believed that the Ten Commandments should be obeyed literally. Therefore they worshiped on the seventh day.

So here, behind its brick veneer facing, to the ancient edifice that succeeded the first building in 1729, representatives of the fewer than 6,000 Sabbatarians who remain true to tenets of their founders of nearly 300 years ago, come to worship, infrequently.

Last Saturday was one of those days when members of the faith prayed again in the historic structure designed by Richard Munday, who designed Trinity Church and the Colony House, too.

Just as the Sabbatarians suspended services here in the mid 19th century because of dwindling numbers, we suspect their strength will decline gradually even in their more populous centers, of which one is South County in Rhode Island. But there's one thing we can be sure of — the old church, as safe as possible from the elements, will continue to be one of Newport's most precious architectural and structural relics of the past, in the hands of the Newport Historical Society.

— Contributed by Rev. A. N. Rogers, president of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, who presided at the service described.

Evangelistic Successes

Over 4,000 persons have made decisions for Christ in the Hyman Appelman Campaigns held in the United States and Mexico during the first four months of 1961, according to a news release sent out by Appleman Campaigns. Mr. Appleman is one of the most successful of the Jewish-Christian evangelists. The decisions were made in campaigns held in York, Pa.; National City, Calif.; Mexico City, Hallandale, St. Augustine, Panama City, and Naples, Fla.; Memphis, Tenn.; Texarkana, Tex.; Dodge City, Kan.; Ardmore, Okla.; and San Francisco, Calif.

Accessions

Carraway, (Putnam Co.) Fla.

By Baptism:
Timothy Looney
Ronald Cumbus
Mitchell Cumbus
Tanya Price (Mrs. Joseph)
Jeannie Bohannon
Lonette Selph

Tract Board Meeting September 17

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society will hold its annual meeting in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 17. —

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PUTNAM COUNTY, FLA. — A successful two weeks' Vacation Bible School was conducted by Mrs. Lela Price, Aaron Price, and Mrs. Clifford A. Beebe from July 17 through 28. Mrs. Price taught the four beginners; Aaron Price and Mrs. Beebe conducted the junior-intermediate class of seven. The theme of the school was "Why We Worship." The junior-intermediate class made a thorough study of the Ten Commandments and of baptism. Closing exercises were held on Sabbath eve with songs, Scripture readings, and a question-and-answer period.

Partly as a result of the Bible School studies, all seven members of the junior-intermediate class presented themselves for baptism and church membership.

On Sabbath afternoon, August 12, Pastor Clifford A. Beebe baptized six candidates in the waters of Silver Lake. The day was ideal. A more beautiful scene could hardly be pictured than the five teen-age, or sub-teen, young people and a young mother, going down into the water as a group for the rite of baptism, then coming back up to kneel on the shore for the pastor's prayer and the consecration of the laying on of hands.

The fellowship of the dinner following, attended by parents, grandparents, and families of the candidates — many of them observers of the first day of the week — and the thoughtful talks by Pastor Beebe and Descon Aaron Price, contributed a great deal to the blessing we all received. — Mrs. Clifford A. Beebe, Assistant Church Clerk.

Births

Harris — A son, John Charles, to John and Lucy (Gray) Harris of Shiloh, N. J., on August 1, 1961.
Price — A son, Joel Hiram, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Price of R. 1, Palatka, Fla., on June 16, 1961.

NEW MISSIONARIES TO BRITISH GUIANA

The missionary program on Sabbath afternoon of General Conference closed with a dedicatory prayer for the new missionaries scheduled to go to British Guiana, S. A., at the end of this year. With the Rev. and Mrs. Leland Davis are, left to right, Ronald (12), Mary Sue (9), and Kenneth (almost 14). They are now starting a training course at Kennedy School of Missions.
The Beginning of Conference

Those who have attended many Seventh Day Baptist General Conferences come to expect a certain pattern of discussion. It is the genius of our people, however, to spring a few surprises. When we elect a president and entrust him with planning for the annual gathering we never know just how he will arrange the inspirational and business portions of the program. We do know that both elements will be included and that during the week there will have to be at least eight hours of business besides the committee time that precedes the general consideration of most items.

