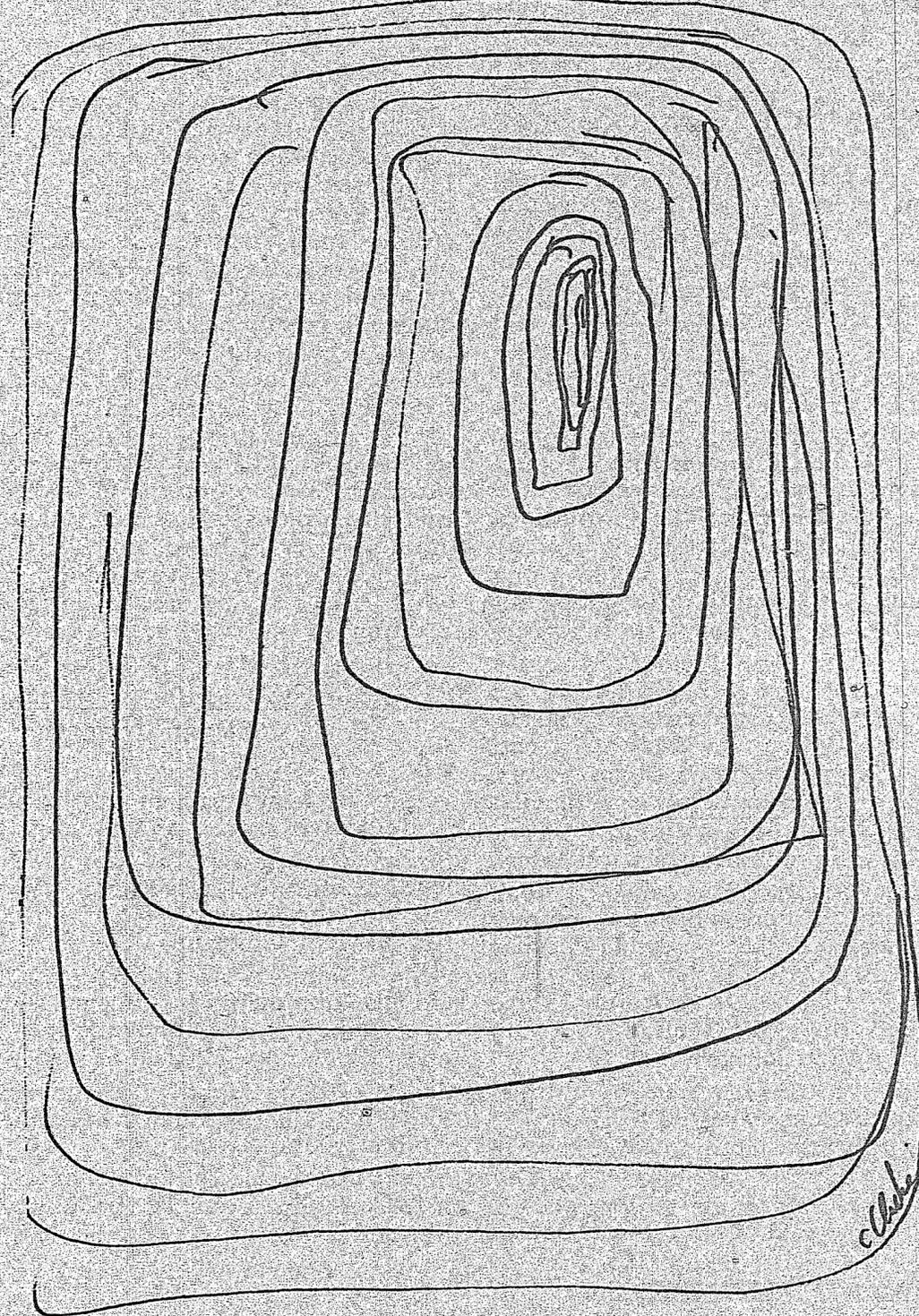


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Stalwart Trees or Tumbleweeds

A giant tumbleweed, according to its nature, breaks loose from its roots and rolls whichever way the wind blows. It dwarfs the Mexican-American boys who at the moment are footloose and fancy-free, playing in a grove of stalwart, deep-rooted eucalyptus trees that have reached down for water in a thirsty land and have withstood the hot winds of Southern California. What of the zestful boys? Which will they be, trees or tumbleweeds? The choice is theirs, but that choice is influenced by the love or lack of love displayed by the Christian church made up of such members as you and I. As we meditate on Youth Day let us resolve to help the young folks of our neighborhood to become well-rooted in the faith, not "blown about by every wind of doctrine."

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Helping the Aged Poor

The President and Congress are working on a new national program to help the poor. The aged poor are in a class by themselves and need some special consideration. Many of them were not poor until they got beyond the years of earning. Some thought that they had prepared for their old age, only to find that the rising cost of living had put a tight squeeze on their budgets.

Senator Williams of New Jersey, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, says that of the 20,000,000 Americans now 65 or older there are more than 6,000,000 who are "too poor to buy enough food." He notes that food is the most flexible of living costs and that when there is not enough money to go around the old people have to cut down on their food purchases. One of the major reasons for poor nutrition among the aged is loneliness, the senator said.

The major relief for these millions of undernourished old people must come from some kind of acceptable government program if there are no children to honor their fathers and their mothers. If, however, loneliness is a major cause for not eating well there may be much that churches can do to help. The church is everywhere; the church specializes in love; the church can take away the loneliness of a vast number.

We are reminded of Peter and John who met a poor man at the temple's gate with a monetary need which they could not supply. Peter said, "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I unto thee" (Acts 3:6). We can give love and fellowship and perhaps a few "potluck dinners" that will help to take away that loneliness that contributes to undernourishment and unhappiness.

President Nixon has signed into law a measure that will increase opportunities for churches to develop programs of volunteer services in the community to benefit elderly needy persons.

The new law extends the Older Americans Act of 1965, increases its appropriations and strengthens the state agencies on aging. The act states that grants may be made to private, nonprofit agencies and organizations to develop and

operate training programs and volunteer service projects to use the time and talents of elderly persons.

This new act may help churches to do the thing they would like to do in behalf of and with the help of retired people.

Trying Too Hard To Be Relevant

Forty-eight nationally prominent religious and lay leaders, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish, met recently for a three day session in Chicago to discuss the conference theme, "Relevancy of Organized Religion." It was hoped that the leaders would come up with a specific agenda for the future. This they were unable to do but appointed a representative committee to work on it. There was disagreement on what it means for the church to be relevant. A contingent of black and youth participants reportedly dominated the last half of the conference, which may have contributed to the difficulty of coming up with a plan of action for making religion more relevant.

