

# The Sabbath Recorder

## Seventh Day Baptists Win Respect in Minnesota

On the weekend of June 15 the village of Dodge Center, Minn., celebrated its centennial with the festivities and contests characteristic of such celebrations, with beards and bonnets harking back to pioneer days. The *Star Record* comments on the time of beginning thus:

Because the population of Dodge Center has a large percentage of Seventh Day people the celebration was scheduled to be held after their weekly Sabbath. Many of the town's early settlers were members of the Seventh Day Baptist faith organized the first church in Dodge Center in 1859. The Seventh-day Adventist church was moved here from Concord a few years later. Community affairs are traditionally planned to respect the religious beliefs of these groups and thus the dates for the centennial events were set for Saturday night, June 14, and Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, June 15, 16 and 17.

On Sunday night there was a talent show for youth of various ages. Of the seven entries five had Seventh Day Baptist teen-agers in them. The trio and octet from the church were the winning groups, it is reported. It would appear that the church youth lived up to the respect that was given to them and their faith. They took part in the festivities after the Sabbath when they could with good conscience participate.

Five teen-agers from the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dodge Center are volunteers this summer in the dedicated service program of the denomination.

## Veterans of All Ages

The church has a ministry to veterans. It is a broad ministry spanning a wide range of ages. Did you know that there are 30,000 veterans of Vietnam who are under 20 years of age and that the total number of Vietnam veterans (average 26) is 2,760,000? Are you aware that in the upper age bracket there are 7,000 surviving veterans of the Spanish-American War with an average age of 89.9 years? Next below them are 1,705,000 World War I men averaging 74.3 years.

The majority of veterans are from World War II. There are 14,660,000 of them with an average age of 49.3 years—still in the prime of life. The total number of veterans from all wars is 26,656,000, according to a news release from VA. The church has plenty to work on or, should we say, plenty to work with? If one were to visit VA hospitals only he would have a distorted view of the men who have seen military service. It is probable that, on the whole, former military men are better church members and more purposeful in their Christian commitment than the average man.

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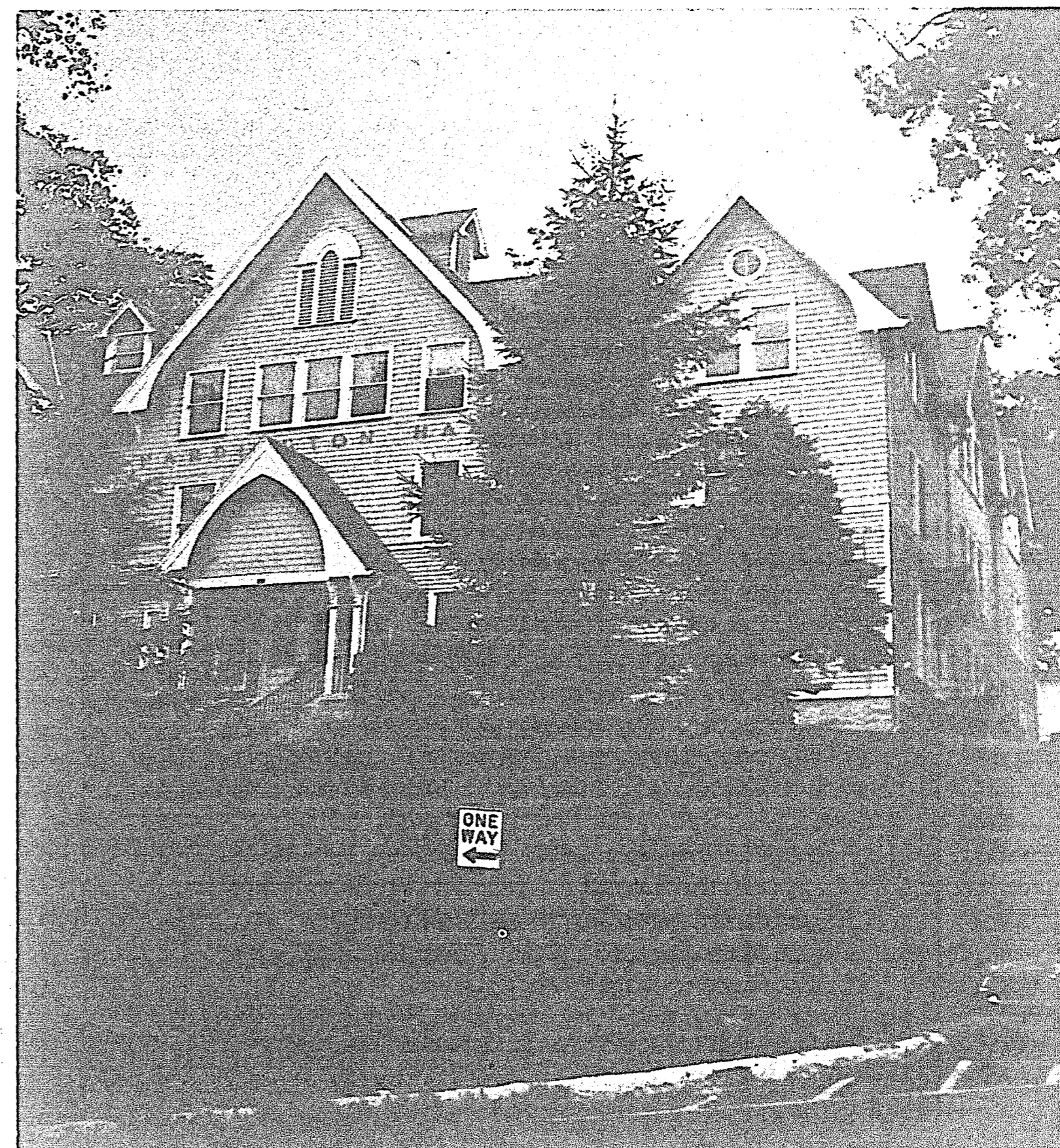
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### Where Conference Sessions Will Be Held

The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at Nyack Missionary College, Nyack, N. Y., August 11-16 will hold its worship meetings and business sessions in 600-seat Pardington Hall, one of the older buildings on the hillside campus.



