weekend of June 27 and stayed on for a much-deserved vacation with his family through the following Sabbath, July 4.

At the spring meeting of the Ladies’ Aid Society it was voted to pay for the paint used in redecorating the church interior. Also at this meeting Mrs. Delmar Ellis was elected secretary and treasurer in the place of resigning Miss A. Mildred Greene.

Vacation Bible School was held June 29 through July 10, in cooperation with the First Baptist and Methodist Churches, with an average attendance of 89 children. Miss Ruth Ellis taught the nursery class and Pastor Maxson helped wherever needed.

Again, both Pastor Maxson and Miss Ellis were on hand to help out at Lewis’ Camp near Ashaway, R. I.; the pastor acting as dean of the Junior camp and as staff member for Senior camp, and Miss Ellis working as counselor of the girls.

In the absence of the pastor, we have been pleased to have the Rev. Oscar Arnold, Baptist minister of Lebanon Springs, N. Y., filling the pulpit.

When summer fades into fall this year it will find one more of our young people headed for the “ivy-covered halls.” Joining the ranks with our other five young people, all of whom started college last September, are three other students.

We salute our young people, the future leaders of our churches, and pray that they will strictly adhere to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Oliverines

Grosscup, — Bessee Davis, wife of Leon C. Grosscup and daughter of Harry C. (deceased) and Alice S. Davis, was born at Shiloh, N. J., March 23, 1902, and died Aug. 3, 1959, of brain tumor in a Camden, N. J., hospital where she had been a patient for 11 days.

She spent most of her life at Shiloh until her marriage on March 11, 1945. Since then her home had been at Hancock Bridge, N. J.

A member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, she was a graduate of Trenton State Normal School and Milltown College, and had served as a librarian in Trenton State Library.

She was a musician and had written many poems.

Surviving are her husband and a daughter, Jean, aged 13, of Hancock Bridge, also her mother and two brothers, David S. and Percy C. Davis, all of Bridgeton, R. D. 3, N. J.

Private funeral services were held at the Newkirk Funeral Home in Salem, N. J., conducted by the Rev. Albert Theis, pastor of Canton Baptist Church, with interment in Canton Baptist Cemetery.

— Mrs. David S. Davis.

Koons, — Bernard W., son of Clyde and Erma (Babcock) Koons, was born Sept. 23, 1928, at North Loup, Neb., and died July 8, 1959, at Sargent, Neb.

On December 24, 1948, he married Bonnie Babcock. To this union were born three sons: Bernard, Terry, and Thomas; and one daughter, Coleen. The family home had recently been in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Funeral services were held Sabbath afternoon, July 11, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church at North Loup. In the absence of Pastor Mynor G. Soper, the Rev. Clarence Buelher of the Methodist Church conducted the service.

Survivors include his wife and four children, his father and mother, of Scotia, Neb., two brothers and one sister, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Burial was in Hillside Cemetery at North Loup.

— M. G. S. Snyder.

Baker, — A son, Wyatt L., to Willie and Irene (Riverside, Calif., on June 18, 1959.

Curtis — A son, David Todd, to Lloyd and Donna Curtis of Whittier, Calif., on July 25, 1959.

Curtis, — A son, Jeffery Glen, to Glen and Joan Curtis of Riverside, Calif., on Aug. 19, 1959.

Green, — A daughter, Lois Elaine, to Leland and Dortha (Bond) Green of Stratford, Wis., on April 17, 1959.
Hospitability Appreciated

The hundreds of delegates present at the General Conference at Salem deeply appreciated all that was done to make them feel at home and comfortable. The Conference on Resolutions tried to be somewhat comprehensive in mentioning the institutions, committees, and individuals whose combined and separate work made the Conference week so pleasant to the guests who came to the little city in a great influx. The thinking was left undone. The quiet library, the extensive work. And so the many acts of kindness which helped to make possible our recent Conference.

We would judge that local church members entertained free of charge as many guests as could possibly be accommodated. The Entertainment Committee submitted every efficient and helpful job of locating and assigning low-cost housing to many more.

