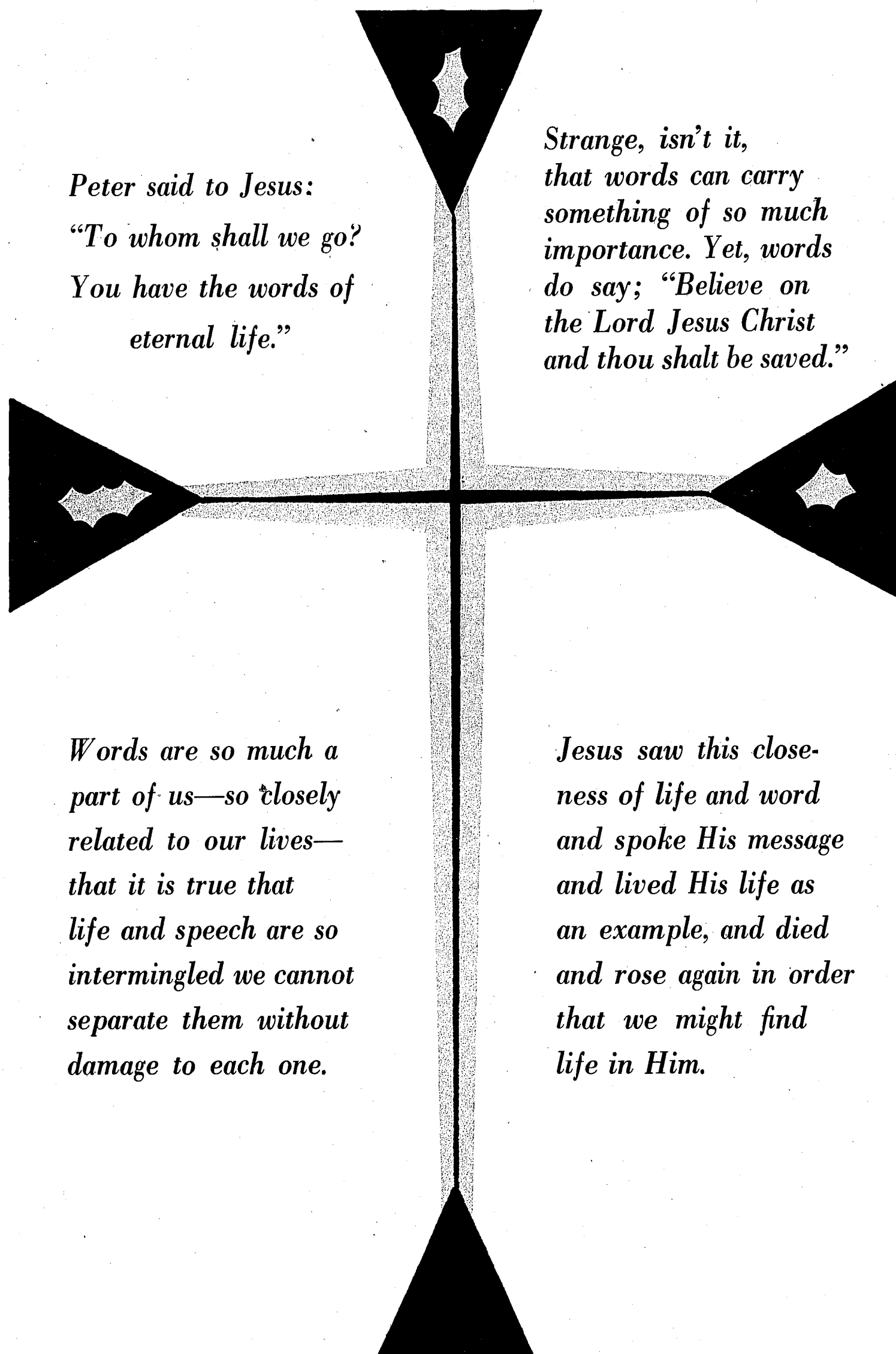


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*Peter said to Jesus:
"To whom shall we go?
You have the words of
eternal life."*

*Strange, isn't it,
that words can carry
something of so much
importance. Yet, words
do say; "Believe on
the Lord Jesus Christ
and thou shalt be saved."*

*Words are so much a
part of us—so closely
related to our lives—
that it is true that
life and speech are so
intermingled we cannot
separate them without
damage to each one.*

*Jesus saw this close-
ness of life and word
and spoke His message
and lived His life as
an example, and died
and rose again in order
that we might find
life in Him.*

Pause For Power



**"THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD
SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH;
THEY SHALL MOUNT UP WITH
WINGS AS EAGLES, THEY SHALL
RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY, AND
THEY SHALL WALK, AND NOT
FAINT."
— ISA. 40:31**

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Ministers Conference Begins

The biennial conference of Seventh Day Baptist pastors and ministers began in the Christian Education Building of the Shiloh, N. J., church Wednesday noon, April 25, and was scheduled to continue till Wednesday noon, May 2. A further report of benefits received will appear in a later issue. We can speak here only of the opening day.

It was apparent that a large proportion of the churches had encouraged their pastors to attend, for the representation was wide. One had come from California, one from Florida, and two from Colorado. Others came from Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Missouri, Washington, D. C., Maryland, West Virginia, Alabama, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Jersey.

Most of those gathered for study and rejuvenation of their ministry were pastors of churches. Two or three were retired or semi-retired, one a student, and five in denominational or board employment. Not all of the board and agency men were able to stay for the whole conference, due to other commitments. The total number participating the first afternoon was thirty-eight. One or two more were expected to arrive later.

On the first afternoon, following a worship service in the Prayer Chapel, the pastors listened to a panel presentation of the latest developments in cooperative denominational work around the world and in the United States. Speakers were Alton Wheeler for Conference and World Federation, Leon Maltby for the Tract Society, Edgar Wheeler for the Missionary Society, David Clarke for the Board of Christian Education, and Albert Rogers for the Historical Society and Memorial Fund. The program for the week was arranged largely by Rex Zwiebel, dean of the Center for Ministerial Education.

