

# The Sabbath Recorder

## For Better Mental Health

The AFL-CIO recently told a Senate subcommittee that adoption of the Community Mental Health Centers Amendments of 1969 "will accelerate progress toward the goal of insuring every American, rich or poor, access to mental health service."

The remarks were made by Andrew J. Biemiller, director of the AFL-CIO Department of Legislation. He reviewed the success of the community mental centers program and noted that the number of resident mental patients dropped from an all-time high of 559,000 in 1955 to fewer than 401,000 by the end of 1968.

Despite this progress, Biemiller said, the mentally ill still occupy 40 percent of the nation's hospital beds, at least 60,000 Americans are drug addicts and additional hundreds of thousands misuse drugs. A third of the population, he continued, suffers symptoms of depression and more than five million are unable to control their use of alcohol. Fewer than five percent of the nation's children with emotional disturbance and mental illness of varying intensities receive the treatment needed.

## Languages

Linguists have discovered that there are 3,200 languages in the world. Two-thirds of the people in the world speak at least one of the top 25 languages. Ninety-five percent of the people speak one of the top 132 languages. This means that five percent of the people speak the remaining 3,068 languages. But do not be hasty to brush off this 170 million people, most of whom have never heard the name of Christ.

Mandarin (Chinese) is the world's top

language with about 500 million speakers. English is second with about 350 million; Spanish is third with 200 million; Hindi (North India) is fourth; and Russian is fifth.

The entire Bible has been published in 236 languages. A part of the Bible (The Old Testament, the New Testament, or a Gospel portion) has been published in 1,232 languages. This means that there are 1,968 languages in which none of the Bible has been published.

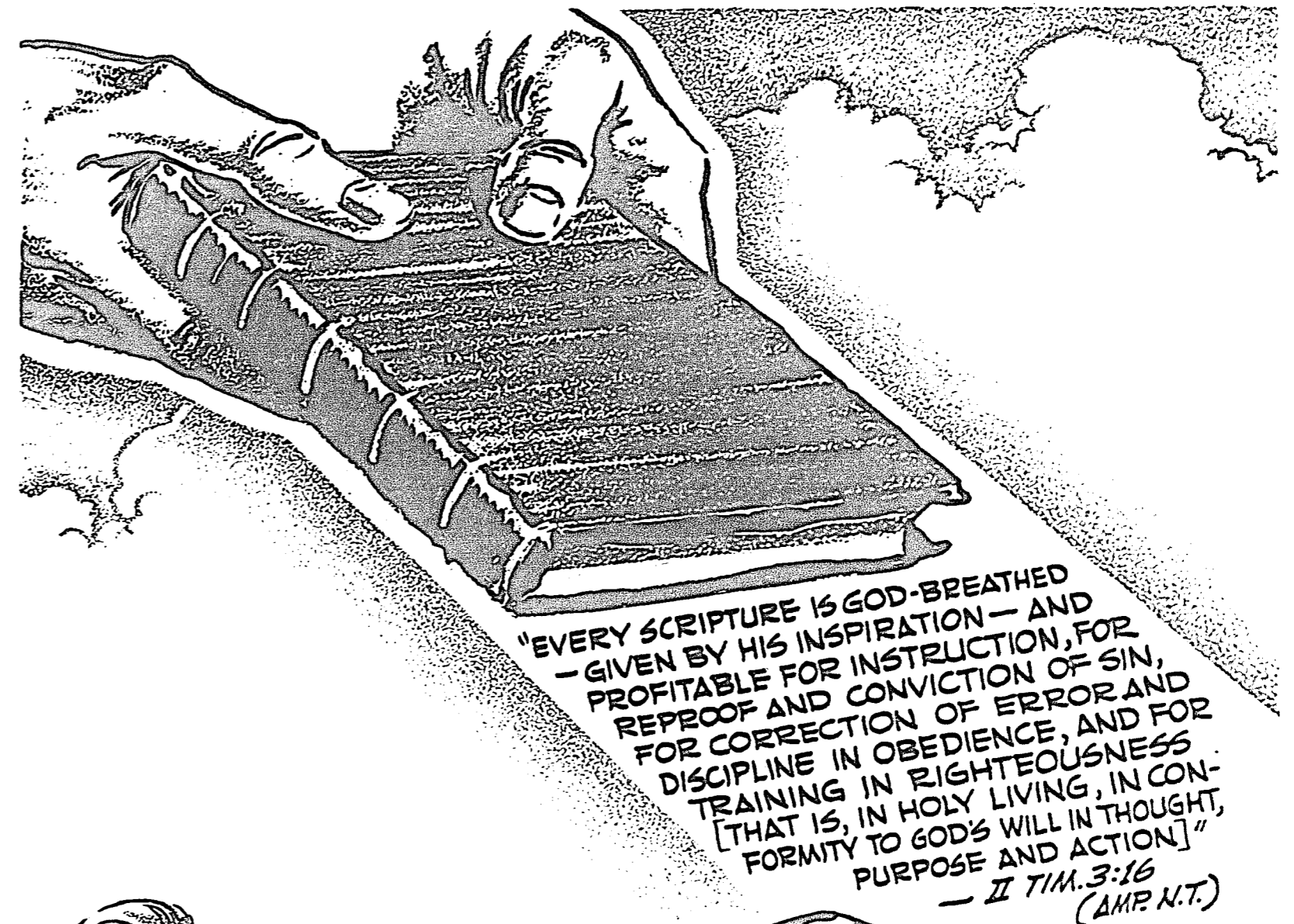
## Full-Time Secretarial Post Opens at Denominational Building

A plan for opening a full-time secretarial position was approved by the trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society at their meeting September 21, 1969. The starting salary offered is \$4,000 including benefits.

Duties of the new position will include typing and shorthand in the office of the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder* and corresponding secretary of the society, Rev. Leon M. Maltby, and also similar work for the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society which will contribute to the salary to be paid.

Typing, shorthand or speedwriting skills and a Seventh Day Baptist background will be required. The position offers opportunity for advancement, however, and a unique type of dedicated service through participation in the work of two agencies located in the Seventh Day Baptist Building. A committee composed of Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, Rev. Albert N. Rogers and Mr. Maltby will screen applications. Details may be secured from any of the committee, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

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## Our Need To Share

The sermon theme announced in the bulletin of one of our New York churches recently was "Our Need To Share" based on Luke 12:33, 34. You might like to look up that verse and think what you would say on that topic. It set me thinking about the two ways that it might be taken.

