OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of the Treasurer, December 31, 1958

Budget Receipts

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Balance on hand, December 31 9.86

NON-BUDGET GIFTS

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SUMMARY

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Current annual budget $99,735.00 |
Tract society receipts 3 mos $21,355.90 |
Boards' budget receipts 3 mos 702.52 |

$22,058.42

Remainder required in 9 months $77,676.58 |
Percentage of budget year elapsed 25.00% |
Percentage of budget raised 22.12% |

1612 Lawrence St., Elder H. Batson, Parkersburg, W. Va., Treasurer.

Lincoln’s faith did not come to him by reasoning, but in the stress and strain of life. He laid hold upon great truths with the grip of a hungering and thirsting nature. It is in this way, I believe, that the strongest faith is attained. With his whole nature stretched to its highest tension, no man can avoid conviction. So long as he merely rests, remains inactive, passive, he may get along without a faith; but when his soul is awakened and his feeling is aroused, believe he must.
How to Discern Error

There is a chapter toward the end of a new book, How to Discern Error, by one of the fifteen different authors, Dr. Clarence Mason. All chapter headings begin with "How": "How to Pray," "How to Lead a Soul to Christ," "How to Enlarge Missionary Vision," "How to Deal with a Few," etc. The chapter on discerning error is not more important than others but it, too, is interesting.

Here is a problem that confronts every sincere Christian trying to keep his balance when buffeted by 'every wind of doctrine.' Dr. Mason illustrates one aspect of the problem and its solution by the story of a Christian worker who saw a recently converted old Negro listening to street-corner preachers profess knowledge to be in error. The old Negro, who did not yet know the Scripture very well, told him that he did not need to worry. He expressed it thus, "When that man first started to speak he said some things that made me say, 'Amen,' but then you know, as he kept on going, I was feeling down in my heart. I don't know what was wrong, but what he said didn't ring the bell in my heart and I knew something was wrong with it."

The writer advises to "be alert to omissions." He cites "Antinomianism" (against the law) and 'healing in the atonement' as examples of half-truth and part error and are convincing only by omitting the balancing portions of Scripture. They are like the ticket marked, "Not good if detached."

It is not easy to have such a knowledge of Scripture as to be able to instantly round out the full teaching of the New Testament when one suspects that only a half-truth is being presented, but that is probably the only real way one can avoid becoming unsettled in his faith. We must be prepared to detect the concealed error or the omission of a vital factor. Quoting another illustration: "For instance, the Bible makes it perfectly plain that our Lord was truly human. Satan has sponsored an emphasis on this fact through numerous cults which include the need to include shelter in their plans. (One billion dollars is expected to be spent in church construction this year.) There were other suggestions emphasizing that everyone must be prepared to survive simultaneously, psychologically, and by knowledge of first aid to relieve suffering, and to provide homes for the needy.

Leadership was cited as the greatest single need in a crisis situation. Often in past disasters, people have turned to churches and clergymen, for respected leadership. Civil defense officials point out that nuclear attack would put churches to the supreme test, and that they should be prepared to exercise leadership if it should be thrust upon them.

Big Words

Ministers are sometimes taken to task for using big words — expressions that have become commonplace to them in their theological training but are lost to a considerable portion of the congregation. We observe that the editor of the Helping Hand has published a string of terms used in these lessons which may be unfamiliar to some of the readers. We ought always to be careful to use the simplest words which will adequately and briefly express our meaning. At the present time, however, the ministers are not the only offenders; every occupation has its specialized words which will mean nothing to the layman.

The lesson to be learned, aside from being careful to make ourselves understood when we use the meaningful theological terms, is to be constantly on the alert, as Reader's Digest suggests, to "Improve Your Word Power."
He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. John 3:18.

Nightmare Town

It’s a bad dream... the bad dream of anyone who stops to think about it... this town visited by a catastrophe it didn’t even know was happening.

It came about, simply: all the men and women whose devotion and effort had kept the churches in repair and in use began to act like other people—give, their time and money to sports, parties, bridge, travel.

“Good recreation!” they said. “After a week’s hard work, we’re entitled to a little innocent amusement.”

There was no one to disagree, for everyone else had been doing the same thing for years.

