ITEMS OF INTEREST

In the City of David, first harpist of Israel, there appeared another first. From September 15 to 29, 1939, fifty-two harpists competed in the first International Harp Festival and Contest to be held in Jerusalem, according to an announcement by the Israel Government Tourist Office. Contestants came from 13 countries.

Latest Membership Statistics

Church membership in the United States now stands at a record-breaking 109,557,741 persons according to new statistics published in National Council's 1960 Yearbook of American Churches. The figure represents 63 percent of the country's estimated population of 173,374,000 — the highest ratio of church membership in U.S. history. It is a gain of 5,368,065 persons in 1958 or a rise of five percent as compared to a population increase during the same period of 1.7 percent. Of the new total 61,504,660 are Protestants; 39,509,508 are Roman Catholics; 5,500,000 are Jews; and 2,545,318 are Eastern Orthodox. The total increase of Protestant bodies during the year was reported at 2.8 percent. The figures on Protestant membership based on statistics filed by 224 churches, show the Methodist Church is the largest Protestant denomination with 9,670,690 members. Second is the Southern Baptist Convention with 9,202,205, and third is the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., with 5,000,000 members.

Church Bulletin Notices

LOS ANGELES — The Tract Committee will meet in the library during the lunch hour, Clair Alborn, Chairman. ... [Could such a notice appear in the bulletin of your church? You need a Tract Committee.]

LOST CREEK, W. Va. — Our Southeastern Association Co-Ordinating Council is seeking to compile a list of names and addresses of all people in the Association area (from Central Pennsylvania and Ohio southward) who are Seventh Day Baptist members, alone Sabbathkeeping folk, or interested in our cause. If you have relatives or friends that should be included, be sure to let your pastor know.

Now Thank We All Our God

For all the blessings of bounteous harvest,
For fruits of earth and blooming flowers,
For all such gifts as make life joyous,
And for Thy love that falls like showers.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Our church is endeavoring to cooperate in the Lay Development Program as suggested by the General Conference. In September a retreat was planned to be held at Camp Holston but because of inclement weather the program was carried out at the church. Laymen's Sabbath was observed on October 31 with laymen in complete charge of the Sabbath morning service.

The Sabbath School is encouraging increased attendance with the "Each one bring one" plan. A program of Bible memorization has been set up by the Religious Education Committee for the children's and young people's departments and more social fellowship is being carried out through class parties and suppers. Seven of our people are attending the Leadership Training School being held in the First Baptist Church this fall.

Thirty-one from our church attended the Northern Association meetings held in White Cloud October 16-18.

Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Lewis, two of our faithful members, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with an open house in the church social rooms the afternoon of September 6. Honoring their parents the children and grandchildren presented an informal musical which was much enjoyed. — Correspondent.

Accessions

By Baptism

Wanda Jean Guyer
Juanita Joyce Lippincott
Kenneth Wayne Lippincott
Ruth Arlene Robinette

Salemville, Pa.

Marriages

Leighton - Arnold. — Kenneth Leighton, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Leighton of Kingston, R. I., and Elsie Elizabeth Arnold, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel E. Arnold, Ashaway, R. I., were united in marriage at the parsonage of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sunday, July 5, with her pastor, the Rev. Edgar P. Wheeler, officiating.
Thanksgiving 1959
"In Everything Give Thanks"

The traditional Thanksgiving season (or day) comes again. Our highest civic leaders call on all who recognize God to give thanks to Him. The day has patriotic connotations, coming as it does from the very beginning of the English colonization of our bleak eastern shores. They were bleak at that time because housing was very scarce and provisions depended on a limited harvest from as yet uncleared fields. Times have changed. Those shores are now resort areas. House-glow with warmth and light. The productivity of vast plains is stored in giant granaries until want is unknown to the provident. Indeed, our nation knows now what to do with all its abundance. It is shipped abroad in unbelievable quantities to some of the same countries from which our forefathers came.

Does it mean anything to repeat the admonition of St. Paul to the Christians of Thessalonica, "In everything give thanks? These words were intended to change the believers in the land of Greece and in other places to give thanks in every circumstance, particularly when it took deep-rooted Christ in the mind of the one thing for which to be thankful. Poverty is still widespread throughout the land of Greece and the people in many places line-up to receive small sums of life as a gift coming to them through Church World Service and other agencies. There is some want even in parts of our own country, but not much.

