DODGE CENTER, MINN. — On November 27 our church was host to the community churches for the annual Union Thanksgiving Service. Pastor Kenneth B. Van Horn led in the devotions with the assistance of the Methodist and Congregational ministers. Norman Clapper of our church sang "My Prayer." The Assembly of God minister gave a spiritual message on the Thanksgiving theme, directly applicable to the heart of each person present.

We lay members wish to share a blessing, with any who are in our vicinity. We welcome you and urge you to attend our worship services any Sabbath day. You will experience pleasure from fellowship with us, we hope. But greater than that will experience pleasure from fellowship with any who are in our vicinity. We feel that we have a blessing large and yet simple enough that their truth cannot evade you. The Bible is our source book. We feel that we have a blessing large enough to share with all. If you are as close as Rochester, train connections are direct to Dodge Center, or possibly transportation could be arranged otherwise through individual cars. Do come and worship with us or recommend our church with us, we hope. But greater than that will experience pleasure from fellowship with any who desire Him.

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Births

Button. — A daughter, Linda Christine, to Dan and Marianne Button of Los Angeles, Calif., on November 17, 1957.

Soules. — A daughter, Kathrine, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Soules of Shinglehouse, Pa.

Burrows. — A daughter, Connie Jo, to Mr. and Mrs. Arvis Burrows of Cuba, N. Y.

Mickel. — A daughter, O'Deanne Mildred, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mickel, R. F. D. Burton St., Cazenovia, N. Y., on Nov. 2, 1957.

Brannon. — A son, Kenneth Dean, to Dr. and Mrs. Warren Brannon, Rt. 1, Freeville, N. Y., on Nov. 9, 1957.


Obituaries

Parker. — Leon J., only son of Stephen and Elsie Parker, was born in Otsego, N. Y., Aug. 27, 1878, and died at his home in Truxton, N. Y., Nov. 4, 1957.

He was educated in De Ruyter Training Class and taught school in the surrounding communities and later became a farmer. On New Year's Day, 1902, he married Maud Elinor Stevens. To this union were born two sons, Harry, who resides in Truxton, and Walter of Cincinatus, N. Y. His wife preceded him in death 10 years ago.

He was baptized and joined the De Ruyter Church early in life and continued a faithful member, having attended church the Sabbath before he passed to his heavenly home and reward.

He was elected to the office of deacon many years ago, and also served as trustee. Surviving besides his sons are 4 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter. Farewell services were held in the De Ruyter Church, conducted by his pastor, Charles D. Swing. Burial was in Hillcrest Cemetery. — C. D. S.

Sisson. — Ella, daughter of Jerome and Sarah Thomas Potter, was born at Five Corners near Alfred, N. Y., April 14, 1869, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., June 24, 1957.

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Farina, Ill.

Stephen Stewart

By Testimony:

Albert Appel

Plainsfield, N. J.

By Testimony:

Muriel Babcock

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THE AFTERGLOW

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Talking in Billions

Our country is great and rich in spite of its staggering debt. A daily newspaper used as a two-line filler at the end of a column forecast the fact that the present balance in the U. S. treasury is now $3,279,213,888.74. A discussion of possible tax reduction by James W. Douthat points out that spending for the fiscal year is officially forecast at $72 billion and that expected revenue is $73.5 billion. No one knows at the moment how much of an increase in defense spending may be voted. Mr. Douthat observes that if our normal economic growth continues there should be an annual increase of revenue totaling $3 billion. Even this year with certain proposed cutbacks we could increase our defense spending by $2 billion and still end the fiscal year with a balance. These figures are far from astronomical.

It is interesting to note that the Protestant Church can now talk in billions also. For the first time in history contributions to 52 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox

Tributes: ...
commotions in the United States reached a record of $2,041,908,161 in 1956 (of which $707,908,161 was for local congregational expenses). This is approximately the same figure that is being tossed about as a possible increase in defense spending brought about by the recent indications that the Soviet Union is now producing intercontinental ballistic missiles. We as a nation may be willing to spend from tax money $2 billion more than we were willing to spend when Congress was last in session. We give that much more because we are scared. If we set out to prove that love has greater motivating power than fear what will the churches give next year? Last year (1956) local contributions increased 10.4 per cent and benevolences 7.5 per cent. Per-member giving in the churches mentioned above increased only about $4, for an average of $56.74. More love would mean more giving.

