Edna Richards and Nettie Stone have spotted missing members and sent personal cards to them in the past year with good results in improved attendance and morale.

Malena Curtis has done a monumental job of perfecting a card system to stimulate and record all visitation in the name of the church, among us. This month, greater stress is again laid to the matter of calling.

Jack Jensen has been a faithful member of the Tract Committee for several years and served last year as its chairman. Largely through his personal efforts special issues of the Sabbath Recorder have been placed monthly in the waiting rooms of five beauty salons in Riverside, one in Arlington; an Arlington medical lab., two Arlington dentists, and two in Riverside. Four Riverside doctors and seven in Arlington have responded, as well as Riverside County Hospital, Parkview Memorial Hospital, and Riverside Medical Clinic. One office mentioned is that of a psychologist. People coming there know they need emotional help, and God grant they find it through the pages of the Recorder as well as the couch!

ITEMS OF INTEREST
Feed the Hungry
CROP Marks 15 Years of Service
Fifteen years ago, in September of 1947, the Christian Rural Overseas Program officially received its name. CROP was initiated as an emergency program to feed people in war-devastated countries, and 15 states organized and collected wheat and other foods to be sent on a "friendship train" to people in Europe. Today, CROP continues to respond to needs of this kind and to help in other disaster situations, but there is more aid geared to improving living conditions and increasing nutritional values in food production in underdeveloped countries.

For several years Church World Service, co-operating with the personnel of various missions, has been distributing food to the poverty-stricken masses of Haiti. Recently, food for work programs have successfully used CROP donated foods for payment to laborers who have constructed wells, cisterns, and roads. "Food for Work" projects have provided a more dignified method of food distribution, plus supplying lasting benefits to the people of Haiti.

Hawaii Reports
432 Revival Conversions
Hawaii Baptists reported 432 professions of faith in Christ and more than 500 other decisions resulting from their two-week Baptist Jubilee revivals. Twenty-two churches and five missions took part.

C. Y. Dossey of Dallas, associate in the division of evangelism, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, led the revival campaigns. Pastors and musicians from 13 mainland states assisted.

At the Waimanalo Mission, which almost cancelled its participation, 13 of the 17 members of the junior choir were converted. All came from Buddhist homes.

Dossey said it was the first time all reports of decisions made were available by the close of the revival services. The 502 other decisions included 161 by transfer of church membership or church letter, 319 rededications, and 22 commitments to Christian life service. — B.P.

Accessions
By Baptism: Ashaway, R. I.
Mrs. Richard (Elaine) Johnson
Richard Johnson
Ruth Wheeler
Richard Wheeler
David Brayman
Richard Brayman

By Baptism: Rockville, R. I.
Carol Matteson
Susan Wilcox

Births

Burnett.—A daughter, Beverly Yvonne, to Arthur and Ellen (Swing) Burnett, 33 Sidney Drive, Wichita Falls, Texas, on Sept. 6, 1962.

Sheppard.—A daughter, Jean Carol, to Mark and Arah Mae (Davis) Sheppard of R.D. 5, Bridgeton, N. J., on June 15, 1962.
Revise Nonresident Concepts

Have we revised our concept of nonresident membership as fast as we have increased our driving range? Something many Christians think about, is often discussed by church leaders in theological seminaries but has not yet reached the large nonresident constituency of rural churches serving large farming areas.

As in the case of the Sabbath Recorder, for example, the nonresident constituency is a vital one. Our primary purpose is to serve churches and the people who are involved in the church. In serving the rural church, we in the city are often the people who make the difference. The nonresident church is not just a statistic on a church roll. It has a life presence and a physical and economic impact on the community.

Some rural churches are in a more advantageous position than others to have a large nonresident church population. However, the sabbath church is the church and it should function accordingly. In a state with a high percentage of nonresidents, if you are not careful, you can lose your understanding of the human need and become absorbed in the technicalities of fund raising.

There is a need today for a strong understanding of how the rural church and the nonresident church population can be served. We need to think about how we can be more effective in reaching the people who are nonresidents. We are not all faced with the same problems, yet we need to work together to find solutions.

