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for my younger sister and brother, for Father left them with no one to care for their needs.

I stayed at home for a week and two days. I was helping the children in the fields, because they could not work alone.

When I returned to the Institute at Blantyre, I asked if they could allow me to leave school and look for employment, or if any one could help me by giving me any kind of work. I was told there was nothing open (with our Seventh Day Baptist stations). Then on 28th of January, I started going about searching for work. I have been going to and fro without success.

I have had many troubles, having lost mother and father and being left with two children and a very old grandmother to support.

Psalm 5:1, 2, Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation. Harken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

Psalm 60:1, O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast scattered us, thou hast been displeased; O turn thyself to us again.

Lord, I hear of show'rs of blessing
Thou art scatt'ring full and free;
Show'rs the thirsty soul refreshing;
Let some drops now fall on me.

(From "Even Me," hymn by Elizabeth Codner.)

UNCHANGEABLES

God's moral laws have not changed despite opinions expressed to the contrary. Right is still right and cannot be watered down to fit a given situation. Sin is still sin no matter how sophisticated the dress.

—Helen May in *Watchman Examiner*

Jamaica

Former Supervisor Returns as Missioner

A former supervisor of the Jamaican field, the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, will be returning to Jamaica for three weeks during the month of April as a missioner from the United States.

Pastor Lawton, who served as director of evangelism following his return to the United States, has recently become the pastor of the Denver, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church. The Denver church released him to spend three weeks in Jamaica.

Mr. Lawton has maintained a deep interest in the Jamaican field and has kept in personal contact with several Jamaican brethren who have come to America, since his return to the United States.

Malawi

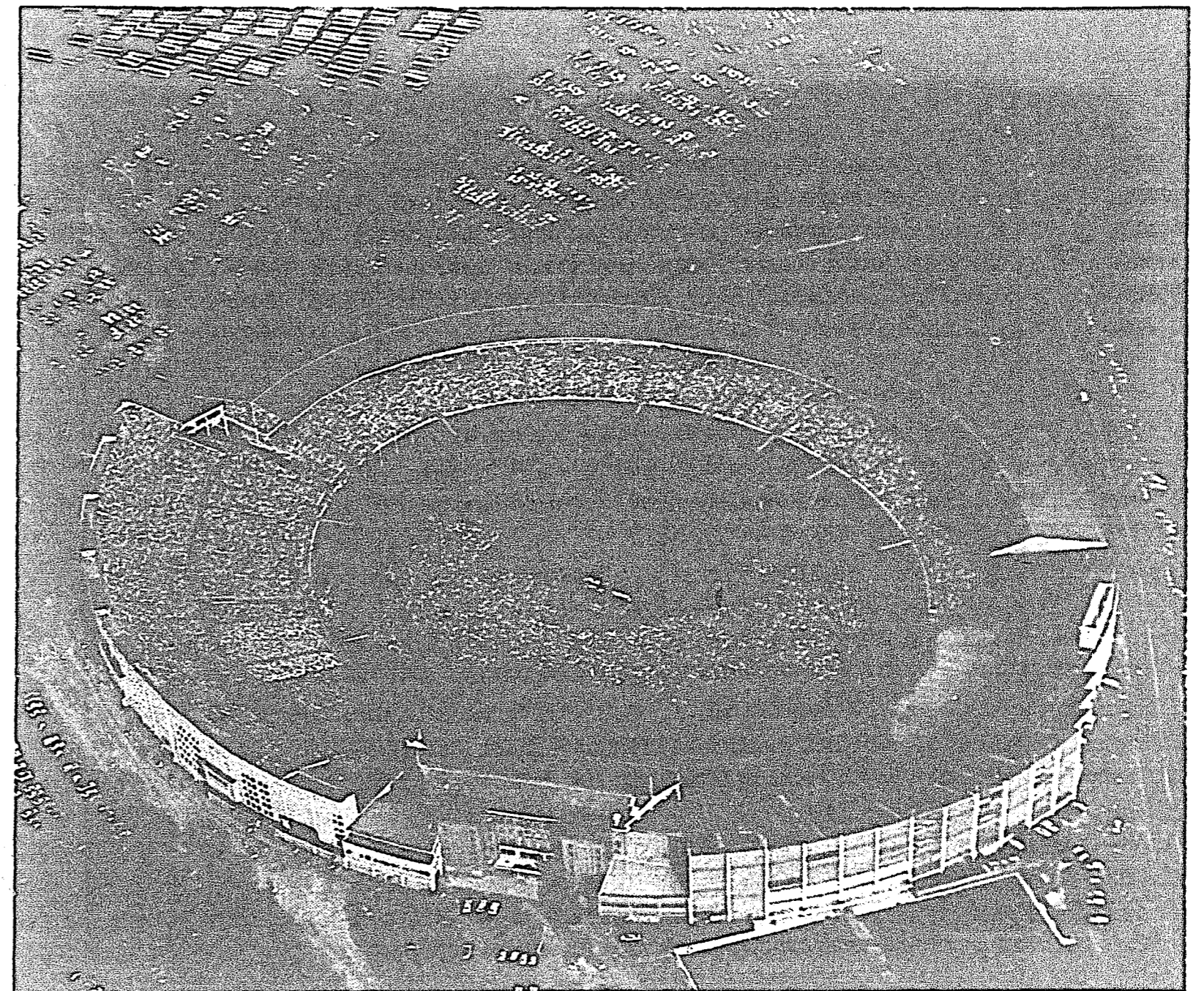
AN ACT OF LOVE

Mrs. Nantikwa, wife of one of our ministerial students, recently ran out of food while her husband was away. After he returned, a Moslem friend gave twenty shillings (one pound) to keep them going for a while.

The Moslem encouraged Mrs. Nantikwa with the words, "Your husband is preparing sharp tools for Almighty Allah, and in so doing you are all passing in a very narrow road. Next time do not wait for your husband to come, but you had better see us for help."

Let's quit reinforcing our own pet projects by attributing them to God. We have a job to do in Christian love.

—Edward L. Saunders



Thousands of Australians Seek Salvation

Paul wrote to the Romans that he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, "for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The preaching of the cross has not lost its power, as is illustrated by the Victoria Crusade of Billy Graham. Last month the closing meeting at the Melbourne, Australia, Cricket Grounds drew an audience of 85,000 of whom 3,000 came forward as inquirers. The tiny dots of white in the center of the above picture are those new believers seeking assurance of "the power of God unto salvation." Jesus said, "Joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth."

