We have discovered that repairs such as we need are not available for the church furnace, making it necessary to consider a different heating system.

Receipts from the Lord's Acre Bazaar of the Ladies' Benevolent Society totaled $174.50. The Lord's Acre Committee has authorized the treasurer, Mrs. Coon, to send another check for $200 to the Denominational Budget.

The parsonage family is deeply grateful to all of you for your interest and many kindnesses during the illness of your pastor and son Leon (the youngest of six children). The Pastor was confined to his bed four days with a sinus infection but is on his feet and feeling somewhat improved now. Leon was in the hospital a week with a virus type of pneumonia.

Like the flow and ebb of the tide there was the effervescent return from Conference; then the thinning of the ranks as several of our young people returned to school in separate and distant cities. Good preparation for the coming separations was found in the Family Camp held at Pacific Pines over Labor Day weekend. All present felt the closeness of fellowship, especially in the worship service at the chapel in the pines, Sabbath, September 3. The message, "Trials and the Christian," given by Robert Osborn, of North Hollywood, captivated young and old. We regretted that Dr. Loyd F. Hurley, originally scheduled to speak at that meeting, was unable to do so because of his wife's illness.

Mynor M. Soper, summer assistant at the Los Angeles Church, gave ample proof of his ministry when he was our guest speaker September 10. "Ariise! Let Us Be Going" was a rousing sermon.

After five weeks of absence we thanked God for the safe return of our pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, and his family. His return on September 17, in keeping with the emphasis on the Sermon on the Mount of our new Conference president, Rev. Charles H. Bond, dealt with "Those Who Are Truly Blessed (Happy)."

On the evening of September 21 regular choir rehearsals were launched at the home of Mrs. Gleason M. Curtis, director of music. There was practice and a business meeting. The young voices of Clarence Boatman, Billy Withrow, Boyd Maddox, Ellis Lewis, Marjorie Lewis, and Leona Sloan added vitality to the singing.

A junior orchestra, coached by Mrs. Ben Kolvoord, Sabbath school pianist, will soon be ready.

The Annual Sabbath School Business Meeting was held Sunday evening, September 25. A good spirit prevailed — one of faith and unity with a forward look. Many officers were re-elected to serve again, among them, our devoted Dora Hurley, superintendent, and Mrs. Florence Garrett, treasurer.

— Correspondent.

**Accessions**

By Baptism:
- Pauline Lewis
- Carol Peterson
- Joseph Godish, Jr.

**Corrections:** The accessions printed last week were gains in the Denver Church. Sorry we failed to get in the name of the church.

**Marriages**

Stevens-Flake.—Neil C. Stevens and Marguerite Flake, both of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevens, 23 Central St., Sept. 2, 1955, by Rev. Herbert L. Polan, a great uncle of the bride. They are at home at 54 South 25th St., Battle Creek.

**Obituaries**

Clarke.—Nora Metcalf, daughter of Hubbard and Laura Johnson Metcalf and wife of Sam W. Clarke, was born in Mansfield, Pa., in 1890 and died Sept. 12, 1955, following an extended illness. She was twice married, her first husband, the late Clair Mapes, died in 1941. In 1947 she was united in marriage with S. W. Clarke of Independence, N. Y. Mrs. Clarke was an accomplished musician and a successful music teacher. Funeral services with Rev. Don A. Sanford, pastor, officiating, were held in the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church where she was an associate member. Miss Sally Clarke, her first piano pupil at Independence, furnished the music for the service. Interment was in the family lot at Wellsville. D. A. S.

A HISTORY of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission School at Fouke, Ark., is now available in a sixty-page, illustrated, mimeographed book. To cover cost of material and postage send $1.00 per book to John Pitts Randolph, Milton Junction, Wis.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge" (Psalm 19:1, 2).

These words mean something more profound than seeing an angel of snow in mountain crevices as pictured above. The whole plan of nature adds to the knowledge of God revealed in His Word.

**U. S. Forest Service Photo.**
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OYEZ, OYEZ, OYEZ
HEAR YE, HEAR YE, HEAR YE

At 12 o'clock on October 3, in Washington, D.C., the Supreme Court, page boys carried the heavy red drapes and the court crier, George F. Baskin, announced the entrance of the chief justice and the associate justices of the court. When they were within, the justices and all the courtroom stood as the court opened with the opening words for opening another term of court:

"Oyez, oyez, oyez. All persons having business before the Honorable, the Supreme Court of the United States, draw near and give their attention for the court is now sitting. God save the United States and this honorable court.

Thereupon the justices took their seats with great solemnity and 132 lawyers seeking to practice before the court were sworn in. The newspaper report mentions a heavy docket awaiting the deliberations of this highest tribunal of the land. With that we are not now primarily concerned. We would like to point out the religious significance of this brief opening ceremony. It begins with the interpretation of an old Anglo-French word, "Oyez," and ends with "God save the United States and this honorable court."