An Acre of Corn

Among Seventh Day Baptists in recent years there have been many so-called "Lord's Acre" projects to increase the membership of the church. This term was coined by Dr. J. C. Day and has been used in many places to signify a small plot of land that is cultivated for the purpose of generating income to support the church.

The term "Lord's Acre" has been broadened so much that any resemblance to its original meaning has been largely lost. It is applied to any and everything other than normal envelope contributions.

Shall we quarrel with this? Only mildly. To say that words lose their meaning when we rob them of their meaning is not a very profound statement, no matter how true it is. Farming is a dignified, productive, and satisfying occupation which has its own possibilities of meeting human need. The Lord's Acre fits those who have land that they can devote to the Lord's work. Why not keep its way and not try to come up with some better term for those who cannot contribute the use of land?

There is a very effective philanthropic organization known as CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) which ships overseas food and other products. If you have some land that you can devote to the CROP program, your contribution will be very welcome.

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Another project that has a similar purpose is the "Friendship Acre." This is a project for women in which they plant a small plot of land and sell the produce. The money is then used to support local missions or to help others in need.

There are many more projects like these that can be used to support the church and its work. The key is to find a way to make use of the resources that are available.

Seating Red China

There are a number of religious groups that are involved in interdenominational movements that have recently made pronouncements favoring the admission of Red China to the United Nations. The UN is now in session and the pressures of the Communist bloc of nations for the admission of Red China is again on the agenda. The margin of committed votes against such action is narrowing.

Is American public opinion, the bulwark of our nation's opposition, changing? Will our representatives in the United Nations be forced to long-held stand? Will they eventually have to make concessions and admit this populous and powerful nation? It is conceivable that Communist sympathizing countries may sometime be able to outnumber the others in voting power at the United Nations. Can we still support the average Christian citizen of this country and do prevent it, but the sustaining or the changing of American public opinion is everybody's responsibility, particularly the responsibility of Christian leadership.

There is no question that a Christian attitude should be toward the admitting of Red China to the United Nations. How do you feel about it? Is it a good idea or not? Does it make sense to you?

Our title speaks of an acre of corn. There is a very effective philanthropic organization known as CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program) which ships overseas food and other products. Although the bulk of the contributions may come from those who are not Christian, the work of the CROP program is commendable and deserves support.

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whose material you read. The real question is as to whether it should change. There are many who believe it should not. China's word has not changed. There are no real signs that the nation has earned the right to sit among the nations and vote on matters of right and wrong.

There is a Committee of One Million against the admission of Communist China to the United Nations, a committee that has a million million and a quarter, all of whom are represented in a recent release as endorsing the follow- statement (with added reasons):

We continue to oppose the seating of Communist China in the United Nations, thus upholding international morality and keeping faith with the thousands of American youths who gave their lives fighting Communist aggression in Korea. To seat a Communist China which defies, by word and deed, the principles of the UN Charter would be to betray the letter, violate the spirit and subvert the purposes of that Charter. We further continue to oppose United States diplomatic recognition or any other steps which would build the power and prestige of the Communist Chinese regime to the detriment of our friends and allies in Asia and of our national security. Our position would break faith with our dead and the unfortunate Americans still wrongfully imprisoned by Communist China and would dishearten our friends in that part of the world.

Without a change in the Chinese regime, any admission to the United Nations would be a vindication of the Chinese Communist regimes' rejection of the spirit and subvert the purposes of that Charter. We further continue to oppose United States diplomatic recognition or any other steps which would build the power and prestige of the Chinese Communist regime to the detriment of the Chinese people. To seat a Communist China which defies, by word and deed, the principles of the UN Charter would be to betray the letter, violate the spirit and subvert the purposes of that Charter. We further continue to oppose United States diplomatic recognition or any other steps which would build the power and prestige of the Chinese Communist regime to the detriment of the Chinese people.

