The chapter on "The Disappearance of the Messianic Hope in Contemporary Judaism" is a revealing survey of literature on that subject and ought to be read by anyone who contemplates Jewish evangelism.

Your editor has been urged from time to time to have a series of articles on how to use concordances and other standard tools that can bring joy to the study of the Bible by those who are not theologically trained. The book described here does much in showing laymen a multitude of popular subjects and how to pursue them. It is a remarkable companion volume to Dr. Smith's older book Profitable Bible Study.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BOULDER, COLO. — Christian Family Month was observed during May in the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Each family was urged to worship as a family, to study God's Word together, plan family activities for the Sabbath, subscribe to church publications (and read them), etc. The entire program was under direction of Mrs. Vera Wright, Sabbath School superintendent, and the Rev. David S. Clarke, chairman, Board of Christian education.

— The Rocky Mountain Churchman.

VERONA, N.Y. — Mother's Day or Family Day was celebrated on May 7 with dedication of babies as a part of the morning service. During the Sabbath School hour a White Ribbon Recruit service was conducted by the county director of Child Welfare of the W.C.T.U., who is a member of our church. Seven babies were enrolled, the grandmothers of the children tying on the white ribbons.

Sabbath Rally Day was observed on May 28. The sermon by Pastor Rex Burdick was a continuation of a series on Seventh Day Baptist beliefs.

The Daily Vacation Bible School held a two-week session June 27 through July 8 from 8 to 11:45 a.m. at the Seventh Day Baptist and Lutheran churches. There were 183 boys and girls enrolled, with Mrs. Harold Gillette of New London as director and a large staff of helpers from the cooperating church schools. Others joining with us were New London Methodist, Verona Presbyterian, and St. Peter's Lutheran. Each of the four schools contributed $25 toward the project which we believe was well worth the cost and effort expended. A missionary offering brought by the children was sent to an orphanage in Korea. A treat of ice cream and cookies for each child attending took the place of the usual picnic at the close.

In the absence of Pastor Burdick who was delegate to the Eastern Association, the Sabbath service on June 11 was ably conducted by Glen Warner, a student at Salem College, home for the vacation.

Children's Day was held June 18 during the Sabbath School hour with all the Junior Department participating.

Camp Harmony was held at Mill Site Lake in northern New York July 6-13 under the direction of Pastor Charles Swing of De Ruyter. There were 10 campers and three staff members from our church.

In our next news item we hope to report the organization of a young adult group, this coming from a suggestion of the Community Witness workshop held during the "Advance" program last winter.

The annual picnic of the Sabbath School was held Sunday, July 24, at Brown's Picnic grounds on Fish Creek with an attendance of sixty. Games and swimming were enjoyed.

— Correspondent.

Marriages

Gobolos-Craw. — Joseph Vincent, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Gobolos, Sr., of Lackawanna, N.Y., and Marjorie Lee Crawford, daughter of James and Elmina (McWilliam) Crawford, Jr., of Shopiere, Wis., was married by the bride's uncle, the Rev. John F. Randolph of Milton, Wis., at the Congregational Church in Shopiere, Wis., on June 4, 1960.

Loper-Harris. — Joseph C. Loper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester G. Loper of Bridgeton, N.J., was united in marriage to Carol Frances, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Harris of Shiloh, N.J., on July 30, 1960, in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church in a service conducted by the Rev. Everett T. Harris assisted by the Rev. Davis Simons.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS FACE A CROSS

Assembled again in annual Conference, Seventh Day Baptists are once more aware that there is a cross to be borne to some sort of personal calvary — that they "must be crucified with Christ" in order to live with Him and for Him. They are aware that, like their pioneer forefathers, there is a symbolic cross to be planted on yonder hilltop to claim the new ground of the uncommitted souls of this present generation. Will the 1960 General Conference make us more aware of these things? May the theme "For Jesus' Sake" animate our praying, deliberation, and our doing!
The Conference Spirit

Writing before the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference begins and trying to describe the Conference spirit is a bit difficult. We have no real experience as such to base our comments on, yet we do have some idea of what we think the Conference spirit will be like. To be honest, we are not sure whether it will be the Conference spirit we know, or if it will be something new and different for us.

