

The Sabbath Recorder

first of December, the candles of the Gospel, of Faith, of Hope and of Love had been lighted during a part of the Sabbath morning worship service.

The Senior and Youth Choirs presented a cantata entitled, "Let All Together Praise Our God"—by David H. Williams. The vesper ended with a candle lighting service, all the congregation leaving the church with lighted candles, singing "Joy to the World."

The annual Christmas program was presented December 22 in the church with the primary school children participating in the opening part, followed by the Willing Workers Class presenting a worship service, "O Worship the King," written up by Miss Florence Bowden.

The Senior YF along with the college students of our church enjoyed themselves at the parsonage after sharing the joy of singing carols to the shut-ins on December 23.

—Correspondent

Judgment Day Service Fills Church

More than 800 people attended the Judgment Day service at Norrmalms Baptist Church in downtown Stockholm, Sweden, overflowing the auditorium. They heard music and a sermon focusing on divine judgment against those who fail to provide for the needs of their fellowman.

A traditional late-year observance, Judgment Day services centered around Matthew 25:31-46, where Jesus speaks of the final judgment. The Scripture points out that providing food, clothes, lodging, and personal attention to a needy brother is tantamount to providing it to Jesus himself.

During the offering, five placard-bear-

ing youths walked to the front of the auditorium, where about 100 others from the choir and congregation then came to join them. The placards said, "The Love of Christ Constrains Us," "Less Abundance — More Sharing," "Do You Live as a Christian?" and "All Men Equal Before God."

A relief offering of 6,500 crowns (\$1,300) was collected. It was divided equally into three parts—for Biafran aid, for social work done in Sicily by reformer Danilo Dolci, and for pastoral aid in Sweden. In addition, 1,500 crowns was donated to the regular church budget.

Reaction to the sermon ranged from the remark that "it was the most meaningful worship service I've ever attended" to the statement, "I don't like this at all!" by a man who stalked out of the service before it ended.

More than 3,000 invitations to un-churched Stockholmers were given out by members of Norrmalms Church in advance of the Judgment Day service.

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Obituaries

PECARARRO.— Mary Alma, wife of "Toni" Pecararro, was born in Omaha, Nebr., Dec. 11, 1905, and died suddenly at her home in Hammond, La., Dec. 24, 1968.

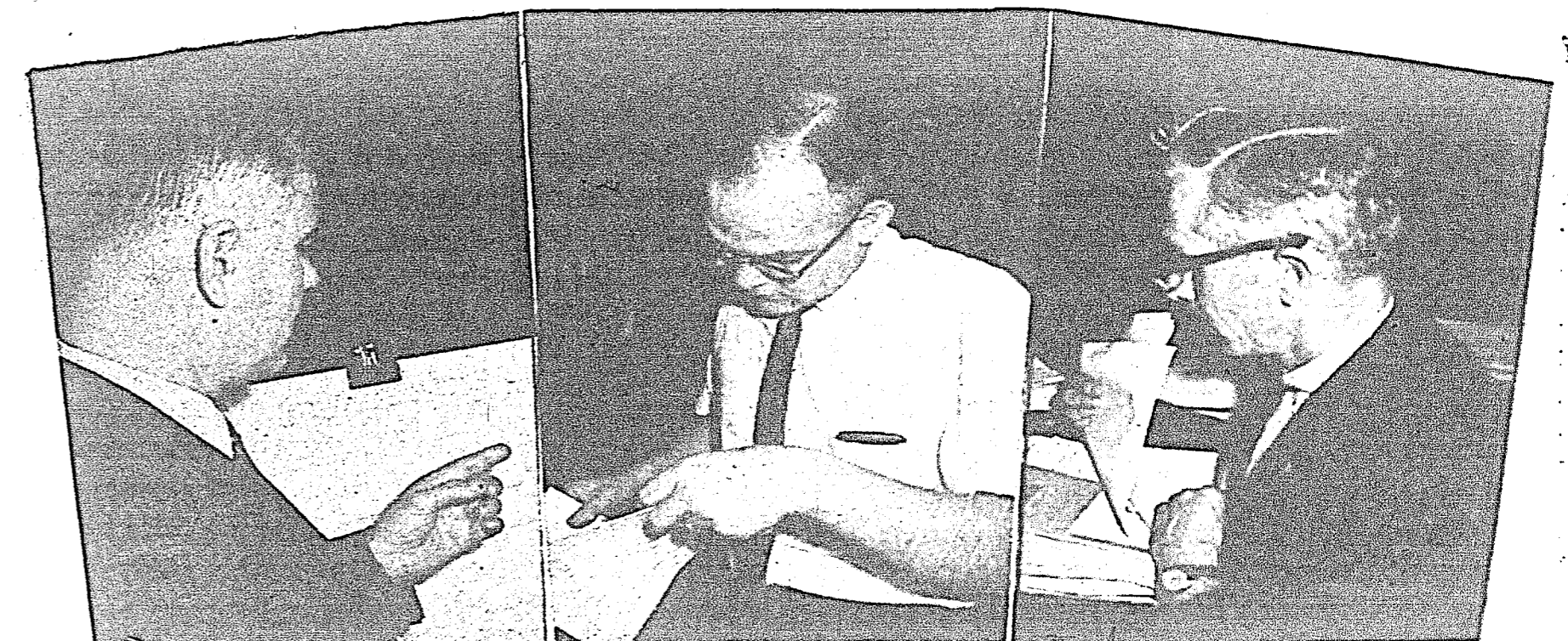
Mrs. Pecararro was a teacher in the Hammond Sabbath School and was active in the work of the church. She served her community well, contributing to the welfare of the needy around her, working faithfully to the end.

She is survived by her husband, four sons, one sister, nine grandchildren and one nephew.

Funeral services were conducted from the church by her pastor, Rev. H. Earl De Land. Burial was in the Springfield Cemetery.

—H. E. D.