The dictionary explains "Oyez" as being far broader than Israel. Notice it: "Hear ye," a command found less frequently in the New Testament than in the Old, but for that very reason, more significant when it is found. On the Mount of Transfiguration the voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him." (Luke 9: 18)

In a somewhat lesser sense all ministers of the Gospel, like the first apostles, are commissioned to speak with such authority on matters revealed by God that they can demand a hearing. But, to return to our original thoughts about our highest court, let us remember that there is a day when we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

We have had misgivings in years gone by about the personnel on the highest bench. It seemed as though some of them claimed the right to return to our original thoughts about the policies of the administration. No such fears can be entertained about the Judge of all the earth. He will make no mistakes. Think again of the words of Paul on Mars Hill: "Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained . . ." (Acts 17: 31)

The alcoholic population of the Empire State exceeds by over 22,000 the total population of fourteen counties. — N. Y. Temperance Action.

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The WEIGLE ARTICLES

"The Living Word" items by Dr. Luther A. Weigle which have been appearing from time to time over a period of several months seem to have been helpful to some readers judging by the comments received by the editor, which have been mostly favorable.

There is correspondence and personal contacts with this liberal theologian persuas that he is a fair-minded Christian gentleman. In this we find ourselves in agreement with Dr. J. A. Huffman, author of a book, "The Revised Standard Version, an Appraisal." In his final chapter Dr. Huffman, a member of the RSV Advisory Board, says of the RSV that "it has brought him 'very disappointing in many respects.'" However, of Dr. Weigle he says, "I found Dr. Weigle always approachable, courteous, and kind . . . His attitude was always that of a listener, eager for any helpful suggestion."

The articles which we are using — and there are a few more to come — are not profound; they are for laymen, not Bible scholars. We do not print them to extol the virtues of the word, we find it disappointing in some respects and helpful in some others. This series of brief studies points out certain words in the old familiar version which have changed their meaning during the past 300 years. We believe that faithful Bible readers should be familiar with these changes, but there are many new readers who may stumble needlessly over some of the older word usages now brought to our attention by Dr. Weigle and the RSV.

As indicated above, a number of readers, ministers among them, have expressed appreciation for these articles. Mrs. Irene O. Disher says, "I have read Dr. Weigle's articles and understand RSV and her love for the old version. She says, "However, there are many words in that translation (King James) that have puzzled me, and I am glad to have them explained in these articles."

Elder E. S. Ballenger, one of the oldest and most conservative ministers in our denomination, has distributed many copies of the RSV even as he has some other versions besides the King James. He wants to promote Bible reading, as do we also.
secretary's column

Whose Business Is It?

This is the month when associations are holding either their annual meetings or their semiannual (nonbusirness) meetings. It has come to our attention that some of them are considering, or have been considering, more aggressive work in the field of missionary evangelism. While we expect and encourage this field of work much consideration, and had some rather specific proposals for our activation.

Serious thought about the problem of reaching the unchurched and the slipping with the message is worth while. To turn our attention in that direction once or twice a year is not sufficient. Each of the associations now has a missionary "Committee." Committees are all right, but expect them to do the whole job is unfair to them and to ourselves. At least two of the association committees consist of the pastors of the association. Without in any way belittling our hardworking pastors, is it reasonable to delegate to the pastors the entire task of reaching out for the unchurched and slipping? But that is what they're paid for! This comment hardly deserves a reply. How many of our pastors are specially trained to guide in the planning and activating of such programs? But your association committees are all right, but to expect them to do the whole job is unfair to them and to ourselves.

We laymen have a twofold responsibility in the field of missionary evangelism. The most important one is to our neighbor. Are we ashamed of being Seventh Day Baptists? Isn't it better to hold the line and not to become a part of the same? On the other hand, we are proud of our church and our individual affiliation with it and its work. Suppose each of us next Sabbath were to ask some infrequent church attendant or some neighbor who does not go to church at all about going to church with us. What would be the effect? Suppose each of us were to volunteer some time to participate actively in some program reaching beyond the confines of our own immediate community. Each association has within it some church that is presently pastorless, or that is suffering from anemia of some sort, or some lone Sabbathkeepers who are too distant to attend church. Most of us could find time and opportunity to make at least one call on some member of that group, or at least to write a letter to one member of a fellowship. What would be the effect?

The second responsibility is to our own spiritual development. The New Testament is filled with commands to share our faith. This is a long time compared with the span of our physical experiences. Can we afford to let die those spiritual glimpses which we are accorded during this short span?

Basicly, who is responsible for the fact that we are a "small denomination" shrinking in numbers rather than participating in the post-war growth of church membership as a whole?