What does the approach of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference mean to us? It is a time of making the trip and the larger number who look to the Sabbath Recorder and to the reports of delegates for what we choose to call the Conference spirit—a rather undefinable term?

Basically there is one spirit in all our people, a spirit of hope and of prayer. Whether we are present or absent we are praying for the conference. It is not just a spirit of hope and we have real hope that the leadership of the Holy Spirit will be felt as all who are assembled on the John Brown University campus search for the best ways to carry out the cooperative work of all our churches through our boards and agencies.

What those at home feel as the meetings are about to begin or as they are in session is a longing for the fellowship afforded, a little uncertainty about what new experiences on the campus or what an expansion of our present work, a desire to know more about our home and foreign mission opportunities. Perhaps there is with many a wistfulness, a restlessness, a recollection of times when we were present and felt closer to the problems faced by the various committees.

The Conference spirit involves a little sacrifice for many. Some stay at home so that others can go. Some go at considerable financial sacrifice but go because they want to do their part in what their church wants and feels. The family budget may be strained a little for nearly everyone, since those in both East and West and North and South have considerable distances to travel. We are glad, however, that some from the Southwest who seldom can afford to go will find it easier this year and all will find the cost of food and lodging unusually low.

On the part of one who attends there is perhaps a little doubt at the beginning of Conference as to whether what he can do in committee, or we can do, will justify the expense. Then one remembers that Conference is inspiration as well as business; prayer and testimony as well as consideration of reports. Remembering the blessings of such meetings he is sure that the prayer that is made in this place, 2 Chron. 6: 40.

The Doctrine of Baptism

Only once in the Scriptures do we find such an expression as “the doctrine of baptism.” It comes, as you may recall, in Hebrews 6: 2 as the writer announces a new section of the epistle. It is interesting to note that it is not his intention to lay down the foundation of basic doctrine, which includes the subject of baptism as one of the fundamental things such as repentance, faith, ordination, resurrection, and judgment. The believers have been instructed in these things and should no more call their baptism (immersion) into question than their repentance.

There have been those in every generation, as there are throughout the Christian world today, who have raised again the question of the validity of their baptism or the form of words used on that important occasion. They would do well to heed the message of Hebrews 6: 2 as outlined above. At the present stage of our Christian experience most of us might better give attention to “stronger meat” than this.

Various denominations and ecumenical organizations have been restudying the subject of baptism rather seriously. The Faith and Order Commission, with a task set before it of “proclaiming the essential oneness of the Church of Christ,” has prepared a document on “The Meaning of Baptism” which has been widely discussed in theological faculties during the past year. When we remember the purpose stated above, there is question whether Baptists of any variety will be in full agreement such with a document. It may, however, be a noble endeavor to try to formulate a statement on baptism which seeks common ground.

A story heard at Rio recently illustrates the difficulty of Baptists finding common ground with non-Baptists on the mode of baptism. A Christian brother made the mistake of the insistence on immersion in a public meeting with the words, “After all, it is only a river that keeps us apart.” To this the Baptist, whose name I cannot recall, answered, “It is true that only a river separates us, and we are willing to meet you halfway.”
Thoughts on Summer Camps

No one thing has so fully occupied the minds of church leaders of most of our churches during the past weeks as the summer camp program for children and youth. Of course some churches have been more deeply involved in this training program than others. The interest is particularly keen in those churches that are in the process of building or developing their own camps.

There is but one completely new church building that has opened its doors and its facilities this summer and for which that reason illustrates more clearly than others the hopes and aspirations of those who worked so hard to provide such physical accommodations as are needed to convey spiritual blessings. The story of the dedication of Jersey Oaks Camp located a few miles from the Shiloh and Marlboro churches was told a few weeks ago. Now the major camping program of the season is over with the closing of the youth program, the last of three full camps.

