

# The Sabbath Recorder

evening service to hear the "sermonettes" of the children who had been coached by Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Wright. A Christmas story filmstrip was presented by Pastor Bond. One of the visiting men read the text from a Braille Bible. The children received gifts from under a tree trimmed with decorations which they had made in Bible Club. The children also decorated gift boxes which were filled by the church women and later distributed to church and village shut-ins.

President and Mrs. Leland Bond inspired us with their messages in October. We also were helped by Pastor Paul Osborn's visit in January; he sparked a lively discussion in Sabbath School, and our pastor reports that he is an enthusiastic supporter of greater home missionary effort! We are so thankful for "Pastor Cliff" and Carol's tireless efforts in our church programs and in ministering to the community.

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## Births

- Sholtz.— A daughter, Pamela Jayne, Jan. 21, 1969, at Rome, N. Y., to Gerald A. and Edelgard (Downey) Sholtz, Verona, N. Y.
- Swerediuk.— A son, David Semon, Dec. 10, 1968, at Rome, N. Y., to Thomas S. and Janice (Sholtz) Swerediuk of Verona, N. Y.

## Obituaries

BLIX.— Alfred L., 81, of Palatka, Putnam County, Fla., died at a local hospital, January 7, 1969, after a brief illness.

Mr. Blix was the deacon of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of God of Putnam County. He had been a resident of the county for 40 years and was a retired painter.

Surviving are his widow, Montana; two daughters, Louise and Lenora Blix of Palatka; five sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held January 10 at the Masters Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Marvin O. Boone officiating. Interment was in the Peniel Cemetery.

—Mrs. Aaron Price, and  
the Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph

LOW.— Sarah L., daughter of Marsden and Abigail Campbell Williams, was born April 29, 1882, at Syracuse, N. Y., and died Feb. 4, 1969, at Oneida City Hospital, Oneida, N. Y., following a brief illness.

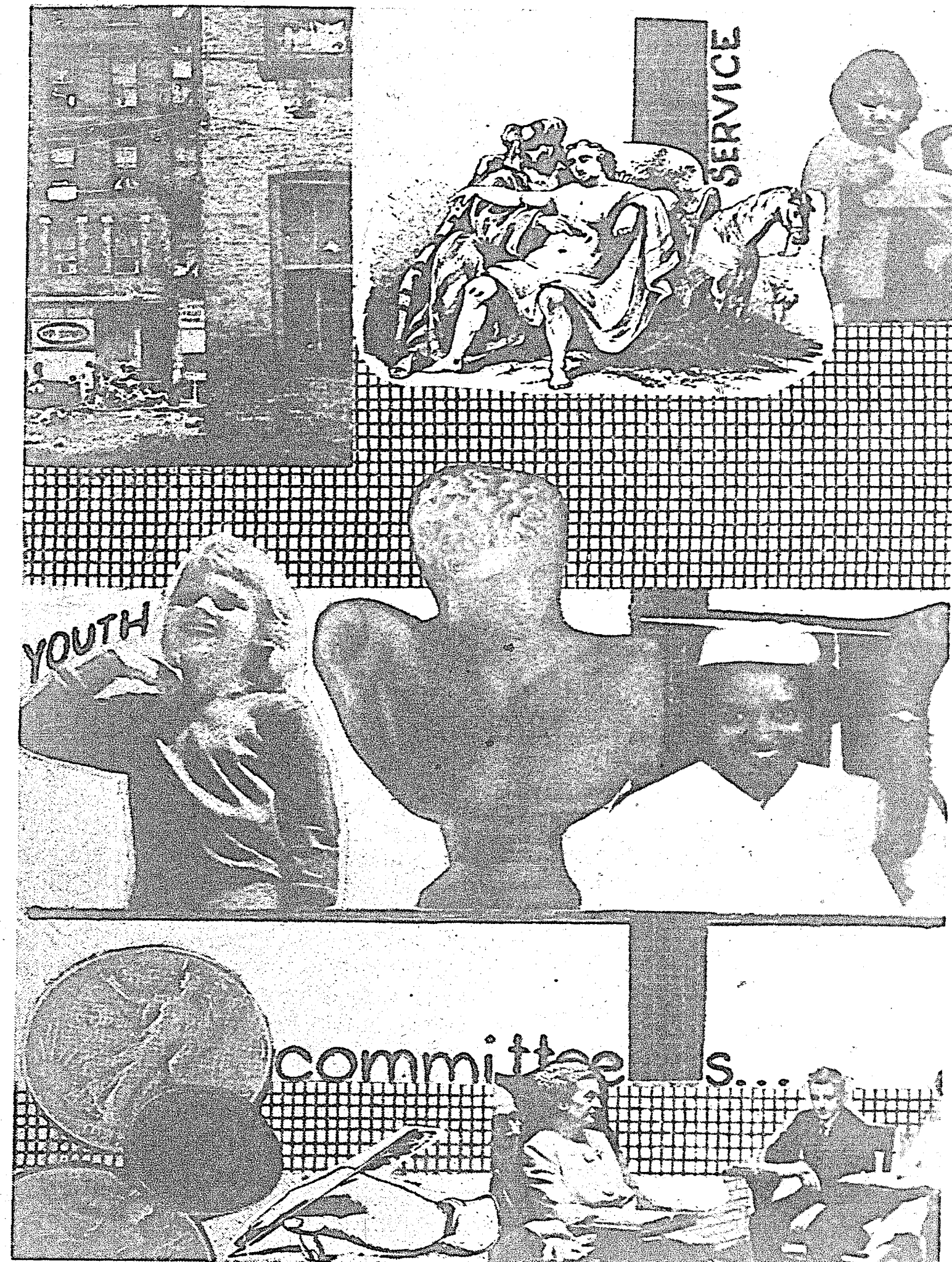
On Dec. 31, 1921, she was married to John A. Low, who died Sept. 30, 1947.