It was strange, at first, without the church bells and the church buildings showed the effects quite promptly: peeling paint, ragged grass and weeds. With the usual storms, even an occasional fire set by mischievous boys, within a year or two Nightmare Town was without a single church since they gradually subsided.

Some of the parents who hadn’t been in church since they were married at first complained about the lack of facilities for the religious instruction of their children. Nobody did anything about it, so they gradually subsided.

Nightmare Town is now practically complete, with two or three ruined churches in every mile. Not many people come here any more. Our most substantial citizens are bitter about this new era, and say property is virtually unsalable. Even our Country Clubs are neglected and shabby.

People seem to have lost their capacity for enjoyment, just when they were ready to make the most of it.

It’s like a bad dream. — RIAL.  

Special Issue Next Week

Don’t miss reading and widely distributing the February 9 special issue of the Sabbath Recorder. It will be done in two colors, will have 24 pages instead of 16, and will contain over 20 articles, with pictures of nearly all of the writers. This comes to regular subscribers at no extra cost, and to those at the rate of the extra expense not covered by subscription rates has to come from Our World Mission, i.e., contributions.

Many of the items regularly found in the Recorder will be included in this special number. Some news will have to be held until the February 16 issue.

This is a very good time to speak to your friends or acquaintances about subscribing. If there are some who truly cannot afford the extremely low price of $3 per year for this weekly, why not order as many gift subscriptions as you can afford?

It is anticipated that some of those who failed to get their advance orders in for the February special issue can still get at least part of what they need. You can at least try.

Two more special issues are planned for this year. Work has already begun on the one for May.

TV Drama

“Play the Piper”  

Probes Alcohol Problem

The influence of alcohol... particularly upon teenagers... is to be given a searching look by the dramatic television series "This is the Answer" on Sunday, February 8. The new drama, "Play the Piper," will be seen on key TV stations throughout the nation on that day in the series dealing with problems of serious national concern.

The story probes two controversial questions. One is the example set by adults in their use of alcoholic beverages. The other concerns the use of questionable methods, growing out of wrong motives, to attack a community menace.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

President’s Message

The Art of Saying “Yes” and “No”

Life consists of many choices. Requests come to each of us from many different sources. If one is not wise, there are offered many things. Some of us try to avoid decision by saying, “Maybe.” There are many adults who are still stalling off the big question, “Do you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior?” I am assuming that the readers of the Recorder have made this first decision with a determined, clear, yes.

I wish to place my emphasis on the art of saying yes and no on the part of the pastor and the members of his church. It is easy to be effective witnesses for Christ, we must all be on the team. A church program must be the program of each member of the church. Each member must have a part and each member must do his part. I heard the Rev. George B. Shaw quoted, “It is easier for a pastor to do the work of ten men than to get ten men to work.” I agree that this statement is correct, but any pastor, who takes the easy way in this matter, will never develop the full potential of his church.

Every time a meal is served in connection with the church the pastor may be requested to ask the blessing. Here is a fine opportunity for him to tactfully say no by suggesting that a dedicated layman assume this responsibility occasionally. This is of interest, leadership, and a new sense of stewardship. There are many older members of the church very capable serving in many ways. They should be very capable for they have held these positions for many years. For these persons to say no so that younger people might be trained to assume responsibility of the church may be a greater service than to continue to say yes. Secretary Rex Zwiebel has made the suggestion that no Sabbath School teacher conduct the same class more than five years at a time. A tactful no will often lead to the discovery of new talent which was never noticed before.

When you are asked to do something for the church for which you are qualified, say, “Yes.” When I was grading papers for Professor Stanford Warren, he asked me a question which I answered, “Yeah.” He corrected me very decisively for this: “You should say, ‘Yes!’” It has been most encouraging to see how willingly people accept responsibilities on the General Conference program. Just to read the gracious, humble notes of acceptance is exhilarating.

If you have never volunteered, it must be for a pastor to request several members of his church to do something and be offered the usual excuses? Each time a member stays away from church without cause, he is saying no. Next time your pastor asks you to do something for the church say, “Yes, I’d be delighted.” This will do almost as much for him as a raise in pay.