The five main speakers included Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, speaking on the need of organization and the Rev. Andrew M. Greeley, program director of the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago. There were also two prominent Catholic and Jewish speakers.

The news release sent out by the sponsors of the conference mentions an interesting comment by Andrew Greeley, prolific theology and sociology scholar who cited the irony of modern churches attempting to be "too relevant" in the modern world, of trying too hard to adjust to a modern world, and not hard enough to lead, and anticipate the future. Organized religion is not, however, "in very serious trouble," he said, and "will not cease to be organized, but will be better organized."

Coming from a man who sits at the crossroads of public opinion and has reason to observe objectively trends in the churches, this remark about trying

too hard to adjust to a modern world is significant. This is a feeling that many of us have had. The church has a mission and a message, a command to be a leader rather than a follower. If we try too hard to adjust to and follow the world we will be unable to convince people that we have a saving message — a saving Person. The Bible warns against being "conformed to this world."

We are "in the world but not of the world." There are definite limits to relevancy for those who recognize that the mission of the church is to save the lost. Certainly the world is not less lost in its social standards than in the days of Paul. It needs redeeming and renewing. If being relevant means understanding the world and its needs and presenting the message in the language of our day there cannot be too much effort put forth. But if being relevant means dropping to the level of the world and not presenting Christ and His righteousness, then we are "trying too hard" and are losing our opportunity to lead to higher things.

How Did You Vote?

It is our opinion that the editor of a denominational journal should not tell his readers how to vote in the sense of for whom to vote. It is appropriate, however, to ask the question, How did you vote?

There were some issues outlined on your ballot that needed to be settled. Perhaps certain candidates took stands on issues that were important and you had to make a choice of candidates on the basis of their statements. How did you vote? Did you vote liberal or conservative? Do you know the difference? This question needs consideration. An editor in *Reconstructionist* commenting on the issues in New York City said that he tended toward the liberal view. He added a caution: "Those who vote only in the light of their immediate interests, regardless of the consequences to the largest number of citizens, are not liberal. Perhaps it is only human so to vote . . . Liberals have taken into account long-range concerns, and not merely the immediate ones."

Did you vote pro-labor or pro-

management? Did you vote for lower taxes and for greater benefits from the government? What made you vote the way you did? Was it your immediate selfish interest or the long-range good of all? Did you vote as a Christian or on the basis of self-interest? If, upon reflection, you come up with an uncomfortable answer you need to do a little praying for forgiveness and a change of heart. Jesus drew a clear distinction between the Christian and the Gentile when He reminded His disciples, "After all these things do the Gentiles seek."

God Is Listening

A few years ago there were some people who said, "God is dead." They got the ear of a good many people for a while, but that noise has quieted down and nobody seems to be listening any more.

There is one thing we know about God from the Bible and from our own experience: God is listening. Talk about "the big ear," a special microphone invented by man by which he can pick up the undertone conversation of two people on the back row of an auditorium or penetrate the walls to invade the privacy of your bedroom; that's nothing compared with the ear of God which picks up "the thoughts and intents of the heart."

We sometimes laugh out loud at the things we hear that were meant to be funny. It is said in the Scripture that God laughs at some things that were not meant to be funny. For the most part, God doesn't laugh out loud or silently at the foolish things He hears, ridiculous as they must sound in His ears. Not only does He listen to the strident voices and inner thoughts of men, but He also holds in perspective the inconsistencies of all our utterances at different times and all the voices of the living and the dead. Most of us would be more comfortable if we could forget that God is alive, always awake, and always listening. However, God doesn't tell anybody the discrediting things that He hears. Moreover, our lives are

full of hope when we remember that He hears our prayers. It is God, a God of infinite love and omnipotence, who hears and answers prayer. He can quicken our insensitive ears and enable us to catch the sound of His voice as He answers our heart longings and our loud out-crying. We do better to concentrate on listening rather than to debate whether or not God's hearing is as good as it used to be. His ear has never been dull to the cry, "Lord be merciful to me a sinner."

If God's ear is attentive it is equally true that His eyes are open and all seeing. Man has attained new heights in space and now through the unmanned satellites strategically stationed can look down upon all the storm clouds on all sides of the world. In an instant every square mile of the earth could be brought into view if we could penetrate the clouds. This is as nothing compared with what the eye of God sees. His vision penetrates all natural clouds and all the smoke screens that we throw up to keep Him from seeing what we are outwardly or inwardly doing. "Whither shall I flee from the presence?" asked the psalmist. It is no new thought that God sees sin and that there is no escape from the presence of the living God. But when we rub our eyes open and see God in all His love and mercy, we are glad that He sees unerringly and knows the sincerity of our love as well as our shortcomings.

What are the other sensations of life attributable to God in infinite degree? We can feel things never felt before. Man can hold in his hand an infrared detector that will read the changes of temperature of the interior of a butterfly's wing. God needs no such devices. There is more feeling in the finger of God than this. He detects any coldness in our hearts and any hidden signs of warmth.

"Now thank we all our God" that He hears, sees, touches, and feels. His ear is not heavy; His feeling is ever tender; there is healing in His touch. He calls. Let us answer.

President's Column

Called Apart—To Be a Part As Distinctive Individuals

A person has to be a Christian to be a part of the church. And to be a Christian is to be different. How different do we have to be to be a Christian? A Christian has to be just as different as his understanding of the teachings of God is different from the living of the average man. Never can a person once he has made a commitment to Christ and identified himself with God, look at himself and at others and in the comparison find himself better than the average. It isn't a question of what others do. It becomes a question of "Do I do the best I know? Am I constantly seeking for greater understanding?"

Paul says to those at Rome, "With eyes wide open to the mercies of God I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated to him and acceptable by him. Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold, but let God remold your minds from within so that you may prove in practice that the plan of God for you is good, meets all his demands and moves toward the goal of true maturity" (Philips). The Christian makes up the church and the Christian is different. How different depends upon knowledge and ability. It is always being different in a constructive sense. It is this difference which acts as leaven buoying up the inert deadness of man's selfishness.

The church must constantly be on the move. It cannot stagnate. Action on the part of the individual and interaction one with another must move out. Not yet have men learned to live as God has shown them, nor to know the fullness of life. Learning, yes, but not having fully learned nor fully achieved. I must be moving, you must be moving; we as the church of Jesus Christ must be moving.

