**OUR WORLD MISSION**

**Statement of the Treasurer, July 31, 1959**

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**NON-BUDGET GIFTS**

| July Receipts | $107.20 |

**SUMMARY**

Current annual budget: $99,735.00
Treasurer's budget receipts 10 mos.: $68,856.63
Boards' budget receipts 10 mos.: $3,792.61
Remainder required in 2 mos.: $27,085.76
Percentage of budget year 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.
Leaders Meet Before Conference

Every year there seems to be more planning and preparatory business than the year before in order to assure that delegates to the General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists will have a good time when it comes time to take action on the forward-moving work of the denomination. The first gathering of leaders this year was at Lost Creek, W. Va., last Sabbath, August 8. It was a joint meeting of the Planning Committee and the Commission (soon to be called) to formulate a program of advance to present later to the Conference.

The program of advance is the outgrowth of action taken at Covina, Calif., last year — action calling for a study of ways and means by which our churches in this country could best be strengthened and increased in number and effectiveness. Both Commission and the Planning Committee had devoted time to this matter at meetings during the year. The special combined meeting, presided over by the Rev. Earl Cruzan, chairman of Commission, devoted most of its Sabbath night and Sunday morning to this matter and came up with definite current and long-range proposals closely related to the great Jubilee Advance program of the Baptist churches. Consideration of these proposals was scheduled on the program of General Conference which convened at Salem, W. Va. Readers are invited to follow closely the action of the Committee on Reference and Counsel and of the whole Conference, which will be reported later.

Most of the secretaries, officers, and Commission members arrived in West Virginia before the Sabbath and worshiped either in the Lost Creek or Salem Churches. A few came later by bus, train, and automobile, and one member missed this meeting, being delayed by sickness. The evening meal, served generously by ladies of the Lost Creek Church, perhaps does not require mention, although the fellowship around the big table was as satisfying as the meal itself and gave opportunity for sharing of recent experiences and further contact with missionary-elect Rene Mauch, the guest speaker of the day at that church.

Enjoyable as was an evening meal in the dining room, it was in marked contrast with that other type of joy experienced when the appointed representatives took their places around a similar table in the open space at the front of the square brick church. By this time evening had come and it the setting was unique, the rural church. Beyond the winding road on the one side stretched the Seventh Day Baptist cemetery, on the hill and exposed to view the glistening grave markers of former leaders who had been laid to rest. On the other side, crowding around the edges of the church, were long lines of the untended bushes and trees of a little ravine. The windows of the church were open on this side when the meeting was called to order at the close of the Sabbath.

No longer did one hear the reverberating noises so common to a basement dining room. The coffee and the conversation of the guests were heard, not the myriad evening songs of the tiny insects of the woods drifting in through the open windows and the voice of the leader of the meeting as he read from the Word of God and presented some appropriate devotional thoughts. The blending of the voice of the leaders and the revelation of the Word of God could be taken as a reminder of the task before the group of chosen leaders assembled in the church — the task of relating the written revelation of God as understood by Seventh Day Baptists to the world outside the church. The opening devotions, including a circle of prayer, set the mood for a meeting of minds as secretaries and Commission members considered the work ahead.

It is not our purpose at this point to give a full report of the deliberations. It was a time of give and take, of consideration and reconsideration, such as is necessary before definite, well-worded plans can be formulated. The method we developed to get their secular or other religious work gave their best thought and stimulated each other's thinking. In addition to consideration of a number of items by the Planning Committee, they shared information which would help the Commission in its further deliberation on the next World Mission budget and other matters.

Toward the end of the meeting there was a little discussion of the relation of the budget suggestions of the Commission to those of the Board. As the new approach to this subject was begun at the December, 1958, meeting of Commission, it was...

AUGUST 31, 1959
The 1960 General Conference

It is now possible to make advance announcement in regard to the 1960 General Conference. It will be held at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., beginning on August 22, a little later than usual. This was the only suitable date available at the conference grounds where Seventh Day Baptists had such a successful gathering in 1935.

The new president is the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, pastor of the Albion and Milton Junction, W. Va. Churches. Mr. Skaggs has chosen for his theme "For Jesus' Sake." He announces that he will carry forward some of the things started by the retiring president, Wayne Crandall, and will emphasize our adaptation of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. His election to office was expected, since it is now accepted policy for the first vice-president to be nominated as the president. It insures better continuity of program and work.