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## Sensitive in His Service

Much has been said in our churches during the year and much will be said at Conference in August on the theme, "Sensitive in His Service." We must be careful not to be superficial in making the applications to ourselves. Let us be reminded that if the theme has given us no trouble we haven't yet fully applied it. Has it struck some sensitive spot in our attitude or behavior to the point of hurting?

We are told that a man who wants to unlock a safe without knowing the combination has to have very sensitive fingers. To increase their sensitivity so that he can feel the movement of the tumblers in the lock he sandpapers off most of the outer skin until his rough fingers are very tender, almost to the point of bleeding. How much more must the Christian be willing to hurt in order to be of help in opening the hearts of his fellowmen to the love of God in Christ.

The sensitivity we are talking about goes deeper than the generally accepted idea of service such as is comprehended under the broad umbrella of social service. Very carefully our theme speaks of "His service," meaning, of course, Christ's service. That may include helping people in physical ways, but it must include more. Christ came to save sinners, not to patch up their bodies or fill their stomachs. He was so sensitive to the deeper needs of men that He was willing to die. We cannot claim to be in His service unless we are sensitive to the lostness of those away from Christ.

Within the organized church of the 20th century there are many differences of opinion as to what is most important for professing Christians to be doing. This is no doubt good up to a point, for it means that more things needing attention will receive attention than as if we were all of one mind and trying to do exactly the same thing.

Eternal salvation is a goal that we must not miss or all else is lost. However, Jesus and the inspired apostles placed the emphasis on righteousness and its attainments. The Christian upon being born again does not automatically become fully righteous in practice; he has to learn to be more sensitive to what

God expects of him. Thus much of the emphasis of Christian leaders must be upon the various aspects of becoming more righteous in our action. Here again there is room for a good deal of diversity within the church program. A tender sensitivity growing out of an underlying unity of purpose is called for. It may take some earnestness in group praying.

Some church members feel that ecumenical organizations such as the National and the World Councils of Churches have been raised up to meet some of the greatest needs of the day. They see in them the hope of promoting unity (and union) in the body of Christ and also raising the general level of righteousness of society. Other devout church members think that these organizations have a tendency toward watering down the gospel of salvation and fostering a syncretism of religions in which distinctiveness of the Christian religion may be lost. In other words, they fear that the "His" is about to be dropped from "Sensitive in His Service." They feel that they must warn against this.

The question before us is sensitivity not majority. It is probable that the majority of the leaders of opinion in Seventh Day Baptist churches think that the values of membership in the ecumenical organizations mentioned above outweigh the dangers that others see. They believe that some of the attacks have been biased and unjustified. Here is where sensitivity must be exercised on both sides or we might as well abandon the theme. To ridicule or to suppress those who honestly disagree with us is not being sensitive. To attempt to compel a minority to go against its conscience sows the seeds of disruption, for modern disciples as well as those in the New Testament church will say, "We must obey God rather than man." Sensitivity can grow when those in the minority or those in the majority forget the supposed plurality and try to lovingly persuade their brethren of what seems to them to be the better way of faith and practice.

Being sensitive is trying to be sympathetic to contrary views. It is keeping the edge of sarcasm out of our voices.

It is listening when we ought to listen as well as speaking when we ought to speak. Charles Sheldon long ago hit the right key when he called on Christians to constantly ask themselves, "What would Jesus do?" The answer to that question is not in snatching at a few proof texts but in really studying the whole life and mission of Christ as revealed in the gospels and the epistles.

## Man on the Moon

All the free world and some of the Communist dominated world watched or listened on Sunday, July 20, as the United States mooncraft landed on a level spot and our two chosen astronauts crawled out to accomplish their scientific mission on the moon.

We cannot on the morning after make news of that which is known to all long before this printed page can reach its readers. However, we cannot let pass without a brief note of comment such a stupendous event which all serious-minded people are evaluating.

It may be that not very much significant new information about our satellite planet will come forth from this activity of man on the moon. It is too early to tell. However, it was a masterpiece demonstration of the intricacies of man's God given commission to achieve dominion over nature. It was also for all of us in a vicarious way an experience of interplanetary travel. We identified with the well oriented astronauts and united our hearts and voices in sensitive prayers on their behalf. This was true not only of people in the United States who felt almost a family connection with those three men but also of sensitive people around the world. Millions and millions more behind the bamboo and iron curtain would have entered with empathy into this experience, we believe, if their leaders had allowed them to do so. We regret that political animosities and national expedencies kept part of the world from appreciating mankind's greatest cosmic achievement.

To the religious July 20 took on deep religious meaning. It brought a new con-

sciousness of the sovereignty of God in the world He created. This was fostered at our nation's capital earlier in the day when at the White House service Lt. Col. Borman was asked to read again from the first chapter of Genesis the words that he read to the world when orbiting the moon last Christmas eve. Sober-thinking people were aware that everything done for the first time by man on the moon was made possible by knowledge of and obedience to the natural laws of God. One cannot help reflecting how much greater things could be done by man on the earth if he were as conscious of the moral law of God and the redemptive love of Christ.

Man has landed on the moon, has carried on his back the equipment enabling him to be seen and heard instantly on earth, and has successfully ascended from a heavenly body to come back to his habitation on earth. A sentence in the Lord's Prayer takes on new meaning for all of us: "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

#### Population Explosion Problems

When we hear about the population explosion, we usually think of the increase in the number of births and the better medical care that keeps babies living. This is correct for many countries that have had a high birth rate and infant mortality rate. It is not so true of our country which faces neither of these conditions at present but is still experiencing a rapid increase in population.

It is at the other end of life that medical science is now extending life. There is still a maximum age comparable to the "three score years and ten . . . and if, by reason of strength, four score years" mentioned in the Bible. But more people now come to a ripe old age in our country.

