NEW AUBURN, Wis. — Probably the biggest news of the half year just passed was the resignation of our efficient pastor, announced Sabbath, April 25. Mr. Sanford leaves for White Cloud, Mich., the first week in August.

Soon after the announcement we had a business meeting to call a pastor. We sent a call to the Rev. Kenneth Van Horn of Dodge Center. Sabbath day, June 15, it was announced he had accepted the call, and would be here by September 1.

Our lovely new church was planned by Dr. Wayne R. Rood but the building of it was managed (engineered) by Pastor Sanford. We like to think of it as a monument to both of them.

We held Vacation Bible School in cooperation with the Evangelical United Brethren Church in June with 62 in regular attendance, 31 were our children. Pastor Sanford conducted; Mrs. Ivar Pederson taught, assisted by Mrs. K. C. North at the piano, and the Misses Jane Pederson and Nancy North, all from our church. The cost was $54.85 and since the collection taken at the program was not adequate, each Sabbath School paid $6 to clear the slate. The two churches work well together in both religious and social work, as for instances joint services for the World Day of Prayer, Feb. 13, and Lenten services.

Two new classes have been organized in our Sabbath School. Jenny Pederson's Junior choir of 15 ranging from 6 to 15 years of age quite often sings during the morning worship hour.

Many visitors both official and laymen come to 'see and visit our new church, including the Rev. Victor Skaggs, vice-president of General Conference, Wallace Green, co-ordinator of the work of North Central Association, Rene Mauch whom the Missionary Board plans to send to British Guiana.

The pastor attended the Seventh Day Baptist ministers conference at Alfred; the Christian Writers' and Editors' conference at Green Lake, under the sponsorship of the Board of the North Central Association at Dodge Center, together with 24 others from our church. He took part in the ordination of Sylvester Moore and wife, as deacon and deaconess of the Twin City Church. The ceremony took place in their home at Harris, Minn. Nine from here attended.

Our Ladies' Aid is active and alert. They are already planning increased activities during the coming year as the church will have increased expenses. It plans a public supper and a food sale on alternate months. The Fall Ingathering Festival, one of these, has raised $699 for various purposes during its fiscal year.

An electric organ has been donated to the church by the Pederson families. We anticipate with pleasure its usefulness and are grateful to the Pedersons.

Financially we are gaining. July 1 we paid the interest on our larger debt and $200 on the principal of the smaller debt, to the Missionary Board. We ask an interest in your prayers that we may also gain spiritually. — Correspondent.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
For August 15, 1959
God's Steadfast Love
Lesson Scripture:
Lamentations 3: 22-26, 31-40.

For August 22, 1959
Pleading for Forgiveness
Lesson Scripture: Daniel 9: 4-10, 17-19.

Obituary

Ebersole — Lucy F. Kagarise, a daughter of Jerome S. and Belle (Frederick) Kagarise, was born at Salemville (New Enterprise, Pa.), April 9, 1880, and died there May 16, 1959.

She early joined the English Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salemville, and held her membership there until her death. Her quiet life was characterized by her devotion to the Lord and her interest in the Scriptures.

She married Isiah F. Ebersole, on March 24, 1899. Mr. Ebersole died August 14, 1929. Surviving are nine children: Hazen, Jacob, Fred, and Mrs. Melda Carpenter of New Enterprise, Mrs. Ruth Over of Woodbury, Roscoe K. of Saxton, Warden of Losyburg, Mrs. Lena Snyder of Irwin, all in Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Freda Furry of Sarasota, Fla. There are 24 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren. At her death, she was survived by three brothers and two sisters, Alvy, Lawrence, and Raymond Kagarise, and Mrs. Susie Harmon and Mrs. Nettie Boyd of New Enterprise.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Gerald Hess at the Brick Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salemville, and burial was in the Salemville Cemetery.

Salem College Welcomes General Conference
One Hundred Forty-seventh Session — August 17-22
Taking A Cue From the Baptist Convention

Our denominational leaders often observe with care the successes and failures of other similar dissenters and read the largest action in accordance with what they observe. This is true not only in evangelistic and outreach but in doctrinal and constitutional representation. We feel akin to the Baptists and have a connection with the Baptist World Alliance. Quite a number of our people are cousins of the Crusader, the American Baptist News magazine. It has been suggested by some recent years that we should have a news magazine patterned after it to some extent.