Please Remember

Quite frequently our good friends send in published poems believing that they think would make worth-while reading. We usually agree on that point, but we cannot always publish the poetry because to do so without permission of those who hold the copyrights is neither fair nor legal. Permission to quote is sometimes very graciously given — if we have complete information as to author, book, publisher, or date of the copyright. If you have such material which you would like to see in your periodical, please remember to give full information or better yet, to do the necessary writing to publishers before you ask your editor to print the poetry or prose.

Copyrights are for 28 years and can be renewed once. Therefore, many have expired and, unless the poem is later copyrighted by someone else, it can be considered to be in the "public domain" and can be used without bond or better yet, to do the necessary writing to publishers before you ask your editor to print the poetry or prose.

Special Occasion Filmstrips

All but one of the filmstrips owned by the American Tract Society dealing with the Christmas theme were out on loan to the churches as of December 13. Some had been called for by several church leaders. Nearly everyone requesting these free audio-visual aids or complete programs thoughtfully indicated a willingness for substitutions to be made.

Three elements contribute to mutual satisfaction in this free service: plans and orders and financial obligations for special occasions, prompt filing of orders at Plainfield, and immediate return of materials after use in the churches.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Executive Secretary

Year-end Thoughts

Another calendar year is soon to begin and most of us will be thinking in terms of making this coming year — what? — a happier one, a more worth-while one, the one in which we are going to have a new home or a new baby or a new baby? All these are certainly worthy things to strive for. But what should we put first? If we believe that every person has a unique place to fill in the total plan of God, then should not the finding of that place be the first concern of each of us?

Our denominational year will be one quarter gone on December 31. What we call the midyear meetings of the Planning Committee, the Co-ordinating Council, and the Commission will be meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan, at various times from December 27 through January 2. Members of these bodies come together believing that God has a special work for Seventh Day Baptists, as a people, in His plan. In their various areas of responsibility they will review the work that has been accomplished in the past year, and do the very best they can, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to formulate plans and make suggestions that will help to bring the program of Seventh Day Baptists more nearly within God's will, hoping that every member of our denomination will want to have an active part in the work. Please pray for these meetings!

Our World Mission

The statement of the treasurer of denominational receipts for November was not at hand when the time came for this issue to go to press. It will be recalled that the treasurer has to depend on the promptness of church treasurers in sending in the contribution for the Fourth Sabbath of the month. This time the month ended on Sabbath day.

Perhaps this note can serve as another reminder that the special may help many in their tax reports as well as giving extra encouragement to the many who are partly supported by these gifts.

December 23, 1957

Choosing to be Born

By Joseph M. Stowel, D.D.

Choose to be born? Impossible, you say. Yes, impossible for all but one. He alone is ever-born.

He chose His mother and His place of birth. He chose to be born by a miracle — the miracle of God being born with a human body as an infant. He chose to be born when He knew that this birth would lead to a horrible death. He chose to be born in a stable where lambs were wont to be born, for He was to be "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." They called Him Jesus, for He was to "save his people from their sins." This glorious incarnation of Christ marks a turning point in human history. Here we have God the Father giving the gift of His own Son because He loved us. Here we have the Son, with no regard for His own concerns, but compelled by a compassionate concern for our need, leaving Heaven's glory and taking upon Himself the humiliation of the human body until the body of a baby.

But we dare not pause at the cradle to worship a baby newly born, nor do we worship a baby newly born, nor do we worship a baby newly born, nor do we worship the Baby Jesus. For, Bethlehem's cradle is empty. He is no longer the Baby Jesus. Bethlehem was only the vestibule to the holy plan of redemption.