In spite of our abundance it is as hard as ever to accept and apply that admonition to give thanks. Probably there has never been a time in our national history when there was less real thanksgiving — just because it has become so commonplace to have our temporal needs supplied. But it is the will of God in Christ Jesus that we should do so, says the Scripture (1 Thes. 5: 18).

Aside from the abundance of food, clothing, and shelter which dull our sense of gratitude there are other problems of life that assail us and make us wonder whether or not we can rise to the heights of continual thanksgiving. Who are the thankful? Not those who are without physical, mental, and spiritual problems, but those who rise above their problems in the faith of Christ. Perhaps we can illustrate.

A forty-voice choir was heard recently in that great old Thanksgiving anthem, "Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem," which comes in the clause: "The valleys stand so thick with corn that they laugh and sing." Some of the members of the choir were young — so young and so well cared for that they had no greater problems than those magnified domestic troubles that afflict most teenager. Others sang praises out of hearts recently touched with grief. Some as they sang were doubleless conscious of forgiven sins. Still others had been denied the joys of united families or of marital bliss. There were physical handicaps, acute social pressures of one kind or another. Parents who lifted their voices in the song of praise were perhaps deeply concerned about some of their children.

One does not go far among Christian people without having his heart touched with the way they rise above their troubles. Now we have assurance that we will live to a ripe old age and enjoy the fruits of a life well spent. Sudden accident or illness may snuff out our lives or plunge us into relative late at any moment. That it has not happened should be cause for much thanksgiving, but we should also reflect that it has been a late thing. We are ashamed.

In a carefree world, amid the pleasures of life let us give thanks. But especially when trouble looms on the horizon of health and when disappointment threatens to cast us into the valleys, let us give thanks, "for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus."

As long as the disciples considered themselves good and in need of nothing, they were of little or no use to the Master. — Lundquist.
Big Money and Little Money

We have long since learned, have we not, that some people have to talk in terms of billions of dollars when others have to speak in thousands, or even of the last dollar? Government financing is big money. By comparison, missionary fund-raising is little money. The thing that causes concern to those who see the figures is that statistically every family in the United States has an unacknowledged debt of $5,500. That is the way the national debt figures out. It has risen 900 percent since 1930, when it was only $540 per family. It appears that we can all talk bigger money now — big debts at least.

Part of the astronomical government debt (not that the $5,500 is representative) is represented by the $13.4 billion lost in the farm price-support program between October 17, 1933, and June 30, 1959. Some one has taken the trouble to figure out how big this amount of money would be if it were in one-dollar bills. Stack it up and it would be 91 miles high; weigh it and it would tip the scales at 1,260 tons; place it end to end and it would circle the earth 1,273 times or make 6 round trips to the moon. If you like to count money it would take you 8,335 years at the rate of $5 per second — never stopping.

Now let's talk little money. That would be the money that we give for missions and other spending the glorious Gospel of eternal salvation. It is true that Christian people in general are giving more now than ever before, and the people of our denomination are no exception. But what we are giving is still far, far below our potential. We need only to remind ourselves that our national debt, though large, does not remind our country insolvent and our family share of it does not seem to be a matter of really grave concern.

We keep insisting that our legislators vote out more money. For temporal benefits we are willing to mortgage ourselves and our posterity to an average of $5,500 per family, but for eternal benefits to the lost we insist on a pay-as-you-go basis and even piling up large endowments so we will not have to do more than half of that. We need to confront ourselves with these comparisons and ask ourselves how seriously we take the Great Commission.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 5, 1959

"How to Help New Converts"


Word has been received that the Rev. H. Eugene Davis, retired, Chippewa, recently fractured his hip and is expected to be confined to Memorial Hospital, Syracuse, N. Y., for about a month. Dad will reach him there. The Davises make their home with the Burton Cranfills.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

A Significant General Conference Sermon on Bearing the Fruits Of the Spirit

By Alton L. Wheeler

Riverside, Calif.

Wonderful and Fearful Days

We are living in wonderful, yet fearful days. Our generation has seemed to have had the exciting good fortune of making more than its share of discoveries — not only of new elements, principles, and concepts but also of new worlds and meanings of reaching and orbiting them.

