Our Creek Church in West Virginia Churches convened with the Lost Creek Church cooperative in broadcasting a very inspirational Sabbath Vesper program each evening after the Sabbath over Station WPDX Clarksburg, West Virginia.

On October 24 and 25 forty of our members representing fifteen families received a real challenge and inspiration in our first Lay Development Planning Conference Retreat. It was conducted at Camp Selby on the Buckhannon River in the heart of a hardwood timber area. Those who have seen Appalachian foothills in the autumn know that nothing was left to be desired in the setting for the planning of down-to-earth spiritual and physical church growth. We came back home with eight definite goals to recommend to the church for 1960 and some workable plans for attaining them.

We served our annual oyster supper October 29. It is our only public effort at money raising and every one works, not just the Ladies Aid. The Lost Creek Church served the first oyster supper seventy-five years ago, the same year that the Woman's Board was organized at the Lost Creek Conference. The supper has not been served every year, but it is one of the traditions of the church. It pays well both in fellowship and finance.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Churches convened with the Lost Creek Church in October as usual.

On November 14 the church observed the annual Homecoming service which was well attended. Seventeen persons were honored with a red rosebud for having been members of the church fifty years or more. Mrs. Arden Bond and Mrs. Charles A. F. Randolph have been members for eighty years. Both of them were present.

Following a covered-dish dinner in the social rooms of the church the annual Lord's Acre program was presented. Families and individuals spoke briefly of their projects and presented their gifts. The money had previously been dedicated to new doors for the front entrance of the church.

For some years there has been a growing need for more room for Sabbath School classes and other church activities. Tentative plans for an addition to the church are now being studied. A building committee has been empowered to work out details. We hope and pray that actual construction is in the near future.

Cupp. — A daughter, Cheryl Renee, to Pat and Gaye Mitchell Cupp, 1338 Woodrow St., Shreveport, La., Sept. 16, 1959.


Hansen. — A son, Kerry Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hansen, Denver, Colo., August 21, 1959. (The maternal great-grandfathers are the Rev. John Fitz Randolph, Milton, Wis., and the Rev. Erle E. Sutton, Boulder, Colo.)
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"As With Gladness . . ."

The Wise Men of old who with gladness beheld the wondrous signs of the infant Christ guided them to the place where the young child lay; but we do not know that they arrived in time to present those gifts before it was too late. Soon afterward Herod sent out his armed men to thwart the purpose of God.

It has been surmised that the gifts of the Wise Men were most timely in that they enabled Joseph and Mary to set sail for Egypt, which the Lord told them to make. Those were rugged days economically. They had no reserve bank account or Christmas fund on which they could draw.

Many modern applications could be made, and probably are. Christian leaders of ancient time preserved the account of those Wise Men. The faithful disciples of this age will honor wise men who will interpret Scripture and will have a sense of urgency to bring their pledged gifts to the Lord. We have a mission to perform which may be desperately needed this very month to keep from failure some phase of the divine program. Are our pledges paid?

BOOK REVIEW

The Christ of the Gentile Christians

This book by William M. Ramsay is a popular book. The term is relative, for, although the noted author avoids the use of ancient languages and scholarly terms, his work can be fully appreciated by those who have no background of study in the questions often discussed by the scholars. It is concerned, however, with a subject that is timely—Cyril of Alexandria, and the early Christian churchmen in the years immediately following his death and resurrection.

The author's popularly styled book is valuable for its carefully worked out study of what the early Christians preached about Christ. Your editor found it most helpful and would recommend it particularly to ministers, students, and others who have wondered whether or not the late-written gospels and Epistles can be trusted as giving us the true Christology of the Christian Church in the years before the New Testament was written. The answer, if one would like to know it in advance, is that the preaching of the Lord Jesus, as others have found in the early chapters of Acts gives us a view of Christ that is just as lofty as that found at a later date or worked out in the early centuries of the Christian era.

To appreciate the way Dr. Ramsay arrives at these conclusions requires a reading of this well-documented, 160-page book (John Knox Press, $3). It is distinctly a new book in that it brings the light of the Dead Sea Scrolls to bear on this subject. It is at this particular point that they do have much bearing. They tell us how Jews were interpreting Scripture in the days of Peter. However, Christians from the very earliest time broke away from the current methods of Old Testament interpretation and saw Christ in everything. The book is faith-strengthening in a unique and challenging way.