The most obvious message is that there is so much hunger and deprivation in the world that we who are not deprived should feel a compulsion, a need, to share with the less fortunate. The need for help bears down upon everyone who is on mailing lists. We are deluged particularly at this time of year with urgent requests from a multitude of organizations trying to help the unfortunate in other lands. We feel these needs and try to do our part on the ones that come to us with the strongest appeal.

I don't know how the pastor treated his announced subject. He could have dwelt at length on our Christian responsibility. There is no question about our need to share and we should be stirred up to "Sell that ye have, and give alms" (Luke 12:33).

There is, however, another side to this need to share. It is our own need, not the other fellow's. It may not have tear-starting illustrations and pictures of starving children, but it is nevertheless real for thoughtful Christians. Dare we starve our own souls by failing to share? We who have so much to give are in danger of stunting our spiritual growth if we clutch what we have of material and spiritual blessings. We have as much obligation to grow in Christ as we have to bring others to Christ. Paul on one occasion spoke of the possibility of becoming a castaway even after he had preached Christ to others. One of the dangers we face in that regard may be in failing to share. How can we claim to be followers of Christ, striving to approach "unto the measure of the fulness of Christ" if we do not follow Him in compassion for the poor and afflicted?

The passage of Scripture referred to as a text ends with the sentence, "For where your treasure is there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34). We satisfy our own

need when we share. Jesus speaks of it as a satisfying investment. By sharing we can live in heaven while here on earth. We thus not only lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven "where no thief approacheth" but we have the happy realization that our hearts are there also.

## A Burden for Israel

The happy situation of today in which Jews and Christians are talking to each other more easily and undertaking some joint philanthropic enterprises should not dull evangelistic zeal any more than cooperation of churches with non-religious relief programs should blind our eyes to the need of relatively good people for conversion. The Apostle Paul stated, "My heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they might be saved" (Rom. 10:1). That burden for the salvation of the Jews, who are so much more numerous now than in the first century, must not be lightly sloughed off by those who follow their Lord in weeping over Jerusalem.

One of the most cogent reasons for Gentiles to evangelize the Jews, other than the Biblical example and command to go "to the lost sheep of the house of Israel," is the attitude of the converted Jews of our day. Generally speaking, when a Jew is really converted, he has a burden to carry the joy of salvation to his brethren. If these are so sure that the rest of the Jews need the gospel we Gentiles would not be keeping faith with them if we neglected to help. Their concern is genuine and is enlightened; we must share it.

Let us take a look at this vast mission field that lies at our doors and also throughout the world. The 1969 edition of the *American Jewish Yearbook*, a 463-page compendium of events and trends in Jewish life selling for \$10, will give the latest figures on population both in this country and in the world. It reveals that the estimated Jewish population in the United States as of 1968 is 5,869,000. The annual rate of growth is 1.5 per cent as compared with 1.425 per cent for the total white population.

Jews constitute 2.94 per cent of the total population, according to the *Yearbook*. The states with the smallest percentage of Jews are Alaska and Idaho, each with 0.07 per cent. South Dakota is next, with 0.08 per cent. The number of Jews in these three states are 190, 500, and 520 respectively. New York's percentage of Jews, 13.95, is the largest of any state, with New Jersey's 5.46 per cent, Massachusetts' 4.75 per cent, and Maryland's 4.72 per cent next. Other states having above-average percentages of Jews are California with 3.59 per cent, Connecticut with 3.50 per cent, and Florida with 3.08 per cent.

Of the 4,019,000 Jews in Europe, about 2,594,000 were in the Soviet Union, according to the *Yearbook*. France's is the largest Jewish community with 535,000. There were 410,000 Jews in Great Britain, some 100,000 in Rumania, and 80,000 in Hungary. Outside of the United States and the Soviet Union, the largest number of the world's 13,786,000 Jews were the 2,436,000 in Israel.

## Christmas and Hanukkah

Ours are happier days than a generation ago in that there is a new respect for the religious practices of other people. This is particularly noticeable in relation to the Jewish festival of Hanukkah, the Feast of Lights, which is more and more openly emphasized in metropolitan schools where children of Jewish parentage are numerous. These happy days of more tolerance and mutual respect would perhaps be a little happier for some if the respect had come without the coercion of protests and sometimes legal action.

Christians ought to respect the religious practices of minorities in their midst even as they ought to consciously foster economic equality for all regardless of racial or ethnic backgrounds. This does not mean that we should make light of our own religious convictions and practices or reduce Christian festivals to the level of national or racial festivals.

Let our Jewish friends enjoy the tradi-

tions of Hanukkah to the full and without any element of ridicule. On the other hand, let us not overemphasize the festival and thus force our Jewish neighbors to observe a season that has little meaning to most of them, since it is probable that by far the greater number of Jews in this country are more geared to an observance of Christmas than Hanukkah, though they may go light on its religious aspects.

We mentioned in the beginning the growing respect for each other's religious festivals. Let us remember, however, that the celebration of the birth of Christ is religious while the celebration of the Feast of Lights is, primarily not religious, but national. To bear out this point let us quote from the Hanukkah message of Philip E. Hoffman, president of the American Jewish Committee. (The eight-day Jewish festival is from December 5-13 this year.) He points out the military character of the feast in its origin and its parallel in modern Israel. It marks the victory of the Maccabees, a group of Jewish militants, over Syrian overlordship in the year 165 B.C. Says Hoffman:

"The approach of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights, recalls the valorous deeds of the ancient Maccabees, who gave to Judaism and to all mankind a glorious example of man's noblest instincts in fighting for his right to self-determination and self-expression. The mightiest armies and the most powerful states cannot quench the indomitable spirit of a people imbued with a dedication to freedom and possessed of a fierce will to live."

The historical event from which Christmas grew is also an event in Jewish history, as is the deliverance of the Jews in the days of the Maccabees, but how different in emphasis. It was not, however, an event of war but of peace. The proclamation from the angelic host to poor shepherds on the Judean hills was peace on earth, and not peace for a single favored nation, but through them to the whole world. It was the Prince of Peace whose birth was announced and whose incarnation we celebrate in December. What a difference!

Reminded again of the great signi-

ficance of the coming to earth of the only-begotten Son of God we who are Christians should do more than be nice to our Jewish neighbors; we should redouble our efforts to convince them that their Messiah has come — that He is the Savior of the world. First century Christians knew all about the Maccabees and the Feast of Lights but they left it behind for a new concept, that Christ had come and that national celebrations must give way to redemptive celebrations.