We live in a wonder-working day when we can receive word as we did on August 17 that a man in a pet shop in St. Joseph, Mo., had been bitten by a cobra. Now that in itself is not very good news, nor was it good news when the doctors gave him six hours to live unless the proper type of medication could be secured.

But the good news was that when the serum could not be found in the Midwest, they made a telephone call to Miami, Florida, and within minutes a jet plane was streaking through the sky, and in less than three hours the medication was administered, and the man was assured that his life had been spared. We live in an exciting and wonderful age!

But we live in fearful and pensive days. Only those who have made personal communications of the ostrich and bury their heads, as it were, in the sands of indifference can be oblivious to the stark reality that a third and global conflict is being avowed principally by the shouting of threats by the leaders of the nations and through the haunting motivation of fear.

Even as our statesmen and the leaders of the great nations direct communications to one another and meet in summit conferences, it seems that they are principally motivated by fear. One soberly reminds the other, with a mental brochure of strategies designed for mass annihilation of men, "We must learn to live together or we shall die together..."

"The East and West seem mutually to realize that neither can launch a nuclear attack against the other without reaping the harvest of retaliation. Prospects for peace, of the type that can hope to last and allow the world at large to relax itself and reduce its armament budgets and programs, are not within sight in this hour..."

Yes, we live in an exciting and yet fearful day. Richard Evans, in his book, "Tonic for Our Times," says, "It would seem that almost all of the people in the world could be divided into two classes: those who are running after something, and those who are running away from something..."

We live in days which "try men's souls," and the test to which the multitudes of men are inescapably subjected is without mercy. Only a short time ago, intensive and extensive tests were given to a group of young men in the procedure of naming the one who shall be the first man to be projected into space. But there are other tests to which all of us are being subjected to determine whether we have the faith, the hope, the strength, and the courage even to remain here on this little planet of our own.

In such an hour when man's hearing is muffled by jet planes thundering through the skies, and when there is din in the factory, confusion in schools, and tension in the home; in a time when there is the barrier of tongues at the so-called peace tables of the world, the clear and yet calm voice of God needs to be heard, and men around the earth need to be entrusted to hearken to the loving counsel of our Heavenly Father, and to the redemptive
message found only through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The message of challenge which the Church beams to the world must be far more than the use of "How to be friends and influence people," or of how to achieve "personal success," or of how to "have peace of mind."

It is very dark here!

Jesus came into this world saying, "I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of the life."

John, in the first chapter of his Gospel, tells how Jesus came to set that light ablaze in the hearts of men. Later He spoke of Himself in the Hebrew is "ye are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hid." Let your light shine. Let it "so shine that men may see your good works and glorify your Father that is in heaven."

In the same analogy, Paul wrote, as recorded in Philippians 2: 15, pleading that all Christians "may speak in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; with all humility and gentleness, bearing with one another in love, in patience making provision for one another's faults, and enduring, if necessary, the cross, even the cross of Christ, for the Church's sake."

A fruit of Divine Origin

Please note that Paul does not declare these to be merely the characteristics to be "developed" as in the school of self-discipline or self-cultivation. Rather Paul lists them as the fruits of the Spirit whom God has sent and ordained to live and abide in every Christian heart and soul.

It was some 175 years ago, specifically in 1879, that uranium was discovered by the scientist Martin Klaproth, but for well over 150 years little practical use was found for that element impregnated with tremendous power. Even after the turn of the century it was used only to a limited extent in compounds for coloring porcelain and glass, and in some processes of photography.

It has been only within the last score of years that uranium has become as precious as gold, as men and nations have learned how to bombard it with protons, and to stabilize, harness, and make practical use of its power. So in the spiritual realm, it has been thousands of years since man first discovered the existence and reality of the Holy Spirit.

In the four Gospels that we observe the effect of His presence in the life of Jesus, and it is especially in the Acts of the Apostles, which some contend should more accurately have been named the Acts of the Holy Spirit, that we are impressed by the impact He made in the lives of early Christians.

But even now, with the passing of nearly 2,000 years, it is possible, if not probable, that a vast percentage of Christians have yet to discover and to appropriate the boundless resources of power the Lord makes available to man through the Holy Spirit.

In Acts 19: 2, we read of how when Paul met with a group of Christians at Ephesus one day, he was confident that they had accepted Jesus Christ as Savior; but when he asked them if they had received the Holy Spirit, they replied, "No, we have not so much as heard of the Holy Spirit." Each of us as an individual must answer for himself how much such an answer has been altered with the passing of 2,000 years.