Mr. Khrushchev Quotes Scripture

It has been learned that Mr. Khrushchev when a boy was given candy for memorizing Scripture verses and that he earned a special prize for memorizing and repeating all of the four Gospels. Even now he seems to find it easy to quote Scripture upon request. He believes the Bible is the place for the top man in a God-denying system to do so. Can it be that the better side of the Soviet premier which is presented at times is a reflection of some of the things that enlightened his mind in his boyhood days? We can be sure that his boorishness, his ruthlessness, and atheistic communism are not a result of his having learned New Testament Scriptures. These weeds somehow choked out the good seed that was sown. The words of the Bible were in his head but the message failed to take root in his heart.

Shall we teach the Word diligently to our children? By all means. And with the memorizing let there be explanation, living example, and fervent prayer throughout all the years of youth.

"Separation means that the church shall not participate in official processes of state and the state cannot be considered in the institutional functioning of the church."

— C. Penrose St. Amant.

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History of the Buffalo Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship

(Presented by Mrs. Charles Bottoms to the Church Organization Council, Sept. 22, 1962.)

The history of the Buffalo Fellowship covers period of fifteen years. Early in 1947 the late Rev. Harley Sutton met with a few interested Seventh Day Baptists to the point of discussing the possibility of holding church meetings in the Buffalo vicinity. It was shortly after that the Western Association Men's Fellowship became interested in advancing the work in the Buffalo area and decided to sponsor monthly meetings. The Rev. Charles Bond, who was at that time serving the Little Genesee church, and the Rev. Ralph Coon, who was pastor of the Richburg church, undertook to carry on the work in this area, and made a thorough canvass of the people in the Buffalo vicinity who at some time had had affiliation with Seventh Day Baptist churches. Arrangements were made by Mr. Bond for monthly meetings to be held in the basement of the Kensington Methodist church, in north Buffalo. They were held once a month on Sabbath afternoon at 4:30 p.m., with a fellowship dinner following the worship service. These fellowship meals have been a very pleasant part of our meetings and have continued through these fifteen years. In 1950 Mr. Bond left the Little Genesee church and Mr. Coon carried on our services until the Rev. Victor Skaggs took over the work with the fellowship. The year 1951 was eventful. In January the fellowship organized with the name Buffalo Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship, and a president and a secretary-treasurer were elected. On Feb. 17, Mr. Skaggs planned a statement of belief and policy for the newly organized fellowship as follows:

I believe in one God, perfect and loving, known to us as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I believe that the Bible is the Word of God, my guide and authority in matters of faith and conduct.

I believe in the Church of Christ, the body of believers in Jesus Christ, found in all lands called by many names, but one in Him.

I believe that salvation from sin unto eternal life is theirs who accept the love and the atonement offered us in Christ.

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U. S. Churches Help
Hong Kong Recover
By the Rev. Sterling Whitener

Hong Kong is struggling desperately to recover from Typhoon Wanda, one of the most devastating storms in its history, which struck on September 1, and the churches in America — through Church World Service — are helping Hong Kong with its supplies and funds.

Hundreds of thousands of persons most of them refugees from Communist China crowded into these flimsy shacks in squatter villages, or huddled on rooftops or on sidewalks. A few hundred thousand more sought refuge on fishing junks and fishing sampans. During the typhoon, a tidal wave lifted sampans and junks moored in the waters off Shatin and sent them crashing into the shacks of the village. The mangled bodies of hundreds of men, women and children were left buried in the wreckage. Dead cows, pigs and chickens everywhere.

Thousands of families fled through the swirling waters looking for safety and shelter. Church World Service opened its doors to the homeless and began to feed the hungry, who were also taken into the welfare centers of the Church of Christ in China and the American Baptist Mission.

Schools and public buildings were also opened to victims of the storm, and CWS workers took milk and high-protein biscuits to those who had gathered there. Some eventually had to be brought indoors as the rain continued to pour. Many worked through the night and the next day without letup. As we began to get things organized, some order began to appear out of the chaos.

The Social Welfare Department of the Government got one hot meal to the victims each day, and we supplemented this.

By Monday afternoon, Church World Service alone had distributed 25,000 pounds of rice, 20,000 pounds of wheat, 30,000 pounds of biscuits, 12,000 cups of milk, 3,000 pounds of noodles, 1,500 pounds of Multi-Purpose Food, 2,800 pounds of beans and 540 pounds of oil.