Suppose a new acquaintance offers you a smoke, a drink, or something in which you do not believe. How do you say no? It is easy to say it in such a way that your influence is lost with that individual. As Barbara Graham was being readied for execution for a murder she stupidly denied committing she said, “Good people are so sure they are right.” I am afraid many of us have too much of this sort of attitude to bring the sinner to repentance.

Worship Attendance at High Record

Church attendance in the United States reached a record high during 1958, it was announced by Religion In American Life. Highest overall percentage (99) was not set up very much, being the same as in 1955.

The worship attendance movement office quoted the annual year-end Gallup Poll, which reported that 50,000,000 American adults attended church or synagogue services during an average week, an increase of 2,000,000 over 1957.

In the nationwide sample interviewed in the fall of this past year, “Did you, yourself, happen to attend church in the last seven days?”

The poll found that over half of all U. S. women (35%) and over one third of all U. S. men (39%) attended some worship service during the last seven days of 1958, compared with 45% of the men. Higher attendance in the larger cities was
attributed by Dr. Gallup to the fact that there are proportionately more Roman Catholics in the metropolitan areas than in the smaller towns.

American adults attend church far more regularly than adults in other countries. The percentage in this country of 49% compares with 14% of adults in Great Britain, which is nearly 80% Protestant. In predominantly Protestant Australia, the attendance percentage is 32.

Far more Roman Catholics attend worship regularly than Protestants. The Catholic percentage is 74, the Protestant 44. (The 1957 Gallup Poll placed Jewish attendance at 18%.)

Americans aged 30 to 49 attend more regularly than other age groups. The percentage for this group is 51, that for those 21 to 29 years of age, 48, and for those 50 years and over, 48.

LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL

By the Editor

Visitors to our nation's capital without fail have a desire to see two great monuments - each standing on rising ground with a great mirroring pool stretching between them - the sky-spieering spire dedicated to George Washington and the sturdy colossus of Lincoln Memorial. It is to the latter that we call attention at this time, just before the 150th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

From the National Archives Building came a letter to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference a few weeks ago urging participation in a nationwide program to celebrate this special anniversary of the birth of one of our greatest Presidents. This was a follow-up of a joint resolution of Congress and the appointing of a Lincoln Sesquicentennial Commission. It was suggested that our national magazine make special reference to the 16th President who led the nation safely through the horrors of a civil war and showed himself to be a truly great man. Memorials in marble cannot fail to tell the story of the honor and esteem in which Lincoln is held. Countless articles have been written and great volumes printed both by Americans and by Europeans who have been tremendously challenged by the life and achievements of the backwoodman who became the symbol of unselfish devotion to the cause of human rights.

Lincoln Sesquicentennial Monument

PHOTO BY THE EDITOR, JAN. 2, 1959

Rear View of Lincoln Memorial

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service. From His teachings we learn that in following Him we should also render honor to whom honor is due. Great honors is due to men of the stamp of Abraham Lincoln. Of his kind there are few on the pages of our national history. We would indeed honor him. Such regard is well expressed in a poem by Stuart Sterne which has found its place at the National Museum in Washington.

The Life Mask

Ah, countless wonders, brought from every zone, Not all your wealth could turn the heart away From that one semblance of our common clay, The brow whereon the precious life, long flown,
Losing a homely glory all its own, Seems still to linger with a mournful play Of light and shadow! - His, who held a sway And power of magic to himself unknown. Through what is granted him-God's chosen few, Earth's crownless, yet anointed kings, - a soul Divinely simple and sublimly true In that unconscious greatness that shall bless This petty world while start their courses roll, Whose finest flower is self-forgetfulness.

DR. SO. BOND

President emeritus, of Salem College (Extracts from a tribute by President K. Duane Hurley.)

Dr. Bond was a man of service. His entire life was a testimony to this fact; he gave himself unselfishly to many good causes - including the church, civic organizations, rural betterment and conservation; as well as education. He was an active and loyal Seventh Day Baptist, giving leadership both to the local churches and to the denomination. He was a lifelong member of the National Education Association and the West Virginia Education Association. For five years in the middle twenties he was world vice-president of Christian Endeavor.