Further, we must not pause to worship the historic Jesus of Nazareth as He walked among the children of men, for His footsteps are not now heard in Judea. His holy, sinless life became the prelude to the human, and for Bethlehem's cradle is empty. He is no longer the Baby Jesus. Bethlehem was only the vestibule to the holy plan of redemption.

The climax of the world's history and of God's dealing with men took place at Calvary's cross where Christ, clothed with this human body, suffered the humiliation of the judgment of God against sin and sinners. He bore our sins "in his own body on the tree." He suffered "the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God." He poured out His life that we might live.

But the Christ hanging on the cross is not the object of our worship, for He no longer hangs under the blazing sun of Golgotha. He is gone. He was placed in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea. We follow Him to the garden where He was buried, but we cannot find a place of worship there, for "he is risen; he is not here." The open tomb became a portal through which He came, in a glorified body, to ascend into the heavens and to be seated at the Father's right hand, an high priest who "ever liveth to make intercession" for us. Here in adoration we must worship Him, the Man in glory, in spirit and in truth, for there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. "He is thy Lord . . . worship thou him." He chose to be born in humility, that He might be exalted in due time as the object of our worship.

This Christ said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." Though you cannot choose to be born physically, you can and ought to choose to be born again spiritually. This is done by receiving this crucified and resurrected Christ, the Man in glory, as your personal Savior and God, and done to be born again by believing in this matchless Christ will also be exalted in due time into His glorious presence in the heavens.

[The above article in tract form may be secured by writing to the American Tract Society, 513 West 166th Street, New York 32, N. Y.]

He who is the center of Christianity draws men to Himself. — Lundquist.
Fund-Raising in Jamaica

Miss Jacqueline Wells writes concerning the annual "fair" held at Kingston, Jamaica. The men of the church put up canes, poles and crafted things to be used for stalls for selling goods, produce, and many varied items of handicraft.

Miss Wells writes, "We have received lots of used hats from the States to be sold tomorrow. Mrs. Brissey, Mrs. Lawton, and Sister Taylor have been selling, pressing, and pricing them. We think we should make about fifteen pounds ($42) on them."

News from German Brethren

Under date of November 30, 1957, Brother Ulf Oldenburg has written from Hamburg, Germany. Excerpts from his letter will be of interest to Seventh Day Baptists of this country.

He writes, "We thank you most heartily for your earnest prayers for us and the work here in Germany. . . . Brother Bruhn and the whole assembly greet you in the States and for the work of the Lord over all the world."

Brother Oldenburg tells of having returned to Germany, and his native land, to work with a church as a "job analysis" for clarification of duties and responsibilities of Jamaican workers.

The Executive and American Tropics Committees of the Missionary Board met with Pastor Lawton and Mr. Brissey. Pastor Lawton returned to Kingston by plane December 12. Mr. Brissey returned to Washington. His home church has recently called him to ordination as a minister. An ordination council is to meet at Washington on Sabbath day, December 21, 1957.

[In order to save several months in putting into effect some of the changes discussed in the above-mentioned conference, it was decided to call a special meeting of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society for Sunday, December 15.]
Department of Evangelism
Faces Problems and Opportunities

By Leon M. Maltby

It was your editor's responsibility and privilege to attend in New York on December 11 the semiannual meeting of the Central Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches. This meeting, it will be observed, followed closely on the heels of the big triennial meeting of the National Council in St. Louis December 1 to 6, which is mentioned elsewhere in this issue. Many of the 60-75 attending the New York meeting had just returned from St. Louis.

This Central Department of Evangelism includes in its membership the secretaries of evangelism or home missions, as the case may be, of the various co-operating denominations. These secretaries held a meeting under NCC auspices on the tenth. Our own secretary, the Rev. Everett T. Harris, was unable to attend this time because of other pressing duties. Although the department is but one of many in the larger body it has a wide variety of projects, a large budget, and increasing prominence in the over-all work of the Council. The following committees submitted reports totaling 32 pages:

Executive, Findings, Educational Evangelism, Children in the National Parks, University Christian Mission, Spiritual Life, Literature, Missions to Ministers, Pentecost, Passenger Ships Chaplaincy Services, and Armed Forces Preaching Missions.