The new vice-president is again a layman, Loren G. Osborn, of Westerly, R. I. He has headed the Interests Committee of the Missionary Board for some time and has had valuable experience in other lines to qualify him for his probable elevation to president of the 1961 Conference. He becomes also a member of the Commission for three years. He is a son of the Rev. Lester G. Osborn and brother of the Rev. Paul B. Osborn.

Protestant-Roman Catholic Relationships in Colombia

(The situation is serious, says the Division of Foreign Missions at its meeting, May 27, 1959.)

Dr. Howard W. Yoder presented the Protestant-Roman Catholic Relations in Colombia. He stated that attention was being called to this matter due to certain discriminating done by Roman Catholic authorities endeavoring to imply that incidents relating to religious intolerance and religious persecution never happened.

Due to the continuance of these incidents in Colombia and the lack of information among the American people concerning the facts of the situation, the Committee on Cooperation in Latin America at its Annual Meeting, April 27, 1959, approved a resolution and recommended its adoption by the Executive Board. This resolution was VOTED: Recognizing the need for the Protestant Churches in the United States to demonstrate their spiritual unity and sympathy with the Evangelical Churches in Colombia during the continued limitation of religious liberty and the religious persecution in certain areas of Colombia, the Executive Board of the Division of Foreign Missions urges its member boards to keep their respective churches informed of the situation through press releases and church papers, and to make public statements in their official meetings that will remind the American public of these injustices.

In light of the seriousness with which the Protestant leaders represented by the Division of Foreign Missions regard the continued persecutions in Colombia, the Executive Board urges the International Missionary Council and the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs to take effective steps and means to terminate these tragic incidents of religious intolerance and fanaticism in Colombia.

Conference Begins

By the Editor

It is a great day for hundreds of delegates when the time actually arrives for the beginning of the annual General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists. When this day dawned on Monday, August 17, the state of the hotel and venue were already pretty well filled. Nearly 300 people had been registered and assigned to lodging places on Sunday. By Tuesday morning the number had swelled to 500, making it one of the largest Conferences in recent years. Most of the young people who had attended the Pre-Con Retreat registered on Sunday afternoon for the week of meetings about to begin.

Can one tell by the way a denominational gathering begins how it will go in the days to come? Perhaps not, for sure. Nevertheless, when such a meeting begins on a high spiritual tone there is reason to believe that the tone will carry through. Conference began with a prayer meeting after being called to order by the president, Wayne Crandall.

The first prayer meeting was at nine o'clock. On the previous day the delegates were invited to come together for prayer an hour earlier. The first leader was the Rev. Donald Richards, one of the young West Virginia pastors. The service was held in the college auditorium. It was estimated that 150 people were seated at the appointed hour and more streamed in. The leader made brief introductory remarks well fitted to unite in one purpose a large company of people who had been visiting and renewing old acquaintances.

A prayer meeting usually opens with selected Scripture, an opening prayer, and hymn singing. This one did also. Mr. Richards emphasized our need to depend on God, giving one or two good illustrations of people who expected and experienced answers to prayer. Then came the call to prayer. The first voice raised in supplication from the audience was that of the president. People from California, New York, and other states followed with brief prayers. Each asked for God's guidance and the spiritual success of the Conference. They were mindful of the Lord's business which must be done in the days ahead.

So Conference began. It was hoped that the whole week would maintain the spirit of that first meeting. When the day drew to its close there was another brief time for audience participation in prayer. The president expressed the concern he had felt at previous Conferences when only a relatively small number gathered together in another room for the scheduled time of prayer at the close of the evening services. To bring the blessing to the whole audience he therefore scheduled on each evening a ten-minute period of prayer called "Conference Meditations" before the final benediction. Again on that first day the time was filled with earnest and well-voiced prayer as all stood with bowed heads.

Good Things to Come

The Sabbath Recorders published the next few weeks should prove to be of unusual value to all who are interested in the news and work of Seventh Day Baptists. Some of the inspirational messages will be printed for the benefit of the thousands who were not able to hear them at Salem, W. Va. It is hoped that these issues will be shared with friends who are not subscribers and with members of families who do not always get to see the Recorder.