An editorial in the summer issue comments on Visits to Churches Continuing Convention at Des Moines, calling attention to a few problem areas which we as a people may be glad to avoid by anticipating them ahead of time.

The question of the recognition of Red China which was advocated by the Fifth World Order Study Conference (of the NCC) last November, every voting Baptists supported the resolution by way of the "Armstrong Resolution" on the last day of the Convention voted by close but light vote (245-234) to support our government's policy and to repudiate the statement of the Cleveland Conference.

The editor of the Crusader notes: "Strangely enough, this resolution voted on approximately the same question at the Fifth World Order Study Conference (of the NCC) last November. Every voting Baptist supported the report which called for steps "toward the Government of China in the UN and for its recognition by our government." This suggests that the delegates sent on this mission for American Baptists were not truly representative of the thinking of our total constituency. We had better assure well-rounded representation on future ventures or do more to prepare our sons and the sons of the church for their years of military service. Perhaps we who are in positions of church leadership throughout the land must now do more to prepare ourselves more frequently of the spiritual needs of our young men in uniform."

It has been your editor's privilege for two weeks to be thrust again into the world of men—young men away from home perhaps for the first time—undergoing temporary or military service. Fort Dix is accounted one of the best training bases for recruits in the USA. To be the chaplain of more than 2,000 of these men for two weeks forces one to remember the needs and problems of all such men everywhere. Perhaps we who are in positions of church leadership throughout the land must now do more to prepare our sons and the sons of the church for their years of military service. Their thoughts in regard to it are more of money than of men. Perhaps we should have a ministry by a body of ministers, counseled by the church at home. Problems are many and varied as young men try to adjust to a different kind of discipline and life than that to which they have been accustomed at home. Many are frightened, a few are homesick, and many are hungry for the Word of God. They need our prayers.

The organizations which supply the Scriptures for distribution also need the support of concerned Christians in order that they may continue this ministry.
17, 1959

AUGUST 17, 1959

Lord's Day Resolution

The 45th Inter-National Christian En
deavor Convention held in Philadelphia
July 16 is reported to have brought bless-
ing and strength of faith to thousands of
young people, among whom were a num-
ber of Seventh Day Baptist young people.
Besides evangelism and inspiration the con-
vention produced a rather long list of wide-ranging resolutions, one of
which was concerned with better ob-
servation of the Lord’s Day.

Our comment would be that the young
people and their leaders did as well with
this resolution as could be expected. They
did not advocate legislative support for
Sunday observance but called upon their
members to avoid making purchases on
Sunday and to restrict their appearance in thos
companies that refused to open on Sun-
days. This type of boycott cannot be
seriously criticized (unless the business in
question conscientiously observes the Sab-
bath).

A resolution normally is introduced by some
sort of “whereas clause” to establish the
reason for the resolution. It is at this
point that we feel sorry for anyone who at-
tempt to write resolutions about Sunday
observance. The preamble must of neces-
sity be brief if it attempts to find Biblical
grounds for a strict observance of the
“Lord’s Day.”

Christian endeavor has a long and noble
history of adherence to the Bible as the
rule of faith and practice. But in this one
instance the resolve does not give any explicit
basis for their practice. It does not teach the
transference of the Sabbath principle
or the Sabbath law from the seventh to the
first day of the week because of the resur-
rection of Christ. In the following resolu-
tion the second sentence weakly assumes
that a church decision (centuries after
Christ) to honor the day of Christ’s resur-
rection can be forced on the God-
given “pattern of worship in the Ten
Commandments.” The full resolution
follows:

We recognize that the tensions in today’s
living demand that mankind set aside time for
spiritual refreshment. The seventeenth God gave
Moses a pattern of worship in the Ten Com-
mandments which now is emphasized in com-
memoration of the resurrection of our Lord. One
day of rest in seven is a physical and spiritual
necessity for man’s needs. Because of the in-
creasing abuse and misuse of the Lord’s Day, we
urge Christians to support businesses that
close on the Lord’s Day, to abstain from wor-
shiping on this day, and to encourage other
business establishments to close in observance
of the Lord’s Day.

To help make Sunday a holy day rather than a
day to be hurried, we urge the development of
a definite Christian program to make fuller
use of their facilities for the spiritual growth of
family life and worship.