The Yearly Meeting at Shiloh

The Entertainment Committee of the Shiloh, N. J., Church is anxious to show hospitality to all interested people living in northern New Jersey and eastern New York for the weekend of October 21 and 22. Those desiring lodging for the two nights are urged to notify Miss Leona Hoffman at Shiloh. The theme of the meetings is "Christian Joy."

November Is RIAL Month

Rev. Lee Holloway
Denominational Representative

The month of November, which brings with it the Religion in American Life advertising campaign, is one of the most important ones for Seventh Day Baptists. It is nearly upon us. Forty packets containing samples of RIAL materials have been mailed to our pastors. It is hoped that members of our churches will take advantage of this opportunity to purchase advertisement boosting cards, bulletin covers, and signs, and to participate in a community program which offers several free advantages.

RIAL is a national program in which mass advertising is put to work for religious groups of all faiths. Its sole purpose is to persuade people to attend worship services. What happens after that is a matter of concern. RIAL does not set out to add any content whatsoever to religious emphasis program which the Advertising Council supports, and there is no indication that the cause of religion in this country might lose anything if the RIAL program is not more fully appreciated by and supported by religious organizations.

A few added practical suggestions to the previous month in the packets might be mentioned. A phone campaign in connection with other churches to encourage people to attend the church of their choice has proved very successful in some communities and even in large cities. Local laundries may be contacted and requested to enclose RIAL cards in their laundry packages. Local outdoor advertising companies should surely all be contacted.

One company in New Jersey called the next day after receiving the RIAL information and was anxious to donate free space, some even on a yearly basis, and also furnished the names of four other religious groups. Another was in northern New Jersey. For further information, write to Rev. Lee Holloway, 511 Central Ave., Plainfield, N. J., or to Dr. Earl B. Pleasant, RIAL, 300 Fourth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

Seventh Day Baptist Students at Salem

Freshmen: Nola Gray, Johnny Harris, Christine Davis, Ann Stone, Carol Stone, Marie Hutson, Arnold Van Horn, Russell Clement.

Sophomores: Bonnie Rowe.

Juniors: Dick Batchelder, Alonson Randolph, Wayne Moore and Maxson, James Maxson, Geri Hargis, Earl Stens, Carol Harris.

Seniors: Jeanette Haling, Marilyn Osborn, Herbert Soper.

The students mentioned here come from many churches and states, among which are: Milton, Wis., Shiloh, N. J., Little Geneseo, N. Y., Blue Creek, Mich., Westerly and Ashaway, R. I., Los Angeles, Calif., White Cloud, Mich., Denver, Colo., Paint Rock, Ala., and perhaps some others besides the West Virginia Churches.
BERLIN CELEBRATES 175 YEARS
Miss A. Mildred Greene

On Sabbath Day, September 24, in spite of rain and fog, about seventy people attended the Home-coming celebrating the 175 Anniversary of the Berlin Church. Members of the Schenectady Church, and Berlin members living in Berne, N. Y., drove over the mountain, some being delayed by getting lost in the fog.

The usual order of service was followed, with the addition of a solo, "The Mercies of God," by Brenda Moore of the Schenectady Church and a duet, "Just Keep on Praying," by Ruby and Eunice Maxson. Rev. Carl Durbow, pastor of the Baptist Church, offered the pastoral prayer, and Rev. Gordon Clark, of the Methodist Church, pronounced the benediction.

A bountiful lunch was served at noon, and the informal afternoon service began with Scripture reading by Deacon Gordon Kilts and prayer by Elder Maurice Moore of the Schenectady Church. This event, along with others, will be remembered by the Berlin congregation, reading a very interesting history of the church.

The Echo, home-town paper of the near-by community of New Lebanon, reports the historical paper (in part) as follows:

"Mrs. Bentley noted that 'as early as 1765, families from Rhode Island and Connecticut began coming into the Little Hoosick Valley to make new homes. Among them were several members of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination,' On September 24, 1780, thirty of these Seventh Day Baptists met together and formed the local church.

"The first house of worship was erected in 1798, though not dedicated until June, 1801. This building was destroyed by a tornado in August, 1822. The present building which was erected on the old foundation was commenced in 1823 and dedicated in December, 1824. It was remodeled in 1848 by the addition of a vestibule and belfry and bell. In 1877, the location of the church was re-arranged, and in 1896, the parsonage was added to the grounds.

"In speaking of the many pastors who have served the church during its 175-year history, Mrs. Bentley mentioned that President James A. Garfield, when a student at Williams College, preached in the local church."

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THE LIVING WORD

Dr. Luther A. Weigle

One of a series of articles by this noted man. "Quick" and "lively"

The adverb "quickly" is used in all the English versions of the Bible, and causes no trouble. It translates Hebrew and Greek words which mean speedily, in haste, or soon.