#### Love at Christmas Time

How much do you love your friends and relatives? Certainly enough to send a greeting card once a year; enough also to give the closest ones something to remember you by at this festive season. You doubtless wish you could do more and extend your giving to a few who are not in that close circle. Would you like to give something that would show your concern for their spiritual growth? You can.

You cannot write a sixteen-page letter every week that is filled with inspirational thoughts and interesting items of news. You cannot make weekly visits to talk about church and missionary work or to discuss how others are solving family and social problems. Furthermore, you can't take your friends with you on such visits, nor introduce new friends. You can, however, do all of these things in large measure by giving *Sabbath Recorder* subscriptions.

If you love your denomination and want to build up a love for our mission as a people give a gift that is new every week, your denominational weekly, the *Sabbath Recorder*. Remember those friends and loved ones nearby with whom you can discuss from time to time the contents of your common periodical. Be especially mindful of the needs of friends who are away from the home church and can best keep in touch with Seventh Day Baptists by means of this journal. They will thank you time and again for your thoughtfulness.

## President's Column

### Bible Reading for 1970

To all who are "Called Apart To Be a Part" Paul's teaching in 2 Timothy 2:15 is significant: "Study (give diligence) to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

An indispensable factor in the understanding and guidance that fit the Christian to be a workman for God is the knowledge of Bible teaching. The Psalmist said it well in the words, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psa. 119:105). For this reason, Seventh Day Baptists have placed a growing emphasis upon Bible reading and study during recent years. Some excellent printed reading guides have been used, using different approaches to a complete reading of the Bible annually.

For 1970, the purpose of the reading guide is not to complete reading of the Scriptures during the year. It is directed, rather, toward knowing what the Scriptures have to say about the fundamental facts and issues of life. The suggested readings do not exhaust the Bible's teachings on these matters, but do give basic concepts. We will be gratified to know that many readers find themselves challenged to further study on the subjects listed.

The Rev. Earl Cruzan, pastor of the Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church has prepared the reading guide. Instead of being published in pamphlet form, the appropriate portions of the readings will appear regularly in the *Sabbath Recorder*. Please look for them. It is suggested that you clip this section of your *Recorder* and paste it in scrapbook form for future reference.

All pastors are urged to either print the readings regularly in their bulletins, or to post them where they will get the attention of those attending church. This will both emphasize the Bible reading program and put it before any who might

not subscribe to the *Sabbath Recorder*.

Please study your Bible with the prayer, "Teach me Thy will, O Lord." May God richly bless you as you make an earnest effort to be well-prepared for your part in His calling!

(The reading suggestions for January will be printed next week.)

### Conference Publicity Begins

Plans are being made in Milton, Wisconsin, for General Conference to be held on the campus of Milton College, August 10 to 15, 1970. J. Leland Skaggs, deacon in the Milton church, registrar of Milton College, and long-time Conference-goer, has been named general chairman by North Central Association.

The host group is composed of the churches in Farina, Stonefort, and Chicago in Illinois; Battle Creek and White Cloud, Michigan; Dodge Center, Minnesota; and New Auburn, Walworth, Albion, Milton Junction and Milton, Wisconsin. With the aid of representatives of this group Chairman Skaggs is forming committees and making preliminary arrangements and promises that a list of costs for Conference-goers will be available soon after the first of the year.

This year it's "On to Wisconsin!"

—Mrs. H. Laurence Burdick

## Our Prayer Corner

### Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) All the efforts of denominations working together to bring about a reconciliation of man to God.

2) The tremendous work of the American Bible Society as stewards of the Word of God and the money given by the living and the dead.

3) Our local churches as they strive to put Christ first in their scheduled programs celebrating the birth of the Savior.

4) A tenderizing of our hearts so that our Christmas giving may be unselfish and may include the needy whom God loves as well as the well-provided-for whom we love.

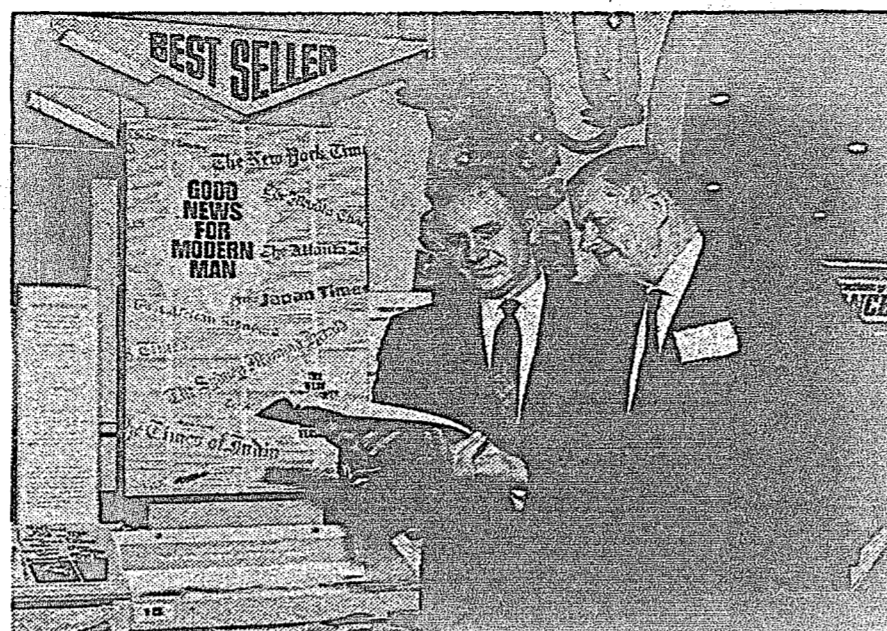
## American Bible Society

### Advisory Council Attracts Many

The most widely representative ecumenical body in the United States is the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, which held its annual meeting in New York November 10-12. Present at the meeting were some 250 men and women (including staff officers of the society) representing more than seventy denominations. Most of the better known churches are on the list and some not so well-known. There were seven Baptist Conventions, five Lutheran bodies, six Presbyterian, and five Methodist denominations. Notably lacking in the list are a few churches holding a low view of the Bible, such as the Unitarian. It appears that most of the denominations were officially represented by top men or men close to the top. It is interesting to note that Roman Catholics now have representation in the person of the Rev. Louis F. Hartman, executive director, Catholic Bible Association.