Executive Secretary

Dear Fellow Seventh Day Baptists:

When this reaches you General Con-
ference will be in session. The larger
number of our members will not be at
Salem but will be carrying on in the
home church. However, everyone who
is willing to spend some time in prayer
for the guidance of those who at Con-
ference are undertaking to make plans for
further work will be having reality having a
part in the Conference.

Our lack of numerical growth denom-
inationally has been of some concern to
us for several years. Numerical growth is,
it seems to me, an indication of the effec-
tiveness of the Gospel message in the
personal lives of individual members.

As I write this, all church statistical
reports have not yet been received. One
of our larger churches after correcting
and revising its roll reports more than 60
members than last year. One church which
reported a membership of 46 last year
will not be reporting this year be-
cause it has disbanded. Many, but not all
churches, are reporting more than some of
the larger churches in the past years. One
church of 61 members is reporting a net gain of 15 members for
the year. If most of our churches were
to yearly do percentage-wise it would
more than offset the larger decreases that
sometimes occur.

There is quite general agreement that
numerical growth in membership is a deplorable thing. It is not as easy to find
growth as to the reasons for it. In the
case of a serious physical malady the
doctor, if at all possible, gives something
for immediate relief, but unless he finds
the real cause for the trouble and ministers
to that his patient fails to recover.

In the case of Sabbath observance the
doctor, if at all possible, gives something
for immediate relief, but unless he finds
the real cause for the trouble and ministers
to that his patient fails to recover.

We urge our churches to make a definite
study of the causes for the decreased
memberships. Perhaps when this reaches
to you General Conference, there will be
a general agreement that the promotion of
free spiritual growth be assured. Then we
will be having reality having a part in the
Conference.

A Christian fellowship does not consist of
people, young or old, sitting in church
seats, participating in planned worship
services, and giving some money with little
thought as to where it goes.

True fellowship is achieved only when
love is present. Such a fellowship began
on the day of Pentecost and turned the
Roman Empire upside down. The same
love of Christ and the same power of
the Holy Spirit for creating the same kind
of a fellowship are available to us today.
Only if we, individually, give of
our time and power and let it permeate all our
“meetings together” will we find real
solutions to our problems and will our
growth be assured. Then we may expect
it to be said of Seventh Day Baptists of
A.D. 1960, “Behold, how they love one
another!” — Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston,
476 N. Washington St., Battle Creek,
Mich.

Looking Back 67 Years

General Conference 1892

What was Conference like 67 years ago?
For one thing some of the boards had
much more space on the program. The
Tract Board was responsible for a whole
day, morning, afternoon, and evening. It
was a time when there was a great man
connected with the work of the board,
Dr. A. H. Lewis, noted writer on the
history of the Sabbath and an untiring ex-
pONENT of its observance.

Back in 1892 at the General Conference
Dr. Lewis preached a sermon as part of
the Tract Board Program. In that sermon
some very important words were spoken
to which the world would do well to
heed today. They were picked up by
the librarian of the Historical Society,
Miss Evalois Rhys, in some research
reading on the other side.

Dr. Lewis maintained that Sabbath observance is a question of “obedience to God’s Word.”

Note his words:

“The whole question of Sabbath ob-
 servance is a question of obedience
 to God’s Word, and this again in-
volves the question of the rightful
authority of that Word. So the ques-
tion of Sabbath observance in the eye of
God, that is what this question is all
about; and it is not a question as between
sects, or about days, but a question
as to whether men in free America
have the right to work together and
attending to their own consciences enlight-
ened by the Word of God, or wheth-
er the spiritual and mental things in
such matters, setting up standards of
conscience for them.”

— Sabbath Recorder, Sept. 8, 1892.
In our Conference theme, "The Sabbath was made for man—By their fruits ye shall know them.

Scripture: Mark 2: 23-27; Matt. 7: 15-20

By President Wayne N. Crandall
The Sabbath was made for man—By their fruits ye shall know them.

In our Conference theme, "The Sabbath was made for man," Christ certainly strongly implies man's need for a sabbath. In Luke 13: 10 we read, "And he (Christ) was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath." If Christ found it necessary to attend the synagogue on the Sabbath, why should we question our need for regular church attendance? Christ's actions give us a Sabbath—God's Sabbath. Man needs a meaningful, regularly recurring time set aside when he renews his contacts with God. This must not be a hit-and-miss, passive experience if we are to grow into Christlike beings.

