preacher (Negro) in our church. The chairman, Mrs. Leon Malby, gave introductory remarks on the third-year Program for Advance. An inspirational talk "Called to be Witnesses" by Mrs. Jonathan Davis (Marlboro Church) was given. The church calendar was presented by Everett Harris. The planning session (augmented service committees) met to plan an outgoing total church program for the year, after which the retreat was adjourned. A very inspiring and helpful day was enjoyed by a large number of people. Children's activities in the afternoon were supervised while the adults were in session.

Another highlight in the church was the entertaining of the Yearly Meeting on October 13 and 14, which was reported in a recent issue. On Sabbath morning about 200 people met.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—After church services one Sabbath in September we went to the Zoo Park for a picnic lunch and spent the afternoon in discussing our past Lay Development programs, made plans for the future, elected officers, and arranged for committees. At this time we also planned for a retreat with Oliver Dickinson at his farm home at Boonesboro, Md. The retreat was held on October 7. The Rev. Melvin Nida, Conference president, was with us. Thirty-five were there and several definite plans were made for the year.

One plan was for Bible studies and consultation in needy areas. Pastor Randolph spent some time at Manassas recently, contacting eight persons for special counseling. A plan was made for trying to increase our church attendance by setting a specific goal of increase. Trying to increase our church attendance for the year.

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Rev. Ralph Hinsdale, son of Charles Brossier, Orleans, Mass., and Dr. Ruth Rogers, was born at Dayton Beach and died at Lake City Veterans Hospital, Lake City, Fla., Oct. 12, 1961.

He was a graduate from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y., after which he worked in several chemical plants before receiving a commission in the Civil Engineer Corps, from which he retired in July, after years of service.

Survivors include: his wife, Elma G., of Ormond Beach, Fla.; three daughters: Mrs. Gail Donaworth, Okinawa; Mrs. Anna Draper and Mrs. Frances Spencer, Mexico, Mo.; Mrs. Elizabeth Harper, Pittsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Julia Brossier, Orland; and Dr. Ruth Rogers, Daytona Beach; two brothers: Cyrus U., Shelton, Conn.; and Dr. Robert Rogers, Daytona Beach; two sisters: Mrs. Mary McFall, Augusta, Maine; Mrs. Donaworth, Mexico, Mo.; and three grandchildren. — S. K. D.

Correction — Mary Thorngate states that she cannot claim credit for the fine article "Dodge Center Fair Tract Booth" which appeared in the October 30 issue. She is chairman of the Tract Committee of the Association. Other members, Mrs. Payne and the pastor, prepared the report.
The Best Gifts

The giving season is upon us. One hesitates to call it the Santa season because those who are secular put the emphasis on the gift of God's Son to the world through the virgin and Bethlehem's manger. But we in America are taught in the gift of the season with buying, selling, and gift exchanging that readily gives credence to the cynical view that the gold and precious gifts once brought to Jesus by the wise men of the other way — into the homes of the modern wise men, the merchants who know how to use the Advent season to their advantage.

Worldly people give good gifts to their children, said our Lord. There are better gifts that come from God, and the best, according to Jesus, is the gift of the Holy Spirit bestowed on those who ask.

But are there not some really good gifts that men can give? There are. Among them is the gift of the world's best seller, the Bible. We can give it individually and corporately. When we contribute to the various Bible Societies and Bible distribution groups, we are not just giving gifts, but will send the writer, upon request, up to 10 free copies of the Scriptures to the poor countries.

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God's Words Are Few

The Bible seems like a big book; its pages are many and its words seem almost beyond counting. But from beginning to end it is God's Word which has been treasured by each succeeding generation for thousands of years. It contains God's law, of which the psalmist sang, "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul" (Ps. 19: 7). The fundamental law is the Ten Commandments, the sum of which is contained in the Ten Words. There are, of course, many other guiding principles and instructions in righteousness in both Old and New Testament.

How then can we say that God's words are few? By comparison, God's laws were compiled by the inspired writers over many centuries and yet the whole can be bound in one pocket-size book. It usually has less than 1,500 pages, and its words have been counted — 773,602.

Compare this with the words of the lawmakers of the United States in just one year. During the first session of the Congress this year, there was a total of 28,052 pages in the Senate and the House. Of this number, the Senate passed 1,133 measures and the House passed 2,557. A total of 327 of the public bills actually was enacted into law, plus 264 private bills.

It took 28,122 pages and more than 50 million words to print the proceedings of Congress in 1961. It would take a large number of volumes of the Congressional Record for 1961.