The Advisory Council is called together to do what the name implies, gives advice to the Board of Managers and executive officers of the American Bible Society. In order to do this effectively it is necessary for the delegates to be thoroughly acquainted with what the society has done in the past year and what the staff proposes as new or continuing work for the future. For most of those in attendance this part of the well-prepared three day program was the most thrilling and challenging. The staff is remarkably able and resourceful in depicting the work with displays, the latest equipment and outstanding speakers.

It is believed that the council rose to the occasion and gave good advice on the most needy areas of Bible translation and distribution, not to mention the budget required to carry out the plans. Needless to say, a primary purpose of such a meeting is public relations. It is hoped that denominational leaders and press representatives going back to their offices will go with such enthusiasm for the work that they will promote distribution and pro-



General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler and Editor Leon M. Maltby at the Advisory Council.

note support. It may be remarked that the Bible Society is so convinced of this public relations value that it offers to take care of the expense accounts of those who come — transportation, hotel and meals. Not all turned in full expenses — which in total runs to thousands of dollars — but all enjoyed the fellowship and program of the free meals at the mid-town hotel where the meetings were held. This is perhaps one of the reasons that there were not many entitled to attend who failed to do so.

The denominations as such are not the only means of support for the work of the Bible Society. In fact, contributions from the churches in the 1969 budget make up only 18.58% of the needed income. The rest has to come from individuals (33.57%), annuities (17.98%), legacies (14.38%) and investments (15.49%). The average per capita gifts run from \$.000 for the Greek Orthodox and Churches of Christ to \$.488 for the Presbyterian Church N. A. Reformed. Of the seventy only five give more than 10 cents per member, most of them far less. Seventh Day Baptists are credited with just over 8 cents (all designated). Seventh-day Adventists average a little over 7 cents. One of their representatives told this writer that their contribution is voted out of Conference funds and is not designated by the givers. This is no doubt true of many centrally organized denominations. The average per

member giving of all denominations is \$.0534. Contributions ought to be much higher for such a worthy cause which benefits all. The total for our denomination could be increased greatly, since it is by designated giving. Even the much ridiculed penny collection in Sabbath School of earlier days, if carried out for this purpose in all of our churches, would greatly increase our per capita giving.

Those who attend the Advisory Council meetings from year to year are tremendously impressed with the spirit of ecumenicity, if that is the proper word for it. Here denominationalism seems not to exist. People of all churches feel a kinship. They are united in a common cause of the highest order—getting the message of their common Bible to all the people of the nation and the world. Seventh Day Baptists with their emphasis on the Sabbath of the Bible rather than the Sunday of church history should do all in their power to uphold the work of the American Bible Society whose charter calls for publishing the Bible without note or comment.

### Prayer for Christian Unity

The Council on Ecumenical Affairs is calling attention to the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which is scheduled January 18-25. It is suggested that representatives from responsive communions on the local level meet together to plan not only the Week of Prayer activities, but for a year-long program of ecumenical worship, action and service. Clerics and laymen should be involved. The focal point of any preparation and definition of purpose should be the eight January days which stress Christian Unity. Hopefully, a greater result would encompass the larger task of initiating ecumenical experiences throughout the whole year. Leaders should stress the need to adapt prepared materials to local needs, to be creative in developing new modes of Christian cooperation, and to stimulate thought and dialogue about continuing conversation and service.

The council has prepared sample ma-

terials to be sent to the churches. Orders for multiple copies may be made at the local level.

The power of the Holy Spirit laboring for the reform of all Christian churches in our time is no longer the dream of a few "ecumaniacs." Ecumenism is now woven in the fabric of all vital Christian action, worship, and concern. It can no longer be considered an "elective" in any course of Christian nurture. It is a part of the spiritual life and mission of all who confess their faith in Jesus Christ and obediently respond to His directive: "Keep them in my name . . . that they may be one even as we are one."

### Our Representatives at NCC

On November 30 - December 4 the Triennial Assembly of the National Council of the Churches of Christ convened at Detroit. Seventh Day Baptists were represented by the following delegates:

Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. 07061, chairman of the delegation;

Rev. David S. Clarke, 10 Church St., Alfred, N. Y. 14802, representing the Missionary Society

Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803, representing the Board of Christian Education

Mrs. Arthur (Gladys) Drake, Milton, Wis. 53563, representing the Women's Board

Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Box 84, Richburg, N. Y. 14774

Dr. Kenneth E. Smith, Milton College, Milton, Wis. 53563

Rev. Albert N. Rogers, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J. 07061

Miss Judy Parrish, 205 Dogwood Trail, Battle Creek, Mich. 49017, youth representative

Mrs. C. Harmon (Ethel) Dickinson, Box 84, Richburg, N. Y. 14774, alternate.

—Council on Ecumenical Affairs

## "Through-the-Week"

Christian Education

A Resume of NCC Material

By Catharine Jacox

For the Publications Committee of  
the Seventh Day Baptist Board of  
Christian Education

The separation of church and state and the plurality of religions guaranteed by our Constitution keep the public schools from promoting any religion. They teach *about* religion, without which information education would be sadly lacking and the fact that most public school teachers are Christian cannot help but be a force for the church's promotion, but no public school should stress personal commitment to any faith. The schools endeavor to build a total, whole personality but they cannot stress the religious side. A person cannot be whole and balanced without a religious side to his being. But this, our government feels, is up to the church and the family.

The homes of our country are inclined to leave the religious training of their children to the church. So the church must find ways to do a better job. Sunday Schools and Sabbath Schools and Vacation Bible Schools are not filling the needs adequately. In our modern life the weekend is often the time for a family outing or useful trip. This cuts into religious education time.

The public school is giving children a tremendous amount of information and making great efforts to relate the knowledge acquired to the world around them and the times in which they live. It is needful that the church relate this same knowledge to the child's religious life.

To have some form of Through-the-Week Christian Education is not new. For fifty years it has been carried on in some places. The idea is to have a period each week of released time when, dismissed from the public school, children may spend that time in a Christian Education situation. There qualified teachers familiar with the curriculum of the public school lead students to take a look

at some of their public school experiences from the perspective of the Christian faith. Through-the-Week Christian Education reaches more than the regular Sabbath School and is most effective when sponsored by a council of churches on an all-denominations basis. Many school people feel that a religious slant to education is necessary in building a whole person and encourage cooperation with the churches in effecting this aim.