At the Ministers Conference at Alfred, Rabbi Jerome Malino made some comments about the Sabbath which I would like to repeat for emphasis. He said:

"With regard to Sabbath observance itself, I would like to say man cannot live in the rarefied atmosphere of a spiritual abstraction. Any idea which is meaningful has to be translated into reality. In the cartoon which I was speaking it must be translated into kisses, embraces, and flowers and candy, and polite manners, and solicitude. We know these things."

"This is as true of the Sabbath as it is of anything else. We cannot say we want to be elevated by the Sabbath unless we proceed to the doing of those things which will enable us to elevate the Sabbath."

Rabbi Malino adds that the proper use of the Sabbath will cause us to be "re-created in spirit." I pray that every Seventh Day Baptist may accept this challenge and remove his experience from a "rarefied abstraction" to one with "three-dimensional meaning." This is especially important for our young people and for people who find themselves outside of the normal contacts with one of our churches. How effectively are we at present communicating a love of and reverence for the Sabbath to the children in our home and to the neighbor next door?

In the workshop later this week, "Meeting the Special Needs of Sabbath Keepers," I hope to discover ways of effectively communicating Sabbath truths to those who are being too moseley tried and tried. In this approach may we not make the same mistake of the Jews at the time of Christ and merely set down rules and regulations relative to Sabbathkeeping. May we place our emphasis on sharing the Sabbath and doing good on the Sabbath.

"And do not think that I have come to destroy the law or the prophets: I have come not to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you, That till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in any wise be altered, till all things be fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5: 17-20)

Sabbath truth we would fall short of our goal as Christians. When each of us has had our trial of the crucified Lord, most of our problems connected with the details of Sabbathkeeping will be solved. If we were intent on satisfying the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Sabbath would be a time for rest and spiritual generation for the week ahead.

Christ's message was constantly one requiring sacrifice, healing, sharing, giving, and encouraging. Christ's actions gave "three-dimensional form" to His message.

When Cardinal Cushing was made a cardinal he said:

"My one great hurdle or problem here is to translate the line. All Christians, including the proper Lord, most of our problems connected with the details of Sabbathkeeping are to grow into Christlike beings. In this approach may we not make a mistake by placing our finger on it. He said, 'I have been disappointed in the lack of religious passion of our people at home.'

At this General Conference and during the coming months and years, may God direct us in developing ways of setting our laymen on fire with a passion to serve. In every community there are many persons with this approach to 'recreated spirits' may we dedicate "our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor," that God may be glorified.

Don't Miss It

The next issue of the Sabbath Recorder will begin to tell the story of the Planning Committee, and General Conference. Be sure not to miss any of the pictures, the messages, and the decisions of our delegates in the forthcoming issues. It would be like missing your connection by train or plane to Conference. This is the time to make sure that you have a subscription paid up and that others who have not been getting the Recorder are reminded by you of its value. It is our only weekly periodical, covering every phase of our denominational activity. It contains the messages needed by our people and the messages of our people to the world. Total costs of the Recorder are high, subscription prices are low; the value great.

AUGUST RECORDERS

Two issues of the Sabbath Recorder will be omitted in August, the issues that would have been dated August 10 and 24. Librarians and others who currently file their periodicals should note these dates.
Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that layeth hold on it; that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. Isaiah 56: 2.

Pro-Conference Thoughts
By P. B. Hurley, a past president

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference is at hand. Some will go and enjoy themselves meeting friends. I am glad to count among my friends the past presidents — men who spent a year turning away efforts to promote some project, a beautiful organ recital, and advance the cause of temperance, etc., all this while trying to develop a really spiritual, evangelistic program.

One of those past presidents did not put on his program because of travel restrictions, and he felt it was folly to work a second year for results obtainable as he could see them. His theme was "Christ At the Center." Our membership at the time was over six thousand. Many good themes and splendid efforts have been used until this last year’s theme, "One in Christ, Forward in Growth.

Under this we again raised the budget but did not go forward in growth. Our total now is in the five thousands. I have been chided for calling attention to these figures. I am sad that they have not improved. Let’s continue to raise the budget but let’s do it before Conference so our sessions can be really forward-looking.