The framework of the meeting was built around the above-mentioned reports and the reports of officers. The special order of the day was consideration of the report of the special "Findings Committee on the Visitation Evangelism Crusade." A group of staff and denominational leaders who had met in November to study the NCC booklet The Good News of God which had grown out of a study of present-day evangelism carried on by the General Board of the NCC. Also considered was a suggested continuation of the consultation workshop was an evaluation of the whole program of and outlook for this Central Department of Evangelism.

Although many believe firmly that the department has great potential of future activity, the nature and scope of much of that activity is uncertain at the present time. It is partly due to inability up to the present time to secure an executive secretary to replace the Rev. Berlyn V. Farris whose resignation became effective October 1. There have been unfilled vacancies in the staff. One leader in the discussion voiced the need of a well-defined program to challenge the talents of anyone who might be approached to take the position of executive director. Another stated that without the leadership of an imaginative director the department could not develop a well-defined program of advance. It could be remarked that many a church organization has found itself facing such a dilemma.

In common with denominational agencies for evangelism this interchurch body found itself plagued with the worries of inadequate, financial support. Solicited from soliciting funds directly it was unable to expand its program in some of the desired areas. It could be said that denominational boards would respond more than in the past to the financial needs. Some are doing so, as they are persuaded of the service rendered by this body.

Visitation Evangelism

The acting executive director, Dr. McConnell, made a significant report on Visitation Evangelism. He said:

"I was committed to the Ashrams from July 1 to August 10 and was serving as Director of the Visitation Evangelism Crusade for Metropolitan New York October 29 through November 29, and much of September and October had to be devoted to the promotion of that program. We had 500 volunteers and claimed 10,000 of the number present at the Billy Graham Headquarters. We are happy to report that one thousand churches participated in the Visitation Evangelism Program and there were over 6,000 people making decisions for Christ and the church. Dr. Jesse M. Bader served as the local chairman and had yeoman service in that capacity. Many of the denominational secretaries of evangelism served among the 36 directors.

We wish to pay our tribute of gratitude to all who gave their time and talents to this Crusade in the midst of their busy schedules. There was a wonderful spirit of comradeship among the directors. We felt that one of the by-products in the local situation was the building of a bridge of understanding between co-operating agencies. There have been visits.

Also in the report given by Dr. McConnell was a statement about the Christian Ashrams which have been conducted each summer for 16 years under the auspices of this Central Department. At the urgent request of Dr. E. Stanley Jones he is now to be allowed to take over personal direction of the Ashrams. The Executive Committee expressed "regret that they are being taken out of the stream of life of the church and conducted under personal auspices."

Dr. McConnell concluded:

"This is a great day for evangelism. Never have the doors of opportunity been flung open more widely, never has the need been greater and the challenge more demanding. Certainly being ushered into a space age demands that we stretch our minds and enlarge our concepts and, having determined our direction, redouble our efforts to bring men and women and the institutions of our common life under the full-orbed sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ. We trust that many of the complex problems which confront this Department will soon be solved so that we can give ourselves with single-minded devotion to the promotion of that program. We are convinced that the Central Department of Evangelism, under God, we have been called to do."

The pamphlet, The Good News of God, mentioned above will probably be reprinted at a cost which will allow denominational offices to use it more widely in the churches. Some are already making extensive use of it as a possible standard for their own evangelistic efforts. It is said by some leaders to be challenging. Others say it is too extreme and too critical of present evangelism to be widely distributed and used as one of the higher planning levels rather than in the churches. We can expect more to be written on this subject in the future.
moon solve Asia’s economic problems? Will it feed Pakistan’s landless villagers? Will it build hydroelectric dams in India? Will it bring self-government to the people of Kenya or the Belgian Congo? Will it end the terror in Algeria? Will it solve the question of Middle East oil? Will it solve the plague of Saudi Arabia free, bring free trade unions to Spain, protect freedom of press in Formosa, or provide police on the streets to the legislators of South Korea? Who will be remembered and who forgotten as we race Russia into outer space?

