will be expressing with integrity and devotion to the whole body of Christ that richness of our tradition which I think will be very very helpful to the World Council. I couldn't help but take this moment, Mr. President, to say this word of congratulation to you on this honor that has come to Dr. Wheeler on his election.

I should like to say in closing that we Baptists need each other very badly. We need each other because we are rather scandalously divided and we need to hold the differences within our own family. There are a great many of us—some 27 million of us in the world—and we ought to be much closer together than we really are, even though we are in the Baptist World Alliance

and the Baptist Fellowship which is a part of that World Alliance which you belong to, and we belong to, and a great many other Baptists in this country belong to. We can create the kind of understanding and the desire for greater unification among ourselves in understanding and cooperation that will help us Baptists to take our place as a part of the whole body of Christ in the ecumenical movement of our times. We do believe this is of God and we would not be obedient to the will of God if we were not concerned to be a part of each other, to strengthen one another and so to strengthen the whole body of Christ.

On Czechoslovakia Invasion

AFL-CIO President George Meany issued the following statement (condensed):

Czechoslovakia presented no threat—military or economic—to the Soviet Union. The Czechs had agreed, only two weeks ago, to the three prime conditions laid down by their oppressors:

1. Adherence to the Warsaw Pact;
2. Maintenance of their association with the Soviet bloc;
3. Preservation of a single-party system in Czechoslovakia.

The Soviet action proves, once again, that dictatorial Communism cannot tolerate even a small measure of freedom on its borders. It once more gives the lie to those who pretend to believe that Communism has changed—that Russia has been liberalized—that there are no more satellites.

The brutal invasion of Czechoslovakia demonstrates without question the blind fear of the Kremlin rulers that their own people would be contaminated by the existence of free speech and a free press in Czechoslovakia.

This action should end the luxury of confusing hope with judgment that has characterized the thinking of many prominent Americans, who have been advocating political and economic advantages to the Soviets in our dealings with them.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

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.

World C. E. in Jamaica

"The Fifth Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union brought Christian Endeavor to a high point of interest, enthusiasm, and service," according to Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president and general secretary of the World's Union.

The president of the international society, Elwood Dunn, says of the conference, "Three things characterized the Area I Conference: (1) There was a high sense of oneness in Christ. The delegates came from a wide variety of denominational backgrounds, but at the conference they were as one. Many races, nationalities, and origins were in evidence, but in the services, planning, and worship only unity was in evidence. No movement among youth has a longer or more successful history of significant ecumenical meetings and programs than Christian Endeavor. (2) Each session was characterized by the spirit of commitment. The first line of the Christian Endeavor pledge, 'Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ . . .,' was felt by all present. (3) The conference was marked by its forward look. Plans were made for growth and expansion by the Jamaica Union and the World's Union. Once again Christian Endeavor demonstrated its ability to challenge, commit, and unify the followers of Christ."

The 16th World's Christian Endeavor Convention is scheduled for August 19-23, 1970, in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. The World's Union includes approximately 3,000,000

members in scores of denominations in over 75 countries or island groups around the world.

National SDBYF Officers

The new officers for the National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship were elected by the members and announced at the annual youth banquet at General Conference, August 16. John Barber, Westerly, R. I., a freshman at Alfred University is the president; Richard Wheeler, Ashaway, R. I., a member of the Second Hopkinton church, is the vice-president; Lynne Skaggs, Plainfield, N. J., a member of the Plainfield church, is the secretary; and Ed Page, Shiloh, N. J., a member of the Shiloh church, is the treasurer.

The chief duty of the national officers is to prepare the recreation program for youth during the annual sessions of General Conference. Other projects are undertaken as time, circumstance, and finances permit.

SDBYF Membership

Now is the time for members of local Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowships, and other youth to become members of the National SDBYF. Membership may be obtained by sending your name and address, along with \$1.00, to Mr. Lyle Sutton, Almond, N.Y. 14804. Send a carbon copy of your name and address to Miss Jane Harris, R. 3, Bridgeton, NJ 08302 to get your name on the *Beacon* mailing list.

Leadership Training School

We note in the August issue of the *Signal - Trumpeter* of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church that the Board of Christian Education will sponsor a series of teacher-training meetings led by the pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. He will use Dr. Wayne Rood's book, *The Art of Teaching Christianity*, as the text.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 21, 1968

GOD LOVES ALL PEOPLE

Lesson Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 4:1-4, 11.

Southeastern Association Youth at Washington, D. C.

The Washington Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship was host to the youth from several of the Southeastern Association churches, July 24-28, 1968. The activities included sight-seeing, door-to-door visitation and tract distribution as well as time for worship and fellowship.