The National Council of Churches provides information on ways and means of providing a Through-the-Week program and has thoroughly worked out a curriculum. It has given the following platform:

1. A year of planning before launching the program.
2. All religious groups working closely together.
3. Parents accepting their responsibility for the school and supporting it in every way.
4. Cooperation with the public school system without using its building or machinery.
5. A representative, reliable Through-the-Week church school board continuously on the job.
6. A course of education in religion as well-planned and implemented for its purposes as the courses in the public school are in theirs.
7. Teachers as well trained for teaching religion as the public school teachers are trained for their work.
8. An expenditure per pupil (in proportion to the teaching time) equal to that for his public school education.
9. The spirit, as well as the letter of the law, preserved in all relationships.

It is the opinion of this reviewer that the Board of Christian Education should convey to churches the information available regarding the "Through-the-Week" program for Christian Education as provided by the National Council of Churches and encourage their consideration of the program as a project.

## World C. E. Convention

"Christ Calls . . . Advance!" is the theme for the 16th World's and 50th International Christian Endeavor Conventions to be held in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, August 19-23, 1970.

Dr. F. Rupert Gibson of Belfast, Northern Ireland, a vice-president of the World's Union, will speak at the Convention Dedication Service on opening day. Dr. Gibson is superintendent of the Irish Mission of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. He has recently been named to represent his denomination on the *Belfast Telegraph's* Ulster Innocent Victims Appeal Fund to aid victims in the recent riots in Northern Ireland.

Daily Bible studies will be led by Bishop Solomon Doraisawmy of India and Dr. J. A. Leo-Rhynie of Jamaica. The Right Reverend Doraisawmy is Bishop of the Tiruchy-Tanjore Diocese of the Church of South India and president of the India Christian Endeavor Union. Last year Bishop Doraisawmy was a delegate to the Asian-South Pacific Congress on Evangelism in Singapore.

Dr. Leo-Rhynie has been serving for the last 11 years as the first Negro pastor of the historic East Queen Street Baptist Church in Kingston, Jamaica. East Queen Street Church is the largest in the West Indies and was the host church for the Fifth Area I Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in 1968.

(He is well-known to Seventh Day Baptist missionaries and others who have visited Jamaica).

## NOTICE

The Publications Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee, has changed the selling price of *You and Your Church, A Church Membership Manual*, from 50 cents a copy to \$1.00. All orders received after this notice appears will be charged the new rate.

## What Is My Reasonable Service?

By Jack Hays

The other day I asked my wife to set down on paper some goals that she felt we as a family should strive to reach—goals big or small, that should be given consideration. After some time she and I both came to realize that we cannot set any goals because Jesus must set the goals for us. When we gave Him our lives, we gave Him the right to govern our every effort. If we then decide what we are to strive for, we thereby take the authority from Christ; we take ourselves away from God's service.

What is my reasonable service? It is to do the will of God. If God loved me enough to send His only begotten Son to die in my stead, then His every word should be a command unto me. As I walk in His light how can the way be dark? How can my face not shine with the joy of His service? I live for Him and count each task as an opportunity to say thank you for this Thy great gift to men.

Brother, I ask you, do you do the work of the Father with joy in your heart? Do you smile when you think of that day to come when you will stand before the throne and see my Jesus face to face? Does your heart turn cold at that thought? Do you walk with lighter steps when you realize that while you lift the cross of Christ that He is lifting your cross for you?

Brother, let Christ be your goal, this is your reasonable service. When this complete gift of yourself to God is made and there is no reservation on any part then will life be complete. For as we live outside of Christ our lives are not complete. How can we see a map before it is unfolded? We can only see part of it, but in Christ the whole of life is revealed and we can see Christ at the end of the road.

So my advice to you is this, "Smile—God loves you."

—Brother Jack

Mission Briefs

Principal and Mrs. Grover Brissey are planning to return to their home at Laurel, Md., for a few days during the Christmas holidays of Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica. They expect to arrive on or around December 10. It is hoped that they may be able to come to Westerly, R. I., for a meeting with Missionary Board leaders before their return to Kingston. Though there have been many problems the most recent news has been encouraging. Mr. Brissey wrote, "Since Pastor Joe Samuels has been helping us at Crandall High, the work has not been so strenuous."

It is anticipated that a commissioning and farewell service will be held in one of the New England Seventh Day Baptist churches on Sabbath Day, April 25, at which time two missionary couples will be set apart for service on mission fields. Mr. Wayne Crandall, principal-elect at Crandall High School and Mrs. Crandall have indicated willingness to be present and take part in such a service before anticipated service in Jamaica to begin around July 1, 1970. Rev. John Conrod, missionary-elect to Makapwa, and Mrs. Conrod have expressed willingness to participate in this same commissioning and farewell service.

The Conrods have two sons, Michael age 7 and Philip age 5, who will accompany their parents to Makapwa Station, Malawi, Africa. Plane reservations have been made for the Conrods to leave from Boston, Mass., (Logan Airport) on Sunday evening, April 26. It is expected that they will arrive at Blantyre (Chileka Airport) on Tuesday morning, April 27, 1970.

Plans are progressing for Miss Sarah Becker, R.N., to arrive at Blantyre en-route to Makapwa Station on March 13, several weeks ahead of the Conrods. This will provide an opportunity for gradual take-over of the medical work at Makap-

wa from Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick.

Plane reservations are made for Miss Becker which call for her departure from Kennedy Airport, New York, on KLM Flight #642 to Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on Tuesday, March 3, 1970. After short visits with the Seventh Day Baptist brethren of Holland and Germany, she is scheduled to arrive at Blantyre on Friday morning, March 13, 1970.

Dr. Victor Burdick has received definite word regarding his appointment as a resident doctor at White Memorial Hospital, Loma Linda, Calif. Plans are underway for Dr. and Mrs. Burdick and family to return to the States soon after the arrival of the Conrods at Makapwa. It is hoped that they may visit some of the churches as they travel westward across the United States.

Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson have returned to their home at Blantyre following a visit to the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Northern Malawi. Mrs. Pearson wrote, "On August 18 we left for almost three weeks in the Northern Region. While there we attended association and conducted leadership classes. Pastor Vumah from Rhodesia was one of those with us and he added plenty of life and zest to the trip, as well as real evangelistic impact to the courses . . . David assisted in the first Seventh Day Baptist Youth Camp with 52 young people present. The camp was situated near the head of the Tuchila stream in the towering rocky summits of Mlanje Mountain."

