people and children on all the streets within reach of the public address system. Pastor and Mrs. Cox furnish both the musical instruments and the speaking system.

Many have come to know the Lord through these meetings and our fellowship has made many personal contacts through these services. Following the street meetings the Youth for Christ Rally is held in the YWCA. Our members divide up in groups and make visits, holding song services and prayer and Bible studies in the homes of shut-ins and new contacts.

Our fellowship and the Hammond Church were co-hostesses to the Southwestern Association and camp, June 2-9, held in the beautiful Salvation Army Camp between Hammond and New Orleans. The attendance at both was good.

Our young people were invited recently to attend a box social held at the Hammond Church. All seemed to enjoy it. — Correspondent.

Additions

By Baptism:

Berlin, N. Y.

Nancy Ann Burdick
Charlene Ann Greene
Althea Mae Greene
Sandra Bentley
Howard F. Ellis
Robert C. Ellis
Aileen C. Bentley
Maryann Mason
Norridan Stanley
Mrs. Norridan (Hazel Burdick) Stanley

By Letter:

Mrs. Arlie L. (Irene Brownell) Greene
Mrs. George (Helen Clarke) Burdick

Salespeople Wanted. Men and women interested in selling to their friends the program of Seventh Day Baptists are needed. The Sabbath Recorder is our only denominational weekly periodical through which interest can be developed in the local churches for our nation-wide and world-wide work. You who have the Recorder are the agents upon whom we must depend to extend the circulation of this vital means of communication between denominational leaders and the people. Will you help by sending in names?

Obituaries

Davis — Mr. Leola C., daughter of Clarence and Ila Bloss Clarke, was born in Independence, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1885, and died at Battle Creek, Mich., April 9, 1937. She was married in August, 1905, at Independence, N. Y., to Wilburn Davis who later as a Seventh Day Baptist minister held charges in Farnam, Neb., Gentry, Ark., and Middle Island, W. Va. After a number of years at Marlboro, N. J., they moved to Battle Creek in 1928.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Sara) Reams of Adams City, Colo.; two sons: C. Burton, of Flint, Mich., and Arnold A., of Battle Creek; a sister, Mrs. Herbert (Reva) McCaffery of Danville, N. Y.; a brother, Fred Clarke of St. Petersburg, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and two nieces. Funeral services were held in Battle Creek with Pastor Leland E. Davis officiating. Interment was at the Memorial Park Cemetery.

E. E. D.

Davis — Herbert H., son of Wilson S. and Mary M. Davis, was born Feb. 28, 1885, in Shiloh, N. J., and died June 28, 1957, in California.

His early life was spent in Shiloh, moving to San Gabriel, Calif., in later life. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Arah Ford Davis, in 1933, and by his second wife, Marie Hills Davis, in 1955.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Davis Randolph of Palo Alto, Calif., and one granddaughter, Mrs. Arah Joan Harris.

The funeral, with Rev. Robert Lippincott in charge, was held in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, and interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

R. P. L.

Harris — Winfred R., son of L. Hoover and Kate Holmes Harris, was born Dec. 11, 1882, near Shiloh, N. J., and died June 5, 1957, at Dunedin, Fla.

In March of 1911 he married Nellie Williams of Plainfield, N. J., where they made their home until entering the teaching profession at Salem College, Salem, W. Va. He later moved to Wilson, N. C., where he taught until 1950 and retired because of declining health.

Besides his wife Professor Harris is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Howard Worcester, and 2 grandchildren, all of Clearwater, Fla., except the eldest grandson who is serving in the Navy on Long Island.

Burial was in Dunedin Cemetery, Dunedin, Fla. — Martie Harris Hitchner.


The Village Blacksmith

"Under the spreading chestnut tree, the village smithy stands."

Many years have passed since Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote his famous poem. The progress of the years has brought changes to the face of America. The few blacksmith shops which remain keep the forge but have replaced with newer tools many of the items pictured above which are no longer needed. Carpenter shops such as that in which Jesus worked never existed in America, but the Carpenter of Nazareth is needed as much as ever in our society. So, too, our lives need to be set aglow and fashioned anew on the anvil of God’s Word.
Who Needs the Gospel?

In the New York Crusade of Billy Graham it is interesting to pick out of that portion of the great work that is going on today to the largest gatherings. Her eyes are wide open and her face close at hand who can be presumed to need the Gospel most. A few can be spotted at the beginning of the review of services. Her general appearance, like the Galileans present at the midnight trial of Jesus, betrays them. For the most part, however, one and all have only a faint glimpse of deep need. Some apparently do not recognize their own need until it is pointed out by the evangelist. Study of their faces as the service progresses often strengthens our feeling that these strangers need help. We pray for some of those known to us and we begin to pray for a few of those sitting nearby.