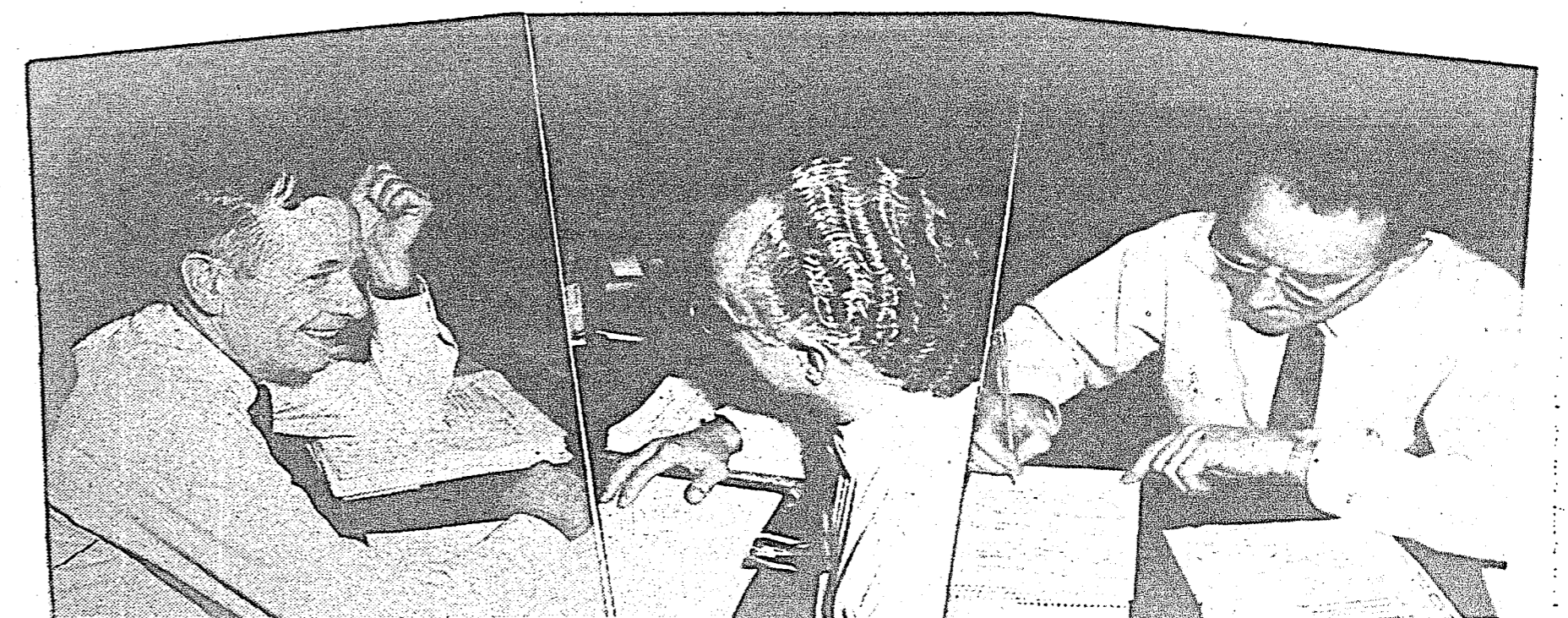
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Rest Awhile

One of the most precious words falling from the lips of Jesus was that one spoken to His disciples on an occasion when we presume it must have been needed: "Come ye apart and rest awhile." In reading the account we may not be entirely sure that all of them felt the need for the rest or the kind of rest in a place apart that Jesus had in mind.

Applying these words to ourselves, we may loudly affirm that we are not tired and that we are too busy to withdraw from our pressing activities and leave the mainstream of daily life. We should remember that when circumstances beyond our control force us into such a withdrawal from physical activity there may be along with it the call of our Lord to make the best use possible of the time and to grasp the opportunity of spiritual rest and meditation. We may or may not agree that rest was needed when we had no reason to feel tired, but we must agree that the Lord has refreshment and blessing in store for us if we will but put our minds to receiving it. Perhaps we need to take some early morning time for reading more of the Good Book or pondering the message of books about the Bible and Christian living.

The call to come apart and rest awhile may come to us not directly from the Master, the Great Physician, but perhaps from the family doctor or a surgeon who specializes in only a few parts of the body. His prescription may be rest for one part of the body which has a stubborn little infection. We are reminded again of the New Testament words, "If one member of the body suffers all the members suffer with it." It is pretty apparent that when the hands of the watch don't move properly we have to take the whole mechanism to the watchmaker for repair, not just the hands. Of course the scriptural illustration about members of the body was to teach a lesson about the unity of the local church. When the church member has to take a little rest treatment (with perhaps some antibiotics) he does well to use some of this rest time to pray for other members of his church or that larger body, his de-

nomination and its members who are not so visibly joined together by common faith and common endeavor.

—Thoughts upon returning to the hospital for a brief stay.

Facing Similar Problems

There have been repeated suggestions in recent years for partial or complete reorganization of Seventh Day Baptist denominational structure. So far Commission and Conference, on the basis of such studies as they have conducted, have only instituted partial reorganization. Individual proposals for rather drastic changes in the way we attempt to carry on our denominational work have not won majority support because people were not persuaded that the new organization trying to dodge apparent pitfalls of the past would not lead us into others that might be more dangerous than the previous ones.

The search for new structures and methods or for a clearer statement of goals and purposes must and does go on. A proposed Constitution of our General Conference with a number of changes was discussed last August by Commission and Conference delegates. It will be up for further consideration and possible adoption at Nyack next August. If adopted will it be something we can live by for a reasonable length of time? Constitutions, bylaws and job analyses are, of course, not an end in themselves to absorb our energies but should be agreed on as soon as possible so that the work they outline can be carried on to the glory of God without undue interruption.

It is interesting to note that some other denominations somewhat similar to ours are setting up commissions to study possible reorganization. The 1968 Convention of the American Baptist Convention set up a 32-member study commission to study the structure of the American Baptist Convention and has received a mandate to look at the national organization, the General Council, the relationship of state and city societies to the national organization, church pol-

ity, and relationship of Baptist institutions. The commission will report back to the convention in three years.

Dr. Johnston, commenting on the priorities of this reorganization study had a few things to say that Seventh Day Baptists may find interesting by way of comparison.

He said that the American Baptist Convention is listed among the top 20 major denominations but we are at the bottom of the list. "Sometimes we try a little too hard to be like the big boys. We must within the next few years define our relationships with the conciliar movements, the Council on Church Union, the National Council of Churches, and other related programs."

Also he said that it is now a "myth to call this convention a denomination, we are in reality four separate societies and a group incorporated as the American Baptist Convention."