Our World Mission Receipts

The figures on the back page are rushed into the office one morning that they are received in order that our readers may know at the earliest possible moment the total for the preceding month for Our World Mission. Everyone who stops to think can understand that it takes a little time for the denominational treasurer to handle and total the funds after the close of the month and that the printing and mailing of the Recorder takes additional time.

In the nature of the case, the editor is about the only person other than the treasurer who has time to get a comment on the receipts in the same issue in which they are printed. If, per chance, we have spent too heavily on Christmas gifts, we might consider borrowing temporarily to support our denomination to the extent that we support our nation.

Secularization of Sunday

The Peoria, Ill., Council of Churches recently took action that is likely to be followed by the local councils of churches. It deplored the progressive secularization of Sunday, calling it a matter of concern for the whole nation and "a serious cause for alarm."

Significantly, the churches in this instance did not call for legislation to compel people to honor Sunday. They did, however, say that the issue was too great for any single church or even council of churches to deal with. They called for an inquiry by denominational bodies and the National Council of Churches into the "popular and widening practices of converting conventions on Sundays." They suggested that the churches themselves were...
contributing to the secularization of Sunday for schools and programs that take the youth away from the church.

The concluding statement of the Peoria Council is interesting and thought-provoking. We would hope that things could be worked out with the safeguards they suggest: "We believe that united action can be taken which will maintain the rights of the church without infringement on individual liberty." Up to the present the ecumenical groups have not tried to speak much on subjects of this nature and have recognized to some extent the minority Sabbatarian viewpoint. We hope that will continue to be the case.

Baptist Joint Committee On Public Affairs

The Baptist approach to problems of public affairs is often of special interest to Seventh Day Baptists because our people see many of the issues involved from the same viewpoint as other Baptists. This is particularly true in regard to religious liberty. Certain other Protestant denominations have a different viewpoint though many are becoming interested in this question. Notice the following article from the Baptist Joint Committee Newsletter. It may be of interest. We encourage those engaged in this work to get these publications from either the Baptist Joint Committee or the Capital, a printed newsletter put out by the above-mentioned committee. Other releases from the denominations must be more applicable to our situation than some of the more widely interdenominational releases on religious liberty.

It is interesting to note that the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs wants to expand its program of service to the constituent bodies by almost doubling its budget — to a total of $86,000. The various denominations must tell their editor more applicable to our situation than some of the more widely interdenominational releases on religious liberty.

Among the 1959 converts in the Hyman Appelman evangelistic meetings were 17 Jewish people who publicly professed faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and offered themselves for church membership.

Westerly Ministers Speak Against Blue Laws

The Westerly, R. I., Pastors' Association has taken a different attitude on "Blue Laws" than such associations have taken in other places. In New Jersey when new "Blue Laws" were pending, many ministerial associations encouraged their people to work hard for June closure laws. In the city of Westerly the following resolution was adopted at a meeting on December 7, as reported in the Westerly Sun:

"We believe that a day of rest should be an individual matter and not a matter for legislation. However, every employer should be guaranteed the privilege of worshipping on the day of his choice. We are asking that both management and labor consider this in the establishment of the opportunity for every man to worship God on the day and at the time his religious faith requires."

The day before this resolution was passed there was a letter to the editor of this paper signed by five Seventh Day Baptist ministers: Harold R. Crandall and D. W. Shryock, B. F. Callaway, and Everett T. Harris of Westerly, and Edgar F. Wheeler of Ashaway. The text of that letter is reproduced here.

"Rhode Island was the first of the Colonies to be established on the basis of complete religious freedom. There was no state church and no state control over anyone's religious beliefs. Seventh Day Baptists in America originated in Rhode Island, first at Newport and then on the mainland. They have always been opposed to closing laws, or Sunday closing laws. This opposition is not primarily from hardships imposed upon them by such laws, but as an infringement upon religious liberty. In keeping with their concern for religious liberty and in recognition of a new emphasis upon Sunday closing laws, the following resolution was adopted at their 146th annual session held at Covina, California, August 11-16, 1958."

