R. Rood made the plans for us and also a scale model of the church-to-be.

The stonework looks nice but probably can't be pointed up until next spring (our first snowstorm is today, November 15). We were fortunate to have considerable help from Jess Babcock of Milton Junction, Wis., in laying blocks for our foundation. Crews from Dodge Center, Minn., came and helped two Sundays. Rev. David Clarke and some of his boys from Boulder helped a few days, and other friends and members have donated more than 2,700 hours of labor. As to money, one friend sent us his entire vacation pay. A woman sent us $5 saved out of her $9 per month personal allowance. We neither solicit nor expect such sacrifice but how we do appreciate the spirit that prompted the givers. These donations are built into the sandstone walls indicating their permanence and value.

So many have expressed verbally or by letter an interest in our enterprise. We hope all our friends can visit and worship with us sometime. A continued and prayerful interest is anticipated. Thanks to all of you. — Correspondent.

Births

Goodrich. — A son, George Lawrence, was born on November 12, 1956, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goodrich of North Loup, Neb. Thorngate. — A son, Danna Lee, to Gordon and Jeannette Thorngate, of Arvada, Colo., July 10, 1956.

Marriages

Maxson-Weaver. — Mrs. Ann Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Newman of Cotesfield, Neb., and Roy Maxson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Maxson of North Loup, Neb., were married in Trinity Church (Methodist) at Council Bluffs, Oct. 6, 1956. Mr. Maxson is employed in North Loup, the home will be at Cotesfield.

Obituaries

Henry. — Philip, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry, was born Oct. 11, 1936, at Glenn Dale, Calif., and died in a military plane collision near Pasadena, Calif., Sept. 4, 1956.

He accepted the Lord at a very early age in his home in the experience of Family Worship and later joined the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church. Most of his young life was spent at Fontana, Calif. "Ye Are the Light of the World" seemed the text of his life as expressed through a radiant countenance, a permeating love for others, and many a jubilant testimony for the Lord. At the time of his death after being on active duty twice, he was a first lieutenant and pilot in the Air Force National Guard.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry; 3 brothers: Robert, Paul, and Daniel of Fontana; Donald of Helendale, David of San Bernardino, all in California; and one sister, Mrs. Nelson (Patricia) Keyser, also of Fontana.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, and interment was at the Olivewood Cemetery at Riverside.

A. L. W.

Randolph. — Ruth Brown, daughter of Christian and Effie Williams Brown, was born at Utica, N. Y., April 4, 1895, and died at Physicians Hospital, Plattsburg, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1956. She joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Y., in 1914. She was united in marriage with Winfield W. F. Randolph August 28, 1917. Mrs. Randolph taught in the Keeseville, N. Y., High School for twenty-four years, having begun her service when her husband became principal of Keeseville Schools in 1927.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Dr. Winfield L. F., of Alfred; three grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. James Lawless of Utica; two brothers, Leroy and Lewis Brown of Utica. Memorial services were conducted at Keeseville, September 11 and from the First Alfred Church in Alfred the next day with her pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating at both services. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

H. S. W.

CHRIST IN LIFE

Shall we keep our Saviour always in the mangers
When He wills we should not stay all wandering strangers
To the power in living human souls' salvation
Wrought for salvage mid the wonders of creation?
Radiance is gleaming as a guide to travel
Through His open door, designed to help unravel
Problems deep and mysteries of rare sights that glisten
To the eyes that see and ears that listen,
While His Voice is gently calling, aim for winning
In the stress and strain of life's exalted inner
Riding o'er the waves of waters deep and raging,
Climbing mounts of courage for the contests waging,
This is life that grows to worthwhile living,
Takes each willing gift and blesses all the giving.

LOIS F. POWELL

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Sabathkeeping churches and promoters of the Sabbath of the Bible can now procure an invaluable historic Chart of the Week, showing the unchanged order of the days of the week and the true position of the Sabbath as proved by the combined testimony of 160 ancient and modern languages. It was prepared by the scholar, Rev. William Mead Jones, D.D., who was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, England. A photographic copy in 4 parts each measuring 175 by 231 inches and suitable for framing may be procured by sending $10 to Mark Wiley, 5614 So. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.
Before It Is Too Late

To borrow a phrase from an automobile manufacturer, "Sabbatical is 1960." When we contemplate what we have failed to accomplish in the work of the Lord, we are glad it is not too late. But we are aware that suddenly it is Christmas. By the time this magazine is printed many of the Christmas musical programs will have already been performed to the public. But Sabbath programs and family gatherings are still in the future.