Youth from Berea, Salem and Lost Creek, W. Va., and the two Salemville, Pa., Seventh Day Baptist churches arrived in Washington at the recently acquired church, on Wednesday afternoon, July 24, in time to register, and to have a tour of the church and parsonage before dinner. Kenneth Chroniger led the group in a singspiration. Local youth and sponsors welcomed the group and presented the planned activities for the following days. The visiting youth were housed in the homes of the local youth.

Thursday morning brought a visit to the White House, the Lincoln Memorial and Arlington Cemetery. In the afternoon we visited the Capitol, the Senate in session and were entertained for refreshments in one of the Senate dining rooms by Senator Jennings Randolph. (See cover picture on Aug. 12 issue of *Recorder*.) After the evening meal we returned to the church for worship and training for visitation and tract distribution.

On Friday over 400 packets, consisting of a mimeographed folder telling about the Washington church, the tract, "What and Why Are Seventh Day Baptists?" and the salvation tract "We Are Your Neighbors" were given out in the immediate area surrounding the church. A worship service closed the day and began the Sabbath.

Sabbath Day, the youth were divided into two groups for Sabbath School. Donna Hazen taught one group and Phil Hazen the other. The Rev. Charles Graffius, pastor of "the Brick Church," Salemville, Pa., brought the morning message at the worship service, and Steve Saunders gave the children's message. The pastor of the host church led the worship service and the Rev. Ernest

Bee gave the benediction. All were invited to remain for the fellowship dinner. In the afternoon the Washington Project Committee had a meeting and the youth went downtown to pass out tracts and *Sabbath Recorders*. In the evening the youth went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Brissey in Bowie, Md., for an evening of recreation, camp fire and closing worship.

Sunday morning all again met at the church. They walked across the street to the Jewish Synagogue for an explanation of the symbolism and worship of the Jews. The association youth had a business meeting. After lunch they started their trips back to their own homes.

—Darwin D. Van Horn, president,
Washington SDBYF

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

1968 Conference

Conference is over for 1968, and many inspirational ideas were given to us during the sessions. What will be do with these ideas? Will we file them away to be used at a later time and perhaps forgotten? Will they be shared with others who were unable to attend Conference this year? Will they be put into use in our home church through its work and mission?

Have you shared with the women of your church something meaningful you got from the enrichment of attending Conference? If not, plan to do so soon. They are anxious to hear all the many things you have to share with them. Tell them of the new features we experienced at Conference this year, about the exhibits and some new ideas which you can use in your own society.

Make plans now to go to Conference next August at Nyack, N. Y. Do you send the president of your society to represent you at Conference? If not, why not plan to do it this coming year? It's something to work for from which all the members will benefit.

Our Conference president has asked us to be "Sensitive in His Service" and he challenged us to be more sensitive by taking a closer look at ourselves and everyone around us.

Missionary Education Helps for the Local Church

A book review

by Helen R. Green*

This book by Dick Pearson is a small paperback book (published in 1966), which I believe would be of interest and help to pastors, youth advisors, and Sabbath School teachers.

The book gives practical suggestions for including missions in every group and in the various services of the local church. One section is a thirteen-page list of published materials and addresses for ordering audio-visual aids, books, tracts, courses and program materials for various age and interest groups. The last section of the book describes and outlines a leadership training course in "Missionary Education" which could be given in a local church for the Sabbath School teachers, the missionary education committee, the youth workers, and interested parents.

The author says that a brief study of Christ's words after His resurrection "will clarify that world missions is not a *part* of the church program; it *is* the program for His Church."

"The church is responsible to present world missions as God's priority in *every area of church life*, so that those who should be foreign missionaries will be exposed, challenged and encouraged to go overseas, and those God calls to stay home will have a correct view of the foreign mission field and the significance of their participation from the homeland."

Dick Pearson's book—packed with ideas to try out and adapt to your own church situation—may be ordered for \$1.00 from Overseas Crusades, 265 Lytton Avenue, Palo Alto, Calif. 94301.

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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.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MARLBORO, N. J.—Our church has seen a very active summer program this year. It began with our cooperative Vacation Bible School with Shiloh the last two weeks of June and moved directly into our camping program. The Midget Day Camp was directed by our pastor with several of our young people helping. Junior Camp followed with the Juniors of our church roughing it at Jersey Oaks. The camping program culminated with Senior Camp covering the final week.

Our two Summer Christian Service Corps dedicated workers, Steve Crouch from Milton and Debby Randolph from Boulder arrived from Florida in time to help in the Senior Camp. Their second two weeks at our church were spent canvassing the Marlboro area and finding numerous prospects for the church. They called on a total of two hundred homes in a nine-day period. We enjoyed the special music they provided and found that their dedication was quite contagious.

At our business meeting in July the church voted to have a laymen's training workshop to be held by Miss Florence Bowden and is making plans for a preaching mission next spring.

We are proud to have our church represented in the dedicated worker program this summer by Miss Jeanne Lawrence who worked in Crites Mountain and in Paint Rock. We trust that even more will work in this wonderful program next year.

—Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.—Our church women, furnishing their own material, have done 27 baby quilts, and 6 quilt tops for the Charitable Union; 15 baby quilts and 60 lap robes for wheelchair patients at Custer State Home; several days work at the Charitable Union store. Besides this, never less than 3, and as many as 7 of our Ladies Aid members met 9 times at the sewing room, helping to tie an average of 8 quilts each meeting.

SECOND HOPKINTON, R. I.—About eighteen children from the village attended the Vacation Bible School or Day Camp sponsored by Second Hopkinton, Rockville, and the Hope Valley churches during two weeks in July. Our Donna Joubert who assisted SCSC with VBS last summer, was in charge of the primary department, and Pastor Bond reports that Donna's group was the best behaved. Our "Pastor Cliff" was the music director and afternoons he helped at the Day Camp. He reports that both the Bible School and Day Camp were very successful. Parents are pleased with all that their children learned and did and most of the parents of the Hopkinton children attended the closing program at the Hope Valley church.

—Correspondent.

Licensed to Preach

John Bevis, who has headed Seventh Day Baptist work in Birmingham, Ala. this past year—a work that gathered its nucleus through newspaper advertising—was licensed to preach by the Paint Rock, Ala., church (85 miles from Birmingham) which he and his wife attended occasionally. The Birmingham group, which was well led, was never large, and some moved away.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bevis, a charming and talented young couple, whose first contacts were with the Tract Society, first met Seventh Day Baptists at the Daytona Beach, Fla., church some two or three years ago. They have since been visited in Birmingham by General Secretary Wheeler and other leaders.

John Bevis announces that he and his wife have accepted positions at Salem College. He will be teaching history courses on the Salem campus and his wife will be the college nurse on the Clarksburg campus. As of August 25 their address is 459 Washington Ave., Clarksburg, W. Va. 26301. Another child was born to the family in mid August.

It is not likely that the Birmingham group will continue unless new interest develops. Mr. Bevis hopes that there will be new opportunities for fellowship and service in the West Virginia area.

The Sabbath Recorder

Accessions

DODGE CENTER, MINN.

By Baptism:
Valerie Crane

VERONA, N. Y.

By Baptism:
Janet Davis

Marriages

Larson - Payne.— Conrad M. Larson, son of Mrs. Virginia Larson of Morris, Minn., and Phyllis Marie Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne of Claremont, Minn., were united in marriage at the Dodge Center, Minn., Seventh Day Baptist Church, July 28, 1968, by the bride's pastor, Wayne Babcock.

Sholtz - Downey.— Gerald A. of Verona, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. Craig L. Sholtz, and Edelgard Downey, Rome, N. Y., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Downey, were united in marriage in the Colgate Meditation Center Chapel, Hamilton, N. Y., on May 31, 1968, by the Reverends Irving G. Hill and Donald E. Richards.

Stewart - Michaels.— Dennis Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Stewart and Janell Michaels, both of Kirkwood, Mo., were united in marriage by Rev. Carlos McSparin on Aug. 18, 1968 on the shady lawn at the home of the groom's parents.

Births

Bevis.—A daughter, Laura Leigh, to John D. and Hope (Leadlay) of Birmingham, Ala., on August 13, 1968.

Mogen.— A daughter, Stacy Jane, to Roland and Barbara (Bonser) Mogen of Dodge Center, Minn., on August 10, 1968.

Obituaries

LANGWORTHY.—Marabel Palmer, daughter of Charles P. and Mabel B. Palmer, was born in Stonington, Conn., June 3, 1905, and died Aug. 15, 1968, in Westerly, R. I., after a long illness.

She was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I.,

and a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. She was the wife of Clifford Langworthy.

She is survived by her husband, by cousins, and by a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted jointly by Rev. Harold Crandall and Dale E. Rood. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery in Westerly.

—D. E. R.

STILLMAN.—Stanley C., son of Deacon O.G., and Mary Ostrander Stillman, was born in Hornellsville (later Hornell), N. Y., March 12, 1876, the youngest of four children, and died at his home in Alfred, N. Y., August 14, 1968.

On August 16, 1898, he was united in marriage with Miss Jessie Starr of Hornell. To this union were born six children, all of whom survive: Laura S. (Mrs. LeRoy Oakley) of Ellicottville, N. Y.; Frances (Mrs. George C. Rapp) of Rochester, N. Y.; Paul C. of Williamsville, N. Y.; Harold S. of Lockport, N. Y.; Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Warner) of Jamestown, N. Y.; and Lewis M. of Montour Falls, N. Y. There also survive eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Stillman died in 1944.