Take the case of the yellow-haired lady dressed in white who sits in a chair on the lower balcony seat one or two rows behind Mrs. Billy Graham. What a contrast in faces. The evangelist's wife sitting there is a picture of serenity and noble purpose. There is sweetness in the smile, high resolve and sincere dedication in the lift of her chin, the general appearance, like the Galileans present at the midnight trial of Jesus, betrays them. For the most part, however, one and all have only a faint glimpse of deep need. Some apparently do not recognize their own need until it is pointed out by the evangelist. Study of their faces as the service progresses often strengthens our feeling that these strangers need help. We pray for some of those known to us and we begin to pray for a few of those sitting nearby.

The Church Reaches Out

Almost every church has a very good opportunity to reach out and draw unto itself many precious souls. Vacation Bible School and camps are great deals of work. Results may not show for a number of years, but faithful work with children outside the church does bring results. The salvation of unchurched children often leads to the saving or reviving of parents.

Many churches concentrate their Vacation Bible School and youth camp efforts largely on the children of their own own church families. The concern prompting such an expenditure of money and labor is good and commendable; it looks toward holding the youngsters true to their home and church training. In some cases, no doubt, it is better to have a small school or camp than to put forth the extra effort to extend the reach of the school. We can, however, promise the denominational emphasis by joining a community school. However, we believe that the greatest blessings are given and received by the churches which put forth that extra effort of attempting a large Vacation Bible School or of using the 생명 program. The number of decisions reported by letter averages 3,000 to 4,000 per week. In some cases, no doubt, it is better to have a small school or camp than to put forth the extra effort to extend the reach of the school. We can, however, promise the denominational emphasis by joining a community school. However, we believe that the greatest blessings are given and received by the churches which put forth that extra effort of attempting a large Vacation Bible School or of using the 생명 program. The number of decisions reported by letter averages 3,000 to 4,000 per week. In some cases, no doubt, it is better to have a small school or camp than to put forth the extra effort to extend the reach of the school. We can, however, promise the denominational emphasis by joining a community school. However, we believe that the greatest blessings are given and received by the churches which put forth that extra effort of attempting a large Vacation Bible School or of using the 생명 program.

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MEMORY TEXT

Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. Hebrews 3: 12, 13.

DAILY BIBLE STUDIES ON PRAYER AT MILFORD CONFERENCE

The morning sessions of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will close each day with a 30-minute Bible study on prayer conducted by Rev. Paul B. Osborn, according to announcement by Charles F. Harris, president. The young pastor of the Marlboro, N. J., Church is planning topics and texts for use from Tuesday to Sunday as follows:

Tuesday — Praying Ground

...boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus” (Hebrews 10: 19).

Wednesday — Praying Habits

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name (Matthew 6: 9).

Thursday — Praying in the Spirit

“...we know not... but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us...” (Romans 8: 26).

Friday — Praying Always, Praying for Others

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints” (Ephesians 6: 18).

Sunday — Praying Successfully

“ Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not upon the earth by the presence of the words of his mouth. But after he had prayed three times, the same day the Lord sent down fire: and Elias saw it, and he rejoiced, saying, The Lord God answereth by fire: this is the Lord, the God of Israel” (James 5: 17).

Be a Budget Booster!

Are you setting aside your dimes and dollars now for your contribution to the Conference Collection? Be a budget booster and know the joy of giving generously to Our World Mission!

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Commission to Meet at Dodge Center

The pre-Conference meeting of the Commission of General Conference will be held at Dodge Center, Minn., beginning Tuesday, August 6, 1957.

Board and Agencies at Milton

Other pre-Conference meetings of boards and agency personnel will be held at Milton, Wis., as follows:

Sunday, August 11:

Co-ordinating Council at 1:30 p.m.
Planning Committee at 7:30 p.m.

Commission with Pre-Con Retreat at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, August 12:

Commission at 8:00 a.m.
Board and agency treasurers and Commission at 1:30 p.m.
Commission at 7:30 p.m.

The prayers of every Seventh Day Baptist who has a Holy Spirit may guide in these meetings and that the hearts and minds of the individuals attending may be attuned to this guidance will surely result in a program Our Father, that will be of value to each one nearly be within the will of the Heavenly Father.

VOCATION WORKSHOP

Preceding General Conference

The Vocational Committee of Conference under the leadership of Clarence M. Rogers, Salem, W. Va., is now coming forward with plans. It has brought out a new quarterly publication called "Vocation News," mimeographed on goldendrod stock under a bold letterhead. Its purpose is: "Promoting the expression of Christian faith in daily work," Volume 1, number 1 is of three pages with a registration blank for the Conference. It was sent to pastors and church leaders. We quote extensively from "Vocation News" for reader's information and action.