Before it is too late, before we complete our shopping for gifts given to loved ones and friends let us stop and think. How large a place we are making in our Christmas plans for the One whose birthday we celebrate and who gave us the supreme example of giving? It would be a shame and a blot on our good name if we should fail to give ourselves to give beyond our means to our friends and should find little or nothing left to give to the cause of Christ.

If this is a time when we expect to make sacrifices to add to the abundance of relatives and acquaintances how much more should we give to the Gospel-need in the name of Christ?

In our community on the first weekend after Thanksgiving and on the first Sunday of December, shopping centers were crowded with thousands of family groups buying presents. It was amazing. We wondered how many of them really understood the real reason for the season and Calvary? How many shoppers squandered ten-dollar bills on passing toys after attending the five-day annual assemblies sponsored by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches which convened at Plainfield, N. J., on November 26-30 and again at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., after attending the five-day annual assemblies sponsored by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches which convened at Plainfield, N. J., on November 26-30 and again at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., November 25-30. The meetings are held in the same place each year, and Secretary Harris always plans to attend. On some occasions other, members of the Missionary Board have also been present. Fran Kellogg of New Market, N. J., who has been appointed by our General Conference to membership on the Administrative Board, was not able to attend the annual meetings.

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two-day meeting of that rather large body this year. He asked your editor, the secretary of the Tract Board, to take his place at the Bible Institute in New York City Tuesday, November 27.

When the Joint Department of Evangelism of the N.C.C. held its fall meeting in New York Wednesday, November 28, Secretary Harris was not able to be present. Again Secretary Malby, being near at hand, represented Seventh Day Baptists. Word comes from Riverside, Calif., that Rev. Alton Wheeler was planning to represent our people at the General Board meeting of the N.C.C. on December 4 and 5. It is the first time this policy-making board has met on the West Coast. It is pointed out that Rev. Alton Wheeler is the alternate representative for the current year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Conference Theme

Attention is called to the special Christmas message of our Conference president, "I Love You, Father" and to the theme picture on the back cover. This is the first printing of the theme picture which will be used later on a number of other publications. The drawing is the work of Richard Batchelder, a Salem College student preparing for the ministry, who has succeeded well in his graphic emphasis of the theme: "Pray without ceasing—Abound to every good work."

Hungarian Refugees

It appears to the editor that for the time being at least the Hungarian refugees arriving at our neighboring city of New Brunswick, N. J. (Camp Kilmor is in the outskirts on the Plainfield side), are more than amply provided for. What the situation is in Austria may be another matter, but many international relief agencies are working on that. Our own obligation is no greater than that of millions of others. We would be making a mistake to divert much of our denominational benevolence to such a well-supported cause.

From information just received through inter-church sources we get an estimate of the population of those who so far have escaped from Hungary to Austria. Roughly two thirds of them are Roman Catholic and one third Protestant with "quite a number" of Jewish personnel among them. Of the Protestants and Catholics, 30 per cent of the Protestants are of the Reformed Church with Lutherans, Baptists, and Methodists in lesser numbers.

We printed recently the appeal of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of NCC, to the foreign secretary of the Russian Orthodox Church, an appeal for that church to take a stand against the violence in Hungary. It is the same appeal. It said, in essence, that the Russian Orthodox Church is opposed to "aggression" in the Middle East and is participating with the Soviet Government in sending "material aid" to "those who suffer in Hungary." The reply was felt to fall somewhat short of recognizing the Christian obligation involved in regard to Hungary.

Appreciates Our Sabbath Position

The minister from Pomona, Calif., who wrote the article, "Death of Modesty" referred to in our November 19 has since written some interesting comments about the Sabbath and tithing and has asked for more information about the history of Seventh Day Baptists. Part of his letter is quoted here with his permission.

"I have a great deal of respect for your denomination as for other small ones which place principle above popularity. I was glad to receive the tract you sent and will read it as soon as I get time. I realize that there are strong arguments for your position. The larger bodies of Protestantism have, to my observation, practically ceased to hallow either the seventh or the first day, outside of church services. I hear a great deal talking about the Lord; the one tenth the Old Testament commands, but nothing about giving the Lord one seventh (of time) on any grounds. The one tenth is raised up because its observance brings in the money to support the church and its projects. The one seventh being due to Him, if He is able. The rank and file of a congregation do not observe anything the preacher does not think it worth while to emphasize."

Sabbath Candles

The lighting of candles at the beginning of the Sabbath has been started in many of our homes. Letters received speak of many pleasant reactions, and the response is good. We hope that more of our Seventh Day Baptists who are not Jews will join us in a world-wide band in special prayers on Sabbath eve. Homes in which children have a part in the lighting of the candles seem to receive the greater blessing.