At the request of Pastor Leroy Bass of Georgetown, Guyana, the appointment of a "mission assistant" has been approved. Mr. Wilton Peters of Georgetown began service as of October 1, 1969. Inez Peters (Mrs. Wilton) has served as treasurer of the Guyana Seventh Day Baptist Conference for several years. Their son, Samuel Peters, is a ministerial student at the Jamaica Theological Seminary in Kingston, Jamaica.

Pastor and Mrs. Leroy C. Bass and

family are due to return to the States on furlough around August 1, 1970. Pastor Bass has expressed willingness to return to Guyana for a second term of service following furlough.

It is anticipated that the indebtedness for purchase of properties in both Guyana and Malawi will be fully amortized through the 1970 and 1971 OWM budgets.

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

"Let Us Pray"

A prayer given by Mrs. Martha Mills at the World Community Day program sponsored by Church Women United at the Federated Church, West Winfield, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1969.

Father in heaven, we come to you with grateful hearts for everything that is good in this world. We thank you for the different races and nations of people each of whom has much to contribute if we will recognize it. We thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to teach us how to get along with other people. Forgive us that we have not yet learned that lesson well.

We thank you for all the natural resources — enough to feed, clothe, house and warm everyone in the world if used wisely and unselfishly. We thank you for the natural beauties of the earth. Help us to appreciate and see in them your love and greatness. We thank you for giving us talents to provide for and amuse ourselves. We thank you for the spiritual gifts that are ours if we choose and accept them.

But Father, we have failed to appreciate fully and use all these gifts as we should. Nations cannot get along. There is distrust, jealousy and even war between them. There is hatred. There is hatred between races. There is hunger and poverty while there is plenty. There is fear and anguish and pain where there should be peace and joy. We know, O Lord, these are not your will.

Help us to be aware of the evils about us and to do something about them. Help

us to love not only those who love us but to love everyone who is in need — even our enemies. Help us to give to missions at home and abroad and then keep on giving, for we know Jesus said that to whom much is given much shall be required.

Help us to be ready to support every worthwhile project to better our own communities. Help us to be understanding and sympathetic to the friendless. Help us to have compassion for the sick and always to pray for them. Help us to share our time and our money more generously.

Help us to study to know the conditions and the needs of people in other lands with a view to aiding them. Help us to end the poverty and hunger in our own land. Help us not to be indifferent, not to look the other way and close our eyes to the pleas for mercy, but let us be humble and ready to serve even the lowliest.

At this time, O Lord, we want to be united with other women in a much greater effort to develop better conditions in all the nations of the world, including our own. Grant us true faith, loving hearts, understanding minds and willing hands to do thy will, O Lord.

We ask these things for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who is waiting for us to accomplish the tasks you have set before us, so that His Kingdom can come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

World Community Day at Milton

A World Community Day service was held at the Congregational Church in Milton, Wis., on Friday, November 7. Dr. Zane Pautz, a member of the Milton College faculty spoke on the theme "Every Race a Chosen Race" in which he gave the women much food for thought. About three dozen women attended this meeting with a third of them being Seventh Day Baptist women. Both the Milton Junction and the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Churches were represented.

### Milton Church Homecoming

Fifteen members who had spent sixty years or more each in continuous membership in Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church were honored at church homecoming services Sabbath Day, November 15. Special honors went to Miss Alberta Crandall, who joined the church in 1890, and the Prof. D. Nelson Inglis, who joined in 1900, and his wife, Tacy Rood Inglis, who joined in 1902.

Morning service conducted by Pastor Earl Cruzan placed special emphasis on the church covenant and a renewal of covenant vows. At the close of the service a Covenant Book, a memorial to Mrs. Phoebe Ellis, was taken to those of the honored members who were present for their signatures, then signed by the rest of the members after dismissal of the meeting. Church membership cards were also distributed.

A short program followed a potluck "Meal of Sharing" in the church social rooms. Messages were received from several friends and absent members and from the two living former pastors, who were unable to attend: Rev. Carroll L. Hill, Janesville, Wis., and Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, Boulder, Colo. A program of color slides of church activities taken over a period of years concluded the observation.

### Members of More than 60 Years

Alberta Crandall 1890	Stephanie D. Hall 1906
D. Nelson Inglis 1900	Marian Ingham 1906
Tacy Rood Inglis 1902	Clara Breitreutz 1907
Grace Lowther 1903	Leo Lanphere 1908
Anna Williams 1904	Esther Bingham 1909
Ada Crandall 1906	Jessie P. Davis 1909
Cecile Crandall 1906	Rolland Maxson 1909
Howard Fox 1909	

### What's in a Name?

It was interesting to note in a Baptist news release that Guy H. Dalrymple whose home town was Sabathany, Tex., had been elected president of the Texas Hospital Association.

That place name, Sabathany, sounds interesting even though it is not listed in

my large world atlas. I began to wonder how many other places sound like Sabbath and why they got such names. I'm still pondering the why, but I discover that up in Maine there is a town called Sabbatus and a pond of the same name. There is also a pond called Sabbathday Pond in another part of Maine. In Kansas there is the good sized village of Sabetha. Over in Italy a city bears the name of Sabaudio. It is located on the coast south of Rome. Could it have gotten its name from early Sabbathkeepers? (Probably there is no connection.) It is near where the Apostle Paul landed on his way to Rome.

New names have to be found every year for places that need to be mapped. Does our Sabbathkeeping make a name for itself — like Seventh Day Lane at Nortonville? "Let your light so shine," said the Lord. —L. M. M.

### Deacon DeChois Greene

E. DeChois Greene, faithful deacon and leader in the Adams Center, N. Y., church died at the age of 90 on November 7 from complications following a broken hip three weeks earlier.

He was born at Greene Settlement, a small rural community near Adams Center. At the age of 22 he became an employee of the Sash Factory in Adams Center. Later the shop was moved to Adams and became known as the O. D. Greene Lumber Co. Mr. Greene spent all of his working years at the same skill. He retired in 1960.

On February 2, 1904, Mr. Greene married Miss Hanna Horton at her home in Watertown. She survives him as do a son, Gerald H., and a daughter Mary Ellen (Mrs. Chauncey) Reed, both of Adams Center; a brother Paul D. of Adams; 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Another daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Avery died in March 1968. He was the oldest member of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church and had been a deacon since 1930. He also served as a trustee for many years.