This longevity brings social problems (and religious opportunities for those who have strong Christian faith). The problem is that when age increases retirement age stays the same and much of previously earned income is no longer available.

Senator Harrison A. Williams of New Jersey was chairman of a U. S. Senate special committee that reported recently on the problems of the aging. The results of the study convinced him that economic problems for the elderly of the future will not be solved "unless this nation takes positive, comprehensive actions going far beyond those of recent years."

The paper pointed out that there are now 20 million persons 65 years or older in the nation. Half of these are 73 and over. Between 1960 and 1985 this age group will rise 50 per cent, while the population 85 and older may double.

Senator Williams called attention to some major points in the task force report including:

Many old Americans who are poor did not become poor until they became old. Approximately three out of ten people 65 and older — in contrast to one out of nine younger people — are living in poverty.

There is an income gap between older and younger people. This has long been recognized, but a less well-known fact is that this gap is less widening. Generally speaking, elderly couples and singles have less than half the income of those still in the work force.

It was pointed out that church groups in recent years have been showing increased concern for the elderly poor. This concern needs to be increased, especially for the elderly people whose health is poor, who cannot do anything to supplement their income, and who must live in institutions.

On the one hand are the healthy elderly people who need to be given incentive and responsibility and on the other hand those who need the faithful ministry of concerned Christian people. This has to be on the local level. What are we doing to channel the power or dissipate the destructive force of the population explosion?

"God looks not at what we give but at what we have left over."

—A church bulletin

## Conference Program

### Specific Areas of Sensitivity

#### To Be Explored

By Loren G. Osborn

One of the highlights of General Conference program in line with the theme "Sensitive in His Service" is a group participation series in prime time on four successive mornings. President Leland Bond has chosen four areas of human relations within this framework to explore and has set up a system of stimulation and response to develop maximum participation by the delegates.

Beginning on Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m., the entire assembly will be given a presentation of these subjects, and in this order: "Sensitivity Toward Our Family and Associates," ". . . Toward Fellow Church Members," ". . . Toward the Pastor and His Responsibilities," and ". . . Toward Denominational Concerns." The "presenters" are hard at work developing material that will provide the desired impact to stimulate a reaction and experience in sensitivity for these areas of consideration. These programs will be dramatic, inspiring and short.

Immediately following the presentation of the day's subject, the assembled delegates will gather into fifteen smaller "experience" groups, pre-designated at registration so that everyone will have a definite assignment within a group. This group will be led by a "facilitator" who will do exactly what the title implies, that is, guide the individuals involved into the sensitivity experience as they react to the subject as presented.

These group leaders have been chosen early so that they have had time to prepare for this important assignment through study and research into the best methods for "facilitating" participation and developing sensitivity individually within small groups. Names of these leaders and their group numbers are listed here to give an indication of the depth with which this phase of Conference program has been planned:

Groups will be numbered 1 through

15, and the leaders in order of assigned numbers are Rev. Charles Swing, Mrs. Howard Kuehn, Dr. Edward J. Horsley, Mrs. Wendell Burdick, Mrs. Edward Rood, Mrs. Eldred Batson, Mrs. K. Duane Hurley, Miss Florence Bowden, Rev. Paul Green, Mr. Pratt Chroninger, Mr. Francis Palmer, Mrs. Oscar Burdick, Rev. Ralph Hays, Mr. Robert Stohr and Mrs. S. Kenneth Davis.

Orientation and intensive briefing for these leaders is being conducted on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. by Rev. E. Wendell Stephan and Dr. Kenneth Smith, both of whom have vast experience in the areas of human relations and sensitivity training. They will also be available for individual counseling as the need and desire arises.

Here is opportunity for each individual to participate fully and personally in the Conference program in direct relation to the president's theme, and learn to become sensitive toward areas of vital importance to their particular Christian witness. Don't miss out — register now for Nyack and join others who are seeking to become more "Sensitive in His Service."

#### Conference Offerings in Churches

If you go to Conference you will see the worldwide program of Seventh Day Baptists in a new light and will be impelled to write a large check for the Sabbath morning offering. That is one of the prices you must expect to pay upon becoming more deeply interested in our work for the Lord.

The stewardship chairman, the Rev. Paul Osborn, has sent out a letter to all pastors to remind them of the urgent need. In recent years there has been a strong emphasis on extra offerings in the local churches on Conference Sabbath. Mr. Osborn reminds the churches in that letter that the need for large gifts is greater than in previous years. He says that to meet our budget we will "have to give twice as much for 'Conference offering' during the last three months of the budget year." In other words, he is saying that we must think of the extra



Conference offering not as just a one-Sabbath affair.

Last year at Conference there was an appeal at the Sabbath morning service for people to tear up the checks they had written before coming to the service and to double the amount. Mr. Osborn says we must do better than that this year.

Some people who receive the *Sabbath Recorder* do not live close to a Seventh Day Baptist church and may not hear the pastor or finance chairman state the need. If you cannot get to church on the first and second Sabbaths of August you can still have a real part in fostering the work. Send your check either to the treasurer of your home church or to the OWM treasurer, Gordon Sanford, Little Genesee, N. Y. Undesignated giving is equitably distributed to all the needs included in the OWM budget. If there is a particular cause that you think you would like to give more to, mark your gift carefully for that cause; it will be forwarded.

—Editor

#### What To Take on Vacation

##### *Let's Get Away From It All!*

Many are tired of their jobs, their environment, and themselves. A vacation in a quiet place seems to be the way out.

And a vacation is a wonderful time for relaxation and change. The only catch is — you have to take yourself along. Wherever you go — Hawaii, Yellowstone, Banff — you take your disposition, your thought patterns, your deceitful heart along with you. You have to live with yourself.

An alcoholic soon finds that he didn't leave his craving for liquor at home.

A lustful man finds temptation lurking even in vacation spots.

A nervous, hot-tempered woman soon finds that there's plenty to upset her on a long trip.