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After Easter Thoughts

Our denominational paper did not have an Easter cover this year or special articles on the resurrection of Christ, as it usually does. The first issue of April was a *Mission Notes* special by previous arrangement. It may be altogether fitting that in our publication we stressed this time the missionary work which resulted from the resurrection of our Lord. It is assumed that most of our churches had joyous Easter music and a hope-filled sermon on the Sabbath of April 5.

What are our thoughts after this fluctuating date observed to commemorate the resurrection? Did we think deeply of all that Christ did for us on Calvary and the third day thereafter or was it lightly esteemed and quickly lost sight of? Such reflections on our attitudes are likely to leave us feeling that we have centered too much attention on our own affairs, our comfort, our food and perhaps our fancy clothes. We seldom come quite up to the love we profess.

The resurrection was the power of the witness of the New Testament church. It was an event of history but much more than that. It energized the discouraged disciples. The more they thought about it the stronger and bolder they became. It should be so with us. His followers had seen Him bring back several people from the dead. That was miraculous power that went along rather easily with His miracles of healing. It was quite another thing when He who was dead arose from the dead by His own power. The Apostle Peter and the others spoke of Him in new terms. In Acts 3:15 Peter tells the leaders of his countrymen, the Jews, that they killed the "Prince of life." Later they affirmed that Christ had "broken the bonds of death."

The bonds of death lay hold of every man soon or late. There had been no escape prior to this time. But now death is conquered; it has no victory; it is subdued; it is only temporary. The believer in Christ lays hold on endless life. What disease can do, what persecutors can do is of little matter; in Christ we have new life, new energy, new hope, new horizons. Thus we thrill to the work to which He has called us. Nothing can rob us of

abiding joy in serving Him. Here is something we can recapture, not as one emotional high point on an anniversary, but all the time. Are these our after Easter thoughts? Let it be so.

A Ministry to Veterans

It was not so many years ago as some of us count time when the number of veterans was relatively small. Well do I remember back in 1943 when we were in the midst of World War II that a new thought came to me — as it did to many pastors throughout the United States. Looking at the large draft calls and the great number of young men volunteering for military service, I decided to enter the Army as a chaplain. One of the principal reasons for doing so was that when the war was over there would be many veterans in the church and out of the church who would need a pastoral ministry. If I, too, had been in the Army perhaps I could better understand their experiences and their changed ways of thinking. I was looking ahead. Now I am looking back over twenty-five years — most of which were in some way connected with the military.

My guess that there would be veterans needing a sympathetic and knowledgeable ministry was not wrong. There were many occasions when I was able to speak to discharged men or to men in uniform with more certainty than if I had no inside knowledge of military life. I found that I could be sympathetic and that I could also see through some of the excuses for loose living and yielding to temptation. Any chaplain soon learns that when properly motivated a man can resist most of the temptations and can grow stronger in his faith while serving his country in that awful business of war and the military preparedness that hopefully helps to ensure peace.

Although I could foresee that veterans would have spiritual needs there was one thing I could not even imagine. How could one guess that while still in the active ministry a chaplain of World War II would some day look out over the United States and see in his mind's

eye 26,712,000 veterans. That is the number of former military men now in civil life. It is a pretty large segment of our population. Here is presented a challenge to the church. How are we to do our part in strengthening their faith, re-orienting them and channeling their new abilities into productive Christian service?

One would be foolish to assume that the 26 million veterans can be lumped into a single class or segment of the population or that one particular type of ministry would reach all. They have, for the most part, slipped back into community life and taken up where they left off. However, there is something about them which is alike. They have certain sensitivities that need to be remembered. Let us do our best to help and to direct in service those who have had military experience, remembering that we might have something to learn from their new perspectives.

Tracts and More Tracts

Church people sometimes assume that the day of effective evangelism through tracts has gone by. Perhaps, if we were a bit more honest with ourselves we would admit that the fault is not with the indifference of people to literature and not that the literature we have is lacking in appeal. It is rather our own lack of conviction, zeal and willingness to devote time to an outgoing ministry. If we haven't been reaping a bountiful harvest of souls it is probably because we have been sowing too sparingly, not that the seed lacks germinating power.

What reason have we to think that tracts bring results? Let us go outside our own experience and listen to what some of the largest producers and distributors of gospel tracts say. Take, for example, the American Tract Society now located at Oradell, N. J., one of the biggest. In a letter to friends of the work ATS says: "Now as never before Christians need to speak out boldly . . . and not only boldly, but repeatedly and by every possible means. This is why leaflet evangelism has become such a

MEMORY TEXT

As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. Psalm 18:30.

crucial factor. You can reach more people more effectively at less cost through gospel tracts than by practically any other means. Consequently we at ATS are doing everything we can to multiply the witness of the printed page while there is still time."

Those are strong, gripping words; and they are true. Are we doing everything we can to multiply the witness of the printed page — while there is still time? Some are, but the number of Seventh Day Baptists who can claim that they are doing so is not large.

Our work in this country is barely holding its own except in certain places. We acknowledge that we cannot mount large, popular evangelistic campaigns. Neither can we reach enough people through Bible studies and personal evangelism. These methods are productive but limited, and they take more time than most of us seem able to spare. But there is a method that "can reach more people more effectively and at less cost."

Tract distribution extends our voice, lengthens our arms and puts wings on our feet. Spoken words can't be remembered; written words can't be forgotten. An outgoing love is more outgoing when it is backed up with Scripture-based literature. A helpful tract given to a friend or new acquaintance is evidence that we care, and it tells of God's love and provision. It tells why we should live by His commandments. It is a messenger.

There are two necessities for a tract evangelism. One is to have the tracts; the other is to have a desire to use them. We look at our American Sabbath Tract Society to provide Sabbath and gospel tracts. God looks to us to use them, being good stewards of our resources.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The scattered people in widely separated areas who have found the Sabbath truth and long for the fellowship of a Seventh Day Baptist church.

2) The church at Curitiba, Brazil, and the Brazil Conference in the loss by death in March of their pastor and leader the Rev. Serafin Rojas.