The funeral was at the Carpenter-

Stoodley Funeral Home in Belleville. Since the church is at present without a pastor the Rev. Miles L. Hutchinson, pastor of the Lorraine and Mannsville United Methodist Churches was asked to have charge. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Adams Center.

—Mildred Scriven

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**BATTLE CREEK, MICH.**— At our recent annual business meeting, Rev. Eugene Fatato was unanimously recalled as our pastor for the coming year at an increase in salary. Since it was voted to change our annual election from October to April, our present officers and committee members were asked to serve until July 1970. At that time officers and committee members elected in April would take office. The election change was made to permit committees to become organized before Conference and set up new programs before fall. Because it would be advantageous to a pastor with school children, in the future a pastor will also be called in April.

Our Steering Committee presented reorganization recommendations for many church committees which were adopted. This will permit the scheduling of a common, once-a-month meeting date for all church committees beginning in July. The program, to be tried for a year, will make it impossible for anyone to be a member or chairman of more than one committee, whereby involving more church members than at present.

Church members also voted to purchase a new electronic organ to replace our present pipe organ. With repairs estimated at \$10,000, an electronic organ at about half the cost seemed the wise solution. A Rogers Model 110 organ has been ordered but as yet not delivered. About \$2,500 has been collected to date toward the purchase price. This has been largely through memorial gifts and monies earmarked for our Organ Fund.

Our Ladies Aid has been busy this fall with a new money-making project—salad smorgasbords instead of chicken

pie and steak suppers. The idea is gaining in popularity and proceeds!

Youth Fellowship members have been reorganizing their group to provide purpose, communication, and involvement in their programs and those of the church. A newspaper, *Youth for Involvement*, which contains reports on church and Y.F. business, thought-provoking articles, and poetry has been initiated and is sent monthly to all young people of the church. A recent money-making project was a Beeline fashion show on November 13.

Our congregation has been saddened the past few months at the deaths of some dedicated church members. Each is sorely missed. Three of our members have moved from the Battle Creek area to other states. Ted and Doris Fetherton have relocated in San Jose, Calif., and Nida Hudson is living in Little Genesee, N. Y. A reception was held at the church honoring them and Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Lewis, who were celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary. With so many absent from our midst, we are happy to have as new members: Jack Ward, Sue Lawhead, Mary Fatato, Fred Kennedy, Ewald Fick, Jr., and Randy Cavinder.

—Correspondent

**ADAMS CENTER, N. Y.**—It has been some time since you last heard from our church. In August our pastor, the Rev. Ralph Hays, resigned to accept a call to the Texarkana Seventh Day Baptist Church. Since that time we have used our own talents to conduct our Sabbath morning worship services part of the time. At other times we have hired pastors of our local churches to conduct our services. During the months of January and February we plan to take care of our own services as far as possible. We have on the average of 35 at morning services. Our choir is still active and adds to the inspiration of our meetings. On one occasion we were blessed by the talents of a little blind boy from our public school, who played a few selections for us on the pipe organ. We hope to use him from time to time in our worship services.

The ladies of our church have been very busy cleaning and redecorating our

parsonage getting it ready for renting. We were fortunate to find a good Christian family for tenants.

In October, we were privileged to have four missionaries in our village who held meetings in various places. Those who entertained them in their homes were richly blessed by their enthusiasm and love for their Savior.

We will be entertaining Central Association in June.

On October 12 an open house party was held at our church celebrating the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Scriven.

Our church group and whole village have been saddened by the recent illness and death of E. DeChois Greene. His life has been a good example of honesty, service and faithfulness to his church and Master.

—Correspondent.

PLAINFIELD, N. J.— At our planning session October 5 the Board of Christian Education, headed by Mrs. Janette Rogers, proposed reverting (after 25 years) to the plan of having church at 10:30 and Sabbath School at 11:40, in order to give the children a continuous learning period during the sermon and Sabbath School. It was voted at the October 12 business meeting to give the plan a six-month trial, beginning November 1. We now have three adult Sabbath School sections: a *Helping Hand* class in the sanctuary, a social concerns group in the Sabbath School room, and a sermon discussion group in the parsonage. A prayer group meets at 10:00, and coffee and juice are served between church and Sabbath School.

Our planning weekend was held in the church this year, October 3-5, beginning with an impressive Covenant and Communion service Friday evening. The participants went forward to the Communion table one or more at a time, and after partaking of the elements they each lighted a candle as a symbol of renewed dedication. The sanctuary grew brighter as more candles were lighted.

During the Sabbath worship service Pastor Saunders and our four ministers

each presented a brief meditation on his special sphere of oversight. Assistant Pastor Bob Babcock gave the children's message. After the covered-dish dinner we had a brainstorming session to secure new ideas for making our witness in the community more effective. A light supper was served by the Youth Fellowship, followed by a fun and fellowship hour led by Steve Crouch, our new dedicated worker.

Sunday morning the church committees planned their year's work. Dinner was served by the Fellowship Committee. At the final planning session in the afternoon the committees gave their reports and recommendations, which were to be acted upon at the business meeting, and the church calendar was set up.

October 11 was Laymen's Sabbath. While our pastor was preaching at the Central Association, our service was conducted by Thomas Curtis, who planned the service and gave the sermon.

On November 1 our Youth Fellowship led the Communion service with the use of an inspiring litany which they had helped to prepare.

Mementos were sent from the church to our year-long dedicated worker, Jennie Wells, our three months dedicated service worker Christine Williams, our summer assistant, Mrs. Jane Harris Jernoske, and our SCSC workers, Irene Lederer, Kevin Crane, Faye Bond, and Michele Hunt. We appreciate their dedicated service in office work, Vacation Bible School, visitation, participation in worship services, and many other ways. We also appreciate the assistance of Dale and Althea Rood during the past school year, and of Bob and Nelta Babcock this fall.

Recent projects have included the outside painting of the parsonage, a new carpet for the church parlor, and the purchase of three large-print RSV Bibles for the pews.

Choir rehearsal, conducted by Mrs. Barbara Saunders, has been changed from Tuesday night to Friday night. It is preceded at 7:30 by an interesting study of Bible personalities led by Pastor Saunders.

—Correspondent

## Marriages

Clare - Clarke.—George H. Clare, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Clare of Alfred Station, N. Y., and Carol Clarke, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. David S. Clarke of Alfred, N. Y., were united in marriage by her father in a hill-top ceremony Sept. 6, 1969.