The major influences of his life, from the time of his birth at Hackers Creek in Upshur County on August 12, 1877, until he accepted the presidency of Salem College in 1919, were prologue to the great act of service in higher education which he performed during the following thirty-two years. He earned academic degrees from Salem College, West Virginia University, and Columbia University; he had wide and diversified experience as an educator, including teaching in rural schools, the principalship in elementary and high schools, supervisory and administrative responsibilities in the schools of Shepherdstown District, professor of education at Shadyside College, and acting president of Glenville State College. It is no wonder, because of his exemplary service, that he has been awarded many honors, including a doctor's degree from Alfred University.

Dr. Bond was a man of vision and determination. From the very beginning of his tenure as President of Salem College (the record shows), he dreamed of the institution's growth and development; at many critical moments, it was his faith alone that "saved the day" and made advancement possible. Through all his years of service, Dr. Bond's life-partner, Venie Hagerty Bond, stood staunchly by his side to encourage and assist in many unseen and unsung but most important ways.

Dr. Bond was a man of prayer. Manifold were the evidences of this, reflecting in a way of life patterned after the Master Teacher of Galilee himself. Dr. Bond's personal testimony to prayer, also Lincoln's, was the book which he had been preparing since 1951 when he became president emeritus of Salem College; he said to me: "Please be sure that the printer understands that I would like to have a special page at the front of the book. That page should have nothing on it but a prayer" - A prayer for those who follow.

Who's Who of American Women

Published in its first edition, January 17, is the new book mentioned above. A Battle Creek correspondent informs us via a newspaper clipping that of the 15 Battle Creek women who made its pages Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, was one. Most of the others were connected with the national Office of Civil and Defense Administration.
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AMISIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris
Designated Giving — Within the Budget

Occasionally a request is received for the breaking down of the Missionary Board's portion of Our World Mission into projects which may be undertaken by a Sabbath School class or a Junior Christian Endeavor Society. Other participating boards and agencies probably have the same requests.

1. Through the Our World Mission budget we are presently assisting on the salaries of ten native teachers and two native supervisors in Nyasaland.

2. A possible project within the Jamaica Mission is the payment of a scholarship for a boy or a girl to attend Crandall High School, which could be undertaken as a special project by a Sabbath School class. A letter to the Rev. David Pearson could provide you the name and perhaps the picture of the student concerned.

3. A new scholarship item in amount of $200 is included in the Our World Mission budget for 1959. A special project is an invitation to our readers.

4. As a possible project for the Home Mission Budget, we are suggesting that if the attending boards and agencies probably have the same requests.

Special Issue
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rev. E. Zweizel

Pre-Con Retreat

The director for Pre-Con, 1959, is the Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, pastor of the Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church. An investigator camp planner and leader, he has taught in the Southwest Field for the past 13 years, and he was chosen by the Executive Committee to be the director for Pre-Con this year.

Pre-Con, the first of its kind, was held in the community of Boulder, Colo., and was the second one near Boulder, Colo. Pre-Con will be the best ever with "Randy" at the helm. Every Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship should be living by money to send members to this annual country-wide camp. A real religious-living experience will be theirs.

The Gospel Must Be Taught

"Tall, slender spire, reaching into the sky — what does it mean? Clanger of bells, pealing from the steeple — what do they say? People hurrying to the church — why do they come? Teacher, greeting his class with warmth — why does he teach?" And countless other questions face the Christian educator day by day. Sometimes, with confidence, we feel we have the answer; other times, we feel there is no answer. "Christ must be taught — this impels ever onward. Thus impelled, your secretary offers the following report.

The report referred to was that given by the secretary at the quarterly meeting of the Board of Christian Education held at Alfred, N.Y., in January 18. He has previously told us of his experiences on a field trip which took him through the Southwest. We pick up just a few of the other items that have not been covered in this report.

On the home scene, correspondence has been carried on as usual. The Heart of the Lesson for the Helping Hand, second quarter, 1959, was written, and the daily devotions are in pressing evidence.

Material for the Sabbath Recorder is sent in weekly, reports to Our World Mission News, and is sent monthly, and a sample of material to the Beacon is written bi-monthly.