How do people feel when the strenuous and continuous work of three-quarters of a year comes to its climax on the last Sabbath afternoon or when the young people return to their homes the day after they have given their testimonies at the last campfire? It would be only natural to wonder whether or not the results so far achieved justify the spending of so much money and effort. Of course every camp is a permanent facility for promoting spiritual growth and cannot be judged on the basis of one year’s program alone.

The public service at Jersey Oaks on Sabbath afternoon, July 30, drew an audience of about 80 people who gathered together close in the wake of the first major storm of the season. Heavy rain had given way to clearing skies at noon. It was an impressive service conducted by young people whose religious experiences had been deepened and whose abilities had been increased by the training received. Those who listened to the results so help but feel, as is usually the case at the end of a well-conducted Christian camp, that what they had contributed was effort and money put into one of the most worthy causes.

The deeper things of camp cannot be fully shown to an audience, even such a sympathetic or interested audience as comes together from Middletown, Conn., to Baltimore, Md., to observe the results in the lives of 45 youths. The deeper things come out in the testimonies and money put into one of the most worthy causes.

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Only as we engage wholeheartedly in every form of spiritual exercise, thus opening our minds to the Heavenly Father, only as we recognize His presence and understand His guidance in the midst of our deliberate self-conceiverness—only so can we begin to accomplish our purpose. This Conference has been planned with this in mind. We will begin each day with prayer, everyone and pray. We will worship together in song and reading and prayer. We will seek to learn lessons from His Word in Bible Study. We will listen as that Word is expounded by prophetic preachers. We are called here, in part, to give ourselves to devotional exercise to the end that God may be glorified in us.

Only as we plan toward the future in the light of understanding which is the gift of God—only so can we work and develop and accomplish within the framework of His Kingdom. This Conference has been planned with this in mind. We will spend adequate time in committee and in business and in hearing the work that is laid before us so that we may with calmness and consideration and prayer discover the direction in which we ought to move as individuals and as a church.

So many phrases and sentences of the Scripture are applicable here that it is difficult to select from among them those that most nearly express my feeling as Conference 1960 has begun.

These come from Paul:

"I feel myself under a sort of universal obligation, I owe something to all men..."

"You belong to the power which you choose to obey..."

"So now, give yourselves to the service of righteousness..."

"Live your lives in love—the same sort of love which Christ gives us and which He perfectly expressed when He gave Himself as a sweet sacrifice to God." (The above references are from Phillips translation).

This is from John:

"We know what love is—through Christ's having laid down His life for our behalf; and in the same way we ought to lay down our lives for our brother men." (Weymouth).

This Conference is a call to dedication: dedication to praise, dedication to worship, dedication to the search for truth, dedication to the love of people, dedication to the keeping of the Sabbath, dedication to inward growth, dedication of self for Jesus' sake.

Only by a dedication such as that of Jesus Christ can we realize the possibilities that lie before us in the open hand of God.

It is to this we have been welcomed. It is to this act of incalculable worth that we give this week.

Resolutions of Rio

(Adopted by Baptist World Alliance)

Baptist bodies feel an obligation to pass resolutions on the current problems of the day in order that the world may know that there is a common adherence to apply the principles of a common faith to life as it is lived in contemporary society. Seventh Day Baptists feel such an urge, and it is not surprising that the 10th World Baptist Congress would not conclude its meetings at Rio de Janeiro (June 26-July 3) without some resolutions.

The courtesy portions of the committee's report are not of vital interest to those who were not involved in the meeting. The others, neither avoiding spectacular extremes and innocuous mildness, an example of considered and well expressed inclusiveness, follow.

Resolution on Race Relations

The Baptist World Congress of 1954 declared that there is in Christ an all-embracing unity, so that in Him there is "neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free, but Christ is all in all," and condemned every form of oppression or unfair discrimination toward the Jews, toward colored peoples, or toward subject races.