Our children often do some real thinking. One parent informs me that his daughter stated at the table following the lighting of the candles and special prayers for our denominational workers and agencies, "Daddy, can't we do more than just pray for a bit?" She truly felt as the writer James when he stated, "Faith without works is dead, standing alone."

Coin Banks

Could we this year between Christmas and Easter dedicate a special container in our home in which to place our dimes or dollars to help "Our World Mission?" If the coins are not deposited in this bank on Sabbath eve, the family might decide on a special love offering, or sacrifice offering they would put in at a later time.

Would pastors in our churches consider presenting this to the people after Christ-

mas? It is not meant to compete with present budgets or pledges, but only as a sacrifice offering following our special prayer of "For God, so loved the world that he gave..."

Former Missionaries

Visit U. S. Churches

Those who have followed with keen interest the educational missionary work of Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond while they were in Jamaica may be interested in some news about them in a letter recently received.

The Bonds are making their way, by stages, across the country to Arizona for the winter months and, as he expresses it, "possibly to find a fountain of youth."

Spending a weekend in Chicago they told the story of Jamaica to the church there which so consistently supported for a number of years the Albion Mountain Church on the island.

While visiting a son in Lafayette, Ind., they also took the opportunity of visiting the little church of Indianapolis and made a trip to that city to see the church building which is now being used by another group. Dr. Bond commented on the situation in words which we quote: "We were impressed with the little church, but felt badly that a group of people convicted of the Sabbath truth were so divergent in religious background that the problem was so great and their Christian experience so limited that without well-balanced leadership they could not humble themselves and co-ordinate their efforts.

It will be recalled that this little church was raised up a few years ago through much personal effort on the part of some. It seemed almost a definite suggestion so graphically by Dr. Bond contributed to the discontinuance of services. The staunch devotion of a small number appears to have been not enough to tide over the instability of some upon whom the group had depended.

Furthermore, there is no one who would be expected from the Bonds as they meet with a few other churches and the lone Sabbathkeepers of our sparsely church Southern Association.
Do you find the international news in our papers and over the radio and TV disturbing? What about matters in your own city, town, or church? Is there talk of violence or lawlessness there? Certainly all is not as it should be.

It would seem that there must be some changes. We as Christians have faith to the Spirit of Christ that is needed in the lives of individuals in the world over in order to effect the changes that are necessary. Surely His Spirit needs to enter more fully into the lives of some of us who call ourselves Christians. If we have accepted Him as our Savior but not as our Lord to the extent that His love rules our spirits in all matters.

As we approach this Christmas season, when our attention is being brought to the fact that God gave us His only Son, may we thoughtfully consider what we are giving to the end that Christ may more fully enter our own and other lives. By ‘giving’ I am thinking not only of money, the use of which is important, but I am thinking of time - for loving service to family, friends, church; in order to write to someone; perhaps time for sympathetic friendship with someone who doesn’t have many friends. Are we willing to give over a part of our thinking to the contemplation of God’s Word and to give over our minds to His leading?

Christmas is a time of giving gifts, and rightly so. Of what real worth are the gifts we give? The purpose of God’s gift to us was to make it possible for each of us to see that our lives would be richer and fuller spiritually and so that we might have eternal life in spite of our mistakes. What gifts are we giving and for what purpose?

Have we given any thought as to whether our churches are giving what they should be giving to the people that they should be helping?

Members of your Commission will soon be meeting to consider denominational matters. In their report to Conference a plan containing ‘seven steps for growth’ was suggested. At this coming meeting, among other things, consideration is to be given to material prepared by the church’s Finance Committee concerning suggestions for putting into action these seven steps. Participation in carrying out any part or all of this completed plan of action should result in the spiritual quickening of each participant. It is hoped that this material be printed in booklet form to be available to growth individuals for their use in forwarding a united program of growth and development.

Would each of you earnestly pray that God’s Spirit will direct in the preparation of this booklet so that the end result will be of value in uniting our efforts as a people, to the giving of ourselves so that individuals near us and also many far away may come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord.

Doris H. Fetherston.

Do the Most Good — Give Now!

Rita Anthony, in Tom Breneman’s Magazine, gives this pointed illustration on giving: A rich man said to his pastor, “Why do people criticize me for being miserly, when they know I have made provision to leave everything I possess to charity when I die?”

“Let me tell you a story,” the minister replied.

“A pig was always lamenting his lack of popularity. He complained to the cow that people were always talking about the cow’s gentleness and kind eyes. He admitted that the cow gave milk and cream, but that pigs eventually gave bacon, ham, and bristles and that people even picked their feet. He demanded the reason for such lack of appreciation. The cow thought a while and said, ‘Maybe it’s because I give while I’m still living.’