3) Our friends who are praising the Lord for "miraculous" healing and those who are praising the Lord for the grace to endure their physical afflictions.

4) The inadequately supported workers on our regular mission fields and the unsupported native workers on our non-organized mission fields.

Suggestions for intercessory prayer are solicited from all who see the need. Send them to the editor or to the Conference president so that there can be many voices raised in intercession for the people who most need to be upheld at the throne of grace.

Blacks Demand Full Representation on COCU

The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Spivey, Jr., executive director of the National Council of Churches Department of Social Justice and secretary of the Consultation on Church Union, warned that black churchmen are not going to be interested in coming into a unified church until there is assurance that they will have full representation in the new church. Dr. Spivey's address was part of a day-and-a-half meeting of denominational leaders and members of the Consultation's executive committee here October 8-9.

Calling on the church officials to recognize that the black revolution is a fact, he noted that black churchmen will "not only be speaking up but acting up to get rid of racism in the church."

How, Dr. Spivey asked, "can people join a united church when the cry is for black people to unite and build their own community?"

Executive Committee of SDBWF Holds Meeting at Plainfield

"In these days Seventh Day Baptists do well to seek to rediscover and to restate what they understand to be the vital role which God has for them to play in this twentieth century so far as His plan of the ages included the evangelizing of the world is concerned . . ." So asserted the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation during the opening devotional period as its executive committee met in Plainfield, N. J., March 21. Those officers present included Mr. Loren G. Osborn, president; the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, recording secretary; the Rev. Everett T. Harris, treasurer and Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, executive secretary. The two vice-presidents, the Rev. Otrain Manan of Malawi, Africa, and the Rev. Joe A. Samuels of Jamaica, West Indies, were regrettably absent.

Through recent balloting by representatives of the eleven member groups, the 1970 federation budget totalling \$1,000 had been adopted, and five nominations had been made to the nominating committee which is to serve through 1971. Three of those five persons will be elected by future balloting. The Rev. Otrain Manan, assisted by the Rev. David Pearson, both residing in Blantyre, Malawi, Africa, had been asked to edit the 1970 Seventh Day Baptist Week of Prayer booklet and they have accepted. In discussing such observance in 1969, the committee noted that over 3,000 copies of the booklet edited by the Rev. James McGeachy of London, England, had been distributed; hence, a similar quantity has been agreed upon for next year. Correspondence was shared as telling of other groups indicating that they have organized in other countries as Seventh Day Baptists or are interested in affiliating, and from leaders expressing hope for revitalizing the witness for Christ in Europe. Treasurer Everett Harris announced as of March 11, 1969, a balance of \$920.03 in the general fund and \$165.94 in designated funds.

Federation Plans for 1971

A considerable amount of time was devoted to planning further toward holding of the first federation session in Westerly, R. I., in August of 1971.

Loren Osborn, Otrain Manan and Joe Samuels will serve as the Program Committee, and Mrs. Albert N. Rogers of Plainfield, N. J., has consented to serve as hosting chairman during the stay of representatives from other countries. George Parrish of Battle Creek, Mich., will be chairman of finance. The New England Yearly Meetings organization will make hosting arrangements for the federation session, and the 1971 USA General Conference president will be asked to determine ways in which representatives will participate during those meetings, and Victor Skaggs as dean of the Center for Ministerial Education will arrange for the holding of an institute for those leaders who can attend. Alton Wheeler has been asked to serve as general coordinator, and it is hoped that as many representatives as possible may plan to come for nearly a month's stay in this country.

Secretary Plans European Tour

Since Secretary Wheeler in behalf of the General Conference USA anticipates going to Canterbury, England, to attend the Central Committee meetings of the World Council of Churches August 17-23, plans continue for him to spend extended time in behalf of the federation working among Seventh Day Baptists in England, the Netherlands, and Germany with visits in Poland and Czechoslovakia if arrangements can be made.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for August 10, 1969, at Nyack, N. Y.

—Alton L. Wheeler

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 26, 1969

THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

Lesson Scripture: Deut. 6:4-7; Rom. 16:25-27; 2 Peter 1:16-19.

Conference Publicity

Camping in the Nyack Area

(Number 2 of a series)

The village of Nyack has an ordinance which prohibits the "occupancy" of trailers within the village limits. This means that those of you who attend Conference and bring your camper trailer will have the choice of storing the trailer on or near the campus (but parking space is at a premium) and using the campus dormitories; or locating suitable camp-sites in the surrounding area. The following information has been gleaned from "Camping in New York State," a publication put out by the New York State Department of Commerce, presumably located in Albany, and the American Automobile Association's "Camping and Trailing, Eastern." While it was intended to work this type information into future Conference publicity in a more coherent manner, it is being "taken out of context" in order to better ensure early and more satisfactory reservations for those already planning to attend.

1. *Harriman State Park*, Lake Welch area, Route 210, 5 miles west of Stony Point, and about 15 miles north of Nyack up route 9W (state owned). 120 tent or trailer sites, swimming, no pets! Reservations may be made for a minimum of one week at a time, Sat. to Sat.) for a two week limit, at the rate of \$1.50 per day, by sending the full fee to Palisades Interstate Park Commission, Administration Building, Bear Mountain, N. Y. 10911. Phone: (914) 947-2792. (Maximum trailer size about 17x10 feet.)

2. *Lakeside Trailer Park* (privately owned) Route 32, 3½ miles north of exit 16 (Harriman Exit) from the New York Thruway (I-87). Swimming, (not listed by AAA) 20 sites, \$2.50 per day, \$15.00 per week for 4 persons or less; \$3.50 per day, \$20.00 per week for more than 4 persons. Pauline Jarrell, Box 38, Highland Mills, N. Y. 10930. Telephone: (914) 928-6769.

3. *Cox's Farm Family Camp Ground* (privately owned) 1½ miles east of Greenwood Lake on routes 17A and 210, and about 30 miles west of Nyack (15 miles west of Suffern) exit from the N. Y. Thruway) 55-65 sites, check rated by AAA, swimming, pets on a leash allowed, \$3.00 per family per day, \$18.00 weekly, 1/3 deposit required with reservation. Everett Cox, Box 411, Old Tuxedo Road, Greenwood Lake, N. Y. 10925. Phone: (914) 477-8740. "Mostly open sites on hilltop meadows" (AAA).