At this Baptist World Congress in 1960 we reaffirm the conviction stated in that resolution. We express our gratitude to God for the measure of progress which has been made in the improvement of race relations. Nevertheless, we recognize that in some parts of the world much still remains to be done and the situation is grave.

We call, therefore, upon our Baptist people around the world to live above race prejudice and to take the lead in abolishing racial discrimination and removing the indignities of racial segregation and the caste system wherever these still exist.

Resolution on Nuclear Testing

We believe:

1. That God has created man in His own image and intended for him a life of peace, mutual respect and interdependence.

2. That the Holy Spirit moves all Christians in these days of international tension and unrest to exercise every possible effort in defense of peace and goodwill among men, remembering the spiritual command to "seek peace and enjoy it."

3. That nuclear testing and the stockpiling of nuclear weapons tends to foment international mistrust, suspicion and fear and seriously to threaten the life of man, physically and spiritually.

THEREFORE, We urge the nations to disapprove with all testing of nuclear weapons and the production of the same, and, co-operatively, to agree on satisfactory methods of inspection designed to ensure that all nations shall exercise good faith in this matter. And we urge the Baptists of the world earnestly to seek to become well-informed in this field of critical concern, and that they engage in unceasing prayer for that increase in the spirit of understanding and mutual trust through which peace shall become possible for all mankind.

Resolution on Underprivileged Persons

We believe that all peoples of the world have one Father and that one God has created us all and that it is God's will that all of His peoples should share in the conditions that provide for freedom, self-determination, technical knowledge, and the materials necessary to the life of persons whom God has created to fulfill His purposes.

THEREFORE,

1. We urge the peoples who have received these conditions in trust from previous generations to share them with peoples who today are aspiring to them.

2. We commend to all Baptist churches the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and plead for continued support of its ministries in the name of Christ.

3. We commend those governments that have supported the purposes of World Refugee Year and urge them to continue their efforts toward the solution of the refugee problem.

Resolution on Separation of Church and State

Since Baptists everywhere have understood the Gospel to call men to responsibility to Christ as Lord, and have therefore been constant advocates of religious liberty, this 10th Congress of the Baptist World Alliance reaffirms its belief in the separation of the church and its institutions from the state and its institutions. We express our satisfaction that so many governments have gained the confidence needed to recognize the right of churches to be free and to make them equal before the law. We commend this practice to all governments.

In carrying forward this desire we urge that adequate public institutional opportunities be provided for the whole population, while respecting the right of churches also to formulate and support educational endeavors.

We also urge that programs and charitable efforts of the churches be so planned as to represent the love and the stewardship of the people of the churches and not the taxing power of the government.

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The corresponding secretary was in­
structed to engage a substitute missionary-
pastor to Jamaica for the Rev. Leon R.
Lawton for the nine-month period of his
furlough in this country and an amount
was appropriated to pay the travel expense
of this exchange plan.
A special committee appointed to re-
consider policy toward government assist­
ance for work on mission fields reported
the following: "It is recommended that
the policy of our board be to accept gov­
ernment support to schools and medical
work at the discretion of the local repre­
sentatives of the board on the mission
field and subject to the final approval by
the board as a whole. The reasons for
this action are many, but have been eNUmen­
ated before. It will be seen that this
action can only be taken in foreign mission
work where the workers on the field deem
it advisable."

The board voted to approve the report
of the special committee and referred
the action taken to the Conference secre­
tary (secretary of Commission) for infor­
amation.

Headmaster and Mrs. Grover Brissou
addressed the group expressing apprecia­
tion for the opportunity for service which
had been afforded to them. A tribute
of praise was expressed to them in behalf
of the board for their five years of dedi­
cated service at Crandall High School.

By unanimous vote the Missionary
Board extended a call to the Rev. Paul
B. Osborn, pastor of the Marlboro Sev­
enth Day BaptIsh Church, to serve as City
Pastor-Evangelist on the home field. Word
has been received since the board meeting
that Pastor Osborn accepts this call. It is
expected that he will be in the field in
the late spring of 1961. Details of
place of service are yet to be worked out.
The natives there are demanding education; they want schools with standards as high as possible and they hope, for this generation. They do not understand the problems involved. The government is unable to provide either sufficient funds or the personnel needed. There is a real emergency. The way it is met may determine whether there will be rioting, revolution, or orderly development, with the church in either Islam or Christian in the next generation.