The president has much leeway in arranging the worship and devotional periods and in the selection of ministers and laymen for the principal addresses. This year the president wanted to set the tone of Conference as a spiritual convention before introducing any of the business for which the delegates were assembled. The first meeting was at 10:30 Monday morning in the spacious, air-conditioned auditorium of the Seventh Day Baptist church, where all sessions were held. Everyone knew in his own mind why he was taking his place in the auditorium but there was a change in the nature of Conference business; the president was not even on the platform. As a matter of fact, Mr. Osborn was inclined to stay away from the speaker’s stand, and up to the last, he was not needed as a presiding officer. That first meeting was a worship service led by the newly ordained S. Kenneth Davis. Being in a strange place it was not possible for the Conference choir, which sang so beautifully after its first practice, to be on the platform Monday morning. The worship service included a sermon on “Magnificent Faith” by the Rev. Eugene Fatato, the young and popular pastor of the Little Genesee, N. J. church members are most enthusiastic. The thrilling moments of high inspiration, the moving power of strong sermons, and August Contributions

Attention is called to the figures on the back page of this issue. They speak for themselves and deliver their message of achievement and disappointment to every reader who has had a part in the totals there presented. We can have a feeling of personal satisfaction in the statistics from our church only according to the way we use the money we have been given. What do our giving been regular, systematic, and generous? How does it compare with what we have spent for pleasure or invested for our own future economic security? These are questions to face, not in public, but in the secret place of prayer.

We cannot go back and change the gifts and bequests of the past, although some of the older members wondered why the Conference year ends Septem-ber 30. There is some encouragement in the announcement at the end of our recent General Conference. Attention is called to the figures on the back without undue hardship. The result was that we are less efficient than we could be; we serve ourselves as a denomination better than we serve others. Let us give enough to change this situation.

1961 Conference in Review

What are people saying about the 1961 General Conference of Seventh Day Bap-tists in the United States? What impres-sions will be lasting, what actions long remembered? One person cannot answer for all or be sure of that which is temporary and that which is lasting.

The thrilling moments of high inspiration, the moving power of strong sermons, may be of eternal significance in the lives of some but the impact of messages and worship services that purpose.

The realm of feelings, cannot be expected to continue with the same force as the week slip by. Perhaps too often when delegates report Conference to their friends back home they try to impart the feelings they had at certain times during the week. It is difficult to do so, and not necessarily unless it can be done successfully. If we only succeed in making our friends who could not go wish that they had been present we have not helped them much. A review of Conference in the areas of feelings and fellowship does, however, stimulate a desire to attend the next session, and so be continued.

Conference, as has been so often said, is a wonderful experience for most of those who attend; it does not exist for the benefit of the local church. It is primarily a business session. We pay the expenses of quite a number of denominational leaders. It is not to give them a vacation or to stimulate their religious fervor, though that may come. We send delegates to do the business, and the Conference president places almost all of them on committees so that their talents, interests, and store
of experience can be used in the smaller groups that take up the business of the session before it comes to the floor for general discussion. Thus the 1961 Conference, like others before it, will be remembered not so much for what was said in worship services but what was done in committees and on the floor.

The reports of some of the committees are being presented in part or in full in the Sabbath Recorder so that our people can evaluate the work that is being prepared, where we stand, what we have accomplished, and what we as a people propose to do during the next year.

We must face with grim determination the fact that at the end of our second year in the Program for Advance we failed to increase in the number of Seventh Day Baptists on the rolls of our churches. Perhaps this is one of the reasons why the proposed budgets of our boards and agencies had to be cut back many thousands of dollars. Delegates at Amherst were made soberly aware of the fact that giving to denominational work was considerably short of our goal and that it would take almost a miracle of widespread grace to raise the remainder of the Our World Mission budget by the end of September. One of the major acts of Conference was ratifying the budget for 1961-62 which the Commission had labored over both in December of 1960 and at their pre-Conference week of deliberation. It will be seen in the report of the Commission that once again that body has determined to strive for a fully raised budget only slightly larger than the one which we have not yet raised this year. Some of the cut-backs are in areas where we had previously decided with considerable enthusiasm to expand.

We should not be surprised that the decisions of the Conference in relation to finances? We can affirm that there was a manifested inclination to be realistic and to face issues squarely. This is not only the opinion that this Commission has sometimes made it difficult to take enlightened action. Perhaps one of the most notable examples of this is in regard to the Student Information Bulletin at Alfred University. Conference has now decided that the school cannot continue in its present status, which is to build up its faculty and finances to the point where it can be accredited, the financial goal would be too great. A study by Alfred University as to the need of an interdenominational seminary in that area of the state is expected to indicate what action may need to be taken next year in regard to establishing that sort of school or terminating the Alfred University School of Theology.

