A private viewing for relatives might be arranged if it would offer comfort. 3. Church, military, and lodge funerals should not be intermingled. 4. Modest appointments be made for the disposal of the corpse. 5. No funeral arrangements should be made until the officiating minister has been consulted. W. W. Reid

The Southern Baptist Convention, recognizing that "The American Bible Society renders an essential, world-wide missionary service," urged Southern Baptist people "to make worthy contributions to the work of the American Bible Society, in order to provide the Scriptures needed for the missionary advance to which we are committed."

"If the United States keeps nudging an inch closer to God, then God will keep nudging an inch closer to the United States." — Editorial in the Butcher Workman re "In God We Trust," now printed on our paper money.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SHILOH, N. J. — In Sabbath School, the last Sabbath of September was promotion day. New officers were also elected at that time. Attendance pins were awarded to twenty-two boys and girls for the year. Certificates were given also to those passing into new departments. Carlton Wilson gave the message to the newly elected officers and teachers for the coming year. Joint Communion was again observed the first week in October with the Rev. Paul B. Osborn of the Marlboro Church bringing the morning message: "Service Sermon, and Stone." At noon a roast beef dinner was served in the church dining room to about two hundred. And in the afternoon Carlton Wilson and Owen H. Probasco were ordained as deacons. Each gave statements of Christian experience. Charles F. Harris gave the charge to the deacons. The charge to the church was given by Mr. Osborn.

A telegram of congratulations was sent by both churches to the Schenectady Church which was being dedicated the same day.

The pastor and his family are again enjoying a week's vacation. They took two weeks after Conference. — Corres.

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Our Servicemen

Families and churches, we trust, keep in very close touch with their young men who are in military service. Some men, however, come from lone-Sabbathkeeping homes where there is no church group to remember them with letters while they are away from home and anxious for mail. One such case, we are told, is Pvt. Leland Lewis, Jr., Fr. 17500562, Co. A. 1st Btn., Trng. Eng., Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "Write today to those away."

Marriages

Rickey - Wells. — Robert B. Rickey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irl Rickey, Independence, Mo., and Donna Mae Wells, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Wells of Farina, Ill., were married at the Post Chapel, Schofield Baracks, T. H., by Chaplain Mahon Sadler. The new home is at 1910 — I Kaioo Dr., Honolulu, Hawaii.

Baker - Knox. — At the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church July 7, 1957, Re Rogers Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Baker, of Friendship, N. Y., and Shirley Knox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Knox, of Little Genesee, were united in marriage by Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn.

Loofboro - Fuss. — Rodger E. Lofobo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo L. Loofboro of New Auburn, Wis., and Mary J. Fuss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fuss, also of New Auburn, were united in marriage on Aug. 5, 1957, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in New Auburn by the pastor, Rev. Don A. Sanford.

Obituaries

Davis. — Luther S., son of Artis C. and Evelyn Fitz Randolph Davis, was born June 20, 1869, in Salem Co., N. J., and died at his home in Shiloh, N. J., Sept. 28, 1957. (See more extended obituary elsewhere in this issue.)
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SEARCHING FOR UNITY
The World Council of Churches conducted the first North American Conference on Faith and Order at Oberlin College September 3-10. Present were 279 delegates from 5 Canadian and 54 U. S. denominations, 92 consultants, and 39 observers from other countries. The Conference will last for five months, and is expected to come to a conclusion in December. The Conference will deliberate on the nature of the unity which we seek. This meeting, with all the study leading up to it, is an attempt to arrive at some sort of unity in the realm of faith and order. There is apparently a desire to see how much content can be put into a definition of Christian faith which can be agreed upon. This search has been going on for many years. The tendency of the present generation is to recognize that Christianity must emphasize its faith content, what it believes, before it can have a proper basis for social action and outreach.

Here, however, comes a real problem due partly to the all-inclusive nature of the World Council. In the absence of the Eastern Orthodox churches, of which there are several national groups, creates difficulties. While Protestant leaders are saying that they call the "sin of division" the Orthodox churches recognize no such sin because they claim to have preserved the whole truth from Apostolic days. To them unity can be achieved only as the other churches come to their viewpoint. In this respect the World Council has not lost sight of the difficulties of this present generation.