Various denominations including Baptists are striving to meet the need by establishing schools, and the government is giving financial support for their operation. Will such cooperation lead to a union of church and state? Can Seventh Day Baptists join in this plan to meet this emergency in Nyassaland, or would it be a compromise of principle? Does the principle of separation of church and state apply here? Or does the obligation come first to proclaim release to the captives, the blind, and the oppressed, made so by poverty, disease, and ignorance?

I would like to see several Seventh Day Baptist teachers to the rescue of Nyassaland youth. I would have them operate one or more schools until a public school system or some other adequate system can be established. And what a challenging and limitless opportunity they would have to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

The new headmaster of Cranall High School, Courtland V. Davis, and his wife Frankie sailed from Miami on Tuesday, August 2. Field Supervisor Lawton wrote that he was looking forward to meeting them with the mission van at Port Antonio on Thursday, August 4. This port is on the north side of the island not far from the eastern end. Thus, before arriving at their place of labor in Kingston, the Davises would get an opportunity to cross the rugged mountains or see the beautiful views afforded by the road that skirts the eastern tip of the island which will be their home as they seek to bring advanced education to many Jamaican young people.

Greetings From Our Brother of the Mill Yard Church

(As prepared by the Rev. James McGeechy of London, England)

"The pastor and members of the Mill Yard church send greetings to all the other churches of the denomination.

"The coming of the Jamaican brethren and sisters to London has been a great encouragement to us, and has resulted in our beginning a Sabbath School, which is held at the Westminster Baptist Church, Horseferry Road, London S.W. 1 at 10:50 a.m. followed by a short service about noon. The superintendent is Deacon A. L. Peat, the secretary is Mrs. R. Hamilton, and the teacher is Brother E. C. Morris, all from Jamaica.

"The afternoon service at 3 p.m. is held as usual at the Upper Holloway Baptist Church, Holloway Road, London, N. 7."

"June, 1960, a party of six from the Mill Yard church attended the Conference in London, and enjoyed the fellowship with our Dutch and German brethren who were there. (An interesting report of the Hospital Conference telling of the part taken by the Jamaicans will appear in the Aug. 29 issue — Ed.)"

"We are always pleased to welcome at our services any American brethren and sisters who pass through London. The visits of our missionaries have been especially encouraging. Mill Yard is interested in all our mission fields, and we pray that God will revive our testimony everywhere throughout the world."

A Good Question

It is reported in the Riverside, Calif., church bulletin that Dr. Victor Burdick met with an interesting remark when he took his new son to church for the first time at Makapawa Mission in Nyassaland. Holding the baby in his arms he introduced him as "the new American missionary. Several of the people present protested, "The principal of our Land and of our People, an African."
committee. The theme is "Stewardship and Enlistment."

Dr. Casper C. Warren, also a Southern Baptist, is chairman for 1962 with the theme "Church Extension." Mr. Zwiebel is a member of that committee.

The 1963 theme is "Mission to the World." In 1964 all combined effort will culminate in a giant Jubilee Convention.

Other more permanent committees are working on a Baptist history, the possibility of a joint hymnal, and an interchange of leadership.

All of the possible returns from this united labor cannot be foreseen, but there is one. Quoting from a Baptist Jubilee Advance progress report following our March 2, 1960, meeting I read: "One permanent result of the Baptist Jubilee Advance was apparent when the Rev. Dr. Kenneth L. Cober, Philadelphia, Pa., chairman of the 1960 Emphasis, announced that Christian education is one."

In 1960 the theme was "One Crowning Achievement." Dr. W. L. Burdick came to the island and having accepted its teachings, she wrote to the American Missionary Association for aid in founding a Baptist history, the possibility of a joint hymnal, and an interchange of leadership.