Support of the church and our denominational mission is always an immediate need. In order for both to live — NOW is the time to give. The Inspirer, Richburg and Nile, N. Y.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 22, 1956

Do the Most Good — Give Now!


New Friends in Australia

(Another tract distribution story)

From the land “down under,” Australia, comes another challenging story of tract distribution and correspondence about Sabbathkeeping. A few years ago Rev. Emmett Bottoms was able to visit some of the lone Sabbathkeepers and group them together where as yet Seventh Day Baptists do not have organized churches.

In May of this year one of our ministers wrote a letter from one Arthur Mayer of Walsend, N. S. W., Australia (pop. 15,000). He forwarded the letter to the Tract Society at Plainfield for appropriate response with literature. Long letters have been flying back and forth, letters of information and encouragement and comments on the literature which finally reached him. (We had to pay double air mail postage on one letter but were happy for the intimate picture it gave of his growing experience with Christ.)

We are now well acquainted with this 39-year-old man and his family of two children. He is a rich man who has now written to us also. He has been put in touch with ministers in New Zealand and other lone Sabbathkeepers in his own country through the close co-operation of the Missionary Board secretary and the use of his mailing lists.

Upon advice from our office Mr. Mayer was baptized on August 19 by a friendly Baptist minister. Having made this outward profession of faith and having declared publicly his desire to follow the teaching and example of Christ in regard to keeping the Sabbath, he has entered enthusiastically into the spreading of the truth through personal contacts and the use of the printed page. Small meetings for fellowship are held in his home. He would like to become trained as a minister if he could see his way clear financially to do so.

Enthusiasm is a great asset in spreading truth but is not enough. Like other tract distributors Arthur Mayer in Australia meets some hostile winds. In a November letter we read, “It is sure hard to convince folks that the seventh day is the Sabbath. Some folks have told me that they believe in the seventh day but it just doesn’t suit them. Still, I believe nothing is obtained without strain. Jesus Christ made Calvary. He is my Savior and with Him always alongside of me how can I lose? I’ll go on spreading the truth of the Gospel even if I’m left by myself.”

Theological Fellowship Program

American Association of Theological Schools Fund, Inc.

10 Nassau St., Princeton, N. J.

This two-year-old program is designed to discover new, quality talent for the Christian ministry from among outstanding men and women who are undecided about their choice of career.

Approximately fifty fellowships are awarded each year to graduates of accredited theological and universities. These fellowships are awarded to both men and women, married or single, who are not presently planning on seminary or graduate theological work but who wish to consider the ordained ministry in any of its recognized categories, especially the parish ministry.

A fellowship award covers tuition, room, board, fees, and other necessary expenditures. The award is for one year only. It is made on the basis of a ‘trial’ year during which the Fellow seeks to determine whether or not the ministry should be his or her lifetime vocation.

Those so far awarded fellowships represent eighteen denominations. The following three seminaries have Fellows enrolled. Fellows may attend any accredited theological seminary in the United States and Canada.

- Princeton Theological Seminary
- Hartford Theological Seminary
- Boston Theological Seminary

Fourteen of the Fellows have done graduate work. Seventeen were engaged in business, teaching, the military, or other careers at the time of their appointment.

To enter the competition for the 1957-58 seminary school year, secure nomination by clergyman or college faculty member by letter to the Executive Director at the above address before December 20, 1956. For further information also write to the above address.
**Freedom of Religion**

Condensation of a radio message by Rev. Peter Eilersveld on The Back to God Hour (Mutual Network) sponsored by The Christian Reformed Church.

**Text:** "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us" (Luke 9: 49).

If the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches has its way, this program will soon be off the air. And so will many others; in fact, most of those that present the old Gospel of salvation by grace [on paid time] will then go off the air, including those that have become so well known over the years, with millions of listeners all over the United States and Canada.

You see, this Commission of the National Council of Churches has served notice on all radio and television stations and networks in this country that it is strongly opposed to the sale of broadcasting time for any religious programs whatsoever, and it is doing everything in its power to prevent them from selling time to those who sponsor and pay for such programs. Its official policy is that the stations and networks should give free time to the organized bodies that represent the interest of faith groups, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish.

All facilities of radio and television would then be closed to anyone who wanted to buy time on them for bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

**Why This Attitude?**

Now it is only fair to say that one of the reasons for this strange attitude on the part of the National Council leaders is indeed a good one. Among other things, they are trying to combat the evil of religious racketeering in radio and television. Some of the broadcasters who buy time for programs have abused the privilege. They have made a profitable business out of pleading for gifts to help pay the cost of broadcasting, and they exploit their unsuspecting listeners with all manner of dubious devices which are designed to bring in a lot of money, much more than they actually need.

