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Marriages

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Hays-Madsen.—William H. Hays, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Hays of Pawtucket, Conn., and Miss Marcia Madsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Madsen of Westerly, R. I., were united in marriage at the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I., on Aug. 4, 1962, with the Rev. Earl Cruzan officiating.

Sutton-Bryan.—Daniel Sutton of Sedro-Woolley, Wash., and Miss Karen Bryan, daughter of the former Bernice Johnson of Shishe, N. J., were married on Aug. 5, 1962, before the Rev. Carlos Shaffer.

Uhland-Pearce.—Herman Uhland of Deerfield, N. J., and Mrs. Mary Jane Page of Shishib, N. J., were married April 18, 1962, by the pastor of the Cohaneys Baptist Church of Roadstown, N. J.

Obituaries

Kagarise.—William F. Kagarise of New Enterprise, Pa., was born May 20, 1876, to Wilson and Jenny (Frederick) Kagarise, and died Aug. 30, 1962, in the Nathan Hospital in Roaring Spring, Pa.

In 1898 he was married to Susan Wolfe of Altoona, Pa.; Mrs. Dorothy Guyer and Mrs. Mae Imler, both of Woodbury, Pa.; Sherman R. and John W. of New Enterprise, Pa.; Willard of Kent, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren; three brothers and a sister, Arthur of Huntingdon, Pa.; and Mrs. Mac Imler, both of Woodbury, Pa.; Sherman R. and John W. of New Enterprise, Pa.; and Willard of Kent, Ohio.

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Church Burnings

The President has spoken out forcefully on the matter of the burning of two Negro churches in a southern state. He called it cowardly and outrageous. At his press conference the President said, "I don't know any more outrageous action which can be taken in this country for a good many months or years than the burning of a church, two churches, because of the effort made by the Negroes to be represented.

After such forthright words what more can be added in our columns? Yet presidential pronouncements are not enough. Righteous indignation should flame so high in the heart of every Christian and law-abiding citizen that those responsible for inciting such crimes will be made to feel the chiseling of the anvil, and the priest will be brought to justice the same as the arsonist.

The 86th Congress, faced with segregationism and anti-civic rights activities such as this, passed legislation making it a Federal offense to bomb or burn churches or synagogues. Yet the irresponsible can and will make such attacks on the church, as long as they think they will not lose their physical fitness for the future. However, the fact remains that the First Baptist Church of Cocoa is as vulnerable as any. True to its Baptist position of the authority of the Bible, as they probably are, they claim to be first among all denominations in looking ahead to the need of spacecraft chaplains.

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There have been those who have nourished the impression that Southern Baptists with their continuing Bible emphasis and their traditionally conservative faith are behind the times. This impression should be corrected if the Baptists of Cocoa, Fla., can be taken as an example. Those Baptists living near Cape Canaveral are space-conscious. They have seriously proposed that the ship train Convention chaplains, qualify and train men as chaplains to go along on manned space flights.

The Baptist church points out that physical fitness requirements as rigid as those expected of present astronauts are needed. That would imply that they think such manned space flights are imminent and that such training is suitable, and that one would not lose their physical fitness before they were needed.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

To the Empty Seats

In the Battle Creek church bulletin of recent date appears this line: "Morning Messages. The Empty Seats. What Pastor Fatato said on that occasion is not known at this office. It is interesting to try to imagine what sort of message even the every Sabbath in many of our churches "to the empty seats." If your seat is frequently empty can it absorb and store up the message that was meant for you and needed by you? Hardly.

It is rather interesting to observe the response of occupied seats. Sometimes you feel the gentle but effective of the organ throbbing and vibrating the wood. Again, when you sing lustily from your...
Conference President's Address
First Official Message of George E. Parish given at the close of Conference, August 18, 1962.
(Continued from last week)

We Are Trustees

This being my conviction, what then is the matter of concern in our everyday living? God has given us the ability and has given us time and materials to study. This, I am sure, God would have us do. This too, is being a good trustee of our time and ability.