Sadie, as she was known by her family and friends, was a member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church. In addition she was active in the circle of the Oneida Baptist Church during her later years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Carol) Collins, Oneida, N. Y., and one granddaughter, Mrs. Donald (Brenda) Sanford, also of Oneida.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Donald E. Richards, assisted by the Rev. Robert Washer, pastor of the Oneida Baptist Church. Interment was in the Oneida Castle Cemetery.

—D. E. R.





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## The Gospel Is Always Relevant

There is more than one way of looking at relevancy. We do well to remember some distinctions. To charge that the church, its program and pulpit message are not relevant to modern man is one thing. To say that the gospel or Christianity is not relevant is quite another. It amounts to affirming that God, Christ, salvation and hope of eternal life are irrelevant and out of joint with life in this decade. Such cannot be the case. The changeless gospel is always relevant; otherwise it is not gospel (good news).

Christianity is universal, as timely as it is timeless. In every age and generation there is a considerable percentage of people who think that the gospel and the church have no day-to-day meaning for them. The challenge of Christianity in its institutionalized form, the church, is to show such people that the message of salvation is not only relevant but is the one thing that is most relevant. As a matter of fact, this process of persuasion, contrary to popular opinion, is more generally effective in America today than in previous generations and much more effective than on the continent of Europe and in England. People can be made to see that it is they who lack relevancy, who are out of touch with reality and that only in Christ does life become real.

Arthur Gossip writes of an experience in moderating a pulpit committee meeting that was about to extend a call to the brilliant minister who had preached a candidating sermon. One of the members spoke as follows: "I am a lawyer, set down amongst sordid things, and unless I can catch a vision of God when I go to church I am lost. And in this man's ministry that needed sense of God's presence was not given." Commenting on the lawyer's statement the Rev. Robert Weaver says, "It is that same sense of God's presence that we all need . . . . Far from being irrelevant, Christianity is the most relevant thing in the world both for this life and for that to come." Is it not so?

The cover collage depicting the many facets of Christian education was prepared by Miss Carol Clarke, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. David S. Clarke, and a freshman at Alfred University.

## Attention to Detail



Whoever holds a responsible position, such as the executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, should be a man who is capable of giving attention to detail, for there are many details that require attention. Secretary Rex E. Zwiebel is seen here giving his undivided attention to removing the skin from an apple in one continuous paring — which he did successfully. Note the concentration on the task at hand, the seriousness of his facial expression. One could anticipate that when the apple was properly pared and eaten with pleasure the executive would be prepared to resume the long term planning from which he had taken a short refreshment break.

This Christian Education emphasis issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* tells the story of the Board, its committees and its work. Much of this material was prepared under the direction of Mr. Zwiebel by members of his board while he was on an extended denominational and interdenominational field trip. In addition to his many coordinating and planning duties, his preparation of materials and programs for all ages, is the publicizing of Christian Education work through his weekly

department in the *Sabbath Recorder*. Here indeed is a secretary (without regular office help) who gives remarkable attention to detail and gets things done on time.

## Christian Endeavor Week

The Daytona Beach church bulletin for the last week of January carried this notice about Youth Sabbath to be observed the following week: "Youth Week and Youth Sabbath are a development of the Christian Endeavor Week program of years ago. In fact many churches are associated with the Christian Endeavor movement and do observe C. E. Week."

This observation by the pastor is one that your editor (who reads bulletins from many churches) has thought of making. It is significant in view of the fact that our denominational planners went along with the proposed change of Youth Week to the fall last year as suggested by the Division of Christian Education of the NCC. Some of us felt that it would amount to a second Youth Week in the year, for a time at least, since so many of our churches have had and still have a connection with Christian Endeavor, which has such a long history of high-purpose training of youth for church leadership. Christian Endeavor Day cannot well be changed since February 2 is the day that the C. E. movement was started.

It would appear from our church bulletins that a good many of our youth were involved in conducting the church services on February 1, as in past years. This is not a case of unwillingness to change patterns of practice but rather, in the minds of many, "holding fast to that which is good" (Thess. 5:21).

The current predicament facing our country, especially in our cities, has prompted Miss Olivia Pearl Stokes of the Division of Christian Education, NCC, to state: "White, middle class policemen are being made the 'scapegoats' for the entire nation that will not remedy its ills."

MARCH 3, 1969



## The Board of Christian Education Wayne Cruzan, President

The aims of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education are concisely stated in Article II of the Bylaws of the corporation.

"The purposes and objectives . . . shall be to promote the cause of education in general, to develop the educational convictions of the people of the churches represented in the S.D.B. General Conference, to found and foster such denominational institutions of Christian Education as the corporation may approve, to make educational surveys, to plan courses of study, to print and distribute literature and periodicals, and to employ such representatives as may best promote the purposes of the corporation in the church school, camps, people's organizations, colleges, and ministerial education."

Composed of thirty voting directors, eight consultant members and five associate members, the board faithfully and continually strives toward these ends. Nine standing committees, with each member serving on at least one, plus the Executive Committee, compose the structure of the board. The areas of concern and the functions performed by each committee are implicit in the committee names: Finance, Higher Education, Publications, Youth Work, Vocations, Publicity, Dedicated Service, Family Life and Nominations. Committee chairmen are appointed by the president with the directors' approval. If necessary to carry out projects of the board, other committees may be appointed by the directors from time to time.