"I Only Wants To Be Chief"

The African mind, in particular, can perhaps be better understood if one recognizes the significance of these words attributed to a Nigerian: "White man, he worships money—me, I only wants to be chief." Incidentally, if we accept the second part of the statement as true, we may have hard work evading the other edge of that blade.

The statement is quoted in connection with the efforts of the Anglican Synod of Nigeria to stamp out the pagan practices which follow the native Christians into the church. The Synod, meeting at Lagos recently, passed a resolution deploiring the practice of native Christians of sacrificing to the gods in order to gain the help of the idols to help leaders gain chieftain titles.

Whether or not some paganism clings to the relatively unsupervised churches of Nigeria bearing the Seventh Day Baptist name is, perhaps, more doubtful than in the case of the Anglican Church, but if Dr. A. H. Lewis could write a book about "African Magic and the Gods," perhaps that title should be "Paganism Surviving in Christianity," it could be possible for Nigerian Christians even of Sabbath convictions to carry over a few practices which are sub-Christian.

But to return to the question of the desire to be chief, we can hardly conceive of a Negro man's wish to achieve that ambition. A lengthy correspondence with a considerable number of men and boys in Southern Nigeria has revealed that any desire on the part of our Negroes to be part of our correspondents to gain the title of chief, but it does show a pitiful and consuming desire to achieve importance among their own people, both within and outside the church. Nearly everyone sooner or later seems to want to be "chief".

That of course was true of the disciples of Jesus, and it is all too true in our American churches. We would not think of sacrificing a goat to an idol as a means to the end sought by the Africans. Would we think of keeping alive the faith before the idol of money as the Nigerian seems to suggest? What have we sacrificed to the white man's god? Let us be sure that we do not worship money or anything else than our Lord and Savior. God grant that we, in our favored position of relative equality, may put off the robes of self-sacrificing to the gods. Many may be lost in so going to patiently help the black brethren in such lands as Nigeria or Nyasaland. They need to be fed with milk and to be carefully nurtured in the things of the Lord.

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Hands Across the Sea
The old Mill Yard Church in London, mother of Seventh Day Churches everywhere, is taking on new life. At least it is taking in new members who are recent converts to the Sabbath. One of these is a resident of England who first wrote to our denominational headquarters in Plainfield, N. J., for information. Others are from other lands, again coming to the London Church through correspondence and tracts from America which were followed up by the London pastor.

The Sabbath Observer, the attractively printed official organ of the Mill Yard Church, tells the story of one of these new members. It is a new thing, and a commendable thing, which is being done now in London. The church announces an "Isolated Overseas Members Roll." At the head of this new list are the names of Francis Donald Short and Dorothy Mabel Short, his wife, of Perth, Australia. Until such time as Mr. Short is able to raise a church in his own country he is happy to be in London. He received considerable literature and encouragement from the American Sabbath Tract Society.

This Overseas Membership Roll is a possibility for any American Seventh Day Baptist Church. However, when those in foreign lands cannot find a local church of like faith and order, it is most fitting that they apply for membership at London, especially if they live in countries more closely tied to England than to the United States. While such membership may not increase the Sabbath morning congregation at Mill Yard except on rare occasions, it does increase the sense of mission and responsibility of that church. It may cause it to blossom again like a rose. Certainly it is a wonderful thing for a church to reach out "Hands Across the Sea" as the heading suggests.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for November 2, 1957
The Spirit of Christian Worship
Lesson Scripture: I Cor. 11: 20-34.

EDITORIAL NOTES
Reformation Day October 31
It appears that some denominations (notably Lutheran bodies) are far more interested in the observance of Reformation Day than others. In the city of Plainfield the Ministerial Association has not been able to secure a good attendance for a joint meeting on "Reformation Sunday" and is attempting in place of it this year a union meeting on Universal Bible Sunday, December 8.

The great advance of Christianity in the world, stemming from Luther's break with the Roman Church on October 31, 1517, ought to be publicly recognized annually by all Protestants. We cannot find ourselves in full accord with the somewhat lazy habit of celebrating dated events on the nearest Sunday (October 27 in this case), but we do believe that we owe a great debt of gratitude to Martin Luther and the other Reformers who did so much to purge the blood of Romanism.