The important business of Conference will be reported to our readers through written reports, notes, and tape recordings. It is expected that the Commission's comprehensive report will appear in consecutive issues beginning next week. Pictures will accompany some of the articles. Be sure to read your Sabbath Recorder and extend its benefits by telling others about it and perhaps by sending gift subscriptions. The price is only $3.00 per year in the United States.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Pastor James Mitchell has requested publication of his new street address which is 620 N. Broadway, McAllen, Texas.
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by this congregation. The first was directly

across from the cemetery on Great Neck

Road, and the present building a few rods

south of the cemetery and on the same side

of the road.

The present building dates back to 1860,

and was built largely by donated labor, and

at a cost for materials of only two thousand

dollars.

Several men of note have been members of

this church. In connection with the 100th

anniversary of the founding of the church,

one of its distinguished sons, Prof. William

A. Rogers, who was at various times pro­

fessor of astronomy at Harvard University,

and professor of physics at Colby College,

wrote a history of the church to be read on

that occasion. The Rev. Bootho C. Davis, who was its

pastor in the 1890's, later became president

of Alfred University. The Rev. Carroll Hill,

its pastor during the 20's, became president

of Milton College in Wisconsin. The Rev.

Albert N. Rogers, another recent pastor, is

now dean of the School of Theology of

Alfred University. The Rev. Everett Harris,

now secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist

Missionary Society at Westerly, R. I., and

the Rev. Wendell Stephan, pastor of the

Hartford Hospital, were also recent pastors.

It has often been the policy of the church
to call as its pastor some young man who
wished to attend Yale or Hartford theologi­
cal institutions to further his education.

In 1844, a Seventh Day Baptist woman

in Washington, New Hampshire, became

acquainted with a group of Adventists, per­
suading them that the seventh day of the

week was the right day on which to wor­
pship. Thus was founded the fast-growing
denomination known as the Seventh-day

Adventists.

Those interested in New England church

buildings may see in Newport, Rhode

Island, the first building used by Seventh
Day Baptists in America, built in 1729. It

is now a part of the Newport Historical

Society, and its interior is an excellent

example of colonial church architecture.

Another former Seventh Day Baptist

central building is the old Greensville

Church, now used as a worship center in

the Mystic Seaport.

Thiarticle, the present pastor of the

church, is indebted for its facts to a

"History of the Waterford Seventh Day

Baptist Church,'" by Prof. William A. Rogers, to Volume

II of "Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and

America," by the "Rogerenes" by John R. Boiles

and Anna B. Williams, and to old records of

the church.

Coordinating Council

Meets Before Salem Conference

The days before Conference are busy
days for many people, especially for all

the people making preparation for the

entertainment, program, and business of

Conference.

A Coordinating Council meeting began on

Sunday, August 16, for on that day the Coordi­
nating Council met at 9 o'clock and then

visited the Salem Church.

The Coordinating Council is the largest central

agency of the denomination, being

composed for the present of seven

members (including the employed secre­
taries) from each of the major boards.

It is a larger group than the one which

met the previous weekend at Lost Creek,

West Virginia.

The general purpose of this meeting of the

Council was to review the action and
discussion of the previous week with a

view to giving the boards through their

representatives a full understanding of the

total OWM budget as

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To figure what inflation has done to

you since 1946, look at what's happened
to your buying power.

"A married couple with income of

$3,000 in that year needs $4,445 —

boost of 48 per cent — just to stay even

in 1958. If your 1946 income was $5,000,

you'd need $7,495 in 1958."

Westminster, Md., Carroll County

Times.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — See, Rev. L. Zwiebel

Young Adults Retreat

The first annual Pre-Con Retreat for young adults, under the direction of Secretary Rex Zwiebel, was held at Camp Caesar, West Virginia, August 12-16, 1959. Thirty-five enthusiastic young adults entered readily into a program of lecture-discussion, worship, and recreation that was sponsored by the Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, J. Paul Green, chairman.

The adventure began as the campers traveled sharp curving roads that ran through deep green mountains leading to the beautiful 4-H camp which is artistically located near Webster Springs, W. Va.

