young people have helped tear off old plaster, and Pastor Maxson has devoted much of his time insulating and painting outside. Every Sunday there’s a beehive of activity in the building.

Recent church attendance has almost doubled what it was a year ago.

At the last fellowship supper meeting held January 20 a camp committee was elected. — Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — It has been quite some time since news has been sent to the Recorder from the Alfred church. However, we have been busy and active during the fall and winter.

Our church year was changed in the fall to coincide with the Conference year so that we held our annual meeting in October. At that time it was voted to hold an every member visitation in an effort to increase our giving to our church and OWM. This canvass was held just before the holiday season with a large committee helping with the visitation.

We celebrated the Christmas season with a special worship service on December 23 and with both our senior and junior choirs taking part with special carols and Christmas anthems. That evening we held our annual family Christmas supper and party at the Parish House with over 150 people, counting many children and adults of all ages present to enjoy a good dinner and good fellowship. This occasion is looked forward to every year by the whole church. The primary Sabbath School put on a short White Christmas program and two gifts offerings were received, one to be used for poinsettias for the shut-ins and elderly people of our church and community, and one to help pay for tires for the Jamaica mission car. Nearly thirty-five dollars was realized for tires. About fifteen poinsettias are purchased every year and are used to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. About twenty-five dollars was raised at this time.

We are enjoying an open winter in Alfred, which helps to keep up a good attendance at church every week and we look forward to useful Christian service in the coming months.

**TRACT BOARD TO MEET**

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held Sunday afternoon, March 11, at Shiloh, N. J.

The work of the past quarter, when reviewed by the secretary and the chairmen of the eleven standing committees is expected to show considerable interesting activity. Looking toward the future, there will be recommendations for publishing more tracts, helping churches and Associations with Sabbath promotion, and probably a discussion of how the Sabbath Recorder can more effectively serve the denomination.

**Accessions**

By Letter:
Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Edward Sutton (Brizaan Pratt)
Mrs. W. Maxson (Irma Fitzgerald)
Bertha Nell Brooks
Patricia Ann Brooks

**Marriages**

MacVeigh-Crandall.—Richard McVeigh and Miss Sandra Crandall were married in the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church on December 16, 1961, by Rev. Paul L. Maxson.

Soror-Green.—Arthur Soror and Miss Charlene Greene were married April 29, 1961, in the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church by Rev. Paul L. Maxson.

**Obituaries**

Graafstraal.—Sara Maria Vandersteur was born at Haarlem, Holland, Oct. 1, 1868, and died at her home Feb. 14, 1962.

As a girl of 9 she was baptized by the Rev. G. Velthuysen, Sr. She was a constituent member of the church in 1877.

At the age of 25 she went to Java to assist her brother "Pa Vandersteur." For 50 years she has worked among the people, both of mentally disabled and people. There was an interruption of only one year, when she went to Holland for the recuperation of ill health. In this year she was married to Bro. Dominicus Graafstraal, who died in 1927. In 1943 she was interned by the Japanese. Since 1945, when she repatriated, she lived at Haarlem, a highly beloved member of the church.

In her long life she has been a blessing for a crowd of pupils. She was a true Christian. The only motive for her service was love.

Funeral services were conducted by the elder of the church, Bro. H. Visser. — O. Z.
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A New National Hero

Suddenly Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., at the age of 40 has become America’s number one hero. None but the hero himself will deny that he deserves most of the honor and acclaim given to him. How fortunate to have such a worthy, humble, Christian man as our first American to orbit the earth. While admitting that the success of his mission was largely due to the skilled reduction of a trickling normal daily travel between the eastern and western sections of the city.

The Communists of the Eastern Zone are not particularly inconvenienced; it was their idea to erect the wall. The Christians in particular have faced, and still face, many problems with this new "middle wall of partition" (Eph 2:14). Many of those who had opportunity to escape to West Berlin were torn between loyalties in numerous ways. One of the problems of people who chose to continue in the Eastern Zone was knowing that they would be misunderstood and that their Christianity might be questioned by Christians in the West. Some of them have tried to remove some of this misunderstanding. Their story is told in part by Lauree Hersch in the February 17 issue of the Gospel Messenger. We take the liberty of quoting from that article because Seventh Day Baptists as Christians in the West.