—Earl Cruzan

Note: There will be other articles by the same writer in the next few issues.

Tax Policy Statement Adopted

Taxation involving churches has come to the forefront of recency, especially since general tax reform measures are being proposed on local, state, and federal levels. Areas of claim or challenge involving the church include taxation or claim of tax exemption of church properties, investments, unrelated business incomes, and ordained persons.

When the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs convened October 6-8 in Washington, D. C., its members devoted extended time to consideration of church claims for tax exemption of church property. Research, debate, and appraisal led to the adoption of a policy statement regarding church claims for tax exemption of church property based either on (1) religious liberty or (2) equality and equity (equality referring to sameness, i. e., the church being given the same consideration granted to other non-profit organizations rendering similar social service to the community; and equity denoting fairness or substantial justice).

While the policy statement was placed in the hands of the BJCPA staff to be used at its discretion, the committee did so with the foreknowledge that the staff is considering preparing an amicus curiae (friend of the court) brief to be submitted to the U. S. Supreme Court in a current case on the taxation of church property.

The Supreme Court will soon hear arguments on the case (Frederick Walz vs. The Tax Commission of the City of New York) in which tax exemption for church property is challenged.

Although the Baptist Joint Committee has representation from eight Baptist Conferences and Conventions including Seventh Day Baptists, it realized that in adopting such a policy statement it speaks only for itself. The document is therefore being referred to the member organizations for study and response. Copies of the paper entitled "A Statement of Policy of the Taxation of Church Property" are being distributed to the Commission, pastors, clerks, Christian Social Action chairmen and other leaders.

Other persons may secure copies by writing to Christian Social Action Publications, c/o the Office of General Conference, 510 Watchung Avenue, Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

Alton L. Wheeler,
BJC committee member

Debated Tax Exemptions

In the judgment of the Baptist Joint Committee some historically practiced church tax exemptions now being challenged are hard to justify on the basis of religious liberty; hence, some of them might be considered on the basis of equality and equity.

Among these the committee listed:

- (1) "Engaging in business projects unrelated to religious concerns, with income tax and property tax exemptions, in competition with private enterprise;
- (2) "Ownership of real property which produces income but which is not taxed for local governmental services;
- (3) "Claiming of tax exemption for property which is used for personal residence; and
- (4) "Long-term holding of real property on a tax exemption basis for capital gains."

Regarding community services to churches for which they do not pay taxes, the committee asserted that "where the value of services rendered by government to a property is ascertainable, churches should make payment for those services."

—ALW

A Few Recorders Left Over

Regular subscribers have now received their individual copies of the November special issue. Pre-publication bulk orders are on the way. Perhaps many individuals and churches now wish they had ordered extra for evangelistic outreach work. There may be a few hundred copies available on a first come-first served basis at \$8.50 per hundred or ten for a dollar. The Distribution Committee also has a small reserve for fair booth distribution on a matching fund basis.

NCC General Assembly Coming

An estimated 3,000 Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox church leaders from all over the United States and some from abroad will meet in Detroit's Cobo Hall Nov. 30 - Dec. 4. The occasion will be the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches.

The General Assembly — basic governing body of the Council — is composed of 794 men and women who are the official representatives of the 33 member communions. These representatives are elected by their respective communions and are responsible to them.

The theme of the 1969 assembly is "Therefore Choose Life" based upon Deut. 30:19-20, "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days"

The theme will dominate the various plenaries of the assembly, worship services and discussions in smaller working groups.

A total of eight and one-half hours during sessions will be set aside for the official representatives of member communions to discuss "Goals for Mission in the Seventies," a process by which the NCC, the member communions and the Canadian Council of Churches, will seek to establish common goals.

Among the objectives of the forthcoming General Assembly are a reexamination of the present state of the churches and of the world; a review and evaluation of the basic purposes of the National Council of Churches; and the adoption of goals that will serve as guide and focus for cooperative programs in the 1970's.

Assembly participants fall into seven categories: voting representatives, alternate voting representatives, fraternal delegates and consultants who may speak from the floor but have no vote, as well as observers, and accredited and general visitors.

Bibles for Mexico

(Project Report)

By Marion C. Van Horn

A visit to the Sabbathkeeping people and churches in Mexico had been in the hopes of the Van Horns of Daytona for over a year. Along with their developing hopes and plans was the idea of Bibles for those churches supplied by contributions from Seventh Day Baptist friends in the U. S. A. Two considerations delayed the appeal to the people for their gifts, the first being the uncertainty that the visit would finally be possible and after that was no longer uncertain, the project must be cleared with the Stewardship Committee of the Commission.

This clearance was announced in the June issue of "OWM Mission Notes" and in the *Sabbath Recorder*. This was not soon enough for gifts to be received, and an order of Scriptures secured in time for the start of the trip. So, when less than \$25 had been received an order was sent to the American Bible Society for \$104.58. The Scriptures arrived barely in time for the start of the trip. Included were Bibles, Testaments, Gospels, brief portions and concordances, about 200 pounds of them.

Our faith in the Christian spirit of our people to share in such a worthy project was well-rewarded. When we arrived home after Conference, a total giving for the project of \$206.72 awaited us. Not long after a draft on the Bank of New York for \$103 was sent to Brother Camacho, suggesting only that, according to his best judgment it be used for Scriptures, or concordances, or other materials, or needs he may have in his training work among the pastors.

The Scriptures we took were distributed to the churches by their leaders, not to be used so much by the people themselves, as to be used in evangelistic outreach work. Most all of the people have their own Bibles which they carry with them to church always and use them in every service. During my sermons a number of times I would ask Brother Camacho to read a passage to the people in support of my thoughts. Every time he would announce the reference to the

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Then said one unto him, Lord, are there few that be saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

—Luke 13:23, 24

people and the entire congregation would stand and read the passage in unison.

The Bibles and portions we took to the churches were greatly appreciated, as the people of the churches have very little resource with which to purchase such materials for evangelistic purposes. Their gratitude was shown to us in unusually expressive ways. They also made it plain they wished us to take to the dear friends in the U.S.A. the expression of their appreciation and greetings and best wishes. They also wished to relay the assurance that God would grant His blessing to the U.S.A. friends because the Mexican friends would pray.

Nos alegramos en Dios por medio de nuestro Senor Jesucristo, pues por Cristo hemos llegado a tener paz con Dios (Romans 5:11).