We are not growing. Do we wish to look for the reason and step out toward success or are we afraid to examine ourselves?

A clergyman once said to me, "I hope this church will stay together as long as I want a place to preach." It did. He has gone. The church is not yet too healthy, no converts recently, but need higher, more aggressive standards and ambitions.

Now shall a layman make some confessions? In business I planned to close early Friday. Often I had just gotten the door closed when some of "our people" came pleading for gas for a pleasure trip for tomorrow. Once inside it was, "Please clean the plugs, check the lights and—oh yes, the sparse needs repair." Recently one family returning from an extended trip after payday and "a market for supplies. We tried to keep out of sight but no, here were more of our folks shopping though the place had been available to them all week.

Bible-time characters were often punished for such acts. Again they were gloriously blessed when they returned repentantly to God's way. Shouldn’t we really take the Bible for our guide?

May we yet grow in numbers as we grow in grace. 'Seek ye first... and these things shall be added.'

Young Adults Gather In West Virginia Hills

Much publicity has been given to the first Young Adult Retreat ever scheduled by Seventh Day Baptists for the days immediately preceding General Conference. More will be said by way of report, with perhaps some snapshots of activities and discussion groups.

The accompanying picture of Camp Caesar, the site of the 4-day retreat, was secured by K. Duane Hurley from the Conservation Commission of West Virginia. It appears that even with an aerial photo it is difficult to capture the beauty of a camp among the wooded and close-crowding West Virginia hills. This camp, which has frequently been used by Seventh Day Baptist young people, will now have hallowed memories for the young adults who had the privilege of enjoying rich experiences in a well-appointed and well-directed camp.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

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MISSIONS — Soc. Everett T. Harris

Cablegram From Malagwa Mission

A cablegram from Malagwa Mission, Nyasaland, arrived just before the Missionary Board meeting on July 26. It stated, "Continued July 26 board. Needs the following:"

The meaning of this cablegram was clear. Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick and Miss Joan Clement had decided to continue teaching Standard V and continue the boarding department of the school at the mission center.

It will be recalled that Dr. Burdick had previously stated that it would be necessary to discontinue these activities so as to ease the burden of work on those at the mission station. (See Sabbath Recorder issue of July 6, 1959.)

In a letter which has come since the Missionary Board meeting Dr. Burdick confirms the above interpretation with these words, "As we came to the end of the year and the hurt from troubles earlier in the school year were mended and several of our boarding students joined our Bible Club and became Christian, we couldn’t seem to accept our earlier decision to close this channel of witnessing."

Dr. Burdick closes this paragraph with the earnest plea, "We want to express our sincere hope and prayer that all will work out so that the nurses (Miss Sarah Becker and Miss Barbara Bivins) can come as soon as possible."

The Missionary Board had expressed a call to service to Miss Sarah Becker in April, 1958. She has been attending Columbia University to further prepare her to the medical missionary teacher and nurse.

At the July meeting the following action was taken as regards Miss Barbara Bivins: "Voted that the Missionary Board engage Miss Barbara Bivins as of October 1, 1959, to serve as a medical missionary in Nyasaland at a monthly salary of $100.00 and that the corresponding secretary be authorized to negotiate with Miss Bivins and the University for arrangements for her services." (Miss Bivins had indicated her willingness to serve.)

An amount for travel and travel expense to the field for these two nurses has been approved for inclusion in the tenta-
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1. Courtland V. Davis of Metuchen, N. J., was called to succeed Headmaster

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The Peril of Pride

Lesson Scripture: Obadiah 1-4, 10-15.
The work as we deemed it then, was to bring these people to the Sabbath Recorder. The way in which we had to receive these very unprofessionally written personal experiences was that we could only hope that they may serve to inspire someone to a better appreciation of our unusual privilege as Sabbath keeping Christians. We can enjoy a day of rest and worship that is not burdened with unnecessary Pharisaical restrictions or with traditional changes in the day of worship, made by the so-called established church. There is little wonder that many keep no day holy. Our Sabbath is the same day that was set up four thousand years ago, responded to by an all-living, all-loving Creator, and observed in a practical manner by our Savior. Jesus went about doing good on the Sabbath and made it a happy day. He was not one so encumbered by "do-nots" that it became a burden to keep track of the many restrictions. Rather, Christ made it a day of worship of God and fellowship with His brother man.