4. *Whispering Pines Park* (privately owned) 3-¾ miles north of Greenwood Lake on the road to Monroe and about 35 miles west of Nyack (5 miles beyond Cox's) 38 sites, swimming, pets on a leash allowed, check rated by AAA. \$3.00 per day for 6 people, 50¢ extra for each additional person, \$18.00 per week for 6. Deposit of \$5 required with request for reservation. Camp-site Manager, R.F.D. 1, Monroe, N. Y. 10950. Phone: (201) 337-4103 or (914) 783-1992. "Shaded sites on densely wooded hillside" (AAA).

5. *Sprout Lake Park* (privately owned) Peekskill, N. Y. 1½ miles north of Peekskill on U. S. route 9 and about 30 miles north of Nyack on the east side of the Hudson River at the Bear Mountain Bridge. 130-200 sites, swimming, check rated by AAA. \$3.00 per day, apparently reservations cannot be made in advance. P. O. Box 1, Peekskill, N. Y. 10566. Phone: (914) 737-2550. "Shaded, hilltop camping sites" (AAA).

The writer is not a camper, so perhaps there is additional information that is available to you "professionals" that would be of benefit to others. If so, please send it either to the *Recorder* office or to the Publicity Committee, c/o Hiram W. Barber, 3rd, R.F.D. 3, Westerly, R. I. 02891, and we will see that it is passed along. It must be stressed too, that I have not personally seen any of these sites, and could not make a recommendation as to their suitability. In order to help make up your minds,

MISSIONS—Everett T. Harris

Conclusion to 127th Annual Report of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

(As prepared by the executive vice-president and adopted at the annual meeting held March 16, 1969, at Westerly, R. I.)

Seventh Day Baptists will be coming to an important milestone in 1971. At that time we will observe the 300th anniversary of the date (Dec. 23, 1671) when a little group of seven Sabbath-keepers "did enter into solemn covenant with each other as the first Seventh Day Baptist Church of Newport." It seems appropriate that Conference will convene in the New England area in the summer of 1971. Plans for a fitting observance are being made by responsible persons and groups.

In presenting this 127th annual report of the Missionary Society it does not seem amiss to note that this is one of the oldest organizations of the denomination. When it was founded 127 years ago, Seventh Day Baptists had no foreign missions, there were no churches west of the Mississippi River and only three or four churches west of New York and Pennsylvania. Today there are Seventh Day Baptists all around the world. Judging by the time belts we may even say that the sun never sets on Seventh Day Baptists.

This is not written boastfully nor should the Missionary Society try to take sole credit for such expansion and growth. We are indeed deeply thankful to God that He has blessed the efforts of

it appears that the cost of lodging on campus will be as follows:

1 person per room: \$5.50 per night or \$30.00 per week.

2 or more persons per room: \$4.25 per person per night or \$24.00 per week.

Children 0-12 with their own bedding who can sleep on the floor or in their own bed will be permitted to do so free. Use of a college furnished bed will be at the above rates.

Seventh Day Baptists, working together through all the boards and agencies of the denomination. And now the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation has come to the Kingdom for such a time as this. Seventh Day Baptist Conferences abroad are catching the vision of an ever expanding Sabbath witness and are establishing mission fields outside their countries. Specifically, the Central Africa Conference with headquarters at Makapwa Station, Malawi, is sponsoring mission outposts in Rhodesia and South Africa.

The Missionary Board has cooperated in the "Facing Frontiers with Faith" denominational program. Assistance has been offered as the Conference Planning Committee has provided packets of material to the churches in this five year program which represents "a continued all-out effort of Christian advance." The emphasis of the past year, "Strengthening the General Conference, Boards and Agencies" has been carried forward by the Missionary Board by revising the Constitution of the Missionary Society. A plan is being tried out whereby voting membership dues are being added to Our World Mission designated funds received by the Missionary Board, with credit being given to the churches for such contributions.

In 2 Kings 7:9 there is an incident which occurred that carries a message for us today. Certain lepers had been cast out of the city because of the shortage of food. In desperation they went to the camp of the besieging enemy and found that he had fled and left his food and supplies. They began to gorge themselves on the food until suddenly they remembered those hungry people back in the besieged city. One leper said to another, "We do not well. This day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace . . ."

You and I have the wonderful good news of the gospel message — we ought to be telling it abroad and not hoarding it to ourselves. The Great Commission of our Lord is still binding upon us to go into all the world "that repentance and

remission of sins shall be preached on His name among all nations" But the Apostle Paul asks, "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed and how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard and how shall they hear without a preacher and how shall they preach except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:14-15a).

It is the privilege and joy of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society to continue sending out and assisting God-called men and women both at home and abroad and to offer Seventh Day Baptist churches the opportunity to channel their contributions to help in this great work.

Guyana Letter of News and Appeal

Pastor Leroy Bass of Kitty, Georgetown, Guyana, has written under date of March 18, 1969, "Please put out an appeal in the *Sabbath Recorder* to our churches to send us children's Sabbath School take-home papers. We get an ample supply of 'Straights' for the older youths, but seldom are we privileged to get papers for the small children. It may be that none are available, but it could also be that many of our churches have left over or unused ones that we would love to have. We badly need them just as soon as we can get them. Thank you everyone for your help in this."

"I have secured an estimate, or rather a quotation of painting two sides of our mission house: it needs it badly, as much of two sides is down to bare wood. Mr. Eric Straker did not take as good care of his house as it seemed. The front and side are all right, but the other side and back are bad, and have been for some time. The quotation is \$210 U.S. for 'scraping, puttying, and painting three white coats, furnishing all materials, and scaffolding, and insurance for the workers.' The painter is the same man I hired to make a church sign for us; two church signs for two of our churches. We also need to rebuild part of our back stairs, as the stringers are

getting rotten; it could be getting dangerous before long, as they go up high about 10 to 12 feet."

In conclusion Pastor Bass has written, "Just a week ago we saw Brother Rene Mauch off at the airport after spending a month with us . . . We had a busy time while he was here. I will write a summary of his visit and the seminar held and will send to you soon."

From another source it is learned that Mr. Mauch has returned to the Bahamas to take up temporarily an appointment there.

Whereabouts of Assistant in Evangelism

Miss Connie Coon completed her month's services with the Syracuse, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church group and traveled to Berlin, N. Y., March 14 to assist in their Bible Club work.