Other illustrations could be cited to show that this Conference was rather outstanding in the realism with which financial and other problems were faced by the movement last year to make some changes in the Statement of Belief was dealt with by the Commission in one of its recommendations. It was declared that the continuing study by the churches of our Statement of Belief "had not brought forth any satisfactory or final answer regarding the proposed revision" and therefore recommended that it not be adopted at this time. Neither the Committee on Reference and Counsel nor the delegates seemed inclined to argue the point on the floor. Another recommendation by one of the Los Angeles churches designed to put action words into our Commission "for their further evaluation and consideration." It could not properly be acted upon at this session. Its future is uncertain.

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God does not draw near to us when we are critical, and we are critical simply because we don't like someone. God does not draw near to us when we will to do the end. Christians, in their work, and when we help make the programs more effective than they now are. During this past year we have had the privilege of writing on the pages of the Beacon, the Helping Hand, and the Sabbath Recorder, our major publications; and in material published by other boards, agencies, and associations. There has been material in these publications of which we can be justly proud, but all of it has been mercilessly criticized and in the presence of others I have heard well-written material with spiritual challenge torn apart and effectively destroyed simply because a Seventh Day Baptist was not drawn near to God in loving the one who had done the writing.

Even when there is legitimate reason for criticism, we might well do what is reported of an ancient stoic philosopher. It was said of him that he was tolerant of the mistakes of others, intolerant of his own. Fellow Christians, it is often true that the non-Christians live better than many a Christian. These things ought not to be. Non-Christians, in loving one another that He might draw near to us.

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Another important avenue that we must take in our endeavor to draw near to God is the road of study. This is not an easy road to travel, but it is an essential one. It is easy for us to think that we have attained — easy, for instance, for us to believe that we have learned all that there is to know about Christian truth, or about the Sabbath, or about our Christian heritage. But the phrase, "I have attained," is not a motto by which to live; it is an epitaph to carve on a tombstone. None of us knows even a fraction of what we should or of what we are capable of knowing.

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Love One Another
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God has drawn us Seventh Day Baptists together and preserved us in this denomination for a purpose. It would seem beyond question that one purpose of our being here as a people is to preserve a heritage, but there must also be another purpose: that we should love and help one another. Certainly our Lord Jesus Christ has set the example that we should follow, but we have not always done so.

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A few years ago a Sabbath research project was started. There are not great sheaves of results from this endeavor to date, but this is the type of endeavor in which we must be constantly engaged. Such a project does not need to come to a conclusion. The engagement is an essential one and should be a continuing endeavor.

During this past year, a great deal of study went into an attempt to understand one of our pioneers, John James. Out of this study and encounter has come some creative appreciations of the past. This type of study must continue. The type of encounter that made this possible must continue, too. We Seventh Day Baptists are, in effect, shunning literary and theological controversy. But both literary and theological controversy are essential to creative understanding. When our study of John James began there was little agreement as to whether he was a genuine martyr to a religious cause or a martyr to a political fiasco. But out of his encounter has come a more general understanding of the life and times of John James. And I, for one, am proud to follow in his train and proud of his devotion to Christ's cause, even though he may have made political mistakes.

These are some of the results that can come from genuine study and a creative encounter in differences of opinion. It is not the differences of opinion that are hurtful; it is the meanness that suggests that unless I agree with you, I am not a Christian nor am I a good Seventh Day Baptist.

The Conference year which we have just begun will lead up to the 150th annual session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. This is something of a sesquicentennial year and in it we can come to something of a deeper appreciation of our General Conference and of the history of its organization. During this Conference year we need to continue our efforts toward making our denominational work more effective so that we can live into the future. All this will take study.

There is available to Seventh Day Baptists a tremendous potential of untapped resources for improving the effectiveness of our organizational and religious work. If we are to survive, we must take advantage of this dedicated skill available within our own ranks and through ecumenical organizations and agencies. Too often this potential has been lost, poured out on the sands of time, as a libation to our inability to love one another and our suspicion of ecumenical endeavors. As Seventh Day Baptists we have no more time to lose in such wasteful living. We must preserve the past, use the present, and march into the future in a full awareness of what we are and where we are going. This will take all the endeavor we can muster to study and to know, but this is an essential avenue in drawing near to God.