Pre-Conference Workshop

Often delegates to Conference arrive at the Conference city on Monday or even the Sunday before Conference begins. Your Vocational Committee would like to utilize the day before Conference to present to you a program centered about the areas in which our churches and people may work to improve our Vocational consciousness.

Our faith and our message will not survive our own time unless we learn to demonstrate and express them in our daily work. The gathering together on the Sabbath day is an inspiring and worshipful experience, but out of such an experience and from our study and devotion we must also learn how to express and live daily the type of life which is a distinctive witness of the Christian influence in our life.

To help you find ways and means of expressing your faith in daily work, not only by word but by example, the Vocational Committee is asking you to reach Milton, Wisconsin, Monday morning, or before, in order to attend these special sessions.

The committee has planned a program which should be challenging to you, and which should also equip you to return to your job, your church, and your community, better able to interpret your faith by your work.

The Apostle James long ago admonished us to show our faith by our work: "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead." This is perhaps even more valid today than 2,000 years ago. And today we have the time to think and study about our work and its relation to society. We are not so bound to manual labor from sun-up to sun-down that there is no time for contemplation of life and its roots.

GUIDANCE AND TESTING ENCOURAGEMENT

Another area of the work of the committee has been to encourage counseling and guidance of our young people. The committee feels that the Pre-Conference Retreat is an opportunity to be effectively used to give increased guidance counseling and testing to those attending. We have asked Mrs. Joseph (Gladys) Vincent and Mrs. Fred (Venita) Zinn, mother and daughter, from the Salem Church, and on the staff of Pre-Con Retreat, to also co-chairman a section of our workshop on guidance and counseling. To be convinced in some real way of the fact that your work has meaning and value to society, if you are happy in your work, is certainly a prime reason for increased
use of guidance materials. Today we are able to provide, from the experience and studies of many professional people in this field, many of the necessary answers which young people need to know in the selection of a career. Your attendance at this workshop will introduce you to many ideas in the field.

**Workshop Registration**

The committee has felt that a registration fee is desirable in order that the program may run smoother and be more effective. This will provide for two (2) meals and the materials which you will receive as a delegate to the workshop. The committee feels that $2.50 will just cover these costs.

We would certainly like to see one or more persons from every church at the workshop; also some members of the Associational Vocational Committee, and members from former Conference Vocational Committees.

Please send your registration to the chairman of the Vocational Committee:

Clarence M. Rogers
R.F.D. 2
Salem, West Virginia

or to the chairman of the Workshop Program:

Rev. Duane Davis
Lost Creek
West Virginia

You may send your fee in advance. We would prefer it that way, or you may wait until you arrive. It would be fine if each church would agree to assume this cost for its delegates.

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**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

**For August 3, 1957**

Ruth: The Foreigner in the Midst


**Pastors Receive Degrees**

By Albert N. Rogers

Donald E. Richards of Berea, W. Va., and Delmar E. Van Horn of Little Genesee, N. Y., received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Alfred University at the June 10 commencement upon completion of their courses in the School of Theology.

Both men are graduates of Salem College who enrolled at the seminary in the fall of 1953, taking four years for their work there and also carrying pastoral duties.

Mr. Richards grew up in southern California and was active in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church before his entrance into the seminary. His senior thesis dealt with the history of denominational work in California. During his college years he was married to Edna Ruth Randolph of Bristol, W. Va., and they are now the parents of two boys. For the past year and a half Mr. Richards has served in the pastorate of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea, also supplying part of the time for the Middle Island Church. While at Alfred he was assistant to the pastor of the First Alfred Church and active in the Board of Christian Education.

Mr. Van Horn was reared at North Little Rock, Ark., and spent several years in public school teaching and directing school bands. He studied in the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and at the University of Nebraska as well as at Salem. His wife is the former Rowena Randolph of Salem, and they have five children. Upon his decision to prepare for the ministry he was called to the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church as pastor. He has also been active in the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education and wrote a series of quarter-lesson materials for teachers' manuals for his Senior thesis. Last year he was moderator of the Western Association. He is now under appointment by the Missionary Board for work in British Guiana.

The 1957 commencement at Alfred marked the centennial of the university charter and included the dedication of the new Herrick Memorial Library.

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**Milton College Ends Year "In the Black"**

President Percy L. Dunn of Milton College announces in a letter to the Sabbath Recorder that no "bell-ringing appeal" was necessary this year. The Southern Wisconsin college founded by Seventh Day Baptists succeeded in closing the year without a deficit. The president is concerned, however, over the small percentage of donors, particularly among those who attended Milton but were not graduated. Statistics show that 38% of the graduates contributed to the Alumni Fund but only 8% of former students.