The primary responsibility for carrying out the purposes and projects of the board is with these committees under the coordination of the executive secretary. Committees meet as often as necessary, some once a month and others once a quarter, depending upon their specific projects at any given time. Quarterly meetings of the Board of Directors are held at which time committee reports are heard, the work of each committee is discussed, reactions and suggestions given,

and recommendations acted upon which empower the committees to carry out a plan or idea. Any business of the board is transacted at these quarterly meetings also and any new business is brought up and referred to the proper committee for action. The president may, at his discretion, call a meeting at any time, as may any two directors if they see fit.

It is my belief that the most important area of our Christian witness is that of Christian Education. Without a strong Christian Education program, a church lacks the dynamic growth potential essential to its continuance. This lack of growth eventually has its effect upon denominational affairs as well.

However, Christian Education is not just the concern of one board or of one area of the country, but should be the concern of every individual with a belief in Christ. Christian Education needs to start in the home, continue in the Sabbath Schools and youth programs, and constitute a vital part of the adult program of the church, rather than being an optional extra to those over twenty-one. Christian Education is the mainstream of the growth of Christianity and of its subsequent outreach to others. Our optimistic hope is to lead our denomination into its most effective program of Christian Education.

### YEARBOOKS COMING

The Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House at Plainfield recently received from the editor the last of the 1968 *Yearbook* copy, the index, and hastened to get those pages printed. During the week of February 17-21 the sections were collated, stitched and trimmed. On the twentieth, with dedicated service help, the covers were put on. Thus, before the previous issue of the *Recorder* (printed February 20) reached many of its subscribers the orders for the 1968 *Yearbook* were beginning to be filled. The price has not been increased; it is still \$2.00. Send orders to the American Sabbath Tract Society, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

### President of the Board



Wayne Cruzan is well prepared to be president of the Board of Christian Education, having served on the board since 1963. He has been a member of the Youth Work, Family Life, and Publications Committees, serving the latter as chairman.

Mr. Cruzan was graduated from West-erly, R. I., High School and attended the University of Rhode Island for two years before transferring to Alfred University where he received a B.A. degree in Mathematics. At the present time he is teaching Junior High Mathematics in Canisteo, N. Y., while working toward a M.S. Degree in Mathematics Education at Alfred University.

He is married to the former Linda Thorngate of Pebble Beach, Calif., and they have a daughter, Amy. Together they serve as advisors to the youth group at Alfred Station where they are members of the church. They have also served as advisors to the Western Association young people.

Wayne Cruzan is also organist and a member of the Music Committee of the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church.



Officers: (front) Dr. Burton Crandall, vice-president; Mrs. Mae Lewis, recording secretary. (back) Rev. Rex Zwiebel, executive and corresponding secretary; E. Wayne Cruzan, president; L. Maurice McCrea, treasurer.

Dr. Burton Crandall is vice-president and chairman of the Committee on Higher Education for the Board of Christian Education. He is also vice-president of General Conference.

He is a deacon and teacher of the High School Class in the Alfred church. Previously, he has been trustee, chairman, and Sabbath School superintendent of that church.

Mr. Crandall received his education at the University of California, Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration and the American University, Washington, D. C. He is at present a professor of Business Administration at Alfred State College.

Burton and Carol Davis Crandall are parents of four children, Barbara (Mrs. Herbert Saunders), David, Brandon and Stephen.

The executive and corresponding secretary is the Rev. Rex Zwiebel, son of George and Althea Hughes Zwiebel. He joined the Jackson Center, Ohio, church after being baptized in the Miami River by the Rev. Verney A. Wilson.

He was graduated from Jackson Center High School, Salem College, Alfred School of Theology, and received a Master of Arts degree from Syracuse University in 1963.

He has served as pastor of the Jackson Center, O., Hebron, Hebron Center, Pa., and Lost Creek, W. Va., churches. He also was an instructor in Christian Education in Salem College. He presently serves the Buffalo, N. Y., church as pastor.

Rex and Juanita Stutler Zwiebel are parents of three children: Michael, Marcia and Gretchen.

The recording secretary for the Board of Christian Education since October 1967 is Mrs. Mae R. Lewis of Almond, N. Y.

Mrs. Lewis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ashby F. Randolph of Bristol, W. Va. She grew up in West Virginia, graduated from Salem College, and was a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is also a graduate of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a Master of Science in



Education. While living in southern Illinois, she was a member and served in the Old Stonefort Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lewis is a member and trustee of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is an assistant professor in the Secretarial Department at State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred, where she has been teaching since September 1965.

Mae was married to Harry V. Lewis of Stonefort, Ill., who died in 1961. She is the mother of four children: Ellen, Mark, Jane and Gary.

Mr. L. Maurice McCrea of Richburg, N. Y., has been treasurer and member of the Finance Committee for eight years.

He was graduated from Richburg High School and from Westbrook Business School in Olean, N. Y.

He is trustee of the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church and is department manager for Dressler Industries in Olean.

The McCreas have two children: Ellen and Cindy.

Dr. H. O. Burdick is chairman of the Finance Committee. He is a native of New Jersey, a graduate of Salem College and received his Doctorate from the University of Wisconsin. He has taught in Salem, Milton and Alfred Colleges, being chairman of the Biology Department and dean of the Liberal Arts College of Alfred University.

He and Hannah Shaw Burdick are parents of three children: Dr. Kenneth, Carol (Mrs. Robert) Hudson, and Judy (Mrs. William) Downey.

The other members of the Finance Committee are: Dr. Burton Crandall, L. Maurice McCrea and the Rev. Hurley Warren.

#### GROWING UP

The problem of modern youths might be said to be that their desires develop faster than their moral judgment. Many economic and other desires are too easily and too early satisfied in our affluent and permissive society.