Conviction and Involvement

I would like to touch briefly on the matter of conviction, especially for our younger generation. We met Mrs. Sea Markter, 6 years ago in need of attention. The Commission was asked to consider the report submitted wherein this man was needed and there was an estimated cost of $1,000 mentioned. Much of this figure represents labor. I would suggest that the local people take up this as a possible service project. This is a matter of trusteeship! Lord, what will thou have me to do?

In John 21: 21, 22, we read, "Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry until I come, what is that to thee? Follow thou me." I think the answer is pretty plain here and this is what I want to say. Lord and what shall this man do? One and God and not our affair. I hope and pray that the day will come when we Seventh Day Baptists will be so involved in working for God in His world, so involved in His work, and so committed to His cause that we will not have time or the inclination to ask, "Lord, and what shall this man do?"

When this day comes, we will be so involved in working that we will not have time for internal denominational wrangling. If all our time and energy were expended in really working constructively, in really working constructively for the benefit of humanity, our church, our denomination, and the Kingdom of God, then we are involved in the work of the Kingdom and the work of the denomination. There is nothing that creates interest as much as being a Christian, and if we become involved, we almost automatically become interested. The more we put into any movement or effort, the greater will be the blessing obtained from the work. It is inconceivable to me that one can receive much blessing from the church and church-related colleges and universities one by wholeheartedly to the cause and throws his life into it with zeal and gusto. Proverbs 11: 25 reads, "The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself." This truth is beautifully illustrated by the following simple incident.

Three children played in a back yard on a hot summer day. They threw water into the air and it fell back upon them and cooled their bodies. The mother of one of the girls commented, "What a wonderful way to have a shower." "Yes, Mother," said her daughter, "but we haven't done it before it will come down on us." This truth has many applications. We have to give to know the blessing of giving or the blessing of receiving. We have to give because we have been so loved that we are here to touch briefly on the

Dean of Religion Needed
In Church-Related Colleges

The job of a dean of religion at a Christian college is to help see that it doesn't stray from its original purpose of being a Christian college. So did Gilbert L. Guffin, Birmingham, dean of Religion at Howard College (Baptist), in a paper presented to the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion.

"There seems to be a serious and growingly crucial need of coming to terms with the leadership of church-related colleges and universities who can give his full time to the study of the school's relationship to its Christian purpose, who can endeavor constantly to interpret within the lives of the students the meaning of that purpose and who can call attention to ways by which the Christian purpose can be more fully realized throughout the life of the institution," Guffin declared.
**Young People and Leaders of Youth at Pre-Con and Conference**

Above: Two girls who attended Pre-Con appear to be thinking things over as they view the lake.


Front: Linda Bingham.

Upper right: Part of the staff of the Conference Recorder hard at work in the mimeograph room where much work was done besides publishing the news sheets.

Lower left: A group of young men from Shiloh, N. J., who did not get to either of the Pre-Con groups but came to Conference.

(More Conference pictures next week.)

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**Statement of Editorial Policy for the Sabbath Recorder**

(Adopted by the Tract Board Sept. 16, 1962, upon recommendation of the Advisory Committee.)

1. The majority point of view among Seventh Day Baptists as determined by the actions of the General Conference is always to be presented.

2. The point of view of any considerable minority of Seventh Day Baptists shall be presented with due regard to space limitations and balance of material.

3. Presentation of one's own beliefs can be, and in the columns of the Sabbath Recorder should be, unaccompanied by attack upon the beliefs of those who have arrived at different conclusions. Articles containing attacks upon the beliefs or points of view of others shall not be accepted until the offending words, sentences or paragraphs are deleted or rewritten to meet the requirements of this policy. Positive statements of the beliefs of minority groups may be accepted under the condition of policy No. 2. When the editor finds himself confronted with difficult decisions regarding publication of minority viewpoints and attacks on the beliefs of others, he shall be expected to consult the Advisory Committee.

4. Long and elaborately involved articles cannot be accepted.

5. Materials addressed primarily to ministers or other specialized groups shall be avoided.

6. No payment is authorized for contributions.

7. Selection of articles to go in any specific issue of the Sabbath Recorder must be made for reasonable balance of types of material presented.