The varied daily program included guided Bible study, presentation by guest resource people, and discussion of pastoral work. The church leaders, so far as interviewed by the editor, had come with serious intent hoping to be strengthened in their ministry.

Good Medium of Communication

The term media has come to be used of all the organized vehicles of communication. When a story is released by the government or some private enterprise to the media, it goes out to all the nation and perhaps the world through radio, television, newspapers, and periodicals. There are various audiences reached by the different news media, some extremely inclusive, some less so. Denominational constituencies are reached more effectively by denominational news media than by interdenominational or general public media.

The editor of the *Sabbath Recorder* in making a periodic report which may later come into the hands of many, felt constrained to say that this denominational paper with its wide coverage and weekly mailing is the best medium of communication presently available to Seventh Day Baptists. Its primary purpose is communication from the headquarters area, from all the boards and between the churches. Letters may be more personal, mimeographed materials may accomplish special purposes, but in the nature of the case they can neither be inclusive of all the work frequent enough or widespread enough to bind us together. Furthermore this printed periodical has more permanence and is often kept in sequence for ready reference. Manifestly the *Sabbath Recorder* has shortcomings of size and content, but it does communicate now and will perhaps do a better job in the years to come.

We do not always hear the stories of how our denominational journal brings people together. One such story came to light recently at Ft. Myers, Fla. We ran a story about a relatively new Sabbath-keeper, the Rev. Herbert McWilliams, of Ft. Myers, telling of his desire to build up a Seventh Day Baptist group through tract distribution and visitation. It is an area of Florida where many from various states have bought property in recent years and have established homes for their retirement years. After the appearance of that article in the *Recorder*, Mr. McWilliams received a phone call from

Frances Barber, formerly a lone Sabbath-keeper with a large family in Adrian, Mich., who had made earnest efforts some thirty years ago to advertise Seventh Day Baptists in their city. She has a son who is now a deacon of the Los Angeles church. She and her husband (not a church member) live in retirement in the Ft. Myers area. She would be glad for meetings to be held in her home.

The editor was glad to talk with her briefly on the phone after having enjoyed the hospitality of her family while assisting in evangelistic work in Adrian, Mich., with the Rev. G. D. Hargis thirty years ago.

Do you have a story of how your denominational paper has been an effective means of communication, and has brought together people of like faith? Send it in.

Irish Issues Surface

Why is there such tension between Catholics and Protestants in Ireland when in the United States and many other countries the long-standing tensions have been relaxed by the good medicine of mutual understanding? There is probably more than one answer to that question and apparently no quick solution to the violent hatreds that have developed—which are only partly attributable to religious differences.

Albert J. Menendez, assistant editor of *Church and State*, who returned from Northern Ireland the middle of April, reported that the overall situation around Ulster was tense and uncertain, characterized by continuing religious segregation and mistrust, but tempered with some glimmers of hope for peace. He found the most disturbing aspect of Ulster life to be the almost total religious segregation in education. Menendez asserted, "The division between the public and Catholic educational systems is the fundamental unresolved cause of the tragic religious divisions." He went on to say, "Two entirely different world views are propounded and inculcated in these school systems, and no political or legal revisions in Ulster life can end the interfaith strife until basic changes occur

in the schools of Northern Ireland."

One of the arguments against government subsidy of Catholic schools in this country is that any further segregation of Catholics and Protestants is likely to foster misunderstanding and clashes between students which could carry over into later life and politics. The above evaluation of the situation in Northern Ireland adds force to that argument. It may not be such a far cry as one might hastily assume. We have many people of Irish descent in this country who, for the most part, have pretty much the same temperament as the rest of the citizens whose ancestors may have been here longer. The Irish are not so different or so much prone to fighting over religious differences. If the educational segregation in Ireland fosters and perpetuates social and political animosities, it could do so, perhaps to a lesser degree, in this country unless we are very careful to avoid the situations that lead to tensions. No one can deny religious leaders the right to establish and maintain their own schools, but a dual system is more potentially explosive than a unified system if, as in Ireland, the two systems propound "entirely different world views."

Let us consistently work for religious understanding and peace where peace must always begin, in our own hearts, in our own community. We need to remember also that we have a civic responsibility to preserve our wise constitutional heritage of separation of church and state as a guarantee of continuing religious liberty.

Specializes in Guidance

In announcing the appointment of a new high school principal the *Brookfield Courier* notes that previously Mr. Ross held a guidance position at Bellville, N. Y. Before that he served in the army as a guided missile specialist. Probably the listing of the two qualifications is not meant to imply a connection. It might be remarked that teen-age behavior being what it is the guidance of missiles is a more exact science than the guidance of high school students.

College President

Tenders Resignation



The president of Salem College of West Virginia since 1951 Dr. K. Duane Hurley has announced that he is resigning that position. Making the announcement at the spring meeting of the college Board of Trustees, Dr. Hurley agreed to continue as

president until a successor has been selected and takes office. He will also continue at the college in another capacity until retirement in 1980.

The former denominational editor and high school teacher came to the college when its enrollment was only 192 students, when the campus was composed of two brick buildings and some temporary barracks on the main street of Salem. Since that time, under his leadership, a whole new Salem College has evolved.

With Dr. Hurley as president, the college enrollment has increased by 500 percent and ground has been broken at Salem's new campus, The Valley of Learning, with five new buildings completed and another to be in use for the coming fall term.

The college, under his guidance, has gained regional accreditation, has achieved financial viability and has initiated an endowment portfolio professionally managed by the Salem College Foundation.

Announcing his resignation, Dr. Hurley stressed that "What is past is simply prologue! I think the time is now right for new executive management for the college. One phase of growth and development has been completed. Now, new leadership with fresh perspectives is needed in order to rally our resources and build substantially on the achievements of the past."