The letter goes on to show the improvement and special maintenance projects that have been carried out during the year. Many of these will be appreciated by Conference delegates in August, since the meetings will be held in the gymnasium and the other buildings on the campus will be used. Among the more noticeable things is the painting of four of the five main buildings. The men's dormitory was completely redecorated and refurnished. Improvements and modernization at Goodrich Hall were also accomplished. Former students will observe that after all these years the driveways to the gym and at the studio have been paved.

President Dunn quoted in a news clipping as hinting that contributions would total well over $70,000 for the year 1956-57. This, he added, represents $36,000 for budget and $14,500 for restricted purposes—an all-time high in annual gifts.

The total college revenues will exceed $200,000, while the expenses are estimated at $196,000, over 60% of which goes for salaries. The excess of income over expenditures will be used to repay monies borrowed from scholarship funds prior to 1953 and for faculty members' expenses at summer school.

Milton College can now address an alumni letter to some 2600 former students, a large number indeed for a small college. The student prospects for next year are reported to be good, substantially ahead of the July 1, 1956, figure.

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**In the Mountains of Jamaica**

Sister E. Smikle

You would not think that this smiling woman is 75 years of age. Pictured here under one of her trees which bear big pods containing cocoa beans, you perhaps would not guess that she is a valuable church leader. Sister Smikle lives on a little mountain farm which produces navel oranges, grapefruit, coconuts, and other fruits and vegetables. The fence, seen just behind her, we suppose, is for the "long donkey" contributed by the Marlboro, N. J., Church for her missionary use.

She lives very close to one of the oldest Seventh Day Baptist churches on the island (Post Road) but her principal work is as leader of the Lemon Hall Church, some 10 miles distant. On her "long donkey" she crosses a stream 27 times to get to this rather inaccessible church. Sister Smikle also does other Bible work as an employee of the Jamaican Conference.

The people of Jamaica are counting on new leaders to replace the older ones. They look to the students now in preparation and to those who will get some of their training at the new school.

Information about God is no substitute for obedience to God. — Howard Grevitz.
PRAYER AND OUR WORLD MISSION
Charles F. Harris
President of General Conference

From the time of my acceptance of the presidency of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, I have felt that the theme should be about prayer. It was after two months of consideration that I felt that the Lord would be pleased with this theme. "Pray Without Ceasing." It seemed to be incomplete, and as I knew that God wants our bodies as well as our minds the theme was changed to "Pray Without Ceasing," seemed complete with the addition of "Abound to every good work." The promise from God is that He will cause us to abound in His work.

It seems unusual that it would take so long to select a theme, for three months is quite a time to ponder over a phrase. The theme means to me that if we are right with God, in close contact with Him at all times, we will abound in our work for Him. It means, too, that we are not able to carry forward our program as a denomination without the key that unlocks God's blessings to us.

All of us need to grow in our prayer life and for the present-day living, many bring calm to their lives by the use of tranquilizing drugs, alcohol, and various narcotics. Some substitute sports, gardening, and various hobbies.

God tells us in His Holy Word to cast our cares on Him. When we rely constantly and completely on our Savior, know His saving grace, and have fellowship with Him, we will have the inner peace and joy that is necessary for present-day living. This is the peace that passeth understanding. We cannot explain it, but by faith we can have it.

When we have His abiding presence, then we will pray and we will pray with our casting. Prayer has always guided man through perilous times, and no doubt the people of each generation have felt that they were living in the most dangerous times on earth. Great leaders of each generation have lived humbly and unselfishly before God and their fellow men.

Some may ask what is personal prayer life of our people has to do with "Our World Mission." All will agree that a person who has never accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior is not interested in a strong program in the local church nor is he interested in extending the Gospel to others. Our program rests firmly and securely on the prayer life of each member in the local church.

The theme of prayer was selected that all of us might realize more fully the power of prayer, and how inadequate we are in this very important experience in our Christian life.

To properly know the importance of prayer we must study and believe the promises of the Bible. We must have faith to take the word of God and apply its truths to our hearts.

Christ said, "Whatsoever ye ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." And again He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, he will give it you." Do we give the proper glory to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." Do we believe this? Does this not include our prayers?

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was nothing made that was made. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. Do we behold His glory? We know that He is the only begotten of the Father. Is our praying always to His glory? Do we give Him the praise and the glory if our prayers are answered?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten. . . ." This is the reason that our Heavenly Father answers our prayers, the promises in the Bible often reveal this to be the reason. May we learn to give more glory to Christ in all that we do and say!