Granted that we need a lawmaking body and that most of the public laws are generally acceptable, at least at the present moment, we can readily see that man uses infinitely more words than God and that man's laws will be counted as far less permanent than God's. It is to be hoped that the Congress will debate and enact nearly as many laws during the 88th and 89th sessions as during the 87th. These are for the guidance of but one nation, God's, and are easily repealed. God's laws, if accepted, would guide the whole world in righteousness and peace until the end of time. Why? Because "the law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul."

King of Kings

The highly publicized motion picture "King of Kings" is now running in many major cities. Since it purports to be the story of the life of Christ it has a strong appeal to Christian people. Is this really a Christian picture which will draw us closer to the Lord and help in deciding whether or not to pay admission to the theatre to see this picture a few facts need to be presented.

The Protestant Motion Picture Council, organized in 1945, publishes ratings each month on current films. "King of Kings" heads the November list of 16 films and draws an overall rating of 14. Other films get about one fourth a page each. This organization co-operates with the Broadcasting and Film Commission and United Church Women. The material goes under the names of Mrs. Jesse Bader, Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, Mrs. John W. Brumley and Mrs. Henry H. Ragatz.

We quote their rating in part.

"The well-known Bible record is followed in simple fashion at first and gathers dramatic importance as it progresses. The story of the Nativity is short (only the visit of the Kings from the East is noted); and the flight to Egypt, the childhood and youth periods of Jesus are passed over rather quickly. The years of public ministry, beginning with Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist to the post-Resurrection period, are dealt with. Liberty is taken with the Bible narrative. On several occasions the scriptural account has made room for the exigencies of the 'script.' While the baptism takes place in the river, there is evidence that a gourd is used to pour the water on the candidate. Liberals will not find this acceptable. Certain characters are developed out of proportion, as in the case of Barabbas, who is made to be the leader of a violent insurrection, with much bloodshed and a tremendous revolutionary following. The Bible merely speaks of 'sedition made in the city ... and murder' as the cause of his imprisonment (Luke 23: 19).

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President's Message

How Do We Compare?

The Office of Information of the National Council of Churches recently released data indicating the per member contributions for all purposes for the calendar year of 1960 of 45 Protestant denominations in the United States. Here are some representative figures from that list (the membership is here reported in thousands following the name of the denomination, and the contributions rounded off to the nearest $1):

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(The is to be noted that the last three denominations have no members in the numbers 44, and 45 on the list of 45 denominations. It is also to be noted that the figures have been released to the press and have already been published in the major newspapers as well as denominational publications throughout the country.)

We have made many excuses as to the relative position of our denominations in the contemporary culture in the matter of the giving and the finances, but there are several things indicated by this release that we cannot excuse away. A denomination comparable to the other in size and influence is a yearly per member contribution that is three times greater than ours. Several denominations are taking in 50%, and in some cases as much for denominational work as is and no one can say that the people representing these denominations are rich. Several of the large denominations of our land are giving 50-100% more per member than we are. There is no comfort in the knowledge that we are third from the bottom in a list of 45 Protestant denominations or that we give $3 more per year per member than the poorest representative on this list.

It is not unusual for us Seventh Day Baptists to talk about the "true Sabbath," or as our newest tract phrases it: "the true Lord's day." We are apt to say this in a spirit of pride with the suggestion that we have something better, or that we are living closer to God than others who don't observe the Sabbath.

But where is our vaunted devotion? Jesus once said, "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven." Can it be that we need to take to heart the suggestion that we bring our gifts as well as our words? There can be no better season for this than that which we are now entering.

"Draw Near to God and He Will Draw Near to You!"

Give! Melvin G. Nida.

A Dangerous Business

Must Provide Police Protection

There is a business, a sales business, which is of such a nature that it is required to provide police protection for its patrons. This may be said of a fairly large number of businesses. Banks, for instance, handle a commodity that is desired by criminals, and innocent patrons are occasionally involved in bank hold-ups. But the business we are referring to is required to protect its patrons, not from the lawless element from outside, but from each other. Some of its patrons become lawless and violent and lose their moral standards while within this place of business and because they have purchased much of the commodity sold there. What strange business is this? The liquor business!

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Study of Beliefs
For several years there has been a growing realization among Seventh Day Baptists that in order for our people to be able to witness effectively for the Lord and to promote the truths which distinguish our denomination from others, consistent study of our beliefs in every local church is essential. It was felt by responsible committees and by our representatives assembled at General Conference that we had neglected such a study and that our young people were growing up without being able to tell others what they believed and why.