WHEREAS, we agree with the desirability of proper Sabbath observance including cessation of labor, we feel keenly that such observance is of value only when voluntary, and therefore...

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Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. John 6:28, 29.

Therefore we are categorically opposed to its regulation or enforcement by law. Since we as a people observe the Biblical Sabbath — namely, the seventh day — and since most other denominations observe another day, we would further oppose any legislation which specifies a particular day for rest and worship, as being discriminatory and therefore unconstitutional.

Inasmuch as there is an increasing effort throughout the country to renew ancient Blue Laws or to create new "sabbath keeping" laws, we believe that united action on behalf of Sunday closing laws is necessary. We have been...
75th Anniversary
Observation of Fouke Church
The Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church observed the 75th Anniversary of the organizing of the church at an all-day meeting held at Fouke, Arkansas, on Sabbath Day, November 28, 1959.

Pastor Marion Von Horn has written that many members of the Texarkana Church attended and joined in the services. "All who attended," he says, "were truly interested, took an active part, and thoroughly enjoyed the fellowship and the programs.

From the program we note the following information: "What is now the Fouke Church was first organized in Texarkana in 1884, seventy-five years ago. It was called by many people of the neighborhood the "School Church" or "Sundown Church" because its members observed the Sabbath from sundown to sundown. Its founder and first pastor was the Rev. J. F. Shaw.

"In 1889 almost all the members moved to Fouke in a colony and the church became the Fouke Church. The first Sabbath School in Fouke was held on the dirt floor of a blacksmith shop, owned by a Rev. B. F. Granberry.

"From the record also is taken these notes: "Thus far all church and church services in the town have been held in what has come to be known as "The Old Seventh Day Baptist School House." The old house however had become uncomfortable for such purposes, so a grand new house, 24 by 36 ft, was erected, at a cost of $214.95, exclusive of labor."

From the anniversary bulletin we read: "The old house mentioned above had been built by the Rev. G. H. F. Randolph for the school. The first one to "live" in Fouke was Mr. Randolph taught a two-month term in a public school. He had to cut a path through the underbrush to reach the building.

"At one time as many as 10 pupils of the school beside his own family lived in the home of the Randolphs.

"Miss Fucia Randolph's records show that one year as teacher in the Fouke School she spent less than $30. Thirty years later teachers were receiving $100 a year for teaching.

"Yet this was the school to which parents of the area preferred to send their children, even paying tuition, rather than to send them to the public school."

Courage is Contagious
In the story, "The Wreck of the Golden Mary," by Charles Dickens, it is recounted that a lifeboat filled with men was adrift for twenty-six days in the open sea. The captain was among the shipwrecked men and helped to keep up their spirits and morale.

At one point in the story the captain is purported to have said, "I have heard it broached that orders should be given in great new ships by electric telegraph. I admire machinery as much as any man and am thankful for what it does for us. But it will never be a substitute for the face of a man, with his soul in it, encouraging another man to be brave and true. O what a thing it is in the time in which we are living — the presence of death — the shining of a face upon a face."

Just as fear is contagious and leads to panic, so, too, are courage and hope contagious, leading to quiet and clear thinking. God grant to us to be faithful in the ministry of spreading courage and hope, letting it shine from face to face.

Change of Plans for the Missionaries
Because of severe winter weather coming early to southern Canada and northern New York State, the Rev. Rene Mauch decided to give up the plan to go to British Guiana in the mission boat. However, the boat was successfully launched and driven under its own power to Plattsburg, N. Y., on Lake Champlain where it has been stored.

After this had been accomplished and plans made for the missionary family to go by plane, with all the packed and personal goods for shipment, then came word of still another change in plans. Pastor Mauch wrote that he felt it would be unwise to go to British Guiana at this time because of Mrs. Mauch's health, "It is a true child of the church that has written. No criticism can be made of the Missionary Board, or the special committee in relation to this matter. I do certify that everybody with whom we have dealt in our preparation and activities has done more than his share on our behalf."

These matters are under advisement of the Missionary Board at the present time. Further clarification is needed. We ask that prayers for the guidance of the Holy Spirit may be offered by all our people. We want only the will of our Heavenly Father to be done.