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) Our Conference president, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, as he journeys to the Midwest and South to hold meetings during the month of November.

2) The Ashaway church as the members seek to nurture those who started a new life under the ministry of Evangelist Mynor Soper.

3) The churches of like faith in Mexico that their love and zeal may continue to bear fruit.

4) The ministry of our youth as their witness extends to other youth and adults through the distribution of the November special issue.

Missionary Board Meeting Held

The October 19 meeting of the Missionary Board was a time of more than usual inspiration because of the guests who were present. Evangelist Mynor Soper and Mrs. Soper were called on to speak about their work and services. The Rev. Mr. Soper has recently directed lay leadership training classes among the New England Seventh Day Baptist churches (October 10-17) and conducted special preaching services at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton at Ashaway (October 18-25). Mrs. Soper has contributed her witness for Christ through her musical talent. Pastor Soper spoke to the board of his desire to attend some specific seminars for further training in his field of service as opportunity may come at a later date.

It was also a privilege to have the Rev. and Mrs. John Conrod, missionaries-elect to Makapwa, Malawi, in attendance. It was noted that their term of employment by the Missionary Society begins January 1, 1970. Pastor Conrod told of their acceptance as missionary trainees by the Christian Service Corps, Washington, D. C., where they will begin a three months intensive training course on Monday, January 5, 1970.

Reports from the treasurer, executive vice-president, and assistant in evangelism, Miss Constance Coon, were received, approved, and ordered recorded. Of special interest was Miss Coon's review of her recent services with the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is currently assisting the Paint Rock, Ala., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Plans call for her to return in mid-November to the Second Hopkinton and Rockville churches to offer her assistance as these churches may direct.

Several matters of particular interest grow out of the reports of the standing committees. From the African Interests Committee, as presented by Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler, chairman, may be noted a call to Miss Sarah Becker, R.N., to serve another term of two and a half to

three years as director of medical services at and around Makapwa Station, Malawi, Africa. The call was given hearty and unanimous approval by all in attendance. Miss Becker is being requested to begin employment by the Missionary Board on March 1, 1970. It is anticipated that she will arrive at Makapwa Station several weeks ahead of the Rev. and Mrs. Conrod for a time of orientation to the work while Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick are still there.

Also from the African Interests report it is noted that, "The Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists has secured a 99-year lease to a parcel of property in Blantyre from the Malawi Development Corporation. On it will be built a house of worship and a dwelling for the pastor, Rev. O. Manani. This is a totally African venture that is to be greatly commended for the faith and foresight that is indicated."

From the American Tropics Committee report, presented by Paul Johnson, chairman, is noted that approval was given to extending a call to another term of service to Pastor Leroy Bass of Georgetown, Guyana, such term to begin following furlough in this country, duration of which furlough is expected to be August 1, 1970 through May 1971. Assistance would be provided Pastor Bass and family to attend Conference at Milton and also for a term of missionary training at an acceptable theological seminary.

Approval was given to a plan for a "mission assistant" to be employed at Georgetown at an early date. Pastor Bass had suggested that such a national leader would be most helpful to the work in Guyana both while he is present and while he is in this country with his family on furlough.

The report of the Home Field Committee, presented by the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis is of such importance it will be published in full in *Sabbath Recorder* pages.

The executive vice-president presented his resignation "for health reasons" to the Executive Committee just preceding the

quarterly board meeting and again to the Board of Managers assembled. The recommendations of the Executive Committee were as follows: (1) "That the Board of Managers accept with regret, yet with deep gratitude for years of selfless service, the resignation of the executive vice-president, Everett T. Harris, effective January 1, 1970; and that (2) Everett T. Harris be retained as a 'consultant in the office' effective January 1, 1970, to aid his successor to assume the responsibilities of the position for as long as may be deemed mutually desirable and at a salary to be agreed upon; and that (3) the president of the society appoint a committee of three members to recruit an executive vice-president and report its recommendations of such selections and terms of employment at the January meeting or a special meeting to be called if such a course is expedient; and that (4) The Executive Committee be requested to present a long-range proposal for reorganization of the administrative offices of the Board of Managers."

The above report as presented by Loren G. Osborn, president, in behalf of the Executive Committee was approved. The following three members of the Board of Managers were appointed as a committee to recruit an executive vice-president for the Missionary Society: Paul Johnson, chairman, Karl G. Stillman, and S. Kenneth Davis.

Following prayer by the Rev. Harold R. Crandall the meeting was adjourned to meet again on the fourth Sunday of January, 1970 (January 25).

On Being a Missionary

Missions Emphasis Week was observed recently at one of the largest theological seminaries in the United States at Louisville, Ky. One of the speakers, R. Keith Parks, area secretary for Southeast Asia with the Southern Baptist Foreign Missions Board, made some thoughtful and challenging observations about what it means to be a missionary. He affirmed that missionaries should be looked upon as ministers who are serving in other countries.

It is just as simple as that. If one is called to serve God as a minister and has trained for that work the call to be a foreign missionary does not differ except as to the location of the work.

"Actually, I'm convinced that (the title of) those who have the peculiar identity as a foreign missionary doesn't mean a thing except that they are continuing the ministry they had here in another setting," Parks said.

Parks said that the Foreign Mission Board is committed to some basic concepts which help the missionary to see his role as like a minister who happens to be working in a different culture.

"One (of the concepts) is that when God got ready to communicate with this world, he did not find it possible to do so by remote control," he said.

"He didn't broadcast from Mt. Sinai or send an emissary from Rome, but rather God wrapped around Himself humanity and walked among men, speaking their language, eating their bread, and in the modes of the contemporaries of Nazareth and Judea," Parks said.

"We believe that if we are to communicate with the world in which we live, it takes the same kind of identity and the same kind of involvement," he said.

Parks added that some people want to be involved with high spiritual moments with God, but they don't want all the trials, tribulations, and troubles of mission involvement.

"We'd like to be involved if it can be done quickly, painlessly, spectacularly with modern means," he said. "But this kind of involvement passes like the lightning that passes across the sky, and doesn't illuminate the hearts of men long enough for them to read the truth of God." —BP

Sabbaths in Chicago

The Chicago area fellowship will meet at 2 p.m. on November 22 and December 20 at 5213 W. Potomac. For further information call Dr. A. L. Burdick 637-1700.