The college not only threw open its doors but all other facilities as well, and at considerable inconvenience. Summer school was in session but classes were moved to other buildings so that committees and groups could use the classroom. Offices of busy professors were graciously turned over (the editor had one room: Offices of busy professors were graciously turned over, including the Russian delegate's office). All committee members should be especially thanked. The Committee on Resolutions tried to be somewhat comprehensive in mentioning the institutions, committees, and individuals whose combined and separate work made the Conference week so pleasant to the guests who came to the little city in a great influx.

The Sabbath Recorder also would like to voice in a measure the feeling of its many readers who enjoyed this generous hospitality of the community, the college, and the church. They informed this writer that the Sabbath Seventh Day Baptist Church inserted a "card of thanks" in the Salem Herald thanking the community for opening their homes to Conference guests and for "the many acts of kindness which helped to make possible our recent Conference.

Henceforth the entertainment of the Conference will not fall regularly upon our three college towns and will not impose a heavy burden on the same church people so frequently. Furthermore, more people will be expected to pay for sleeping accommodations.

This will mean that articles like this will not be needed as much in future years and that reports of the Resolutions Committee can be more brief or can be devoted to weightier matters. Although the above mentioned action was overwhelmingly passed, there were some who felt that it would tend to make our annual meeting one for "professional Conference-goers" rather than a popular gathering of large numbers of delegates and visitors. Be that as it may, the result was that much was appreciated. This appreciation included those other churches of the Southwestern Association located near enough to be involved.

Problem Members of WCC

It continues to appear to your editor that any Eastern Orthodox bodies now members of the World Council of Churches, or being considered as possible members (including the Russian Orthodox), will be problem members for the simple reason that their practices and outlook are too far removed from Protestantism to be readily assimilated in an organization which is primarily Protestant.

A new case in point is the movement to merge the International Missionary Council with the WCC. When the WCC Central Committee met on the island of Rhodes in August, the Eastern Orthodox representatives told the Central Committee that they remain opposed to such a merger. Metropolitan James of Constantinople urged the WCC to "remain what it is" - a council of churches. In the field of missions, the Eastern Orthodox Churches are often in disagreement with Protestantism. They strongly oppose the establishment or continued operation of Evangelical churches in any country in which their church is dominant - an attitude very similar to the Roman Catholic.

A new president of the World Council of Churches is Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, the same man as Metropolitan James, mentioned above. The WCC is six prefectures representing various traditions and regions.

The Central Committee of WCC plans to make changes in the constitution which will make it easier to merge the International Missionary Council with the WCC church world organization.

Mixed Marriage Agreements

Either the Roman Catholic Church has, to use a common expression, overplayed its hand in the matter of mixed marriage agreements or the Protestant Church is experiencing a new awakening to this clever but out-dated method of enlarging one church at the expense of another. Protestant journals are falling up the question in an ever-increasing number of articles, it appears. Take for instance the letter to a son, "Thinking of Marrying a Catholic," by Lofton Hudson in the August 27 Western Recorder (Baptist), or "Mixed Marriage Agreements" by William E. Bartlett in September Home Missions (Baptist).

The first article reminds the son that if he marries a Catholic he will be expected to keep silent about his religion even in his home - especially in his home. He will have to swear not to confess or defend his own children. He will have to pretend that the Protestant religion has no standing in the sight of God. He will have to pledge to the Protestant religion. He will have to pledge to the Protestant religion has no standing in the sight of God. He will have to pledge to the Protestant religion has no standing in the sight of God.
only the welfare of the child, not his religion. However, the moral problem of living up to an agreement made under church duress may still remain. The better solution would be to more faithfully instill the idea of God’s children and daughters in the basic tenets of our faith so that they would not be willing to barter away their Christian freedom birthright for this proverbial “mess of potage.”

Heaven is Christ Centred

The editor of Home Missions, Southern Baptist monthly, is John Caylor. In the September issue in his first article entitled “What is Truth,” he brings into sharp focus the fact that Jesus is central in the Christian religion, which has something more to offer to the world than the mono-theistic Judaism of our ancestors. “Truth.” That is the Christian’s trust, especially in relation to the future life—heaven. We believe our readers will agree with Mr. Caylor and will be edified by the following paragraphs quoted from Home Missions:

What is heaven like? Jesus has answered that question by identifying its truth with His person. “I go to prepare a place for you.” He said, as He promised that if He did go and prepare the place, He would come again and receive the disciples unto Himself. That makes heaven very personal. The reason for going to heaven is Jesus. The way to heaven is Jesus. The person whom we will see in the street is Jesus. He promised to return to His children, and to take them home with Him, “that where I am, there ye may be also,” to put it in His words.