We occupied a building that had sleeping rooms on two sides of a large assembly room. Other camp buildings housed 5 bands from West Virginia schools. Strangely enough, the bands were accepted by the group, and though the rattle of the drums now and then outside the lecture room silenced the speaker, most remarks from campers were in the nature of recalling (too many years in the past) when they, too, were trying to make music in a school band.

The "meat" of the retreat consisted of lectures on young adult activity at home and at church, delivered by the Revs. Charles H. Bond and Alton L. Wheeler. Discussion time after the lectures seemed much too short.

Between the lectures we sang together under the leading of Carol Harris. Harmony of voice is very rewarding to singers who sing for the glory of God even when there is no physical audience.

Inspirational worship, during the alone hour, by the new lake for vespers, and in the chapel, gave spiritual uplift. The Rev. Paul L. Maxson was the leader, and all participated with whole heart and spirit.

A lively pace of recreation was set by Fred and Venita Zinn, during free time and for the campfire sessions. Some of us figured that the half-mile walk to and from meals three times a day, and the mile walk to the lake and back for vespers was all the exercise we needed.

The assistant to the director and chief counselor was Madge Sutton. We made note that Mrs. Sutton served on the staff of the first Pre-Con for young people and now for the initial Young Adult Retreat. It was a genuine inspiration to have her there.

Three members of the Seventh Day Baptist Commission, the Rev. Victor Skaggs, Dr. LeRoy DeLand, and Philip Lewis, visited us on Sabbath afternoon. They were well received, and they voiced their appreciation for the opportunity to talk of denominational matters with the interested group.

A rising ovation of gratitude was given by the retreaters for those responsible for initiating Pre-Con Retreat for Young Adults. It is hoped that plans will soon be in motion for another next year.


THE SABBATH RECORDER

AUGUST 31, 1959
MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Missionary Interests at Conference

Loren G. Osborn, alternate appointed to President George V. Chandall, president as missionary interests were presented at General Conference Wednesday afternoon, August 19. The theme of the presentation was "Teamwork in Missions at Home and Abroad," following the general emphasis through the year of our Conference president.

The program began with an introduction of missionary pastors and home field workers. Each gave a brief statement of work and plans. Included among these was the final report of Field Evangelist Loyal F. Hubley who concludes his services on September 30.

Mr. Osborn then called on Pastor Earl Cruzan to present an address on "The Lay Development Plan for Seventh Day Baptists." Of outstanding interest to all churches was the proposal that every church conduct a "Church Retreat and Planning Session" as soon after Conference as possible. Such a retreat would have as one of its aims the setting up of a church program for the coming year.

Under foreign mission interests Headmaster and Mrs. Grover S. Brissette and Rev. and Mrs. David C. Pearson were introduced. The two Jamaican missionaries respectively reviewed the past year's accomplishments and plans for future work. Rev. and Mrs. Rene Mauch, missionaries-elect to British Guiana, who had just completed a circuit of visits to churches in this country, spoke of their cordial reception by all. They went on to tell of their plans for completing the mission boat and proceeding to British Guiana, who had just completed a circuit of visits to churches in this country.

It was announced that Mr. and Mrs. Courtland V. Davis had agreed to serve as successors to Headmaster and Mrs. Grover Brissete at Cran dall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, as of 1960. Secretary Everett T. Harris presided at a workshop on the Lay Development Plan for Seventh Day Baptists on Wednesday evening of Conference. Those taking part as leaders in the workshops in the Y. M. Y. Doris Fetherston, Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler, and Rev. Victor W. Skagg.

World Wide Communion

Like Easter, World-Wide Communion Sabbath should be one of the spiritual high points of the year in the local church. Careful planning and the wide use of effective materials can make possible an Easter attendance on World-Wide Communion Sabbath in your church.

A descriptive Order Blank folder was mailed to all pastors and church leaders to aid them in securing materials for making this Sabbath the most meaningful and inspiring of the year. These materials may be secured by addressing the Department of Evangelism, NCC, Box 301, Madison Square Station, New York 10, N. Y. Be sure you make this Sabbath a great spiritual experience we need to begin to plan at once. Plan wisely, plan big, plan spiritually.