We need more assurance and confidence in our praying.

"Ye have not because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not because ye ask amiss." How can we ask aright? In the Book of Hebrews we find the position and earthly duty of Christ. In this book the words of Jesus, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me," take on more meaning. Here we find Christ the mediator between God and man. "For God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."

This Book of Hebrews is the theme book for this year. Many of our churches have made a new study of the book. The basic sermons at Conference will be taken from some of its truths.

Listen to this: 'But this man, because he continueth ever, is an unchangeable priesthood." "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." 'Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come to God by him, seeing he liveth to make intercession for them." Are all of us taking Christ as our intercessor? (Read Hebrews 4: 14-16.)

When we as a people pray fervently that we might be in the will of our Heavenly Father, that we might glorify our Savior and man can come into the power of the Holy Spirit, God will hear and bless us.

We must also learn to pray with humility.

God says in 2 Chronicles 7: 14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Notice the arrangement — humility, prayer, repentance. Then God hears, forgives, and heals. And the statement was made to God's people who were called godly.

Does God hear our prayers?

As a people we have become so sure of ourselves and our power that we feel that God must hear our prayers and those that despitefully use you .... Prayer will break down every barrier that we may win the World unto Christ."

At October '56 issue of the Reader's Digest: "Prayer is the best arbitrator of all differences, the best promoter of true friendship, and the best cure for envy and jealousy. . . . Pray for your enemies. Pray for those that despitefully use you. . . . Prayer will break down every barrier and will win the lost soul.

Our reaction should be "Lord, teach us to pray." Dr. McCracken continues,
"Prayer for others not only transforms the disposition but it energizes the will. If your prayer is sincere, it constrains you to action."

Why do we not pray more earnestly? Are we ashamed of our actions? Does sin break the communication line, and are we like Adam who tried to hide from God? Maybe we should be ashamed but usually we are not. We are not very sensitive in our prayer relations with God. Our ears are plugged with the noise of sports, organizations, societies, clubs, and many other personal things, and we do not try to remove the barrier that is formed when we sin.

Three things cause us to fail in our relation with God, and not be very effective in praying. They are: self, things, and others.

Our hopes, our plans, our security, our every desire must come first. Things — money, clothes, furniture, taxes, food, sports, organizations, societies, clubs, and many other personal things must come first. To have concerns us more than to be. Others — what others think of us, social standing, keeping up with the modern pace, and satisfying the desires and whims of others must come more and more above God. We must learn to put first things first. We must take time to be with the Lord in prayer.

Some requirements and attitudes that we must develop are: silence, confidence, gratitude, humility, obedience to God's will, and the spirit of forgiveness. These are sometimes hard to do and if we are too busy, we will not take time to develop these Christian traits.

Prayer is the most potent weapon that Jesus had and He used it very often. In almost any situation or time that we can learn of in Jesus' life on earth, He took the opportunity to pray.

We must learn to be more humble, to take time for prayer, to pray in Christ's name and to His glory, and to pray without ceasing.

Let us learn to rely more completely on God's ability to work out our problems, that He might unite us as a people, and constrain us to do a better work for Him.

Let us learn to have a richer prayer life, and to know for sure that God hears and answers prayer. May we know Christ as our Lord who ever liveth to make intercession for us, and may we find joy and peace in confiding in Him. If we are united in praying, we will possess and we will be united in our program as a denomination.

Let us present our prayers, in Christ's name, and for His glory, that "Our World Mission" may go forward.

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The General Conference will be held on the campus of Milton College, Milton, Wis., Tuesday, August 13 — Sunday, August 18. Delegates and visitors will find the information and desk in Main Hall. It will be in full operation beginning at 2 p.m. Monday. Room assignments will be made and necessary information given about meals, etc. Mail should be addressed to delegates in care of the S.D.B. General Conference, Milton, Wis. Further announcement will be made about distribution.

Meals: Beginning with the noon meal Tuesday and ending with the evening meal the following Sunday, the last day of Conference, guests will be expected to make their own reservations and pay for their own meals. From Tuesday through Sunday, breakfasts will be served at the College Cafeteria. Lunches at $1.25 and dinners at $2.25 will be served in local churches — places to be announced. Special luncheons and Sabbath noon dinner tickets may be purchased during the Conference. Prices and places to be announced. (Meals may be obtained in local restaurants, also.)

Housing Facilities Available: Men's Dormitory (men only) 9 single beds; Goodrich Hall (accommodations for 31 persons) $3 - $4 per person for week (bring own bedding if possible). Hotels and motels: several available within a radius of 10 to 12 miles. Write committee for further information. Rates: $7 - $12 per couple a day. Reservations requested. Trailers may be parked at Camp Wakonda about 4 miles from Milton.