As dean of a Leadership Training School held in the First Methodist Church in Wellsville, January 4-7, sponsored by the Alleghany County Council of Churches.
ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW
By Dr. Willis E. Garrett
(Continued from January 26 issue)

A New Standard CHRISTIAN CONDUCT

In becoming a Christian you have accepted a new standard of living — life on a higher level. It is the Abundant Life; Paul spoke of it as the Victorious Life; and John referred to it as the Overcoming Life.

The Christian life is not one of prohibitions, narrow and devoid of happiness; it is a life of true freedom, as broad as the boundless grace of God and filled with zest and joy. It is truly the abundant life. However, it is a different type of life from that lived by those who know not the transformation of the Lord.

There will be times when you are at a loss as to what you should do when faced with certain courses of action. You will wonder whether or not you can do these things and still be a Christian. God has given us a guide in His Word for that very situation. There are three simple rules or questions to determine your actions and then make your decision.

The first one is, What effect will this thing have upon me personally? If it will do anything but add to my peace of mind andERS and encourage you, bear it. If it will harm your testimony, if it will take my eyes off the Lord, then it is wrong for me to do it.

Second comes the question, How will it affect my companions? Those who are looking to me as an example? Am I my brother's keeper? I cannot afford to do anything that will cause others to stumble, or that will cause others to stumble. I cannot do anything that will drive someone away who is seeking the way of salvation; I can do nothing that will cause him to stumble; I cannot do anything that will drive someone away who is seeking the way of salvation; I can do nothing that will cause him to stumble.

The third question is, How will it affect the church? Does it build someone up, or does it build the church? Does it benefit the church? Does it benefit the church?

For February 21, 1959

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NIGHT FALLING

The story of the fourteenth World Convention of the World Council of Christian Education and Sabbath School Association is told in a new booklet written by J. M. MacDougall Ferguson, editor, The Religious Education Press, Wallington, Surrey, Eng. It is published by his press in cooperation with the World Council of Christian Education. The book was written in the hope that with its visual illustrations, it will provide the inspiration and message of the convention to those who could not attend. We commend this report to all who are interested in the Christian education program of the church.

The Board of Christian Education, Box 15, Alfred Station, N. Y., will get a copy for you for $5.50.

Helpful Words. — I thank you, indeed, for your help in presenting to our readers Reverend and Mrs. E. Garrett's material. The Sabbath Recorder has an excellent standing from every point of view and I am anxious to do my share to keep it this way.

— From a Montreal, Que., reader.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for February 14, 1959

Responsibility to God and Man

Lesson Scripture: Mark 12: 28-34.

for February 21, 1959

Facing Tribulation with Faith


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FEBRUARY 2, 1959
Teen Talk
Wrestling with World Problems

A high school boy comes home from school anxious to test his parents’ knowledge of God. “What is the world’s oldest sport?” he asks. He has to provide the answer — wrestling. That figure; it is a natural. It takes no modern equipment, just the perfect body. God has been doing it for thousands of years and they start it long before they get to their teens.

There is another kind of wrestling which is natural to both boys and girls in their teens and not before. It is wrestling with world problems, not so much in the sense of international questions but cosmic problems, where the world came from, another kind of wrestling. God has given us to think and to reason about these things, to study them, to determine how it may have changed, and how men and animals have survived in various places.

When you tackle such a problem the best and oldest written source of information is the Bible. It tells you much but not all you would like to know. Creation science article in the January 10 Saturday Evening Post. creation scientists have had to date ice ages much more than from the American Tract Society, 513 West 166th St., New York 2, N. Y.

The road ahead may not always be easy; it is wide and full of discouragements, temptations, and failures, of gratitude to Him are you not still a witness for Him who loved you and gave Himself for you? Out of gratitude to Him are you not constrained to acknowledge His claim upon your life and thus live for Him in whatever niche He may place you? The world is in dire need of Christian businessmen, Christian mothers and fathers, Christian doctors, lawyers, and laborers. Will you be one to live for Him wherever you are, whatever your job, and however difficult it may seem at times?

May the Lord richly bless you in your new-found joy, and may He be your daily portion, your lifetime sufficiency. The road ahead may not always be easy; it can often be rough and steep, beset with discouragements, temptations, and failures, but no matter what may be your lot, always remember the One who walks beside you to give victory and glory all the way.

And now . . . I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up . . .” (Acts 20: 32).