EDITORIAL
Goal Almost Reached
Denominational treasurer, Olin C. Davis, reports Our World Mission 96.89 per cent raised at end of Conference year, September 30. Total amount received $93,500. Receipts in September: undesignated $8,906.48; designated $2,073.60; total $10,980.08. Next issue will carry details of this outstanding achievement.

FLASH
Presidents Column
Personal Growth
It makes no difference how many years one has been a Christian, how force­fully one has expressed his faith, or how closely he has lived according to the pattern for his faith found in the Scriptures; there is yet need for personal growth.

Peter lived as close to the Master and loved Him as deeply as a man could love another while Jesus was upon this earth. It was Peter who spoke for the disciples testifying to the belief that Jesus is the Son of God. And yet Jesus said to him in that last night He lived upon this earth in human form: "But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren" (Luke 22: 32).

We may get side-tracked often. There are times when we feel we are moving from a close fellowship with our Master, from the place where we can help others. And the only way we can help in the Christian advancement is to turn again and get on the right track.

To know when we need to turn, we must keep close to God. We must seek Him in prayer, asking His guidance in our every step. We must keep teachable, ever ready to cast out that which proves to be only a partial truth and to replace it with the whole truth of God's Word. We must keep humble, not seeking to impose our thought or our way upon someone else, but rather awakening a desire to learn. Our aim should be to help to lead him to the fount of learning which comes from God, to knowing the Bible as God's Word and to helping him seek to apply its truth in day-by-day living.

There needs to be a deepening of our faith and our trust, a total commitment of our lives to God, and a seeking of His will for us. When this is true, we

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cannot keep from growing — growing in knowledge and understanding that and in the practice of Christian living. We will grow in our concern to answer the Great Commission of Christ in our own personal readiness to give of self and substance for His Kingdom.

Let us seek an ever-deepening spiritual life reflected in our living and our relationship to our fellow men!

Holland Youth Publication
Calls for Material
The editor of a Seventh Day Baptist youth publication in Amsterdam has written to this country for an exchange of letters among the young people.

Chris Westerdaal of Diamantstraat 26, Amsterdam, Holland, writing to Dr. K. Duane Hurley after the latter's visit to the church there last August, pleads for more information about life in our American churches. Dr. Hurley shares this information with Sabbath Recorder readers thinking that a number of young people across the country might like to broaden their knowledge of life in Europe and at the same time render a real service by having some of their correspondence printed for the benefit of the youth of the N. H. S. S.

The editor would like letters telling about music, arts, films, school, and church work. Experiences in meeting Sabbath-keeping problems and discussions of other areas of church life should be particularly acceptable. Perhaps some of our young folk would like to explain the way camp experiences are helpful. It should probably be remembered that most of our European "cousins" take Bible study seriously and are relatively strict in their Sabbathkeeping.

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that young and old - in every walk of life stand on this important subject.

This is the root of all the troubles, ills and problems of the world. Man has drunk the cup of human thought-life will not heal, because human thought-life will not recover until the mind, the total affection, and the total will. There have been thousands of people who have been intellectually converted to Christ, they believe all about Jesus, but they have never really been converted to Him. There is a vast difference between intellectual conversion and the total conversion that saves the soul. Christ demands a change in the way you live — and if your life does not conform to your profession, then you have every reason to doubt your experience! Certainly there will be a change in the elements that make up emotion when you come to Christ and love will be involved, because you will begin to hate sin and love righteousness. Your affections will undergo a revolutionary change. Your devotion to Him will know no bounds. Your love for Him cannot be described.

But even if you have an intellectual acceptance of Christ, and an emotional experience — that still is not enough. There must be the conversion of your will! There must be a determination to obey and follow Christ. You will must be bent to the will of God. The only desire you will have will be to please Him.