The physician was more than a medical doctor; he had a word for the soul. His patient said, “Doctor, I know you are going to die, and that I am going to heaven; but I am afraid. I wish I knew what heaven is like, do you?”

The doctor’s reply was a demonstration: “Do you not know about a sick man in this room, about flowers on the dresser; all he knows is that I am on this side of that door, I do not know about the blossoming of gold, the gates of pearl, or the tree of life in heaven, but I do know that Jesus is there and I want to be with Him.”

Jesus is the Truth in heaven.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

The Commission’s report to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, a portion of which is printed in this issue, lays stress on certain phases of the Baptist Jubilee Advance which our people have voted to adopt and adapt.

It is understood that this Jubilee Advance originated with the Southern Baptists and was later joined by five or six other Baptist groups, our own included. Each denomination makes its own decisions as to how it is carried out and develops its own promotional literature. Much of what is to be used by our people was produced by the American Baptists.

The almost astronomical results hoped for by the Southern Baptists prior to 1960 and 1964 cannot be matched by Seventh Day Baptists, but reference to them may serve to show how much can be accomplished when laymen and ministers together catch a vision of saving souls and bringing people to baptism and full church membership. Their 500,000 joining their churches this year. The goal for the intervening years is 3,650,000 persons won to Christ, with 1,000,000 baptisms in 1964, the climaxing year of the Jubilee Advance.

A number of our churches are showing significant gains but none are making gains like those recorded in the Book of Acts, and few, if any, are apting between now and 1964 cannot be matched by Seventh Day Baptists, but reference to them may serve to show how much can be accomplished when laymen and ministers together catch a vision of saving souls and bringing people to baptism and full church membership. Their 500,000 joining their churches this year. The goal for the intervening years is 3,650,000 persons won to Christ, with 1,000,000 baptisms in 1964, the climaxing year of the Jubilee Advance.

To recapture that zeal must be our aim and purpose if the truths that we profess to hold are to germinate and bear fruit. It begins with the Southern Baptists have in large measure developed such a zeal already. It is our belief that we have something more than believer’s baptism to offer to new converts — the truth of the Sabbath of the Lord. We must conquer fearfulness, cast off false dignity and pride, and begin anew to reach out from wherever we are with our message of salvation and the Sabbath.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

(As adopted by the General Conference)

In presenting its report for 1958-59, your Commission feels very humble before God. Divine guidance and judgment have been sought in all deliberations and in the formation of each of its recommendations. It has been through the year and now is the prayer of the Commission that every Seventh Day Baptist both here at the Conference and at home may enter more wholeheartedly and effectively into God’s Kingdom work.

May the Commission and each agency of General Conference and each individual Seventh Day Baptist be united by one hope and one faith and one purpose under God as every resource available is translated into the mature fruits of Christian witness.

For its work this year the Commission organized itself at a meeting, August 27-31, 1958, at Covina, Calif. Rev. Earl Cruzan was elected chairman. C. LeRoy DeLand and Rev. Victor W. Slaggis were appointed as an auditing committee, and Wayne N. Crandall, Conference president, is to prepare the program for the 1959 session of Conference. Mr. Slaggis was assigned the duty of countersigning checks for treasurers of the General Conference and Our World Mission. Each member was asked to study carefully the recommendations and mandates passed on to the Commission by Conference for its special consideration.

The Commission’s midyear meetings were held December 27-31, 1958, in Battle Creek, Mich. Members of the Battle Creek Church welcomed the Commissioners into their homes and provided ample facilities for the sessions for which the Commission members were deeply grateful.

President Wayne N. Crandall presented his proposed program for the General Conference. After a detailed discussion he was commended and asked to go forward with his planning.

Item 18 of the report of the 1958 Conference Committee on Reference and Counsel, relative to the appointment of a committee by the Commission to study our statement of belief was given careful consideration. The committee was asked to make a thorough study of our beliefs and to report a new statement of belief that can be adapted by our people what it is to be used by our people.