Moral Crises in Vietnam

What is the Christian attitude toward the settlement of the Vietnam war as applied to Vietnam itself? That may not be an easy question to answer. It should be a bit easier than the political questions that are stalling even the beginning of the peace talks in Paris that were counted on to end the war before the election, before President Johnson left office, before some yet future date. There are some Christians at the Paris peace talks, no doubt, who are trying to act on Christian principles as well as representing the political position of their country. The two cannot be entirely separated nor too easily combined. We must remember that high principled negotiations must be realistic as well as idealistic.

There is quite a movement in some Christian circles and on the part of highly placed Christian leaders to convince the church people of America that a military or political victory of the Vietcong in South Vietnam would be tolerable to the Christian conscience. One such person is Dr. Edwin D. Canham, editor-in-chief of *The Christian Science Monitor*. He voiced this view to a presumably sympathetic audience

MEMORY TEXT

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. —Acts 6:4

of the Friends of the World Council of Churches in New York, December 10. We quote a portion of the WCC news release:

"I do not find it immoral to yield to the political forces which exist and are able to maintain themselves in Vietnam," he declared. "For over a decade there has been great moral ambiguity, at least, in the forms of corruption which our relationship with Saigon have fostered."

Dr. Canham called for the prevention of a "colossal bloodbath" on the part of a successful Vietcong. "There must be some sort of effective guarantee, preferably with international enforcement, to prevent further genocide, he declared.

It is to the second paragraph that I would like to call attention. If there is real danger (as there certainly is) that a settlement favorable to the Vietcong would be likely to result in a "colossal bloodbath" can we say that such a settlement can be harmonized with moral principles? The noted editor thinks there should be an effective guarantee that such genocide would be prevented. Could a token international force do that in the light of past experience? We are trying to prevent that slaughter with 540,000 American troops without complete success. Which nations would willingly pay the bill and furnish the men for maintaining a force large enough to guarantee the lives of the South Vietnamese?

The political commitment of North Vietnam and the Vietcong is manifestly almost the same, and would become more closely identified with the North and with Red China if South Vietnam was forced to give up the struggle for democratic self-determination. For these reasons some of us believe that our afterthoughts about morality could well be in the nature of a guilty conscience if we were to encourage a Vietcong take-over in South Vietnam.

Hard to Give to Jesus

It is so easy to give gifts to some people; they are so willing to accept them that they plead for them and almost snatch them out of your hand, never giving anything in return. It is very hard to give anything to Jesus, as the people of His acquaintance found out. You just can't outgive Him who came to this earth to give Himself.

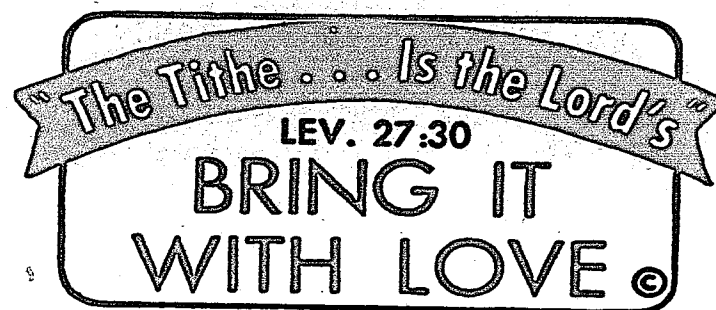
There was Joseph who wondered whether he should give Jesus his name. He gave him a name, childhood protection and a trade. Joseph got much in return. Millions know and honor him even to this day.

There was another Joseph, the one of Arimathea, who at great labor and expense had hewed out a tomb for himself and his family. He tried to give this new sepulchre to Jesus. Three days later Joseph got the tomb back again unexpectedly. He found that he had only loaned it, for it was again empty. He and his family could be buried there and he had all the honor of having given the sepulchre that could not hold the Lord of Life.

Mary and Martha gave Jesus and His brethren hospitality. It was a generous gift. But Jesus gave the two sisters their brother Lazarus back from the grave.

A little lad gave Jesus his lunch. He and 5,000 others had enough to eat and to spare that day. They could remember His day-long teaching because they were not sent away hungry.

Other examples from the gospel story abound. Jesus accepts our gifts but sends blessings beyond measure in return. Material gifts "unto the least of these" in His name are not without their reward in heaven—and on earth. But when we give ourselves to Him, we know that His rewards greatly overshadow our sacrifice.



Commission's Column

The Commission Convenes

Rev. David S. Clarke

The six men elected to represent American Seventh Day Baptists in creatively correlating the many aspects of their mission and fellowship began their midyear session of the 1968-69 Conference year on Sunday night, January 5, at the denominational building in Plainfield, N. J. They had spent the day in consultation with the executives of our missionary, education, publishing and women's work agencies, and had debated extensively a wide range of activities and resources.

Conference President Leland Bond of Clarksburg, W. Va., has been chief resource person on the Commission's task of preparing revisions for bylaws of the Conference. Rev. Paul Osborn of Nortonville, Kans., has served as Stewardship chairman, and was joined by Warren Brannon of Freeville, N. Y., in much work on Our World Mission budget figuring. General Secretary Alton Wheeler, assisted by his able secretary, Mrs. Phillip Van Horn, had well prepared the resources and facilities for the sessions to continue January 5 - 10. Don Gray of Milton, Wis., has served as Conference site chairman and had prepared materials for discussion of Conference officers' duties, and served as scribe for this session along with the Rev. Edgar Wheeler of Ashaway, R. I. The Rev. David Clarke of Alfred, N. Y., served as chairman.

Before the group could begin work on Monday morning, it had amassed an agenda of over forty-five items, some of them enough to require at least a full day's deliberation. Each day's session was begun with a devotional experience led by one member. This being the "Week of Prayer for Seventh Day Baptists" observed in most of the churches of the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation, each man took his devotional thoughts from the Week of Prayer booklet prepared by our well-known pastor of the London, England, Seventh Day Baptist Church, James McGeachy. A

fruitful spiritual experience was shared each morning, with a sense of growing appreciation for the mind and spirit of Pastor McGeachy.