We were able to do this because of the food, clothing and money contributed generously by people through their churches and the food given by the U. S. Government from its surplus supplies. I do not know what we would have done without it.

Baptist Group Upholds Court Prayer Decision

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in semiannual session October 2, voted concurrence with the Supreme Court decision in the New York Regents' Prayer Case and opposed any alteration of the first amendment.

During the heat of the discussion following the court's decision June 29, the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs took a strong stand upholding the position of the court. C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director and W. Barry Garrett is the associate.

In its first meeting since the prayer ruling the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs commended the staff for the position they took.

The statement approved by the committee agreed with the court that prayer "complied by government officials as a part of a governmental program to further religious beliefs" is and should be unconstitutional.

The committee's action said, "We find that the New York Regents' Prayer Case the court made no attempt to limit or restrict the prayer life of the people, but that the decision was a restraint on government from regulating such prayer life."

In response to the current cries for a change in the Constitution the committee said, "It is our belief that the first amendment provides satisfactory safeguards for the religious liberty of our people and of our churches. Since it clearly states that there shall be no establishment of religion and that the free exercise of religion shall not be prohibited, we believe that the provisions of the first amendment should stand unaltered as it now appears in the Bill of Rights."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs re-elected Bryan F. Archibald as chairman. He is pastor of the Chevy Chase Baptist Church in the District of Columbia.

Other officers are Walter Pope Binn's of Falls Church, vice chairman; Frank H. Woyke of Chicago, second vice chairman; and Foy Valentine, Nashville, secretary.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs was established by the American Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist General Conference, the Northern American Baptist General Conference, two National Negro conventions, and the Baptist Federation of Canada.

Best Seller Fighting for Life

Dr. Harold A. Bosley, pastor of Christ Church Methodist of New York City, in an address at Riverside Church commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Revised Standard Version on September 30 pointed out that the Bible has always been on the best-seller list. He went on to say that the Bible is fighting for its life. He explained that though many possess a Bible, they neglect or ignore its teachings altogether. There can be no “Bible message,” he said, “if we do not accept its guidance.” He urged that the Bible should not be subordinated to the church.

Office of Public Relations

Change of Address

Mrs. Rolland A. Maxson, director of public relations for General Conference, has moved from Milton, Wis. to Los Angeles, Calif. Those who have information useful to her should make note of the new address, 129 S. Ave. 64, Los Angeles 42, Calif.
MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

British Guiana Missions

Pastor Leland Davis tells of a visit with his family to the Bona Ventura church. This church group lives along the Pomeroon River and is about eighty miles from Georgetown. The trip required six days going and returning, with speaking appointments along the way at the Queenston and Dartmouth Seventh Day Baptist churches.

In order to get to Bona Ventura it was necessary to cross the estuary of the Essequibo River from Parika by steamer with the car, drive over rough roads to Charity where the car was stored in the launch down the Pomeroon River to Bona Ventura.

Pastor Davis writes, "We all enjoyed the ride down the Pomeroon in the launch. All the Bona Ventura church were met by Herbert English who took us in his motor boat up the Akawini Creek in his motor boat up the Akawini Creek and back to the church. In the evening this church was also full with the people who had been waiting to see us get to Bona Ventura. Pastor Trotman stayed on for a fourth night and held an open-air meeting.

It is evident that our missionaries and the British Guiana pastors and brethren are making every effort to reach out into the communities where our churches are located. Gospel meetings are being held and to win converts to our Lord Jesus Christ. The least we can do is to support them with our loving concern and prayers.

The Fourth Year Advance Mission to Social Frontiers

(A message presented to General Conference at Mission Farms, Minn., on August 16, by Secretary E. T. Harris.)

(Continued from last week)

We have mentioned the impression that we are only seeking the talented, the interested, the well trained — the world needs that kind of person. We need the talent, the interest, and the training, the capacity, the time, and the firm intention to carry out this fourth year Advance into the Social Frontiers.