The Psalmist David felt his need to get away from it all. But soon he realized that the strength and the calmness he needed would not be found in escaping from his post of duty. He discovered that real soul rest does not come from *around*

#### MEMORY TEXT

I am continually with thee: thou hast holden me by my right hand. Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory. — Psalm 73: 23, 24.

but from *above*; not just a new view, but a different viewpoint; not altitude, but attitude. He expressed it this way; "*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth*" (Psalm 121:1, 2). David didn't look just *at* the hills; he looked *above* the hills to his helper and strength—God. In Him he found the restoration he needed.

Someone has pointed out that we often ask the Lord to change our circumstances, or other people, but seldom do we ask Him to change ourselves. God is interested in changing people. God has promised that "*if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new*" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Before you enjoy the snow-capped mountains, experience the mercy of God that is higher than the mountains and deeper than the sea.

Before you take a vacation trip, confess your faith in Christ, and your desire to live for God.

Remember, it was Jesus who offered the rest cure that you need: "*Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11: 28).

Come to Him — NOW — and He will give you the heart-change you desperately need.

—Nathaniel Olson

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The church that survives will be the church least worried about survival. It will be a servant church, so useful that people will want to have it around.

—James Allen at So. Baptist Convention



#### Sensitive

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#### Our Needs

By Edward Page

A Youth Sabbath talk in his home church, Shiloh, N. J. Edward has been in SCSC and goes to Milton College in the fall.

I would like to begin with my paraphrased version of Matt. 6:19-34.

God knows your needs before you ask for them. Don't seek to establish many riches and earthly goods in this world. Instead, build up riches in heaven. For your heart is where your riches are. Don't be worried about your physical needs. What you will eat, drink, or wear has no bearing on your spiritual life. Isn't your life more meaningful than any earthly want or need? What man can add even one year to his life by worrying about it? Consider the wild flowers of the fields; doesn't God provide them with beautiful clothing? Think about the birds of the air; they never plant crops or harvest them. Yet doesn't God provide them with plenty to eat? Fields do not labor; yet God also provides them with plenty of food, drink, and clothing. If God provides for these, will He not also provide for our needs? Therefore, take no concern for food or other earthly needs because God is aware of the fact that we need these things and He will take care of us. Let us first seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness will be endowed upon us. Don't worry about the needs of tomorrow; today can provide enough worry of its own. Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door of heaven will be opened for you. For anyone and everyone who asks will receive; all who seek shall find, and all who knock will be permitted to enter into God's presence.

The dictionary defines the word *need* as those things which we require or must have. The word *sensitive* is defined as

being easily affected by or aware of. We need to be aware of the things that we must have. Our needs fall into two distinct categories, physical and spiritual. We should be more aware of our spiritual needs than our physical needs because God has promised to supply our needs if we follow Him. We all know for a fact that a good athlete must keep his physical body in top shape to be able to compete in his particular sport. So must we, as Christians, keep our spiritual bodies in top shape to participate in God's work. We are aware that we must follow good health practices like plenty of sleep, exercise, and proper diet to stay in good shape. God needs His people to be in good shape in order to serve Him. To stay in good spiritual shape, we must also follow certain practices such as daily Bible reading for good nourishment of our souls, daily prayer, and exercise of our souls through witnessing as often as possible.

Once we begin to get our spiritual self in shape, we must keep up the three daily practices mentioned, and there are other needs required to keep our spiritual bodies in shape. We all need God's forgiveness and mercy each and every day. By knowing that we have this forgiveness whenever we ask for it we can obtain inner peace. If we expect to receive God's forgiving mercy, we must have a forgiving nature towards our brothers here on earth. We need constant Christian fellowship to retain our convictions. Even as God put man here for fellowship with Him. He put other men here that man might have fellowship with his brothers.

We need to be well aware of the things which are going on around us. We must establish and retain a sharp mind in order to exist in today's fast moving society. We need to establish strong convictions. Once we have established them, we must reinforce them with a strong, everlasting faith. We must arm ourselves as the Bible has instructed us. Paul relayed Christ's instructions of armament to us through his letter to the Christians at Ephesus. He told them to "put on

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### Missionary Society Conference Program

(Prepared upon request by Loren G. Osborn, Chairman of Conference Program Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board.)

A telephone hookup permitting a Conference-call with five-minute reports from each of the three overseas areas of ministry will bring the Missionary Society's presentation to the delegates of General Conference to a conclusion. This is being done to provide the latest news possible from these fields, and to allow a direct word from the society's representatives in these areas to be spoken to the assembly. It is planned to have the hookup arranged in such a manner that the conversations can be heard over the auditorium's audio system by the entire audience.

Preceding this four-way conversation, the society's Board of Managers will present the highlights of the annual report as a panel. Society President Loren Osborn will moderate the session, with the key persons of the board providing very brief resumes of their area of responsibility. With this information fresh at hand, the panel will welcome discussion and questions from the delegates, who will be recognized by the chairman for their questions or brief statements of interest.

Panel members on the Missionary Board's program, in addition to the seven-member Executive Committee, will include standing committee chairmen, the released worker to Jamaica, the home front evangelist, and the assistant in evangelism on the home field. This being a meeting to delineate society policy, methods of operation and future plans, it is understood that returned missionaries and representatives from overseas fields are being accorded other recognition during the week's activities by Conference President Leland Bond.

The Missionary Society session is scheduled to be called to order promptly at 1:30 on Friday, August 15. It is expected that the telephone report from overseas will begin at 2:30, and the session will be dismissed with the customary prayer of benediction immediately following the completion of the call.

Members of the Board of Managers

and society who will participate in the panel session are Rev. Harold Crandall, first vice-president; Everett T. Harris, executive vice-president; Karl G. Stillman, treasurer; Elston H. Van Horn, recording secretary; Loren Osborn, president; Rev. Edgar Wheeler, chairman African Interests Committee; Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, chairman Home Field Interests Committee; Paul Johnson, chairman American Tropics Committee; Miss Connie Coon, assistant in evangelism on home field; Rev. Mynor Soper, home front evangelist; Rev. Leon Lawton, released worker for Jamaica; and Elwin Kenyon, Jr., member of Executive Committee.