These nine virtues listed in Galatians 5: 22 and 23 are called fruits, and a fruit is the "product of plant growth." A fruit is comprised according to the dictionary of "ripened seeds and their adjacent or surrounding tissues." They are the result of a tree or plant producing of its own kind. So these spiritual fruits, to be genuine, blossom forth, abound, and produce of their kind only as the Holy Spirit produces of his nature in the lives of men like ourselves today.

In seeking to allow the Holy Spirit to produce of His character and kind in our lives, let us at least try to make several inquiries and observations.

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

For many, this is a question far easier to ask than to answer. It is a topic more for fostering a theological debate than for deriving a personal benefit.

In identifying the Holy Spirit we may calculate on His being the third Person in the Trinity, or a member of the Trinity. In our quest for information and definition we may turn to any dictionary or theological encyclopedia of our choice, but perhaps none may seem to excel the explanation given in our own denominational statement of belief, "... the Holy Spirit, as the indwelling God, the Inspire of Scripture, the Comforter, active in the hearts and minds and lives of men..."

There is quite accord with such a text as 1 Cor. 3: 16 which asks, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwells in you?"

In one of the courses at Young People's Pre-Conference held in conjunction with the discussion on "Practicing the Presence of God" in one's life. The indications are that several young people have covenanted to employ some of the suggestions, and to form some of the habits suggested in practicing the presence of God.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God who would and abide within the hearts of any and all of us.

The word, "Spirit," in the Hebrew is RUACH and in the Greek it is PNEUMA. In both instances it means "wind" or "breath." We do well to realize that just as wind fills the sails and moves the vessel, so the Holy Spirit will as literally flow into the soul as seed and make the church grow, and along in the spiritual voyages of life, going places, doing things, and making much greater progress than we would have made on our own power.

The word "Spirit" means "breath," and the breath is a fitting symbol and literal sign of life. . . . So it follows that we really begin to live when the Holy Spirit is welcomed into our lives.

We can make some progress, and accomplish some things, through the exerting and expenditure of strength generated within our little systems, but the Lord says we can accomplish far more if we learn to take advantage of the surging and boundless resources of power through the medium of the Holy Spirit.

We chuckle when we hear of how missionaries in Africa found natives carrying bricks on their heads. Realizing the advantages of the machine age, they secured wheelbarrows and gave them to the natives. The black men thanked them again and again for their generosity, then after filling the wheelbarrows with bricks, they lifted them and carried wheelbarrows, bricks, and all on their heads.

How advanced are we when the Lord, realizing the tremendous demands and responsibilities we bear toward the end of advancing the work of His Kingdom and toward prospering the growth of the Church, offers us the fellowship of the Holy Spirit — His Spirit — ever present in our lives? Have we learned how to share with Him our burdens? Have we learned to expend our power in ways in which we might travel ahead?

[For the remainder of the message describing what the Holy Spirit can do for us, see next issue.]
Sabbath eve, October 16, was an evening of rejoicing for Seventh Day Baptists presently living in the Parkersburg — Ohio Valley area and their friends. A group of 17 local persons, representing 11 Seventh Day Baptist families and 7 Seventh Day Baptist churches, assembled in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sutton of Parkersburg, W. Va. Pastors Duane L. Davis of Lost Creek, W. Va. and Donald E. Richards of Berkeley, W. Va., conducted the service and presided over the discussion period which followed.

At the beginning of the service each person, introduced himself, telling something about himself and his church connection. This was followed by the membership service including a message, "The Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists," by Pastor Richards. The pastor stated that the fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists, as is true of every real church organization, rests upon the individual's fellowship with God through belief in and obedience to Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord. In addition, Seventh Day Baptists are bound together in a love for and the creative use of the Bible seventh-day Sabbath. Furthermore, the healthy Christian growth that mutual love for one another and trust in God is engendered to guide each Christian in the understanding and appreciation of eternal truths and its application to the problems of life. In this fellowship with God through Christ Jesus, we should rightfully have fellowship with other believers of all denominational faiths, but also recognize the fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists both at home and abroad.