### The Vocational Committee



Committee chairmen: (front—left to right) Mrs. C. Harmon (Ethel) Dickinson, Publications; Mrs. E. Gordon (Helen) Ogden, Family Life; Mrs. Harley (Madge) Sutton, Nominating; Mrs. Don W. (Mary) Clare, Publicity. (Back—left to right) Dr. Burton Crandall, Higher Education, Pastor Harold D. King, Dedicated Service; A. Lyle Sutton, Youth Work (retired). Not present: Dr. H. O. Burdick, Finance; Mrs. Ronald (Luan) Ellis, Youth Work; C. Robert Stohr, Vocational.

It is the desire of the vocational secretary to have, in the near future, current lists of jobs available in all areas where Seventh Day Baptist churches are located. The procedure for obtaining information will be outlined to the vocational representatives shortly. It is the hope of this committee to be of aid to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as well as to the churches and associations in our denomination.

C. Robert Stohr, chairman of the Vocational Committee, was graduated from the Richburg Central School, and Alfred Agricultural and Technical School; he has taken graduate work at the University of Buffalo.

He is a member of the Richburg church and is moderator of that church, chairman of the Western Association Camp Planning Committee, secretary of the trustees and member of the Executive Committee of the Western Association.

Other members of the Vocational Committee include John Reynolds, Mark Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stearns.

Mrs. Madge Sutton was born in Pennsboro, West Virginia, was graduated from Salem College and was a high school Mathematics teacher before her marriage

to the late Harley Sutton. She is now living at Alfred Station, N. Y., and is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist church there.

On the local church level she has served as church president, superintendent and teacher of the Sabbath School and chairman of the Christian Education Committee.

Mrs. Sutton was a counselor at the first Pre-Con Retreat held at Battle Creek, Mich., and at the first Pre-Con Young Adult Retreat at Camp Caesar, Webster Spring, W. Va.

She has been a director of the Board of Christian Education for many years and currently is chairman of the Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Sutton is the mother of three children, Lola (Mrs. William) Webster of Morristown, N. J., Lyle, and Luan (Mrs. Ronald) Ellis living in the Alfred Station area.

Other members of the Nominations Committee are Mark R. Sanford and Donald G. Stearns.

Harold D. King, chairman of the Dedicated Service Committee, is pastor of the Little Genesee church. He was graduated from North Loup-Scotia High School in 1965 and from Norfolk, Nebr., Junior College in 1967. In addition to his work as pastor he is attending classes at Alfred University.

Mr. King and Miss Kathy Traver were united in marriage in the summer of 1968.

Other members of the Dedicated Service Committee are Dr. Warren Brannon, and Cathy Clarke; Nancy E. Cruzan, consultant; Becky Butts and Kathy Kenyon, associate members.

Lyle Sutton was born in Little Genesee, N. Y., while his father, the Rev. Harley Sutton, was pastor there. Lyle was graduated from West Virginia University and is employed by the New York State Department of Transportation as a highway construction engineer.

He is a member of the Alfred Station church and sings in the choir, teaches the high school Sabbath School class and is chairman of the church trustees.

Mr. Sutton married Betty Pierce and they are parents of three children, Wendy, Eric and Peggy.

He served the Board of Christian Education ten years, five of them as chairman of the Youth Work Committee. The board accepted with regret his recent resignation but are happy to announce that his sister, Mrs. Ronald Ellis, has agreed to fill his unexpired term on the Executive Committee of the board.

Mrs. Ronald (Luan Sutton) Ellis, daughter of Mrs. Madge Sutton and the late Rev. Harley Sutton, has recently taken over the duties of chairman of the Youth Work Committee. She has been a member of the Youth Work Committee for ten years, being secretary for four years.

She is a member of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church. At present she is director of the senior choir and is printing bulletins during the absence of a pastor.

Luan was graduated from Alfred University and will receive her Master of Science in June. She has taught Junior High Science and Senior High Mathematics and presently does substitute teaching.

The Ellises are parents of two sons, Timothy and Terry.

Other members of the Youth Work Committee are Mrs. Simon Aldrich, Jr., Mrs. Richard Bond, Cathy Clarke; Ronald Ellis, Mr. & Mrs. Douglas Davis, Wayne Crandall, Kathy Pierce, consultants; Richard Bond, Paul Greene and Gretchen Zwiebel, associate members.

#### Second Printing

The Publications Committee of the board under the leadership of Mrs. Ethel Dickinson, is preparing to republish the book, *You and Your Church*, a Church Membership Manual. The book was written by Seventh Day Baptist ministers and edited by the Publications Committee when the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis was chairman. It was published in 1961 under the chairmanship of the Rev. Ernest K. Bee, Jr.



## As We Remember

Mrs. A. J. C. Bond  
Mrs. J. Nelson Norwood



Mrs. J. N. Norwood and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond are the only surviving daughters of Professor and Mrs. Alpheus Burdick Kenyon.

After her first husband's death in 1921, Mrs. Norwood began teaching at Alfred University and became dean of women. This service lasted for 32 years. She has always been active in the educational work of the Alfred church and in the work of the Board of Christian Education and its predecessors. At the present time Mrs. Norwood is a member of the Publications Committee.

Mrs. Bond's first husband, Ford S. Clarke, vigorously served Alfred University and the Alfred church and community during World War I. He died in 1919 and his widow began teaching Home Economics at Alfred Agricultural College. She has been active in the Alfred church's ministry and in Church Women United. She aided in her second husband's leadership of the theological students at Alfred from the time of their marriage until his retirement in 1952. She is currently a member of the Higher Education Committee of the board.

Other members of the committee are Burton Crandall, chairman, the Rev. David Clarke, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stearns and the Rev. Hurley S. Warren.

Sabbath School, as we always used to call it, is a part of our church organized in response to a basic need of its members to know the Bible better, to live by its teaching, and to pass that knowledge on. Whether we call it Sabbath School, Bible School, Church School, or something else, is not as important as what it is and that it serves its purpose.