8. The make-up of any specific issue of the Sabbath Recorder shall be the sole responsibility of the editor.

9. The Advisory Committee shall have the final decision as to whether any article about which a question is raised by its author or any other responsible person shall or shall not be published.

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**Attention Religious Youth**

**Moral Implications of Safety**

To assist the National Safety Council in celebrating the 50th Anniversary Year, we would like to have all youth groups devote the weekend of October 27-28 to a program devised to further the moral implications of safety.

In the past year, 2,700,000 of 6,500,000 teen drivers were involved in traffic accidents. Six thousand of these were fatal. There were 8,550 traffic deaths and injuries to young people between the ages of 15 and 24. These are startling statistics.

Why should religious youth be concerned? The answer lies in the fact that traffic safety is your moral responsibility. Authority over human life belongs to God alone, and every human being is obliged to do all in his power to preserve and protect it, both in himself and in others. Human failures, such as failure to obey traffic laws and lack of skill in driving, are violations not only of statutory law, but also of moral law. The commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," forbids killing and injury of others as well as ourselves. It can be directly applied to the inept driver.

What should you as a religious youth do? First, be concerned with your own driving habits. Set a good example for your friends and driving companions as well as the fellow in the other car. Second, make October 27-28 a weekend devoted to traffic safety.

For further assistance write Religious Activities, National Safety Council, 425 North Michigan Ave., Chicago 11, Ill. Guides, prayers, moral responsibility programs for teenagers, films, and other safety materials are available upon request. We'll be looking forward to hearing from you.

— From Church and Safety.
Commission Report
(Continued from last issue)

In previous issues the Sabbath Recorder has been attempting to tell the story of the Commission report as it moved through committee and was discussed on the floor of Conference. The account is designed as part of a newsworthy account of the expression rather than presenting a word-for-word report such as will appear in the Yearbook. This is the case in mind we mention in passing only a recommendation concerning the appointment of a chairman and another for dropping from the accredited list the names of ministers who had been listed in secular work. This was referred back to the Commission for further study. Recommendation 11 for the first yearbook procedure for making note of licensed laymen. Number 12 raising the price of the Yearbook to $2 took up perhaps more than its rightful share of discussion time. The committee secretary, Rev. Alton Wheeler, stated, “A point of clarification is noted that the treasurer of the General Conference now sustains a deficit of some $1,000 or more for the printing of the Yearbooks which has not been paid, and this increase would help to deflate this in future years.”

This recommendation was discussed on the floor in relation to the probable effect of increased price on the demand for them. Previously it was noted, churches have not been required to pay for the first few copies. Amendments were voted down before the recommendation finally passed—with quite a few negative votes.

Council of Relations

This brought us to the matter of ecumenical relations and the setting up of a small Council on Ecumenical Affairs to report to the Committee on Ecumenical Relations which has been functioning for a number of years without having its duties and prerogatives as clearly defined as might be desired. When the Committee on Reference and Counsel took up the Commission’s detailed recommendation on this they felt that certain changes are more acceptable. In order to present it in the most easily understood way they provided a mimeographed substitute sheet embodying the changes of detail. One of the changes makes the Christian Social Action a fourth nonvoting member rather than one of three voting members. The substitute proposals as outlined by the commission were accepted by strong vote and little clarifying discussion. (The new Council held a meeting at Plainfield, N. J., on the eve of the presidency. Elected members are C. Harmon Dickson, J. Paul Green, Jr., and Ann C. North.)