As an educator and college administrator, Dr. Hurley has received national, as well as state, recognition as a leader

in the cause for promulgating the goals of higher education. He is a member of numerous national, state and local educational organizations and has served as president or chairman of many of them.

Among his most notable achievements was the founding in 1956 of the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges, which he served as president until 1962. He also served as president of both the West Virginia Association of College and University Presidents, 1966-67, and the West Virginia Foundation for Independent Colleges, 1969-70.

In addition to educational affiliations, Dr. Hurley has served as a member of the National Council of Boy Scouts, representing the Central West Virginia Council and is currently a member of the Board of Managers of the United Church Men.

A 1938 graduate of Salem College, K. Duane Hurley received the M.A. from the University of Southern California. He holds honorary degrees of LL.D. from Alderson-Broaddus College and Ph.D. from Waynesburg College.

His wife, Shireen Twogood Hurley, is also a graduate of Salem, as are three of their daughters, Mrs. C. D. Van Horn, Mrs. Richard Dixon and Mrs. Gary Martin. A fourth daughter, Penny Hurley, will receive the A.A. degree at the Salem commencement in May. During his twenty-two years as president of Salem College, Dr. Hurley will have conferred degrees on each member of his family, including his wife.

Mrs. Hurley is now editor of the *Salem Herald* from which this story is drawn.

Dedicated Members

Two eyes to look to God, two ears to hear His word,
Two feet to serve the Lord, two hands to wield His sword,
One heart to love His ways,
one tongue to sing His praise,
Take them, Savior, let them be
always busy, serving Thee!

—Anon.

Preserving Tax Deductions for Charitable Contributions

The Ways and Means Committee of Congress, in extensive hearings, is considering proposals that would eliminate income tax deductions for charitable contributions, eliminate or reduce the deduction of gifts of long-term appreciated property, reduce the unlimited estate tax charitable deduction, and place a three percent floor on income tax charitable contribution deductions.

James E. Wood, Jr. executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, testified before the Ways and Means Committee of the House in support of the existing law permitting tax deductions for charitable contributions.

Wood's testimony, which was well received and praised by a number of Congressmen on the powerful committee, stressed the merit of tax deductibility for the board range of nonprofit organizations and institutions. No special favors were asked for religious institutions as such.

As the top executive in the Baptist Public Affairs agency, Wood stressed that he was not speaking for any one Baptist or for all of them. However, he said, he represented the concerns of the Baptist Joint Committee, an agency sponsored by eight Baptist denominations in the United States, which had authorized him to present testimony before Congress on this matter.

Five reasons were discussed by Wood for continuing the special tax status of non-profit organizations.

1. Contributions to charitable organizations promote pluralism and voluntarism in public life. Such pluralism was engendered and is sustained by the principle of voluntarism by which people, individually and corporately, determine which of a broad class of organizations, institutions, and charities they will support.

"If government is the exclusive determiner of social priorities and if it alone finances all programs, a philosophical and administrative monism results,"

Wood declared.

2. Nonprofit organizations, institutions, and charities provide a substantial public service.

"We hold that certain types of special tax status legally can be given to the 501 (c) 3 organizations as a whole. Tax deductibility of charitable contributions made without anticipation of direct personal or corporate gain is one type which can be justified," declared the Baptist executive.

3. Tax deductibility of charitable contributions does not involve government subsidy. "Subsidy is pecuniary aid provided by government," he observed.

"Tax deductions, on the other hand, represent not government sponsorship of religious and charitable organizations but the accommodation of government to the sponsorship of such organizations by those individual citizens who have voluntarily chosen, out of their particular interests, to undertake such sponsorship."

4. The removal of tax deductibility of charitable gifts would reduce substantially public services presently available. Wood maintained that though government cannot constitutionally grant aid directly or indirectly to religious groups, it can and presently does encourage voluntary gifts to tax-exempt organizations which provide a number of public services. The diminishing of any of these services would inevitably place a heavier burden on government or reduce the services presently available.

"The elimination of tax deductibility of charitable contributions would unavoidably and significantly reduce contributions now being made voluntarily to charitable organizations," Wood claimed.

5. Uniform tax incentives to encourage charitable contributions provide equitable treatment within the nonprofit sector. As an example of this, Wood noted that no favored treatment of religion is provided in tax deductions for charitable contributions.

For the first time Catholics outnumber Protestants in Switzerland in 1972. Figures showed 3.09 million Catholics and 2.99 million Protestants.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. David S. Clarke

Key '73 Projects

For Alfred Station, N. Y.

The Alfred Station church's Christian Education Committee has been doing special Sabbath School study projects following some of the suggestions found in the Key '73 Resource Book. Mrs. Don (Jean) Pierce, chairman of the Christian Education Committee is coordinating these studies.

The first lesson (Dec. '72) was based on Luke 6:20-38 and was presented to fifth graders through adults during the Sabbath School hour. The topic was "Father Forgive Us" (going along with the theme of repentance) and was presented by Lyle Sutton, Donald Van Horn, and Pastor Ed Sutton. Their topics were "Father Forgive Us": 1) for failing to *Love You*; 2) for failing to *Thank You*; 3) for failing to *Ask You*.

The next two lessons for the Sabbath School were held after lunches following church worship services. These two lessons were based on the Book of Acts. At the first study session (Feb. '73) Pastor Ed gave a resume of the events that took place during the time about which the Book of Acts was reporting. Pastor Ed stressed that he felt that because of the love and suffering of the disciples for, in the name of, Jesus Christ, the Gospels came to be spread throughout Asia and Europe, and eventually throughout the world.