Thus our churches have been encouraged to emphasize each year a program of study on which includes the things held in common by most Protestants and also the one or two articles of faith that require us to remain separate. These studies are continuing in some of our churches. A notable example is the church at Los Angeles. This fall two simultaneous studies were being carried on, one by adults and the other by young people. Pages of Scripture references related to the headings of our denominational statement of belief have been circulated with the weekly bulletins, thus enabling every member to make a study independent of any statement previously prepared by the individual, the church, or the denomination. This is good Seventh Day Baptist procedure in which an individual should not be encouraged in some other denominations. A further guide to study, also mimeographed and distributed each week, was a three-column sheet. The first column contained the articles of faith of the local church. The second gave the briefer statement adopted by our General Conference and slightly revised from the one local church. The third column was for comments and references mentioned above. This, it will be noted that the latter is in four paragraphs instead of one. It would be interesting indeed for each reader to look up the references applicable and see how nearly he would come to the statements here presented.

VIII. THE CHURCH
(Conference Statement)
We believe that the Church of God is the whole company of redeemed people gathered by the Holy Spirit into one body of which Christ is the head; and that the local church is a community of Christ's followers organized for fellowship and service, proclaiming and teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ and making disciples of all nations. This is a brief statement of the church's beliefs. The third column was for comments and references mentioned above. This, it will be noted that the latter is in four paragraphs instead of one. It would be interesting indeed for each reader to look up the references applicable and see how nearly he would come to the statements here presented.

7. OF THE CHURCH
(Los Angeles Statement)
We believe of the Church
First that a local church is an organized body of baptized believers, having a necessary list of officers of its own choosing; a solemn covenant agreement upon the foundation of the Bible, expressed in a plain statement of articles of faith in its fundamental teachings.

Second that the true membership of the Church is made up of those who have repented of their sins, confessed Christ on faith as their personal Saviour, and by the work of the Holy Spirit in the heart and life, been "born anew," and have been baptized in water into the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Third that in an essential, vital sense all such local bodies, taken together as a whole constitute the great general "Church of Christ" on the earth.

Fourth that the true "Church of Christ" is the visible "body of Christ" upon earth, of which He is the head.

The man who moves God in prayer may never ascend to a throne on earth, but he may pray the wicked off who have ascended. — Walter E. Isenhour.

Drawing Near to God Through Music
By Margaret Davis Burdick

(One of several talks given at the supper table at Western Association, October 21)

Music has meant a great deal to me during my life. I cannot imagine a world without it. From the earliest days to the present, music has sung beautifully as if being directed by some divine Conductor. A choir trained for hours could have done no better; the sound of singing people seated in a circle, on the floor of our cabin at a New Year's Eve party. The earlier part of the evening spent in gaiety, the last minutes of the old year slipping by. The young people have joined hands and are singing hymns quietly. They express their New Year's dreams for the year ahead. God seems very near.

Again, I am reminded of the beautiful music sung by the Pre-Con campers at a vesper service at Conference.

I sit in the pew in the lovely old church at Ashaway, R. I., and hear the words of the beautiful solo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." Again I am listening to the opening strains of the Messiah: "Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye My People," later the beautiful contralto voice singing "He Shall Feed His Flock." I hear the comforting words sung at Easter, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." One cannot help but feel the chorus, "For unto us a Child is born — a Son is given." The words shall be called "Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God — the Prince of Peace.

A friend of mine once said, I have learned more passages from the Bible by singing than in any other way. How true! Much of our church music and many beautiful solos repeat almost word for word passages of Scripture.

An evening service — the Conference Prayer — at Amherst, when the audience joined in singing what I was unable to utter in words, Into My Heart, Lord Jesus." Only the very first notes were needed to start the audience singing. It was sung beautifully as if being directed by some divine Conductor. A choir trained for hours could have done no better.

The young people were singing happily, serene, with all joy and all peace, singing: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" — also recently sung at the funeral of the oldest minister in our denomination. In the blending of men's voices in an impressive quartet at this same funeral God was near.

A Sabbath morning when the choir sang "God of the Sabbath" before the start of the service;

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Missionary Pastors' Reports

Recent reports from missionary pastors and Home Field workers show varied services and forward-looking plans.