Some of our memories of Alfred over the years, to which you add as you read, are collected here. We remember when all ages, except the youngest, met in our church sanctuary for the hour preceding the morning service and at one period it was the hour following the service. This custom is still followed in some churches. There were "opening exercises" of singing, Scripture reading and prayer. The classes, each with a teacher, were spaced about the room to give as much privacy as possible in class sessions, but it was often hard to concentrate on one's own group when another nearby class bubbled over in discussion. The long room above the entry was used by the Primary Department until our Parish House was built, with the whole second floor devoted to children's work.

One remembers names and faces of many teachers, superintendents, pianists, secretaries, treasurers, and their faithful services. Always a major problem was finding and keeping the staff of teachers, especially in our college town, for often students or college teachers served, whose residence might be short-termed.

Most people hesitated to accept teaching because of lack of training or feeling of incompetence for the responsibility. Substituting by the unprepared was dreaded, especially by the substitute. Beyond the teachers' meetings held on weekday nights, somewhere along in our memory, there was little help for the teacher beyond his own efforts. Lesson helps are dimly recalled, except the *Helping Hand*, and a paper called "The Sunday School Times" subscribed to by some teachers. But the Bible was the textbook brought by teachers and scholars.

As the years passed, we recall special

classes were organized for groups such as college-age girls, college-age men, married couples; Philathea, Berea, Beth-el, Forum among them. These found separate rooms in which to meet by themselves.

We remember gratefully the development of the Intermediate Department covering the age groups between Primary grades 1 - 6, and college age. It was under the leadership of Fritjof Hildebrand, a member of our church and of college faculty, whose quiet, self-effacing way was dynamic, sincere and deeply religious. The sanctuary was their meeting place and no better use could be made of it. This department now meets in the "Miriam Shaw Room" over the entry.

We remember the little diplomas, now time-yellowed, received on graduation from the Primary Department, on which it was stated we had memorized the Golden Rule, the 1st, 23rd, and 100th Psalms, the Beatitudes, Ten Commandments, and the books of the Bible. It was signed by both primary and senior department superintendents, the teacher of your class, and the pastor. Those are still requirements completed at sixth grade promotion.

We remember when each week a small colored picture card with a verse from the Bible was to be exchanged for a larger one when a certain number of them were acquired. We remember we were expected to attend Sabbath School as regularly and as unquestioningly as weekday school. One knows the Scripture learned has been a comfort and help through the years.

Methods, material helps change and improve, but teachers still have first place.

We remember gratefully those teachers by whom we were taught the Bible and who touched our lives with their own sincerity and integrity, who in short were channels of God's love.

Education without evangelism makes pharisees; evangelism without education makes fanatics.

—George E. Sweazey

## The Publishing of Helps

Ethel D. Dickinson\*

Sooner or later someone is going to say, "I wish Seventh Day Baptists published a Bible study guide." The answer to that is that they do.

For eighty-five years Seventh Day Baptists have been publishing a Bible study guide called the *Helping Hand*. Of course, being old doesn't necessarily make this publication good, but a background of four-score and five years of continuous appearance in print does indicate the perseverance of a people who have felt that Bible study is of utmost importance.

Let's do some thinking about the stated purpose of the quarterly publication, the *Helping Hand in Bible School Work*, to use the full title. One of the aims of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education in providing this study manual for young people and adults is to help them gain an expanding knowledge of the Bible, the Christian Church, doctrines of Christian belief, and the Christian life.

One can readily see that in order to carry out such a purpose an editor-writer

\*The chairman of the Publications Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education is Ethel D. (Mrs. C. Harmon) Dickinson. She took up her duties last September when the former chairman, E. Wayne Cruzan, became president of the board. Her husband, a pastor for 25 years, now serves the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church in western New York State where they reside.

She has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society, serving several years as recording secretary. She worked on the Publications and Audio-Visual Aids Committees and has been employed as secretary in the General Conference office and proofreader for the Publishing House.

A member of the national Interpretation Committee of Church Women United from 1964-66, Mrs. Dickinson had opportunity to offer suggestions regarding the publication "The Church Woman." In order to more fully represent the women of the denomination, she was made a member of the Women's Board. Then, in 1966, she became a delegate to the Third Assembly of the National Council of Churches held in Miami Beach when the president of the Women's Board could not attend.



would have to be a Bible scholar, a theologian, a church historian, and a counselor. The men who have written for the *Helping Hand* over the years have met these requirements, it is felt. God has truly blessed the denomination in this way.

The present editor-writer of the *Helping Hand* is the Rev. Don A. Sanford of Milton, Wis. Employed by Milton College, he writes in addition to his duties there. He has furnished Bible lessons for Seventh Day Baptists for fourteen years, serving as a pastor most of the time.

Considering other purposes of the *Helping Hand*, it is the intention of the Board of Christian Education to make it useful in furthering *the work of evangelism both inside and outside our churches.*

It is also hoped that an appreciation of Seventh Day Baptist heritage will be fostered by studying the *Helping Hand* lessons and that convictions of Sabbath truths will be strengthened.

The need of the individual Christian to relate his religious experience to daily living is kept in mind in the preparation of *Helping Hand* lessons, and a daily devotional guide is included.

The above are purposes which the Publications Committee of the board keeps in mind as the process of publishing the *Helping Hand* for this generation of young people and adults is reviewed. Those serving on the committee this year are Mrs. Dora Norwood, Miss Onnalee Saunders, Mrs. John Jacox, the Rev. David S. Clarke, John Reynolds and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, chairman. The Rev. Rex Zwiebel, executive secretary, and E. Wayne Cruzan, board president, serve ex officio.