"It is the intention of the Program Committee to provide a session for the benefit of the delegates to Conference that will not only give them an insight into operating procedures and future plans of the society, but will provide an opportunity for them to receive answers to direct questions," according to President Osborn. "This plus the latest word via telephone connection from overseas should give each delegate an awareness of the heavy responsibility shouldered by the society and its Board of Managers."

### *Our Prayer Corner*

Pray for:

- 1) God's will to be done, not on the moon or the farthest corner of the earth, but in my little corner.
- 2) The conversion of one soul through my timely witnessing of the love of God in Christ.
- 3) The ability to show love to more people through a smile that is warmed from the inside glow of a transformed heart.
- 4) The evaluation session of the Summer Dedicated Service workers, that by meeting together they may be encouraged to go on to more difficult service for Christ.

### Items from Quarterly Meeting of Missionary Board

July 20, 1969

A call to missionary service at Makapwa Station and environs was extended to the Rev. John Conrod, pastor of the Marlboro, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church, to begin service just prior to the return of Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick to the States in the summer of 1970. Approval of the African brethren had been received to such a call being extended.

Several changes in missionary pastoral services were announced: the Rev. Edward Sutton has accepted a call to serve the Alfred Station, N. Y., church and will be concluding his work at New Auburn, Wis., in July; the request for aid in support of pastor of the Texarkana, Ark., church was approved. It was stated that the Rev. Ralph Hays planned to conclude services at Adams Center, N. Y., and move with his family to Texarkana around September 1, 1969; Rev. Leland Davis concluded his services with the Schenectady church in mid-June, beginning a pastorate with the Los Angeles church soon thereafter. It was announced that student pastor Sam Studer from Salem, W. Va., was serving the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church during the summer months.

Other matters considered by the Missionary Board included the following: three missionaries on foreign fields and seven missionary pastors have drawn on the Ethel Stillman Rest or Recreation Fund for vacations in 1969; Principal Grover Brissey has presented a plan for renovations of Crandall High buildings so as to provide additional classroom space for adding Home Economics and Commercial subjects to the Crandall High curriculum in the near future; it was announced that a telephone-microphone amplified communications conference is being arranged between the three major mission fields and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at Nyack on Friday afternoon, August 15, as the concluding part of the Missionary Board's Conference program.

### Developing Indigenous Churches on Mission Fields

Unless the missionary is very careful it becomes quite easy to conduct the work of missions in such a way that the local pastors feel no sense of responsibility for the success of the work of Christ in which they are involved. The government and extension of the churches must eventually be left in the hands of these local church leaders. The time to begin looking toward the day of "take over" by the nationals is at the very beginning. Their counsel must be sought, and the decisions made are their decisions.

It is a grave mistake to send away "the bright young men" to America or England for training as pastors and leaders. It has been found that such young men are apt to lose the confidence of their own people when they finally complete their training and return home. Many heartbreaking experiences can be quoted to bear this out.

Also, it may prove to be a mistake for the missionary to gather "the bright young men" around himself. Such potential leaders may lack initiative after having been under the tutelage of the missionary or some learned teacher for too long a time. He has been told what to believe and what to do too many times. He has forgotten how to stand on his own feet and preach the gospel.

Self-support is the goal toward which the indigenous church must be growing or it will never succeed in becoming independent and self-governing. The local pastor needs to look toward his congregation rather than to the mission headquarters for his support. Thus he is drawn to his people and they feel closer to him. The pastor then realizes that if he is to better his condition financially, he must build up his church.

How to change over from a central, mission station form of church government to one of local church autonomy is one of the gravest problems on Seventh Day Baptist mission fields today. Much prayer and thought must be given to this matter, both by the missionaries and by the local pastors and churches.



### Tract Board Meeting

The quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society, held in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J., Sunday, July 13, was well attended. The meeting was scheduled for 1 o'clock, following a luncheon served in the building. It was preceded by morning and lunch meetings of committees. The earlier afternoon hour made possible adjournment in time for those driving 100 miles or more (one half of those present) to get home in time for supper and home church evening engagements.

The written or mimeographed reports of all standing committees through which most of the work of the board is authorized or carried on showed the activity of the members of the board in their assigned responsibilities.

The Publications Committee, which also stimulates distribution of tracts at home and abroad, reported that during this quarter the reprinting of popular tracts had continued for a total of 30,000. In addition the board sent a second \$100 to India for printing about 6,000 copies of a fairly large Sabbath tract in the Telugu language. Acting on the recommendation of the committee the board voted to order 3,000 Seventh Day Baptist decals for use in appropriate ways by our people.

The Advisory Committee had made decisions about special issue editors, some changes in format of the regular issues, new guidelines for those who contribute news from the churches, plans for the commemorative issue of August 4, and other matters designed to help and guide the editor-secretary.

The Committee on Audio and Visual Services noted that the call for filmstrips by the churches had been unusually strong, probably the largest since the filmstrip library was established. Members of the committee have produced two new filmstrips of high quality. The new project of securing the components of a professional quality recording system for denominational use was reported to be under way.

The Committee on Sabbath Promotion reported on the Sabbath Rally Day materials sent out and on the results of a questionnaire returned by a significant number of churches — the results to be taken into consideration in selecting future themes and preparing materials for next year.

The Supervisory Committee spoke of steady progress in the affairs of the publishing house and the printing service it provides. Repairs on the building and equipment as well as efficiency of operation are the concern of this committee.

The board made plans for an adjourned meeting of the July 13 meeting to be held at Conference with the members of the larger Tract Society invited to participate with questions and ideas and thus help the board to serve the Seventh Day Baptist cause in the months and years to come.

### Wanted, a Secretary

Do you know anyone who would be interested in half-time secretarial work in the office of the editor at Plainfield? The work is largely typing — articles for the *Sabbath Recorder* and stenographic work for the editor and secretary of the Tract Society. It also includes caring for the filmstrip and tape recording requests. It is a responsible, challenging position for a Seventh Day Baptist interested in our national and worldwide work. Please reply at once if interested.