Sabbath Tract Society Plans and Progress

Strange as it may seem, two quarterly meetings of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society have been held within six weeks. The explanation is simple. The regular quarterly meeting was held September 21 in connection with the annual meeting of the society as usual, with important decisions being made. But in order to conduct operations on a calendar-year basis it was necessary to change the quarterly meetings to January, April, July and October. Rather than go without a meeting from September to January the board started the new schedule with a full meeting on October 26. One reason was to get a full report and comparative figures from the treasurer, which had not been possible in September (quarter ends Sept. 30).

Members and officers have now been elected and all members assigned to committees. As of October 27 the board is up to its authorized strength of thirty members. The six new members are Miss Ruth Ellis of Berlin, N. Y.; Dale Rood of Chester, Pa.; Miss Elizabeth Lupton, Mrs. Lora Harris, and William Fogg of Shiloh, N. J.; and Douglas Wheeler of Plainfield. There are also ten consultants chosen for special competence or to give representation to other boards and agencies.

Charles H. North continues as president of the society and board. Leon M. Maltby was employed again as corresponding secretary and editor of the *Sabbath Recorder*. Herbert E. Saunders is now first vice-president. Albert N. Rogers was elected recording secretary. John A. Conrod and Ethel Wheeler share the responsibility of the treasurer's office until his resignation (to go to the mission field) takes effect in March.

The bylaws were changed to set up new meeting dates. Beginning the first of the year quarterly meetings of the board will be held on the third Sundays of January, April, July and October, with the annual meeting of the society on the third Sunday of September as before.

The next meeting will be held at Shiloh rather than in the board room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building.

The treasurer's budget comparison report for the year ending September 30 showed \$300 less income from sales of publications than budgeted. There was \$500 less from *Sabbath Recorder* subscriptions than the budget figure of \$4,600, also about \$100 more expense on the magazine than anticipated. However, this budget deficit was just about cancelled by the favorable special issue account. Although a goodly number of tracts were printed during the year some of the new publications and revisions were not completed. This resulted in not spending the full amount budgeted for the year. There was more income from invested funds than anticipated. The net result of higher receipts handled and lower expenditures was finishing the year in the black rather than in the red. In numerous previous years the work undertaken was greater than the income received.

The distribution of literature in recent months has been about normal. Some tracts are in good supply, others sometimes called for are out of stock. Reports showed that the filmstrip library has been unusually active. At the October 26 meeting it was voted to prepare a new catalog since so many new materials have been acquired since the present catalog was printed.

The Audio-Visual Services Committee, with special funds of nearly \$2,500, reported most of the new equipment secured and detailed plans made for a recording studio. Further word on this will be contained in the Tract Board special emphasis issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* to appear December 1, according to action taken at the recent meeting of the board.

The board through its Committee on Publications is making plans for a new special observance day which is being added to the 1970 calendar of denomination-wide events. February 21 is set as *Sabbath Recorder* Day — a day to emphasize the place of our weekly publica-

tion in the life of the churches and to promote new subscriptions.

The Sabbath Promotion Committee reported well-laid, detailed plans for material to be sent out for the observance of Sabbath Rally Day, the third Sabbath of May. Action was taken to print 10,000 copies of a family Sabbath devotion service to be introduced at that time. The committee continues to offer matching funds for association-sponsored Sabbath advertising.

The year ahead in the denominational program of Facing Frontiers with Faith calls for an unusual amount of work in the field of the American Sabbath Tract Society. The various areas of activity outlined by the Planning Committee at its fall meeting were assigned to the appropriate committees.

—Corresponding secretary-editor

Gifts to MAP Multiply

We count it wonderful when a philanthropist offers matching funds for a worthy cause. Our gifts are thus doubled in effectiveness and we are thankful that those who can well afford it add so much to what seems so hard for us to spare.

MAP (Medical Assistance Program) is a missionary organization that seeks to make needed supplies (not exclusively medical) to missionaries throughout the world. The organization, in an effort to make contributed money go farther, is now producing pills and capsules on its own. The bulk of the supplies, however, are donated by some seventy firms, largely laboratories and pharmaceutical companies. On the list of those making free grants are such diverse organizations as the American Bible Society, the 3M Co., and the Kayser-Roth Hosiery Co., not to mention a few publishing companies.

In appealing for personal gifts to carry out their ministry MAP publicly calls attention to how greatly such gifts are multiplied. Last year with contributions of \$70,000 they exported supplies valued at \$7 million. A gift of \$100 expedites \$10,000 of healing supplies; \$20 provides vitamins for 100 infants for a year; \$10 serves 1,000 balanced meals at mission

clinics. This is not quite the same as when Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes to feed 5,000, but it reminds us of that miracle. When we complain about the high cost of living, let us remember that due to the generosity of many firms solicited by MAP we might better talk about the low cost of giving.

This is not the only missionary or relief organization that multiplies gifts. Even in denominational programs our gifts are more than doubled by the income from money donated by our forefathers. Giving to missions is the most productive business most of us can engage in. Where else can our investment be multiplied many fold?

Mets Pitcher Accepts Bible



Jerry Koosman, pitcher of the World Series winning New York Mets, receives the 17-millionth copy of "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version from the American Bible Society. Making the presentation at a news conference at the Travelers Hotel-Motel near LaGuardia Airport, were the Rev. Dr. James Z. Nettinga (left) the Bible Society's secretary for National Distribution, and the Rev. Dr. Earl Pleasant (third from left) immediate past president of the Kiwanis Club of New York City. Kiwanis International, through each local club "Committee on Support of Churches in Their Spiritual Aims," this year launched a cooperative program of Scripture distribution with the American Bible Society."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 22, 1969

GOD'S REMNANT REBUILDS

Lesson Scripture: Ezra 1:1-4; Neh. 4:15-20; 6:15-16

From Mission Fields
to Former Missionary

(Letters shared by Mabel West)

From Guyana

We are getting a lovely breeze tonight, (Oct. 7) modifying the heat of the day. Outside during the day it is like walking about in a furnace, so we don't know if we can stand it. I know you must have it like that for spells in Wisconsin. Picture it like that all the time here. You can see why on some days I have to take a rest in the afternoon.

Baby Valerie is coming along nicely, doing some standing, and sitting down again but not quite ready to walk yet. Clifford fell on the concrete not long ago, and broke a corner off each of two front teeth at the top. Of course the dentist cannot put the pieces back: he could only file off the rough edge, which he did. Clifford was not hurt otherwise.