The recommendation as adopted follows:

In order to define responsibilities for ecumenical relations more clearly, and to ensure adequate representation in the interdenominational organizations with which the General Conference is associated, we recommend

1. The present Committee on Ecumenical Relations be discontinued.
2. An executive group to be called “The Council on Ecumenical Affairs” be established.
3. This council be composed of three persons.
4. The original composition of the council be as follows:
   a. One member to be elected for three years.
   b. The chairman of the present Committee on Ecumenical Relations for two years.
   c. The executive secretary of the General Conference ex officio, nonvoting.
5. The Committee submit to the Committee on Nominations the names of nominees who shall serve for a three-year term, the executive secretary remaining ex officio, nonvoting. No member shall serve more than two consecutive terms, partial completion of the term is permitted.
6. The council elect its own officers each year.
7. The council be responsible for the promotion of and publicity regarding ecumenical activities.
8. The council shall submit annual reports to the General Conference and to the Commission.
9. The council propose a tentative budget on World Fellowship and Service to the Commission for inclusion in the Mission budget.
10. The council submit to the General Conference Commission on Nominations the names of representatives to ecumenical gatherings and agencies and make interim appointments as need arises.
11. The council receive written reports from these representatives.
12. These representatives serve in an advisory capacity to the council.
13. The executive secretary act as liaison between the Commission of the General Conference and the council.

Christian Social Action

Recommendation 14 of the Commission’s report concerned the setting up of a permanent Christian Social Action to replace the interim committee on Christian Social Action which was set up last year and had held several planning meetings. Here again the Conference Committee on Reference and Counsel chaired by the Rev. Victor W. Wheeler, felt that certain improvements could be made by adding some details to the Commission proposal. The committee presented a substitution that the two could be readily compared by the delegates. Since there was an overlapping of concern in this case between two committees, the president of the Conference Committee on Social Action Interests, headed by Herbert L. Crouch to collaborate with Reference and Counsel in bringing a report to the floor. Since no significant changes of the first two numbered items (all that Commission itself had recommended) were discussed we shall print them here and then attempt to give a little of the flavor of the discussion that took place regarding spelling out the purposes of the new permanent committee. The first part as adopted follows:

The report of the Interim Committee on Christian Social Action was received, and the Commission voted to commend the committee for its report. We recommend that—
1. A committee on Christian Social Action be organized.
2. The organization be as follows:
   a. The Christian Social Action shall consist of twelve (12) members, approximately two-thirds of whom shall be laymen and onecase member shall be a nonmember of the General Conference. The executive secretary of the General Conference, who is also chairman of the Conference Commission, shall be a member ex officio.
   b. A chairman, secretary, and members shall be nominated annually by the Commission for inclusion in the list of nominees, and to geographical areas where no action has been taken by denominal agencies are located.
   c. (The chairman shall coordinate the activities of the committee and report to Conference through the Commission.)
   d. Committee members shall serve for three-year terms, except for the first year when four groups of three members be elected for one-, two-, and three-year terms respectively, and members shall serve more than two consecutive terms, partial or complete.

(3.) The chairman and secretary shall be selected from the same geographical area.

The amended committees jointly proposed for consideration as a part of the Commission’s recommendation containing a calling out of four purposes. The definition was easily accepted by Conference but some questions were raised as to how much such committees would be involved. There were those who feared that the proposed wording about presenting our denominational policy between annual sessions of General Conference might give the committee too much liberty. From the tape recording we reproduce representative portions of the discussion.

Clarence Rogers, noting our tradition of “reluctance to issue authoritative statements of position on specific public issues which might be considered by some to be binding upon individual members,” stated: “Now I know we are at the point of contradicting that basic traditional statement if we present to this committee the ability to speak for us in interim matters on problems of Christian social action.” (The proposal should not be changed as to limit the function of the committee in that regard to the precise pronouncements of the General Conference.) He felt that interim problems could wait for Conference action.

Wayne Maxson made the following remarks: “It seems to me that we must question the administration of our funds in regard to social issues — social action. It seems to me it is not to the best interest of the Conference to over formulate policies of this nature, although I am aware that it has been done previously. It seems to me it would be much better to have our committee as a study group presenting to us as a denomination for their concern and for our concern what we may do as individuals. This brings it from the grass roots rather than formulating a policy that will go down from the top.”

Later in the discussion Paul Osborn stated, “I don’t think they can present denominational policy until the denominations have considered the problem.”