The Rev. Duane Davis conducted the discussion period on "Where Do We Go from Here?" It was agreed that another meeting was desirable. November 6 was set as the date, with arrangements to be made by Pastor Richards for the first meeting to be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Sutton. Further details as to possible organization if desired, a more permanent meeting place, frequency of meetings, type of program desired by the people of the area, of leadership and other possibilities to be discussed at this meeting of Neal D. Mills, Loren G. Osborn, and Secretary Everett T. Harris met the following week with Conference President Victor W. Skaggs who provided the use of New England area hall.

After considerable discussion the following recommendation of the African Interests Committee was adopted by the board:

"That the Missionary Board's policy regarding the educational phase of our Nyasaland missionary service be one of non-acceptance of government financial aid. We further recommend that we encourage the mission leaders to continue operating our schools to the highest possible standards."

The report of the secretary of the board showed that much time had been given in promoting the Lay Development Program during the past quarter. The secretary's report also mentioned the farewell service held on Sabbath afternoon, October 24, for four outgoing missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Rene Mauch, who will leave in the near future for British Guiana, and the Misses Sarah Becker and Barbara Bivins. Dr. Luther A. Gotwald, executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions, gave a challenging address on the occasion of this farewell service.

The outgoing missionaries were called on to speak and the closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Harold R. Crandall.

**Name of Interest From Quarterly Meeting of Missionary Board**

The quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board was largely attended by members and friends on Sunday afternoon, October 25. Among the visitors present were the Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson, missionaries on furlough from Nyasaland, Africa, and two nurses, Miss Sarah Becker and Miss Barbara Bivins, who left for Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, on Wednesday evening, October 28.

Upon recommendation of the Missions-Evangelistic Committee the name of this committee was changed to "Home Field Committee."

The president appointed the standing committees of the board for the ensuing year. The committee chairmen are as follows: Home Field Committee, the Rev. Earl Crouze; African Interests Committee, Loren G. Osborn; American Tropics Committee, the Rev. Neal D. Mills; China Committee, Rev. W. C. Miller; Advisory Committee, the Rev. Harold R. Crandall; Investment Committee, Karl G. Stillman.

The president also appointed a Conference Program Committee for missionary interests at the 1956 Conference. This committee consisting of Neal D. Mills, Loren G. Osborn, and Secretary Everett T. Harris met the following week with Conference President Victor W. Skaggs who provided the use of New England area hall.

It is reported that the Rev. Rene Mauch has successfully launched the mission boat, "Messager", has purchased a Mercury 35 A outboard motor (with plans to purchase also an auxiliary motor for emergencies), and is preparing to leave for British Guiana on or about November 15, traveling by way of Guyana and Brazil along the eastern seaboard of our country, then "island-hopping" as he follows the crescent of the "Windward Islands" to Trinidad and thence to Georgetown, B. G. Pray that God may grant him a safe journey and a fruitful mission for our Lord in British Guiana.

A Senator Looks at Africa

(From Africa, Special Report, issue of September 26.)

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, U.S. Senator from Minnesota, addressed the Senate on September 2, 1959. He spoke of "the new spirit of freedom running like an electric current through Africa."

Speaking of the attitude of this country toward the awakening people of Africa, Senator Humphrey said, "Our position cannot afford to sit on the fence any longer. Our government must respond to the challenges of emergent Africa with speed, imagination, and sensitivity. We are the natural allies of the forces of freedom in Africa. If we let them down the cause of genuine freedom may fall."

"Destiny marks few of us to become Hoovers or Churchills or Adenauers or Schweiters. But millions of elderly people can perform valuable tasks. They need to keep usefully occupied. And the nation needs their services."

The ministers were allowed to take a back seat in the two-day program of the Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Churches when representatives gathered at the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptists Church on November 6 and 7.

The Sabbath morning meeting was, of course, a preaching service. The date had been set to fit into the travel schedule of the president of General Conference, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, of Albion, Wisconsin. In the morning service he spoke on "For Jesus' Sake," his Conference theme — a sermon that emphasized Christian growth.

Thinking back on that message those who heard it will recall that it is for Jesus’ sake” that we give ourselves to “practice the presence of God.” To develop as laymen and as ministers we must look inside at our attitudes of mind. We must also look at ourselves in order to see how our Christian life as we live it impresses others. The speaker went on to show how the "Program for Advancement" of the denomination can furnish the tools for personal development. One of these is the forthcoming publication "Spiritual Inventory." It is our purpose to make strong spiritual growth within ourselves; then we can help others to grow.