The majority of Seventh Day Baptist churches have group subscriptions to the *Helping Hand*, although individuals may subscribe if they wish. The Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board has a program through which copies are sent to lone Sabbathkeepers. Quite often the quarterlies are mailed out by the churches to shut-ins and non-residents through home departments. Wider distributions and use

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#### MEMORY TEXT

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A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold. Proverbs 22:1.

of the *Helping Hand* is a continuing goal.

There are other publications which come under the responsibility of the Publications Committee. A slightly revised edition of the church membership manual for children, *You and Your Church*, is now being prepared. New Sabbath lessons for children in four age groups will be available for use on Sabbath Rally Day, May 1969. Secretary Zwiebel edits the *Sabbath Visitor*, a monthly paper for boys and girls.

A three-year cycle of Bible lessons for junior age children is available. These lessons can be used by the churches year after year as youngsters grow into the junior years. Send orders for pupils' and teachers' quarterlies to Miss Onnalee Saunders, Richburg, N. Y. 14774.

Did you ever wonder how the word "helps" came to be used as a name for Sabbath School materials? A helper is one who stands by to render assistance. This is exactly what the publications sponsored by the Board of Christian Education are intended to do.

For those who are faithfully carrying out the command of Christ to go and teach, and for those who are studying to learn God's will, some helps are being provided. These helps ought not be used in the Sabbath Schools alone but wherever there is an opportunity to use them. Limited resources of funds and writers—yes, and of faith, we confess—keep the board from putting out all the materials that would be desirable, but making the best use of what is available, let us *face frontiers with more faith!*

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#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 15, 1969

#### THIS QUESTION OF AUTHORITY

Lesson Scripture: Mark 11:27-33; 12:13-17.

#### The Bible Centered Family

Rev. Harley Sutton\*

Happy is the family whose members are bound together by the ties of Christian love. Happy is the home at whose table Christ is the unseen guest. Happy is the family where Christ is the head of the house. Happy is the family where the Bible is used every day and in many ways to lead all the members to Christ and His way.

The happy family is drawn closer together by joining in Bible study and prayer. This family will have a set time each day for this reading and studying. All members will be watching for times for bringing to God special experiences of the members of the family. When something happens which thrills, then is the time to stop everything and read together from Psalm 107 where the theme is "Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!" It would be helpful to have short prayers of thanksgiving by each member of the family. When sorrow comes — as it does these days and very suddenly at times—join in reading John 14. In this chapter we find the promise of comfort from the "Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name." When sin mars the family joy as it sometimes does, since none are perfect, read together Psalm 51. Here the soul of the Psalmist is lifted to God in prayer for forgiveness, and a promise is given that when forgiven he will sing aloud of God's righteousness. When there is discouragement, look in Isaiah 40 where we find the promise that "every valley shall be exalted, . . . the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain." When there is need for assurance, join in reading Romans 8 where Paul says, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors

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\*The late Rev. Harley Sutton was secretary of the Board of Christian Education 1944 to 1949. This was first given as a radio talk over WSNJ and later printed in the March 12, 1945, Sabbath Recorder.

through him that loved us." When there is sickness, promise of help from God is found in Psalm 41. For every experience of the family there is appropriate Scripture which may be used to lift the soul to God.

A minister's daughter knocked at the door of his study; he told her to come in. When she had given him a big hug he asked her what she wanted; and she said, "I don't want anything, Daddy, I just want to tell you I love you." God is gracious when He hears our prayers in times of trouble; but His great heart is thrilled when we come to Him to say, "Father in heaven, I love you and want to serve you."

This happy Bible centered family will know what is being taught in the Sabbath School classes which the children attend. Verses of Scripture learned at Sabbath School will be used at meal time, during family devotions, or at bedtime. Parents will visit the Sabbath School classes where the children attend and find out how best to help the teacher in teaching the lessons by doing something at home to help the children put these lessons into practice. The children will bring home plans from Sabbath School which can be worked out at home with help from the parents.

May God bless you all as you do more to make your family a happy one by a regular use of the Bible in your family.

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#### Peace Corps Continues to Grow

Peace Corps Volunteers now total nearly 14,000 in training and overseas in 57 countries with new groups scheduled this year to go into two more nations — Nicaragua and Swaziland. The Peace Corps cannot be small in number if it is to have any sizable or lasting impact. If it is to continue to meet the requests for Volunteers from countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America — if it is to continue to be the nation's number one civilian employer of new college graduates — it will need the help of newspapers and other advertising media, so says H. George Wolfe, volunteer coordinator, Peace Corps Volunteers Campaign.



## Promoting Growth in the Church School

Mrs. Mary Clare\*

We live in a time of social and religious change. We no longer assume that former interpretations of the Bible are correct or that we must believe doctrine because our leaders so believed. Many people are reevaluating the standards which govern their lives and teachers and leaders of the church must give guidance in this reevaluation.

In order for the churches to meet the challenge of the changes in thinking we must change the methods of teaching and the materials taught. A continuing program of leadership training should be instituted in all churches. Such a program should include the reading of current books concerned with modern attitudes, workshops suggesting new methods, and discussion of problems and how to solve them. All members of the church participate because adults and youth alike are involved in the change around us, and through working and studying together can we better understand one another. Unrecognized talents might be brought to the fore as dedicated Christians, who do not now feel competent to teach, become interested and willing to teach after such training. Many young people are interested in church work and should be used even if it means a change in the "system" — particularly since it may be a change for the better.

Most publishing houses have updated curricula and have great quantities of materials from which to choose. Only through study and thinking through a

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She is a member of the Alfred church where she is superintendent of the Primary Sabbath School and director of Christian Education. Last summer she had a very rewarding experience in Guyana, S. A., as released worker.

The Clares are parents of four children: Elizabeth (Mrs. Charles Cameron), Louise, George and Leon.