During the days of our supposed preeminence in weapons, we felt that our "position of strength" made diplomacy unimportant. We became masters of "brinkmanship" which is another word for bluff and bluster with a loaded gun. Today, in the period of our supposed deficiency in weapons (it would take us all of three hours to wipe out every city in Russia) our "position of weakness" makes diplomacy impossible. We must play it tough until we can catch up. In Russia! Our deficiency in weapons (it would one poor creed can catch the radiant rays that shine from countless sources. Tear away the blinds of superstition. Let the light turn to a day, after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Viscount Mackintosh of Halifax, England, president of the World Council of Christian Education, will open the Convention. "This time," writes Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, "a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night will testify to the Lord's leading rather than being wrath."

Delegates to the convention, from scores of countries, will go to Japan. Not only will they seek to learn more about "the Way, the Truth, and the Life," and about how to communicate the Gospel to others, but they will consciously strive to take to Japan the gift of Christian reconciliation and friendship.

Mrs. Rosa Page Welch will be the director of music for the convention. She is thoroughly leading singers of the Negro race, and has recently completed a world tour as a representative of the United Church Women in America. There will be a Japanese choir and an international choir.

Space and Speed

(Extract from Christmas message by Dr. Blake, INCE, president.)

With right relationships established between man and God, and between man and man, then and then only can we realize the hope hinted by that Christmas star, for peace on earth and goodwill and gladness among all people. These things we ought to remember at this season, when with feverish anxiety we are trying to cast our satellites into the sky, ... Measurements and values should be given priority over questions of space and speed. Otherwise we are in danger of accelerating ourselves into utter catastrophe. The God of love and Jesus Christ is the embodiment and interpretation of that love.

January WORSHIP SERVICE

(Prepared by Mrs. Kenneth V. Hulin, née Mary Fitz Randolph, daughter of the late Deacon Roy and Cora Bond Fitz Randolph of the Middle Island, church, clerk, and recently ordained deaconess of the Salem, W. Va., Church.)

Topic: Light

Scripture: John 8: 12

Hymn: "The Light of the World Is Jesus"

Devotional Thoughts:

Windows of the Soul

Let there be many windows in your soul, That all the glory of the universe May beautify it. Not the narrow pane Of one poor creed can catch the radiant rays That shine from countless sources. Tear away The blinds of superstition. Let the light Pour through fair windows, broad as truth itself, And high as heaven. — Tune your ear To all the voice of nature; and your heart Shall turn to truth and goodness as the plant Turns to the sun. A thousand unseen hands Reach down to help you to their peace-crowned heights And all the forces of the firmament Shall fortify your light. Be not afraid To thrust aside half-truths and grasp the whole.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

Jesus not only said, "I am the light of the world," but He also said to His disciples, "You are the light of the world." Certainly, like Jesus, His followers are the "light of the world." How is this achieved? When the very woman learning to piece quilts Mother said that I must cut each piece by the pattern. Even though there were many, many small pieces to be cut, "for," she continued, "if each piece were cut by the previous one it would not be long before...

*Permission to quote "Windows of the Soul" from Best Loved Poems of the American People was granted by Conkey Division of Rand McNally & Co.
The pieces placed on the pattern would be found to be quite different from the pattern. So it is with the Christian. We are to be recognized by the knowledge, insight, inspiration, and love of our pastors, Sabbath School teachers, and other Christian friends but Jesus is our pattern, our light.

"If I have strength, I owe the service of the strong. If melody I have, I owe the world a song. If I can stand when all around my post are falling; If I can run with speed when needy hearts are calling, And if my torch can light the dark of any night, Then I must pay the debt I owe with living light." — Author Unknown.

Prayer:

"Searcher of hearts, to Thee are known
The inmost secrets of my breast;
At home, abroad, in crowds, alone,
Thou mark'st my rising and my rest.
My thoughts far off, through every maze,
Source, stream, and issue — all my ways.
Search me, 0 God, and know my heart;
Try me, my inmost soul survey;
And warn Thy servant to depart
From every false and evil way:
So shall Thy truth my guidance be
To life and immortality." Amen.