Returning to the structure of the Yearly Meeting program previously mentioned, we three panel discussions conducted by laymen. Since these fall meetings (which are the oldest continuing union meetings of our people) are held in the winter for business; but for inspiration and edification it was fitting to have everything in terms of sharing the Word.

On Sabbath eve Mrs. C. Harmon Dickenson of Plainfield conducted an informal question-type panel on "Sharing Prayer Experiences." This lent itself to warm sharing experiences. Among the visitors at the Mill Yard congregation was the Rev. Paul Maxson of the Board of Christian Education to work in our camps and Associations during June, July, and August, 1959.

It was possible, through advance planning, to schedule the Associationals camps a week or so in advance of the summer workshops could attend six of the nine camps. Those attended included Camp MILES, Southwestern; Camp Joy, Southeastern; Camp Holston, Northern; Camp Wakonda, North Central; Camp Harley, Western, and Lewis Camp, Eastern. Service was also included as a member of the staff of Pre-Con Retreat for Youth. Camp Moshenogan in West Virginia. In August I attended the General Council Meeting of the United Christian Youth Movement in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, representing the Youth Work Committee. By train, plane, car, and bus, I traveled 5,500 miles with expenses a little less than $400.

My responsibilities at each of the Associationals camps were similar; primarily, it was a workshop on the structure and operation of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship. I participated that I was working with 250 of our youth during the summer. This seemed to be an opportune year for the work I tried to do. I was very much pleased with the response from the young people. They are wanting to find their places in the church and denominational structure.

My work was not confined to just dissatisfaction with the Youth Fellowship. I was constantly branching out into the local church picture and Sabbath School. We discussed the place of the pastor, potential and the minister in social and school pressures encountered by young people.

and the splendid music. It seemed to bear out the wisdom of the theme of the meetings, which was well adapted to that lay participation. We would be expected from those who made up the joint congregation. L.M.M.

There is need for a Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship. I would urge that a full-time youth worker be secured as soon as possible.

Such fruits as will come from this summer's work will not be seen immediately. Perhaps they will never be recognized as such, but I trust God has worked through this channel and has seen His work done. I thank God that I have had this opportunity to do such a great task. He sets before us all. He has richly blessed me; for in the instruction of others, I have been taught.

**Youth Work Committee**

The Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education met at the Alfred University School of Theology, November 9.

Reports were given and reviewed. The reports included one from the Committee on Young People's Work of General Conference, one on youth work field, and a job-analysis for Seventh Day Baptist Pre-Con Conference Retreats.

It was voted to print 200 copies of the revised Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship Manual, and to make them available at 25¢ per copy. Orders for this manual should be sent to J. Paul Green, chairman, Alfred Station, N. Y.

Questionnaires will be drawn up by Barbara Cragun and sent to be sent to those who participated in the Pre-Con activities last August. However, if anyone, minister or layman, has opinions about what was done and would help the Youth Work Committee in its work, they will be gratefully received.

With regret we received the resignation of Denise Green as Beacon editor. A member of the Youth Work Committee has been asked to fill that position.

A 1950-61 budget for youth work was prepared to be sent to the Finance Committee of the board.

It was voted to correspond with a leader in the Southwestern Association to secure more information about the activities of the Pre-Con Retreats for 1950.

The meeting was adjourned to meet again November 30.
Our campsite after three weeks was giving them church-related opportunities for spiritual growth. The building and improvement of camps is one of the evidences of such interest, and it is widespread. We doubt if any denomination of comparable size has worked as hard as our people have to provide camping experiences either in rented or church-owned camps.

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The picture reproduced here fails to show the 40 or more workers. The ones seen here are but a few men not far removed from the youth age themselves who refused to stop for lunch — men who had little training or experience in masonry work but who were bringing to completion straight walls with square corners.

As mentioned before, there has been motivation for a great work like this. To be sure, there is challenge in building and in beautification of that which is our own. But there must be more than that. Like the old bridge builder of poetic fame, these workers are thinking of the young — those young children who will follow after them.

The South Jersey churches face another problem — church buildings too small for the growing congregations. It may be that these builders of the camp are trying themselves for that bigger task which may lie before them. Time will tell.