—Leon M. Maltby, secretary-editor

### SDB GENERAL CONFERENCE

Nyack Missionary College

Nyack, N. Y.

August 10-17, 1969

Package Cost: \$45.40 (single)  
(per person) \$40.40 (shared)

Meals: \$20.40  
(children 2-8 — ½ price)

Rooms: \$30.00 (single)  
\$24.00 (shared)

Children 0-12 with own bed - Free

### Southeastern Association

Reported by Mrs. Leland Bond

The Lost Creek, W. Va., church was host this year to the Southeastern Association, July 27-29. Approximately 175 persons were in attendance at the Sabbath morning worship service to hear the message presented by the Rev. Charles Graffius of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salemville, Pa.

The Friday evening welcome was given by Rex Randolph, moderator, with the response by Carol Soper, an SCSC worker. We were pleased to have Christine Pederson with us who is also devoting her time this summer to the West Virginia churches.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul Green presented special music in singing "The Lord Is My Shepherd" as a duet. Delegates from sister associations were Rev. John Conrod, Eastern Association; Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Burdick, Central New York Association, and the Rev. and Mrs. Clifford A. Beebe, Southeastern Association.

The Executive Council, formerly Coordinating Council, of the Southeastern Association is planning to publish an associational newsletter which will include letters to the association, also, materials and letters from the churches giving information concerning program and growth and notes of interest.

The council recommended that the corresponding secretary write a letter to Commission through Leland Bond stating that the association feels that the inclusion of board sessions at Conference this year is a move in the right direction, also, letters to the various boards expressing appreciation of their efforts to relate more closely to General Conference.

The Washington Project Committee report was given by Pastor Delmer Van Horn. Miss Rua Van Horn is responsible for the receiving of gifts since Mrs. Alma Brissey has gone to Jamaica. A report in detail of gifts and an estimate of future needs will be sent to the churches in the not too distant future. The substance of the report follows.

The Washington, D. C., church now

has a chapel which will seat seventy-five. Among their blessings is the presence of Rev. Ernest K. Bee, Jr., and his family. In acknowledgement of his service to and leadership in the Washington church and in recognition of his ordination, the church voted to list him as one of their church officers. The suggestion is that his title be associate pastor. This is to be voted on at the July business meeting.

Several small gifts have been given to the church in memory of Miss Greta Randolph. All of us are grateful for and would praise God for the long hours given by her as a labor of love. We will cherish her memory and the results of her labors for years to come. A minute of silent prayer and tribute was given to her by the association.

Out of the planning of the Executive Committee and the Camp Committee consisting of Walter L. Bond, Chairman, Chris Van Horn, and John Curry with Clarence Rogers, Ashby Randolph and the Rev. Leslie Welch, "Camp Joy" was possibly held at our own association camp. Through prayers, wishes, desires, donation of time, money and efforts, it seems that the Southeastern Association is about to say, "Welcome to Camp Joy!"

About two years ago the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church said to its membership, "Let's make this place do something." And they did! Today the membership owns a building 30 by 70 feet complete with basement and equipped for housing a camp.

At this time a committee is investigating the financial structure, the location, and the possibility of a permanent camp.

A standing vote of appreciation was given by the association to the Berea church for its unselfish and generous offer to give land and building to the association for dreams, plans and wishes that go back many years.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 9, 1969

GOD'S PRESENCE WITH HIS PEOPLE

Lesson Scripture: Exodus 25:1-2, 8-9; 29:43-46; 40:34-35; Leviticus 16:29-30; 19:1-4

## North Central Association

Held at New Auburn, Wis.

By Mrs. A. G. Churchward

Smiles and excitement were in the air as people collected in front of the church before the Sabbath eve service of association, June 20. Official welcomes were spoken wholeheartedly. The short message given by Pastor Ed Sutton based on Romans 12 was made especially personal by the theme, "We belong to each other and each needs all the others." The thread of love seemed to run also through the covenant-communion service directed by Pastor Wayne Babcock of Dodge Center. The closing hymn, "I Know Whom I Have Believed," was real.

The Sabbath morning's call to worship was summed up in "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! . . . Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary" from Psalm 96. The Rev. Rex Zwiebel presented the sermon. Martin Luther was quoted as saying, "All must minister . . . be worthy to appear before God, mutual in Christ, and Christ in all of us." Peter was quoted as saying that we, "like living stones, build a spiritual house." God created this people that they may declare the works of God. Those who have found Christ through God have become part of the priesthood of believers, said Mr. Zwiebel.

Two local churches cooperated in serving the noon meal to 140 people who enjoyed the occasion. The women met at 1:00 with the president of the Women's Board, Mrs. Arthur Drake, in a rewarding "getting acquainted time." The youth gathered at the Arden Pederson home for supper together and also later in the evening, after putting on a delightful vesper hour at the church. The presentation of their ideas and witness in song was especially noted by the audience.

The Rev. Earl Cruzan conducted an enlightening hour, late afternoon, on "What is an association?" This meeting was the first merger of the Michigan, Ohio, Illinois and Wisconsin churches under one name. Much business was

necessary because of this, which was finished Sunday morning under the able hand of the president of the association, Mrs. Ralph Loofboro.

A few minutes before 12, we were led in devotion by Pastor Addison Appel of Albion, Wis. He recalled for us the fact that Moses was loath to be a leader; thought others could do better, and it was too large a job to be responsible for the activities of many peoples. God asked him "What is that in your hand?" and Moses was reminded that the staff he carried had performed miracles many times at God's will and He had directed their way. So we meditated on this personal "What is in my hand?" and is it God-directed? We considered the potential of individuals in the denomination as we ate together in the church dining area before departure.

### Conference Transportation

Delegates coming to Conference at Nyack Missionary College by car will find it easy to follow the map. Nyack is on the New York Thruway at the western end of the Tappan Zee Bridge.