Plan great things for God

Expect great things of God

Alert every organization, group, and class in your church. Publicize by newspaper, mail, telephone, and word of mouth. Let this Sabbath initiate a Christian fellowship and spiritual fires that will be wholesome and last throughout the fall months and on through the entire year.

Work and Plans of the Pearson

Missionaries David and Bettie Pearson assisted in special revival meetings at Paint Rock following their return from Nyasaland and a brief visit with their parents. They then attended the Fall Camp and General Conference at Salem, Va.

Participating plans have been made for a few visits to churches in the East to be made during the brief interval between Conference and the beginning of studies at Gordon Divinity School on September 13, 1939. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson are planning to take courses of study at this school. It is proposed that visits by the Pearsons be made on the following schedule: August 22-25 at Berea, W. Va.; August 29 (Sabbath) at Lost Creek, W. Va.; September 5 (Sabbath) at Schenectady, N. Y.; September 12 (Sabbath) at People's Christian Church, New York; September 13-14 at Westerly, en route to Gordon Divinity School. Some additional visits may be made between Sabbaths.

Conference Offering Good

It would appear that Seventh Day Baptists are showing a greater love and loyalty for their world-wide mission than previously. The O.W. M. offerings in the churches, which were designated as Conference offerings, amounted to about $1,102 received and $1,859 reported to the treasurer but not yet received on the final day. The Sabbath morning offering of the people present at the service was $2,000. Individual gifts received amounted to $483. The Pre-Con and Young Adult Retreats also made contributions to the previous Sabbath, bringing the total offerings to $5,328 — about $1,000 more than last year. The goal, however, is still far from being reached, and the time remaining is short.

Delegates and Visitors

At Salem Conference

Registration of delegates and visitors is the week-long task of a local committee. In fact, some delegates are being taken care of for weeks prior to General Conference. The committee did an unusually good job, we would judge, in getting the names of local as well as delegates, remaining in their room until the very last evening.

The Credentials Committee of Conference also labored long in compiling the list of delegates and visitors submitted by the churches. It was a rather imposing list when completed, but was good and unusually widespread. The records showed 53 churches and 3 mission fields represented. The committee noted 45 ministers and pastors present, while the number of official delegates was 428, with 14 of them representing more than one church. Visits were represented by churches numbered 276, making a total of 864. That was close to the number counted in the Sabbath morning attendance. The conference attendance was much larger than last year's, held in California. Then the delegates numbered about 250 and visitors 197. When the meeting place was moved to Allegheny in 1956, there were 409 delegates and 369 visitors. At that time 53 pastors and ministers registered, with 34 churches sending delegates.

— Editor.

AUGUST 31, 1959
It was a truly great occasion when two new deacons and two deaconesses were ordained to serve the Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church on August 1. Invitations had gone out far and wide to all the churches of the Association, to all living former pastors, and to many others. The all-day meeting was larger and more representative than an Association gathering.

The ordination sermon in the morning was preached by a former pastor, Herbert L. Polan, now of Battle Creek, Mich. Other ministers present were Loyal F. Hurley of Boulder, Colo., Lester G. Osborn of Milton, the late Rev. Van Horn of Adams Center, Charles Swing of De Ruyter, and H. Eugene Davis of Alfred, N. Y., Rex Burdick (the local pastor), Victor Skaggs of Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., Leon M. Malby of Plainfield, and Howard Waaddell, a former supply pastor at Steuben, N. Y. Besides these there were 15 or more deacons and deaconesses who had some part on the program. The shortest distance from the East was Gleason Curtis of Riverside, Calif., who was visiting in the East.

The church, which was enlarged a few years ago under the pastorate of Victor Skaggs, was filled to capacity both morning and afternoon. Fifteen minutes of spirited singing at the beginning of the afternoon service, together with special testimonies, set the mood for a very impressive ordination service.

The pastor announced the manner of selecting the four candidates for the diaconate and proceeded to the organization of the council. All Seventh Day Baptist ministers present were invited to the local church to be members of the council. Upon the invitation to the moderator and a clerk, Craig Sholts and Mrs. LaVerne Davis, the program went forward.