Time magazine recently called them "religious hucksters who 'peddle their product on the plate'" over the air. Nothing could be more disgraceful to the cause of Christianity, and more dangerous to the future of radio and television. Something should be done to stop it.

However, that does not justify the high-handed policy of the National Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission. It may be true that there would be no such racketeers if there were no broadcasting time for sale. But neither would there be any real freedom of religion any more in the radio and television world. The fact that some abuse the privilege of buying time for broadcasting the Gospel is no reason for denying the privilege to others who are using it honestly to the glory of God and the salvation of men. One finds it hard to believe that a church group would actually advocate anything like that. This is a plain case of discrimination against religious minorities — and, if you please, by the same religious leaders who have so much to say about such discrimination, such as that between races. To say the least, they are awkwardly inconsistent.

**What Would Be the Result?**

One cannot help wondering whether the National Council is actually willing to back up its agency and to accept the responsibility for what would happen. Does it realize how many of the most reputable and most popular religious broadcasts would become the innocent victims of this policy? Some of them are the oldest programs on the air, with a record of Christian service second to none. Many of them have won high praise from experts in the field of television. Whatever happens, they are taught in the time-honored creeds of our churches, such as the virgin birth of Christ, His deity, His vicarious death for sinners, His physical resurrection. His second coming at the end of time.

**Forbidden to Cast Out Demons**

This whole problem recalls the incident recorded in Luke 9: 49-50: "And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus saith unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us." Today there are religious forces that would virtually forbid others to cast out devils in Jesus' name because they do not follow the majority. They would deny them the right to use the radio and television facilities in this country. Meanwhile the people are suffering with devils, which have to be cast out. And, oddly enough, the minority has often been more successful than the majority.

John told Him he had forbidden some one to cast out devils in His name because the man was not of their group. He had forbidden him to do something which the disciples themselves could not do. Maybe that was the reason behind it. They were all jealous of someone else's power. And jealousy breeds bigotry and tyranny. If so, that will virtually forbid others to cast out devils in Jesus' name because they were in the minority in their day.

When you count all the privileges which you enjoy in a free nation, and especially the privilege of religious freedom, stop to think for a moment about the high price paid by the people of the Reformation to give you these great privileges. And then ask yourself: How much of their faith do I have? Would I be willing to pay the same price today? Or don't I have the kind of faith that moves mountains and keep it unless we have the faith that the Reformers had kept it. Our greatest peril today is not the threat of Communism, but rather the tragic departure from the kind of Christianity as it was expressed in the Reformation.
KENNEDY SCHOOL OF MISSIONS
By Dr. Victor H. Burdick

Kennedy School of Missions is one of four divisions of Hartford Seminary Foundation. The School of Theology was first founded in 1834; a School of Music was added in 1885; the Kennedy School of Missions, in 1911; the Institute of Church Social Service, in 1947; and the Congregational Seminary, founded each of the schools, and provide most of the funds for their maintenance.

The present residential campus of several acres was secured in 1927, and the buildings, all of Neo-Gothic architecture, have been erected since then. There are five units for administrative offices, class-rooms, and living quarters for single men and couples; one dormitory for single women; apartment buildings for student families and faculty. A central dining room is available for students and faculty. Meals are served to tables of eight to ten, family style. Total expenses per student per semester are about $400, which is about one-third of the cost per student to the Foundation.

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The courses offered in the School of Missions are general and regional. General courses include: Anthropology, Practice of Missions, Introductory Linguistics, Literacy Education, and Tropical Hygiene. (Literacy Education is the study of currently used methods most efficient for teaching adults to read, such as the method of Frank Laubach.) Regional courses include: culture, language, missionary problems of Africa, East Asia, India, Latin America, and Mohammedan lands. Regional courses of special value in Africa are: African Culture and Current Missionary Problems in Africa. The language of Nyasaland, is not taught, but courses in Introductory Linguistics and African Linguistics give a good foundation for learning any African language more quickly.

Most of the professors have had missionary experience and some take frequent leaves of absence for further foreign field experience.

Evangelist Oral Roberts

In Milwaukee more than four thousand persons came forward in the five services to make their start as a Christian, and total for the four auditorium meetings ran well above 13,000 conversions. A special program of convert follow-up has been set up at each campaign to bring each person making a decision into touch with佛法. Oral Roberts Campaign. A personal letter, plus a free Bible study and Christian life correspondence course is also sent to each convert.