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Behind the Berlin Wall

The "Iron Curtain" dropped down by Soviet strategists around the far reaches of Eastern Europe and the United States. The Berlin Wall has become a symbol of the Solidarity between East and West. It effectively separates ideologies and holds down the free interchance of information. The concrete wall that has complicated the lives of Berlin residents in recent months, however, the solidity of the Berlin Wall has become an object of ridicule in the Western world sensibly laughs at us for this national absurdity.

The Wall was their idea to erect the zone on both sides of the wall, and we need to continue meeting the difficulty of making decisions which we ourselves do not have to make — not yet, at least.

A man in a position of responsibility to escape or even defeat it, but we know that the thunderous acclaim given to America's first man in orbit does not mean that we are really venturing into space, except vicariously. A hundred and eighty million people have been looking as proud parents or spectators, we might say, into the crib of a new age as the ten-year-old boy is to full manhood. We glibly call ourselves men

We cling desperately, and often ridiculously to youth as though it were a salvation in itself. As children shall inherit the kingdom of heaven and all beyond it and all before it, which is the rest of the world sensibly laughs at us for this national absurdity.

At 40, Glenn did more than prove himself. He opened a new vista of hope to millions of time-fearful men and women. He showed that achievement and heroism are not the property of youth, but are available at any age.
promised by Christ? Is ours a Christian nation? Certainly not yet. Ours is too much a nation of spectators of an age that ought to be dawning. The message of Christ and His church has been accepted with lip service as commonplace. What percentage of us have felt the urgency of it? We boast of well over 50 per cent church membership, but we are forty chapters away. Is it any wonder that 80 per cent of us have not seriously buckled our seat belts to venture into the glorious experiences of the Christian life that can be ours. We are sure that there looms before us all a space age at the edge of eternity. Let's be equally sure that here and now we have trusted ourselves to the "wings of the Almighty."

A New Heresy

Orthodoxy and heresy are seldom mentioned these days in the church circles within which most of us move. Both terms have taken on a certain stigma, or at least an uncertainty, fostered by loose doctrinal thinking and the tendency to caricature them. If anyone speaks seriously of heresy or orthodoxy he is likely to be thought of as a forgotten monster brought up at the rank of historically-held Bible doctrines. He went on to say, "...there is the danger that denominational promotion was being elevated above the rank of historically-held denominational program. The burning question of our Lord was for this generation as well as to the first century: "...nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18: 8)."

Fortunately we do not have to choose which kind of heretic we will be. Paul told the Jewish leaders that he worshiped God according to the way that they called heresy. But to him heresy was something dreadfully serious. Otherwise he would not have written, "Let God be true, but every man a liar" (Rom. 3: 4).

When we remember that faith is first and program second, we will have an effective program. We must learn to put up with a little rocking of the denominational boat which is not equating it with the "wreck of faith." We can "stand fast in the faith" and stand behind all, or nearly all, of the programs that have been agreed upon to advance the faith.

"We cannot match the Communist world man for man, or gun for gun, but we have a power and strength that can only be found in the cross of Jesus Christ. We can only fight the sickness with the cross." — Governor Hatfield of Oregon.

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President's Message

General Conference, 1962

General Conference, 1962, will be held August 13-19, at Mission Farms, overlooking Medicine Lake, Minneapolis, Minn. While August may seem a long way off, particularly to those of us who live in the North, it is just about the right time to begin making plans to attend. Many have already done so and many more will do so when they know that the final decision within the next few weeks.

Conference President and the North Central Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches would like to urge every Seventh Day Baptist to seriously consider attending General Conference this year. For those who may be undecided and for those who would like to know more about the conference site, Don V. Gray, field coordinator of the North Central Association, has prepared a set of slides and script that shows the Conference grounds and tells of the accommodations.

Two sets of slides and script and available to any Seventh Day Baptist Church, Association by writing the National Office. All that will be needed to use this material is a slide projector, a screen, and someone to read the script. The slides very adequately present the Conference grounds and explain the facilities.

Write for a date to use the slides as soon as possible. One set is available from Preston B. Wiseman, New Hampshire and the other is available from Melvin G. Nida, Box 1142, Alfred, N. Y.

Christian Citizen

In the confusion of the welter of right-wing organizations vying for attention this training program is far different. — Ed.