The candidates in turn stated something of their experiences and beliefs in order that the delegates might have added basis for their decision to ordain. Each spoke well, quoting Scripture and relating how the Lord had guided in the past. Garth Warner, the youngest of the candidates, told of the influence of his parents, of his baptism by the late Rev. A. L. Davis, of his military experience, and of the recent faith — strengthening things that had come into his life. He could not remember back beyond the time of knowing and loving God but testified that it was much later that he personally accepted Christ as his Savior. In the last year and the last month he has felt the leading of the Lord more than ever before.

It is expected that two of the statements considered unusually valuable to readers will be printed in these pages. Mrs. Burton Crandall, one of the candidates, had requested that her daughter Barbara sing "God Did a Wonderful Thing for Me." She and her brother David added much to the sacredness of the occasion with their piano and organ music. Burton Crandall later gave the welcome to his candidate in well-chosen words, and her father, the Rev. H. Eugene Davis, closed the service with prayer.

When all the candidates had spoken, the council announced voted to accept them and to proceed to ordination. A fitting charge to the four was given by the former Pastor Victor Skaggs. At the proper time another former pastor, Lester G. Osborn, directed the laying on of hands and led in the consecrating prayer.

The Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, well known in the Association, and Miss Camille Crandall, Canisteo, N. Y., represented the Western Association on the charge to the church to recognize itself for what it was, a legal organization, an ecclesiastical organization, a doctrinal organization, but above all a fellowship. He stressed the importance of these aspects of the church and reminded the Verona people that they should not be afraid to stress doctrine and creed — the things that make them different from some other churches. "Fellowship," he said, "implied a new relationship with God and with man." "The only begotten Son of God," he pointed out, "can not be purchased with the unspeakable price on the cross to bring us back into the fellowship which had been lost through sin. In his closing remarks he charged the congregation, "Be a church," by which he meant, "Love one another." This fellowship is more important than any ordination. The day was too short for a doctrinal consideration, he affirmed. — Editor.

WISCONSIN YOUTH CAMP

By Mrs. Leila Maxson

Camp Wakonda, the Seventh Day Baptist camp for the North Central Association, was opened this year by the members of the Milton Church and their friends, has completed its ninth camping season.

Twenty high school boys and girls ended a week's camping on July 20 with the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph as supervisor. Others on the staff were Miss Helen Grinich, a 1959 Milton College graduate who has been employed this summer by the Milton Church and their friends. Paul C. Sholtz, of Milton, is the director for the junior camp, and Mrs. Leila Maxson, a Milton College graduate, is the camp cook.

Helena conducted a workshop on the newly formed Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship organization; Laura Lawrence spoke on games and campfire programs; Mr. Van Horn served as counselor for boys and conducted a period, titled, "The Practice of the Presence of God." Campers came from three churches of the Association, and Miss Camille Crandall, Canisteo, N. Y., represented the Western Association as an exchange camper.

John Fitz Randolph, a junior next year at the Milton high school, was elected honor camper for the year and this qualifies him to be the exchange camper next year from Wakonda.

Rev. Victor Skaggs, pastor of the Albion-Milton Junction Churches, was the director for the junior camp which over the past nine years, states Fitts Randolph. Many hundreds of Christians, young and old, have had their lives enriched by the Wakonda program.

The development of the 66-acre camp has been a high adventure of faith and work over the past nine years, states Fitts Randolph. The Wakonda girls were built and paid for by Milton Church and members and friends. The Stillman Memorial Cabin, given by Miss Rose Stillman in memory of her sister Ruth, was erected in 1958 and is becoming one of the favorite spots, particularly of the older people, though several honeymoon couples have also stayed there. The newest structure, nearly complete, is the Crosby Memorial Picnic Shelter, given in memory of Dr. and Mrs. George Crosby by their niece, Mrs. Jane Hurley Pierce.

A 38-acre wood lot across the road southwest from camp is now being purchased. In addition, the camp committee sees the need for improving existing facilities. First, new plumbing will be installed, and the new project will contain showers and lavatories and a room for storage. The committee estimates that a total of $30,000 will be needed over the next three years to complete the improvements to the camp.