Focal Point of the Week

The Sabbath should be the focal point in our week. Mankind needs some special goal in life all the time to provide incentive and a sense of well-being, which is achieved by working toward something. We must work toward SOMETHING all the time. We cannot stand still. We must, by our very nature, go ahead or slip back. We are living organisms, and unless we have something higher to look to than a mere physical existence. So once in seven days man needs to cease his struggle for that mere existence and rest his weary body and mind. By spending time in corporate or personal worship, weary humans can be recharged from a never-ending power supply that is high above our comprehension. That restoration is ours for the taking. It is a gift from God, and we must learn to enjoy it. Let our little faculties be well received, and people seemed to enjoy sitting in a beautifully appointed sanctuary late on Sabbath afternoon and relaxing to some good music played by organists in their own churches. It has been my experience in recent years to be a part of church groups where a "meal of sharing" or "fellowship dinner" followed a Sabbath service. To me they have been a "Sabbath delight." First of all, it is much easier to be a housewife and mother to prepare one or two dishes for a group than it is to plan and serve the family a complete dinner at home. Then there is the joy of wholesome friendships made or renewed at a table where others are gathered with their families. Ideas as well as food are often shared, and I feel greatly enriched by gaining new insights. These occasions have increased my delight in the Sabbath, so that it became a burden to keep track of the many restrictions. Rather, Christ made it a day of worship of God and fellowship with His brother man.
Nicely furnished, beautiful houses of worship more than I do. But I can also worship watching a sunset as it quietly paints the sky, or in the stillness and freshness of stato camp services, which usually include at least one outdoor service. To me that is a "Sabbath delight." I feel close to God with His natural beauties all around me. I only wish that everyone could benefit.

Mountaintop Sabbaths
Our immediate family has gone on vacation tours in the West, where milesages are great and Seventh Day Baptist churches are scattered. We would manage our trips so that at least one Sabbath was spent with others of our belief in a house of worship, but to effectively visit our great national parks and forests the Sabbath would be spent camping out of reach from people of like faith. However, it was never too difficult to buy our food and supplies on Friday and to keep the Sabbath hours fairly quiet.

One bright Sabbath morning found us on top of a glorious mountain peak. The grandeur of the plains below caused me to wonder why man could ever be petty or ungrateful, when such a plentiful land was his to enjoy.

Another Sabbath found us deep in the woods surrounding the Grand Canyon. As we beheld that vast chasm I knew that God, our Creator, was indeed infinite and awesome in His ever-present patience in waiting for us to acknowledge Him as the creator and keeper of our souls was very evident in the ageless, infinite expanse we beheld. The very rocks cry out that He is Lord of the universe. We are His, also.

It has been my experience that the Sabbath is a day that we make it, wherever we are. If we let the burdens and worries of the week stay with us on the Sabbath, we make the Sabbath not only a burden to ourselves but to those around us. If we completely enter into a day of rest and worship, then we are recharged to tackle another week of worldly cares. At the end of the week we have another Sabbath as the high point in our week. It is the culmination of a week's work. The day to look forward to — a day of delight — delight in the Lord.

BIBLICAL NEWS

The Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches has for some months been at work on a study of the Biblical basis for the proper relation between the Christian church and the Jew. From time to time reports may be expected on the progress of this study. Some of those most anxious to study this question are understood to feel that it will necessarily result in new incentive to bring the Gospel to the Jew in an effective way.

In the meanwhile, efforts to win the Jews for Christ are being pushed with vigor by various missions and associations. Among these is the American Association for Jewish Evangelism which holds its annual conference on Prophecy and Bible studies, Wednesday, August 30-September 7. Those who have attended such conferences in the past have been stimulated by the messages, Bible studies, and testimonies of converted Jews and those who have long worked with them.

Russian Orthodox Favorably Impressed with WCC

A month-long visit from two representatives of the Moscow Patriarchate of the Russian Orthodox Church to the Geneva headquarters of the National Council of Churches ended with an expression of hope for closer relationships between the Russian church and the world body. The visit lasted from August 17 to September 15. The visitors were Metropolitan Alexeev, lay secretary in the Moscow Patriarchate's foreign relations office, and Bishop Severance (son of Deacon and Mrs. Cecil Severance of North Loup, Neb.)