A nation-wide movement to educate all Americans in the political life and government in America moved into high gear officially on February 1 in some 17 states. The movement is called CHRISTIAN CITIZEN and its directors and members are hoping to stimulate active participation by Christians in politics and government. While it is a non-partisan roots program of education and training.

Chairman of the National Christian Citizen Committee, Gerri Von Frellick, a Denver real estate developer, declared in an official announcement that CHRISTIAN CITIZEN "If the 114 million Christians in America are to use their influence in this cold war struggle, they will have to learn the principle of effective individual participation. Most feel there is nothing they can do about moral and spiritual conditions in the community, yet this is not true."

According to CHRISTIAN CITIZEN spokesman, the three-point study program developed by the organization is designed to function through home study classes to be held eventually in each political precinct in America. Citizens in these classes will be provided materials on three general subjects: America's Christian Heritage; America's Political Structure; and How to Become Effective in Citizenship. It will train Christians for participation in politics through, again, the party of their choice. And it will encourage Christians to vote and to assume all the citizenship and leadership responsibilities the American democracy demands.

This is not an "anti" organization, its spokesmen point out. It is a non-partisan, non-political, non-profit effort to establish Christian principles in our national life.

National committee members pointed out that the organization is a non-profit educational program and that it will not sponsor legislation or oppose legislation; will not endorse or oppose candidates for office. The members described CHRISTIAN CITIZEN as "not another organization to join. It is a movement, they feel, in which concerned Christians can work together to exercise their citizenship privilege of voting intelligently and to seek God's will regarding their responsibility for Christian citizenship."

Endorsement of CHRISTIAN CITIZEN has come from such political personalities as Congressman Walter Judd of Minnesota and from such religious leaders as Dr. William R. Bright, international president of Campus Crusade for Christ. Dr. Bright said, "I am convinced that pastors and church leaders will recommend it to their laity and young men because their church organizations need never be involved in "anti" campaigns. Their interest is to the maintenance of the principles of separation of church and state."
Can we answer the troubling questions about God, Man, and the Space Age


A good old man in the Rhode Island State Hospital was troubled by hallucinations. At night he heard voices and saw the Devil in the form of a skeleton coming up through a hatchway and motioning to him. The minister asked, "Can he get me?" "No," I answered, "God is stronger than any other power. Put yourself into His keeping and you will be safe." I hope he succeeded.

A young man in a mental ward believed that in the light of all that has been accomplished by science in recent years, man will soon be able to do anything that God can do. A fine young man attending a university confided to me that he was confused over some of the questions and doubts raised by his professors.

Shortly after the first sputnik went into orbit and began sending back its "beep-beep" to the astonished world, a woman was heard to say, "You ministers can say what you like — somehow that thing has gotten between me and God."

Many people are troubled and confused about their religious beliefs and many more would be if they were to take the trouble to think. Many are afraid not to take everything literally for fear it might upset their faith. They reject the findings of science because they seem to disagree with statements in the Bible. Sometimes they resort to elastic explanations rather than change their views. A Seventh Day Baptist minister back in the territory in which I know that God put the fossils in the rocks declared, "I won't believe that Galileo was right and whether Darwin was right or partly right matters little to me."

Sun, earth, monkeys, and man were all created by the same God. Just how monkeys and men are related we're not quite sure, but sometimes I think they are rather close. In the zoo in Milwaukee there used to be a huge sign which read, "Monkeys are the closest people." The attendant thought it ought to read "People are the closest monkeys." Whether man or monkey was first on the earth, we must admit that the monkey was first in outer space and quite likely will beat us to the planets.

But seriously, the questions that arise as we contemplate the space age concern whether our children or grandchildren will be moving to Mars or other planets? Will they find beings like ourselves there? Will there be wars with the Martians? Will there be integration problems on the planets? Will we get the first on Mars? Do they know as much about God on Mars as we do, or more? Will we in a few years be desperately seeking the answers to these questions and many more?

Science will be giving us some astonishing new knowledge. It may undermine some of our religious traditions, but I assume that will not undermine the fundamental principles of Christianity. Science and religion each have their own "Heaven," but whatever is true in one must be true in the other. Religion declared that "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Science can tell us a great deal about how the heavens and earth are made and how they work though it cannot tell us who made them or why. It can show us how to get into the heavens though not how to get to heaven.