Before closing, I must mention one more important quality, on which the success of this program of advance finally rests — that of spiritual discernment. We must be quick and alert to understand the needs of those about us and tactful in our efforts to meet these needs. Jesus helped the leper to regain and keep his depth of perception. This comes from a depth of perception that some of us seem to lack, or if we do understand, we fail to show it. The chief difference between the "do-gooder" and one who heals the spirit as well as aids the downcast is the real difference lies in our depth of spiritual discernment, the ability to size up a situation and do or say the needful thing.

I will illustrate with a true story. A friend of mine was returning by train from a visit to a hospital. He was weak, tired, and cold. He shouldn't have been there but he wanted to get home for someone to get him in a warm car.

But he had thought he could make it by train. Now he was caught in a situation. The train pulled into the station. There was a long walk to get on the coach. His suitcase was heavy. He felt dizzy. He doubted if he could make it. There was a young fellow who had been sitting along, suddenly turned back and looked into the older man's face. He never said a word, just took the suitcase, linked his arm under the other man's and helped him on the train, to a seat and placed the suitcase in the overhead rack, inquired where he was going and disappeared. When the train stopped at the older man's destination, the young man came back and helped him off the train into the waiting room, made a dash for the train and was gone. As my friend sat in the waiting room he said a prayer, he told me, a prayer of thankfulness to God that He had still left a few people around who are able to size up a situation and do the needful things — asking no thanks or obligations but doing it for love of God and humanity.

Do we have that kind of person in our churches today? Yes, thank God, we do. Hundreds of them. And the compassion of Christ is the motivating spirit behind it. No one takes offense with His Spirit of loving concern is shining out of our eyes and through our actions. This is a part of what it means to "earn the right to speak for Christ."

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Is Ignorance Bliss?

By Viola E. Ahlborn* 

To those who wish to be enlightened truth becomes ever sweeter and more precious and they search for it in people, in conversations, religion, government, and everywhere. There seem to be many who do not care to know; they cling cheerfully to old customs, false traditions, and ways acceptable to the majority.

The spirit of 1776, when people were bold to speak against tyranny and false systems does not seem over-evident in 1962. There is timidity, and the edge of fear shows in the hesitation to speak out against encroaching ills and enemies. There are leaders and groups who plan smear campaigns and brand honest men, neighbors, and other false and libelous stigma. There are so many pressures against our way of life, against our truths that we hold dear, and we hear for Thomas Jefferson, a Martin Luther, or a Daniel who would dare oppose and expose because we feel too weak to express our beliefs. More religionists and deceive so many youth we would wonder where is the prophet "who would cry aloud and spare not and show my people their transgressions."

"Be wise as serpents and as harmless as doves," says God's wonderful Book. We can't deal with the issues of today or make good judgments or even stand helpless when these false teachings and preachers turn our sons and daughters from God's love.

"There is a war going on. Our enemy doesn't need bullets or knives. This is a war for our minds. Do you remember the picture given of Satan in Revelation 12: 3? You see this same old dragon, with his many heads. Some of these heads are some forms of our everyday lives. "This time it isn't' and if he cannot deceive and hurt us through one source, he will reach us through another. We see one of his heads trying to change our laws, reaching out to weak officials who seek to sell us out and lose us our freedoms. We see another head trying to decieve deviously, trying to fasten himself to our pulpits. Watch for him in the schools; see his fangs getting an ever and ever firmer hold upon the economics of our nation. Now we see his trail in measures designed to cripple in the realm of agriculture.

"We are so giddy and so ignorant," I said to myself as I watched a news commentator interview people on the streets of Los Angeles with this question: "What is communism?" "I hear that it is a threat to our country, but I can't explain it." One said, "It has something to do with Russia." One woman thought, "I think I have heard of a man named Marx, but that is all I know." Not one person in fifteen who were interviewed understood communism, yet they heard the word all over and over. (Yet they have no understanding of what they are saying. At that moment I couldn't have explained it either. We use terms communism, nazism, modernism, Mohammedanism, church and state — so many terms, but just words they remain until they become a personal menace in our very homes. Modernism seeks to disillus­ tion and destroy the very basic truths of the Bible, denying the divinity of Christ; the threat of at the moment, seems minor although it is not entirely stamped out; Mohammedanism seems more confined to one area. But communism? It is the ugly and sinister figure of red communism which has conquered, since World War 2 some 900,000,000 people, and all of this has been accomplished without one Russian soldier. Let's face reality.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God" (2 Tim. 2: 15). This seems to point the way, so I have begun to study you; It is God's will that I be well informed on any subject that might hold a threat for my family, my church, or my own spiritual strength Do you? It is my prayer that the Lord will awaken us to our danger before it is too late.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Soc. Rex E. Zwiebel 