The people of the local churches will also entertain as many as possible in their homes.

Keep the Government Out of the Church

Senator Knowland of California said recently to the federal aid to schools: "I have never seen the Federal Government contribute money without wanting to exercise control." This could be applied also to nearly every case where government aid is sought by churches. We cannot long have separation of church and state if the church sells its freedom from state control for "pottage" in the form of governmental support from public tax funds.
which read, "Prayer Changes Things" and "Jesus Never Fails," and for two and a half hours I talked to the policeman and his wife quoted from the Bible.

I heard that Christ had paid for my sins on the cross of Calvary; that God loved me, and that by taking Him at His word I might have everlasting life. This certainly seemed strange to me, yet it seemed to ring true. The verse of Scripture impressed me: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Certainly this is what I needed; a fresh start. I went home and told my wife what had happened. The following day we attended the Sunday morning service in the policeman's church.

I returned to their home five days later, during which time I had some visions of hope occupied by mind constantly. I was told that I must either reject Christ or receive Him as my own personal Savior. I was torn between two impulses. One was to condemn the whole thing as foolishness and the other was to believe. Finally I yielded to the voice of God and received the Lord Jesus Christ as my own personal Savior. Three days later my wife, Anita, gave her heart to Him. At this time we found peace, but it took a miracle, a real miracle, to bring it to us. Truly, we became "new creatures!"

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Jesus said (Matthew 11:28). "There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in the Bible. You might enjoy the story of the sundial of King Ahaz if you like sundials."

Western Association Story
The Western Association, most compact of the area subdivisions of the denomination, held its annual meeting at the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in Alfred Station, N.Y., June 15 and 16, using the General Conference theme, "Pray Without Ceasing — Abound to Every Good Work!"

Paul Green, host pastor, presided at the Sabbath morning service and the Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn of Little Genesee gave the sermon entitled "Let’s Learn to Pray." The Second Alfred Church choir, under the direction of Fred Palmer, furnished music, and the morning offering was divided between the Association budget and Our World Mission. The following day, in the business session conducted by L. Maurice McKeir of Aurora, a vice-moderator of the Association, an added contribution of $100 was voted to aid the denomination's benevolent program.

The previous evening two sessions were held at Little Genesee in the other side of the Association area, signaling the beginning of the Sabbath and offering special programs for young people. Miss Anna McKeir of L. Maurice McKeir’s committee had charge of the Association Laymen’s Fellowship, which was in charge of the adult service, while the young people’s activities, including a picnic at Little Rock City, were arranged by the Association Youth Committee of which Miss Anna McKeir is president. A number of other functions were set up by this committee during the year, including a New Year’s weekend retreat at Camp Harlem.

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Church consisting of Paul Green, Rex E. Zwiebel, Lyle Sutton, and Fred Palmer sang.

A Sunday morning session was included in the program, having been omitted for several years, and the sermon was brought by the Rev. Hurley S. Warren of Alfred. Pastor Doyle K. Zwiebel of Richburg led devotions.

Reports on various phases of the Association activities, including Camp Harlem, were considered in the business session held Sunday afternoon. Letters from Conference officers and from the different member churches of the Association were read by Mrs. Fred Pierce, corresponding secretary. A special committee was set up to recommend changes desired in the Association by-laws. These will be considered at the semiannual meeting. The Finance Committee proposed a budget for the coming year which was adopted with a levy of thirty cents per member to be requested from the churches. Of special interest was the report of the Youth Committee read by Paul Green.

The Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel was elected moderator for the coming year, and in accepting the office asked for sacrificial service in the co-operative program of the Association and General Conference. Don variability was named vice-moderator. Re-elected were Mrs. Fred J. Pierce, corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lynn Langworthy as recording secretary, Mrs. Elmer Cowles as treasurer, and H. O. Burdick, Mark Sanford, and Eugene Burdick as trustees. A vote of thanks was given Mr. McCrea for his efficient leadership, and to the hostsesses of the Second Alfred Church who arranged for tea and dinner on Sabbath day and Sunday.

Millions of Bibles
The American Bible Society, in 1956, distributed in the U.S.A. and overseas 1,007,566 Bibles, 1,681,115 New Testaments, and 12,481,383 Gospels and other Portions, a total of 15,170,058 Scriptures. This output was in 195 languages and in more than 60 countries. In addition, it sent to the blind 64,832 embossed volumes and Talking Book records.

Patience and the Sundial

At the base of the Bok Singing Tower in central Florida there is a sundial which is pictured above. When this picture was taken the sun stood almost at high noon. That is why you can't see much of any shadow on the dial. I wish I could tell you more about that tower rising from the highest spot in the U.S.A., which isn’t saying much to those who live where they can see or look down from mountains. Perhaps you have visited this tower and the beautiful gardens around it.