— James Montgomery in Power for Today.

Rehabilitation of the Disabled

The number of disabled New Jersey men and women applying for public vocational rehabilitation service has doubled in the past two years, according to a report filed recently with Governor Robert B. Meyner. Of the 1,781 rehabilitations, 13% had some mental handicap which included central nervous system diseases, epilepsy, psychosis, or mental retardation. The greatest growth among disability groups applying for and receiving services is heart disease. [We believe that some of this increase could be avoided by more consistent application of principles of Christian living, by avoiding tensions, and by self-discipline.]

National Council

Issues Message

A Message speaking to the spiritual concerns of our times was directed to the people of the nation by the National Council assembled in triennial sessions in St. Louis December 1-6. The Message — fourth since the Council was organized in 1950 — called for "support and strengthening of all expressions of basic unity in His people work or worship, act or serve in His name and spirit."

Looking at the whole human being in today's broken world, the Message recognized the pressures, overstimulation, and tensions which make contemporary man appear "sometimes less than human."

"These hazards are increased by a society in which sheer bigness, rapid change, and the loss of control over the very means of control . . . spell moral ambiguity and spiritual despair," the Message declares. "All the double-mindedness and undue flexibility of earlier days must go," it continues, "for our Lord says, 'Do not be anxious. . . . Only so can man find the true selfhood and final security which are in Jesus Christ.'"

Under the subtitles "Our Oneness in Christ," "Our Broken World," and "Unity of Faith and Hope," among others, the Message concludes that we not wage until complete unity is reached before we begin to realize the wholeness of life which God offers us. . . . We are called to show forth the common ground. In this assurance, we move forward together."

General Assembly Highlights

The fourth General Assembly of the National Council of Churches may go on record as the busiest yet. To the list of vital issues of the day, on which the Council's stand is made known in specific resolutions and statements, one more was added this year: the hopes and concerns of the churches in the nuclear-space age. Declaring, "We believe that the accelerating arms race which tips of our world may lead direct to a war which will destroy civilization," the statement called for redoubled efforts "to realize the final goal of disarmament in the framework of the United Nations."

The "moral crisis in the labor union movement and in labor-management practices" was also dealt with and a telegram sent by the Assembly to George Meany, AFL-CIO president. It commended his organization for "waging a valiant battle for decency" and urged it to rid itself of corrupt and racketeering elements.

On "freedom of association," the Assembly asked church leaders to "recognize the gravity of the threat to all associations and to all liberties when the freedom of legitimate voluntary association is suppressed."

This statement was aimed at ordinances and laws in some sections of the South which have sent members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to jail.

The violation of privacy and anonymity of membership lists or suppresses the activities of voluntary associations," said the statement, which urged all communications constituent with the National Council to use "all appropriate means" to prevent such "attacks upon our liberties."

Racial discrimination and segregation, the liberalization of refugee legislation, and U.S. trade and aid policies also were the subjects of forthright statements by the Assembly.

The Religious Newsweekly.

A New Year's Greeting From The Baptist World Alliance

(Greetings is the name of the Baptist World Alliance. "Tradition lives on here in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, the only one of its kind in Ohio and one of but 62 in the United States that observe its seventh day Observance."

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Dayton Paper Features Jackson Center

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LETTERS OF APPRECIATION

Leaders of national and international organizations occasionally write to the Sabbath Recorder to express appreciation for certain articles which have come to their attention. One such letter recently received came from Robert T. Stevens, a very prominent national figure (resident of Plainfield) who is now chairman of the Religion In American Life. He says: "We have received many comments concerning the full-page advertisement urging regular attendance which you published in your November 11 issue."