An amendment to the questioned wording proposed by Doris Fetherston proved
satisfactory in that it limits the committee to presenting what has previously been enacted by the Conference. The material added to the Commission's report reads as follows:

5. Definition: Christian Social Action is our personal commitment to God as revealed through Jesus Christ translated into human behavior and organized to provide an alternative to the exploitation of God's people and the exertion of righteously powerful influences in the world at large.

The purposes of the Committee on Christian Social Action are to:

a. Study problems of interest to a central group to consider and study social problems, local, state, national, and international, and to evaluate current practices from the perspective of this understanding.

b. Formulate policies on these problems and draft statements of position on specific issues for consideration by the General Conference.

c. Suggest methods of implementing these policies in action and to press for positive action by the General Conference, the associations, the local churches, and individuals, working in cooperation with other organizations both religious and secular.

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Southwestern Association News

Southwest Advance

The third issue of a combination printed and mimeographed publication called Southwest Advance published by the Texarkana Seventh Day Baptist Church and edited by the shepherding pastor of the whole Southwest field, Marion Van Horn, was sent out to a mailing list of about 230 people. It contains interesting news and helpful Bible thoughts. Reproduced below are a few of the highlights:

From even unto even, Seventh Day Baptists accept the Bible teaching that the Sabbath day begins and ends with the setting of the sun. The First Seventh Day Baptist church in Texarkana was known as the "Sundown Church" because of this belief.

Remember in Prayer

The Fouke church and its new pastor and family, who arrived August 26, had their first Sabbath service September 1. It is indeed interesting to note that just forty years ago this same week Pastor and Mrs. Clifford Beebe began their ministry in the Fouke church. Pastor and Mrs. Beebe assisted their son Paul and family in moving to Fouke and were there for the first service.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

The Future of Seventh Day Baptist Missions

(Address by Karl G. Stillman, continued from last week.)

Seventh Day Baptists not only have the obligation through their Missionary Society to go 'into all the world' to preach the Gospel, and to promote Sabbath observance. In our zeal to preach and teach salvation we tend to neglect our final authority in matters of faith and conduct.

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Correction: It has been called to the editor's attention that in a Conference news item in the September 5 issue mentioning retired ministers who normally get to the annual gathering and did not this year no mention was made of H. L. Polan. The omission was inadvertent. Other retired ordained men who might also have been mentioned are O. B. Bond, H. Eugene Davis (who hasn't been able to attend recently), and Ralph Soper. The list (published regularly), Elizabeth F. Randolph, not present, will probably be listed as retired in the 1962 Yearbook.

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Constitution as applied to the states by the
Fourteenth. Congress shall make no law
respecting an establishment of religion.

It is my opinion that the adherents of
Sunday observance are maneuvering them-
selves into a very vulnerable and in-
defensible position and that if Sabbata-
tarians, whether Seventh Day Baptist,
Jews, Adventists, or other groups will
present a united front, the future of
Sabbath observance will be advanced
hugely. It has been said that
success in any endeavor is achieved by
a formula consisting of ten percent
inspiration and ninety percent per-
spiration, a challenging thought for us
in this connection.

Forward-Looking Plans

In spite of our weaknesses outlined,
certain progressive developments in our
missionary program are in the offing.
It is our stated policy to have a goal for all our mission fields — the relinquish-
ment of American control in favor of
local leadership as fast as the latter
demonstrates its ability to be self-
supporting, self-governing, and self-per-
petuating. This is the pattern of the
indigenous church, so-called.

In Jamaica we have offered to sell to
the Kingston church its church building
at one-half its cost to us or $3,000 even
though this property is now worth several
times that amount. We have also
matched $1,500 earmarked for church
construction and repair up to a
modest total amount annually in both
Jamaica and British Guiana. In Nyasa-
land a fine group of native leaders is
being groomed and specially trained to
assume top leadership at an appropriate
time. We have embarked officially on
a five-year program which will culminate in
the completion, equipment, and staffing
of a modest but fine modern hospital,
the result of the thoughtful benevolence of
the late Mrs. Freda Burrow whose
initial gift of $10,000 to our Second
Century Fund through fortunate invest-
ment and reinvestment now exceeds
$21,500.