Youth Field Worker

Miss Linda Bingham, field worker, has been busy in the Central New York Association and is now working in the Eastern Association. From Sept. 7 to 17, she worked with the Verona church; one night with the Green Center; the Berlin church was her host, Sept. 22-30; the Rhode Island churches claimed her attention in October; and she is due in Plainfield at 11th of November.

Miss Bingham sends full reports to the Youth Work Committee of the board. She indicates that co-operation has been good, and that materials and methods change a full part of the discussion there. Schedules beyond Plainfield have not been crystallized at the time of this writing, but as the new Youth Work Committee gets under way, this matter will receive extra attention. (The Youth Work Committee chairman of last year has been elected president of the board, thus making it difficult to reorganize that committee.)

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Tract Society Statement

(Excerpts from the annual report)

The 28-page printed report of the trustees which will appear later in full in the 1962 edition is quoted here to give just a glimpse of what is stated in paragraph form. Financial matters relating to the year past and budget estimates for the year ahead are completely omitted. There is, however, a big program ahead that will tax the available resources and call for greater sacrifice if opportunities are fully met.

When our Lord sent out the twelve and the seventy He had far greater faith in the success of their mission than they themselves had. They had been with Him too short a time to be well trained, and the formal education of most of them was not much. Jesus, however, gave them the substance of the message they were to bear and miracle-working power to go with the message. Going forth without support into villages where reactions to them and their message would be mixed would take courage. Upon their return they testified of the joy they experienced in bearing the message, a thing which before had been impossible. They felt that their reward had been great.

Looking back over another year of service in the cause of Christ the members and consistent members of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society are happy to have been engaged in a work like mission commission of the seventy with its intangible returns. Some unexpected results have come which can only be explained by the presence of the Holy Spirit with the workers who have gone forth with the message on a voluntary basis. With no authority of our own, no message of our own, and no monetary wisdom, we have prepared and provided printed messages on the authority of the Word of God in a form that could be used by relatively untrained messengers. Not every tract distributed, not every filmstrip shown, not every Sabbath Recorder printed, not every word spoken over the air, not every advertisement in the papers has brought a known response, but some have and the promise still holds that harvest will follow seedtime and the word will not return void. In the following paragraphs will be found an account of our stewardship, a little analysis of what has been accomplished, and some hint of the vastness of the fields of labor open to us as a people — especially in the relatively unexplored area of evangelism through literature.

Advisory Committee

Over one-third of the resident members of the board are appointed to the Advisory Committee which normally meets the first Sabbath night of the month to advise the secretary-editor and to make such studies or decisions as are referred to it. It has chosen the editors of the special-issue Sabbath Recorder and this year has given detailed consideration to some suggestions from the student representatives (older teenagers and adults) in the 1962 Yearbook is quoted here in paragraph form. Financial matters relating to the year past and budget estimates for the year ahead are completely omitted. There is, however, a big program ahead that will tax the available resources and call for greater sacrifice if opportunities are fully met.

Editor of the Sabbath Recorder

The Sabbath Recorder, both in its regular and special issues (November, February, and May), appears to have had a good year although no spectacular advance in subscriptions has been reported. No changes in format may be claimed. Reader response from churches and lune Sabbath-keepers continues to indicate the high regard in which the Sabbath Recorder has long been held. One evidence of the steady progress of our journal in fulfilling its mission is the way paid subscriptions have continued at a relatively high rate. When the present editor was called to the task in 1955 the membership of the Conference was 6,237 and the number of subscribers, 1,086, which yields a percentage of 17.4. In 1961 membership was reported as 5,803. Subscribers numbered 2,329, or a percentage of 20.8, the highest percentage since 1931.