But the adjective "quick" in the King James Version translates entirely different words, and always means "alive" or "living." It is not retained by the revised versions. In these "the quick and the dead" (Acts 10: 42; 2 Timothy 4: 1; 1 Peter 4: 5) is replaced by "the living and the dead." In Hebrews 4: 12, instead of "the word of God is quick, and powerful" we now read "the word of God is living and active."

"When Korah and his company went down quick into the mouth of the earth, and it swallowed them up, the word "quick" refers not to the immediacy of the catastrophe or to the speed of their descent, but to the fact that they were buried alive. The adjective "quick" is found in Psalms 55: 15 and 124: 13. The word "alive" is now used in all these cases."

The word "quick" is retained by the Revised Standard Version in one passage, Leviticus 13: 10, where it refers to "the quick raffle of leprosy."

The verb "quicken" appears 14 times in the Psalms and 11 times in the New Testament; it is replaced in the RSV by such terms as revive, give life, preserve life, make alive, life-giving.

The word "lively" means "vigorously" in the description of the Hebrew women by the midwives of Egypt (Exodus 1: 19). Elsewhere it means "living." Moses received "living oracles" from God (Acts 7: 38). Peter writes that "we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead," and exhorts his readers as sharers in that hope: "Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1: 3; 2: 4-5).

Denominational Building Notes

The headquarters building of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination was described recently by some local residents, not connected with our people, as the most beautiful building in the city of Plainfield. We were surprised to hear such a statement, but upon reflection, we think that it is justified. The three-story structure plus attic and full basement stands on one of the few through north and south streets five blocks south of the main east and west business street. Directly across the street is the small park adjoining the City Hall, where at this time the manger scene with live sheep is annually set up. Next door is the very active Central YMCA. A block and a half south are the World War I memorial monument and flag pole, the new Salvation Army building, and the most imposing church edifice of the city, Crescent Avenue Presbyterian.

The above is merely identification material. Such a building as this, though carefully constructed for great durability, does require occasional exterior maintenance. At the time of writing, a careful workman is waterproofing the bricks on the weather side of the building, recalling some of the masonry seams, and making minor repairs to some of the copper gutters.

The interior of the building has had one major improvement this fall. The old coal-burning furnace under the publishing house office which heated the front building, has been converted to oil. The installation of the oil-burning unit at a cost of $875 was a project of the Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference and was accomplished without drawing on the Denominational...
STATEMENT OF BELIEF

Darrell D. Barber

Given on the day of his ordination to the ministry at North Loup, Neb., August 27, 1955.

I believe in God, the eternal Spirit, Creator and Sustainer of all life. I believe in God as being the one and only supreme Being controlling this universe which we live in.

When I think of God, I think of Him as being divine love. This love of God far transcends the human form of love. Human love is selfish and seeks only self-satisfying desires. The Love of God (AGAPE) is full and rich, given to us as a free gift out of the compassion that God has for us. This love is always reaching out to fill our lives with the very divine presence of God.

As a Christian, I can only learn of God by experience and study. I first learned of God from my parents, and later from my teachers and minister. Now when I wish to study about God, His will for me, and the message that He has, I must approach this knowledge with knowledge of the Christian way of life as based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. As William Clarke in An Outline of Christian Theology has written:

To a Christian, God is not a common noun, but a proper name. In our religion we do not speak of a "god," but of God, a single and definite Being; there is none like Him.

As I continue this concept of God, I think of Him as being a Spirit who is present everywhere in the universe that one feels; a Spirit that brings a restful calm to my spirit. There is nothing here that would be a cause for controversy, for in this view I see God as a Spirit who loves and whose love so fills my being that I seek to obey Him and do His will out of love, rather than out of any fear of punishment. I see God as ... "the personal Spirit, perfectly good, who in holy love creates, sustains, and orders all" as Clarke has expressed it.

I see God, then, as a personal Spirit. True, He was born; certainly He is not less. When we think of God as speaking to us, He says, "I," and when we speak to Him we say, "Thou." Since God

I believe that God is alone fully personal, it would seem to me that He is more than "a" personal spirit; it would seem to me that He is the personal Spirit. Stating that God is perfectly good, as I did in the above quote, does not limit the meaning of good to being gracious or kind. I believe that the meaning of good in this instance far transcends any expression that man can give. God is intangible, and man can only express how he feels about impressions in a tangible form. If we then see God as perfectly good (as Clarke stated), we attribute to him all possible moral excellence. God is holy love.

I believe in God, the personal Spirit, holy love, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. He is God the Father. He is God to all and wills that man do the right. He is God to the just and to the unjust, and He loves all with the same degree of love. I believe that He has revealed Himself to us in many ways. He revealed Himself to "men of old," and He still reveals Himself to men of today.