Plans are made for capable young people to carry on the clubs organized while Miss Coon was working in Syracuse. Many calls were made while in Syracuse besides assisting in various church services.

Since arriving at Berlin considerable calling has been done in lining up youngsters for two Bible Clubs with prospects of a large attendance. One group is expected to meet on Wednesday afternoons in a home of one of the church members and the other in the parish house of the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church on Thursdays.

It is expected that Miss Coon will conclude her work at Berlin on April 4 and will take a well earned Easter vacation. Her next assignment is to assist the Richburg, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church April 16 - May 30, 1969.

World Vision International assists enough leprosy patients to overflow the 2,804-bed Los Angeles County U.S.C. Medical Center. Headquartered in Monrovia, California, the agency's leprosy program includes 3,800 registered patients in Korea, 600 registered patients in Taiwan and 300 attending a clinic in India.

Pastor of Mill Yard Retires

After over forty years as pastor of the Mill Yard Church, London, the Rev. James McGeachy has retired. In April of this year he will be 72.

Sabbath, 15th March, 1969 will be a day long remembered by the members and friends of the mother church as on this day the farewell services were held. Our usual arrangements were altered and the pastor instead of preaching at 3 p.m. took the morning service at noon, after the Sabbath School. Usually a Jamaican brother speaks at the morning service.

The sermon was based on Acts 20: 17-38 which records the occasion of the parting of St. Paul from the church at Ephesus. While not desiring to compare himself with the great apostle to the Gentiles he had tried in a humble way to walk in his footsteps. The gospel had been preached "from house to house" through the colporteur work with our literature around the great blocks of flats in London and elsewhere. Evidence of interest aroused by our journals came from unlikely places, the latest request being from Rangoon, Burma, through Brother L. Sawi Thanga.

The solemn warning given to the elders of Ephesus he hoped would not apply to the Mill Yard Church and that all would continue to work together in harmony so that the future might hold a greater period of prosperity than at any time during the past 350 years of the history of this congregation. The pastor had endeavored to hold the fort for 40 years, more than a tenth part of the period of the church's existence.

The exhortation of the Apostle was repeated, "Now I commend you to God, and the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and give you the inheritance among them that are sanctified."

Paul coveted no man's silver or gold, but his own hands ministered to his necessities. Just as in the early church there was no temptation for anyone today to enter the ministry of our denomination for what he could get out of it

financially, and most Seventh Day Baptist ministers have to supplement their income by doing other work, although it was hoped that his successor might find himself in the happy position of being able to give all his time to our own work.

The Ephesians sorrowed because they had no hope of seeing Paul again, but Mill Yard does hope to have occasional visits from Pastor McGeachy each year, as well as the group in Birmingham, which hopes to see more of him than in the past.

The pastor finished his farewell sermon by giving a short account of his life and career from boyhood days till the present, and closed by saying "May God bless you all, and send you a successor who will be able to do greater things, and lead the church to greater prosperity."

Among those present at this service was an American sister, Mrs. Faith Young, and her husband. She is a member of the church at Buffalo, N. Y., U.S.A. Mr. Young has been transferred to London by the Texaco Oil Company, so it is hoped that Sister Young will be an asset to the Mill Yard Church while they remain in England.

The programme for this evening was contributed to greatly by the Women's Society of the Mill Yard Church, and they provided the refreshments which were served at the end. Sister Iris Codrington, leader of this society, also sang a solo "This is My Task," and sang it beautifully.

Farewell Programme

The officers and members of the Mill Yard Church organized a good programme to give their retiring pastor a grand farewell. Brother Willard Smith took a leading part in this and occupied the chair, when the proceedings began at 4:30 p.m. and they did not finish till about 8 p.m.

Representatives of the groups at Herne Hill were present and also from the Church of God (Seventh Day) at Croydon. The guest speakers were Pastors Erlo Hendricks, and Roy Smith of the Church of God, and also the new minis-

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

African Seminar

New York, N. Y., March 3:

An African woman told a group of 96 women from all parts of the nation, "that the darkest thing about Africa is America's lack of knowledge about it." Mrs. Yahne Sangare, of Liberia, was a feature speaker at a seminar convened by Church Women United at which this nationwide group entered a new phase this week by moving from theoretical rationale for economic and social development to the nuts and bolts of concrete action. The women church leaders discussed methods for aiding underdeveloped nations in Africa. Mrs. Sangare was one of many women representatives from ten African nations lending support and knowledge to the discussion.

She further said, "Unfortunately the continent of Africa is still buried beneath myths and misconceptions. The voices of Africa are many but within this diversity there are similarities, so the outsider must not underestimate the common bond that unites us in Black Africa. Africa is in a period of transition. The Africa of yesterday is gone, and in its place is a rapidly developing continent that must develop new values, new infrastructures and new cultural patterns. As nation-builders a system must be found suited to our needs."

Issues that were discussed during this three-day national seminar were: United Nations concerns for development; development of skills; how racism affects the fundamental issues, and the changing role of women.

Miss Lettie Stewart from Sierra Leone and an executive of the World YWCA reported that "there is a great need for a new sense of mission as well as a growing interest between nations, Africa and the U.S.A. — through government, church, business and on the personal level. However, we need to recognize our frustrations. One must not have an illusion that with goodwill all will work out. We need groups willing to

face realities and see things through. One of big choices in the world is between one or two worlds. We have a choice today. At every point when we decide on action, we must see that it fits into our vision of one world."

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY

"Beginning Anew" is the emphasis for the May Fellowship Day which will be held this year on Friday, May 2, 1969. Plan now to attend this celebration in your area or plan a service for your own group. Copies of the service, poster, and guide for leaders are now available. Order them and get ideas for your planning groups and advance workshops. Order from *Church Women United*, Box 675, Madison Square Station, New York, N. Y. 10010. Guide for leaders is 10 cents each. Copies of service are \$8.00 per hundred. Posters are 20 cents each. (Be sure to include 35 cents special handling and send checks or money orders.)

PACKETS COMING

The packet of Resource Material for 1969-1970 which the Women's Board compiles and assembles is nearly ready for mailing. The theme of the packet this year is "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all." We have planned the worship service themes around the theme "Light Is in the World." We have tried to bring to you inspirational material which will be usable in your local societies through this packet and hope it will be helpful to you. The new packet of materials begins with the month of May and you should have the packet in your hands well in advance of this date.