The third study session (March '73) was entitled "To Tell the Truth." This lesson was led by Mrs. Nelson (Amanda) Snyder and Mr. Reid Mattison. Our study guide had six topics: A Christian 1) is *compelled* to tell the truth; 2) is *empowered* to tell the truth; 3) is *sent* to tell the truth; 4) in telling the truth, *suffers*; 5) in telling the truth, *loves*; 6) in telling the truth, a Christian *rejoices*. Because of the late arrival of the study booklets it was decided that a different approach needed to be used (we tried to stay away from the lecture style). Armed with Bibles, pencils and paper, and re-

source guides from Pastor Dave Clarke, the leaders decided to use a discussion atmosphere with a two-pronged approach—small discussion groups and a "commentary" circle. After the lesson topics were briefly introduced, the Sabbath School was presented a list of thought-provoking statements and Biblical passages to get their ideas rolling. A sample of the statements:

1. Do you swear to tell the whole truth and nothing but the truth, so help you God?
2. The truth comes out regardless of your words.
3. Do you hate deeds or people?
4. Why don't you speak up when you're in a crowd?
5. How many spiritual children have been fostered by our church, and, for that matter, by you in your own personal life?
6. The poorest salesman in the world is one who doesn't believe in his product.
7. Biblical passages — Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 4:12; Matthew 20:1-16.

When small group discussion ended (no one wanted to stop) every one joined a circle. Each person was *asked* (?) to say something that "stuck" him during his discussion group experience relating to the topic. These statements were not evaluated but presented so that every person would have a chance to state a brief personal thought. After the "commentary circle" a poem called "Truth" by Carl Sandburg was read. Then a fellowship circle with dialogue prayer closed the study lesson.

As leaders for this last lesson, it was very rewarding to see everyone participate and willing to make comments. After all, leaders can prepare forever but it means nothing unless there are participants.

—Amanda Snyder

Leader Trained in Exceptional Education

Opportunities for working with persons with special needs are open to Seventh Day Baptists along with other Christian educators, according to a recent an-

nouncement by Ima Jean Kidd of the new Department of Education and Ministry of the NCCC.

A work study conference on The Church and Mentally Retarded will be held July 22-27 at Scarritt College for Christian Workers, Nashville, Tennessee. The conference is open to college students majoring in special education, lay readers, teachers, and pastors. Leaders come from various places across the country and the cost of \$65 includes tuition, board, and room.

Regional Laboratory Schools for leaders who work with the retarded sponsored by the Methodist Church but open to other denominational workers will be held in Towson, Maryland, June 23-29, Denton, Texas, July 14-20 and Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, August 5-10. Details on these may be secured from the Board of Christian Education.

At Princeton under the leadership of Allen Kroehler of Lancaster Seminary, a seminary course on Ministry to Persons of Special Needs will give Christian educators possibilities with deaf, blind, retarded, and emotionally disturbed persons. Prof. Kroehler is known to some Seventh Day Baptists through short term projects in which he was a very helpful leader. This course is scheduled for July 2-20 and details may be secured from Dr. D. C. Wyckoff, at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey 08540.

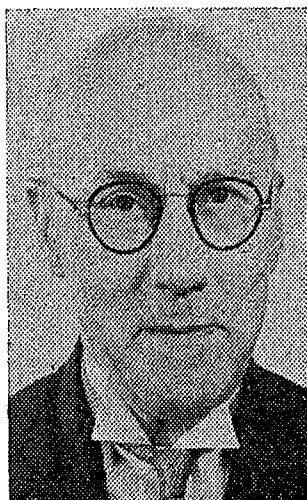
We are sure there are other opportunities for learning how to deal with persons with exceptional abilities and we hope that Seventh Day Baptists will be privileged to share with others in growing in grace of "enablers of the loving revolution."

TV Personality Produces Movie on Life of Christ

A documentary film on the life of Christ has been released by American country-and-western music star Johnny Cash.

Music and narration are by Cash, who financed the picture himself and had it filmed in Israel. —EBPS

News of the Work in England



The Rev. James McGeachy, long-time pastor of the Mill Yard Church in London, oldest extant Seventh Day Baptist church in the world, has been retired for several years and lives too far from the city to participate often in the services. Readers of

the *Recorder* can be thankful that when he does have occasion to go to London for a weekend he writes in some detail of the services and the work in general. We are sorry that we cannot pass on all those details of musical numbers and individual participation which would be particularly meaningful to a few who have been to England and are personally acquainted with many of the Jamaicans who now make up the major portion of the various groups of Seventh Day Baptists in that island nation.

The most recent occasion that took Pastor McGeachy to London was the annual meeting of the trustees of the Joseph Davis Charity at the Baptist Church in Holborn. He had a full Sabbath with his former parishioners at Mill Yard, March 3, being asked to preach more than once.

Sabbath School was conducted by Brother W. A. Dewar, who is now back in England, after spending several years in New York City to further his education. The main shipment of *Helping Hand* quarterlies had been held up in the mail, but Mrs. Gelleff, one of the members of the congregation, had a copy from which Pastor Peat taught the lesson to the adult class attended by Elder McGeachy.

The children and young people were asked questions about their lessons and responded well. Various announcements were made to the whole group including the welcome news given by the church treasurer, Mrs. Gelleff, that \$200 had been received recently from "an American

sister" for the building fund. With the present rate of exchange it amounted to 80 pounds. Three young candidates for baptism gave their testimonies in the Sabbath School hour also.

At the worship service Pastor McGeachy preached on "Perfection." He pointed out that although we are all conscious of our imperfections Jesus bids us to be perfect "as your Father in heaven is perfect." In the Old Testament we read of several men whom God regarded as perfect, such as Job. Several kings served God "with a perfect heart." The perfect, he affirmed, are those who serve God with their whole hearts, those who are honest, sincere, and upright in all their dealings. This does not mean "sinless perfection." It is expressed in our whole attitude to God. Such believers love the law of the Lord which is perfect and "meditate therein day and night, so avoiding sin. They delight in righteousness and so become men of integrity, following the exhortation given to Abraham, 'Walk before me, and be thou perfect.'"

Looking forward to the annual Conference in July there was a choir practice conducted by Maude Evans who has led the singing of the Mill Yard Church for many years with her sister Joan.