Keep Looking unto Him
The three-installment article ending here has been in the works for months and is available from the American Tract Society, 513 West 166th St., New York 2, N. Y.

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ANNOUNCING NEW YOUTH PROGRAM
By Mrs. H. E. DeLand

Metaliks, La

Bang! bang! The opening entrance to the New Year of 1959. All around us was the tremendous noise of fireworks; and inside, our hearts and souls were on fire for the gift of God's new year. Our young people came out 100% in favor of organizing a new youth group which will take up the whole of the Sabbath afternoon. The young people bring their dinner which has been prearranged by those on "KP" duty.

After dinner they return to the church for their worship service, and this is followed by a project hour in our new recreation hall. This period consists of "sword" drills, Bible research, making of Bible verse plaques for the walls of the church, and other projects. Bible games and the library are used at this time.

By the time this program is over it is sundown and supper of sandwiches and drink is enjoyed and a free period follows while the party committee sets up plans for the romping good time of the evening. A •Ping-pong set has been purchased. The evening ends with the singing of choosers to the tune of a guitar. Sentence prayers are climax'd with the theme verse used as a prayer, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5: 16).

Our first meeting was a big thrill to our hearts with 15 young people present. Buddy Crawford, who, along with his wife, gave his life to Christ just a few months ago and was baptized by Brother Cox, will take over the responsibility as adult counselor and leader for our young people.
more, Barbara Cruzan, and Connie Reed. Talks on "Our Task as Christians to God and Country," and "Our Task as Seventh-Day Baptists to God and Country" were given by Carl and Barbara.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES
WATERFORD, CONN. — The last quarter of 1958 has brought to a close a busy and happy year for our church. We have had three hymn sings, and at Christmas the choir, which was about doubled in size for the occasion, presented the cantata, "Hail, Messiah," by Ira B. Wilson. It was well attended, and those who took part were richly blessed by their participation.

In October we had an evangelistic week-end, guest speaker being the Rev. Neal Mills of Rockville, R. I., and the Rev. Edgar Wheeler of Ashaway, R. I.

On Thanksgiving morning the First Baptist Church of Waterford joined us for a Thanksgiving service. A message was brought by the Rev. R. T. Wessel of New London.

On December 4, the Ladies' Aid Society conducted their annual Christmas sale of fancywork and baked goods at the parsonage.

On the Sabbath afternoon before Christmas the children enjoyed a Christmas party given for them upstairs in the church. Altogether a few numbers, we have a good church life, and if there are any who are interested in moving to this area we would be very happy to welcome them and assist them in getting settled and finding employment. — Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The Finance Committee used a different approach this year in securing pledges. On November 30, a call was made on each member of the church. The church was closed, the pastor of the Family Room in the church memory, and the current budget and pledge cards were mailed to all members letters which included the budget and pledge cards. On Sabbath day, January 3, members of the congregation came forward and placed their cards in a box under a lighted candle during the singing of a hymn. It was an impressive ceremony. The sermon, "Stewardship Among Christians," by Pastor Warren followed.

The Sabbath night before Christmas was the time of the annual Christmas party. The families of the church assembled in the church. The children hung warm socks, caps, scarfs, and mittens on the lighted tree to be given to those in need. In former years, we have given to those in need. As in former years, we were given by Carl and Barbara.

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The following officers were elected: president, George Potter; vice-president, Gerald Burdick; clerk, Paul Saunders; treasurer, Mr. Mabel Reynolds. Also elected were three members to the Board of Trustees, the church ushers, and several committee chairmen for 1959. We are looking forward to a year of Christian fellowship together with service for our Master.

BERLIN, N. Y. — All of us here feel that we were well blessed in 1958, and are enthusiastically looking forward to an even better new year.

Our attendance record is improved with the many young people who are now coming to church, and our membership has been increased by six.

We held our yearly meeting January 4 to elect our church officers for the coming year, and we discussed making plans for an addition to be built on to the back of the church, which would provide much-needed space for Sabbath School classes and, rest rooms, and which would have a basement housing a heating plant for the whole church.

Pastor Paul L. Maxson received a unanimous call to remain as pastor for another year with a small salary increase. He has been a well respected pastor of this church since 1940.