In conversion, as you stand at the foot of the cross, the Holy Spirit makes you realize that you are a sinner. He directs your faith to the Christ who died in your place. You must open your heart and let Him come in. At the precise moment the Holy Spirit performs the miracle of the new birth. You actually become a new creation. True conversion there comes the implantation of the divine nature. You become a partaker of God's own life. Jesus Christ, through the Spirit of God, takes up residence in your heart.

The converted person will love many things he once hated, and hate much that he once loved. There will even be a change of heart about God. Where you once may have been careless about God, living in constant fear, dread, and antagonism to God, you will find yourself in a state of reverence, confidence, obedience, and devotion. There will be a reverential fear of God, a constant gratitude to God, a dependence upon God, and a new heart for Him. Conversion means a complete change in your life, and more important, your acceptance in the Kingdom of God through the finished work of Christ on the cross.

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Faith and Order Conference As Viewed by Catholocks

At the recent North American Faith and Order Conference, it was the consensus of observers that there were two highly recognized Roman Catholic leaders acting as unofficial observers. They were primarily interested in a state of reverence, confidence, obedience, and devotion. There will be a reverential fear of God, a constant gratitude to God, a dependence upon God, and a new heart for Him.

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formation of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship on local, Association, and national levels.

The next night the teachers and leaders of the Sabbath School met for a workshop concerned with “Teachers’ Meetings.” Wednesday night, October 2, found the “wagon” parked near the parsonage of Mynor and Marian Soper, the pastor and pastor’s helper, of the North Loup, Neb., Church. That night 65 folks gathered for a workshop on “The Family in Christian Education.” Worship (as in former meetings) was conducted by the pastor.

The church had just finished a marvelous advertising campaign in the form of a float (see picture) which shared first praise in the annual “Pop Corn Days” celebration in North Loup. Thousands of persons viewed the replica of the North Loup Church building and were impressed with the craftsmanship and beauty that proclaimed the faith of Seventh Day Baptists in Nebraska.

(Another picture, taken from the rear, for which we did not have room, artistically identified the float with the words “SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST.”)

### Missionary-Elect Makes Statement to Conference

**By Rev. Delmar Van Horn**

(Presented as part of the Missionary Board program at General Conference, Listened as “Hopes and Plans.”)

It has been a thrilling experience for Rowena and me to try to prepare ourselves to go to British Guiana. When we were first asked to go by the board we sought God’s guidance to try to let Him lead. We thought He gave us the green light and so we accepted the call of the Missionary Board. We represent your representatives of you, the Seventh Day Baptists of America, and also of God.

It has been a humbling experience to come to Conference and find that the World Mission as it is presented has no item in it for British Guiana other than the pastors’ salaries for those who are already there, the native leaders. It makes us ask ourselves at this time if we let our own enthusiasm be mistaken for God’s green light.

It is all right with Rowena and me whether we go to British Guiana or stay here and go back to our work in the churches. We feel that we want to be where God wants us and He will direct this group. We are willing to abide by that decision.

In these few months in this past year it is well to say that I have read many letters from the British Guiana people to some of their friends in this country. I have been privileged to read the reports and minutes of their council meetings. I think I partially understand some of their problems. I recognize that they on their own can never solve these problems.

I think I understand something of the sentiment of the secretary of the Missionary Society, Rev. Everett Harris, as he has in the past pleaded with us to send someone to them. I think I understand the feeling of Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph this afternoon as he comes into this meeting having promised these people in our name that there would be someone there. This was reiterated by our secretary and, if we will check closely, has been promised before (by Conference).

We have given to this people in British Guiana through the period of years of a series of broken promises — we the Seventh Day Baptists of the United States — you and I. I would plead with you that not this afternoon but to change that. The Commission has recommended that but whenever we again speak to them that we carry it out, that we follow through.

We, the Conference of our Seventh Day Baptist denomination, have caught ourselves in a dilemma, a dilemma of our own making. We instructed our boards and secretaries of the Conference and the Commission on an outreaching visionary program of what should be accomplished, and then, by our very action, we instruct the Commission to present to us at this time a realistic budget which can be raised next year. We have instructed our agencies to do two different things. It is impossible. And we here again must search our hearts to decide what we really mean and what we are willing to do in future years.