But science does expand our concept of God, man, and the universe. Every discovery that seems to decrease man's significance actually augments his knowledge and control of the universe. "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.' " is man more than ever the crown of creation, wonderfully made, physically out of the dust of the earth, spiritually in the image of God?

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"I know that right is right; That it is not good to lie; That love is better than food, And a neighbor than a spy; "In the darkest night of the year, When the stars have all gone out, That courage is better than fear's, And faith is truer than doubt, "And fierce though the fiends may fight, And long though the angels hide, I know that Truth and Right Is the universe on their side."

If, as we expand our dominion over the universe, we do not forget to recognize God's dominion over us, and to follow His way as revealed in Jesus Christ, we can confidently say, as I'm sure Paul would say, "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation (including sparks or visitors from outer space), will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8: 38, 39).

NCC General Board Meets in Kansas City

Dr. Ross, general secretary of the National Council of Churches, reported to the 270-member assembly of the Council, which held its five-day business session at Kansas City, February 26-28, that the General Board, which meets three times a year in different sections of the United States, convened in Kansas City for the first time.

Some of the recommendations made by Dr. Ross were that the Council should: join with state and local church councils and the World Council of Churches to improve the country's community program; urge member churches to strengthen participation by laymen; continue efforts, with denominational aid, to develop basic understanding on the part of the general public and the church membership as to the Council's nature, policies, and program.

The year marked real progress in the Council's efforts to better serve the needs of its member Orthodox churches, Dr. Ross said. He announced the appointment of Dr. Paul Anderson, widely known former YMCA executive as consultant on Orthodox and other Eastern church relationships and as adviser in international affairs.

The eleven-year-old Council is now "coming of age," Dr. Ross asserted, and is carrying out high-priority tasks given it by the member denominations, and exhibiting willingness to look at new patterns of work.

The National Council of Churches has been catapulted to national prominence by several new forces which have made themselves felt in our nation's life, the Council's General Board was told by its president, J. Irwin Miller.

Turning to right wing attacks against the Council, President Miller said, "Critics of the Council have read knowledge of the Council into all corners of the nation which we would be unable to reach. This has presented new opportunities to bring the Council's work to the attention of much larger and interested audiences. The false and libelous statements about the Council have denounced Christians and they are ready to listen."

He called on the assembled church leaders to make good use of this opportunity by stating responsibly our truth and not brush off the charges and accusations lightly.

These attacks on the Council in this irresponsible manner are obviously in need of the ministry of the church; but how can the church minister to them and at the same time detail itself to the public? He saw this as the real problem.

"The unity of the church is important so that the truth may be preserved and those who will be with us whom Him Himself is it."

No one can fulfill its ministry, or stand against those forces that will destroy it. Thus the Church must turn again and again to the Bible. There, in the prime record of God's self-disclosure to a people, it can discover the new meaning of God's purpose for His people.

The Church of the Living God always faces two great realities: It must look steadily at the world in which it lives and be irresponsible to witness. It must understand that world and the ever-shifting tides which tend to motivate men. But of prior importance, the Church with street appeal must make its stand on Him who calls it into mission. Unless it does so, it can neither fulfill its ministry, nor stand against those forces that will destroy it. Thus the Church must turn again and again to the Bible. There, in the prime record of God's self-disclosure to a people, it can discover the new meaning of God's purpose for His people.

The Church always has the responsibility to the Christian world mission by a hostile world situation. Christ's words to all His disciples in Matthew 28 are, first of all, a command: All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me." He said. And the work of the church is voluntary so that it demonstrates this basic truth, i.e., Christ is now the head and authority of the church, and is therefore our Leader in mission. Yes, He is the head of every principality and power, the Lord of all lords, and King over all kings.

The great commission is a great promise. We will have called it into mission. I will be with you even to the end of the age." How will He be with us? In the guise of those whom we are called to serve — the hungry, sick, poor, the exiled, the prisoner. Who is it who will be with us? One who Himself has been naked, hungry, a prisoner, one who has poured out His own blood for the forgiveness of mortal man's sins. Where He is, there is God's kingdom and power, the talk of the givers.

This commission is a set of marching orders from this Companion: "Make disciples of all nations." This includes teaching the new commandments.