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Re-elected at the meeting were Carlton Greene as moderator, who has served in this office for four years; and Arlie Greene, clerk, with twenty years' service; and W. Robert Bentley as treasurer. Mrs. Joseph Bullock and George Burdick were elected trustees for three-year terms. The committee of lay members of the Advisory Board were Arlie Bentley and Elmer Stuart. Paul Cushman was chosen chorister and the F. D. Fellowships, the Senior Choir, and the Junior Choir. Mrs. Joseph Bullock, our organist for many years, declined the position but accepted the office of assistant organist. Mr. Charles Newcomb was re-elected as choirmaster.

On the evening of December 27 the Sabbath School held its annual Christmas program. Mrs. Delmar Ellis narrated the Nativity which was pantomimed by Mr. Ellis, Mrs. Joseph Bullock, Mr. Bentley, Mrs. Charles Newcomb, and_Earl Lewis. The choir sang Christmas carols to the accompaniment of the F. D. Fellowships, the Senior Choir, and the Junior Choir. Mrs. Joseph Bullock, our organist for many years, declined the position but accepted the office of assistant organist. Mr. Charles Newcomb was re-elected as choirmaster.

We were happy to welcome back our visiting college students, all freshmen, for the Christmas vacation. These were Ruth Ellis and Eunice Maxson of Pottsdam State Teachers College, Hillar Hyes of Alfred University, and Jean Cushman of Bates College.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — At the annual business meeting following the customary chicken pie dinner on January 4, the following officers, several succeeding themselves, were elected: moderator, Clare Greene; clerk, Mrs. Wallace Greene; treasurer, Roy Langworthy. Pastor Van Horn was recalled by ballot for another year. Mrs. Van Horn is our local correspondent. Wallace Greene is the chairman of the Stewardship Committee and Mrs. Darwin Lippincott is chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

At Christmas time the graded department of the Sabbath School presented a program of recitations, dialogues, and plays, directed by Mrs. Clifton Bond, throughout the sanctuary. The true message of Christmas was paramount.

The young people, directed by Mrs. Wallace Greene, presented a play, "No Room in the Inn," written especially for the Junior High School. Mrs. Fred Maxson, of Minneapolis, Minn. The play was given a modern setting, in a hotel of today with all its hustle and bustle. Solemnness in the desires of each individual as well as the inn-keeper was felt and evidenced. Only Joseph was attired in Jewish costume requesting room for Mary. The play brought home to the heart of each to one as only the individual himself could answer truly in his heart. 'Is there room in the inn?'

Again this year a sizable sum was given as a White Christmas offering for mission work, replacing the former personal gift exchange.

On the Monday evening preceding Christmas, a group of carolers, sponsored by the choir, sang carols at the homes of the ill and shut-in members. Several children joined in the singing for their first experience of that kind.

Our annual "Lord's Acre" ingathering was held in November. An igniting workship service and a playlet by Mrs. Walter Cocke's Sabbath School class portrayed the true spirit of sharing which should accompany our Lord's Acre projects. Interesting accounts of the projects undertaken were shared.

A Hebrew worship service was presented December 20, the opening part of our church service by the Junior-High Sabbath School taught by Pastor Van Horn. The group attired in Hebrew costumes with call-to-worship giving a familiar Psalm in choral reading. Upon entering, the group lined up during the reading of the Scripture by George Bonser, who enacted a rabbi or priest. At the conclusion of their service, the group quietly and reverently left the sanctuary chanting. Scriptural in simplicity, it stirred the Christian believer's heart, bringing to realization how small and lonely would be the church, world, and individual without Christ, the Savior of the world.

Plans are under way for the celebration of our church's centennial at the time of the Northwestern district's meeting at Dodge Center in June, 1959. — Correspondent.
Marriages

Burrows - Gray. - Duane Burrows of Friendship, N. Y., and Marjorie Gray, of Lockport, N. Y., were united in marriage Sabbath day, December 20, 1958, at the Wrights Corner Presbyterian Church by the Rev. Dr. Clyde W. Meredith.

Sutton - Pierce. - Lyle Sutton, son of Mrs. Madge Sutton, of Alfred Station, N. Y., and the late Rev. Harley Sutton, and Betty Pierce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pierce, of Alfred Station, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church by the groom's brother-in-law, the Rev. William Webster, of Sanborn, N. Y., on November 27, 1958. The couple is residing at 709½ Union Avenue, Morgantown, W. Va.