After lunch together the young people met at 3 p.m. with about forty in attendance. Visiting that day was Owen Lynch of Birmingham who brought good news of a revival of our group in that great city. For some time his family had been pretty much alone in that work since some of the group had gone back to Jamaica or elsewhere. Lately others have begun to attend so they are able to have services every Sabbath instead of fortnightly. The young people's meeting included several solos one of which was: "I Was Born To Love the Lord." There was a talk by Grace Thompson on going into all the world with the gospel. Others gave testimony in word and song. Announcement was made of a week of prayer preceding the annual celebration of the Lord's Supper in April and Baptism April 15 at the Herne Hill Baptist Church.

Book Review

How To Be a Winning Loser

Jim Macholtz, a Christian athlete and coach, has written an easy-to-read paperback for Warner Press on *How To Be a Winning Loser*. This 112-page book, selling for \$2.50, should be especially appealing to older youth who like to relate their interest in fitness and sports to the Bible and who enjoy anecdotes from the lives of some of the famous players.

Running through the pages are numerous paraphrases, in the language of

Several British Conference matters were taken care of. Elder McGeachy audited the books of the Conference treasurer and the Conference committee met at the home of Henry Wright. A typewriter and duplicator will be purchased for use for forms, tracts, and possibly a revival of *The Sabbath Observer* in a new form and under a new name. An editorial committee of five was named.

The Conference committee heard reports of the work for the past half year in Holloway, Herne Hill, and Lewisham. The treasurer reported £765 and a current account of £251. There was discussion of the possibility of purchasing a house in Balham to serve as church but the high cost of a loan and other financial difficulties left the matter open.

An evangelistic service was held Sunday evening at Herne Hill with Elder McGeachy again preaching. The small mission room was well filled.

Testimonies were again given. The sermon was on the Good Samaritan who, disregarding color and creed, responded to the human need of the man attacked by robbers. This story, the pastor emphasized, is how Jesus responded to the question "Who is my neighbor?"

Not every weekend in London includes Conference business or attracts representatives from Birmingham and Hessele but the concentrated schedule of Sabbath and Sunday evening meetings is normal to the Mill Yard church as it seeks to bear witness and grow in its several branches.

the athlete, of well-known passages of Scripture like the parables, the Sermon on the Mount, and First Corinthians 13. These are very loose paraphrases and might seem as sacrilegious if they stood alone. In the context of this book and expressing the aspirations of young players who want to play the game right, they are not out of place.

The strange title only generally fits the pleasing, thoughtful, youth-oriented philosophy presented by the author. He takes to task the idea that there is nothing so important as winning. It is a good variation of the theme that how you play is what counts. The Christian brings to the game cooperation, sportsmanship, and excellence. Macholtz makes a well-taken point that perfection comes not through expert coaching, but in self-discipline and learning to be your own coach. An interesting section applies the Beatitudes to the athlete. The religion in this popularly written book comes in easy-to-take doses.

Milton Women Honored

Milton Woman's Club at the March meeting honored two of its members. Mrs. Earl Cruzan was designated Homemaker of the Year and was entered in the annual contest sponsored by Wisconsin in First District Federation of Women's Clubs. Emphasis in the contest this year was on wise consumerism.

Mrs. Forrest M. Branch received the club's Citizenship Award for her work with the Laubach Literacy Program and her continuing activity with the Milton AFS Chapter. She received special recognition at First District Convention April 4 at the Burlingshire, Burlington, Wis.

Also, receiving special recognition at the First District Convention at Burlington in the Member Art Contest was Mrs. Nancy Abelmann. Nancy's water color won first place with her etching placing third.

Mrs. H. Laurence Burdick is currently president of Wisconsin First District Federation of Women's Clubs.

Milton Newsletter

Hundreds Witness

Every Home Crusade Opening

Five hundred and seventy Christians drawn from Blantyre City and several districts of the Southern, Central, and Northern Region of Malawi, Africa, almost packed the Kwacha International Conference Main Hall to attend the launching of an Every Home Crusade (EHC) in Malawi. The meeting was held at Kwacha International Conference Centre in Blantyre, Malawi, on March 17, 1973.

Those present were Christians representing the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists, as well as the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Anglican Church, Church of Central African Presbyterian, Full Gospel Church, Assemblies of God in Malawi, Evangelical Church of Malawi, the Baptist Church, the Church of Nazarene, Independent Assemblies of God, African Assemblies of God, the Roman Catholic Church, the Lutheran Church, the New Life for All Organization and the Christian Council of Malawi.

In a welcome address, Rev. Maxwell Jawati, Tracts Department supervisor, who chaired the meeting told the audience to feel free at the meeting. Later Mr. Jawati introduced all invited guests and a member of Parliament for Salima, Mr. Kaludzu.

The executive secretary of E.H.C., Miss Eunice Namboya, presented the Every Home Crusade report. In her report Miss Namboya said that the idea of establishing Every Home Crusade in Malawi was conceived in 1968 by the World Literature Crusade through Mr. John Nyirenda. The secretary went back to 1965 when Mr. Nyirenda, now managing director of the organization was sponsored for a Writing Course at the Africa Literature Centre, Kitwe, in Zambia, by the Christian Council of Malawi in conjunction with the Department of Community Development.

The secretary told the audience that

in July 1972, Mr. Nyirenda resigned from the Government as a press man, to take up his new appointment as director of Every Home Crusade in Malawi. He then began to get organized and in November 1972 Every Home Crusade was registered by the Malawi Government as a nonprofit company.

Miss Namboya then pointed to the table and said, "Those pamphlets you see on the table are tracts that have been printed. Those pamphlets are as a result of much labor, much prayer, and much money." She stressed that the work that had been done to produce the tracts was very tiresome, and sometimes discouraging. But prayers had done much for the production of that great work. "The printing of these tracts has cost us nine thousand kwacha (K9,000)," Miss Namboya concluded.