The Missionary Evangelism Committee of the Missionary Board was asked to make a careful investigation of the materials of the Lay Development Program of the American Baptist Convention. This has been done, and an adaptation of this program is being presented at this Conference.

It was voted that the members of the old and the new Commissions meet for one day following Conference in Salem to organize next year’s Commission and to project the work for the coming year.

Our boards and agencies co-operated with the Commission this year in an effort to improve our methods of budget presentation by presenting tentative 1959-60 budgets at the midyear meeting of the Commission. All agencies involved found this an advantageous procedure.

At the invitation of the Lost Creek, W. Va., Church the Commission met there for its pre-Conference in August 10-14, 1959. Members of the Commission very much appreciated the hospitality of the homes of the people and the other very adequate provisions made for the meetings.

At its midyear meeting the Commission discussed participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance and sought additional information. Further discussion at the pre-Conference meeting resulted in the adoption of their
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Morning Devotions

Morning devotions, a fifteen-minute period of singing, Bible reading, meditation, and prayer, were conducted daily at General Conference by some of our better known ministers, Charles H. Bond, Leland Davis, Elmo F. Randolph, and Melvin Nida. There was no exception.

On the third morning the leader was a layman, Dighton Burdick, a member of the Alfred, N. Y., Church. It is his meditation that we are featuring in this article, not because it was better than others but because it represents the thoughts of a college-educated layman approaching middle age who is now beginning active preparation for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry.

Dighton Burdick may be known to some as a brother-in-law of Dr. Hurley S. Warren, pastor of the Alfred Church. His decision to enter the ministry had its roots well back in his early years when he was challenged to consider the ministry by his Sabbath School teacher, Mrs. A. E. Main. This challenge came back to him a little over a year ago in an experience which he describes (in his didactic mind) as almost a vision. He was attending a Bible and prayer conference sponsored by the Camp Farthest Out. There he received a feeling of purpose and a feeling that if the Lord so led he might yet be able to be a minister. In this experience he remembered very clearly the words of Mrs. Main asking him (and the other boys) if he ought not to consider being a minister of Jesus Christ.

He has had several business ventures which have left him unsatisfied. During the past two years he has taken a few part-time courses in the School of Theology. Recently he has accepted night maintenance work at Alfred University so that he can devote nearly full time to theological studies. His wife and one daughter have teaching positions not far from Alfred.

Mr. Burdick has supplied the pulpit at our Independence, N. Y., Church, where the Conference president is a member. On the strength of this he was asked to appear on the program at Salem.

The text of the meditation thoughts presented on that occasion is printed below.

Delight in God's Will

Two verses of Scripture have been selected for this meditation. One is from the ancient writings of the Hebrews which constituted the Bible in Jesus' time, and the other from the writings of the apostles containing the teachings and life of Jesus.

In Psalm 40, verses 7 and 8, we read: "Lo, I come; in the volume of the book is written of me that I should do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart."

The wisdom contained in the Psalms was centuries old when Jesus lived. Without doubt Jesus learned many of them at His mother's knee. They were also used in the Temple where, "according to his custom," Jesus was in the habit of spending the Sabbath days.

Can you not hear Him as a young man recite the lines, "I delight to do thy will, O my God; yea, thy law is within my heart."

Is the law of the Lord within our hearts? Can we say in truth, "I delight to do thy will, O my God"?

This is an illustration of the fact that truth is eternal. All truth comes from God and like God is unchanging. Thus in reaffirmation of devotion to God, which Jesus exemplified, is just as relevant for us today, twenty centuries later.

What the mind accepts, the heart confirms. "Yea, thy law is within my heart." When the love of God enters our hearts, action follows — "I delight to do thy will." What finer way can be found to express our delight in doing His will than in keeping His gift to man — the Sabbath?

Bringing Forth Fruit with Patience

The second portion of Scripture chosen for our consideration is the conclusion of the parable of the sower. In this instance Jesus interpreted the parable for His disciples.

"But that on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience." As Christians I believe that we may...
consider ourselves in the same class as the disciples to whom Jesus said, “Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God.”

Let us as individual Christians, as churches, and as a denomination examine ourselves to see that we measure up to the requirements Jesus set for the Kingdom of God.