Obituary

Ritter. - Maurice U., son of Frank and Iabel Spencer Ritter, was born June 26, 1907, at Hopkinton, R. I., and died December 24, 1957, at the Westernly Hospital, Westernly, R. I.

Mr. Ritter was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Frances Kelly Ritter, of Westerly, and a sister, Mrs. Ralph Briggs, of Hope Valley, R. I.

Funeral services were held in the Buckler Funeral Home, Westernly, with interment in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway, R. I. - E.F.W.

Roney. - Nehah Thompson, daughter of Orin and Mary Thompson, was born September 13, 1900, in Aline, Okla., and died in Riverside, Calif., Nov. 15, 1958.

At the age of three she contracted spinal meningitis from which she lost her sight. At the age of twelve she attended a school for the blind in Kansas City and later completed her academic work for a four-year degree at UCLA in Los Angeles.

For several years she was employed in the entertainment world doing considerable radio work in the Midwest.

As a consecrated Christian, she ever had an open, warm, and glowing testimony for her Lord and used well her talent as a singer.

For some thirty-five years she was an active member of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, having sung "Open the Gates of the Temple" at the dedication service of the newly built church in 1927.

She is survived by her husband, Golden Roney; her son, David Westover, of San Bernardino; a sister, Mrs. Helen Walters, of Riverside; two brothers, Lynn, of Las Vegas, Nev., and Homer, of Burbank, Calif.; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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

Shaw. - Emma, daughter of Clifford and Myrtle Crosley Maxson, was born in Farina, Ill., October 30, 1902, and died in Wisconsin General Hospital, Madison, January 7, 1959.

She spent nine months in an iron lung. In childhood Emma was baptized by the Rev. J. T. Davis at Leonardsville, N. Y., and later in her youth she affiliated with the Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She was graduated from Milton College in 1927 and on Christmas Day of that year she was married to Elston Shaw. Before moving to Milton, Wis., in 1935, they had lived at Streator, Ill., Fort Huron, Mich., and Mansfield, Ohio.

A beloved and valued member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Emma served as deaconess and held many other church and civic offices.

Survivors besides her husband are a son, Edwin, of Milton; three grandchildren; three sisters, Ina Maxson, Burlington, Vt., Dorothy Maxson, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Bernice Hochstra, Houston, Tex.; four brothers, Rex, Russell, Edmond, and Clarke; and her father, Clifford Maxson, all of Battle Creek.

Funeral services were conducted from the church, with the Rev. Victor Skaggs officiating due to the illness of her pastor, the Rev. Elton Fiz Randolph. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

Sheets. - Albert E., son of Norman and Adelaide Sheets, was born Dec. 1, 1882, in Moulouette, Ontario, and died in Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 21, 1958.

A recent convert to the Sabbath, he was baptized and joined the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, August 10, 1957. He had lived in Battle Creek for over 40 years, serving as one of the caretakers at the Memorial Park Cemetery. He was a member of the YMCA, Townsend Club, Senior Recreation Club, and the Interracial Club.

He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Bertha Mallory of Battle Creek, and Mrs. Maud Derickson of Santa Rosa, Calif.; one brother, William, of Downey, Calif.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Leland E. Davis, from the Shaw Funeral Home, and interment was in the Memorial Park Cemetery. - L.E.D.

Stillman. - Dayton Theodore, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stillman, was born in Nortonville, Kan., April 22, 1904, and died in Montebello, Calif., June 22, 1958.

As a young man he accepted Christ and was baptized, joining the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Milton, Wis., later transferring his membership to Riverside, Calif. Training as an educator, he was destined to serve some thirty-two years as a teacher and administrator in Wisconsin and California. For the past fifteen years he served as principal of the Montebello Park Elementary School where he resided.

He is survived by his wife, Lucille; a son, Theodore Gerald; a daughter, Joyce Thompson; two brothers, James, of Houston, Texas, and Claire, of Madison, Wis.; one sister, Rose Stillman, of Milton, Wis.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, with interment at the Rose Hills Cemetery in Montebello.