Mr. John B. Nyirenda, the national director of Every Home Crusade in Malawi, based his message on the Gospel of St. John 14:1-3; Acts 1:8-11, and St. Matthew 28:16-20. From these Scriptures Mr. Nyirenda preached a very strong and effective sermon. "These three Scriptures are the foundation of World Literature Crusade," Mr. Nyirenda said. He added that the founder and director of World Literature Crusade is Dr. Jack McAlister of California, United States of America and "out of World Literature Crusade, Every Home Crusade was formed."

Mr. Nyirenda refused to be called director of Every Home Crusade, but preferred to be called a helper of Jesus Christ. He said, "There is only one great Director and that is Jesus Christ. He based his strong message on three points from the Scriptures above: (1) Love; (2) Watch and Pray; (3) Go ye therefore . . .

Regarding Love, Mr. Nyirenda said, "Because Jesus is coming again we must love each other." He said that church pastors of different denominations should love one another. Missionaries of different missions and all Christians of different churches should love each other, "because we are all sailing in one boat to Heaven." To make this point clear to

people the director gave an illustration of a man who was going to Johannesburg. He said that when that man was in a train, he met another man who was going to Johannesburg, too. Because both were going to the same city—Johannesburg—they became friends and they shared whatever food they bought on their way. They began to know each other better and asked each other where they had come from and even knew each one's names, because they were going to the same city. Mr. Nyirenda strongly urged pastors, missionaries and all Christians to love one another because we are going to the same place — Heaven.

On the second point, Mr. Nyirenda said, "Because Jesus is coming again, we must Watch and Pray, for He did not say when He is coming again." He pointed out that when Jesus comes, He comes in two ways: He will come on the last day for all dead and living. He comes to individuals in a way of death. "Because you will die, you must get prepared for Jesus now," he said.

Thirdly he said that because Jesus is coming, "Go ye therefore . . ." (Matthew 28:19). Mr. Nyirenda said that that was the reason why the message of our Lord, through the tracts, should go to every home in Malawi. He went on to say, "It is our responsibility as Malawians to tell our brothers and sisters; mothers and fathers; and our uncles about salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ . . . The missionaries have done their part." He emphasized that missionaries should not be burdened; but should now serve as advisors, helpers and guides. "We should seek help from them if we need any," Mr. Nyirenda concluded.

After that wonderful message that touched almost everyone in the Conference hall, the chairman, Rev. Maxwell Jawati, announced the dedication of tracts. Before the actual dedication prayer was offered, several people prayed for specific items. The first person prayed for His Excellency the Life President Ngwazi Dr. Kamuzu Banda and his Government for allowing Malawians to have freedom of worship. Rev. David C. Pear-

S.D.B. HISTORY PRINTED

Volume III of *Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America*, which has been in preparation for several years, is now printed and available for purchase from the office of the Historical Society, announces Rev. Albert N. Rogers, editor.

The prepublication price was set at \$5, but this price will have to be increased to help cover printing costs on this non-profit venture. The book is bound to match the first two volumes. These are still available for \$10 from the American Sabbath Tract Society, which will eventually handle sales for the complete three-volume set.

son, director of Christian Education and Evangelism of Seventh Day Baptist Church of Blantyre, prayed for revival in Malawi. Kunyada S. Ngolleka, a fourteen-year-old boy, prayed for his fellow youths in Malawi. Kunyada showed a very good example by praying before a huge crowd of 570 people. And his prayer shook the whole audience. It was unusual to hear such a young boy offer such a powerful prayer. Other items like Church Unity, and Parents were prayed for. Finally, Rev. A. W. W. Mlenga of the Bible Society in Malawi, and Pastor G. Banda of the Assemblies of God, led in the dedication of the tracts with touching prayers.

From Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists, Rev. D. C. Pearson and his family; Rev. Otrain B. Manani and his wife; and Fedson F. Makatanje and his wife, attended the meeting.

Special music that came from Zingwangwa C.C.A.P. and St. Michael and All Angels Church Choirs gave life to that great meeting. The chairman then closed the meeting with the Continental Hymn titled, "Africa Must Be Saved." After the closing prayer, all guests were entertained with soft drinks.

Fedson F. Makatanje, Church Journalist, Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists with office at Makapwa Station, Malawi

A MORE RELEVANT MINISTRY

By Ben Hartley

Too often a person who complains that the church doesn't have a relevant ministry talks a better game than he plays. Still, the wistful expression for a more active, involved, and relevant mission often comes from a frustrated soul in a dead or dying congregation.

"I've talked to the minister and I've talked to my Bible school class and I've talked 'till I'm blue in the face," a middle-aged lady complains. "But I can't get anyone excited about doing anything—about the war or race relations or poverty or overseas missions or anything!"

So she also did nothing!

A church's "relevant ministry" doesn't necessarily imply massive effort or public spectacle or getting involved in politics. There's a tiny congregation in Missouri with a relevant ministry — and they don't even have a regular minister! But the handful of members are imbued with a missionary spirit that reaches out into the community to the sick, suffering, and lonely and even overseas to starving masses.

There's nothing to prevent a church from having a relevant ministry if *just one person* is concerned. You don't have to wait for the support or endorsement of a group or congregation. The person can do much — make life easier for an aged retired couple, read to sick or blind people, visit prisoners in jail to see how you might aid or comfort them, or play watchdog at city council or county commission meetings to help insure justice and good government.

Two don'ts: Don't help people because you pity them. That can be patronizing and demeaning. But help rather because God loves you and them. Don't feel that *you* have to give God credit for your noble acts — He has unlimited credit! He will be glorified even if you don't print the church's name on the T-shirts of the underprivileged kids sponsored at

President's Column



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WOMEN'S WORK—Jean Jorgensen

Making an SCSC Filmstrip

In the denominational emphasis on "Outreach USA," a number of new filmstrips are being produced to tell the story of what has and can be done for greater outreach. The SCSC Committee of the Women's Board is working on a filmstrip on the Summer Christian Service Corps. The better the pictures, the better the impact of the filmstrip.