The president of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship took the trouble to thank us for the "wonderful" little item which he recently published about their work among students. In addition to the large number of magazines and journals who receive and scan our publication there are many other people who subscribe to a clipping service and sometimes write to us about things that interest them. Then, too, the editor's desk piles high with mail from other organizations, individuals, and churches who desire to have their point of view read by the editor and readers of the Recorder. These people, for the most part, are sincere, and are probably going to a great enlightenment and encouragement of their work. It is true that with an ever-increasing mass of background information, some of which finds its way into our pages. We are glad that we have changed the format. We have made our readers aware that our magazine is much more than just a "family" paper in the sense of carrying news and articles interesting only to those who are members of our churches. It is true that the Recorder is primarily for the enlightenment and encouragement of Seventh Day Baptists, but every writer and contributor needs to remember those other readers and to write carefully and well.

Minister III

The Rev. Verney A. Wilson, retired Seventh Day Baptist minister, is seriously ill at his home, 4068 Vina Villa Ave., Dayton, Ohio. It is suggested that cards be sent to him at this time by his many friends.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Teen Talk

A Modern Moses

Most of you cannot remember the days of the silent movies, the time when men had not yet learned how to reproduce the spoken word on the celluloid film. The story of the pictures was told by flashing brief sentences on the screen between the pictures. There was one good thing about it; a deaf person could enjoy a good movie. The only problem was that there were very few good pictures in those days.

Have you ever thought how the great production, The Ten Commandments, which is now playing throughout the country? Would you enjoy sitting in the theater for three hours and ten minutes if you couldn't hear a word? It would be like parking your car on the road near a drive-in theater; the flashing pictures are almost meaningless.

When The Ten Commandments came to Newark, N. J., the pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church for the Deaf wanted to help the church members see it. He preaches to his people by sign language. He thought he could explain the picture to his congregation as they viewed it on the screen, but of course the theater was dark and they would not be able to read his sign language. What did he do? With the co-operation of the management he had a section cut out of one section and arranged for a raised platform beside the screen where he could stand and with ultraviolet light focused on him. Then he painted his hands, arms, and face with luminous paint. Thus he was able to give his people the speaking parts of The Ten Commandments in sign language. It was a thoughtful and a wonderful thing.

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The tablets of the law in his hands, the people looked at him with awe and almost fear because they saw light shining from his face. It was a glory light from having been close to God. It made the Ten Commandments mean more to the children of Israel. It was not luminous paint to enable deaf people to get the message, but that man, in actual fact was something like a modern Moses.

We could remind ourselves that we sometimes act like deaf people when we message of the Bible is being given to us. Our minds are occupied with other things and we are dull of hearing. Sometimes the message is a little dull in the way it is presented. What comes to us with a glowing face to interpret God's will are we compelled to listen. How about your own face? Does it show that you, like Moses of old, have been close to God?

Year Book Editor

THANKS HELPERS

The 1957 Year Book is off the press at the publishing house in Plainfield and has been mailed to those who regularly receive it in quantity or in single copies. It is edited by Miss Hazel V. Gamble, who for many years was the head proof-reader at the publishing house. For the past several years poor health has kept her management, but she is still able to edit with painstaking care the vast amount of diverse material submitted for this book.

Miss Gamble has asked that the following paragraph be printed with material submitted for this book.

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The price of the Year Book is $1.50, payable to Recorder Press. Free copies to churches are available in single copies.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — On November 2, Pastor Alton L. Wheeler began a series of sermons covering "Belief in Christ." Although, as Seventh Day Baptists, we shy from coercive beliefs, we should likewise shun ignorance.

In the evening a hobby show and pie sale was held. The sale of the surplus of the Social Committee into good financial shape as well as making practically everybody happier. The range of hobbies showed a wide variety of interests. The day following, another early expedition into the desert for rock for members was held.

With November 16 came the third sermon of the series, "We Believe in Jesus Christ." The previous Sabbath our pastor covered "Belief in God." Although, as Seventh Day Baptists, we shy from coercive beliefs, we should likewise shun ignorance.

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On the last two Sabbaths of November, "We Believe in the Holy Spirit" and "We Believe in Man" were well received in the sermons. Tuesday evening, November 26, the first rehearsal of the Messiah was held at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Several from our Riverside Church are participating in this community event.