Youth Discussions at Conference

- By Luan Sutton

The noontime discussion for the young people this year at Conference was very successful. It was led very well by the Rev. Kenneth Smith of Deaver, Colo. The average attendance for the five days was approximately 70 young people.

On the last day of the conference Rev. Smith informed us of the organization of the General Conference. This was very helpful in understanding the reports of the Commission and committees. We were also told which programs would be of the most interest to us and were encouraged to attend at least by the Rev. Kenneth Smith.

Greetings from the women of Jamaica.

Jamaica Women’s Board Letter

To the Women’s Board of the American S. D. B. Conference

Salem, West Virginia

Dear Sisters in Christ:

The women of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference are very happy to send you warm greetings on the occasion of your “Mother and Daughter” dinner. We hope that the event will provide the happy fellowship which you wish and that it will be long remembered for its rich blessings.

We have enclosed a few small snapshots of the women and girls in the Kingston Woman’s League and we trust that these, as well as the samples of our work which Sister Britsey so kindly brought, will serve as a token of our fellowship with you at this time.

Our go to those groups and individuals who have so generously helped us with gifts from time to time. When the Maiden Hall School is opened you will be able to see your gifts being used to help our boys and girls to learn crafts whereby they can earn their living while still honouring the Lord’s Sabbath.

Sincerely yours,

Beryl Manby

(for the Jamaica Women’s Board).

Jamaica Women’s Board Banquet

By Ruth Johnson

On the evening of August 19, approximately 250 Seventh Day Baptist mothers and daughters in attendance at the General Conference gathered at the First Baptist Church of Salem, W. Va., for an evening of fellowship and food.

The Rev. Marian Hargis of Los Angeles, California, asked the blessing, and the welcome was given by Mrs. Herbert Bennett, toastmistress, of Battle Creek, Michigan. Following announcements given by Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, president of the Women’s Board, Mrs. George Parrish, also of Battle Creek, introduced the keynote speaker, Miss Sarah Becker and Miss Barbara Bivens, president and vice-president of the Ritchie Church at Berea, W. Va., women of great energy and abounding good works.

The evening of fellowship was brought to a close as we stood together, thinking of others around the world, and sang “Blest Be the Tie That Binds.”

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POSITION VACANCIES

The Publishing Interests Committee at Salem recommended that the Vocational Committee stress the need of Seventh Day Baptist printing establishments in Plainfield, W. Lake, Alfred, etc., for skilled help and to keep the opportunities before the youth of our denomination.

The Publishing House at Plainfield from time to time has openings for qualified composers, pressmen, etc. If interested write to The Recorder Press, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

- L. H. North.
Teamwork in Missions

At Home and Abroad

By Kenneth Van Horn

Teamwork indicates the presence of more than one at work. The one who answers the missionary call and at the same time feels that he is alone in the work has failed to recognize the presence of Christ his Savior. But the work goes so slow, and the trial time, allotted, is so real. The pledge of the church will continue until the first of February, 1960. Interested persons, both members and others, to the total of 10 or 12, have pledged support to the pastor to the extent of $130 per month, plus paying the rent of the church facilities, plus $10 per trip of the pastor on Sabbath days (the first and third of each month), plus meeting the expected quota for denominational support.

The Lord is in the heart of these persons, and the field is practically unlimited as to the work needed to be done. The greatest problem rests in the ability of the one who is now filling the spot of missionary pastor. He has had to feel his way along, trusting in the advice of your missionary secretary and the presence of Christ his Savior. But the work goes so slow, and the trial time, allotted, is so real, that I am loath to quit. Let your prayers rise night and day that Christ may be held aloft in the hearts of the members of the Twin Cities Church and in the life and work of your missionary pastor there.

Our Conference theme is so pointed, final, and also condemnatory, justly so — The Sabbath was made for man — By their fruits ye shall know them. The question in my mind, heart, and soul is, Will there be the labor in the Twin Cities Seventh Day Baptist Church? God alone knows the answer to that question.

*Rev. Everett T. Harris*

Corresponding Secretary

Carrying their banner in the final parade event at the close of the celebration. It was a real thrill, humbly so.