I believe that God "spoke" to men of old, but He also spoke in an audible voice, or in a spiritual impression, I do not know; but men felt and still feel the impression and will of God.

The glory of our religion and of the will of God is fully realized in the impression; by the voice of God, and in spiritual impression, I do not know; but men felt and still feel the impression and will of God.

I therefore believe that God has made Himself known by revelation, self-manifestation by spiritual impression; by the teachings of Jesus Christ; by the teachings of the Christian Church. In all God is the central figure or personality. When we have seen God in this light, we can see His wonders in nature, for in nature is the Creator visible. This is not in the sense of the pantheist who says, "All is God," but in the sense of the monothetist who says, "All of God." One who has come to know God through the teachings of the Bible, his parents, or minister can see the handicraft of God in nature. Thus nature, man, and the universe are revelations of God, but surpassing all of these is the Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ

I believe in Christ. I believe that Christ is the second Person of the triune Godhead, and yet I think that the real personality of Christ has been sadly misrepresented and misinterpreted. The real purpose and act of the incarnation has been greatly neglected and the tendency is to fall into sentimentalism. We should consider Jesus of Nazareth in His real and true light.

Moses was a revealer of law and custom. Jesus was different. He was on a far higher plane, for people called Him the (KURIOS) Christ, the Son of God. Never in any religion has anyone ever held the position that Christ does in the Christian religion. If one studies Roman history and their gods one finds that nearly all cases reveal that the god was a former human who became a god. In Christianity is the only instance where God became man for the purpose of instructing this creature He created, and giving unto him salvation.

I believe in the divinity of Christ. There have been some opposing opinions concerning the divinity of Christ. Some hold that He was human-born and received the Messianic title at His baptism. Others hold that He was man, miraculously born, sent as an instrument of God. However, the unexplainable birth being stressed along with the divinity of this great personality, and the sentimentality of the Messiah title at His birth. Some held that He was human-born and received the Messianic title at His baptism. Others hold that He was man, miraculously born, sent as an instrument of God. However, the unexplainable birth being stressed along with the divinity of this great personality, and the sentimentality of the Messiah title at His birth.

In accounting for this unusual person and the purpose of establishing His divinity, we have the record in Matthew and Luke of the Virgin Birth. This one doctrine has caused more dissension and argument in Christian circles than any other, save that of the final age. Let us remember that the Virgin Birth and age did not reason as we do. To them Jesus was just another human.
explanation of His strange personality and set it in the written form we now have. The Virgin birth, it does not mean as we now have it, comes to us from Catholicism. The reason is to establish the divinity of Jesus and show cause for the fact that He was without sin. Their doctrine of 'original sin' is the basis of this trend. Sin came through the male species, and so, for Jesus to be without sin, He could not have had an earthly father.

In order to have any sense of reason, I believe in the virgin birth of Christ in this way: We have the Biblical account. Matthew used this story to show the fulfillment of prophecy. Luke used it to set forth His Messianic title. I believe in the Virgin Birth of Christ, but I believe that the birth was the result of His divinity, and not that the virgin birth made Him divine.

Though Christ was the supreme revelation of God to the world the abundant love of God. The Holy Spirit is by this His will. The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Trinity, was the power present in Christ that led Him in obedience to the will of God, even unto death. He is the central figure of power; in Christ, the revelation of God's holy love; in the Holy Spirit, the revelation of God's present nearness and the motivation that causes us to do His wish. Combining these three persons we receive of a God who controls and directs; loves with a holy love; reveals in divine presence. This is God that reveals to man, the creation of that He really is, and the need for man to understand himself and His need for God. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

-To be continued-

**PACIFIC COAST ASSOCIATION**

**Evelyn Ring, Corresponding Secretary**

The fall meeting of the Pacific Coast Association met with the Los Angeles Church on the weekend of September 30 to October 2. It took the form of a missionary conference on the theme "Ye shall be witnesses unto me," from Acts 1: 8.

The services opened on Friday evening with a song service followed by a message illustrated with slides titled "Jamaica" by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler. It centered around his recent visit to Jamaica following Conference.

During the Sabbath school hour on Sabbath morning there were three messages on "Why We Should Witness unto Him": "The Bible basis of missions," by Albyn Mackintosh, Los Angeles, Calif.; "The present human need," by Dr. George Thorn gate, Monterey, Calif.; "The layman's part in missions," by Dr. Stanley Rasmussen, Livermore, Calif.

The theme of the regular Sabbath morning service was "How We Can Be Witnesses unto Him." The inspiring message of the morning by Rev. Orville Ogle was entitled "The Power for Witnessing." Two anthems by the combined choirs of the Riverside and Los Angeles Churches added much to the service.