I like sundials. I like to read about them in the Bible. You might enjoy the story of the sundial of King Ahaz if you haven't read it recently (Isa. 38:8). Why not look up the other references too. God was able to make the shadow go back a certain number of degrees — which means that God set back the clock by a miracle involving the sun.

Recently, we went to meet a plane that was traveling east across several time zones. They do it every day — nothing too strange about it. But going against the sun and delayed somewhere along the 3000-mile route it was more than three hours late. At such a time I am not sure that I would like to stand and watch the shadow of a sundial measure off its degrees from hour to hour. It would be a test of patience.

Isn't it true that we have more trouble learning patience than almost any other lesson we are asked to learn in the pro-
cess of education and of growing up? The Bible never said a truer word than when it said somewhat: "We have need of patience." We don't want to be patient; we rebel against it even when we know our Lord has a right to expect it of us. Maybe we forget that Jesus expects us to be patient when it is hard. We are painfully aware sometimes that our parents expect us to teach them patience, though we might not express it that way.

I believe that it might be good for all of us to stand by a sundial long enough to see the shadow move. I would suggest that when you do it you have your Bible with you and read the passages about patience while you are waiting for the shadow to change. Perhaps you would like to have pencil and paper with you to record your thoughts. Make it an alone hour with God.

I hear the motors of a plane. A full 3 hours have gone by while my thoughts have been flitting between Florida and the sundial to California and New York. I don't always learn the lesson of patience as well as this time, but I could, don't you think?

Redemption of Man

One day in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, I was asked to give me a good theological analysis for the redemption of man. He took the Bible from my desk and opened it. He said, "I am a Christian because I have accepted—'Behold, now is the accepted time.'" He turned to another portion and said, "I am a Christian because I believe—'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.'" Another turn, and he showed me the monumental Scripture, "Be ye therefore perfect, havingcompassion one of another, love as brotherhood, cleave stedly to one another with a perfect heart, and shali be saved." Another turn, and he showed me the monumental Scripture, "I have sent you to do my will. Which is it?" He added: "Chaplain, it's just plain A.B.C.—Accept, Believe, Confess.

No university or seminary has ever offered a course in redemption of man. — From Prison Is My Parish, The Story of Park Tucker, as told to George Burnham (The Fleming H. Revell Company).

THE SABBATH RECORDER

World Must Face Refugee Problem

From Geneva, Switzerland, in the weekly news release of the World Council of Churches came a statement of a meeting in that city in which the continuing refugee problem was laid before the churches of the world.

On Sunday evening, May 26, Protestants gathered in the historic Cathedral of St. Pierre and heard sermons by Dr. W. A. Visser't Hooft, general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Dr. Elfan Rees of the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs.

Dr. Visser't Hooft said that according to the Bible the care of the refugee is one of the elementary duties of man and a criterion of the reality of our faith in the living God.

"The question which our nations must face is therefore not can we afford to accept more refugees? Rather, it is can we afford not to accept them? For a denial of human dignity at this point is a denial of the very basis of these Christian standards which we are called to defend.

There are not many nations which have understood this, Dr. Visser't Hooft told the congregation. "At the time of a great crisis, such as the Hungarian crisis, our frontiers and our hearts are opened for a time. But we forget so soon. And the refugees are those who are waiting for many years in their camps. It is not enough to blame the governments. They can only act if there among their peoples a great and steady expression of deep concern for the refugees and a willingness to make sacrifices for their sakes.

There's Power in the Printed Page

One of the first acts of Jesus Christ after His ascension to glory was His commissioning of Paul the Apostle to enscripturate His Gospel. Thus, one of the primitive elements of Christianity has become one of its most potent and permanent forces—the pen of Paul, the TRACT writer. His 'Epistles' are incomparable contemporary documents of the first century that command the 20th century. — American Tract Society.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — The first four Sunday meetings devoted to religiously oriented radio preaching series from Paul's Letter to the Colossians, the first message being "Put Christ First in All Things." Other messages were "Sincerity Is Not a Test of Faith," "Set Your Affection on Things Above," and "Continuing in Prayer.

Intensified activity each Sunday by volunteers from our ranks, efficiently headed by camp trustees, Robert Babcock and William Lewis and Mrs. Elmer Maddox, chairman of the Housekeeping Committee, has brought the camp into shape for its opening, June 29. Pastor Francis D. Saunders, of the Los Angeles Church, directed this week-long High School and College Age Camp. We ask God's blessing.