Other members of the Publicity Committee are Mrs. Mae Lewis and Mrs. Madge Sutton.

teacher's own situation and the needs and interests of his particular students can proper materials be selected. If he remembers that these materials are "helps" only and not a syllabus which must be covered, a teacher will use materials most meaningful to him and make the lesson interesting to his class.

At the end of each class session a teacher should ask himself, "Did something in this lesson change at least one of the pupils in some way?" If the answer is "No," careful study of materials and methods should be made, because the basic purpose of each class should be to bring a clearer idea of the way Christians should live and a desire to live in that way.

Classes need not always be held in a classroom bounded by four walls; and lessons need not be forgotten and left behind with the story papers when the pupil leaves that room. Christianity is a way of life, and the church school must go where lives are being lived. Pupils should be taken to visit the shut-ins and those less fortunate in order to learn to show love and concern for them. Projects could be undertaken which benefit the community as a whole. Whatever is done as part of the learning experience, the pupils should have a part in the planning of the project.

The church school is the future church. Only as we meet the challenges of the time and grow in wisdom and understanding as well as in numbers will the Seventh Day Baptist Church survive.

### Thousands Sitting on the Grass

It is recorded by John that when Jesus fed the 5,000 he instructed them to sit on the ground, adding, "Now there was much grass in the place." So 5,000 men sat on the green grass and were fed with loaves and fishes after listening to the words of life. When people of the present day are hungry for the bread of life they, too, are content to sit on the grass. There were 42,000 in a 32,000 stadium at Kansas City and 10,000 sat on the green grass to listen, to be fed spiritual food by Evangelist Billy Graham on a Sunday afternoon.

## Dedicated Service

Miss Kathleen Kenyon

The dedicated service program of our denomination has opened the door for people of all ages and talents to give of their services in the way that they feel most led. This program has given



Miss Kenyon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. Kenyon of West-erly, R. I., was a January graduate of Alfred University, majoring in Music Education. She is an associate member of the Dedicated Service Committee.

me the opportunity to give of myself completely to help others — something that I have always wanted to do. Ever since the initiation of the Summer Christian Service Corps program I have been looking to the time when I could take part in that or a similar program. Now that I have completed my college obligations the door has opened for me. Beginning on February 10, I became involved in the dedicated service program at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. My work there includes music activities, youth activities, clerical services and visitation. Having been a student at Alfred University for three and one-half years I have come to know well many of the people of this church and I am eagerly entering upon this period of service to them and our Lord.

### Dedicated Service Enlistment

The Dedicated Service Committee reports a total of seven volunteers for Vacation Church School and camp dedicated service for the summer of 1969. There is, however, only one request sent in thus far for helpers. Directors of Vacation Church Schools and camps, who are interested in securing help through our program, are urged to write for application blanks from General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07061 immediately. Pastor Harold D. King is chairman of the

Dedicated Service Committee of the board. We work in cooperation with the Women's Board and the office of General Conference.

## Family Life Committee

Mrs. Gordon Ogden\*

Let it be stated at once that the family life area of the Board of Christian Education is *your* concern and is therefore open to requests and suggestions for ways in which the committee might be of help to church, family or individual.

The Family Life Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination was organized in 1967, "the purpose of which is to suggest and recommend items of interest, including informative articles relating to family life problems and promote an active interest for family life within the church."

We continue to strive to develop and present useful material for the churches to use appropriately. New, and we hope, fresh approaches will join the "Thoughts for Food" project of last year. Material with suggestions sent to each church will pave the way to Family Life Week to be observed May 11-18.

With the help of Board Executive Secretary Rex E. Zwiebel, your committee's high aim shall be to help each family become so interested and so involved in Christian family life activities that each one will help one in the larger church family, thus helping us all to continually grow "Sensitive in His Service."

\* The chairman of the Family Life Committee is Helen (Mrs. E. Gordon) Ogden who is a native of Wheeling, W. Va. Before her marriage Mrs. Ogden was active in several community projects (including a Boy Scout troop) and a kindergarten teacher.

She has been a Sabbath School teacher and presently is a deaconess of the Alfred church. She has been a member of the Board of Christian Education for twenty years and at one time was editor of the Sabbath Visitor.

The Ogdens have two children, John and Alise (Mrs. Stephen Pierce).

Other members of the Family Life Committee are the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Mrs. John Jacox, Mrs. Frank Snyder and Mrs. Donald Pierce.

### Plans for Family Week

The Family Life Committee has recently gathered together material for use in our churches on Christian Family Day, May 10, 1969. Those who co-operated in formulating and gathering the material include the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Mrs. Frank (Jean) Snyder, Mrs. Dora Norwood, Mrs. John (Catherine) Jacox, and Mrs. Donald (Jean) Pierce. Mrs. Gordon (Helen) Ogden is chairman of the committee.

We used the theme, "To Love Is to Grow," which was selected by the co-operating denominations and member councils of the National Council of Churches for Family Week, May 4-11.

Many communities are using Family Week as the occasion for an ecumenical experience in developing dialogues with their Roman Catholic — and sometimes their Jewish neighbors. Such groups may base their discussions on "The Joint Statement on Marriage and Family Life in the United States" produced by the Synagogue Council of America, the United States Catholic Conference, and the National Council of Churches. Copies of this statement may be procured from the Department of Educational Development, Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10027. Single copies are free, and one hundred copies may be purchased for \$5.00.

#### New Filmstrips

A full set of filmstrips complete with records and manuscripts have been received by the Board of Christian Educa-

tion, through the courtesy of the Rev. Leon R. Lawton and the Central New York Association of Seventh Day Baptists.

The filmstrips are on "Successful Teaching" and are produced by the Moody Institute of Science. The titles are "The Teacher," "The Pupil," "The Language," "The Lesson," "The Teaching Process," "The Learning Process," "Review and Application," and "The Final Test."