During this past Conference year our president, Loren G. Osborn, stressed the need for ecumenical appreciations. This we must continue to do. We must study our ecumenical relationships to find where and how we can work with others to the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. But above all else, we must study our Bibles. God has not left us without a testimony of His will for us. Each of us, in private devotions, must seek to find God's will. And let's not read the Bible for what we want to find. Let's read it for what is there — God's will for us and the world. "Study to show thyself approved unto God" and "He will draw near to you."

Service to Mankind

There is one final avenue that we must take in drawing near to God; it is the way of service to mankind. The imperative is clear and the example is apparent, but not always have we moved in accordance with this.

Jesus did not walk the weary paths of Palestine simply to make a few disciples happy. Jesus taught that His disciples must be about their Heavenly Father's business. Theirs was the task of carrying the Gospel to the world. And what is the Gospel? Those first Christians knew. They knew it was loving that unlovely wretch in the gutter; they knew it was... (Continued on page 15)
MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference

By Rev. Duane L. Davis

Seventh Day Baptists enjoy Conference. And not just the Seventh Day Baptists in America, but the brethren in Jamaica, too, look forward to the blessings and joys of Conference!

This year’s sessions of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference were held with our Wakefield church in the sugar cane country of the Queen of Cockpit Country. Thirty-five members swelled the leadership of Rev. Albert A. Black, our third largest church in Jamaica, and perhaps the fastest growing.

Under the leadership of Rev. John E. Hamilton, gave his address and officially opened the Conference. We were welcomed to Wakefield by Pastor Black, after which a guest speaker, the Honorable E. W. White, mansioned President of the House of Representa­tives, and neighbor to our Wakefield church gave an inspiring address, “The Christian’s Place in Society.” Other evenings of the Conference, the pastors of our churches brought the evangelistic message, with the aid of a layman in the worship service. Every session was blessed with a well presented anthem by the choir, who dressed in identical dresses and suits, and sang without a pause. Between fifty and sixty persons were served three times a day for six and a half days for the cost of thirty shillings (about $4.25 American), and the meals were very good, also. Lest the reader feel that the Conference was supposed to be over, the Conference decided to use the time allotted as “free time” after sessions. Some of the brethren sang and danced, with accompaniment of calabash, tambourine, and hand clapping and foot tapping.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

September 11, 1961

Gauss: Commitment to Christ’s Work
Lesson Scripture: John 3: John.
A dream of many years was fulfilled on Sabbath day, August 12, 1961, when we attended the Service of Recollection and Prayer at the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in America at Newport, Rhode Island.

As we crossed on the ferry boat from Jamestown we could see the city of Newport and the several churches. We wondered which one might be the Seventh Day Baptist Church. We drove through the narrow streets but could not find the church. We stopped at the old Trinity Church which was built in 1725 and the man in charge directed us to the Newport Baptist Building to which the Seventh Day Baptist Meetinghouse is attached.

We walked through the front part of the museum and entered the church with its rows of white chairs and its high pulpit. As we faced the pulpit, we saw a bronze tablet on our right on which was inscribed:

TO THE MEMORY OF

In 1664 Stephen Mumford came to Newport from London and told others of his opinion that the Sabbath Commandment was as binding as the others. Several members of the Baptist Church agreed with him but did not leave the church until 1671 when the Seventh Day Baptist Church was formed. The first house of worship was built between August 1706 and February 1707. The town grew and the 17 by 20 ft. meeting house became too small and a present 36 by 26 ft. building was started in 1729. However, the Revolutionary War scattered the congregation and the records of the church end in 1839. In 1884 the building was transferred to the Historical Society.

Rev. Albert N. Rogers, president of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, introduced Rev. Paul S. Burdick who brought greetings from London, Holland, and Germany, and Rev. Lester Osborn who preached an inspiring sermon reminding us that our wonderful heritage must stimulate us to go forward.

Following a covenant meeting, Communion was served using the three-piece set given to the church in 1750 by Hannah Martin. The meeting closed with a Communion Hymn written by Joseph Stennett. This hymn was taken from the 1826 Psalms and Hymns published by a committee of the General Conference.

Social Action Recommendations

Whereas it seems imperative that we as a Christian body take a positive stand regarding social injustice to any people, and social practices which bring forth evil,

1. We recommend that the Commission appoint an interim committee for one year on Christian Social Action; the purpose of this committee would be:
   a. To formulate the organizational structure of a permanent standing Conference Committee on Christian Social Action.
   b. To formulate a statement of purpose and make a study of the wide scope of areas of concern in Christian Social Action.
   c. To compile a file of work already completed or being done by various boards and agencies.
   d. To determine immediate and specific areas to be studied and, if possible, undertake action.