It has been a privilege to make this preparation. But we could. And I would like to say I don’t believe there is any resentment on Rowena’s and my part at the present time if we do not go to British Guiana. We realize that this is not a postponement; this is a cancellation, and we are willing to accept it as such.

### Stewardship Promotion Committee Organized

**Acts on a recommendation from the Committee on Ministerial Support**

General Conference last August elected a Stewardship Promotion Committee to become a permanent part of General Conference through whoseVotes to arouse and maintain a genuine interest in stewardship in all its phases.

In carrying forward the work of Stewardship Promotion the activities of this committee will include: carrying on a denomination-wide educational program of stewardship and tithing; establishing a program whereby people will be encouraged to assume their obligation to God and the church, both as we live and in the giving of time and talents; challenging the absent and inactive membership to accept their responsibilities; promoting a plan whereby churches and individuals may be awakened to the place they hold in the Kingdom plan.

It is the desire of the committee to keep in constant and regular contact with all member churches. A plan is under consideration whereby every church may be asked to appoint, or elect, a person or persons, who will act as a contact for the committee in each church field. This contact would be expected to promote the suggested program at the local level.

The committee welcomes suggestions from anyone as to how the above activities could best be carried out.

It is requested that suggestions be sent to any one of the committee members, who are: Mrs. R. T. Fetherston (ex-office member through her office of executive secretary), 476 North Washington Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.; Mrs. Richard Maxson, secretary, 1416 Park Ave., Lansing, Mich.; Stephen R. Lawton, 28 South 24th St., Battle Creek; George E. Parrish, chairman, 205 Dogwood Trail, Battle Creek.

### What Is the Bible All About?

“The Bible is about history and morality, about human nature and sin. It tells not only about the past but also about the future, about heaven and hell. It is about God and His greatness and righteousness, His justice and His love, and what He requires of us men. But, when we come to the more particular question, What is the Bible all about? there is just one chief answer. It is this: Above everything else, the Bible is all about Jesus Christ. In the deepest and most living way, its purpose is to tell us about Him who is 'the way, the truth, and the life.'” — Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein in his Bible-presentation sermon at the United States Military Academy, West Point, N. Y.
Revealing Christ as Savior

The purpose of God's last word, His revelation of Himself in the Son, was for our salvation.

"When he had made purification for sins," He took upon Himself His exalted position by God's will. But first He emptied Himself, taking upon Himself the likeness of sinful flesh, "And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil. 2: 8 RSV).

He, the divine Son, made purification for sins. For the Jewish readers of Hebrews, the picture should be clear. Before they could come into the presence of God in the temple, their sins must be symbolically removed by the offering of a blood sacrifice. They had learned that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." Having made the sacrifice, the Jew felt clean so that he might enter the place of God's abode, the temple.

Here it is declared that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, became that sacrifice by the Spirit of God, becoming a symbol of a task completed. He had once and for all made purification for sins, thus securing an eternal redemption for all time those who are sanctified.

More Than Temporary Cleansing

When the Son of God becomes our Savior, it is more than a temporary cleansing to be repeated endless times; it is more than an outward cleansing or covering of inward wickedness. It is salvation complete and full as only He, the Son of God, could give. He is our perfect sacrifice for the payment of any debt and the remission of any guilt we feel before God. He is the One to whom we would like to be and give to God. His righteousness becomes ours by faith. He is able through the work of His Spirit to cleanse us of the deepest and most vile sin and to give new life. He is able to change our motives and bring them into submission to God's will, so that life will from its very roots become holy and good.

He is able to make complete atonement with God - to set us at one with Him, removing every barrier of sin and guilt. That is, He can do these things if by faith we confess our sin and need and call upon Him to be our Savior. He has taken the confusion out of how we may be saved and have life.

In Him are all the promises of God. In Him the promise of forgiveness for sin is secured by His own death; in Him the promise of eternal life is made certain through His resurrection from the dead; in Him the possibility of holy life is made a reality through the indwelling of His Spirit of power and holiness.

Our word today to a lost world must be: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." "If the Son, then, make you free, ye shall be free indeed, Jesus declared.

The author of Hebrews proceeds to show us the outcome of the Son's self-emptying act for the redemption of man. He shows us the ever-living and exalted Christ. "He sat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he hath obtained is more excellent than theirs.'