When your delegates go to the committee meetings we present what we are doing as a denomination in our advance program, and we are shown what is being done in the other six. We do have something to show, and there is much to receive. The fellowship is marvelous, and I count it a rare privilege to work in our Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Youth Field Work
By Luan Sutton
Youth Field Worker

The summer youth field worker has attended five Association camps this summer: Camp MILES, Southwestern; Camp Shiloh, North Central; Camp Harmony, Eastern; and Jersey Oaks, Eastern.

At each camp a class on the aims of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship was taught. During this class time the campers also discussed some of the problems they were having with their local youth fellowships. Sometimes the discussions were unusually interesting.

In this summer program I have had the privilege of working with 145 youth plus those at Pre-Con. The largest group had 46 campers and the smallest, 15. The ages varied from 10 to 17 years.

Camp MILES was a wonderful experience for all since this is one of the few times during the year that they can meet as an Associational youth fellowship.

Although it rained most of the week at Camp Wakonda, it did not dampen our spirits.

Camp Harmony began on Wednesday and ended a week later, putting the weekend in the middle of the camp week, an arrangement completely new to me.

Since we had a small group at Camp Harmony, we were able to have "Campers Camp" on which the young people took over the duties of the staff. The campers were equal to the occasion and did a fine job.

It was wonderful to be one of the first to camp in the beautiful new camp near Shiloh. The people in that vicinity should be complimented very highly for the progress they have made at Jersey Oaks in such a short time.

This summer has really been an "adventure" with Christ for me. I am so glad I have had the chance to work with so many wonderful Seventh Day Baptist people.

At the time of writing I am looking forward to Pre-Conference Retreat where I can again work with some of these people and others as well.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for August 27, 1960

The Danger of Military Alliances

for September 3, 1960

God's Hand in History

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Life and Work of Sister Emelie Smikle (Up to her retirement on July 15, 1960)
By Socrates Thompson

Sister Emelie Smikle, the oldest Seventh Day Baptist worker in Jamaica, was retired by action of the Conference on July 15, 1960, and was encouraged to continue her heart-warming ministrations in the almshouse and hospital, with expenses paid by the Conference. When the action was taken the Rev. Socrates Thompson congratulated and praised her with well chosen words. Later he wrote the following letter to the editor of the Recorder.

Sister Smikle, born May 31, 1880, became a Seventh Day Adventist in 1909. From that time she was active in many churches. She was transferred to York Pen in 1939 for health reasons, and in 1958 she was transferred to York Pen. She has thus developed a galaxy of friends.

Sister Smikle was the first person to lay down a shilling on the conference table at Bowenville in 1939 for the promotion of a vocational school. From this shilling have come the birth of two schools: Crandall High and the Maiden Hall Vocational School.

It was not until 1942 that she was put on a payroll, receiving a mere honorarium and on July 15, 1960, the Conference Executive Council recommended her permanent retirement with a two-thirds allowance of her honorarium which is to be paid from the conference "Sustentation Fund."

Believing in "bringing flowers in one's lifetime," the Jamaica Conference expresses appreciation and gratitude to Sister E. Smikle — the mother among us and wishes her many more years of useful and happy life in the service of her Lord, but more so, an endless life in His Kingdom and glory.

Sister Smikle, during this time, gave greatly of her time and energy in the promotion of the cause of Seventh Day Baptists without receiving anything in return.

The Lord continued to bless her work and, among other groups which came into being, was the Leman Hall Church which was organized in 1957 and which she has served as Bible worker, but more as pastor from its inception until ill health forced her resignation in 1958. She was then transferred to York Pen where she served under the supervision of one of the pastors until 1959 when the state of her health made it impossible for her to be active for months.

During the years of her active life, she gave relentlessly of both time, effort, and devotion to those whose health made it impossible for them to go to the house of worship. She took very active interest in the bringing of the "Word" to those who were confined to the May Pen Almshouse and Chapleton Hospital, not only bringing Christ to them, but also bringing cheer to them. She has thus developed a galaxy of friends.