For the present, until the expiration of the present term of office, I feel that this work at the Twin Cities, your missionary pastor expects to continue to spend at least two days each week handing out tracts and other literature by any and every means possible — personal and impersonal; to call on the known persons who have an interest in the Group, either nominal or real. The pledge of the church will continue until the first of February, 1960. Interested persons, both members and others, to the total of 10 or 12, have pledged support to the pastor to the extent of $130 per month, plus paying the rent of the church facilities, plus $10 per trip of the pastor on Sabbath days (the first and third of each month), plus meeting the expected quota for denominational support.

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A Rural West Virginia Work
"Report and Proposed Church Program 1959-60" by Donald E. Richards

Both the Middle Island and Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Churches are small in number. Each church has a smaller group of active, consecrated lay members who carry the burden of the church. Each church shares her Christian responsibilities with sister churches of different denominational faiths. Both communities are decreasing in population, requiring that the churches work together in Christian brotherhood for the advancement of His Kingdom.

The core of activity in the Middle Island Church centers in the weekly preaching service and Sabbath School and in pastoral calling. A plan of lay development and visitation and a possible preaching mission are envisioned during the coming year.

The core of activity in the Ritchie Island Church centers in weekly Sabbath School, Sabbath morning preaching, Wednesday prayer meeting, Bill in pastoral calling. The Junior Christian Endeavor-Society is to be reactivated this fall and a plan of lay development and visitation and a possible preaching mission are also envisioned for the year.

The pastor has been possessed with a growing concern for the Sabbathkeepers and potential area work in geographical centers where several Seventh Day Baptist families now live. Tentative plans are being made for a more intensified effort to help such families or areas, which call for the following work as time and money become available:

1. Friday of each week are being reserved for work in the Parkersburg area of the Ohio Valley; the evenings being reserved for possible group meetings.

2. The third Sunday of each month is being reserved for work in the Crites Mountain area near Sutton, W. Va., among a group who consider themselves Seventh Day Baptists, but whose spiritual needs are not now being met by anyone.

3. A circuit tour of Sabbathkeeping

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

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- of its work, and as chairman of the Planning Committee has greatly assisted in planning and co-ordinating the work of the World Mission program.

The Commission expresses in a personal way its thanks to its chairman, Rev. Earl Cruzan, for his work during the past years. He has served the Conference for six years as a Commission member, serving in addition as Conference president in 1957-58, and as chairman of the Commission during the past year. His devotion has been an inspiration to all who have known and worked with him.

Members of the Commission were asked to be present at the Sabbath afternoon sessions of both the Pre-Con Camp and Young Adult Retreat. Members did attend these sessions and presented matters of denominational interest.

The Commission would hereby give notice that at the next session of the General Conference the following amendments (to the by-laws of the General Conference) will be proposed for adoption.

1. To change Article 10, Section 4, by deleting it entirely.

2. To change Article 10, Section 5, by designating it as Section 4 and to substitute for its present form the following: "Immediately after the publication of the Seventh Day Baptist Year Book, the recording secretary of the General Conference, after making the necessary corrections, shall attest six copies and send one each to the libraries of Alfred University, Milton College, and Salem College, and three copies to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society. The recording secretary shall also cause to be published in the Sabbath Recorder, as soon as practicable, a list of any corrections in the Year Book."

There is a keen awareness on the part of the Commission of a lack of balance between money spent for foreign and home mission work. The notion of the growth of foreign mission fields requires the expenditure of the annual increase in giving which is available. Since we do not wish to undercut our foreign mission program, we are left in the dilemma of not being able to allocate money for even normal increase in the home field at a time when advance at home is imperative if we are to continue in the mission work which is even now before us.

It is also apparent that there is little difficulty in challenging dedicated workers to the needs of the foreign fields, but that a general apathy exists in regard to the challenge at home.

The General Conference of 1958 recommended as follows: We request the Commission to co-operate with the American Sabbath School and Sabbath Society, Missionary Society (Home Field), and several Conference commissions in promoting a two-fold program: 1. To increase the advisability of establishing a Department of Church Extension and Growth and that the Commission bring any recommendations to next year's Conference concerning such a department, including budgetary items as we consider them advisable." After long and prayerful consideration it is the opinion of the Commission and the Planning Committee that the establishment of such a department is not our primary need at the present time. We do, however, agree with the Missionary Committee's recommendation of the Conference in recognizing the need for "an all-out effort now." The Commission and the Planning Committee have spent considerable time throughout the year and at the pre-Conference meeting (including the time of one meeting of the Planning Committee, a major portion of the midyear meeting of the Commission, and a night and day of joint session) in planning a Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance.