The general secretary gave his formal report explaining his working relationship in our growing areas of witness on local, regional and national basis, with other Seventh Day Baptists in other countries and with other Christian bodies. His travels generally are extended and involve multi-purpose missions to the many Seventh Day Baptist groups and churches. His ecumenical missions have all been combined with other missions among Seventh Day Baptists. His report, along with reports of experiences interspersed in various discussions, stimulated much encouragement among the many vital possibilities for Seventh Day Baptists around the world. Secretary Wheeler stressed on more than one occasion the need for unity of mission among Seventh Day Baptists throughout the world, urging a clearer definition of our mission in relation to other Christians and to the world.

More than seven persons outside the Commission were invited in to discuss with the body their work in relation to the total denominational witness. Their interviews helped the Commission discuss such things as strengthening of our ministry, tercentenary preparations in 1971, preserving of historical objects, the hosting of Conference, and publishing and correspondence work of our agencies. Such interviews further assisted the Commission in referral of certain projects for specific efforts by our agencies.

Other matters inviting the Commission's attention included proposing certain revisions of the Conference Bylaws; considering relocation of the Women's Board; referring consideration of possible further appeals toward helping to alleviate the suffering of those thousands upon thousands suffering privation and starvation as a result of the Nigerian-Biafran conflict; urging further study of "the role of the conscience"; drafting guidelines of procedure for official closing of churches; further planning for production of the revised *Manual of Seventh Day Baptist Procedure*, coordinat-

ing that project with the publishing of volume III of *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*; reviewing the proposed program and other plans for the General Conference to be held in Nyack, N. Y., August 10-16, 1969; reviewing OWM budget askings of boards and agencies, and many other items. Further details of these and other matters will be shared in future issues.

Love: A New Commandment

By T. B. Maston*

"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another" (John 13:34).

How was love "a new commandment"? Jesus had frequently spoken of love before. He had given love for God and neighbor as the summary of the law and the prophets (Matthew 22:40). What did He mean when He called it a "new commandment"?

It may help us answer that question if we understand that there are two words that are sometimes translated "new." One means basically young as contrasted to aged; the other fresh as opposed to worn out (see Matthew 9:17 where both words are used). In the passage from John 13 the word is "fresh."

It is possible that Jesus meant that the new commandment was new in its source. Here He is not quoting from the Old Testament as He did in the summary of the law (Deut. 6:5; Lev. 19:18). Notice He says, "I give unto you." The authority for what He says rests within Him.

The commandment is also new in motive. Our love for one another stems from His love for us. Since He has loved us, we naturally and inevitably should love one another. Through His love for us we have been brought into the family of God. We should love those within that family, those who have been brought into union with Him through His love for them. The proof of our love

for Him is our obedience to His commandment to love one another.

The commandment He gave was and is abidingly new or fresh in its dimension. It is new in those who are to be loved. We are to love those who are in the Christian fellowship. As disciples of Christ we should love all men, but we should, in a unique way, love one another. It is similar to a man and his family. He can and should love all people, but he can and should love his wife and children in a distinctive way.

Notice also that this love is new in its expectations or demands. They were to love one another as he had loved them. Here is both model and standard. How much had He loved them? He was going to give His life for them. They should be willing to give their lives for one another.

This quality of love for one another will be new and fresh in its consequences. It will make us friends of Christ (John 15:14). It will prove to others that we are disciples of His (John 13:35).

Love for one another creates a spirit of fellowship among Christians. Love will also determine as much as any one thing the outreach of the Christian and the church to the peoples of the community and the world. The more we love one another within the Christian fellowship, the more that love will reach out beyond that fellowship to all men.

Missionary Released from Cuban Prison

A Baptist missionary from the United States has been unconditionally pardoned after spending 42 months in La Cabana Prison near Havana, Cuba.

The Baptist World Alliance had earlier appealed to the Cuban government to release Fite as "an act of mercy."

Forty Cuban pastors and 13 laymen, including four women, were arrested at the same time as Fite. Some of these have since been released or paroled, but the exact number still in confinement is not known.

Bible Clubs

By Miss Connie Coon

"Where there is no vision the people perish" (Prov. 29:18).

In order for us to grow as a denomination there must be a Christian outreach. The first principle of witnessing as stated in the book *Tell It Like It Is* is noteworthy. "We must have social contact with non-Christians. Both in our groups (church and otherwise) and as individuals, we often see no one come to Jesus Christ because no non-Christians are listening to our message."

The purpose of Bible Clubs is to contact youngsters in a given neighborhood for a weekly meeting in a home where the gospel may be presented. Many young people are reached who have no church affiliation. Recently four homes (Mary Green's, the Heinigs', the Davises', the Cushings') in the Daytona Beach area were opened for organization of Bible Clubs. Three of these clubs are continuing after the initial four week program. Over forty-five were in attendance. Each club averaged about eight. Laura Jean Van Horn was most helpful in assisting with the work. It certainly is heart-warming to see the enthusiasm and desire to continue the outreach in their community of those in whose homes we met.

Two clubs have been started in Paint Rock, Ala., one at the home of the Beebes and the other at the Butlers'. Initial contact of young people was successful through the efforts of an eleven-year-old girl who showed keen interest in Vacation Bible School last summer. Of the fifteen meeting in the Beebe home only three had any real church affiliation. The fields certainly are white unto harvest.

Many come from broken homes or ones where parents work seven days a week. There is a desire for spiritual things which often is found lacking in the adults. This constitutes a real problem in trying to get children to attend Sabbath School. The young people may want to come but parents have other places

to go or are too busy to get them ready.

A real highlight of this Christmas season was a Christmas program presented by Bible Club members of the club in Hopkinton, Rhode Island. Marilyn Greene, a member of the church, and Winnie Wright, of the community, have been assisting Pastor Clifford Bond in continuance of the younger club. Enthusiasm has continued and the whole community has expressed interest by contributing materials for crafts projects.

Many Moms and Dads attended the Christmas program. It is our desire that more of these parent-pupil programs may be held that the Holy Spirit might be seen working in adults as well as young people.

Your prayers are coveted for Bible Club work. Won't you prayerfully consider the possibility of reaching the youngsters in your own neighborhood by opening your home for a club?

Christmas Letter from Makapwa

(Mrs. Beth S. Burdick has written a Christmas family letter which will be read with much interest by the many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick.)

The time has slipped by again, and perhaps this will not even reach you by Christmas. Anyway, we trust it does, and we wish you each and every one a most happy Christmas, and may the New Year bring many blessings—as we walk in the path that God would have us go.