Mrs. Starlin Ross, newly appointed youth choir director, still weekly rehearsals in the parson house. Practically all the
new committees have had their initial meetings in the past month and with the help of God a new year of greater service is anticipated. — Correspondent.

MARLBORO, N. J. — Harvest Home was observed September 28 with an all-day meeting. On that date our senior deacon, Luther S. Davis, passed away at the age of 88 years. The memory of his outstanding leadership and Christian home will remain with us.

In September, a fellowship supper was held in the church basement. Reports were received on the progress of the new parsonage. Individual church banks were turned in to the amount of $238.53. Another pot-pie supper was held in the basement under the supervision of the Ways and Means Committee. This supper netted a substantial amount.

Prayer meeting continues to be held Friday evenings. The morning church attendance for three months in succession averaged over 100.

On October 5 Marlboro joined with Shiloh at our semiannual Communion service. It was an all-day service. Dinner was free to all who could attend. In the afternoon Owen Probasco and Carlton Wilson were ordained as deacons of the Shiloh Church. It was a most impressive service.

The Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Churches was held here October 18-19. The aisles were filled for the Sabbath morning service at which time the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson delivered the message: "Christian Birth." In the afternoon Carlton Wilson had charge. His message was "Christian Growth." — The Yearly Meeting theme being "The Christian Life."

"Marlboro's Grand Old Man," Filer M. R. Davis, our oldest member, is 100 years of age. He came to church as long as his health permitted. He, too, is another outstanding person in church and community affairs. — Correspondent.

Marriages

Zwiebel - Blythe. — Carl C. Zwiebel, son of Mrs. Altha Zwiebel, and Imogene Blythe, daughter of Mrs. Jewell Blythe Shroyer, all of Jackson Center, Ohio, were united in marriage on Sunday, December 8, 1957, by the groom's brother, the Rev. Rev. E. Zwiebel.

Obituaries

Lockard. — Sandra, daughter of James R. and Janice Seager Lockard, was born Feb. 12, 1953, in Washington, D. C., and died Nov. 24, 1957, in Georgetown University Hospital following an extended illness. Sandy was chosen by the National Nephrosis Foundation to launch its 1957 campaign with Mrs. Eisenhower, the honorary chairman of the Foundation.

In addition to her parents she is survived by one sister, Jerry Lynn, at home; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lockard; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross P. Seager; and the paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. J. L. Lockard, all of Salem.

The memorial service was conducted from the Harbent Funeral Home in Salem, W. Va., by Rev. C. Rex Burdick with Rev. D. M. Dorsey, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church, assisting. Burial was in the IOOF Cemetery at Salem.

C. R. B.

Coon. — Floyd Stillman, son of DeElbert C. and DeEtte Coon, was born at Farina, I11., Sept. 5, 1877, and died Dec. 5, 1957, at the Jefferson County Hospital, Winchester, Kan.

On December 23, 1952, Mr. Coon married Etta Quarler of Nortonville, Kan., who survives him. He joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at an early age and remained a faithful member all his life. The past five years he has unselfishly and devotedly served as caretaker of the church. Surviving are two children: Esther Jane Bruns of Redlands, Calif.; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and a brother, Charley, of Nortonville.

Farewell services were held on December 7 at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Rev. C. B. Demness, a lifelong friend, officiating. — Mrs. Charles Wheeler.

Men of heart is what the world needs to sympathize with its woes; to kiss away its sorrows, to compassion its misery, and to alleviate its pain. — E. M. Bounds.

Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

By Testimony:

Rev. Al Huntington Mrs. Jane Huntington

Births

Sayre. — A daughter, Laura Ann, to Murray and Barbara Seager Sayre of Peekskill, N. Y., on November 5, 1957.

Knoott. — A daughter, Cheryl Dawn, to Harry and Laura Davis Knoot of Hyattsville, Md., on December 1, 1957.

Goodson. — A son, Thomas Doyal, to Floyd and Lois Davis Goodson of Shirley, W. Va., on October 11, 1957.