The Good Neighbors sponsored a rummage sale June 3 and 4 to swell the Camp Building Fund and to acquire funds for recreational equipment for the young people.

There was an observance of Children's Day in the Sabbath School Hour on June 8 with Mrs. Elmer Maddox in charge. The regular Sabbath School program had been shortened and the adult classes consolidated under Ben Kolvoord for a mere review of the lesson to give more time for the children. All were benefited by the ringing testimony they gave in song. The youngest members, faces forward, joined each other on hands on shoulders to form a live representation as they marched singing "The Gospel Train." It brought to mind the importance of child-centered worship and made us realize how much their shining faith is needed in the church today.

Sunday evening, June 9, was devoted to a program on Our World Mission, presented by Albyn Mackintosh, member of the Commission, who brought its realities before us quite vividly in slides and up-to-the-minute comments.

The Salem College Alumni Chapter held a picnic meeting in Fairmont Park, the afternoon of June 16. Pastor Mackintosh, who officiated, pointed out the need for increased prayer for our missionaries and missions as a basis for continued and increased giving in support of the mission work of the world.

The closing service for the week-long Camp was held on Sunday, June 23, marked the close of our spring series of radio broadcasts. The "Wayside Chapel Hour" has proved a blessing to many and despite increased "time" costs, we hope to resume broadcasts in the fall.

Pastors churches were represented in a part in a meeting of members of the Riverside Ministerial Association, Church Federation, Council of Churches of St. Mary's, and L.C.Y.C., June 26, to lay plans for future co-ordinated witness.

On June 29, prior to participation in the Lord's Supper service, Mrs. Cecelia Foulkes, of Mcqua, Calif., presented "Think on These Things" with words taken from Philippians 4: 8, to which Miss Foulkes had composed the music.

RICHBURG, N. Y. — From "The Inspiring," a mimeographed news bulletin prepared by the young people of the Richburg and Nile churches, comes word that the church building at Richburg has received one coat of paint and that the parsonage is also growing whiter. The following item about new pews is also an evidence of progress: "The Richburg Pew Committee reports that within the very near future an order for twenty new oak pews will be placed with the Richburg Company of Janesville, Wis. The pews will be finished in a cherry stain and will have low-cut modern ends. The backs and seats will be factory-assembled but the local churchmen plan to add the ends and install them. A pledge of nearly $2,000 has been promised by members of the local churches for the new pews. It is hoped that they will be installed by the end of the year.

Church and State in Japan

"The Christian Liaison Committee," which was organized in Japan during World War II as a consultative agency between church and government, is expressing opposition to proposed new regulations which would strengthen the "control" of Japan's government over religious denominations. The Ministry of Education increased power to incorporate, investigate, and, if desired, dissolve religious bodies. The committee is composed of representatives of the United Church of Christ (a Japan union of most major Protestant churches), the Catholic Church, the Episcopal Church, and the Orthodox Church. — W. W. Reid.
OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of Denominational Treasurer, June 30, 1957

Receipts

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Disbursements

| Missionary Society | $4,049.65 | $110.36 |
| Tract Society      | 1,560.00  |         |
| Bd. of Christian Education | 1,001.00  |         |
| Women's Society    | 202.00    |         |
| Historical Society | 10,053.00 |         |
| S. D. B. Building  | 82.00     |         |
| General Conference | 1,035.00  |         |
| World Fellowship & Service | 69.00  |         |
| Benevolence        | 5.00      |         |
| Oneida Valley Nat. Bank | 32    |         |
| **Balance, June 30** | **$9,256.97** | **$115.36** |

Comparative Figures

| Current annual budget | $97,469.30 |
| Boards' budget receipts in 9 mos. | $14,797.23 |
| Total receipts in 9 mos. | $9,372.33 |
| Total disbursements in 9 mos. | $54,597.23 |
| Approx. 9 mos. budget total | $60,357.23 |
| Amount required next 3 months | 35,112.29 |
| Ave. monthly requirement next 3 mos. | 11,704.09 |
| Budget receipts in June | 9,169.65 |
| Per cent of budget year elapsed | 75.0 |
| Per cent of budget raised to date | 36.2 |
| Approximate budget shortage to date | 11,244.91 |

* This is an approximate amount of budget gifts received directly by our boards, according to the latest figures reported from the board treasurers to the executive secretary.

K. M., Treasurer.

JULY 29, 1957

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GENERAL CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS
AUGUST 13 - 18

Milton College throws open its doors to welcome hundreds of delegates to its campus for the one hundred forty-fifth session of the General Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches. This Southern Wisconsin college founded by the denomination before the Civil War has been supported by the denomination and has contributed much in leadership. Many delegates will welcome a return to the campus; all will feel a warm welcome.