When a young farm wife came down to make breakfast she found her husband had been on the rampage in the kitchen with a flyswatter. "Got 'em all," he said, "six females and five males." "Huh," his wife snorted, "how can you tell?" "Nothing to it," he grinned, "five were trying to get in the cupboard and six were on the mirror."

Rev. Serafin Rojas

Word was received on March 30 from the Rev. Antonio Barrera of Sao Paulo, Brazil, of the sudden death of his close



Serafin Rojas family with Leon Lawton

friend and fellow pastor, the Rev. Serafin Rojas Plazas, of Curitiba, Brazil. He died of a cerebral hemorrhage March 14, at the age of 52.

Complete obituary material is not available. From correspondence files we glean some information about his conversion and his work with Seventh Day Baptists. He was a member of a large family at Bogota, Colombia, where he was a Roman Catholic priest. Leaving the priesthood and the church by conviction and conversion he discovered and embraced the Sabbath.

Thinking it impractical to attempt to work in his own country in the face of family and church opposition he and his friend Antonio Barrera (also a former Catholic priest) grasped the opportunity of going to Brazil to work with the Seventh Day Baptist churches of that country, at the invitation of the Brazil Conference. They arrived March 3, 1962, and were baptized the next Sabbath. Mr. Rojas was ordained to the gospel ministry and began pastoral work soon after his arrival.

On May 31, 1962 he wrote, "I beg very earnestly to you many prayers for that 'small flock' and equally for me because I need to grow every day in

Christ and also to organize my life according to 1 Timothy 3:1-8." (Mr. Rojas was not fully proficient in English; from his native Spanish he changed to Portuguese in Brazil.)

On December 29, 1962 Serafin Rojas married Frida Olga Farkas, the ceremony being performed in her home church at Porto Uniao, Brazil. To this union two children were born, their names not available at the moment.

Mr. Rojas, recognized for his education, zeal and organizing ability, was soon elevated to a position of leadership in the Brazil Conference. He counseled in the extension work of the churches, promoted the publication of Seventh Day Baptist tracts and drew up reports of the churches for the information of denominational leaders in the USA. For some time prior to his death he had been the pastor of the headquarters church at Curitiba.

After a short visit in Bogota in the fall of 1967 he had a strong desire, expressed in correspondence of May 1968 and to Rev. Leon Lawton (see *Recorders* of Aug. 5 and 12, 1968) to go back to his native Colombia to undertake a Seventh Day Baptist work there (which he had not thought possible in 1961). There has been little communication with him since July 1968, but it is evident that the plan to go back to Bogota did not work out. Reports indicate that during his few but fruitful years of service he saw the work in Brazil considerably strengthened.

Since the 1964 report on smoking, "the cigarette industry has increased its total advertising by 50 per cent, an increase from \$200 to \$300 million annually."

During this same period the federal government has not increased its appropriations to the national clearing house for smoking and health. There is and has been a continuing serious imbalance between the forces which encourage smoking and those which encourage cessation or restraint.

Artistic Contributions of the Negro

Religious and Biblical subjects have occupied important themes in the works of American Negro artists since colonial times, reveals a six-page survey of Negro art in the current issue of *The Humble Way*, quarterly publication of Humble Oil & Refining Company.

Henry O. Tanner's "Moses in the Bulrushes," Jacob Lawrence's "Praying Ministers," and William H. Johnson's "Descent from the Cross" are among the 25 paintings and sculptures featured.

According to the author of the article, Caroll Greene, Jr., of the Frederick Douglass Institute in Washington, D. C., men and women of African descent provided many talents and highly valued skills necessary to the economic life and general social well-being of the colonies and the new nation. Among these craftsmen were cabinetmakers, weavers, coopers, pewter-, gold-, and silversmiths and workers in wrought iron.

Antedating the advent of photography and making up for the lack of trained artists, many sign and house painters took to painting the portraits of eager sitters, the article points out. Joshua Johnston, noted for his portraits of well-to-do Maryland families, is the best known Negro painter of this early period.

The nineteenth century brought an interesting group of Negro artists. These artists were a hardy lot, faced with formidable barriers of cultural provincialism, race prejudice, and the usual economic uncertainties that plague artists, Greene says. But through the generosity of patrons or abolitionist groups, many of these black artists were able to join white compatriots in studying abroad—which was considered a necessity for serious artists.

Robert S. Duncanson (1817-1872) was one of many black artists who was aided by the support of patrons. Duncanson was commissioned by Nicholas Longworth and other prominent citizens of his native Cincinnati to paint portraits

and landscapes. His paintings still adorn the Longworthy mansion, now the Taft Museum.

Duncanson traveled in Europe with the help of an abolitionist award and received the patronage of the Duchess of Sutherland and the Duchess of Sussex.

A prominent artist who did not travel but won considerable praise as a regional painter was Edward Mitchell Bannister (1828-1901) of Providence, Rhode Island. The nineteenth century also produced Edmonia Lewis (ca. 1842-ca. 1890), a well-known Negro sculptor who studied in the United States before traveling to Rome.

Near the turn of the century, Henry O. Tanner (1859-1937), emerged as an outstanding artist of international acclaim, according to the magazine. Tanner received the Legion of Honor from the French government and eventually became absorbed in painting biblical themes.

The New Negro Movement, sometimes called the Negro Renaissance, came with the 1920's. This was a period of great social and intellectual ferment in which black communities produced dozens of literary-artistic magazines. For the first time in American history, a cultural racialism developed among Negroes and through the efforts of Negro scholar-aesthete, Dr. Alain L. Locke, a new appreciation of African and the "ancestral arts" was generated in the black literary-artistic community, the article points out.

The spirit of cultural racialism was summarized by Negro poet Langston Hughes: "We younger Negro artists intend to express our individual dark skinned selves without fear or shame."

The next generation of black artists confronted the lean years of the depression. However the Federal Arts Projects rescued many of them and made available better opportunities than would otherwise have existed. From the period came recognized contemporary painters such as Jacob Lawrence, Charles Alston, Hughie Lee-Smith and Romare Bearden

and sculptor Elizabeth Cattlett.