Note: The report of the Christian Social Action Interests Committee (new this year) made other recommendations not quoted here.

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assembly delegates rose in wildly applauding acclaim at the end. The next morning they backed up their enthusiasm with orders for 1,000 copies of an original cast-recording of the musical so they could listen again to such lyrics as "Use me, O Lord... But NOT just now."

As soon as I've reached retirement age, I'm getting a divorce.

As soon as I draw my pensions

Canon Edward H. Patey, chairman of the first European Ecumenical Youth Assembly at Lausanne, Switzerland, last summer, shared the youth people's enthusiasm. He felt it was the most successful attempt yet made to restate in fresh contemporary idiom some fundamental things about the mission of the church in the contemporary world. The canon residency of Coventry Cathedral, Canon Patey hopes to bring the production directed by Robert Seaver of Union Theological Seminary to England in the near future.

Delegates had opportunity to listen and learn as much as they could absorb from such speakers as the World Council of Churches president, Archbishop Iakovos of the Greek Archdiocese of North and South America. He led a worship service in the Orthodox tradition one morning.

The presence of 110 students from Europe, Latin America, Africa, and Asia reminded the North Americans that theirs was not the only continent that was considered young. But other students who had attended last summer's European Ecumenical Assembly felt that this assembly was much less conscious of responsibility or reconciliation with the rest of the world than the one at Lausanne.

U Kyaw Than, a Burmese Christian layman, was the speaker on the Gospel at the assembly for not planning a Communion service within its framework. As they returned to their homes in Canada and the United States and more than forty foreign countries, young delegates left with the challenge of the final gates left with the challenge of the final...
Auditors The Auditing Committee examined the auditor's report of the treasurer of General Conference and found it to be in order.

Certificate of Ordination It was agreed that the form for certificate of ordination as presented by the Ministerial Training Committee would be printed individually for newly ordained persons and other ordained ministers requesting it; the cost to be borne by the General Conference Contingent Fund, and the certificate to be delivered by the executive secretary.

List of Ministers The list of accredited ministers is being prepared for printing in the 1961 Yearbook, and will be available for examination.

The Rev. Edward H. Baug of Socorro, New Mexico, has contacted the executive secretary regarding his interest in Seventh Day Baptists. The Rev. Kenneth Smith, Denver, Colorado, has been requested to arrange a meeting with him as soon as convenient.

Pastor Imegi Attention is called to the fact that Pastor Imegi of Nigeria, who had earlier requested recognition by the Seventh Day Baptists General Conference, has now affiliated with the Advent Sabbath Church and no longer desires affiliation with Seventh Day Baptists.

My Spiritual Inventory The Conference president was requested to encourage the use of "My Spiritual Inventory" by means of letters and/or other methods, prior to January 1, 1962.

Survey by Co-ordinating Council The Commission drafted a proposal for conducting a survey of Seventh Day Baptist denominational administrative procedures and submitted it to the Co-ordinating Council for action. This survey will require an active participating board and agency to evaluate its functions with regard to denominational responsibilities; to restate and re-examine operating policies; to determine if present procedures and organizations are efficient; and to recommend specific changes necessary to improve our effectiveness as a "businesslike" organization.

School of Theology Discussion pertaining to the School of Theology centered on a report by Dr. Hermann Morse, special consultant of the American Association of Theological Schools. We call attention to the summation carefully considered.

Communications from individuals regarding the School of Theology are efficient; and to recommend specific changes necessary to improve our effectiveness as a "businesslike" organization.

Church-State The preliminary study to develop an interpretation of our position regarding the separation of church and state is now complete. The Commission would express sincere appreciation to all who participated in this study. This material is now ready for the Conference display. Next year the Commission intends to present an interpretation for action by Conference. (To be continued next week)

Notices The Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, for the purpose of electing officers and for trans- action of other business as may be necessary or expedient, will be held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in westery, R. I., Sunday, September 17, 1961, at 2:00 p.m.

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

Annual Board Meeting The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held on Sunday, September 17, 1961, at the Alfred University School of Theology in Alfred, N. Y.

All Seventh Day Baptists who were in attendance at the last General Conference are eligible to attend and participate in the election of the directors of the board. All who qualify are urged to attend.