You will want to know how we spent the \$50 sent us. I am glad to tell you that I bought a 6-foot-tall steel storage cabinet with shelves for the mission office, we had needed so badly. The cabinet actually cost about \$80, but I found a way to get the other \$30 needed. Thank the Women's Board for this very fine addition to my study and mission office. It will become a permanent part of the mission equipment.

I am also very happy to receive the two packets of papers from Marjorie Burdick. How glad we are to have all those "Story World" papers.

With love in Christ to you,
Leroy C. Bass

From Malawi

At conference this year, we had study groups for those in different types of work for their churches. The women met with the leadership of Mrs. Mwango, whom they elected as their chairman (president). We have received reports from 14 churches saying they were holding women's meetings. We are thankful for their beginning.

In Christ,
Bettie Pearson

Bible Reading Notes

Acts, James, Galatians, Philippians
I & II Thessalonians, I & II Corinthians
Ephesians, Romans

In New Testament times the Roman Empire controlled the Mediterranean Sea and its adjoining areas either directly or through allies. This great Roman expansion was mainly accomplished by conquests of the emperors' armies, also by treaties, colonization, and grants of citizenship. Military forces were placed in strategic areas as a safeguard against revolt and invasion. Roman officers and soldiers are frequently mentioned in the New Testament accounts and letters.

Peace prevailed to an unusual extent in the Mediterranean area during the reign of the five emperors from 31 B.C. to A.D. 68. Roman rule provided well-built aqueducts, bridges, pagan temples, amphitheaters, harbors, etc. However, the character of the emperors from 31 B.C. to A.D. 68 and their households was increasingly corrupt. The beginning of emperor worship made difficulties for Jews, proselytes (Gentile followers of the Jewish faith), and Christians, all of whom believed in only one God and would not worship Caesar (the emperor).

The Romans occupied the land of Palestine which included Judea, (whose people were called Judeans or Jews); Samaria in the central section, a people of mixed Jewish and pagan Gentile race and religion; and Galilee, the northern part. About one-third of Palestine was east of the River Jordan.

Jesus' home was in Galilee for most of His thirty-three years on earth. It was in hostile Jerusalem in Judea that He was crucified. In Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost the Holy Spirit brought power to the new Christian Church to witness. There the disciples first spoke of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the Church grew in strength the persecution also grew, so that Christians spread out into other parts of Palestine

and beyond — carrying the truth of the risen Christ, even to Rome itself.

For November our reading of the letters of James and Paul are arranged to correspond with the history in the book of Acts and the time in which each letter is thought to have been written.

Helen Ruth Green

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

What S. D. B. Youth Did in 1969

By Steven Crouch

A recent survey of our youth fellowships has shown the following activities to be popular.

In the area of spiritual development: retreats, taking part in church service, sing-out, pilgrimage to denominational headquarters or historic church, attending evangelistic service such as Billy Graham Youth Night, Christmas caroling, operating a fair booth, working as camp counselors or junior counselors, and visitation for the church.

Fun and fellowship are enjoyed in the following ways: hayrides, ice cream or box socials, ice-skating and tobogganing in the winter, progressive dinners, parties of all kinds, and retreats.

Money for projects is made in these ways: rummage sale, socials, dinners (spaghetti, pancake, etc.), bake sale, slave auction, food stand, door-to-door selling, car wash, and sometimes retreats.

Service projects include: working with children at a community center, work bees (at church, camp, etc.), publishing church newspaper, conducting services in retirement homes, and holding Halloween or Christmas parties for children.

Primary Conference

The various stages in the life of Jesus provided the basis for our studies, songs, and activities at Primary Conference 1969. To help the Scriptures speak more clearly to this age group, *Today's English Version* was utilized. Each of the twenty-six children who attended sometime during the week was presented a New Testament of the *Good News for Modern Man*. The interest and pride shown, even by those

yet unable to read, was an inspiration to see. The average daily attendance was twenty.

Our worship service was a high point of each day. A mini-version was presented to General Conference Sabbath afternoon, using some of the music, Scriptures, prayer, and memory work of the week. My thanks to Mrs. Doris Rood for assisting us at the piano. Mrs. Hiram Barber III gave generously of her special talents each day, presenting a chalk talk cleverly illustrating a lesson for our own lives. She also assisted with crafts, games, and walks around the shaded grounds of Nyack Missionary College.

Because recreational opportunities were limited, several teen-agers rallied to the rescue and organized themselves to effectively serve in helping us pass the long, hot afternoons. They assisted in games and singing, and the director wishes to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their dedication. Working with these youngsters was a real blessing to me.

—Marion M. Brannon, director

Workers' Meetings

Rex Zwiebel

The Sabbath School that has the most forward-looking program is the one where the officers and teachers meet regularly to plan together the entire program. They get together once a month, once every two months, or even once in three months.

When an education leader takes seriously his position as a leader in the total program of the church, he will do everything in his power to be a worthy worker in the vineyard of the Lord. He will be a Bible student, a person of prayer, and a constant seeker after the truth. Finding new ideas, new methods, new expressions, he will want to share them with his fellow workers. This sharing can best be done in workers' conferences.

No Christian is an isolationist, so why not take the time to meet with those of like occupation in Christian endeavor? Yes, it takes time, but what is more important than training minds and directing hearts in the Christian way of life? What

better way is there to show your class the unity of the fellowship than to have true fellowship with your co-workers?

Just as the worker discovers new material to share so he will receive the findings of others in the workers' meetings. Improvement is bound to be the result.

When each person does his share in preparing for the meetings, and comes with an open mind, then inspiration is there for the taking. The Spirit of God will direct to new understanding of truth.

Our churches need more inspired, willing leaders who are willing to invest their lives in the teaching of others.

Good, knowledgeable teachers attract others!!

Be attractive!!!

College Students Receive Memorial Fund Grants

Tuition grants to students from Seventh Day Baptist churches who are attending Alfred University, Milton College and Salem College were mailed from the office of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund the last week of October. Checks cover a major part of tuition fees and are sent on recommendation of an advisory committee located near each of the colleges.

Rev. David S. Clarke, Alfred, N. Y., Rev. Earl Cruzan, Milton, Wis., and Evert Percy, Salem, W. Va., are chairmen of the three advisory groups. The present plan was adopted some years ago when it was found that conditions of trust funds benefiting the three institutions no longer were obtained and the Board of Trustees of the Memorial Fund decided to distribute income from these funds directly to students attending the institutions.