We have been fairly busy with school programs, etc. Last Tuesday afternoon Joanie and Mark had their Christmas program which was very nice. The next day I went to Blantyre to see Vicky's program. It lasted all morning for the entire school, but they had sent out a schedule of the different classes and the time they would be on, so I went just for Vicky's, using the rest of the morning for shopping. Vicky was a shepherd—they did very well. Picked up Mark and Joanie at noon in Cholo; Mark's class was finished for the holidays. Thursday Joanie finished, and Friday Vicky. We all went to Blantyre to shop in the morning, getting Vicky at noon. We had a

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nice dinner with the Pearsons, did some more shopping, arriving home a little after five. So now we are all home together until the opening of the new school year the 27th of January.

We are having a week of Vacation Bible School at Makapwa, which opened (December 15). So right now all the children are up at the school. They will have part of the church service on Sabbath.

A few nights ago Mark had gone to bed while Joanie was still busy with something. But he kept calling, saying he heard a snake outside making a noise. I told him it was a cricket—that he wouldn't be hearing a snake, and besides if there was a snake outside, it wouldn't get inside. He didn't go to sleep, but looked at a book until Joanie came. The next morning wasn't a school day for him, and he slept until Joanie had already gone to school. When he got up he went into the bathroom; I was in the living room. Soon he started calling, "Come, there is a snake in the bathtub—I'm not teasing." So I went, and there was a snake in the bathtub, a very small one, but a poisonous one. So of course I got told, "See, I told you I heard a snake last night. You said it couldn't come into the house."

Last Wednesday we had a hard rain, lasting much of the morning. They said in the Mlanje area it really poured. I was sitting at the table in the dining room in the early afternoon, by the window facing the river. I was busy doing records, when all of a sudden I became aware of a tremendous roaring. At first it seemed like a mighty wind, but the leaves were still on the trees. Then I realized it must be the river. Going outside we saw huge waves come rushing down, for all at once the great rainfall in the Mlanje area (the start of the river) came rushing down. I have never seen anything like it. Just minutes before the river was flowing quietly, now it was a mad raging mass of water. It overflowed its normal banks, covering the entire area between us and the forest reserve, and came right up to the foot of the hill in back of us.

This has been about the coolest summer so far that we can remember, and we are very grateful. December is half over, and usually by mid-February it is cooling off. So unless the summer is only delayed we have been blessed with an unusual one.

We got down the Christmas tree yesterday from its storage place and had fun putting it together and decorating it.

Will stop this part of the letter, and again we wish you all a Merry Christmas. We will go into Blantyre and have dinner with the Pearsons this year.

Vacation in Barbados

(Pastor Leroy C. Bass writes regarding their vacation made possible by the Ethel T. Stillman Rest and Recreation Fund.)

On Monday, the 16th of December, we returned from our first vacation and a joyful one, from the island of Barbados in the West Indies, not far from Guyana. We found it a very pleasant vacation spot, and we want very much to take Gordon, our oldest boy, with us next year, Lord willing.

We stayed at one of the smaller, more quiet hotels. The cost was less, and we were happier there than at one of the big places, where they have worldly entertainments every night. The water of the ocean was so clear, so salty, and pretty in color, aqua I suppose. Our hotel was right near the beach, ideally located. While we chose the hotel ahead of time, sight unseen, we were not disappointed and think we would make the same choice next time, too.

The meals served in the evenings at the hotel were very nice, with a combination of American and West Indian dishes. The staff was helpful in preparing vegetarian plates for us, with the most delicious avocado pears in the salads, and baked vegetables, potato, breadfruit and many others. One night we had soursop sherbet. Soursop is not sour, by the way, but delicious. We have these in Guyana, too.

One day I rented a car to tour the island with Marjorie and the baby. We drove all around the island, and visited a triple cave, a coral cave at the north

point. What a fascinating place at which to just look and look. The coastline on that part of the island is not sandy and placid at all, but sheer coral cliffs, rugged and beautiful, with the depths of the sea waves crashing onto them. I was sorry that I did not have a good camera to take pictures, but I did buy a sleeve of five slides of Barbados at a store. And I have our Brownie box camera to help out a little. (What Fred Ayars and his Sabbath School class are doing about a camera for me is a lovely thing, and really being "Sensitive in His Service." Yes, my old camera was causing such problems and getting broken down, that all my camp pictures and others were spoiled.) Thank you all for this lovely trip away.

Don't Forget Free China

There are not many voices in behalf of the millions of oppressed people and the remnants of Christian churches in mainland China. The most consistent plea for their welfare comes from the little bit of China that remains free and independent on the Island of Taiwan (Formosa).

Reaching mission board secretaries and other concerned people in this country for the past nine years of its existence is the four-page Free China Weekly printed in Taiwan on high quality thin paper similar to Bible paper. It repeatedly calls attention to the plight of the mainland Chinese where once Christian churches flourished. It must be added that the publication is primarily a secular rather than a religious news paper.

In a recent issue there was an article entitled "ROC Calls on U.N. to Apply Sanctions Against Peiping."

"The call was contained in a declaration adopted at a mass rally at Taipei City Hall on December 10 to mark the 20th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations. More than 500 representatives of the government, parliamentary bodies,

schools and civic organizations attended the meeting."

It pointed out that the Peiping regime has slaughtered 70 million Chinese people since it seized the China mainland in 1949. For these and other deprivations of human rights the declaration called not only for condemnation but sanctions. The Taipei rally also issued a plea for member states in the U. N. to lift their immigration limits to accommodate Chinese refugees.

Our Prayer Corner

"Men ought always to pray and not to faint."

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet."

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) In gratitude for the courage and will to serve (without salary) granted to Frankie Davis of Kingston, Jamaica, since the death of her husband Courtland.

2) In gratitude for the measure of health restored to Mrs. Neal D. Mills so that she can carry on her work during the last months of their work in Jamaica.

3) Courage to face financial and other problems in training for the ministry of students of Guyana, Jamaica, Malawi, Korea and other countries.

4) The burdens of carrying on the work of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference of Burma where one leader denies himself to provide about half of the conference budget out of his living.

5) The establishment soon of a new church in Torreon, Mexico, through the added efforts of the the Rev. Elias Comacho.

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.

"All One Body, We"

There is a closer unity among 24,000,000 Baptists represented in the Baptist World Alliance than in any organization of Christian churches with more widely divergent beliefs and practices. There is, of course, much diversity among all these Baptist bodies just because they are Baptists, without central control.