The Covenant makes clear that the basic motive for accepting this great commission is gratitude and sacrificial love.
New Delhi Echoes
By C. W. P. Hansen
(Continued from last week)

For some churches and leaders in the Council there will be a temptation to arrogance for others a temptation to sacrifice principle for the sake of political expediency; for still others, a temptation to be harshly critical and contemptuous of other traditions. It is to be hoped that this encounter between churches does so widely separated in our time will be entered into with humility and with the spirit of each seeking to understand the other, to appreciate the other, and to share with the other.

Large churches need to be reminded that their power does not necessarily indicate that they are above others approved by God. They need to be reminded that new insights into truth and goodness, and outstanding achievements in behalf of the Kingdom of God, have characteristically revealed themselves through creative minorities while strength has frequently supported wrong.

Small churches need also to ask them­sel­ves why their witness is not more effective. For all there must be an eagerness to seek together the good and the true on their own merits and without regard for the organized channel through which these appear. For all there must be humility and love and a willingness to grow and change toward a more perfect reflection of divine life. Pride and prejudice must be overcome. Each church can learn from all others. Doubtless each has also something to give. All must be open for this interchange of thought and spirit. All must develop the necessary skill and courage to learn what they need to learn — truly to judge as God judges. All must also witness to God’s light as it shines upon them. Such witness should be a delight to all, without judgment and for true dialog with mutual respect must be developed.

One matter discussed at New Delhi, and highlighted by the very substantial growth of the church, is the problem of what to do about the many very small churches which may desire membership.

Shall they be admitted to full and equal membership along with the larger churches if sufficiently with but one delegate in attendance at assemblies, for instance, their representation is larger, proportionately, than the representation of any of the churches of the Council? It was strongly felt at New Delhi that assemblies were reaching a size beginning to diminish the vitality and effectiveness of their work. Adequate representation of the smaller churches in the Central Committee is also a very real problem. Present membership is 100, but the number of churches in the Council is 159. In assembly meetings, certain matters are voted by churches rather than by delegates. In such cases, small churches have an equal vote with the large churches. Is this desirable? On what basis can it be defended or opposed?

The New Delhi Assembly did not attempt to solve this problem, but did officially ask the Central Committee to study the problem and report its findings, and presumably also its recommendations, to the Fourth Assembly. It was also recommended that during the interim of that assembly period, no church with an inclusive membership of less than 10,000 be admitted to full membership in the Council. Under this policy, it is doubtful that the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference would qualify for admittance to the Council. The Central Committee would study its reports and documents.

Surely, through all of these developments, Seventh Day Baptists should be challenged to a more responsible participation in the work of the Council. Members should study its reports and documents. A more adequate financial support should be given, and every effort should be made to contribute as constructively as possible to the thinking and activities of the Council. We must make our participation more directly relevant to the needs of the churches and to the body as a whole. Only thus can we justify our membership.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

CAMPER EXCHANGE PROGRAM

The Camper Exchange Program sponsored by the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education has been placed in the hands of a special committee of the Youth Work Committee. Letters have been sent to Association and church camp directors to line up the program for this year.

CAMP DATES

Camp dates now set for Pacific Pines: Senior Camp, June 22-24; Primary Camp, June 25-28; Junior Camp, July 1-4; and Intermediate Camp, July 8-15.

Lewis Camp: Junior Camp, July 15-22; Senior Camp, July 22-28.

Camp Harley: Senior Camp, July 7-15; Primary Day Camps, July 16-19; Junior Camp, July 22-29.

Camp MILES, June 10-17.

COMMITTEE ON UNIFORM SERIES

Secretary Rex Zwiebel attended the annual meeting of the Committee on the Uniform Series of the International Bible School Lessons, Division of Christian Education, NCC, in New York City, March 4 to 9.

During that week lesson Scriptures and suggestions were chosen for the year of 1967, the closing year of those chosen on those of 1966, and a preliminary meeting of the subcommittees for 1968.

Seventh Day Baptists know these meetings as the ones which Dr. Eric E. Sutterfield attended for so many years while he served as editor of the Helping Hand.

A THANK YOU

The following paragraphs come from Rev. David Clarke, director of Youth Pre-Con last August, . . . the young people's presentation of telephone toll money to call my wife at the close of Pre-Con, and their cleverly offered gift of a good director's whistle, thoroughly warmed my heart. But I am sure that this thoughtful action represented their gratitude for an entire staff who worked well together in deciding when the whistle should blow.