Pastor Lesli Welch attended the workshop of the School of Theology at Alfred during July (as did also Pastor Hays). He reports many pastoral calls, of which several are distinctly challenging. He is helping with Associational Youth Camp and conducted devotions at 4-H camp. The Washington, D. C., church held a Church Planning Retreat at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Dobson near Boonsboro, Md., on October 7 and 8 with 29 present. Conference President Melvin N. N. Davis' presence contributed much to their enthusiastic, progressive planning. Pastor Elizabeth Randolph writes that the average attendance at the Sabbath service is running from 22 to 28.

Shepherding Pastor Marion Van Horn reports that he is getting settled at Texarkana, Ark., in the rented home of the Church. "It's a range rather than a city," he adds, "as soon as arrangements can be made, to have a parsonage on the church lot." He is finding it possible to offer more of his services to the Houston Fellowship. He visited that group during the first weekend in October, with a warm welcome and response from this enthusiastic and growing fellowship.

The Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church has responded to the challenge of plans under discussion by the New Auburn church for assisting with Conference Missionary work. In August, Pastor Rolf Hays tells of leading in the regular prayer meetings and Sabbath services of the Metairie, La., Seventh Day Baptist Church. He got once a month to serve the Hammond church, now that Pastor Theodore Hibbard has moved to Winnemucca, Nevada.

The Salem church continues to be served by Dr. Loyal F. Hurley. Their Fall Church Planning Session was helpful. Pastor Hurley reports to meetings of the Church Evangelistic Committee having been held. Ten additions to the church are reported.

Pastor Kenneth Davis is working hard as the new pastor of the Dayton Beach church. He reports an increasing attendance at the Sabbath services. The church assisted on his expenses to attend the ordination services of Pastor Leroy Bass at Paint Rock, Ala.

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Daily Bible Readings

Thanksgiving to Christmas

Again this year the American Bible Society has offered to all pastors an unlimited supply of Bible reading booklets with suggested passages to be read in daily devotions from Thanksgiving to Christmas and to the end of the year. Since these booklets are available to all who will not have opportunity to get these helpful lists through their home churches the Sabbath Recorder is publishing the references from week to week. If you have not made Bible reading a daily habit, use these meaningful selections to establish the habit.

NOVEMBER

25 Thanksgiving

Psalm 100:1-5

24 or

Psalm 1:8-16

25 Sabbath

Romans 12:1-2

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Psalm 1:1-6

Psalm 8:1-9

Psalm 19:1-14

Psalm 23:1-6

DECEMBER

28 or

Psalm 10:1-24

Psalm 4:1-16

29 Sabbath

Psalm 15:1-16

Psalm 5:1-16

4

Psalm 7:1-29

Psalm 6:1-25

Luke 4:16-30

Psalm 5:1-30

9 Universal

Bible Sabbath ... 2 Timothy 4:8

CHRISTMAS FILMSTRIPS

The Filmstrip Catalog lists a wide selection of Christmas filmstrips available free of charge from the library of the American Bible Society. It shows all the way from the simplest Bible stories for small children to well-arranged picture programs for adults. Some have disc recordings; most are in full color. Due to the large variety and extra copies quite a number of churches can be served at the same time. Consult your catalog Order at once. Give second and third choices. Return materials promptly — insured.

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Statement of Experience and Call to the Ministry

By Leroy C. Bass
Paint Rock, Ala.

(Given on Sabbath, October 14, 1961, before the Ordination Council and members of the church)

It is my high privilege to stand before you today to tell you my Christian experience and call to the ministry, and then to give you a brief summary of my beliefs.

First of all, I want to say that I did not choose the ministry as my life work. I did not consider the ministry among other vocations. To my knowledge I never remember anyone talking with me about the possibility of my becoming a minister. Such a thought never entered my mind, nor the mind of anyone else as far as I know (in my formative years).

My parents were Baptists but as we had moved to a new community where there was no Baptist church, I started going to a Methodist church and to the Youth Fellowship. I was very happy there and came to the decision that I wanted to belong there. I was then 18 years old.

I did join the Methodist church; I was baptized into its membership. I was baptized by immersion. The minister told me about the three methods used by the Methodists and I chose immersion— to be baptized like Jesus. I had heard when I made a conscious decision for Christ. I did not see myself as a lost soul without conversion or salvation sermons at the Army over in India I learned from the ministers that the world is transitory, heaven is a goal to be inherited and eternal life is to be the gift of God. He has given me a zeal to preach pure Bible faith, unmixed with error, as I study and understand it. He has given me the assurance of His words, recorded in John 15:6.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he may give it you.