Although the deadline for contributed slides is already here it may be that some of the slides in your possession could still be used to the glory of God. This appeal is primarily to past project directors and former SCSC workers. Properly marked slides can be returned to the owners. Pictures must be horizontal rather than vertical, should show detail and should have a brief explanation to be included in the script.

Send slides immediately to Mrs. Gary Cox, 1490 Greenbriar Blvd., Boulder, Colo. 80303.

Our Prayer Corner

1) Good results from a meaningful observance of Sabbath Renewal Day (formerly Sabbath Rally Day).

2) Individual restudy of the Christian's obligation to keep the Sabbath holy—that we may all be able to bring to others the joy of following the teaching and example of Christ.

3) A strengthening of family ties that we may show the careless world the fuller meaning of Mother's Day.

4) The magnifying of the love of Jesus Christ and consistent demonstration of the fruits of our good profession of love.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 19, 1973

GOD'S GRACE SUSTAINS US

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 40:25-31; Philippians 4:10-13.

MAY 12, 1973

New American Pioneers

Americans United for Separation of Church and State are holding meetings at such historic sites as Plymouth, Mas.; and Williamsburg to emphasize our history and our country's Bicentennial Celebration. Virgil Kraft, director of field service for the organization states:

"As the Pilgrims, pioneers, and immigrants explored the vast physical resources of our land, it is now time for us to explore the spiritual and philosophical principles underlying American society and government."

"The interdependence of our civil liberties," proclaimed Mr. Kraft, "must be emphasized. Our liberty of conscience, press, and assembly all relate to and derive from the first freedom of all — the freedom of religious thought and practice. If religious freedom is weakened, all the others are in jeopardy."

PAIN

The cry of man's anguish went up to God,
"Lord, take away pain!
The shadow that darkens the world Thou hast made;
The close coiling chain
That strangles the heart: the burden that weighs
On the wings that would soar—
Lord, take away pain from the world Thou hast made
That it love Thee the more!"
Then answered the Lord to the cry of the world,
"Shall I take away pain,
And with it the power of the soul to endure,
Made strong by the strain?
Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart,
And sacrifice high?
Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the fire
White brows to the sky?
Shall I take away love that redeems with a price,
And smiles with its loss?
Can ye spare from your lives that would cling
unto mine,
The Christ on his cross?"

—Author unknown,
found on a hospital wall

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALGIERS, LA.— A letter to *The Sabbath Recorder* from the Rev. Mary Craig Johnson, pastor of the Algiers church, gives news of the progress of rebuilding after the serious fire damage last fall. Remodeling and electrical work is being done. She speaks of having received gifts toward the cost of this work "from the four corners of the world," to a present total of \$2,473. A victory celebration is planned when the work is paid for and the building again ready for the use of the congregation and community.

DODGE CENTER, MINN.— This past three months the New Way Service on Sabbath Eve has proved to be a real blessing in many ways although the attendance has varied considerably. It has been a time of shared testimonies, inspiration from Scripture, singing praises, and seeking through prayer to feel the power of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Once a month we've invited an outside speaker for a more evangelistic type service.

The first weekend in March our youth and their advisors were host to about thirty-five young people from Battle Creek, Albion, and Milton for a retreat here. Housing was provided at the parsonage and the Bond home. Meals were served at the church under the direction of Linda Camenga and Cheryl Driver. Most of the activity was at the church except for the night after the Sabbath party at the Austin home.

Attendance varied at the Evangelistic Meetings held in the middle of March, including Wednesday through Sunday

Birth and Burial

Something is wrong with our society when we are willing to spend more to dispose of a dead body than to bring a new life, with all its potential, into the world. As Bernard Ramm says, "When the 'negative' is more expensive than the 'positive,' some serious ethical rethinking must be done."

nights. Our evangelist, Rev. John Pettway of Washington, D. C., presented soul-searching messages through song and testimony that were a real challenge to all who heard them. His joy in serving the Lord was contagious.

During the showing of the Billy Graham film, "Time To Run," in Rochester, many of our people took the training and counseled those who came forward. Duane Pederson was in charge of many training sessions, working closely with Bob Martin, chairman.

The past two quarters, Meals of Sharing receipts are being sent to the Light Bearers' for Christ project. Next quarter's will be given to those attending camps.

—Correspondent

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—The church bulletin for April 7 announces the airing of two radio programs over KBBL which began Sunday evening, April 1 and will continue. The pastor, Don Phillips, requested the prayers and cooperation of church members as he prepares the messages and programs. "Calvary Tidings" is the theme title of the church program which is heard on the FM station at 8 p.m. The other program "Burden Bearers" is sponsored by the Pacific Coast Association. It features prayer requests and pastoral sharing of other burdens. It is aired over the same station at 8:45.

Accessions

ALBION, WIS.

By Baptism:

Vernie Smith
Barbara Louise Smith
Joel Appel
Brenda Appel
Mike Geske
Jayne Geske
Norman Vaught
Floyd T. Schock

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.

By Testimony:

Mrs. Nellie Burdick
Herbert McWilliams
Margaret McWilliams (Mrs Herbert)
Sidney Watson
Lena Watson (Mrs. Sidney)

MILTON, WIS.

By Baptism:

Norman Henry Green
Annmarie Johnson
Deirdre Joy Sanford
Deborah Diane Arnold

Ruth Van Horn

By Profession of Faith:

Harry Tucker
Clyde Lee Jones

Associate Memberships:

Aaron Breikreitz

SECOND BROOKFIELD, N. Y.

By Testimony:

Shirley Aylsworth
Mrs. Helen Aylsworth

SHILOH, N. J.

By Baptism:

Linda Elizabeth Davis
Debra Lou DuBois
Jean Carol Sheppard
Steven Joseph Loper
Russell Ralph Pennington
Janis Marie (Mrs. Philip) Bond
Clifford Raymond McAllister
Kathleen Ellen (Mrs. Clifford) McAllister

Marriages

Wethal - Grahn.— John G. Wethal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wethal, Edgerton, Wis., and Laurie Sue Grahn, daughter of Warren Grahn of Madison, Wis., and Mrs. (Emmy Lou) Richard W. Zaborek, Edgerton, were united in marriage in the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. A. A. Appel, Jan. 27, 1973.