Seventh Day Baptists, a small but integral part of the BWA, contribute to that diversity by the fact that theirs is the only constituent body that teaches and observes the seventh-day Sabbath. On February 2 the whole BWA will observe World Alliance Sunday throughout the world. Our people cannot in good conscience contribute to the observance of that day. However, on the Sabbath of February 1, we may well remember the bonds that unite us, the things we hold in common, and the broadly based fellowship we enjoy. Furthermore we may be blessed by pondering some of the thoughts quoted here from the message sent to us and to the other Baptists of the world from the president, William R. Tolbert of Liberia, and the four secretaries. We quote:

"Should there not be a large map of the world in every Baptist church to remind us that 'God has no favorites' (Rom. 2:11)? The map should remind us that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son' (John 3:16). The map should remind us that in the fellowship and service of Jesus Christ we are members of a worldwide Christian family reaching out into more than 120 countries of the world

"Our Baptist unity lies not in the structure of a world church or an organization which joins together the scattered ends of our fellowship. Our unity is basic in Jesus Christ. Our unity surmounts our differences and reaches across the barriers of a divided world. 'By one Spirit are we all baptized into one body' (1 Cor. 12:13)

"We take this opportunity of speaking to those of our Baptist people who are separated from their fellow believers

by political barriers and where governments deny the liberty to serve Christ without hindrance. We assure them that they are remembered as an integral part of our life and work. We speak to the minority groups who so often face hardships and opposition and assure them that they have equal standing and are held in equal esteem with all our world fellowship. We would speak with one voice and declare our hate of the injustices, inequalities and prejudices which in time past crucified the Son of God and today divide man from man and nation from nation

"Let us turn together to the place of our redemption and renew our love in the presence of the Savior of the world. Let us dwell in the love that saves souls and changes enemies and inspires sacrifice and delights in service.

"Let us pray for each other that the Spirit of God may be upon us and the life of Christ within us as we unite in our one task throughout the world to bring men to the knowledge of His saving power and to extend the bounds of His Kingdom."

Articles Wanted for New Special Issue

As the February special issue goes to press plan are already underway for the May issue. Rev. Mynor Soper of North Loup has agreed to be the guest editor. Featured will be a number of unusual spiritual experiences gathered from our own people. Mr. Soper appeals to *Sabbath Recorder* readers to write out and send to him (typewritten, double-spaced) experiences of guidance, protection, strength during trial on conversion experiences that might be helpful to others. In submitting these stories to Mr. Soper it must be understood that as editor he will have to choose the ones that will best fulfill the evangelistic and faith-building mission of the special issue. Articles must be concise if they are to be accepted. Sabbath experiences as well as conversion and other experiences are desired. They should be mailed to North Loup no later than February 20.

A Challenging Letter

Dear Friends in Christ:

Do you really want to "get with it"? Are you interested in doing something different and challenging?

The last couple of years I have been on a wild and wonderful trip that has changed my life a great deal. It hasn't been an LSD trip or one that is brought about by drugs. Instead it is a trip that has required the giving of my talents to others. I'm on the wild and wonderful trip of giving myself to my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. (Wild because it seems almost unbelievable what we can do when we let God use us in His work and wonderful because of the many blessings and rewards that I have experienced).

It is indeed a changing and exciting world that we live in. It is a world that is asking for the very best and very most that we can give, and there is not a better way for us to give our best than giving our service and talents to help others. We can help others best by the giving of ourselves to God.

Why not give yourselves to God and help other people by joining one of the areas of dedicated service that our denomination has to offer? For those of you that are in high school, or of any age for that matter, there is the Vacation Church School/Camp program. Those of you out of high school and in college can become a part of the Summer Christian Service Corps. If you really want to take a wild and wonderful trip then why not join the Extended Dedicated Service Program?

The rewards? You will find many such as:

A small child coming up and telling you that he likes you after Vacation Church School is over.

A young person telling you that he enjoyed the neat camp that you had a working part in.

Elderly people thanking you for calling on them and asking you to come back again sometime soon.

A chance to help others and find new

meaning for your life as you work for Christ Jesus.

The work? Challenging and fulfilling. Why not really "get with it" and sign up for dedicated service now?

In Christ,
Harold D. King, Chairman
Dedicated Service Committee of
the Board of Christian Education

P.S. Want more information? Ask your pastor or youth advisor and write to:

General Secretary
Seventh Day Baptist Gen. Conf.
510 Watchung Avenue, Box 868
Plainfield, N. J. 07061

Ministers Conference Plans

The Seventh Day Baptist Biennial Ministers Conference will be held in Salem, West Virginia, April 30-May 6, 1969. The local church will be our host.

Ten lectures will be presented. The Rev. Herbert Saunders will lead our thoughts on the history and relevancy of the Sabbath. The Rev. Victor W. Skaggs will lecture on the subject of "Proclaiming the Gospel." Both men have some novel ideas that will challenge our thinking and discussion.

The ministers will be free to attend nearby Seventh Day Baptist churches on the Sabbath.

We hope that our churches will make it possible for their ministers to be present at this meeting. The results of attending are usually mutually helpful to the minister and the church he serves.

The conference is a project of the Higher Education Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education in cooperation with the Center for Ministerial Education.

LESSON WRITERS

Every year in May, we celebrate Sabbath Rally Day. The program is sponsored by the American Sabbath Tract Society. In a cooperative effort the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education solicits writers of special, graded lessons on the Sabbath. Those who have agreed to write them this year are Miss Florence Bowden of our Shiloh

church, writing for the Beginners; Mrs. Mary Clare of our Alfred church, writing for the Primary age; the Rev. Trevah Sutton, a non-resident, writing for the Juniors; and the Rev. Edward Sutton of our New Auburn church, writing for the Junior Highs.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

BOOKS FOR YOUR

READING ENJOYMENT

Religious and Inspirational—

Instrument of Thy Peace, by Alan Paton. 1968

A book of eloquent and affirmative reflections based on the Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi.

Biography—

The Disney Version, by Richard Schickel. 1968

The life, times, art and commerce of Walt Disney. Years before his death he became a legend, a kind of wizard who was everyone's favorite, and a creator of delight for children of all ages.