The young people opened the afternoon meeting with a discussion on "Witnessing in Our Daily Lives: at Work, at School, at Play." The discussion was led by Miss Lois Wells with Carol Aschraft, Bernice Becker, Donna Bowman, Dixie Crouse, Dale Curtis, and Lois Ritz participating.

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The president of the association, Dr. Victor Burdick, then led a panel discussion "Why the Bible?" illustrating the Pacific Coast. Joining in the panel were Mrs. Helen Thorngate, Rev. Alton Wheeler, Associate Pastor Myron Soper, Dr. Stanley Rasmussen, and Leon Lawton.

On the evening after the Sabbath we were privileged to listen to Dr. Wayne Rood of Berkeley, Calif. The theme was "Visitation," with the subject "Nigeria — as I saw It." His talk was illustrated with slides he had taken in Nigeria, making a very interesting and informative service.

Sunday, the meetings were somewhat different in form from our usual association procedure. The Program Committee had envisioned a new approach — that of workshops. Five such workshops were held on "Ye Shall Witness unto Me in California." The first, "Evangelism" (planning for a field worker), was led by Dr. Stanley Rasmussen and Pastor Wheeler; the second, "Visitation" (sharing the Gospel in homes), by Albyn Mackintosh and Ethella Bauersfeld; the third, "Public Witness" (Pacific Coast news letter), by Philip Lewis and Pastor Lawton; the fourth, "The Association Program," by Dr. Victor Burdick and Dorotha Brewer; and the last, "Young People's Activities" (an enlarged senior camp), by Associate Pastor Soper and Mrs. Elmer Maddox.

At the close of the period, reports were brought to the group of these recommendations. (We hope to hear more about the working out of these recommendations in later articles.) A full program was planned for the children's evening, with special group and class meetings, and a film, "Uncle Mel Visits Africa." The children's sermon on Sabbath morning, by Mr. Wheeler was a "Jamaican Story."

The meals during the association meetings were furnished by the host church with luncheons in the church patio and a picnic in Sycamore Grove near the church on Sabbath evening. The Young People's Fellowship Breakfast on Sunday morning was also held in Sycamore Grove Park.

The association business session, in charge of President Victor Burdick, closed the weekend of services.

"A Los Angeles member wrote on October 16th this week that, 'I believe that the Bible is a spiritual Book. One reads it and believes it to the extent of putting their trust now and forever in Jesus Christ.'"
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LET’S THINK BIG
Thelma Tarbox

[This article would appear to have been written as a summary of the discussions and addresses of our recent annual Conference. Actually it was written a month earlier.]

In answer to a minister’s question, “Why was Christ crucified?” I replied, “Because the leaders hated Him.” “No,” the minister corrected, “from the beginning, God planned that Jesus would die on the cross.

I do not doubt that God has tight hold on the reins which guide earthly affairs. It seems wise, however, to investigate the ‘human’ reasons which surround events, that we may profit from the past. The Jewish leaders did hate Jesus because, by contradicting them, He undermined their power. For that reason they ‘sought to kill Him.’

We find it difficult to understand why God has deliberately kept us little-known in order to prove to the world that a Bible reader who studies. This should convince the world for Christ. Christians crave and are endowed with tremendous assets: 1. Our doctrine is simplicity itself. We emphasize ‘being and doing’ like Christ. We practice what other denominations preach: That God wants His laws kept the way Christ taught and lived them! We see a clean-cut division between the ceremonial laws, written in a book by Moses (nailed to the cross), and the Ten Commandments provided by a loving Father as a guide to decent conduct (through all history). We know that Christ is ever-present, able to help us live according to God’s will. Ours is a religion which makes sense to Mr. Average.

2. We lack in quantity, we make up in quality. The difficulties of Sabbath-keeping have weeded out all but the ‘red-hots.’ Surely we have sufficient faith and muscle to propagate our viewpoint.

3. Modern research has gleaned from the Bible and history enough facts about Sabbath and Sunday to prove that Sunday is an impostor. “Our Lord’s Holy Day,” by Rev. Lee Holloway, “Why all of us are Sabbath-keeping Baptists,” by Rev. Alva L. Davis, are ‘musts’ on everyone’s reading list.

4. The Sabbath is not yet an issue. Sunday is taken for granted. The majority have given no serious thought to the possibility that Sunday may not be the Lord’s Day. A young minister confided that while he was at seminary, one of his teachers insisted that each subject be investigated from scratch. I asked if the Sabbath had thus been considered. The reply was, “No, apparently the instructor did not think it an issue!”

5. With miracle means of communication at our disposal we can shout above the din and confusion of conflicting doctrines. The common cry is this: “Christians believe in the same God and the same Christ. Why not worship in the same church?” Why? Seventh Day Baptists can count out the church which the world seeks.

6. People are accepting the Sabbath! The non-denominational Bible Sabbath Association lists forty-five types of Sabbath-keepers plus the ancient native church of Ethiopia.