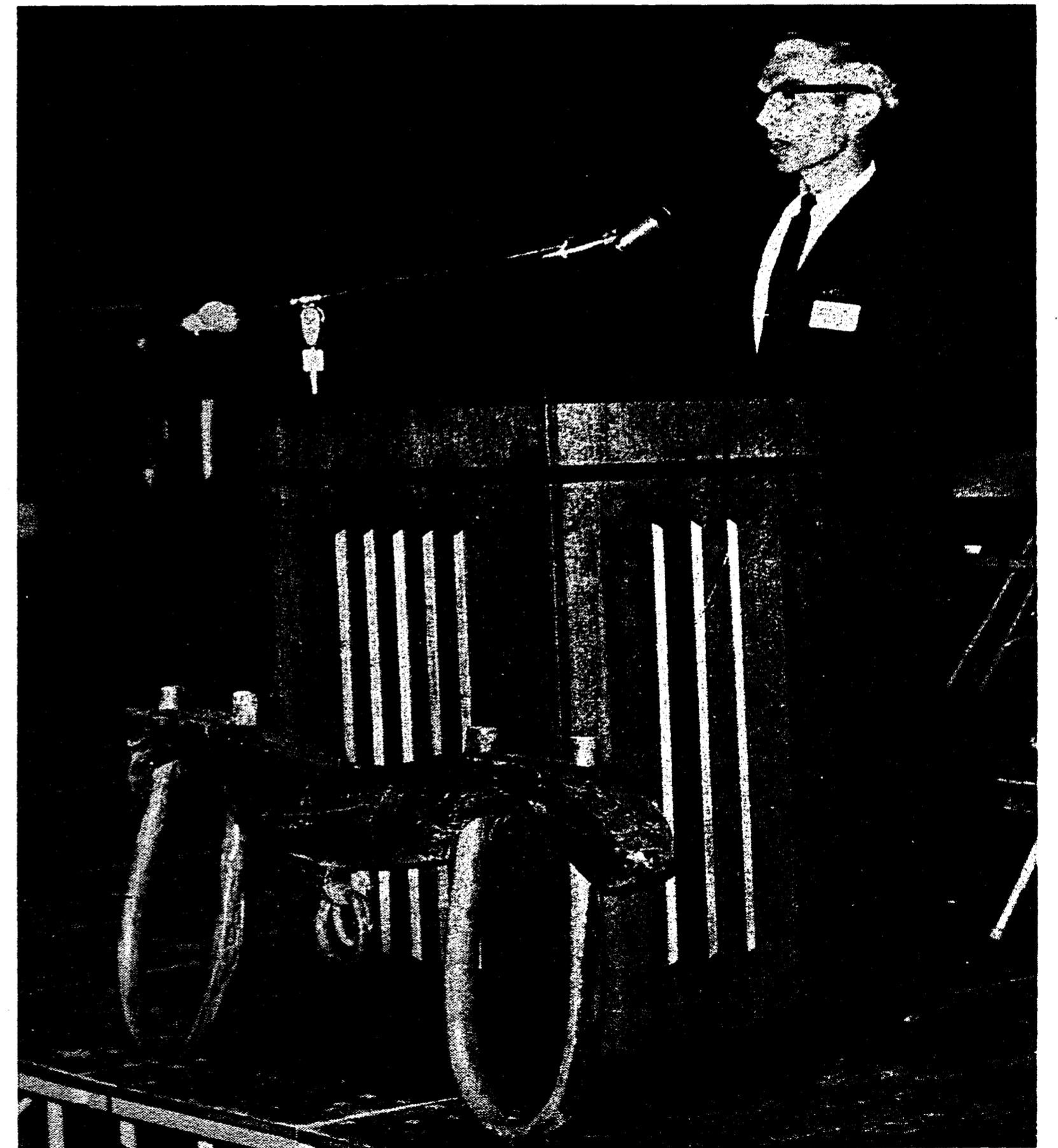
On January 25, 1948, he was united in marriage with Florence A. Rogers of Rochester, widow of Daniel B. Rogers (formerly of Alfred) who survives him. He is also survived by three stepchildren: Robert G. Rogers of Chester, Pa.; Daniel H. Rogers of Rochester; and Evelyn (Mrs. Walter Heinrich) of La Mirada, Calif. There also survive thirteen stepgrandchildren and ten step-great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Stillman was a skilled cabinetmaker. He had taught woodworking in the Alfred school system and in the public schools of Plainfield, N. J. For a number of years he built and sold Alfred potter's wheels in this country and in Canada.

He took his letter from the Hornellsville Seventh Day Baptist Church to join the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on March 11, 1911, where he has been a faithful member.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. Hurlley S. Warren, associate pastor, in the absence of his pastor, Rev. David S. Clarke. Burial was in Hope Cemetery, Hornell.

—H. S. W.



Pulpit and Yoke

The delegates at General Conference were constantly reminded that the president's theme for the year and for Conference assembled was "Yoked with Christ in Mission."