1. We recommend the adoption of the Seventh Day Baptist Program for Advance as follows: The program as presented, looks forward for five years with stated goals and a planned program which will expend the major efforts of our Board of Christian Education, Women's Board, American Sabbath School Society, Missionary Society (Home Field), and several Conference commissions.
Ten Commandments in School

Dr. L. Nelson Bell, a practicing physician for over 40 years and now executive editor of Christianity Today, says he is opposed to sex instruction in public schools and proposes instead that reading of the Ten Commandments be instituted into daily classroom procedure to counter-act deteriorating moral standards.

"The present demand for 'sex education' for children is psychologically un-sound," Bell says, "for it places in the child's mind an emphasis on sex that is unwholesome, and eventuates in more, not less, sex experimentation on the part of those so trained."

Bell is the father of four. His daughter Ruth is married to Evangelist Billy Graham.

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families located in the area of West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Maryland, possibly once a quarter.

These local church programs, community witness, and public relations, along with extension work, are to be coordinated through a monthly contact by mail. The Upper Room, the Pastor's Link, special issues of the Sabbath Recorder, and tracts will be used as materials.

The program outlined is not impossible to achieve. It does, however, call for consecration, prayer, a waiting upon the Lord to open doors, and a willingness to obey and pay the costs in human giving and sacrifice.

The Importance of the Chaplaincy

There are many reasons offered in sermons and editorials for the religious interest in America today: three wars in a generation, increasing longevity, a depression or material prosperity, the hydrogen bomb, Sputnik, etc. Beside being contradictory, none of these reasons seems convincing by itself, because they have existed in every age in one form or another.

The only new factor today is the more effective ministry to the armed services. This is unique, beginning in World War I, when the number of people under arms vastly increased, and when the authorities began to make serious provision for the military chaplaincy.

Military service has brought millions of men and women in touch with a clergyman, who never knew one so closely in civilian life. Therefore, the chaplain may well be the chief cause for the present

NOTICE

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George V. Crandall, President, Elston H. Van Horn, Secretary.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1959

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

WATERFORD, CONN. — Our one hundred seventy-fifth anniversary was held on the weekend of August 29 and 30. On Sabbath morning we were privileged to have the Rev. Everett T. Harris, secretary of the Missionary Society, with us to bring a message from the Sermon on the Mount. Going beyond the Requirements, these words were read from two former pastors, Wendell Stephan and Carl Maxson.

On Sunday afternoon we were pleased to welcome friends from Middleton, Conn., from Rockville, Ashaway, and Westerly, R.I. The sermon, "Forward in That Which Is Good," was brought by the Rev. Earl Cruzan of the Pawtucket Church, and a historical paper, "Waterford's 175 Years," was read by Dean Albert N. Rogers of the Alford School of Theology. The Rev. Harold R. Crandall spoke of the cordial relationships that had been obtained in the past between the New England churches and the Rev. Eli P. Loefboro related experiences in connection with his pastorate here. All the above, with the exception of Mr. Crandall, had been pastors of this church. In fact it was remarked that, with its habit of calling younger ministers who wished to continue their studies for seminars, this church might have the largest number of living ex-pastors of any in the denomination. (Perhaps one would have to except some of the churches in the neighborhood of Alford.)

Reports of Conference have been brought by the pastor and by others who attended. The response of the church and its auxiliary to the appeal for the Middle East Mission budget has been generous, and our giving will probably be in the neighborhood of what was given last year.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — The church felt especially blessed to have the missionary-acter-elect to British Guiana, the Rev. and Mrs. Rene Mauch, come as far west as Kansas because our people have felt a burden for that country. The missionaries brought the Sabbath morning message and the fellowship lunch and a meeting at which the little church mite boxes were dedicated. A social in the eve-
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For September 26, 1959

God Calls for Loyalty

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