Oral Roberts' special emphasis on the winning of souls is a part of the great program of the Tulsa evangelist to win a million souls to Christ by 1966. Fortunately 325 employees are working in Tulsa at the Oral Roberts International Headquarters, where the evangelistic program of Mr. Roberts is centered.

During the past seven years — from 1949 to 1955 inclusive — the Methodist Church has been keeping record of all members released from other denominations, and of all of our members who have been removed to other denominations.

The Methodist Church gains more every year from other denominations than it loses to other denominations, of course, more because the quality always depends upon the individual member. — Dr. M. E. Lazenby in Alabama Christian Advocate.

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The sports writer in the New York Times in a picture article five columns wide had this to say:

“Although it was a gusty and a cold day — the kind of day pole vaulters dread — Richards was in wonderful form. Under the strain of the most intense competition Richards remained unperturbed. He didn't miss a jump until the bar had reached the 14 feet 11½ inches." Being a sincere Christian doesn't make everyone a prizewinner either on the race track or in the church rostrum but it does, as this sports writer hints, keep the runner from being perturbed. It makes the athlete remember to keep his body unpolluted and his mind on higher things. Therefore on the great day of the game he is able to put forth the very best that is in him by the gift of God and by dint of constant training.

Olympic games are older than the New Testament. The Bible is not silent about physical strength and endurance. It uses these contests to teach spiritual lessons as valuable for young people of today as for those of long ago. The Apostle Paul writing to people in Corinth (in the land of the Olympics) wrote about preaching the Gospel in Corinth.

"Know ye not that which they run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.”

THOUGHTS FOR YOUTH

Growth of Character

By Lyle Crandall

[Lyle Crandall, now active in the Los Angeles Church, was for many years a regular contributor to the Recorder. He has submitted the following for the consideration of the present generation of youth.

Character is a growth from within, and no traits of character come from the outside; they must come from inner desire and effort. Every person has within him a desire to do right or to do wrong. His character depends upon which desire controls his life.

There are certain factors which affect the growth of character. I think it is true that we can almost judge a person's character by the kind of books he reads. A careless, frivolous person will read books which are not entirely uplifting, while the Christian will read the other type of books. Books can certainly affect character, and it is very essential that young people be influenced to read the best books.

Habits also affect character. Evil habits drag a person down, while good habits lift him up to higher planes of living. We often see people whose lives are controlled by evil habits which are dragging them down, and they are discouraged, thinking nobody cares for them. Let us speak the kind word to them, give them a kind smile, showing them that Jesus cares for them. Let us help such people to overcome their evil habits, and form good characters.

"Reputation can be destroyed by slander, but not character.”

The Law is a Gospel prefigured, and the Gospel is a Law consummated. — Bishop Hall.
OTHER FOLDS AND FIELDS

During the three-day meeting of the fourteenth National Convention on the Church in Town and Country held in St. Louis recently some astonishing statistics on rural church life in Missouri were brought to light by Dr. Lawrence M. Hepple, rural sociologist of the University of Missouri.

He stated that three-fourths of Missouri's rural population fails to show up on church attendance Sundays and that less than 20 per cent of the children attend Sunday School. He found that the small "sect-type" churches draw larger numbers than the "church-type" churches — better than two to one, on the membership count basis. [This terminology is something new to some of us and would possibly bear investigating as to its right-ful or wise use.] Who determines the type? In any case it is apparent that there must be some hunger of the people that is not fully met by the "church-type" churches.

Relief For the Hungarians!

A "Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary," a subcommittee of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, was organized on November 10, and officially recognized by the B. W. A. Administrative Committee on November 20.

The headquarters of the new committee is located in the First Baptist Church, Vienna, Austria. The committee will try to serve the needs of Baptists and others of the thousands of Hungarian refugees pouring into Austria. Beds for temporary accommodation are being set up in several centers. Contact has been made with the refugee camps.

The committee in Vienna will gladly change the names of Baptists who wish to contribute to Hungarian relief. Arrangements are being made to co-operate with the Red Cross and other agencies for the shipping of supplies into Hungary.

Seventh Day Adventist Work

The West Africa Conference of Seventh Day Adventists has organized all available workers in the Gold Coast for an evangelistic effort. They report that 7,500 people attended their meetings and that 553 "surrendered to Jesus during this evangelistic drive."

It is interesting to note that this relatively small denomination ranks second among all Protestant churches in the number of foreign missionaries on the field and in the amount of money spent for foreign mission work.

The Malamulo Nyasaland Mission (SDA) was featured on the Ralph Edwards TV Program, 'This Is Your Life,' November 27 with a native family from Nyasaland brought to this country by former missionaries for college study. The wife will be studying at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala. Among the many gifts announced on the program was medicine valued at $6,000 contributed by Squibb's for the Malamulo Hospital.