In any case, there will be another beautifully located and fairly well developed camp for Seventh Day Baptists youth next summer if the enthusiasm continues. Remember this project in your prayers of thanksgiving.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

THOUGHTS ABOUT JERUSALEM

Nehemiah's words about Jerusalem could well be applied to the construction of the Shiloh camp lodge. Said Nehemiah:

'Building the Walls Thereof'

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As mentioned before, there has been motivation for a great work like this. To be sure, there is challenge in building and in beautification of that which is our own. But there must be more than that. Like the old bridge builder of poetic fame, these workers are thinking of the young — those young children who will follow after them.

The South Jersey churches face another problem — church buildings too small for the growing congregations. It may be that these builders of the camp are trying themselves for that bigger task which may lie before them. Time will tell.

In any case, there will be another beautifully located and fairly well developed camp for Seventh Day Baptist youth next summer if the enthusiasm continues. Remember this project in your prayers of thanksgiving.

NOVEMBER 23, 1959

THE SABBATH RECORDER

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Hanson

"NOW for Equality!"

Conferences Called

The Effects of the Integration Struggle on "A Church" Children" will be the theme of a national conference in Washington, D. C., February 17-19 at the Shoreham Hotel, sponsored by "NOW (National Organization of Women) for Equality in Education."

"NOW" is a group of 18 national women's organizations that have recently joined hands to express their deep concern with the problems arising out of racial segregation in the nation's schools. This marks the first time in our country's history that American women of different races and religions have come together to take action on this issue.

The "NOW for Equality" conference has been timed to precede the White House Conference on Children and Youth, so that expressions of concern and recommendations may be communicated to the White House conference.

A feature of the conference now being called will be a nationwide survey of attitudes toward integration among young people, now being undertaken by social scientists using data gathered by Purdue University. This survey, sponsored by "NOW," is being carried out with the aid of a grant from the Field Foundation.

The conference in Washington promises to be another step forward in the struggle for equal education for all our citizens.

Outstanding authorities in the field will discuss the social and moral consequences of our policy in this matter.

In workshop sessions conference participants will exchange views on such subjects as "What women's organizations can do to advance equality in education."

Seventh Day Baptists were invited to participate in this organization, and at the request of the Women's Board Mrs. Harmon Dickinson, of Plainfield, New Jersey, attended the preliminary planning meetings at a meeting in New York City, this planning group consisted of American women from church organizations not only one another along with our teachers and offerings will avail much for a larger work for Christ.

I wish your prayers that I may be a faithful deacon in the Church of God. Often, if ever before, brought together to work for a common cause. It does, indeed, mark a historic step. Some of our women may wish to attend this conference. Many will be interested to know more of this movement and its accomplishments in the future.
We are called to travel THE ROADS OF CHRIST
By John Conrod

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father but by me." He told His disciples that He was the way, or road; and that they could only come to the Father by the roads of Christ. I believe there are four distinct roads on which Christ would want us to follow Him.

Damascus

The first of these is the road to Damascus, or the road of salvation. In Acts 9 we find a man who believed that what he was doing was the will of the Lord — a man completely dedicated to his religion as he understood it, but nevertheless completely wrong. We try to hold the doctrine, others, while one religious leaders who seek to work for their religion as they understand it, never having accepted Christ as their Savior. Such a man is the way, or road; and that they could only come to the Father by the way of salvation. Christ was the way, or road, and that they could only come to the Father by the roads of Christ. Here we meet the Lord who is no longer the suffering Savior but the King. He will walk and talk with us. What a joyous experience we will have! Our hearts, too, will "burn within us while He talks with us by the way and while He opens us to the scriptures."

These are the roads of Christ; the roads of salvation, service, suffering, and spiritual experience. Are you following Him on these roads?

Local Pastors Prominent in Thanksgiving Services

Seventh Day Baptist ministers are prominent in the Thanksgiving services. Although we do not have many churches in small cities it appears that nearly all pastors are active in ministerial associations or local councils of churches. From information at hand several of our ministers are given prominence this year by the above-men­ men­tions organizations in arranging union Thanksgiving services. In the city of Westerly, R. I., the Rev. Earl Cruzan was scheduled as the speaker. At Battle Creek the Seventh Day Baptist pastor, Leland Davis, was chosen. At Plainfield, N. J., the Thanksgiving speaker this year was the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson.