"In recognition of thanks expressed to all of us on the 100th of these and other words and actions, I am offering a good bone whistle for next year's director with the idea that he might like to pass on to one of the 1965 directors."

These words remind us that now is a good time to start planning for attendance at Youth Pre-Con at Mission Farms, Michigan. James Cox is in the midst of plans designed to make this year's experience the best yet.

ERROR

In our announcement concerning the new Field Worker for the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education, we were mistaken in stating the school in which Miss Linda Bingham teaches. She is a teacher in the Beloit, Wisconsin, Junior High School.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN TO TITHE

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it (Proverbs 22: 6)."

We should teach our children to tithe so that the habit will stay with them.

A child should be given a regular allowance no matter how small, and should be taught from the first that one tenth of what he receives belongs to God. If he learns to take out one tenth and put it in a special place, he will be proud and happy to take that money to church and Sabbath School, and a valuable habit will be established.

As he becomes older and earns money for himself it will be much easier for him to lay the tithe aside before spending any for himself if the habit is already established.

If we all had this habit we would not have to spend our time worrying about finances, and Our World Mission could go forward at a rapid pace.

Women, do your part in encouraging the whole family to tithe.

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CUBAN REFUGEE RESSETLEMENT

Cleveland was the first city to arrange (through Church World Service) for a plane load of Cuban refugees from Miami. They arrived on February 27 and were soon taken over by their local sponsors.

"If 999 more American cities would accept responsibility for 999 similar charter flights," James MacCracken of Church World Service said, "the entire resettlement job could be accomplished. They keep coming into Miami at the rate of about 2,000 a week."

Under the plan sponsors agree to find homes and jobs for the new arrivals and help them with food, clothing, and cash until they can get established. A recent report shows that the Cubans have returned $35,000 of the money they loaned them by the Government, and the agencies also have similar favorable reports. "These are proud, independent people," Mr. MacCracken of CWS said, "and they deserve our help."

Walter L. Knight, a Southern Baptist feature writer, appealing to fellow Baptists for their assistance said: "Miami has become a refugee funnel, with the big end turned toward Cuba and the small end toward the rest of the United States. And the funnel is about full, but only an outgoing trickle relieves the pressure on this generous city."

"The best efforts of government, civic and religious groups have resettled only about 500 a week, leaving between 1,000 and 1,500 to swell the crowded facilities of Miami."

"These are the statistics, but this is not a story about numbers. It concerns people. And a visit to Miami by a concerned person reveals the warmly human and touching plight of a proud, intelligent, educated people."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

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LET'S THINK IT OVER

Less Liberty Since Kennedy Administration

Since the beginning of the Kennedy administration Protestants in Catholic-dominated countries have less liberty, Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, observed. "A Christian conscience must be allowed to express itself," he added. At the conference, he attributed this to a growing attitude on the part of Catholics that world opinion would not be against them since America had elected its first Catholic President.

Dr. Archer, who recently was on a world tour of Europe, said in Italy that the preaching permits of ten Protestant ministers had been withdrawn. Until recently, he said, there had been considerable freedom in Italy for Protestants. He also commented that the press in Latin America expressed the feeling that Mr. Kennedy's election indicated that the United States is becoming a Catholic nation.

Marathon Preaching

This is one for the books. The pastor of the world's largest Southern Baptist church (Dallas) announces a preaching marathon for New Year's eve. He would preach from Genesis to Revelation for 41/2 hours, covering "the whole purpose of God through human history" in a narrative-type sermon. Did it work? Would anybody come? It is reported that nearly 4,000 attended and 2,500 of them were on their knees at midnight. The pastor, W. A. Criswell, said that it was "time enough to complete just one sermon." In all fairness it should be added that there were four ten-minute breaks and a 30-minute intermission for coffee.

Before passing judgment on such a project, let us remind ourselves that the Bible mentions several all-night prayer meetings held by the Apostles in Jerusalem that lasted far longer than the one at Dallas. It, too, had an intermission — one that involved raising a man from the dead as well as the serving of refreshments.