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BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Some ten Juniors made decisions for Christ on Sabbath eve at Holston Camp during the dedication service. Several who were baptized last year reaffirmed their faith in Christ and expressed their continued desire to follow Him. At least one young person in the Senior Youth camp has indicated his desire to follow Christ in baptism. It is hoped that others who have made previous commitments and have not as yet been baptized will be led of the Spirit to do so. We praise God for these momentous decisions and pray God will lead the parents of these boys and girls as they instruct them in the Christian way of life. There will be a class in church membership to be held this fall by the pastor.

It is noteworthy that all 25 Junior campers gave personal testimonies as to their joy of attending Holston Camp this year. Aside from mentioning the decisions they had made while at camp, they told of the many blessings which they had graciously received. — June-July News Notes

The Battle Creek bulletin for July 30 carried the SDBYF financial report for the past seven or eight months. It showed an income of about $110 for projects such as camp and CARE. The money-raising efforts included card sales, car washes, and a chicken barbecue to be held the day following the date of the bulletin. It reminded the congregation that the young people needed at least $75 more for the projects they had endorsed.

Memos of Ministers

From time to time there are changes in the location and work of ministers — enough to be gathered together into one item for more easy remembering. Some are missionary pastors, some student pastors, and some retired ministers.

The Rev. Donald E. Richards soon leaves an extensive West Virginia ministry, where he has been pastor of the Ritchie and Middle Island churches, and goes to the Dodge Center, Minn., church which has been passed since the Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn accepted the call of the New Auburn, Wis., church.

Dr. Loyal F. Hurley, retired, has agreed to serve the Salemville, Pa., church, which has for some time been seeking a pastor.

Salem College some weeks ago made the following announcement:

Doyle Keith Zwiebel, pastor of the Bolivar, N.Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church, has accepted a position on the Salem College faculty as assistant registrar, reports K. Duane Hurley, Salem president.

"Mr. Zwiebel and family will report to the Salem campus in September when he assumes his duties. At the present he is completing a Master of Arts degree in Education at Alfred University."

During the several years that Mr. Zwiebel has been pastor of the Richburg, N.Y., church numerous improvements have been made in the church property. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree at Alfred in 1958.

Ernest Bee, who has been serving the Battle Creek church during the summer, has been called to be student pastor of Richburg church with duties beginning in September.

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from where he happens to be sitting and the utterance to look into the firey faces of fellow campers as he speaks a few words for the Lord.

Are camps worth while, even those which involve so much effort for development and upkeep as do our church-owned camps? Your editor believes that they are if the effort of the laborers is matched by similar, consistent planning through the year and at the time the camps are held. It goes without saying that a camp without a Christ-centered program is like a highly advertised banquet that lacks the great essential — well-prepared food in plentiful quantity. Now is the time for camp leaders to evaluate their programs and to make notes for next year so that the campers will be assured of receiving all the help possible.

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ECUMENICAL NEWS

WCC Central Committee in Session

The annual sessions of the 90-member policy-making Central Committee of the World Council of Churches is being held in Scotland August 16-24 to discuss unity of Protestant, Angelican, and Orthodox churches, attending in addition, church membership of the committee will be an estimated 300 other leaders from many of the WCC's 172 member churches in more than 50 countries.

Among the major concerns of the committee during the nine-day session will be the role of the World Council in promoting church unity and the problem of organizational form.

The discussion on the WCC role in church unity will reflect a growing interest in defining the WCC's function in keeping types of closer church union before its members.

Traditionally the WCC has remained aloof from union negotiations between churches and has confined itself to study and cooperation and to providing the framework within which its members carry on cooperative practical programs.

Also to be discussed are tentative proposals for changing the criterion for membership of the council. The present basis is acceptance of "our Lord Jesus Christ as God and Savior." Some member churches have requested changes to bring the basis more explicitly into line with the doctrine of the Trinity and to base it more clearly on the Bible. Proposals made will be referred to the Third Assembly, which is the only body with the authority to approve a change.