He went on, saying that, as a reality through the indwelling of His Spirit, we need to find salvation and renewal in Him. Does He call you to witness for Him? Does He call you to a life of separation from worldliness? Then willingly follow Him and commit your heart to Him as His abode. Does He call you to a special service? Then give yourself fully. Does He call for your love and adoration? Then be not ashamed to pour out praises to Him. Does He call you to be a reality to others? Then witness without faltering that He is Son of God and Savior of men.

When we fail to accomplish what we should as a denomination, opinions are freely offered as to the reason. I offer what I believe to be a fundamental reason. We have been uncertain and faltering as to the person and work of the Lord. Does He call to a life of separation from worldliness? Then willingly follow Him and commit your heart to Him as His abode.

The final word of God, as revealed in the Son, is indeed God's "Amen," and falling down in worship (Rev. 5: 9-14).

Christ Lays Claim on Us

God has spoken to us in this final age through His Son. This is His final word to men before judgment. No further revelation is needed. What more could we need to find salvation and renewal with God?

Christ lays rightful claim to our wills, our lives. Does He call to repentance and faith? Then turn from self-will and commit your life to Him as Savior and Lord. Does He call to a life of separation from worldliness? Then willingly follow Him and commit your heart to Him as His abode. Does He call you to special service? Then give yourself fully. Does He call for your love and adoration? Then be not ashamed to pour out praises to Him. Does He call you to be a reality to others? Then witness without faltering that He is Son of God and Savior of men.

We think we can dress up our worship with a few more soothing words, with a little more music and make it aesthetically respectable. Yet, by so doing it becomes easier to avoid any genuine encounter with the God who requires us to act in His behalf. We can beautify our religion until it becomes innocuous. David E. Engel.
It was a gratifying and happy occasion for the Schenectady, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church when on October 5 the new building was filled almost to capacity with local people and guests assembled from far and wide to participate in the dedicatory program.

At the morning service the Berlin, N.Y., Church — the mother church — was present almost in full force, having come the 40 miles or more across the mountains east of Albany.

A good delegation from one of the nearest churches to the west, Verona, was in attendance morning and afternoon. This included the Burton Crandall family from near Syracuse.

In the foreground of the picture above a few of the Verona people are chatting with Mrs. Everett Harris.

Those traveling the greatest distance for the occasion were the Eugene Fatato family from Alfred, N.Y., and Marilyn Osborn from Greenwood, N.Y. Three people drove from Plainfield, N.J., to represent that church and the Tract Board.

The dedication itself was conducted throughout with dignity. It followed a thoughtful, searching sermon by Secretary Harris based on the prayer of Solomon at the dedication of the temple. He stressed in particular that portion of Scripture in which Solomon asked God to look down from heaven and forgive. "If we have known Christ more than if we have known Him only a short time," he said, "we ought to have a longer list of things for which to ask forgiveness than if we have known Him only a short time."

**Little Rock Makes World Headlines**

Ecumenical Press Service, a weekly information digest, with a Geneva, Switzerland, heading, which is sent to editors of religious magazines, brings together world religious news into its five big pages. The issue of October 4 devotes one and a half pages to the efforts to bring reconciliation at the Little Rock, Ark., school integration crises. Special services of prayer in all the churches were urged by the President. One of the items of news in the following story is of particular interest:

"The use of the Arkansas National Guard to halt integration was also condemned by the Hot Springs Ministerial Alliance in a resolution signed by all white ministers. The group voted to invite Negro pastors to an October 14 meeting to discuss a proposal for consolidating the white and Negro ministerial groups."
General Board Speaks on Vital Issues

Corruption in labor unions, integration of public schools, and the plight of Middle East refugees and the Hungarian people were central objects of concern to the National Council of Churches General Board, meeting in New York. A major statement, accepted unanimously, called on organized labor to "eliminate corruption and undemocratic practices" in the workplace. O. Wedel of Washington, D.C., president of United Church Women, initiated the statement, which also commended those union members and leaders who are working for a "strong, healthy trade union movement."