For I am not ashamed of the faith of my college years I was acting pastor of a Sabbath church in Vermont. During my college years I also began to have some denominational operation in several areas, especially as related to the ministers of churches. We were not supposed to be held at all, except the Holy Spirit was robbed of His prerogatives to lead and guide in many important areas. The Methodists were human-inspired rather than Spirit-inspired and I could see that these things under this centralized system of denominational government with its super-imposed directives did detract from the leading of the Holy Spirit in individual churches. I wondered just how I could be allowed to be led by the Spirit of God as a minister of a church. I also had my conscience to answer to, the impression of God's Spirit within me telling me I must always remain supremely responsible to my Lord in heaven, even at the risk of being in conflict with my superiors.

My apprehensions along this line were not merely the product of my own thinking; they were confirmed by one of the godly professors; then later on by another who was retiring from the ministry, then came the reality when I joined my church and expected to become a minister. Just before my senior year I married Marjorie Darrow, who was a close friend of Jesus, and who has been a godly blessing to me ever since.

As the time for graduation drew near I had received no calls to the ministry from any Conference, but I kept on writing, in essence, "No men wanted" to me. So we decided, after graduation, to move to Litchfield County in Connecticut, there being no Sabbath churches there, and with the help of God, we organized a company of 12 to 15 Sabbath-keepers in the three years spent there. We were happy conducting services for them, doing even this little bit for the Lord, but it was very frustrating to me to spend so few hours per week in the Lord's work when I longed to be in full-time service for God. We kept our trust in God and knew that He would yet bring to pass the fulfillment of His call of many years before.

We then planned on moving to Washington, D.C., where I would study, as an individual, to work in a theological seminary (belonging to my denomination of that time). This proved to be a very stimulating and spiritually rewarding year and the graduate study was very exciting to me. However, I had further reliable confirmation of my calling to enter the ministry; not by a man in the ministry; the hierarchy would be very demanding, replacing the work
of the Holy Spirit. At last I saw that if I were going to be free in my own soul in the means I loved my church, I had better seek a change. I also saw that it was unscriptural and egotistical to preach that there was only one true denomination. I wish with all my heart these negative things weren't so; it makes me feel bad to know there is no desire to help anyone by relating them, even ever so briefly. Nevertheless they are a part of my experience and I felt I owe it to this council assembled here today. While I didn't know which way to turn, but was confident God had a solution. He then marvelously opened the doors for me to enter the Seventh Day Baptist ministry, the oldest Sabbath denomination in this country, a denomination in which I can stand this day.节水

You Can Give A Stimulating Gift

Would you like to give to loved ones and friends a gift that does not come from the store, one that breaks away from the commercializing of Christmas, one that shows how much you care about spiritual growth, and one that will be appreciated every week throughout the year? Such lasting, thoughtful gifts can be given very easily by writing to the Sabbath Recorder. Give subscriptions to those who would not otherwise have the blessing of this denominational weekly. The cost to you is only $3 per year, six cents per week, for more than 800 pages of informative and inspirational reading. You can give your subscriptions to students and servicemen for only $1.00. Don't delay! Make sure that your friends and relatives have the one paper that tells the Seventh Day Baptist story every week. Few gifts can bring such joy to those who receive them. Let us know you wish with all your heart these negative things weren't so; it makes me feel bad to know there is no desire to help anyone by relating them, even ever so briefly. Nevertheless they are a part of my experience and I felt I owe it to this council assembled here today.
WOMEN’S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsdon

Worship Service

But the path of the righteous is like the light of dawn, which shines brighter and brighter until full day (Proverbs 4:18).

As we mingle with our friends it seems easier to keep quiet about the Sabbath, even when we are tempted to do things which we feel are definitely not keeping the Sabbath. We are too much afraid of being called “peculiar.” Let us remember “the path of the righteous.”

If we who are so grown set such a poor example for our young people, how can we expect them to be true to the Sabbath? We must teach them from the beginning, day by day and not a burden. Our example teaches them more than anything we can say. If they follow our example will they be on “the path of the righteous”?

Prayer

Our Father, help us to remember the Sabbath day as holy. It has been and will be a quail and worship service for the Rev. Kenneth Smith on the theme, “Deeper Commitment.”

In the homes of friends three times daily for four days prior to these meetings, asking God’s blessing on these services.

The topics of each service were brought out in stirring sermons. The Quarterly Meeting of Seventh-day Adventist Churches of Southern Wisconsin and Chicago met with the Milton church and in these uplifting experiences, Special music, the Speak-Choir, and, and the choir or the church carried the worshipful atmosphere. On the night after the Sabbath there was a special service for the young people.