We are called to travel the New Testament Church, and3 mediated His servants down through the ages because they possessed this salvation. We, too, will be called upon to follow Him on the road of suffering. Will we be ready to suffer for His sake, or can we even take the little ridicule that we get now?

To Emmaus

The fourth and most glorious road with Christ is the road to Emmaus. Here we meet the Lord who is no longer the suffering Savior but the King. He will walk and talk with us. What a joyous experience we will have! Our hearts, too, will "burn within us while He talks with us by the way and while He opens us to the scriptures."

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STEWARDSHIP OF LIFE

In a message to all home churches and fellowships of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination the Ministerial Training Committee has urged that in this month of November — Stewardship Month — pastors and church leaders emphasize that aspect of the stewardship of life which would impress upon their people the commitment of all of life to the service of God. We quote from the letter:

The last Sabbath of the month (Nov. 28) has been designated as Ministerial Recruitment Sabbath. Will you make use of this occasion to present to your congregation the claims of the Christian ministry? There is no doubt that our greatest need is not in the realm of money but in the realm of life commitment by clergy and laymen alike. Unless there is that sort of commitment throughout the whole denomination we might as well shut up shop.

Where there is an unfilled pulpit, there is a call. Where there is a field calling for laborers, there is a challenge. And the truth is, my brethren, that we are not answering the challenge.

The committee suggests that if the emphasis for November 28 has already been planned prior to receiving this request, that some other Sabbath be chosen to speak of the urgency of this challenge of the ministry.

Committee: Paul S. Burdick, J. Leland Skaggs, David T. Sheppard, Courtland V. Davis, C. Rex Burdick.

LETS THINK IT OVER

President's Visit to the Vatican

The National Association of Evangelicals on November 9 asked President Eisenhower to use the occasion of his forthcoming visit to the Vatican to explain to Pope John XXIII why American tradition of church-state separation makes it impossible for the United States to have formal diplomatic relations with him.

Expressing concern lest the visit be "misconstrued as a vehicle of diplomatic relations," Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, secretary of Public Affairs of the N.A.E., also asked that the President emphasize to Pope John that such a position makes the best bulwark against Communism is "both political and religious freedom."

NOVEMBER 25, 1959

How Much Do We Care?

Albert W. Farmer, director of CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) has issued an appeal to supporters in view of the fact that the U.S. government has cut back its dried milk contributions (supplies available since 1954 exhausted). Mr. Farmer asks this searching question. "Have the churches and the people of America given to share our abundance because they cared, or only because such care is cheap?"

A goal of $865, 210 for the 1960 "Share Our Surplus" (SOS) appeal of Church World Service (CWS) has been announced. The appeal was launched during the Thanksgiving season. The funds will go to finance the distribution of slightly more than $25,000,000 worth of U.S. surplus commodities (a cut of about one third from last year).

No one seems seriously to be trying to find out why our public buildings are getting bigger and our public services are getting smaller. — Washington Religious Review.

What does Thanksgiving mean to you? Food and football? Too many of us today overlook the "food for thought" at the Thanksgiving table. Thanksgiving's a time to take your family to worship for prayer and thanks.

THE SABBATH RECORDER
Our World Mission
Statement of the Treasurer, October 31, 1959

Budget Receipts

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Treasurer's Disbursements

| Budget | $2,708.85 |
| (Designated & Undesign.) |
| Missionary Society | 589.66 |
| Board of Christian Education | 782.76 |
| Ministerial Training | 364.42 |
| Ministerial Retirement | 1,125.38 |
| Historical Society | 135.28 |
| Women's Society | 61.58 |
| General Conference | 762.94 |
| Tract Society | 49.14 |
| Trustees of General Conference | 38.22 |
| World Fellowship & Service | $7,228.45 |
| Balance on hand, October 31 | 2.77 |

Non-Budget Gifts

| October Receipts | $22.00 |
| October Disbursements: |
| Salem College | 10.00 |
| Junior High General Conference | 12.00 |
| Summary | $22.00 |
| Current Annual budget | $108,022.00 |
| Treasurer's budget receipts first month | 7,228.44 |
| Remainder required in 11 months | $100,793.56 |
| Percentage of budget year elapsed | 8.33% |
| Percentage of budget raised | 6.66% |
| Eldred H. Batson, Treasurer. |
| 1612 Lawrence Street. Parkersburg, W. Va. |

Sabbath-keepers' 1960 Calendar

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