HIGH TIDE

There is a growing feeling throughout the Methodist Church that the business of Christianity is not to make political decisions but rather to call sinners to repentance. — Bob Shuler

"The church door is tall enough so you can bring your head with you in.

— A pastor.

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WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. A. Russell Munson

1960 Winners of Music Contest

By Mrs. Oscar Burdick

The Seventh Day Baptist Sacred Music Contest has resulted in three winning church choirs. The awards were $75 to Miss Alberta Crandall of Milton, Wis., for a Sabbath hymn which she entitled "Return, My Soul." This is an excellent new setting of the familiar words by Joseph Bennett, "Another Six Days' Work, Is Done."

The second-place award is also given to Miss Crandall for another lovely Sabbath hymn, "Settle Sides the Twilight Ray," words by H.B. Smith. Miss Crandall is retired from the Milton College Music Department where she taught for many years.

The third-place winner is Fern Barber Masson of North Laup for her hymn poem, "Hold Thou My Hand," to be sung to the music of the familiar hymn, "Have Thine Own Way."

Don Gray, the music director for Conference this year, will try to have one or more of these hymns sung sometime during the Conference sessions.

The judges were Irwin Randolph of Wheatfield, Colo.; Delmer Van Horn of Adams Center, N.Y.; and Oscar Burdick of El Cerrito, Calif., all judges of the music. Miss Zoe Ziem of Milam judged the words. Mrs. Oscar Burdick was the non-voting chairman.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

EDINBURG, TEX. — With the Southwestern Association acting as host of General Conference this year, attention is fixed on the relatively small and scattered churches, one of which is Edinburg in the extreme south. A letter to the Sabbath Recorder from one of the faithful members, Mrs. J. R. Bachler, 801 W. Schenior, reminds Seventh Day Baptists not to forget the opportunities for temporary or permanent residence in that particular valley. The church does not present have a regular pastor and cannot
afford time, she says, but the members would do all they could to help one who came there for a short or longer period of time. She also urges others to visit their church. "Anyone going through San Antonio," she writes, "is invited to stop at Pavilion Beach Brook Hospital at Fort Sam Houston" to visit their son, James Harold Boehler (ward 43-C) who will be in traction until mid-October.

Marriages

Babcock - Peck. — Patricia Peck, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Ford of White Cloud, Mich., and Earl Babcock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Babcock, also of White Cloud, were united in marriage on July 18, 1960, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud by the pastor, the Rev. Don A. Sanford.

Births

Postew. — A daughter, Cindy Jeanine, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Foster of White Cloud, Mich., May 2, 1960.

Gober. — A daughter, Lesta Lu., was born June 26, 1960, to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gober, San Bernardino, Calif.

Kudert. — A daughter, Lauren Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rudert of White Cloud, Mich., June 1, 1960.

Viscusi. — A son, Robert Claude, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Viscusi of Sacramento, Calif., April 26, 1954, and Nellie Jo Bond Brissey, was born at Salem, Iowa, June 1, 1874, and was married on Jan. 4, 1900, to Evander Milton Randolph who died in 1924. She was the mother of two sons and five grandsons.


Obituaries

Brissey. — Anna Laura, daughter of Hiram and Mandane Ellen Lowther Wilson, was born in Salem, W. Va., June 1, 1874, and died at her home in Salem, W. Va., June 25, 1942.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. Althea Randolph and Mrs. Mary Davis, both of Salem, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and interment was made in the K of P Memorial Park of Salem. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, officiated.

RELIGIOUS

PRE-CONFERENCE YOUTH BESIDE CATHEDRAL OF THE OZARKS

Hands clasped in large fellowship circle, the nearly one hundred youth and their leaders complete their program on Sunday afternoon, August 14, at John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark. Gathered here from the far corners of the United States, many of the young people had experiences more lofty even than might be suggested by the high sanctuary within whose walls college students have doubtless found inspiration. Great decisions are known to have been made by some of those in the circle. Faith was strengthened and leadership developed.