An African Negro
The Hallelujah Chorus
Dr. Donald Fraser, missionary to Africa, in his African stories tells of his old African servant who came into his room to hear his recently acquired gramaphone. He wanted "to hear how the machine sang." Fraser put on a record of the Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah, first explaining to him the idea of music, then tier upon tier of angels singing the glory of the Christ and translated the English words into the man's own vernacular.

When the song began the black man stood with curiosity written on his face. Presently he sat down; then as the music came toward crescendo he buried his face in his hands. When it was finished, Fraser asked him what he thought of it. He did not answer. Very slowly he walked away, never lifting his eyes. The signs of tears were on his face and Fraser writes, "He felt more than he had ever been before by music for I saw one to whom it had opened the gates of heaven and who had been looking into glories invisible.

Three Baptist state conventions affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention voiced their disapproval of President Eisenhower's plan to visit Pope John XXIII, as these statements were adopted in Arizona, Alabama, and Virginia.

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We are not certain when the Wise Men came to visit Jesus. Matthew said that they came to a house rather than a stable as we so often picture it in drama and pageantry. He also records that Herod, according to the time that the Wise Men saw the star, ordered all children killed up to the age of two. We know today that Mary and Joseph did not flee that evening for Egypt as is often depicted, for after eight days Jesus was taken for the rite of circumcision and it was probably forty days after the night of birth that He was taken up to the Temple and blessed by both Simeon and the prophetess, Anna.

It may have been some time then, after the birth of Jesus, before the Wise Men visited the child. Journey from the East would be a long and arduous trip and normally would take many weeks. But the point is, they did come. They had seen the star, accepted the challenge, and set off in search of the king.

Many traditions and legends have grown up around these men. We even have the names of the three: Caspar, Belthazar, and Melchior. In a great narrative by Henry van Dyke entitled "The Other Wise Man" we have a story of a fourth Wise Man named Artaban who was waylaid on his journey and the various deeds of mercy upon those who were suffering. He did not arrive in Jerusalem until the Passover season, thirty-three years after the star first appeared in the sky. But even he finally recognized the Master as He spoke the words, "Verily I say unto thee, thou hast done it unto the least of them my brethren, thou hast done it unto me." The closing words of that story by van Dyke are, "His journey was ended. His treasures were accepted. The Other Wise Man had found the King."

But Halford E. Luccock, who writes for The Christian Century under the pen name of Simeon Stylites, poses the interesting question, "What if these Wise Men had come from the East? Would they have ever reached their destination?" With our western conception of wisdom and success, it is entirely possible that preoccupation with various details and extraneous items might have made following the star an impossibility.

Thus in his letter entitled "Wise Men from the West," Simeon suggests the content of what he calls "extracanonical scriptures," telling the story of these Wise Men from the West. The first Wise Man is portrayed as a leading industrialist, president of the Caspar Manufacturing Company. The trip to the East represented a new outlet for his company, so on the journey he called on all of the tradesmen along the way. He collected a big sheaf of orders. But it all took time from the trip, and when the star began to fade, he could no longer follow. He never reached Bethlehem.

The second Wise Man was a military expert. To him the trip to Jerusalem presented problems of logistics. To protect the valuable gifts which they carried called for a large military escort, otherwise they would lose their precious cargo. But the recruiting and training took time. The soldiers were always getting into brawls with the soldiers of other nations as they passed through. Finally Rome refused to allow such a menacing force to go through Italy so they went into winter quarters in Gaul.

The third Wise Man was president of The Caspar Manufacturing Company may have missed getting to Bethlehem in time to pay homage to the Christ child, but it has missed no opportunity to capitalize upon the annual celebration of that event. Each year they extend their sales promotion so that the Christmas sales begin a little earlier. Decorations start going up in the stores early in October, and every trick of the trade is used to persuade people to buy more merchandise for the Christmas giving. We put up with this commercialism because we feel that there may be some connection, no matter how tenuous, with the Wise Men who brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Perhaps it is just as well that the Wise Men came from the East," concluded Simeon Stylites. "Perhaps the West, with all its power and skill, still misses the way to the Star and the Babe in swaddling clothes."

On December 24 the mailman delivered three sale catalogues to the box; one each from Montgomery Ward, Filene's, and Sears from Rockford and Aldens. They were timed for our Christmas Day reading. There were many suggestions on how to spend the money one received as Christmas gifts, or perhaps tips on where to buy the things that you had hoped to get for Christmas but which somehow got lost on Santa's list.