Presbyterian Missions

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., through its Board of Foreign Missions, has adopted for 1957 the largest budget for its overseas missions of its 120 years of service. Its total budget of $9,112,398 includes $5,000,000 for the support of more than 1,000 missionaries and fraternal workers in 36 countries of Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America; $1,740,000 for property projects; and $2,077,000 for service projects. The board has also commissioned 50 new missionaries for lifetime service, and 26 others for terms of three years.

Tract Board Meeting

at Plainfield Dec. 16

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held in the Board Room of the Seventh-Day Baptist Building Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2 o'clock. Important business calls for as full an attendance of the 30-member board as possible. The publication of the Sabbath Recorder, the printing of the denomination’s tracts, the servicing of the churches with audio-visual aids, help in the Sabbath cause, the future of radio work — these and other matters are on the agenda. The Board of Trustees will meet before the meeting and of travel and board meeting time on that day.

Making the Same Mistakes

The Duke of Edinburgh was asked to address the boys of Ipswich School, in England.

He aimed some of his remarks at "those starry-eyed people who imagine that when the next generation takes charge, everything is going to be all right."

"I believe that you will make as big a mess as we are making," he told the boys.

"In fact, you are absolutely bound to make mistakes whatever job you do. The only thing I hope is that you will not make the same mistakes as we did. But I expect even that is asking far too much." In spiritual matters many youngsters are now making the same mistakes that the oldsters have made. For instead of remembering their Creator in the days of their youth, they are putting that vital matter off to the future.

Instead of seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, they are putting first emphasis on material and secular things.

The Duke of Edinburgh is right — for the younger generation, as a whole, is making the same mistakes which were made by the older generation 1,000 years before Christ. This is evident by the warning King Solomon gave in his day. He said: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment" (Ecclesiastes 11: 9).

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You have thought about it. Have you decided what about it yet? You, the loyal reader of this periodical have a circle of friends and acquaintances who would benefit from the warm Christian material on these pages throughout the year. Some of these friends or relatives are strictly your responsibility since they are the closest to your heart. Why not write them letters today stating that you want them to have the Sabbath Recorder during 1957 as a wider circulation for our paper means a wider interest in "Our World Mission."

December 10, 1956

Let's Think It Over

Rev. Joseph E. Ewad speaking in the interest of Let's Think It Over East country that is predominantly Christian, says:

"Those non-Moslem peoples who have the misfortune to be the nearest neighbors of Islam, and who find themselves in the firing-line of the relentless Islamic guerrilla — be it in French North Africa, in the Levant, or elsewhere — find little comfort in the talking-spee of big power statesmen, and even less comfort in the tone of certain Moslem peoples which continue wooing and appeasing the Arabs, or more generally the Moslems."
NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES
Salemville, Oct. 8 - After a long period of discussion, and a great desire to do so, we now have built a classroom annex to our church building. On the first floor there will be space on the second floor for two more rooms to be finished at a later time. On Sunday, September 16, we have Wheeler church and met the church for a ground-breaking service. In the afternoon while the men worked on the foundation some of the ladies from the church help to prepare vegetables for canning. A power shovel was engaged to do the work of excavating and a concrete truck to haul the ready-mixed concrete.

Our eighty-year-old head carpenter, W. F. Kagarise, along with Pastor Wheeler, have done a large share of the work, some of the others coming day by day to help. The building is now ready for the painters and plasterers. The other work was donated.

A new garage with concrete floor now houses the pastor's car. Donations of money have been liberal, for which everyone is very thankful.

At the morning service, September 8, there were three babies dedicated to the Lord. Kathy Smokey was held in the church kitchen, and Larry and Norma Jean Ebersole. The choir has been reorganized and gives us a special selection at each morning service. The leader is Pastor Mitchell.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. - A kitchen shower was held in the church basement, Sunday afternoon, November 11, by the church women. Everyone enjoyed the occasion. Many useful and needed articles were added to the church kitchen. This is one of the functions of our Church Women's Board. The committee was one of many formed this past season during our stewardship campaign. Its main purpose is to take arrangements and provide a fellowship meal for visitors or members from a distance who haven't plans for their Sabbath noon meal following the church services.

The senior C. E. group entertained the Larkinburg Christian Youth group with a party in the church basement Sabbath night, November 24. The basement was cleverly decorated with pumpkins and corn shocks, with an orange and brown color scheme. The evening was spent playing various games under the theme of C. E. president, in charge. After refreshments were served, the party ended with a devotional sing, accompanied by Carol Wheeler.