Rocky Mountain Camp was very beautiful, inspirational, and something which makes us feel very close to our Maker.

I enjoyed the classes studying the Beatitudes and the Beatitudes of the Bible," because they helped me to understand the Bible better.

The most impressive service was the "Fagot Service," for many of us felt the need for Christ in our lives. — Marsha Babcock (daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock of North Loup, Neb.)

Financial Assistance

For Theological Students

The denomination undertakes to aid those preparing for its ministry in the field of theology. This is done by offering grants from Our World Mission Check Fund. Grants-in-aid averaging $150 are made to young men preparing for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry from Our World Mission and from Memorial Fund trusts. The request is regarded as a promise to be discharged when the student has served the denomination in an employed capacity for five years.

Application blanks may be secured from any member of the Committee on Ministerial Training or from Rev. Island V. Davis, Secretary, Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Wachting Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

Application must be made each year for aid desired and should be submitted by September 1 at the latest to get approval for the fall semester.

Let's Think It Over

"What will stop the arms race? Not fear of some weapon as yet unknown, but man's will to live by taking Christ in our lives. - Martha Babcock, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock of North Loup, Neb."

"Could not analyze the power. Those who sought to give a natural explanation for the power that was present in the meetings (of Billy Graham) were completely baffled. A psychiatrist sat through five meetings in his attempt to analyze it. Then God analyzed him. He too joined the three Jews who had begun to live by taking Christ as their Lord and Saviour." — Robert O. Ferrell


(The Moscow Patriarchate in previous years has declined membership in the World Council of Churches.)

The Central Committee of the World Council in its Rhodes meeting will deal with the "Significance of the Eastern and Western Traditions within Christendom." It is expected that this meeting will have the largest membership of Orthodox churches in its history.

A return visit to Moscow is planned for a World Council delegation headed by Dr. W. W. Hoyle, general secretary. It will probably take place in December. This will be the first official visit by a World Council of Churches' delegation to Moscow. A number of national church delegations have exchanged visits with Russian church delegations, including a group from the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. — WCC.

Rocky Mt. Camp Experience

Impressions of Camp? They were good.

The schedule was well planned, beginning with a free morning before breakfast. The meals were good. I liked the "Alone Hour." We were never all alone, for God was always with us, and perhaps a chimp or two. The classes were good.

Recreation was enjoyable with a softball game or a lively game of horseshoes. At sunset the campfire was good with games and songs. Even bedtime was good. In fact, camp was very good. I hope I can go back next year — Brice Severance (son of Deacon and Mrs. Cecil Severance of North Loup, Neb.)

The sign most impressed was the "Fagot Service," for many of us felt the need for Christ in our lives. — Marsha Babcock (daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock of North Loup, Neb.)

The request is regarded as a promise which will be discharged when the student has served the denomination in an employed capacity for five years.

Application blanks may be secured from any member of the Committee on Ministerial Training or from Rev. Island V. Davis, Secretary, Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Wachting Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

Application must be made each year for assistance desired and should be submitted by September 1 at the latest to get approval for the fall semester.

Let's Think It Over

"What will stop the arms race? Not fear of some weapon as yet unknown, but man's will to live by taking Christ in our lives. — Martha Babcock, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Babcock of North Loup, Neb."

"Could not analyze the power. Those who sought to give a natural explanation for the power that was present in the meetings (of Billy Graham) were completely baffled. A psychiatrist sat through five meetings in his attempt to analyze it. Then God analyzed him. He too joined the three Jews who had begun to live by taking Christ as their Lord and Saviour." — Robert O. Ferrell.

AUGUST 17, 1959
# Our World Mission

## Statement of the Treasurer, July 31, 1959

### BUDGET RECEIPTS

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### NON-BUDGET GIFTS

- **Treasurer's July Receipts**: $107.20

### TREASURER’S DISBURSEMENTS

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### SUMMARY

- **Current annual budget**: $99,735.00
- **Treasurer's budget receipts 10 mos.**: $68,856.63
- **Boards' budget receipts 10 mos.**: $71,758.21
- **Remainder required in 2 mos.**: $27,085.76
- **Percentage of budget yr. elapsed**: 83.33%
- **Percentage of budget raised**: 72.84%

Eldred H. Batson, Treasurer.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE HOST CHURCH

The Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church where the Coordinating Council met on August 16 and where one evening workshop was held.