7. Seventh Day Baptists have God’s mark of approval. So far as we know, our denomination is the only one which can claim ‘spontaneous increase’ through teaching by the Holy Spirit. All other creeds are handed from man to man.

8. We have an excellent claim to continuity. It is a Protestant forte that Christ’s Church is invisible. Yet Ephesians 5: 25-27 implies that there will always be a group of believers who correctly understand the Gospel. Rev. Alva L. Davis in the above-mentioned tracts states: “Seventh Day Baptists have had a long and honored history, dating from Apostolic times.”

9. Genuine Christians are sincere. If they were to believe that God prefers them as Seventh Day Baptists, they would become Seventh Day Baptists.

10. God has endowed humans with common sense and a desire for truth when all the facts are available. Our adversaries are not individuals but traditions and habitual ways of thinking. It is our task, with patient determination, and love, to peal away the layers of assumption, misunderstanding, and ignorance which weaken Christendom and retard the spread of the Kingdom.

There is a Scriptural admonition: “Point out error in a spirit of humility.”

We dare not shrink our future by wallowing in defeatism and limited vision. As long as our words ports, we have a big responsibility to share with all God’s people the wonderful gift of truth which He has given to us.

Seventh Day Baptists face an exciting challenge.

ACTIVE MINISTERS IN SCHOOL

There are a number of our pastors and assistant and associate pastors in school, a larger number than one would guess. We do not have full information but present here a partial story.

As previously mentioned more than once, Pastor Kenneth Smith and family have left the Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., Churches to pursue graduate studies for the current school year in Scotland under a grant from the Rotary Clubs. His place at home is being taken by an Alved seminary student, Doyle Zwiebel. Fie has not heard merely he is taking courses in a nearby seminary while serving as interim pastor.

It has been noted that Delmer E. Van Horn, pastor of the Little Genese, N. Y., Church expects to finish time to complete his studies at Alfred this year. (He has a son who entered Salem College this fall.)

Donald E. Richard, pastor at Berea, W. Va., expects to complete his thesis for Alfred this spring.

Rev. Lee Holloway, pastor at Plainfield, N. J., has resumed studies this fall at the oldest theological seminary in the United States, New Brunswick, and is
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THE KITE FLYERS

An editorial in the October issue of the Butcher Workman

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Astronomers now seem to know that in the countless newly discovered star galaxies, there is no disarrangement in our sky pattern. Some of these galaxies have been found to hang in our eternal skies like clusters of grapes in heavenly vineyards. The distances between these newly discovered galaxies is so great that much interplanetary travel will be accomplished, they fail to state.

Science may launch a little man-made satellite to circle the earth, which they intend to do. In some manner, they will send this little satellite some 200 miles into the ionosphere and there it will circle the earth until it burns itself out with friction.

As primitive man looked heavenward, bewildered, our present-day scientists can do little more. Science will never be able to unravel the mystery of the universe because it is the work of God, too vast for finite man to conceive. In regions so vast as the universe, with their little toy satellites, our scientists are really nothing more than kite flyers.

There may come a time in the remote future when man might make it to the moon. If creatures similar to human beings are ever found there, in all probability, charities, manufacturers, may then make a sort of superhuman effort to move their machinery there in order to reduce labor production costs.

Let the kite flyers have their dreams. We prefer to consider outer space as beautifully patterned by the hands of God, and the mystery of it all makes us think of His creation as alone.

[Editor's note: We like this editorial and its concluding paragraph. If it had been our own, we would certainly have used a different "punch line" in the next to the last paragraph. Not having a labor union axe to grind, as this editor does, we would prefer continuation of the spiritual emphasis.]

LET'S THINK IT OVER

It has been hoped that Defense Department spending could be cut to $33,000,000,000 this fiscal year. But Secretary of Defense Wilson says that, because of increased costs, it now looks as if the savings will be $33,000,000,000. On October 4 it was reported by AP that the treasury balance was $5,386,038,347.08. Increased prosperity is bringing in more revenues than anticipated. The defense chief might well be asked, "Is there also a comparable increase in church treasury balances, or is this lag behind because there is no compulsory tithing or payroll deduction for financing eternal security for the people of the world?"

The Preferred Risk Mutual Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa, has sent out an annual report to its automobile policyholders. The report states that renewal premiums for 92% of its policyholders have been reduced because of claim-free years. The company insures only total abstainers. Sam Morris, the president, is a noted temperance speaker. We are pleased to note that such a company can report a 60% increase in new business and the establishment of several new branch offices.

When the Ten Commandments, God's law, no longer can be found at our school, our schools' activities, he replaces them with man-made law and sets up the Golden Calf. - Christian Economics.