Dr. Browne's Basis

The Associated Church Press, an organization of 156 Protestant and Orthodox publications in the United States and Canada, has elected Dr. Benjamin P. Browne of the American Baptist Publication and Education Society as its president for 1959. Dr. Browne is well known to Seventh Day Baptist ministers, having lectured to them at their conference in Westerly, R. I., two years ago. He heads two Christian Writers Schools.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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Church Leaders
Take Brief Vacations

The executive secretary, after more than two weeks of hard work with Commission and Conference in West Virginia, decided that she must take a week off before plunging into the many responsibilities coming to her as the normal result of these meetings.

The Rev. Leland Davis, pastor at Battle Creek, Mich., who could be reached the week after Conference at the home of his wife's parents at Shiloh, N. J. He was scheduled to fill the pulpit there on August 29.

The Riverside pastor, Alton Wheeler, took his vacation before Conference, spending part of the time with Mrs. Wheeler's mother in Florida. They travel with a trailer.

The Rev. C. Rex Burdick of Verona, N. Y., was expecting to take his family by trailer for a week's vacation in the Adirondack Mountains.

Pastor C. Harmon Dickinson planned to spend part of his vacation at De Ruyter, N. Y., with his wife's sister.

The minister of the Marlboro, N. J., Church spent some time between Lewis Camps of Conference with his folks in Schenectady and his wife's folks at Verona, N. Y.

The Rev. Victor Skaggs, invited to speak at the Riverside Church, had an opportunity to visit the community and with the Rev. D. C. Moore and his wife, Pastor Wheeler spoke convincingly on "Him, Through Him, To Our Life."

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — Children's Day is always a high spot in the Riverside Church. Under the direction of Miss Dora Hurley and her earnest co-workers, a speaking program was presented June 6 following the regular worship service.

Through recitation, drama, cartography, and song, the Word and the World Missions were made real to us. Special mention is made of the impressive memorialization of Isaiah 53 by David Henry, Jr. The monthly fellowship luncheon followed the morning service.

Wayne Hambleton has been appointed leader of the Senior Youth group.

A series of camps began July 21. The first week was allotted to Intermediates; July 3-5, to Seniors; 5-12, to Juniors; 12-15, to Primaries. Up to the present time the Junior Camp is enjoying the highest attendance, with 57 boys and girls enrolled.

The Dorcas Society held its closing meeting of the present calendar year, June 17, at the home of Mrs. Philip Lewis. A pot-luck luncheon was served in the patio. Annual reports and the installation of new officers were in order.

Sabbath, June 20, was marked by the arrival of our summer pastor, the Rev. Ralph D. Coon, and his wife. Pastor Wheeler spoke convincingly on "The Scriptures Teach Lessons of Life." In the evening the Coons and Miss Nola Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Coon, who assist in the camping program, were honored at a reception at the church.

June 27, Associate Pastor Coon brought the message, "Of Him, Through Him, To Him."

The regular quarterly church business meeting was held June 29, two weeks ahead of schedule, due to the camping program. This was a special church business meeting which had for consideration camp rental, the purchase of a more efficient mimeograph machine, and the matter of sending the choir director to a music institute in the spring.

The Bible study and prayer service Sabbath evenings have been devoted to the study of the Book of Isaiah. We have rejoiced in the addition of four new members to the church by baptism or by profession of faith. Others are desirous of taking the blessed step.

Pastor Wheeler alternated with Pastor Coon in the pulpit throughout the summer, preaching his final sermon on July 18 prior to leaving for his vacation. During our regular pastor's absence the Coons will reside at the parsonage. — Correspondent.

COUDERSPORT, PA. (Hebron) — June was a very active month for our church. The first Sabbath afternoon in June, Rev. Delmer Van Horn officiated at a baptismal ceremony at a pond near the church. Nine persons were baptized. Included were three generations of one family. The following Sabbath afternoon baptismal services were held at Little Geneseo, N. Y., with one more from our church being baptized. The right hand of fellowship was received by the ten members joining by baptism, the one by testimony, and the four joining as associate members during the morning worship services.

Our Vacation Church School began June 22 under the direction of Miss Evelyn Keeler. Campers were welcomed and attended for five days with a picnic the last day. On Sunday evening, June 28, Parent-Sharing night was held with parents and friends attending. Each class under the direction of the teachers participated in the program. Also each class had a party from Milton, and hand crafted which had been completed during the week. The teachers are to be commended for their work in making the school so successful. Pastor Van Horn receives special thanks for serving as a teacher every morning during his last week as pastor.