Reverting to a further consideration of
our weaknesses, it is proposed that a
program be presented to an early meet-
ing of the Missionary Society Board of
Managers under which a salary schedule
for its ordained full-time workers con-
taining salary increases annually leading
to a maximum annual stipend of
$5,000 in two years’ time or shorter if
finances permit. Also full-time mission-
aries as well as missionary pastors will
be urged to emphasize Sabbath ob-
serve more often than the annual
Sabbath Rally Day Plan now followed.

These are controlled and managed
by a prayer service in the homes on Laing Ave, in W. Rumi-
valde.

Regarding the activities of the Davis
children Pastor Davis writes: I am
taking the liberty to invite Mrs. Davis to
her first invited birthday party. The friend attends Stella
Maris. Mary Sue is slowly making a
few friends. It has been more difficult for her
than the boys, as girls are more
sheltered at home.” Ken and Ron (the
Davis boys) recently attended a church
camp at the Atkinson Airport through
the invitation of “their Church of God
friends, the Oldhams (also new mission-
aries) Pastor Davis comments: “You will be
pleased to know that we have received
sufficient designated gifts to complete
12 pews, the pulpit (and I believe) the altar
tables at the very high cost of $5,000. The
Lord is providing for our day-by-day needs
in His ministry.”

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the corporation of
the Seventh Day Baptist Board of
Christian Education was held at the
Alfred School of Theology, Sunday,
September 16, 1962, at 2 p.m.

Board President Wayne N. Crandall
was elected to preside over the meeting,
and Mrs. Marie H. Bee was chosen to
act as secretary.

The annual reports of the executive
secretary, the treasurer, and the standing
committees were adopted.

The report of the Nominating
Committee was read, and the following
persons were elected to serve as directors
of the board: Ben R. Crandall, Barbara
Cruzan, Melvin G. Nida, Dora D. Nor-
wood, J. Nelson Norwood, Helen A.
Ogden, Philip B. Post, Albert N. Rogers,
L. Eugene Reynolds, Mabel F. Reynolds,
Eugene Van Horn, and Hurley S. Warren,
all of Alfred, and Rev. W. Skagg.

Lytle Sutton, Madge Sutton, and Rex E.
Zwiebel, all of Alfred Station, N. Y.;
Helena K. Aldrich, Almond, N. Y.;
Wayne Crandall, Canisteo, N. Y.; Don
Stearns, and Helma Stearns, Conemaugh
port, Pa.; Richard R. Bond, Elmira, N.
Y.; Warren Brannon, Freeville, N. Y.;
Richard Horwood, Farnham, N. Y.; John
M. Reynolds, Marie, Sanford, and
Herbert Saunders, all of Little Genesee;
N. Y.; Ernest K. Bee, Marie H. Bee, L.
Maurice McCrea, and Onna Lee
Saunders, all of Richburg, N. Y.

It was voted that the Nominating
Committee for 1962-63 be Mrs. Agnes Bond,
John M. Reynolds, and Rex E. Zwiebel,
ex officio.

Special Board Meeting

At a special meeting of the Seventh
Day Baptist Board of Christian Education,
September 16, 1962, the following were
elected to office: Rev. Victor W. Skagg,
President; Don Stearns, vice-president;
Mrs. Marie H. Bee, recording secretary;
Rev. Rex E Zwiebel, executive and cor-
responding secretary; and L. Maurice
McCrea, treasurer.

Correspondence from the Seventh
Day Baptist Women’s Board and the executive
secretary of the denomination was dis-
cussed and referred to proper committees.
It was voted that assistance be continued
for the executive secretary to complete his
residence requirement at Syracuse
University.

Drinking prevents thinking.
Some day thinking will prevent drinking.
One heard a man say, “I spent twenty
years trying to come to terms with my
doubts. Then one day it dawned on me
that I had better come to terms with my
faith. Now I have passed from the agony of
questions and the agony of answers to the
agony of answers I cannot escape. And it’s
a great relief!” — David Roberts,
The Grandeur and Misery of Man.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 13, 1962

What Is God Like?