"But perhaps we can take off on a trip in search of the Christ child. We are too tied up with the business of things.

Missionaries have found that one of the greatest obstacles in taking the message of Christ to heathen people is the tendency of natives to link Christianity with the traders who have exploited their nation and peoples for ages. The history of the western world has shown the error of so-called Christian nations in their trade arrangements and Communism has not failed to take full advantage of this as they harp upon the 'capitalistic imperialism.'"

The Caspar Manufacturing Company may have opened many new markets in the world, but the gold which they had to offer the Christ child had gone back into their own pockets, and they had failed to see the Christ.

General Belthazar, the military expert, seems still bogged down in his journey to find the promised Prince of Peace born in Bethlehem centuries ago. There was something rather like economic President Eisenhower's hesitation, if any, however, in the use of the Atlas satellite launched a year ago to broadcast a Christmas message of peace to all the world. For behind all of the advances in rockets, satellites and guided missiles is the haunting fear that they are developed for their destructive power and the desire for world dominace.

A little over two years ago when Russia launched its Sputnik it was great concern over the education of our own youth. We seemed to be falling behind and not producing our quota of "wise men." But wise men for what? We wanted wise men for defense, for militarism with little thought to the pro-
ducings of wise men who would seek out the Prince of Peace and a way to national and world security through spiritual means. The emphasis upon college and high school education was in training for science and industry and commerce. Everywhere we see the drive to make a decent living, rather than upon the need to make living decent.

The third Wise Man from the West was Melchior, the advertising and publicity man. He, too, is working overtime with his various schemes of promotion and advertisement. He has even invaded the realm of the Christian Church. A new term has been added to the field of Soteriology (the study of salvation). At a recent meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, some of the leaders spoke of the current trend in the church to think of "salvation by advertisement." He has even invaded the church with three things, of that young pastor who could start a new church in any given area if he had three things: a car, a telephone, and a mimeograph machine. The reference was to the large number of mimeographed reports and questionnaires going from the church headquarters to the pastors and churches.

A recent graduate of a large seminary which stressed the need for greater publicity and more attention to public relations than theology made the claim that he could start a new church in any given area if he had three things: a car, a telephone, and a mimeograph machine. Of using the flavors of alcoholic beverages seems to be to create the taste for those beverages. The use of such flavors in preserves and jams seems to be to create the taste for those beverages. The use of such flavors in preserves and jams would be especially vicious since preserves and jams are so widely used for children and babies as well as for adults.

The Preservers Association is protesting against granting the petition. Won't you add your protest by writing your views to:

Hearing Clerk
Dept. of Health,
Education and Welfare Bldg.
330 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington 25, D.C.

Copies of the General Foods petition are available at this address.

Many a blunt word has a sharp edge.

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A Menorah of Meditation

Behold there came wise men from the east at Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born king of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him (Matt. 2: 1, 2).

The Wise Men who came from a far country to pay homage to the infant King occupy a unique place in the Bible story. They simply stepped onto the scene, enacted a moving and reverent part, and then departed, leaving us no biblical record of what followed.

Ancient history suggests that they may have been priests or Magi of Zoroaster, who founded the religion which bears his name. For centuries his followers kept burning an eternal flame of fire. The priests were scholarly men who had charge of all sacred rites and were reputed to have learned great wisdom from the stars. They could have done more. Perhaps they could have spread the message. Two tract writers.

Perhaps they did. The present wide-spread resurgence of interest in implementing old Sunday laws or enacting new ones was among the considerations leading the executive board of the Tract Society to request a little more money in the new budget which is being projected a year ahead.

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Twenty-four men and women connected with the Tract Board took time out of their busy holiday parties in the closing minutes of the quarterly meeting of the board held Sunday afternoon, December 13, from two to five in the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J. For a thirty-member board this attendance was good. Three of the present members are from Philadelphia, and all three were present. A new budget and some other business were among the items of which were probably used as tracts. He called attention to the fact that one man paid for over 1,000 copies to distribute personally, along with many thousand tracts. The demand for Gospel and Sabbath tracts necessitated reprinting six tracts for a total of 47,500 this fall.