KANSAS CITY FELLOWSHIP

The promising Kansas City Fellowship has not yet secured a permanent meeting place. Meetings are held regularly on Friday evenings and Sabbath mornings in the small village of Gazhland, Mo., a few miles to the north, usually in the home of a member visiting in the Kansas City area and desiring to contact the group may call Gladstone 4517 or Gladstone 0178. Translations for the place of meeting is regularly provided.

From a recent letter it is learned that several of the new members of the fellowship became interested through an ad in the paper followed up by two personal visits. People have several requests for tracts and full information.

As soon as a permanent city location is secured, it is expected that the group will enlarge its usefulness. Pray for the continued success of this effort, which is already described by the members as "an inspiration and a blessing to us."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NADY, ARK. — On the way back from Florida General Conference the Beebe family stopped at Little Prairie, Ark., where the Nady Church. Mr. Beebe could only stay a few days but Mrs. Beebe and Paul were urged by Dr. Seager, president of the association, to remain there another week and conduct a Vacation Bible School, which they did. With the help of two young women in the community the scattered families were brought together for a successful school with a total of 46 pupils. Morning sessions were held at the church and two afternoon sessions were held at the home of a member “across the lake” according to a letter from Mrs. C. A. Beebe.

The letter further states that the young people at Nady meet at the church on Tuesday evenings for Bible study as a community project.

VERONA, N. Y. — Mr. and Mrs. Irving Williams quietly observed their 50th wedding anniversary at their home on August 12, 1955. Their daughter and...
son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sholtz, observed their 30th anniversary on the same day. Mr. and Mrs. Williams also have one son, Orville of Verona.

A 50th anniversary party was held at the church recently in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Perry. A program of music and songs was enjoyed, and the honored couple was presented with a gift. Mr. and Mrs. Perry have two children, Mrs. Eudora Green, of Unadilla Forks, and Alfred Perry, of Holly, N.Y.

A variety show was held in honor of Joyce Van Dreessen and Robert Carver, soon to be married.

The many friends of Mrs. Iva Davis are sorry to learn of her recent fall. She is confined to the Oneida City Hospital.

- Correspondent.

MARLBORO, N. J. — From the pastor comes a brief note for publication telling of the successful Harvest Home celebration Sept. 23 and 24. This appears to be the twenty-fourth annual celebration of this kind, with occasional such gatherings back as far as 1913. Featured on the Sabbath eve program was Rev. John Schmid, pastor of the German-speaking congregation at Irvington in the metropolitan New Jersey area. He showed pictures of his 1954 visit to the churches in Germany.

On Sabbath morning the pastor estimated the attendance at 160 and notes that dinner was served to 140. In the afternoon, Miss Florence Bowden spoke on temperance education, and time was allowed also for testimonies.

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Marriages
Hutson - Davis. — Dale Hutson and Carolyn Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Davis of Salem, W. Va., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister near Salem, Aug. 6, 1955. The bride's pastor, Rev. Rex Burdick, read the ceremony. The couple reside at Hightstown, N. J.

BIRTHS
Cook. — A son, John Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook, Jr., of Elmer, N. J., on October 1, 1955.

Stonestreet. — A daughter, Marilyn Gayle, to Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Stonestreet (Elaine Lawton) of Charleston, W. Va., on Sept. 8, 1955.

Maxson. — A son, Jeffrey Niel, to Richard and Marion (Burdick) Maxson of Butler, Pa., on September 19, 1955.

OBITUARIES
Lyndick. — Edna Davis, daughter of Franklin and Amanda Bond Davis, was born in 1887, and passed from this life at her home in New Castle, Pa., in June, 1955. She had been a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Salem, W. Va.

Shannon. — Mrs. Margaret B., a newcomer to Seventh Day Baptists, became a member of the Salem, W. Va., Church in Jan., 1955, having transferred from the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Church. She had made her recent home at the Masonic Homes in Elizabeth-town, Pa., where she died Sept. 7, 1955. Funeral services were conducted from the memorial chapel there by the chaplain, Rev. Harlan C. DuBois. Burial was in the Masonic Homes Cemetery at Elizabeth-town.

Randolph. — Oeliea Davis, daughter of Ethel-burt and Susan Davis Davis, was born at Greenbrier, W. Va., Jan. 2, 1876, and died near the home of her son at Shinnston, W. Va., Sept. 15, 1955.

At a very young age, she professed her faith in Christ and united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Greenbrier, later transferring her membership to the Salem Church where she served faithfully as long as her health permitted.

On Dec. 25, 1896, she was united in marriage to Thomas A. Randolph who preceded her in death. To this union were born three children, all of whom survive her: Carl, of Shinnston, W. Va., Maudella (Mrs. Fay Barnett), of Detroit, and Virginia (Mrs. Frank Walsh), of Philadelphia. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive her.

Funeral services were conducted from the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. C. Rex Burdick, and interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Salem.

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