They make a fine addition to the board audio-visual library, and they are on loan to any of our churches or Sabbath Schools.

A catalog listing the filmstrips we have to loan may be secured by writing the Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803.

#### Camper Exchange

The denominational camper exchange program is sponsored by the Youth Work Committee of the board, Mrs. Luan Ellis, chairman. This year Mrs. Susan Bond, Alfred Station, NY 14803, is the person in charge. Camp dates and directors' names should be sent to her as quickly as they are known.

#### Higher Education Projects

The Higher Education Committee of the board, Dr. Burton B. Crandall, chairman, has three projects under way: the biennial Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Retreat, the formation of a Sabbath workshop, and preparation of materials for Christian College Day which is April 26.

#### A TEACHER'S PRAYER

*Lord, who am I to teach the way to little children day by day,  
so prone myself to go astray?*

*I teach them knowledge, but I know how faint they flicker and  
how low the candles of my knowledge glow.*

*I teach them love for mankind and all God's creatures,  
but I find my love comes lagging behind.*

*Lord, if their guide I still must be, Oh, let the children see  
the teacher leaning hard on Thee.*

—Anonymous

## President's Column

### What Is Prayer Doing for Your Family?

I believe that prayer changes things. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14). Our family has been blessed with answered prayer in many ways over the past year.

If you will remember at Conference in Kearney, I asked you to thank God daily for at least five things and to pray specifically for someone in need. We have found that this bit of mental exercise in prayer has helped us to add real meaning to our prayers. It is very easy to say, "God, I thank you for everything," but what is everything? Name these things one by one and you may discover that you will give more thought about what you are thankful for. A little child isn't so far off the track when he prays "God, thank you for daddy and mother, and grandpa and grandma, and sister and brother." I find this method helpful in becoming sensitive.

It is so very easy to forget those who need our prayers. I have found it very helpful for me to write the names of those whom I want to pray for on a piece of paper and place it where I can refer to it from time to time. If we are praying for people we are much more likely to be ready to do something for them when they need us.

I hope that you are praying together as a family. It means so very much more when everyone is praying. I am sure that you have found as we have in our home, that a child's prayer is one of the most meaningful because children are so honest and do pray with all confidence that their prayers will be answered.

Have you taken the time to send your prayer requests to the *Sabbath Recorder* and have you been praying for those requests that have been mentioned in the *Sabbath Recorder* Prayer Corner?

—Leland W. Bond

MISSIONS—Everett T. Harris

### Annual Meeting of Missionary Society

Rather than the usual number of 12 to 15 members of the Missionary Society participating in the annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society it will be possible for 110 members to take part, either by their presence or by proxy. It is expected that the annual meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 16. (See official notice and agenda elsewhere in this issue.)

The usual notices of the meeting have been published and a letter has gone to all voting members encouraging their attendance or, if this is not possible, to express their preference on actions to come before the meeting by proxy.

A proxy statement in connection with the annual meeting was sent to all voting members carrying information concerning the agenda.

It is expected that the amount of voting fees received (\$1,100) will be added to the general funds of the society. Information as to the church membership of all those sending voting fees has been sent to the OWM treasurer so that the churches may receive credit toward OWM "designated giving."

#### The Gospel in Telugu

The vast country of India has many languages and dialects. Most of the languages mean little to us because we have no friends who speak those languages and have no literature of our own printed in those native tongues. When once we hear our friends of like faith who speak the Telugu language, for instance, that language takes on new significance and we note in our reading any reference to it.

The Seventh Day Baptist Statement of Beliefs is now translated and printed in Telugu. The Far East Broadcasting Company tries to reach the 500,000,000 people of India with the gospel message. From Manila it beams to India more than 80 program hours per week in the major dialects. One of those is Telugu,



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spoken in Andhra State (Pradesh). We quote from a published letter to the Broadcasting Company written in this language:

"I am strongly convicted in my heart of my spiritually lost condition. Now I accept Him as my Savior. He is my God, my light and the light of the world." Another writes, "We are regularly listening to your messages. We don't have anyone here who can preach and teach the Word of God. Please pray for us."

Missionaries on the field in India say that visas are being refused renewal and that by 1972 missionaries may be excluded entirely—as is the case in Burma. The Far East Broadcasting Company is establishing a new station in the Seychelles Islands to reach more of India's millions.

Native evangelists given encouragement now may be prepared to carry on the Seventh Day Baptist witness in the future. We have provided for the printing of some pieces of literature in at least three of the languages of India in the past few years.

—L. M. M.

## The Book of Ruth

"The book of Ruth is an early expression of that sentiment contained in the familiar words of Paul: 'And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good,' and which is expressed so beautifully by the poet:

I know not where his islands lift  
Their fronded palms in air,  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond his love and care.

"The author gives us to see both the good and the bad in the lives of his characters. But they are so portrayed that

we almost unconsciously lay all that is true and beautiful in these lives to their faith in Jehovah.

"We read the book of Ruth with a growing consciousness of the wonderful power of God in human lives. We close it with a prayer for a closer walk with Him; for more of His Spirit in us to lead us in the journey of life."

Rev. A. J. C. Bond

(From article "An Exposition of the Book of Ruth," *Sabbath Recorder*, p. 744, June 15, 1908)

## Notice of Annual Meeting Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, 120 Main St., Westerly, R. I., on Sunday, March 16, 1969, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., for the following purposes:

(1) To elect voting members, a Board of Managers and officers.

(2) To hear and act upon the reports of the Board of Managers and officers for the period from May 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968 inclusive.

(3) To ratify the appointment of independent public accountants for the current fiscal year.

(4) To consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Managers has fixed the close of business on February 28, 1969, as the time at which members entitled to notice thereof and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be determined.

—Elston H. Van Horn  
Secretary