Anticipating that large sects of the Tract Board will continue to become more active and will be calling for the wide variety of tracts published by the society, the committee suggested the immediate reprinting of 18,000 more tracts, the publication of a short stewardship manuscript, and the hastening of several revisions or new pieces of literature. Looking farther ahead to the 1960-61 budget, the board contemplates an increase in this part of its work of several hundred dollars and hopes to give some financial encouragement to tracts writers.

We know from Matthew's story that they did not tarry, but went back to their country another way. Did they go back to their old existence, forgetting where they had been and what they had seen?

We cannot answer these questions about the Wise Men, but shall we not ask them about ourselves? Lebens

Budget Committee for adjustment prior to the midyear meeting of the Commission. The following words from the corresponding secretary's report are thought to express the attitude of the majority of the members:

"Your secretary believes that the work of the board is moving forward steadily with all of the committees giving serious thought to the problems and opportunities in their particular sector of the battle line. As we contemplate the effectiveness of proven weapons of our spiritual warfare we should be alert to the possible development of new weapons and the crying need for a better recruiting program. We have a great mission to fulfill and we must remember that we are primarily a Tract Society."

LET'S THINK IT OVER

No Discrimination

To Indianapolis, Ind., sixty delegates from the recent assembly of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. were housed in a private club. When another delegate arrived the club refused to confirm his registration. The sixty moved out because of a standing rule against race discrimination in rooms or restaurants of the city where meetings are held. The Negro excluded was Dr. Jesse Barber, assistant secretary of the church's Board of National Missions.

Christmas for Christ

On August 28, four months before Christmas, executives and sales personnel of the National Distillers Company moved into Los Angeles in chartered airliners to plan holiday sales strategy.

Other liquor, wine, and beer companies joined the scramble, the greatest number of men in the new budget which is being projected a year ahead.

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Methodist Church, joins the National Safety Council in urging businesses to dry up their parties. Last year 382 holiday highway deaths were caused by alcohol. Parties helped to boost this toll.

"Christmas for Christ" can help put Christ back into Christmas for many people who have temporarily forgotten Him.

Christian Amendment

Adoption of the "Christian Amendment" to the U. S. Constitution could lead to the denial of religious liberty of non-Christian Americans, the National Council of Churches' General Board warned at its Seattle meeting. In support of religious freedom for all people the board declared that a proposed amendment would confuse the issues involved in church-state separation.

The Christian Amendment provides, "This nation devoutly recognizes the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of Nations, through whom are bestowed the blessings of Almighty God."

Catholic Ecumenical Council

The call issued by Pope John XXIII for an ecumenical council in 1961 was evaluated by Dr. Manfredi Ronchi, Baptist pastor in Rome, as "merely a conference of Roman Church bishops to express their opinions on the ecumenical movement." Mr. Ronchi continued, "I believe we Protestants would be just listening to Catholic monologues."

Dr. Ronchi, pastor of the Teatro Valle Baptist Church in Rome, is president of the Council of Italian Evangelical Churches

Sunny Side of Life

When Robert Louis Stevenson, as a youth, took his first book of poems to the publisher, the book was refused. The publisher said that those poems were written by one who knew only the sunny side of life, and not reality. The poems did not reveal that the author was bedfast, and sufferer all the while he was writing them. Stevenson had so triumphed over his pain that the readers of his poems could see only beauty.

John H. Blough, in Streams of Healing,
Youth work has its ups and downs, its discouraging times and its times of greater encouragement. So it has been with the youth group at Paint Rock according to reports coming to the Sabbath Recorder.

The Christian Youth Association, Christine Gwathney, a relatively new convert, not long ago expressed a feeling that their new organization might fold up if there was no cooperation on the part of the young people. The situation now, according to our information, is very much improved. The president states that the association is working very hard, that they have ordered 100 boxes of greeting cards to sell hoping to have some money in their treasury to do the work that they feel they ought to do in the community of Paint Rock.

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Communism is challenging us to outlive it with Christianity. It is a matter of the power of the Cross against the propaganda of the sickle.

Hyman Appelman.

In making great scientific advances we must avoid acquiring an air raid shelter mentality. Conceivably we could save the shell of the nation and lose its heart.

William J. Villaume.