History and Current Problems—

The Summer that Didn't End, by Len Holt. 1965

A commentary on the June 1964 murder of three civil rights workers at Philadelphia, Mississippi, written by a Negro lawyer who specializes in civil rights causes.

Description and Travel—

Africa Is People, by Barbara Nolen. 1967

A first hand account portrayed in a rich and varied collection of writings by those who understand its people. Shows their love of tradition, fondness for art and music, eagerness for education, their political ambitions and their pride in their customs and race. Teen-age level.

Fiction—

The Howards of Caxley, by Miss Read. 1968

Edward is flying a bomber over Germany in the Second World War. To him, Caxley seems a haven of security and peace. By the time he finds his way back much happens to him and his home, but the essence of the Caxley he loved remained forever indestructible.

Filmstrips Suitable for Sabbath School Lessons

The Audio-Visual Services Committee of the Tract Board would like to call attention to some fine filmstrips that would supplement the Sabbath School lessons in March. There are 14 strips available—all in color.

The Last Supper
Gethsemane
Arrest and Trial
Judgment and Crucifixion
The Resurrection
The Easter Story
The Emmaus Disciples
Footsteps of Risen Christ (double frames)
Hosanna to the King
Jesus' Resurrection
The Last Days of Christ
Jesus Is Not Afraid (with record)
Jesus Lives (with record)
The Meaning of the Resurrection

For description of these strips see the Filmstrip Library catalog. Your pastor and Sabbath School superintendent each have one.

A Short Life of Christ

a book review

Not every family in the church has on the library shelf a substantial book on the life of Christ. Such books are helpful if they are well written and give us a greater knowledge of His matchless life than one can get from his own unaided study of the Gospels. When one has read quite a number of the best lives of Christ and is aware of the vast literature on this subject, he hesitates to single out one to recommend to his friends, for not everyone has the same expectations from such a book.

Your editor thought that he had a large enough selection accumulated through the years. It was not his intention to buy another. But when he learned that the godly, scholarly Everett F. Harrison, professor of New Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary had written *A Short Life of Christ* (288 pages) he knew that there must be something

new to say or this author would not have added such a book to his published works. Dr. Harrison has produced a remarkable book that presents the highlights of the life of Christ in simple, readable language, yet deep enough to give the best educated student something to get his teeth into on every page. The text quotes sentences from a great number of the best writers and the footnotes and bibliographies are copious enough for extended study. Some of the works quoted are as late as 1968. The author's grasp of the literature is remarkable, but what he does with his sources is the important thing. He faces every problem squarely as a scholar should and gives well reasoned solutions. This is no ordinary book. It satisfies those who have an appreciation for the scholarly approach and yet can bring great value to the reader who just wants to know more about Jesus. Coming to the end one lays the book down with a satisfaction and a warm glow. One feels that through these pages he has come to a new experience. "On Christ the solid Rock I stand."

The book is published by Wm. B. Eerdmans, Grand Rapids at \$5.95 and is available at a lower rate through Evangelical Book Club.

L. M. M.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Poor Reasoning of an Atheist

While there was much euphoria felt by religious groups over the reading of the Genesis story of creation and the prayer of Col. Borman, these actions spurred Mrs. Madalyn Murray O'Hair, the professed atheist whose prior suit led to the Supreme Court's decision to bar prayer from public schools, to register a complaint with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration because of the Bible reading episode. She said that it was "extremely unfortunate" for a nation which has embarked on a project designed to expand human knowledge. The Bible "is accepted by a very minor number of persons in the total world. Christianity, you know, is a minor religion."

Hawaii Supreme Court Rejects "Child-Benefit Theory"

On December 12, 1968, Chief Judge Richardson of the Supreme Court of Hawaii in *Spears vs. Honda*, struck down the "child-benefit theory" as an excuse to furnish bus transportation to church schools at taxpayers' expense.

The Constitution of the State of Hawaii provides that no public funds shall be "appropriated for support or benefit of any sectarian or private educational institution."

The state legislature passed an act under which it assumed responsibility for the transportation of school children to church schools. The Board of Education argued that the bus subsidy law constituted "support or benefit" to school children attending church schools, not to the schools. This argument is known as the "child-benefit theory."

The court held that the framers of the State Constitution had "specifically rejected the child-benefit theory as applied to bus transportation and similar welfare programs for nonpublic school students." It further held: "We find that the framers did not open the door one bit. The language of the Constitution itself is unequivocal."

Chief Justice Richardson also ruled: "... the subsidy induces attendance at nonpublic schools, where the school children are exposed to a curriculum that, in many cases, if not generally, promotes the special interests and biases of the nonpublic group that controls the school. Finally, to the extent that the state pays out funds to carriers owned by the nonpublic schools or agents thereof, the state is giving tangible 'support or benefit' to such schools."

Washington Pastor's Address

Rev. Delmer Van Horn, pastor of the Washington, D. C., church moved the week before Christmas from Laurel, Md., to the newly furnished residence and church building at 4700 Sixteenth St., N.W., Washington, D. C. 20011. Anyone contemplating a visit to Washington may wish to jot down the new telephone number (202) 291-7002.

"Meditation on the Deck of a Burma Riverboat"

Paul D. Clasper

*I stand in a great tradition —
In the tradition of those who have stood on the deck
And heard the sound of the waves,
And have seen the moon filter its rays
through the warm evening mist
And headed for a distant city to preach the Word of God.*

*This is the tradition of those who dare to
think they have seen the heavenly vision,
however dimly and intermittently.
And who are content with nothing less than
a determined effort to obey it, however
feebly and falteringly.*

*And when a cynic,
Whether without or within, taunts:
"What is this vision glorious?"
Words fail.
But for such as they are, the vision means
A growing conviction that God might really
be like Jesus Christ,
That the knowledge and realization of this is the most
potent seed-for-good, which can be sown,
Therefore, worth any expenditure I am able to make,
And that in the spending of self in this task
Even my modest gestures may be
Energized by the might of the Eternal Spirit.*

*This is the tradition to which I belong.
Not to a sect of the perfect,
The always loyal, the never doubting,
But to the fellowship of the restless and the questing,
To those who think this gospel may be true,
To those who risk all to test that thesis with a life.*

Submitted by E. T. Harris

Note: Though missionaries may no longer be admitted to Burma their past efforts bear fruit. The Bible and Christian literature may be distributed by Burmese Christians. A Burma Seventh Day Baptist Conference has been organized and receives a little financial help through the S. D. B. World Federation. The 1969 Burma Conference is held at Tahan in mid-February.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 8, 1969

THE MIGHTY POWER OF JESUS

Scripture Lesson: Mark 4:35-41; 5:
25-29, 34

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 15, 1969

JESUS COMMISSIONS WORKERS

Scripture Lesson: Mark 6:7-13, 30-34

THE SABBATH RECORDER

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dr. Ockenga Will Head
College Divinity School

Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of Boston's famed Park Street (Congregational) church for 32 years, announced his resignation to become president of Gordon College and Divinity School in Wenham, Mass., effective next April.