Recorder Comment

Little Genesee, N. Y. — "Again I am sending my renewal for the Recorder for another year. I do enjoy your editorials, well, in fact, all the contents of each issue."

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Report of UCYM Study Conference and General Council Meeting

By Linda Bingham

The United Christian Youth Movement Study Conference was held at Conference Place Camp on Lake Geneva, Williams Bay, Wis., from August 26 through 31, 1962. In attendance were about 150 representatives (older teenagers and adults) from the Protestant and Orthodox denominations and state UCYM councils. Geographically they represented many different states and several foreign countries, including Canada, Sweden, Germany, Australia, and the Congo.

This was a study conference in the truest and fullest sense of the word (and as such, marked, I believe, a radical departure from the UCYM tradition). The main resource speaker was William Stringfellow, a lawyer working in Harlem, New York. He introduced the group to a method of Bible study which was strange and new to most of the participants. The underlying truth (assumption or hypothesis) was based on the presumption that the Word of God has integrity; that is, there is only one Word which has meaning and existence of its own and is not dependent on man for either. In what sense, makes himself vulnerable to the Word and to what the Word says, and to all others who listen, will discover the mystery, the integrity, of the Word. It was with this in mind that we met together in small groups each morning for Bible study. The Epistle of James was our subject. The group to which I was assigned with varied from twenty adults and four teenagers. The procedure we attempted to follow was to read a verse or paragraph of verses and then to ask, "What is this saying?" In this way we nearly finished the first chapter of James in our five two-hour sessions together...

Following this study session we would all listen to a lecture by Mr. Stringfellow in which he would make comments pertinent to the Bible study. Then we would disperse to the small groups again to discuss his comments.

We also met in small groups each afternoon to discuss that which had been national or international problems and their relationship to Christianity.

The sessions of the General Council of the UCYM were held August 31 and September 1. During this time we attempted to evaluate this new trend of the UCYM Conference, and agreed that it was good. The UCYM seemed to be a "fellowship of churches, which join together through their youth movements or ministries...rather than a constituency engaged in a precise order of responsibility and action." In the light of this view of this proposition of a proposed statement of intention was adopted, to be operationally effective until the 1963 meeting, and to preclude the former by-laws of UCYM.

"The use of a 'statement of intention for the UCYM' rather than by-laws reflects a desire to invite to membership in UCYM all denominations in a statement of intention rather than only those previously affiliated. The procedure for concurrence will be as follows:

1. Each denomination is invited to concur or suggest changes necessary before concurring.

2. Each denomination is invited to send to the 1963 Central Committee (formerly General Council) a voting delegate who are authorized to act on behalf of their denominations in matters of revision and final concurrence.

3. Those denominations which finally concur in the statement of intention voted upon in 1963 will become members of the Central Committee of the UCYM."

It is my personal hope and recommendation that Seventh Day Baptists will officially concur in this statement of intention and thus become members of the Central Committee of the UCYM.

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at the 1963 UCYM Conference and Central Committee meeting with their full allotment (two youth and one adult) of voting delegates. Here, too, it is not only a privilege, but a responsibility of our denomination; for here is a place we can make a real and valuable contribution in voicing the truths we hold to believe.

White Cloud Pastor Featured in Muskegon Paper

The Muskegon Chronicle of Sept. 22 printed a picture of the Rev. Don Sanford of White Cloud, Mich., (40 miles distant) and accompanied it with a two-column spread which began with:

"Preacher, teacher, author, fireman or umpire some full-time jobs. Take your pick and ask Don Sanford of White Cloud — he can fill any of them adequately.

As minister of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Rev. Mr. Sanford carries a full load of church responsibilities, including that of secretary-treasurer of the Newaygo County Ministerial Association. He is director of the Michigan Council of Churches and a member of the adult work committee of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches."

The article goes on to speak of his editing the adult lesson quarterly, The Helping Hand and to describe how he fills his other jobs. As firemen he is usually the first man at the Fire House in response to a call because the pannage is only half a block away.