In three resolutions the board also commended President Eisenhower for his actions in upholding the law in Little Rock; praised "many churches and individual Christians" for their "Christian stand for justice with reconciliation, for law with self-discipline"; and authorized the National Council's Department of Racial and Cultural Relations to "convey the Council's strong concern in these and other situations of tension."

On receiving a special report on the situation facing the nearly one million Middle Eastern refugees, the board urged more generous support of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA); increased support of Church World Service programs; and examined the possibility for local U.S. communities to "adopt" frontier Arab villages.

Church people must be informed of the findings of a special UN Committee that condemned USSR intervention in Hungary, declared another unanimous resolution. The board also urged that the status of Hungarian "parolee" refugees in this country be regularized by Congress to prevent further deportations of them without benefit of hearings or appeal.

The General Board next meets in St. Louis, Mo., November 30, on the eve of the Fourth Triennial General Assembly of the National Council of Churches.

The Religious Newsweekly.

The Story of Alfred University

The book by J. Nelson Norwood, Ph.D., LL.D., under the above title and published at the University, Alfred, N.Y., sponsored it. From the circulation of the book Dr. Norwood receives only honor, the proceeds going to the university which published it. From the circulation of the book Dr. Norwood receives only honor, the proceeds going to the university which published it.

The author makes history glow and brings us together a large book of over 300 pages, besides index, has rendered a notable service to the university and the Seventh Day Baptist village all but hidden by the trees. "Alfred" by Dr. Melvin F. Schlake, employed a non-Christian. Then a delegation of Hungarian Protestants is visiting Protestant churches in China, at the invitation of the "Three-Self-Move ment" within the churches, which aims at independence and self-support.

-- E. P. S., Geneva.

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Better News from Colombia

Interior Minister Jose Maria Villareal instructed state governors on September 17 to extend full freedom of assembly and worship to Protestant churches throughout Colombia, A., according to a dispatch from United Press.

At the same time, Senor Villareal also directed the governors to facilitate the functioning of self-governing Protestant churches that are inactive or being hindered by local difficulties in various parts of the country.

Thus far, Protestant church leaders in the United States who follow developments in Colombia have received no confirmation that the decree has been carried out or put into effect.

The Moravian Church is celebrating its 500th Anniversary this year. Started in 1415 by the followers of the martyr, John Hus, the church grew in spite of severe persecution to 400 congregations and more than 200,000 members by Luther's time.

The Reformation Protestants came to America in 1735, when there were in the first centers were "closed" communities.

Moravian interest in missions began in 1527. Today there are nearly three times as many Moravians in foreign mission churches as there are in the home churches.

"This Is The Life" is available for its 5th Anniversary this year. Started by the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, employs a non-Christian.

Experts said that the Lutheran television program, "This Is The Life," could not last. It is now known as the world's most televised program and celebrates its fifth anniversary by introducing a sixth series of TV films. This dramatic presentation, under careful religious supervision, though sponsored by the Missouri Synod Lutheran Church, employs a non-denominational approach. The action in the human interest drama is done by professional actors and is produced by the well-known Family Films Corporation.

The executive secretary of the program, Melvin F. Schlake, states:

"Today 'This Is The Life' is available to 99% of the nation's TV homes, making it literally the world's most televised program, as revealed in summer's "In Focus," "Post, Look, and other national publications. Expert estimates indicate a weekly audience of 10,000,000 viewers. An average of 3,000 letters a week are received at the St. Louis, Mo., headquarters."

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED STATION, N. Y. -- (Taken from the report of the historian, Mrs. Bertha Burdick, which was given at the annual meeting, October 6, 1957.)

At the meal of sharing on July 13, the coin boxes were opened. The money was for Our World Mission. Another fellowship meal was well attended during Stewardship Week after the dedication services for canvassers.

Our pastor has been busy helping in many projects. He acted as supervisor of Vacation Bible School where about 75 boys and girls were enrolled. Several teachers and helpers assisted in this fine work. He and Mrs. Green helped at the Pre-Con Retreat in Milton prior to Conference. They also supervised the camp at the Missouri Synod Boy Scout Camp at Harley September 27-29. He teaches the Young Adults Sabbath School Class and has charge of the Youth Fellowship group.