All meetings were well attended, and the final service brought a good-sized congregation. Many expressed the thoughts of the writer that the message had brought us the desires and purposes for deeper commitment. Young and old were challenged to let our faith be shown in our lives and shared with others.

Correspondent.

DENVER, COLO. — As the Thanksgiving season approaches in the Denver church, the Sabbath worship services are made effective, and shared with those who cannot attend.

Communion was observed October 7, 1961, in the Milton church, and a tape recording of the service was made effective and shared with those who cannot attend.

The Lord’s Acre Auction, held at the Stanley Warner farm on September 28, was considered very successful. More than enough was received to complete payment on the church indebtedness which was incurred a few years ago when an addition of 20 feet was made possible a new kitchen, heating system, baptistry, and extra classrooms.

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VERONA, N. Y.—The New London Methodist Bible School joined with us in the Vacation Bible School held July 17-28. “This is the Right Time” was the school’s theme, with Mrs. Richard Warner as director. Others from our Sabbath School associations were Pastor and Mrs. C. Rex Burdick, Twila Sholtz Viscosi, Mayola Williams Warner, and Marilyn Osborn Davis. There were 114 registered, with 97 attending. Ten boys and girls from here attended the Association Youth Camp held at Camp Warner 4-H camp at Millsite Lake July 5 to 12.

Our church was host to the Conference Ministerial Training Committee on June 24-25. Textile Reporter Paul Burdick was guest speaker at Sabbath morning. Others attending gave talks during the Sabbath School hour or at the afternoon meeting which was scheduled because of their presence.

The Youth Fellowship has resumed its meetings after the summer recess. The Junior Sabbath afternoons are under the direction of the pastor.

The Youth Fellowships of the Central Association were entertained by the young people of the Western Association at Camp Harley, Sept. 29-Oct. 1. Ten went from Verona.

Miss Melinda Mallison is attending Springfield College at Clarkland. Brandon Crandall is a student of Crane School of Music at New York University of Education, Pottsdam, N.Y. Larry Drummond is taking a course in mechanical engineering at Clarkson College, Pottsdam.

Mr. and Mrs. Garth Warner were appointed leaders for the third-year Seventh-day Baptist Advance program. The annual planning conference was held October 7. Others besides the pastor handling the morning service were Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Olin Davis. In the afternoon talks by laymen included: Alden Vierow with the topic “Christ is Lord of All”; Barbara Crandall speaking on “Church as Mission”; Mrs. Stanley Warner presenting “The Ministry of the Laity”; Craig Sholtz talking about “Bearing Witness of Sabbath Convictions.”

Correspondent.

After group study, reports of committee chairmen included: Missionary Evangelism by Olin Davis, Finance by Gerald Sholtz; Fellowship by Mr. Maurice; Christian Education by Garth Warner, Communications by Roger Davis. Their findings formed the basis for making out the total church program for the year.

Study books on Jeremiah have been received and it is expected that several students in the church area will be conducted by laymen.

Approximately 60 people, including children, attended the fall Association meeting at Adams Center on October 14. Miss Joyce Sholtz gave the morning children’s message. The afternoon children’s service was in charge of Barbara C. Rex Burdick, our junior high school student, under the direction of the pastor.

The Ladies Aid Society has been using the study book, “These My People.” A plant sale was held and a quilt tied at the October meeting. Three public Sunday dinners have been served in the church dining room, the last of which was a turkey dinner Sept. 29 which was considered very successful.

The plan for the New London Seventh-day Baptist Church for the year was considered very successful.

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Plan now for . . .

CHURCH-VOCATIONS SABBATH

December 30, 1961

“All work is empty save when there is love . . .”

Sponsored by the Work Committee of the Seventh-day Baptist Board of Christian Education.
### OUR WORLD MISSION
Statement of the Treasurer, Month of October, 1961

#### Budget Receipts

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#### SUMMARY

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- Receipts one month: 4,983.12
- Balance needed: 11 months
- Percentage of year elapsed: 8.33
- Percentage of budget raised: 4.44
- Nov. 14, 1961

Rolland A. Maxson, Treasurer.

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Special Scriptures produced for the blind by the American Bible Society are examined by two delegates to a recent meeting of the Society’s Advisory Council. At left is the Rev. B. H. Phaup of Marion, Indiana, general superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of America. At the right is the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson of Plainfield, New Jersey, official representative of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.