Since the end of World War II, the number of Negro artists has increased with a considerable number gaining international reputations. These painters can be found in big cities, rural areas and colleges across the nation. Among them are the superb colorist and landscapist, Richard Mayhew, sculptor Richard Hunt and painters Bernie Casey, Carroll Sockwell, John Biggers and Sam Gilliam.

Undoubtedly more doors need to open for Negro artists, says Greene, because many of them have splendid gifts which, when removed from obscurity, can greatly enrich the cultural life of the nation.

—Courtesy of the Humble Oil Company

The American Bible Society

Seventh Day Baptists were again represented at the annual meeting of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society by the Rev. Paul Maxson. Mr. Maxson reported that the basic purpose of the society, the distribution of the Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment, was again stressed. The society is non-denominational and it is not its purpose to promote the ecumenical movement.

In 1968 the Roman Catholic Churches were allowed to be officially represented as a contributing denomination. The society is cooperating with the Roman Churches in translating, publishing, distributing and encouraging the use of the Holy Scriptures.

It was recommended that November 23-30 be designated as National Bible Week in 1969. Worldwide Bible Reading will be a united program of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches. It will extend from Thanksgiving until Christmas in the U.S.A.

It was noted that the publication of Today's English Version far exceeds the number originally anticipated.

There is the ever present need for funds to carry on the work of the society. While some denominations are having real difficulty in raising their budgets it

was proposed that giving to supply the Scriptures could increase rather than decrease general giving for other Christian causes. Is it not possible for the knowledge that we are sharing our faith by sharing the Bible to stimulate other Christian giving?

—Council on Ecumenical Affairs

To Attend Ecumenical Meetings

It is anticipated that Seventh Day Baptists will be represented at two ecumenical meetings that are being held in the next few weeks.

General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler will meet with the Executive Committee of the United States Conference of the World Council of Churches at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, on April 23-25. This meeting is held once a year. After returning briefly to Plainfield, N. J., he plans to go to Salem, W. Va., to participate in the Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference and to meet with the Council on Ecumenical Affairs.

The Rev. Albert N. Rogers will meet with the General Board of the National Council of Churches in New York City on May 1-2. The General Board meets three times a year. Mr. Rogers is one of three board members representing Seventh Day Baptists. Since he will be unable to attend our Ministers Conference, he has agreed to go to the New York meeting from Plainfield, where he is now employed by our Historical Society.

The Seventh Day Baptist Council on Ecumenical Affairs tries to arrange for the attendance of at least one of our representatives at each General Board meeting. None was able to go to Houston in September. Secretary Alton Wheeler went to Memphis in January and his report on this meeting was published in the *Sabbath Recorder* in the issue dated February 10.

—Council on Ecumenical Affairs
J. Paul Green, chairman

Sabbath Rally Day

The third Sabbath in May has been designated as Sabbath Rally Day in Seventh Day Baptist churches for the last forty years or more, which makes it a tradition of quite some standing. In those earlier days it was not emphasized in the *Sabbath Recorder* more than two or three weeks in advance. In spite of that the churches reported some well planned and effective observances of the day. The program in those days was under the direction of the leader in Sabbath Promotion, A. J. C. Bond, who held that position under the Tract Society for many years.

Life moves a little faster now than forty years ago — even church life. Preparation of material for Sabbath Rally Day begins several months in advance, and the material is gathered together to be sent to the churches about two months before the day of observance. This year an abundance of usable material was prepared. Most of it was mailed to pastors or church clerks on March 25. The free bulletin covers have been ready for some time and will arrive just a little later than the Sabbath School lessons, devotional material, sermon thoughts, etc. All local teachers, youth leaders and others will do well to inquire of the pastor what he has received and get help from him in how to best use what is provided. The theme this year, correlated with the Conference theme, is "Sensitive in Our Sabbathkeeping."

Booklet Offered

Christ's Mission, a Protestant organization that seeks to minister in a special way to former Roman Catholic priests, has recently completed mailing of Dr. Harry A. Ironside's booklet, "Letters to a Roman Catholic Priest" to every Catholic priest in the country, it is announced. The Rev. Stuart P. Garver (Lutheran) executive director of Christ's Mission, 275 State St., Hackensack, N. J., has offered to send copies of this booklet to any who request it immediately.

Pastor of Mill Yard Retires

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ter of the Upper Holloway Baptist Church, the Rev. Keith Sobey, who was inducted last September. He was trained at Spurgeon's Baptist College, and mentioned that he had learned about Seventh Day Baptists while there, but never thought he would become pastor of a church in which Seventh Day Baptists also worshiped. He spoke of the value of Christian fellowship basing his thoughts on the first epistle of John. Mr. Sobey has very kindly offered to help our congregation in any way he can, and probably he will be invited to preach to us about once a month. He gave us the greetings and good wishes of the officers of his own congregation, to whom the Mill Yard Church owes a great debt for their hospitality and kindness during the past 30 years during which we have been given the use of their premises.

Pastor Hendricks recalled the early days when the Church of God brethren came to Thornton Heath. When they had no pastor of their own the pastor of the Mill Yard Church spoke to them once a month. They expressed appreciation of this and various other services by presenting him with an electric clock worked by battery, and also a nice shirt.

Pastor Roy Smith recalled the periods of 40 years in the career of Moses, and commented on the same length of service Pastor McGeachy had given to the Mill Yard Church.

Our Dutch sister, Mrs. Golledge, represented our churches in Holland and gave their good wishes and her own for the future of Mill Yard and its pastor.

A great many other members and friends expressed their thoughts on this occasion. Mr. Sobey said he had counted the number of speakers, and there were twenty. All greatly eulogized the pastor, and wished him and his wife well in their retirement to Hessle in Yorkshire.

The Young People's Society presented the pastor with a barometer, and read a special message to him, and a cheque for £45 was presented to him

from the Mill Yard Church by its treasurer, Mrs. Olive Gelleff.

Among the various items rendered was the playing of hymn tunes on handbells by Sister Gelleff's daughter Daphne with her husband Charles Richards, and their children Deirdre and Mark. They represented our Seventh Day Adventist friends.

A letter from the Birmingham group was read. Elder Peat recalled having found a copy of "Tales from the East" in Jamaica, and this was his first introduction to the pastor who was its author. This was the first of a series of eleven books, of which about 300,000 were sold in Britain and abroad.