Lesson Scripture: Acts 17: 22-34

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The Church's Ministry to the Aging

October Study Program

By Lucile Prentice Todd, Milton, Wis.

No thought person in his right mind can say that aging is a problem that does not concern him. Age, respecter of persons, the problem of aging is a universal one. Let us study the special needs of our older members and discover ways in which the church can be of larger service.

First — a few facts. If your church is average, about 10% to 12 per cent of the members are over 65 and the percentage is expected to increase. Indeed since 1930 it has increased 100 per cent while the total population has increased only 50 per cent. Advances in medical science and in living standards continue to add years to the average life span. By 1970, according to present indications, 1 out of every 9 residents will be over 65 years of age.

Some of the factors which make life difficult for our aging citizens are (1) the tendency of business and industry to employ younger workers, (2) the lowering of retirement age, (3) the rising cost of living, (4) the shift from rural to urban living often into smaller housing units with new relationships, (5) the lack in our society of understanding and appreciation for the aging.

While some of the problems of old age are economic there are many personal and emotional problems as well. Here pastoral counseling is a help but pastors are not omnipresent and their time is often limited by many other obligations. The needs of the older members should become the concern of the whole congreagation. Since "everybody's business is nobody's business" it is up to each of us to reach out to help the church should make definite plans for affectionate fellowship and care.

Churches which fail their older members are also failing the younger ones. We who have the wealth of experience, deeper insight, and other special gifts that aging persons have to offer. Who has not experienced the close feeling of kinship with persons much older than himself and gained spiritual strength from contacts with them? Association with older people is often a most enriching experience. The church, which needs them fully as much as they need the church. Should we not show our appreciation for these older friends by giving more thought to their special needs?

We know that our churches perform many small services for their older members. Too often this is hit-or-miss fashion and not planned adequately with all of the needs of aging persons in mind. Has your church or women's group appointed a committee to compile the vital facts about the older people in the church and their individual needs? If so, what use has been made of these statistics? Check the following questions below to find areas in which your church might improve its service.

Do you have a planned visitation program with church members assisting the pastor in making calls? Does your church have a special ministry for those in nursing homes or institutions? Does your church provide transportation to church and related activities? Are older persons given an opportunity to help in church work in keeping with their abilities? How are you serving these units with their relationships? How is the church meeting the need for recreation and mental stimulation for older persons? Do your aging members have adequate physical care and special home services for the handicapped? Where strength is failing, are there plans to help the church maintain its witness?

We shall not find a way of evangelicalism until we have been much more radical in thought and experiment than we have so far been. The speaker who is chairman of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, said, Dr. Marsh, said the church was to be thought of as "final" in the sense of being the real subject of the history of this and all ages, of our own and other people's religious and political, and society, and added:

"The Cross was the bridging of the unbridgeable gulf between man and God, between man and woman, between slave and free, between Jew and Gentile, between cultured and barbarian."

"The good news of the Gospel is that the really unbridgeable gulls have been bridged already, and that the secret of human life, as well as distinctly Christian living, is in the knowledge that the divisive powers in human life have been proved finally impotent."

"What Christ has already done has already a special ending to the tragic divisions of our own time. Whatever in our present divisions may bring to us, or whatever darkness we may ever see, we know now that the case takes place will be what has already placed at the Cross, where the whole universal history was affirmed and reaffirmed as the story of God's reconciliation of an alienated universe to himself."

"Jesus Christ is final," Dr. Marsh said, "not only for the history of our planet but even for the small in our universe of the modern physicist. Today we are doubtless bogged in our attempts to imagine what it is like to live in a universe where stars may be millions of light years away. But, if we are to retain the insights of the biblical writers, we shall not want to claim that even the story of so vast a universe is still, by the exercise of God's power, the theatre of a salvation of the universe in Jesus Christ."

Later in his message he said we could not afford to neglect one-fourth of humanity in our human community by keeping People's China out of the United Nations.

FALL ASSOCIATIONS

The White Cloud, Mich., church announces that their fall meeting and the Northern Association will be held at White Cloud with the dates tentatively set for October 12-14.