FOUKE, ARK. - Recent visitors at the parsonage were Dr. and Mrs. LeRoy DeLand of Battle Creek, Mich., and Mrs. Lela Coalwell of New Orleans.

A welcome to our services is extended to all who are passing through our area. Prayer meeting is held Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. Our Sabbath School at 10 a.m. on Sabbath with the worship service at 11. The second Sabbath of each month we have joint services with our Texarkana Fellowship.

Extensive addition and repairs to our parsonage have been completed to make it more adequate for our pastor - the parsonage have been completed to make it more adequate for our pastor - the parsonage have been completed to make it more adequate for our pastor. A new room, 16 x 22 feet, a bathroom, modern built-in cabinets and sinks in the kitchen and other minor repairs. The old well was inadequate, so a new well was drilled and a new pump installed. The cost of these repairs and additions have amounted to $2,980. All bills are paid up to date. Maintenance expenses continue to be made from time to time.

Our prayer now is that we may improve and grow even more in our spiritual accomplishments in our Lord's Kingdom.

EDINBURG, TEXAS - We were happy to have Rev. Marion Van Horn, shepherding pastor of the Southwest Field, and his wife, Mrs. Van Horn, to visit us for a week in November. Fifteen outsiders attended some of the services. Our Sabbath School and church group arranged a covered-dish lunch Sabbath day, October 27, after which more adults than usual remained for Christian Endeavor. Following C.E. Mr. L. Davis, Lost Creek; Harold Davis, R.D. 1, Clarksburg; Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, Salem; K. Duane Hurley, Salem; Gene Kennedy, Lost Creek; Miss Grace Ran­dolph, Salem; Sandford Randolph, Bridge­port.

Vocational Committee Announced

Clarence M. Rogers, an attorney in Clarksburg, W. Va., a prominent leader in the Salem Church, and former president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, was named chairman of the Vocational Committee of the Conference with power to select the other members. This committee for a number of years was geographically widespread. During the Pacific States conference in New York City State with all the members named by the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Rogers has recently submitted the following list of members, all living in West Virginia where he lives: Miss Louis Bond, Lost Creek; Rev. Duane L. Davis, Lost Creek; Harold Davis, R.D. 1, Clarksburg; Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, Salem; K. Duane Hurley, Salem; Gene Kennedy, Lost Creek; Miss Grace Ran­dolph, Salem; Sandford Randolph, Bridgeport.

Marriages

Maxson, Stephan, - George Maxson, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. Maxson, Maxson, N.Y., and Alice Louise Stephan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Stephan, Deerfield Beach, Fla., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Nortonville, Kan., Nov. 25, 1956. Rev. John Elbert Allen officiated. They will be at home at North Lorp, Neb.

Avery-Horn, - At the Hannibal Methodist Church, Oct. 15, 1956, Mr. and Mrs. Opha Avery and Mr. and Mrs. Jean Avery were united in marriage at Rev. Oliver Barker, pastor of the Cairo, Vincent Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Dean Shaw, pastor of the Hannibal Methodist Church. They are making their home in Adams, N. Y.

Closson-Ebersole, - Paul Closson of Roaring Spring, Pa., and Norma Jean Ebersole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ebersole of Salemville, Pa., were united in marriage May 5, 1956.

Shippe-Robinette, - James Shippy of Everett, Pa., and Barbara Robinette, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Robinette of Bedford, Pa., were united in marriage April 28, 1956.

Obituaries

Allen, Emily, daughter of Alexander and Abby Jane Allen Burdick, was born on a farm at Five Corners, N. Y., Feb. 25, 1870, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., Oct. 25, 1956.

She joined the First Church in the Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1891, and was one of the oldest church members of the church. She was united in marriage with John Elbert Allen Dec. 15, 1891. Mr. Allen died Feb. 5, 1956. They include a sister, Mrs. Phalla Allen Stillman of Alfred, and quite a number of nephews and nieces who are well known to all.

Memorial services were conducted at the First Alfred Church, Oct. 25, by her brother, Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Reffner, Mrs. Opha, daughter of Charles and Nancy LeRoy, was born July 16, 1880, and died Mar. 27, 1956.

She had been a member of the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church since childhood. For a number of years her eyesight grew gradually worse until her last years were spent in total blindness.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Bern Barbee, and a son, John, both of Altoona, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Wolfe, of Salemville, and a brother, John Shriner, of Roaring Spring, Pa.

Farewell services in charge of Rev. R. King, of Salemville (Brick) Church, Mar. 30, 1956. - Correspondent.
An old song, an old lantern bring to mind a story ever new.