Coon - Hargis.—Richard W. Coon of Rome, N. Y., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell L. Coon and Geraldine D. Hargis, also of Rome, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Gerald D. Hargis, were united in marriage in St. Joseph's Church, Lee Center, N. Y., on August 23, 1969, by the Rev. John O'Brien.

Davis - Milner.—Kenneth L. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland E. Davis of Los Angeles, and Sharon Milner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elza B. Milner of El Cajon, Calif., were united in marriage Aug. 16, 1969, at Calvary Baptist Church in El Cajon by the father of the bridegroom, Rev. Leland Davis.

Jernoske - Harris.—Robert L. Jernoske, son of Mrs. Mary Jernoske of Paulsboro, N. J., and Jane E. Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Harris of Bridgeton, N. J., were united in marriage Oct. 12, 1969, at the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church by the Rev. Leland E. Davis.

Morgan - Van Dreason.—Ronald Dean Morgan of Alexandria, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wyles B. Morgan, and Karen Anna Van Dreason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Viola Chaplin) Van Dreason, of Verona, N. Y., were united in marriage in the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, on October 25, 1969, by the Rev. Donald E. Richards.

## Births

Colson.—A daughter, Rebecca Suzanne to James and Mary (Harris) Colson, of Los Angeles, on July 30, 1969.

Crouch.—A son, Nathan Alan, to Alan and Janette (Heinig) Crouch, Chester, Pa., on Nov. 14, 1969.

Crump.—A daughter, Lisa Ann to John and Louise (Hudlow) Crump, Sepulveda, Calif., on August 5, 1969.

Erickson.—A son, Andrew III, to Andrew and Deborah (Hitchcock) Erickson, Jr., on Sept. 27, 1969, at Columbus, Ga.

Holland.—A son, Louie Vernon, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holland of Zenith, Wash., on Oct. 17, 1969.

Johnson.—A daughter, Teresa Marie, born October 10, 1966, adopted by Paul and Emma (Burdick) Johnson of Groton, Conn.

Laliberte.—A daughter, Jennifer Sue, to Arthur and Carol Laliberte, Panorama City, Calif., on Aug. 27, 1969.

Mirabel.—A son, Charles Edward to Edward and Laura (Cushman) Mirabel, Simi, Calif., on Oct. 25, 1969.

Whitford.—A daughter, Jennifer Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Whitford of Janesville on Oct. 14, 1969.

CORRECTION — The birth notice of Debra Ann Riley in the November 17 issue should have read November 21, 1968.

## Obituaries

GIEBELL.—Sergeant Floyd Stephen Giebell, son of Floyd and Helen M. Button Giebell, was born Feb. 4, 1947, at Cuba, N. Y., and was killed in action in Quan Loe, South Vietnam, Oct. 31, 1969.

He was a graduate of the Weir High School in 1965. He also attended Salem College at Salem, W. Va.

He was employed by the Weirton Steel Division, Weirton, W. Va., prior to enlisting in the Army in June 1968.

After his basic training he attended the non-commissioned Officers Training School at Fort Sill, Okla.

Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, Mrs. Douglas (Sterling) Tomlin; two nieces of Sedona, Ariz.; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Amelia Button of Belmont, N. Y.; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ora Giebell of Paris, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 8, 1969, at the Steele and Wolfe Undertaking Parlors in Weirton, W. Va.

—Mrs. Wm. B. Davidson

GREENE.—E. DeChois, son of Eugene and Emogene Langworthy Greene, was born at Greene Settlement, N. Y., April 6, 1879, and died at the House of the Good Samaritan in Watertown, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1969, after a brief hospitalization.

(A more extended obituary of Deacon Greene appears elsewhere in this issue.)

OWENS.—Hugh Robert, son of Robert and Jessie Davis Owens, was born in Granville, N. Y., May 22, 1893, and died in Brookfield, N. Y., Nov. 12, 1969.

He was married to Beatrice Burch in 1914. He and his wife were baptized and joined the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1919. He was a dairy farmer most of his life.

He is survived by his wife; two sons, Azor E. and Llwellyn H., of Brookfield; two daughters, Ermina (Mrs. William) Bigelis of Madison, N. Y., and Gwen (Mrs. Eugene) Beach of North Brookfield, N. Y.; nineteen grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor Neal D. Mills and the burial was in Brookfield Rural Cemetery.

—N. D. M.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## Handle with Prayer

An unprecedented number of parcels are going through the post offices this season. Many of them contain fragile or perishable items and are marked "Handle with Care." We are concerned today about bigger things than the safe arrival of packages. Thoughtful people are concerned with world conditions. People familiar with John 3:16 remember that the world in a very real sense is perishable and that Christians have a responsibility to keep it from being broken and destroyed as it rolls toward its ultimate destination.

An organization dedicated to channeling the gifts of Christians to relieve human suffering in the most needy places and to bring the gospel to the less fortunate on the other side of the world has come out with a gripping full-color flier that pictures a globe in a rural mailbox. It is cross-tied with a strong cord to which is attached a shipping label inscribed with the words, "Handle with Prayer." Each of us can take that to heart with the confidence that God answers prayer.

## MEMORY TEXT

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers . . . — Malachi 4:5, 6a.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 20, 1969

GOD WITH US

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 1:1, 18-25

## Gospel Success in Korea

Samuel Saychang Kim of Korea tells some of the story of his life and ministry in the November issue of *Voice*. A graduate (and now president) of Tae Han Theological Seminary, he came to America for further study. He graduated from Faith Theological Seminary, received his masters degree from Covenant Theological Seminary and his doctorate in theology from Colorado Bible College and Seminary. It was after all this education that he received a deeper and humbling experience with the Holy Spirit. Going back to Korea to preach the gospel to his own people he had unusual results. Here is how he tells one experience.

"Last summer I had the privilege of preaching in Korea. There were 175 students at the Bible College who banded together and we all began to pray and things began to happen. Those 175 students went into 368 villages in which there were no churches. The result was that three thousand came to Jesus, a thousand were filled with the Holy Spirit, and twenty-three churches were established."

## Sabbath Thought

Bass Hawkins who compiles Scripture references and prints a number of fliers emphasizing the law of God and other Biblical subjects presents an interesting thought of his own in one of them. Commenting on the fulfillment of prophecy in Revelation 17 by the substitution of Sunday for the Sabbath of the Bible he argues, "If the Sabbath had been changed from Saturday to Sunday in honor of God's Son, it would have been spelled Sondag."