The Mid-Contiinent Association, which holds no spring meeting, goes to Nortonville, Kan., this fall for a full weekend of meetings. The president is Lloyd E. Augustine who will speak on the theme, "The Living God," in the afternoon. Executive Secretary Harley D. Bond will bring a denominational message with an opportunity for discussion.

The Pacific Coast Association normally meets in Riverside in the spring and Los Angeles in the fall. The meeting with the latter church is scheduled for October 19-21 this year.

The Western Association, composed of Seventh Day Baptist churches in Western New York and nearby Pennsylvania will hold a seminannual meeting with the Alfred Station church on Sabbath day, October 20.

YEARLY MEETING DATES

The New England Yearly Meeting will be held with the Pawcatuck Church in Westerly, R. I., on Sabbath, October 6.

The New Jersey Yearly Meeting is scheduled to convene with the Marlboro, N. J., church, October 10, and all day Sabbath, October 12 and 13.
Our church has bought a new piano which has greatly influenced our song service.

An extensive and very vigorous building program is now under way at the present time repairs are being made on the flooring, in the vestibule, new steps have been purchased, and we are planning to paint the outside of the building and install stained glass windows. Deacon Richard Raiford is doing the carpentry. The ladies of the church very graciously give their time in cleaning the inside of the building while the young people are cleaning the outside.

On Sabbath afternoon, Aug. 11, 1962, a special service was held for the ordination of Paul W. Campbell as deacon of the Hammond church. Paul Campbell is a life-long and well-known figure in Hammond. He was baptized into the church in 1916 and is the son of the late Edna Booth Campbell, who was a charter member of our church and a life-long figure in the Hammond church. Also assisting with the service was Brother Richard Raiford who is presently a deacon of the Hammond church.

There were visitors from Hammond and a (very) good representation from the Metairie church. Pastor Hays delivered the Ordination Sermon.

— Earl (Butch) Hibbard.

LOST CREEK, W. VA. — Our church has been quite busy the past few months taking care of its many duties as they present themselves. Attendance has been very good considering our widely scattered membership. Much interest has been manifested in Bible reading and the Sabbath School lessons.

Our Sabbath School picnic was held July 22 at Holly River State Park and was well attended. All enjoyed a picnic lunch together and reached home in the evening tired but happy.

A Junior Christian Endeavor meeting was held at the church Sabbath afternoon, July 28, where parents discussed their children’s Christian education and Christian Endeavor needs, also ways to help families living a great distance from church.

A number of our young people attended Pre-Con and Young Adult Retreats at Minneapolis. All young people attending were very fortunate in having Leland Bond from our church as director. Several of our members also attended General Conference.

After Conference, Pastor Davis and family spent a week’s vacation in Denver, Colorado. In his absence we were fortunate in having neighboring guest ministers of several denominations.

After church services on September 1, a group journeyed to Crites Mountain in Braxton County and conducted a Sabbath worship service in the school yard that afternoon. Fifteen youth and children and six adults from that section attended. They manifested quite an interest. It is a wonderful opportunity for home mission work and fits in with our theme for the fourth year of Advance, “Mission to the Social Frontiers.”

We need your prayers as we consider this opportunity.

The theme for quarterly Communion Service September 8 was “Power.” This was a very impressive service and should make us better servants of God.

Our Ladies Aid is promoting the purchase of badly needed new hymnals for the church, and it is hoped nonresident members will help with this.

Pastor Davis is part-time teacher at Lost Creek High School and our prayers are for his success in all his undertakings. He is indeed a very busy man.

— Correspondent.

Southern Baptist Gains
Southern Baptists have started 12,796 missions and churches since 1956, according to C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C.

Warren, director of the denomination’s 30,000 Movement, reported the information during Home Mission Week at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly.

The 30,000 Movement, a mammoth program to start 20,000 missions and 10,000 churches by 1964, originated from a challenge to the Southern Baptist Convention by Warren when he was president in 1956.

This report shows 4,175 churches started and 8,621 missions begun in 27 states and many foreign countries. — B. P.