Several young people have been attending an instruction class for church membership and the pastor has had this class.

We are looking forward to these young people being given the $5,585 budget as planned by the committee.

At the previous quarterly business meeting it was voted to pay the $11 camp fee for any young person attending Pre-
Con Retreat. Four of our teen-agers were each one was richly blessed for having also the director of the Retreat. Able to make use of this offer. Rev. Rex Zwiebel took them to Milton and was also the director of the Retreat.

We have lost two members by death, Deacon Silas Whitford and Clarence Greene. Six letters have been granted for membership in other churches. Pastor and Mrs. Green joined our church by letter.

At the annual meeting we are electing new officers and trustees for a new year. May we each feel a deep responsibility in the work of our denomination, hearing many fine sermons and also the beautiful music furnished by the choirs and quartets.

In the words of John Ruskin, "When we build let it be such work as our descendants will thank us for."

John's purpose in his first epistle was to increase the assurance of the present possession of eternal life. Let's keep this prayer thought in mind: Our hands are upon a rope of unseen end that draws us upward. We know we have eternal life. We know God answers prayer. We know we can become the medium through which the life of God passes to others.

Let us grip the rope with a prayer of faith; let us with unfailing prayer extend the lifeline to those faltering on the slope below.

JACKSON CENTER, OHIO — An insert in the Battle Creek, Mich., Church bulletin which gives details of the program of the Northern Association (at Battle Creek, October 25-27) lists Montie B. Slusher as pastor at Jackson Center. He is still a non-commissioned officer (Chaplain's Assistant) in the Air Force stationed at a non-resident members of the Salem, W., Va., Church. A newcomer to our denomination, he has announced his intention to study for the ministry. — Ed.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — The Rev. and Mrs. Herbert L. Polan were scheduled to leave for Daytona Beach, Fla., October 14. Mr. Polan is called to serve as pastor of our church in that city again this winter. — Church Bulletin.

Marriages

Campbell - Allen. — Elmo John Campbell, son of Mrs. Lilian Gray Campbell, Janesville, Wis., and Judith Ann Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen, Edgerton, Wis., were united in marriage in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church September 29, 1957, by the groom's pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. The bride is attending the University of Wisconsin and the groom is continuing with his Navy duty.

Malby - Poulin. — Ronald L. Malby, son of Rev. and Mrs. Leon M. Malby of Plainfield, N. J., and Marlene Poulin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Poulin of Plainfield, were united in marriage late Sabbath afternoon September 28, 1957, in the Bride and Groom Chapel at the NBC television studio in New York City, with the father of the groom officiating.

Births

Burdick. — A daughter, Vicky Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Burdick of Derby, Colo., on August 2, 1957.

Kitzman. — A son, David Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kitzman (Betty Davis) of Denver, Colo., on October 5, 1957.


Obituaries

Whitford. — Leo Ninette Coon, daughter of James A. and Jennette Coon, was born in Utica, Wisc., May 31, 1880, and died at Edgerton, Wis., Sept. 23, 1957, following a long and courageous struggle with leukemia.

Educated in Milton College, with special emphasis on voice culture in Milton and Chicago, Leo prepared herself to make a major contribution as soloist and director in church and educational circles.

On September 2, 1903, she was married to J. Frederick Whitford. Her husband survives her, as does a daughter, Captain Geraldine L. Whitford, a nurse in the Army.

Baptized in 1899 by Rev. L. A. Platts, she affiliated with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and then with the Little Genesee, N. Y., Church — returning her membership to the Milton Church at the time of their retirement to that community. For five years she served as treasurer of the Women's Board. She served as chorister for the Milton and Little Genesee Churches.

Farewell services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, officiating. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

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The Sabbath Recorder

NEW AUBURN, WIS., CHURCH DEDICATED ON OCTOBER 12

In a northern Wisconsin community another new Seventh Day Baptist church building constructed very largely by volunteer labor attests the faith and devotion of the members who found the former 77-year-old building to be inadequate for the needs of the congregation. The photograph fails to catch its beauty and impressiveness, which are commented on by those who have seen it. See the story and picture inside.