New Conference President Speaks (Continued from page 6) a cup of cold water given in the Master's name; they knew it was a word of encouragement to some suffering soul when all seemed lost; they knew it was the expression of God's love to mankind.

Marcus Aurelius, emperor of Rome in the second century, looked at the Christians of his day in cold contempt. He said that they professed, but did not practice what they preached. Christians, he said, with their loose talk of brotherhood and humility and peace were hypocrites; and he persecuted them. So soon Christians had fallen from the way. But there were those who were faithful!

Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, later martyred by Aurelius prayed as he faced the unknown future before him, "My God, in what a century thou hast caused me to live, but help me to live as I ought."

Any casual observer would recognize that some pretty loose talk about brotherhood, and humility, and peace has echoed in these halls as Seventh Day Baptists have been in general assembly. But in the day in which we live we must translate words into activity and sincerely pray with Polycarp: "My God, help me to live my profession of Christianity!"

The question is often asked us to why we do not evangelize. The answer is clear enough — perhaps too clear. We have not evangelized because we have not loved our Christianity. Christianity is not taught in the schools; it is caught. We do not need courses in evangelism; we need to draw near to God in loving and serving our fellow man. Then others will understand who Christianity is and why we are Seventh Day Baptists.

These, then, are the avenues we must take in our efforts to draw near to God: Appreciate what God has done for us in the past; sincerely observe the Sabbath; love one another, study, serve others. But we need some compelling force to take us down these avenues and the only power we will find which is within ourselves: Christ in you, the hope of glory.

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We must, in His strength, "Draw near to God."

One final word must be said. It is a word of praise and gratitude. It should be noted that neither the president nor the first vice-president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference is an 'old-line' Seventh Day Baptist. It is not a Bond, or a Burdick, a Crandall, or a Davis; it is not a Hubbard, or an Osborn, a Stillman, or a Titsworth that demands these offices tonight. It is a minister by the name of Nida and a consecrated layman by the name of Parrish and we are not here because of any honor we come bringing to Seventh Day Baptists. We are here because of the love, and concern, and welcome that has been shown to us. This is evangelism and none of us lacks the tools to use it. This is the most effective type of evangelism that has ever been ordained, for it was ordained by the example of the Master Evangelist Himself. There is work for us to do as Seventh Day Baptists. The fields are white unto harvest. All over this troubled planet there are needs of the gospel. We can fill some. But most of all, right at home, there are those who need the love and concern and welcome that only we can offer.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you!

Tract Society Meeting The annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sunday, September 17, at 2 p.m. Those who are not members are not attended by the General Conference are invited to be contributed to the work of the Society during the year are members and are entitled to vote. This meeting will be followed by the regular quarterly meeting of its Board of Trustees.

Letter from Wichita, Kansas "I found one of your tracts in the parking lot of one of the supermarkets here. I had learned of your group while I was in Mecca, Calif., last January. I read the announcement in the Riverside paper. We would like to know if you have a group here."
### Our World Mission

**Statement of the Treasurer, July 31, 1961**

**Budget Receipts**

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**Summary**

Current annual budget $111,295.00  
Receipts for 10 months $72,009.42  
Balance needed 2 months $39,285.38  
Average needed per month $19,642.79  
Percentage year elapsed 83.35%  
Percentage budget raised 64.7%  

G. E. Parrish,  
Treasurer.

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**Marlboro Parsonage**

**Mortgage Burning**

**September 9**

Representatives of the Parsonage Building Committee burn the mortgage as the afternoon Harvest Home congregation stands by to sing praise to God.

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**Treasurer's Disbursements**

| Board of Christian Education | $534.35 |
| General Conference           | 816.87  |
| Historical Society           | 154.96  |
| Ministerial Retirement       | 476.98  |
| Ministerial Training         | 843.45  |
| Missionary Society           | 2,840.76|
| Tract Society                | 666.10  |
| Trustees of General Conference| 42.75  |
| Women's Society              | 128.84  |
| World Fellowship             | 58.44   |
| Special Fund                 | 132.22  |

*Total*: $6,675.70

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**MARLBORO PARSONAGE**

**Mortgage Burning**

**September 9**

Marlboro, N. J., parsonage viewed from the back to show the church across the highway. This $20,000 parsonage, completed late in 1959, is now entirely paid for. Denominational giving has increased during this period. The now-vacant home will be occupied in December by Pastor J. Paul Green and family.