Pastor McGeachy suitably replied to all the expressions of love and affection with which he had been overwhelmed on this occasion, and thanked all who had taken part in this wonderful farewell programme, and hoping that God would continue to bless the Mill Yard Church, they would remember each other in prayer. The help and support given him by the congregation through the years was much appreciated.

His new address is now: 28 Belvedere Road, First Lane, Hessle, Yorkshire, and all correspondence should now be directed to his new home, which is just outside the boundaries of the City of Hull, or to give it its full name, the City of Kingston-upon-Hull, by the River Humber.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BERLIN, N. Y.— A letter from the pastor dated March 21 mentioned the outstanding work of Miss Connie Coon, which is substantiated also by the appreciative remarks of one of the elderly members. Those familiar with the topography of the country around Berlin, situated almost on the New York - Massachusetts state line east of Albany, realize that all the villages are in the north-south valley between the mountains. Some of the Berlin members live quite a few miles south in the area at Stephentown. This explains why a Bible club was started at Stephentown by the visit-

ing "assistant in evangelism." Miss Coon, working with some of the young couples of the church organized two Bible clubs with unusually high attendance — thirty at Stephentown and thirty-five at Berlin.

—Editor

VERONA, N. Y.— On March 15 a special service of dedication of memorials was held as part of our regular worship service at "Churchville Corners." Mrs. Orville Williams sang a solo, "Come Ye Blessed" and read a tribute to Mrs. Millicent Williams, noting her faithfulness and interest in the church and anyone in need of help. Two flower stands designed and made by Roy Salm were presented to the church by Maurice Warner. They bear the inscription "In loving memory of our devoted teacher, Millicent Williams, by the Booster Class." Orville Williams also presented a Bible and Bible stand in her memory.

Mrs. Zilla Vierow read a tribute prepared by A. Warner Thayer in memory of their sister, Edith Thayer Woodcock.

Mrs. Donald Richards presented a pair of brass candlesticks and offering plates given by Lola Getman and Jean Lyng as a memorial to their mother. Mrs. Richards also expressed appreciation of the gift of money given by Scott Lyng in memory of his grandmother. This gift is to be used in the redecoration of the church sanctuary, including a new suspended ceiling.

Miss Joyce Sholtz presented new hymnals purchased through the efforts of the Youth Fellowship of the church. Many of these are inscribed as memorials to past members.

Rev. Donald E. Richards concluded the service with a prayer of dedication and a meditation on "Discipleship and Friendship."

Flower arrangements used were prepared by Lauren Sholtz, chairman of the church flower committee.

Several out-of-town guests were present for this impressive service which inspired us all to greater effort and dedication in our Master's work.

—Correspondent

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Births

Burdick.— A daughter, Rebecca Eileen, to Michael and Leona (Welch) Burdick on February 19, 1969, Brookfield, N. Y.

Green.— A son, Mark Robert, to Mr. and Mrs. Dale R. Green, Janesville, Wis., on March 8, 1969.

Maring.— Melissa Marie, daughter of Lynn and Lanedda (Larkin) Maring of North Loup, Nebr., was born at Ord., Nebr., on Jan. 29, 1969.

Randolph.— A son, Kevin Lee, to Gregory A. and Julia (Welch) Randolph on January 17, 1969, Clarksburg, W. Va.

Severance.— Christopher Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil F. Severance of North Loup, Nebr., was born at Grand Island, Nebr., on Jan. 6, 1969.

Obituaries

BURDICK.— Miss Flora E. Burdick was born in Alfred, N. Y., November 7, 1877, and died in Wellsville, N. Y., January 29, 1969.

She was the daughter of Thomas and Viola Coon Burdick, and lived almost all of her life in Alfred, beloved by countless persons as Sabbath School teacher, friend, and advisor. She taught nearly forty years in the Sabbath School. She was resident caretaker of the Champlin Civic Community House for a number of years also. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

She joined the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church July 7, 1893, and remained a member all of her life. Memorial services were conducted for her by her pastor, the Rev. David S. Clarke, on February 1, 1969, and burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery.

—D. S. C.

CROUCH.— Beatrice V., daughter of Charles and Helen Woolworth, was born in Nortonville, Kans., April 29, 1891, and died at the Winchester Hospital, March 18, 1969, following a brief illness.

She is a widow of Royal Crouch, and is survived by two children, Herbert of Milton, Wis., and Darlene Smith of Burlingame, Kans., and eight grandchildren. She is also survived

by five sisters, Mrs. Helen Stephan and Mrs. Bernice Stephan of Nortonville, Mrs. Hazel Hawkins of Leavenworth, Kans., Mrs. Eunice Kurrie of Battle Creek, Mich., and Mrs. Florence Kelly of Janesville, Wis.

She was a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church where her funeral was conducted by her pastor. Burial was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

—P. B. O.

GUGGENMOS.— Pansy Butler, daughter of Charles and Anne McClure Butler, was born at Carthage, Mo., June 19, 1890, and died at Grand Island, Nebr., Mar. 9, 1969.

Pansy came with her grandmother to Custer County, Nebr., at an early age. She was united in marriage to John Guggenmos at Taylor, Nebr., March 15, 1909. They farmed at Taylor and Ord, Nebr., moving to North Loup in 1937. She became a member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church May 6, 1939, and was a faithful member until her death. Mr. Guggenmos died in 1958.

Survivors are two daughters; Mrs. Thelma Leonard and Mrs. Lawrence (Beulah) Lumbard, both of Grand Island; four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Farewell services held from the church were conducted by her pastor, Duane L. Davis, and interment was in the Ord, Nebr., Cemetery.

—D. L. D.

PFEIFFER.— Herman G., was born in Germany, May 26, 1897, and died in a hospital near his home in Verona, N. J., March 19, 1969, after a very brief illness.

He married Anna Diebold at a Lutheran church in New York City Oct. 1, 1932. He worked for a meat cutting firm for 34 years until his retirement. Although not a member of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church of Irvington he attended that church faithfully with his wife the past two years.

Besides his wife he is survived by four married sisters: Anna Hanft, Frieda Nuber, Minnie Hampp, and Rose Busch, who were present at the funeral services conducted by the Rev. Leon M. Maltby of Plainfield, N. J. Interment was in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union, N. J.

—L. M. M.