Rocket Launching. There are many launching sites but a Baptist minister, Roy O. McClain, speaks of a weapon that has never failed in any wholehearted packaging. It is "the redeeming love of Christ."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

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The morning service and Sabbath School were followed by the Meal of Sharing. After the simple meal an hour was spent in music, under the caption of "Let's Sing Together." Hymns were interspersed with special numbers, selections by the three choirs, the young people's quartet, and of the church, with other guests.

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Rocky Mt. area did not curtail our work. Dale Hastings with tractor and other members of our group cleared the 13- to 16-inch snow so that church appointments could be met. We anticipate the completion this year of the first unit of our building program, the Fellowship Hall.

The Advisory Board "pep" dinner started the year's activities. We have increased our budget. Don Widman is our dedicated stewardship chairman. Though it is not unanimous, there is growing consciousness that it is necessary for a committed life. Our Evangelistic Committee with Daryl White as chairman leads in meeting the ever-present challenge of visitation. New faces appear in our Sabbath services, and a warm welcome is always extended to all who come. We anticipate an average attendance of 100 and often have that number. Our choir of 25 voices with Gary Cox conducting and with Gladys Randolph at the Wurlitzer supplements the challenging sermons of our pastor. We are blessed in our babies and children. Five bundles of precious new arrivals elicit smiles of approval, and a large group of boys and girls go to the front for the children's sermons which are listened to with as much enthusiasm by the adults as by the children.

The Rules Committee with Dr. Keith Davis as chairman is working on some needed changes in our church constitution. Programs following the monthly fellowship dinners give an opportunity for presentation of local, denominational, and world interests and for that delight of all, namely "visiting." The Weekly Reminder from the parsonage is just that—a reminder of meetings scheduled, local news items, and the sermon topic for the following Sabbath.

The youth groups, the Kum Dubl, Friendly, and Blanche Sutton classes, and the Ladies Aid met regularly, maintaining not only a lively enthusiasm but adding to the church exchequer. Six of our members represent us at the meetings of the Denver Council of Churches.

A thought in a recent church bulletin helps us in making our daily walk with Christ the basis of our lives. "Let the intensity of our individual faith, the warmth of our Christian love, and the sacrifice of personal interests grow steadily in each of us and bear much fruit."

— Correspondent.

The Commandment "Thou shalt not kill" seems to have little moral influence on drivers of automobiles, whether the sanction comes from God or traffic authorities. — National Safety Council.

Obituaries

Clarke.—Mary Eleanor (Ella) Pierce, daughter of John L. and Mary Hawks Pierce, was born in the Town of Alfred, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1873, and died at her home in the Town of Almond, N. Y., Jan. 22, 1962.

On her eighteenth birthday, she was married to Rosco Clarke formerly of Scott, N. Y. Six children were born to this marriage. Mr. Clarke died in May 1916. On September 22, 1917, she married Alvah Clarke, brother of her late husband. He preceded her in death in 1945.

Mrs. Clarke joined the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in March of 1892 and continued active until ill health and advanced years prevented. She was a charter member of the Alfred Station WCTU and an honorary member of the Union Industrial Society. The home where she died had been her residence for 68 years.

She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Clifford Hadley of Almond, Miss Ruby Clarke of Alfred, and Miss Rena Clarke of Alfred Station, N. Y. Six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs and the Rev. Albert N. Rogers. Services were at the Second Alfred Church and burial was in the Maplewood Cemetery, Alfred Station, N. Y. — V. W. S.

Lewis.—Ivanna Ormsby, daughter of Walter G. and Bertha Criss Ormsby, was born in the Town of Alfred, N. Y., July 19, 1888, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., Nov. 24, 1961.

She received her education at Alfred Academy and was a graduate of the Teacher Training Class at Alfred.

On June 23, 1909, she was married to John M. Lewis. They made their home in Alfred Station. Mr. Lewis died in 1934 after 7 years as a cripple.

Mrs. Lewis was employed 3 years as a schoolteacher and 26 years as postmaster at Alfred Station. For more than 50 years she was an active member of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church right up to the last Sabbath before her death. Love for her church and deep interest in education characterized her life. She believed that true riches were those of the mind and spirit.

She is survived by two of her three daughters: Mrs. Bertha Willard and Mrs. Jean Pierce; 7 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers assisted by the Rev. Rex E. Zwibel at the Second Alfred church. Burial was in the Maplewood Cemetery, Alfred Station.

FOOD FOR PEACE (See page 4.)

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