Delegates coming by public transportation, air, rail or bus will not find it too hard. It is suggested that such delegates make their way by bus to the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York and proceed from there. On Sunday, August 10, Miss Harriet Saunders, a New York resident, will be on duty near the information desk to give advice. The most economical way to go to Nyack is by subway and bus. Take the A train on the Independent line to the George Washington Bridge terminal at 181st Street and pick up a Nyack bus (Red and Tan line) which goes every hour to Nyack, close to the college campus. The Mohawk Bus line, as well as the subway, has service to the George Washington Bridge terminal from Port Authority.

Avis and other car rental services are available for parties. Rented cars may be turned in at Spring Valley or other nearby towns.

The Transportation Committee will seek to have cars available for relatively local transportation, not from the airports.

## Pastor Visiting Churches of Mexico

A few years ago Rev. Marion Van Horn and Rev. Leon Lawton visited the churches of like faith in Mexico. Longing to have such fellowship again Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn planned a vacation and visitation trip to Mexico this summer. They left from Daytona Beach by car July 12, expecting to be back in time for Conference, August 11.

A notice in the church paper states that they are representing the General Conference to the Mexican Conference, carrying letters of greeting from President Leland Bond and General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler.

Another gesture of greeting and goodwill carried with the visitors is a 200 pound supply of Bibles and Testaments in the Spanish language. These were purchased with free will gifts sent by Seventh Day Baptists and friends from across the country, making this a real sharing of fellowship and gifts. About three weeks will be spent in Mexico with churches scattered over a wide area, mostly in the eastern states.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

#### NCC Deals with Forman

The Executive Committee of the National Council of Churches voted on June 23 to set up machinery for negotiations with James Forman's National Black Economic Development Conference. The action is said to mean that the committee has gone further than any church body in dealing with the NBEDC. Church bodies in general have repudiated the demands of the Black Manifesto.

The headquarters of the NCC is in the Interchurch Center in New York City. On June 13 the Executive Committee of the Interchurch Center's Board of Trustees applied for an injunction to keep James Forman and his supporters from entering the building. Denominations with offices in the building joined in the court action. Representatives of NBEDC had on several occasions "liberated" the offices in the building for a day at a time.

Some staff members — both black and white — charged that NCC administrative officials had arbitrarily acted upon the

matter without consulting appropriate program executives, such as Dr. Charles S. Spivey, the black director of the Department of Social Justice.

The matter of a permanent injunction was referred to the June 23 meeting of the Executive Committee of NCC.

The trustees and church agency tenants of the Interchurch Center have now withdrawn their motion for a preliminary injunction against James Forman and the National Black Economic Development Conference (NBEDC).

The move was announced at a press conference at the center, July 11, by Edmund F. Wagner, president of the center's trustees, and William P. Thompson, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, USA.

The agreement came, Mr. Wagner and Mr. Thompson said, in response to a statement by Mr. Forman that "during the pendency of consultations with the National Council of Churches" he would not "engage in occupations, disruptive acts or threats against the occupants of 475 Riverside Drive" (the center's address).

#### Don't Just Sit There

Let's have some action, young people. Mrs. Eleanor Whitney, a New York socialite, now an evangelist, was speaking to 300 Christian Endeavorers who had made the pilgrimage to Portland, Maine, birthplace of C. E. She likened being a Christian to getting on fire like a Fourth of July sparkler or sitting on a hot stove. If you were on a hot stove no one would have to say to you, "Don't just sit there, move!" In a situation like that you've got to do something.

#### Teen-age Recording Artists

Interested in hearing your own voice on record? This year at General Conference we are going to record Seventh Day Baptist voices "singing unto the Lord." If you are a talented soloist, or sing with others, come prepared to do your part in the preparation of this inspirational recording.

—Barbara Saunders,  
Youth Pre-Con music director



## Sensitive to Our Needs

(Continued from page 7)

the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil" (Eph. 6:11-18). In order to arm ourselves, we must first remove all spiritual blindness which might form a log in our eyes. We can't help others if we can't help ourselves. In Carl F. Burke's book, *God Is for Real, Man*, a small Negro child from a New York ghetto translates Luke 6:39-42 for us in this manner.

Can a blind kid help another blind man across the street?

They both might get killed, right? Well, you're not as smart as your teach', But if you listen, someday you might be And know as much as the teach'.

Why does it bug you so much when you see

Something wrong with another guy When you ain't so hot yourself? So when you talk big, man, we say, "Look, who's talking."

How can you help another guy, When you're the one who needs some help?

Why don't you wise up? First get yourself fixed up And fly straight, Then people won't say "Look, who's talking."

Once the log is cleared away, we are ready for action.

Now that we are reliant on God, well informed, well armed, and our vision is all set, we need to get out and help others to realize their needs. The Lord said, "Go ye into all the world and teach all nations." We need to serve God not only because He has commanded us to, but to satisfy our hunger and nourish our spirits.

I would like to close with the thought that we may not always know what needs are best for us. Miss Hilda Stumpf wrote the tract titled "Environment." This shows that even if we don't know, God always does.

## Environment

God puts His own with the people and in the place which will tend most to develop the spiritual graces.

He puts one who is quick with one who is slow and one who is quiet with one who is talkative; that the one who is quick may be patient with the one who is talkative.

He puts one who is orderly with one who is untidy, that both may learn lessons. Often our environment is but an answer to our prayers.

We pray for patience, and God sends those who tax us to the utmost; for "tribulation worketh patience" (Rom. 5:3).

We pray for submission, and God sends suffering, for we learn obedience by the things we suffer (Heb. 5:8).

We pray for unselfishness, and God gives opportunities to sacrifice ourselves by thinking on the "things of others" (Phil. 2:4).

We pray for humility and strength, and some messenger of Satan torments us until we lie in the dust, crying to God for its removal (2 Cor. 12:7, 8).

We pray for victory and the things of the world sweep down upon us in a storm of temptation; for, "this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4; 4:4).

We pray for union with Jesus, and God severs natural ties and lets our best friends misunderstand or become indifferent to us (John 15:2).

We ask to follow Jesus, and He separates us from home and kindred, for He Himself said: "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:33).