The Rev. Erlo E. Sutton Memorial Fund is growing steadily and gifts for it have been received recently from the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church, from Mrs. Lena C. Coon, Milton, Wis., and from Clive Sutton, Parkersburg, W. Va. This fund will benefit the audiovisual program of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, for which Mr. Sutton worked many years.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTH LOUP, NEBR.— Our church was represented by ten delegates at Conference in August. One of the guest speakers during the absence of our pastor was Rev. Douglas Makhathini of Zululand, Natal, Africa, who is continuing his theological studies in the United States and was summer pastor at an Ord church.

Young folks furthering their education away from home are Robert Babcock at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, LaVere Soper at Bartlesville Wesleyan College in Oklahoma, both licentiates of our church; Carol Soper also at Wesleyan College; Bernard and Colleen Keown, both at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln; Kerry Fuller at Milton College; Mrs. Don Clement and Allen Williams, both at Kearney State College; Mildred Williams at Ben Beauty School in Lincoln; and Chris Williams at Samaritan Hospital in Kearney.

September Popcorn Days are homecoming days. Our church people served food at a stand. This called for cooperation. Our float "Family Worship" placed first in the church division of the parade.

Sabbath School promotion was held Sept. 27.

A membership training class meets at the church once a week with Pastor Davis as instructor.

Services are held each week in Valley County Hospital, LeBow Home for Senior Citizens, and Parkview Village in Ord, sponsored by ministers in the area. Pastor Davis takes his turn.

Floyd and Judy Zabel, staff members of "Campus Crusade for Christ," were in North Loup October 16 and showed the film "Come and Help Us Change the World."

The Job's Daughters were guests of our church Sabbath morning, October 18, worshiping with their queen, Maris Cox, who is a member of our church. The girls had an impressive service of benediction singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee" and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

—Correspondent

Marriages

Cruzan - Ferguson.— Daniel Charles Cruzan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cruzan of R.F.D. Bridgeton, N. J., and Diane Ruth Ferguson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ferguson of Shiloh, N. J., were united in marriage on June 15, 1969, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh with the bride's pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating.

Obituaries

BABCOCK.— Jesse Wardner, son of Wilbur and Laura Babcock, was born March 22, 1887, in Humboldt, Nebr., and died at his home in Milton, Wis., June 3, 1969.

Mr. Babcock, a deacon for many years in the Milton Junction church, was born in a sod house. He was active in church work until made bedfast by stroke three and a half years before his death.

He was baptized at the age of 12, joining the Farnum, Nebr., Seventh Day Baptist Church. On June 16, 1914 he was married to Nina Duncan by the Rev. James Hurley at New Auburn, Wis., where the family made their home prior to moving to Milton in 1928. He was a farmer and carpenter. After retirement he did much lathe work as a hobby, making windmills and other novelties. He went back to New Auburn to help in the construction of the present church in the days before the term "dedicated service" came into general use. He made and presented decorative crosses to four Seventh Day Baptist churches and each year he has presented a beautiful gavel to the Conference president.

He is survived by: his wife; a daughter Edith (Mrs. O. Arlie) Davis, Phoenix, Ariz.; a son, Dr. Oren W. Babcock, Elkhorn, Wis.; a grandson, the Rev. Milton Davis of California; a granddaughter, Ardith (Mrs. Johnny) Dundulis, Phoenix; and three great-grandsons. Of his four brothers and six sisters, three brothers and two sisters survive him. They are: Ord of Riverside, Calif.; Raymond, address unknown; Earl of El Dorado, Mo.; Mrs. Pearl Landry of Orlando, Fla.; and Mrs. Viola Van Horn of Deland, Fla.

Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Addison Appel, and the Rev. Don Sanford. A nephew, Rev. Wayne Babcock of Dodge Center, Minn., assisted with the committal in the Milton Cemetery.

—A. A. A.

FURROW.— Myrtle Van Horn, daughter of Francis Marion and Malinda Davis Van Horn, was born July 3, 1882, in Marion, Iowa, and died Sept. 21, 1969, in an Albuquerque, N. M., hospital.

She was married to Pearly Jesse Furrow at Welton, Iowa, Dec. 31, 1901. She was a member of the Albion, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Her husband died March 24, 1968. She was

also preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

Surviving are two sons, Raymond Furrow of Delmar, Iowa, and Roy Furrow of Albuquerque, N. M.; three grandsons; two granddaughters and seven great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held from the Carson Funeral Home, Maquoketa, Iowa, and interment was in the Seventh Day Hill Cemetery, Welton, Iowa. Her pastor, the Rev. A. A. Appel, officiated.

—A. A. A.

OAKLEY.— Carroll F., son of John and Grace Hull Oakley, was born in Milton, Wis., Feb. 21, 1899, and died at Mercy Hospital Oct. 9, 1969, following a brief illness.

He was married to Mildred Palmiter of Albion, Wis., Aug. 8, 1923. He is survived by his wife and one son, Clyde, of Philadelphia, Pa., and two granddaughters.

His life was spent in the field of education, teaching mathematics and physics at Milton College, the University of Wisconsin, and the University of Kansas. He retired about a year ago and moved to Janesville.

Funeral services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, assisted by Dr. Kenneth Smith of Milton College. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Albion, Wis.

—E. C.

POLAN.— Mrs. Ruby Clarke, daughter of Frank E. and Flora O. Tappan, was born in Dodge Center, Minn., Jan. 15, 1884, and died in Southfield, Mich., Sept. 22, 1969.

She was baptized and joined the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church during her early years. In 1907 she was married to Elvan H. Clarke, son of the Rev. H. D. Clarke. In 1914 they moved to Battle Creek, Mich. Elvan died in 1947.

Ruby was a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, one of the diaconate for 25 years. She was a member of the Battle Creek Council of Church Women and was treasurer of the Michigan Council for several years.

On August 1, 1951, Ruby was married to the Rev. Herbert L. Polan who retired at that time from the pastorate of the Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church. They made their home in Battle Creek until September 1968.

Ruby is survived by: her husband of Livonia, Mich.; her son Hubert of Cape Coral, Fla.; two daughters, Mrs. Preston (Floy) Wells of Franklin, Mich., and Mrs. Arthur (Dorothea) Paquette of Plainfield, N. J.; her brother Ivan Tappan and sister Ruth Tappan of Battle Creek and a number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Eugene N. Fatato at the Farley Funeral Home in Battle Creek. Burial was in the Clarke family lot in Memorial Park Cemetery.

—E. N. F.