Dr. Ockenga was a Presbyterian who came from a pastorate in Pittsburgh to Park Street, located on Boston's "Brimstone Corner."

He has preached throughout the world and for 25 years has directed a mission program from Park Street which has 90 projects in 44 countries. The church now contributes \$300,000 annually to missionary work.

Dr. Ockenga was the first president of the National Association of Evangelicals and co-founder and president of Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. He has also been closely associated with *Christianity Today*, the fortnightly published in Washington, D. C.

Gordon College and Divinity School is interdenominational. Its theological stance is considered conservative.

—ABNS

Surgeons Are Religious

One might think that surgeons and doctors of medicine, who deal so much with the physical rather than the spiritual, would, through their specialized scientific training, be skeptical of the supernatural and have little place for God in their thoughts. This does not seem to be the case.

The Surgeon General, who has been in charge of the case of Dwight D. Eisenhower at Walter Reed Hospital all these months, is a man of strong religious convictions.

"You can't be a doctor of medicine and not be religious." He believes surgeons are more inclined toward faith than other medical men "for the simple reason that we get inside and see what makes us go around!"

JANUARY 27, 1969

Rev. Marion Hargis

Rev. Marian Hargis, widow of the late Rev. Gerald D. Hargis was unexpectedly called to be with the Lord at Riverside, Calif., Dec. 6, 1968.

Mrs. Hargis received her early Christian training through the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Farina, Ill., where the family home was located throughout her childhood and youth, and where she committed her life to Christ and His service.

On April 19, 1967, she was married to the Rev. Gerald D. Hargis, and together they served in a variety of pastoral situations including pastorates at the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Walworth, Wis.; Little Genesee, N. Y.; Riverside, Calif.; Battle Creek, Mich.; and Los Angeles, Calif. They also served as missionaries to Jamaica, under the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society from 1932 to 1939. Mrs. Hargis' warm personal faith, her deep interest in others, and her special contributions through the ministry of music will be remembered by all who knew her.

Mrs. Hargis was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 13, 1941. In her later years she was active as a teacher in private and public schools in Los Angeles, and as a lay leader in the Los Angeles church, where her husband was pastor at the time of his death, November 26, 1949. She has also given untiringly of herself to aid in the music needs of the Christ's Seventh Day Baptist Church of Los Angeles.

She is survived by a son, Dr. Ronald I. Hargis, Pasadena, Calif., and a daughter, Miss Geraldine Hargis of Rome, N. Y. Another son, the Rev. Robert Hargis preceded her in death. There are also four grandchildren.

Private graveside services were conducted at Olivewood Cemetery in Riverside, Calif., December 11, 1968, by Pastor C. Rex Burdick, and a memorial service was held in the Riverside Church later the same day.

—C. Rex Burdick

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

HEBRON, PA. — The church people painted the parsonage in 1968.

One Sabbath while our pastor, Harold King, was at Conference, our youth conducted the worship service.

Mrs. Dana Kenyon furnished a lovely cornucopia arrangement of fruit and vegetables for the front of the church during the Thanksgiving season. Flowers and plants graced the sanctuary throughout the year, thanks to the women of the church.

The WSSS made several contributions to the Women's Board and other projects this year. They sent get well and cheer cards to the ill and shut-ins. The usual Christmas boxes and plants were packed and distributed and candy and cookies mailed to our servicemen.

The church held its annual Christmas night, December 22. A short but impressive program was presented by the youth and children, with audience participation in the Christmas carols. Children and youth received boxes of candy. Mittens brought were given to the school nurse for distribution to needy children. Those attending followed their usual practice of putting community Christmas cards in the church "mailbox" and donating the postage to be used in some worthy cause. This year, the postage, together with contents of the birthday box and \$10 given by Mrs. Monta Friligan, was sent to the Northern Tier Children's Home (Potter County) and the Seventh Day Baptist mission in Malawi.

—Correspondent

Births

Wilson.— A son, Michael Allan, to Harry and Nina (Traver) Wilson of Little Genesee, N. Y., on December 31, 1968.

Accessions

ALBION, WIS.

By Testimony:

Mrs. Victor (Cora) Aaby
Glenn Atcherson
Mrs. Glenn Atcherson

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.

By Testimony:

Miss Nellie Freeborn

Obituaries

HARGIS.— Rev. Marian H., daughter of George and Adele Howard, was born at Newark, N. J., March 25, 1893, and died suddenly at Riverside, Calif., Dec. 6, 1968. (See more extended obituary elsewhere in this issue.)

KENYON.— Robert Earl, son of George and Mildred Kenyon, was born Dec. 23, 1921, in Hopkinton, R. I., and died Jan. 2, 1969, of asphyxiation while repairing a silo near Waterloo, Wis.

He was married June 13, 1942, in New York to Geraldine Smith, living in Ashaway R. I., until 1935 when they moved to Madison, Wis., and two years later to Milton. He was a service man for Jamesway Manufacturing Co., and traveled widely in both North and South America to install and service their machines.

Robert was a faithful active member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church. When traveling for Jamesway; he carried a Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook, so he could know about our churches in the areas he serviced.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Robert Jr., Ohio, and Bruce, Edgerton; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Pearson, Janesville; three grandsons, a sister, Mrs. Thelma Tarbox, Saunderstown, R. I.; his mother, Mrs. Mildred Almond Kenyon, Cumberland R. I.; his stepmother, Mrs. Julia Kenyon, Hopkinton, R. I.; a half brother, Richard Kenyon, Hopkinton; and a half sister, Mrs. Caroline Lundgren, Holden, Mass.

Funeral services were held from the church with his pastor, the Rev. Addison Appel, officiating, and interment was in Milton Cemetery.

—A. A. A.