A farewell party was given for Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn and family immediately following the Parent-Sharing night. They were presented with farewell gifts along with best wishes from their many friends.

July 4 we were happy to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Eugene Fatato and two sons into our church family. Pastor Fatato presented his first message on that morning's worship service. — Correspondent.

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ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — A farewell reception was held Sunday evening, June 14, for Pastor Earl Cruzan and family. The program was planned by the three groups which he served, and was presented in the form of "This Is Your Life," with readings, skits, songs, and chorall numbers. In true TV style a hand-inscribed book was presented with a set of The Interpreter's Bible from the three churches, and many personal gifts of money. They left for Westerly, R. I., on June 24.

The Rev. and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn and family arrived here June 30, from Little Geneseo, N. Y. We were most fortunate in having only one week's lapse in pastorates.

Miss Arye Greene and niece, Mrs. Dorothea Musk of Gainesville, Fla., worshiped with us during their month's vacation at Campbells Point. Miss Greene is our oldest member and will observe her 90th birthday September 19.

On July 11 our congregation joined with the Association camps at Camp Harmon in their services.

A reception to welcome Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn and family to the churches and communities was held Sunday evening, July 26. He will also serve the Honesville and South Rutland churches. These churches participated in the program of music and recipes. Ice cream and cake were served and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

For a few church services were held here on Sabbath, August 14. Many attended the service of ordination to the diaconate at the Verona Church.

At our annual church meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year: moderator, Gilbert Horton; assistant, Gerald Greene; clerk, Mrs. Barbara Barlow; treasurer, Chris Linger; and stewards, Harold Scriven, Garrett Balder, Albert Gilmore; choir director, Mrs. Mary Ellen Ruser; assistant, Pastor Van Horn; organist, Mrs. Margaret Gage; assistant, Mrs. Van Horn; youth choir director, Albert Gilmore.

Reports showed: That we had joined in the stressed Time Religious Education programs with the proceeds of a Meal of
Clement returned to North Loup. In the kitchen; that Sharing used in this project; that a new constitution for our church was drafted; that the Ways and Means Committee has served several ham dinners; that the church has been repaired and outcomes added in the kitchen; that the new door and steps with an entrance light in the east end of the church were completed in time for Association; and that the pipe organ was cleaned and repaired.

The special offering taken for the OWM Budget was $150.

MARRIAGE

Flock - Christensen. — Dean Flock, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Flock, and Phyllis Christensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Christensen, all of Ord, Neb., were married at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in North Loup, Neb., June 14, 1959, with the pastor of the bride, Mynor G. Soper, officiating. Lane - Crow. — Marion Lane and Mrs. Merle Crow were married July 14, 1959, at Ord, Neb., by County Judge Elsworth Ball.

PREISSER - FLOCK - CHRISTENSEN.

On March 25, 1896, she was married to Carl Jonelle V. Potts, daughter of Mrs. Thomas Potts, of Chicago, Ill., at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, North Loup, Neb., by County Judge Elsworth Ball. Surviving are her daughter, two sons, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one brother, LaMonte, of Delavan, Wis.

Services were conducted by her pastor, Mynor G. Soper, at the church, and burial was in Hillside Cemetery at North Loup.

COMSTOCK.

On June 11, 1904, she was married at North Loup to Ralph J. Comstock of Comstock, Neb. To them were born two sons: Leon, of Batavia, Ill., and Ivan, of St. Charles, Ill.

In 1929 the family moved from Nebraska to Illinois. The home has been at St. Charles for many years. Mrs. Comstock was a member of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church. Besides her husband and sons she is survived by two grandchildren; two daughters: Mrs. Madge Fuller, of North Loup, and Mrs. Eva Hans, of Long Beach, Calif.; and one brother, Martin, of Gardenia, Calif.

In the absence of Pastor Mynor G. Soper, farewell services were conducted Sabbath morning, July 11, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in North Loup, Neb., by the Rev. Clarence Buchler of the Methodist Church. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery at North Loup.