They are making their home in Edgerton, WI 53534.

Whitford - Moore.— Donald Whitford, son of Mrs. Charlotte Polan Whitford and the late Charles A. Whitford of Fort Smith, Ark., and Kim Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Moore of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage on March 23, 1973. Donald is in the navy and they are living in Jack's Beach, Fla.

Births

Burdick.— To Scott and Sally (Sanford) Burdick, of Chittenango, N. Y., on Feb. 18, 1973, a son, Christopher Scott.

Morris.— Born to Peter and Susan Morris of Los Angeles, Calif., a daughter Rebekah Ann, on March 30, 1973.

Martinez.— A daughter, Amanda Kathleen, born to Carlos and Muriel Martinez of Los Angeles, Calif., on April 9, 1973.

Warner.— Garth Benjamin Warner was born on August 12, 1972, in Vihn Long, South Vietnam, and arrived to live with his new parents, the Rev. Glen and Nancy Warner of Denver, Colo., on February 1, 1973.

Obituaries

CARTER.— Linda Harris, 77, daughter of John T. and Abbie Eldridge Harris was born in Hopewell Township, and died April 9, 1973, at the Cumberland Manor where she had been patient for the past two months. She had been in failing health for the past year.

Mrs. Carter was an active member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Shiloh. She attended faithfully its services and worked in the Ladies Benevolent Society as long as her health permitted.

She was a fine seamstress and worked for a number of years at Spoltore's Cleaners. When she retired from there in 1962 she did work for friends in her home.

Surviving are: a son, Freeman A. Carter, Woodbury, N. J.; two daughters, Mrs. Harold (Doris) Fogg, Jr., Shiloh; and Mrs. Robert (Phyllis) Mazza, Bayside, L. I., N. Y.; ten grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in the sanctuary of the Shiloh Church on April 13, 1973, with her pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, in charge. Interment was in the church cemetery.

—C. H. B.

SWIGER.— A. M. "Del," son of Ottis and Mary Helen Witter Swiger, was born at Salem, W. Va., August 8, 1908, and died at Clarksburg, W. V., March 29, 1973.

Del Grew up on a farm on Big Flint Run near Salem. As a boy he was baptized and became a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. He was a graduate of Salem College. On August 30, 1931, he was married to Chattie Mae Davis.

He was a former owner of the City Restaurant in Salem, and previous to that served as financial agent for Salem College.

He is survived by his mother of 1927 Berkwood Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa.; his widow; one son, Frederick Swiger, Brian, Ohio; one daughter, Mrs. (Jo Dell) Lambert, Akron, Ohio; two brothers, Sam Swiger, Mount Dora, Fla., and Ottis F. Swiger, Milwaukee, Wis.; one sister, Mrs. Howard (Mary Helen) Coll, Pittsburgh; two grandchildren, Frederick K. Swiger, Jr., and Melissa K. Swiger, both of Brian.

A memorial service was held April 1, 1973, at Harbert Funeral Home, conducted by the Rev. J. Paul Green and Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College. Burial was at the Knights of Pythias Cemetery.

—J. P. G.

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World C. E. News

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, left New York City (U.S.A.) January 25 for a 23-day tour to Senegal, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Italy, and Germany before returning to Washington, D. C., (U.S.A.) February 18.

Primary purpose of the tour was to welcome the Nigerian Christian Endeavor Branch into the World's Union. On February 10, Dr. Meadows met with twenty representatives near Abak to officially welcome the new union. They accepted the pledge and voted formally to become a part of the World's Union.

In speaking of his visit to Nigeria, Dr. Meadows said, "There are 50,000 people united by Christian Endeavor in Nigeria; it unites the Bible Methodist, Apostolic Assembly, Calvary Baptist, and Bethel Temple denominations; it unites people from different tribes and languages. While English is the official language of Nigeria, some speak Ibo and others Efik. It unites members across state lines, including the South Eastern and East Central states. Through their united effort they have established the Meadows Secondary School near Abak to train ministers and teachers; it opened September 1972 and has 140 students.

Speaking of his experiences Dr. Meadows continues, "The civil war of 1967-70 left its mark on this area of Nigeria. There are no elderly people, but hundreds of small orphan children. Churches and homes were destroyed and temporary mud chapels and huts have replaced them. Everywhere piles of cinder blocks made by hand are ready for the construction of

Good Music at Night

"Nightsong," a 15-minute radio music program featuring music by The Centurymen, will be produced by the Southern Baptist Radio-Television Commission in an effort to reach the "night people" of the nation.

The Centurymen are the 100-voice choir composed of ministers of music of Southern Baptist churches across the country.

"The show will be primarily a music show with very little voice bridging between songs," said Paul M. Stevens, president of the Radio-TV Commission.

"Nightsong" will be directed at people—such as truck drivers, factory workers on night shifts, security guards and others—who work at night and sleep during the day.

"This program will be an evangelistic outreach in a different form," said Stevens. The show, which has a projected air date of June 15, is expected to be premiered on twenty stations across the country and expanded to fifty stations by October.

more permanent churches. I visited two or three villages each day, speaking to 75-150 people in each village. I shared the gospel with more than 4,000 people in Nigeria."

Concerning the 19,000 mile tour, Dr. Meadows says, "I am greatly encouraged by the manifest interest on the part of many in the work for Christ and the Church through Christian Endeavor in these five countries. This was a most interesting journey with many thrilling experiences."

Centennial of North Loup Church



The church building pictured here was destroyed by fire in 1914 but the church organization continued and can boast that a new fire of evangelism is sweeping the congregation in 1973 as the church celebrates its centennial. The new and much larger building that replaced this structure within a year has recently been added to. See up-to-date picture and article on the center spread of this issue.