The Sabbath Recorder

The Sabbath—Get It Straight

If we are to effectively communicate with each other we must come to some agreement on the meaning of the words we use. Take the word Sabbath, for instance. It refers to a day of the week; it has had that meaning all the way back to creation. As a matter of fact, it is a never translated word, being the same in Hebrew and Greek as in English and in most of the principal languages of the world.

In the past several hundred years a considerable number of people have been inconsistent in their use of the word Sabbath. Some have used it interchangeably with Sunday. Many states have "Sabbath" laws on their books. Others have Sunday laws. In both cases they refer to the first day of the week rather than the day called the Sabbath throughout the Bible—the seventh day of the week. The custom of referring to Sunday as Sabbath seems to be on the decrease, as well it should be because of the confusion it causes in communication.

The confusion about Sabbath-Sunday does still persist in spite of attempts of some clear-thinking religious leaders to clear it up. Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president and general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, has recently relinquished that position due to age. He has taken another position as director of the newly formed Department of Evangelism for the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association. Now what day is meant by this name? Seventh Day Baptists with churches dating back to 1671 in this country might have many state Sabbath School Associations. Jews, with their age-long continuous history of Sabbathkeeping might think Clyde Mea-

dows was working for them if they didn't know his church affiliation.

For clarity and honest Biblical interpretation we should abandon the residue of the transference theory which makes the Sabbath regulations of the Bible refer to Sunday. The Sabbath of the Bible, which we all profess to take as our rule of faith and practice, is the seventh day of the week (Saturday), never the first day of the week (Sunday). We might well say, "What God hath put asunder let no man join together."

—L. M. M.

Bible Society Appointees

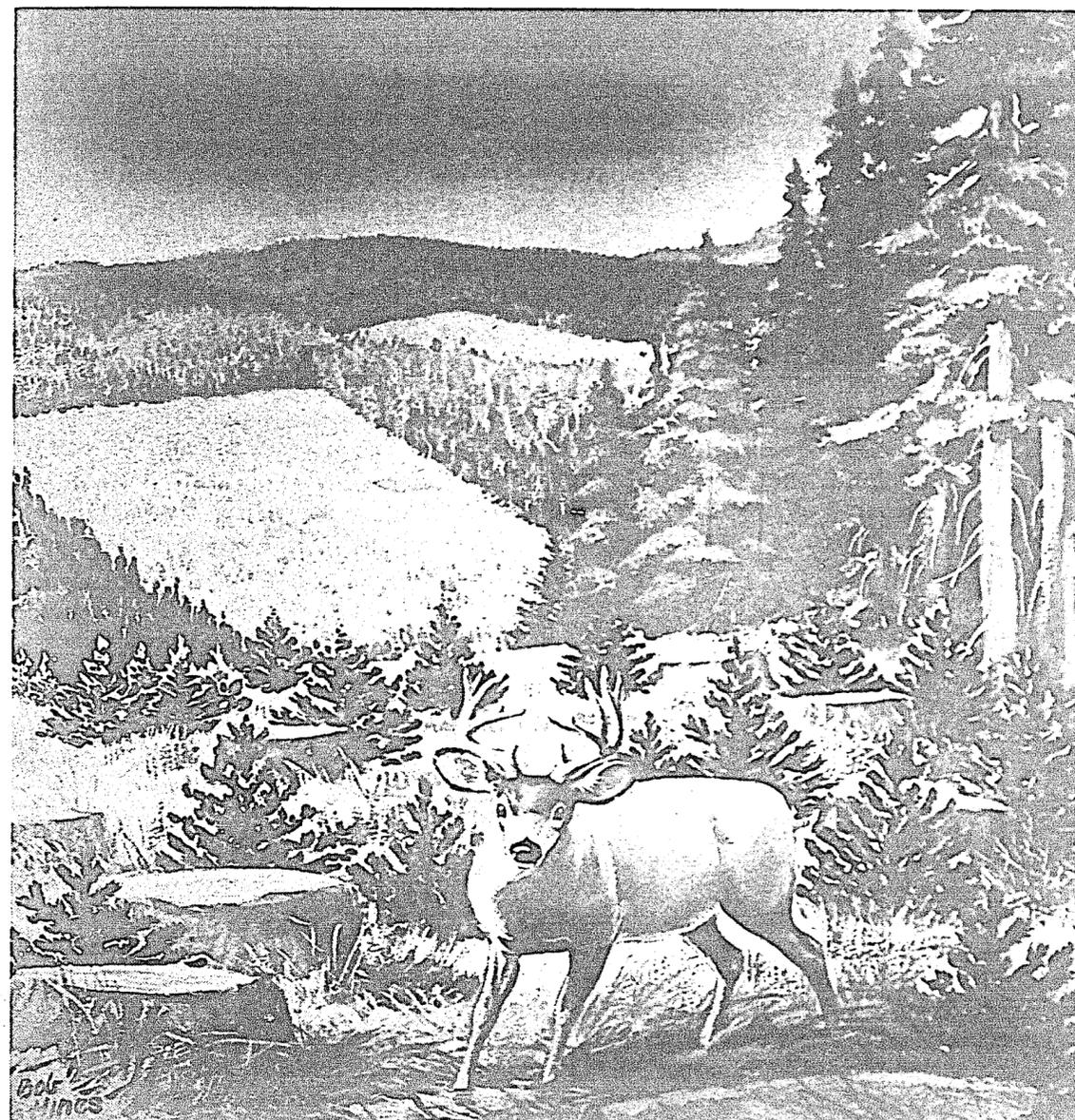
The American Bible Society has announced from its New York office a number of new appointees to carry forward its expanding work.

Philip C. Stine, linguistic specialist, has been appointed as a translations consultant for West Africa. He has just completed his work for a Ph.D. degree in linguistics at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Harold W. Fehderau, a career missionary of the Mennonite Brethren Church has joined the A.B.S. staff as a translations consultant. He will be coordinating the translation of Scripture into six West Africa languages.

Rev. Thomas S. Johnson of Chicago has been named distributions secretary for special ministries in the Central Region of the U. S. His work will be with hospitals, rest homes, correctional institutions, settlement houses and Indian reservations.

Eugene Cameron of Ridgewood, N. Y., has been named personnel director to replace Dr. Howard Seymour.



National Wildlife Federation Photo

For the Glory of God and the Good of Man

Since the beginning of time the earth has produced at the hand of God all the beauty and bounty that redound to the glory of God. Mountain and sea, field and forest, yield their increase. Let us thankfully appreciate the blessings that are ours to enjoy and to share.