We pray for more love and God sends peculiar suffering, and puts us with apparently unlovely persons and lets them say things to rasp our nerves, lacerate the heart, and sting the conscience; for "love suffers long and is kind; love is not impolite, love is not provoked, love bears, love believes, hopes,

and endures; love never faileth" (1 Cor. 13:4-8, John 15:9, 10).

We pray for gentleness and there comes a perfect storm of temptation to yield to harshness and irritability.

We pray for the Lamb life, and are given a portion of lowly service, or we are injured and must seek no redress; for He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, and opened not His mouth (Isa. 53:7).

We pray for quietness, and everything within and around is confusion, that we may learn when He giveth quietness no one can make trouble (Job 24:29).

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**DODGE CENTER, MINN.**— Pictured in the *Rochester Post Bulletin* recently was a prominent member of the church, Lt. Col. (Ret) William R. Austin, in military uniform. He was being awarded the Legion of Merit medal by Col. R. W. Hannah of St. Paul, Army advisor for the Minnesota National Guard.

The Legion of Merit is the highest non-combatant medal awarded by the United States. The citation stated that it was given to him for his outstanding service as district engineer for the North Bavarian sector in Germany, a post he held for 18 months just prior to his retirement after twenty-two years of military service. He is credited with saving the government more than \$200,000 on contracts for the housing and maintenance facilities for 45,000 military and civilian personnel in North Bavaria.

Mr. Austin, husband of Lorna Payne Austin and father of four girls, experienced a growing sense of Christian commitment while in the Army. He is now living in Dodge Center and is employed as physical plant director for the Rochester State Hospital.

**NEW AUBURN, WIS.**— Our church people, young and older, gathered at the airport grounds near Chetek Lake for a picnic supper on June 30.

Early in June Vacation Bible School was held for a week in the Seventh Day Baptist and United Methodist churches, with 102 children in attendance.

In mid June a four by eight foot sign

pointing out the church was located near the highway and the church.

Open house was scheduled July 26 for Pastor Ed Sutton and family before their departure. The whole community here will miss them but we know a great challenge and possibility for service await in another locality (Alfred Station, N. Y.).

—Correspondent

## Marriages

**Groves - Austin.**— James Groves, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Groves, of Manchester, Iowa, and Sharon Lee Austin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Austin of Dodge Center, Minn., were married June 15, 1969, in the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Wayne Babcock.

## Obituaries

**STILLMAN.**— Ernest L., son of Frederick L. and Anna Garrison Stillman was born March 30, 1900, and died June 12, 1969, at Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield, N. J.

Mr. Stillman lived all his life in Plainfield, and was a service station owner for 31 years. He was a member of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Margaret Fuchs Stillman, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. John L. Bartlett of Roselle, N. J.

Services were held June 16 with his pastor, the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

—H. E. S.

**STUTLER.**— Oris O., son of Lewis and Abigail Davis Stutler, was born at Tom's Fork, Doddridge County, W. Va., July 29, 1886, and died at Spring Grove Hospital, Towson, Md., May 14, 1969, following an extended illness.

His wife, Lydia Bond Stutler, preceded him in death in 1956. He is survived by one son, Wilbur Stutler of Towson, Md.; a daughter, Mrs. Rex (Juanita) Zwiebel of Alfred Station, N. Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Jessie Stutler of Grafton, W. Va., and Mrs. Gertrude Jordan of California, and three grandchildren.

He was a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church where he served for many years as a member of the Board of Trustees. As a master craftsman with wood the interior of the Salem church stands a monument to his unusual ability.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. J. Paul Green, in the Salem church and interment was in the Lost Creek Cemetery.

—J. P. G.



### When Compromise Is Good

By T. B. Maston

A retired professor of Christian Ethics

"Compromise" is considered a nasty word by some people. They contend that it reveals a lack of conviction, courage and character.

Many times in a democracy, political or religious, no decision can or will be reached without some compromise. An individual or a group, small or large, that is unwilling to compromise or make adjustments will frequently unnecessarily slow down the decision making process or even make it impossible to arrive at a decision.

An unwillingness to compromise may also disrupt or destroy the fellowship in a group. On the other hand, if the fellowship in the church or religious group is to be maintained on the highest level, all of the compromise or adjustment must not be made by one individual or by those representing one particular position. There must be a willingness on the part of all "to give a little in order to gain a little."

Compromise does not do any serious damage to the integrity of an individual or a group so long as the end attained is greater or more significant than the sacrifice that was made. This is particularly true when the end could not have been attained without the compromise.

For compromise to be most effective and least damaging there must be enough maturity by the individual or the group to distinguish between the essential and the nonessential. There can properly be more of a readiness to compromise on the latter than the former. There are limits to how far an individual or a group can go in compromising on essentials and still maintain his or its integrity.

There may come a time, for example, when the individual will have to take a stand even if he has to stand alone. When he reaches the limits of his accommodation, if the majority votes against him he should accept the decision graciously. He should beware of a martyr complex, of a self-righteous spirit, or of an attitude of superior enlightenment. After all, there is at least a possibility that he may be wrong. At least he should react in such a way as to strengthen rather than weaken the fellowship of the group: church, association, or convention. He should trust the future for his vindication.

### Supreme Court To Rule on Church Tax Exemption

An important case will come before the Supreme Court at its next session that may affect every church in the United States. The court has agreed to rule on the constitutionality of exempting church property from taxes.

The case was brought before the court by the action of a New York lawyer, Frederick Walz, who owns a 22-by-29 foot parcel of land on Staten Island that is taxed \$5.24 a year, according to an article which appeared in the New York Times.

The lawyer brought suit because he contends that tax exemption by churches increases his own property taxes and thus forces him to support churches.

The property is between the backyards of two other properties, contains no buildings, has no access to any street, and is assessed at \$100. Mr. Walz purchased the property in June 1967 — the month he began to press the tax case. None of the property owners near the plot of land said they knew Mr. Walz or had ever heard of him. —ABNS

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