The feature writer continues:

"He is a member of the executive board of the PTA and is immediate past president of the community. Serving as vice-president of the White Cloud Chamber of Commerce, as director of the United Services, and as a member of the Citizens Recreation Study Committee help keep the Rev. Mr. Sanford from spending much time on his hobby of woodworking.

"For the past two years he has served the Big Prairie Congregational Church as supply minister. For several months he also served the Grant Congregational Church."

The Spirit of a Man, It Lives!

By O. B. Bond

He who is counted with the blest
And, in honor, is laid to rest,
Leaves the spirit of a man.

He who has virtue in his face
And is found, right in his place,
Leaves the spirit of a man.

He who walks before mankind,
In him, little error can you find,
Leaves the spirit of a man.

He who is thoughtful, generous, true
In all the things he has to do,
Leaves the spirit of a man.

He who can be trusted with a child
And, with adults, is always mild,
Leaves the spirit of a man.

He whose life is led by God
O'er the paths, on earth he's trod,
Leaves the spirit of a man.

The above poem was written as a tribute to S. H. Davis whose obituary appeared in the Recorder of Sept. 17. Mr. O. B. Bond in submitting the verses speaks of sharing many experiences with Mr. Davis at the Daytona Beach church and appreciating "the poise, dignity and honor with which he has met the problems of life."

Washington People's Church Has New Pastor

Readers will recall a notice to the effect that the Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph has retired from the pastorate of the Washington, D. C., church which meets in the Baptist Building at 528 16th St. N.W. Correspondence from Miss Randolph indicates that her retirement is only partial in that she has accepted a call to serve a part-time at the Fall Creek Baptist Church whose building is located at 2107 10th St. N.W., in Washington. She has taken a lively interest in helping this church and promoting close relations between the two groups during her lengthy Washington pastorate. Her new address is the same as that of Mrs. Lillian Crichlow, 7 N.E., Washington 3.

Miss Randolph undertakes her new duties with enthusiasm speaking thus: "... which truly offers great opportunities to a challenging field of service in a church established at the heart of our nation in 1903, which has a resolute purpose to continue serving to the best of its ability." Attendance has increased, and the pastor is hopeful for the future although financially the church is very weak. This is the first time, we believe, that this church has had a white minister. The Rev. Isaac Patterson, the elderly acting pastor for several years, is now residing in Seattle, Washington.

Washington church is carrying on services faithfully under the direction of an active committee with guest ministers filling the pulpit and with considerable interest being shown by Seventh Day Baptists who are living in the area.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y.—On May 12, Dr. and Mrs. Melvin G. Nida were honored by the congregation at their installation as pastors of the church. A fellowship dinner was held after Sabbath School so that we could visit with them and discuss conference plans.

The church went to Camp Harmony to worship with the campers of the Central Association on Sabbath day, July 7.

The Community Vacation Bible School enrolled 134 children July 16-26. Staff work included Mrs. DeChols Greene; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Richard Shippee; Miss Horn, Mrs. Gerald Greene, Mrs. Albert Gilmore, Miss CathyGilmore, and Miss Linda Van Horn, teachers.

Our Ladies Aid did some redecorating at the parsonage while our pastor and wife are away at Conference. Since the basement of our church is being used as a school room, some work had to be done there. We are fortunate to have a helpful group of workers. Our pastor and wife are happy that whole families could attend. It was indeed an uplifting experience to "Draw Nigh unto God" with many of like faith. Informal Conference reports were given on the afternoon of September 8.

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Mother and Daughter Banquet for the ladies of the First Baptist Church in Watertown. The Project Committee turned over to the treasurer this year $83 from the sale of cards and church stationary, and $30 for names that were embroidered on an album quilt. The work on this quilt was done by Mrs. DeChols Greene. It was placed in the parsonage as a surprise for Pastor and Mrs. Melvin Hott, who recently returned from Conference. — Correspondent.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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DODGE CENTER, MINN. — The annual Sabbath School picnic was held recently in a woods not far from town. Chairmen for the picnic were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Langworthy. Games were played during the afternoon in spite of the threatening weather, and ice cream was furnished by the Sabbath School for the noon dinner.

Several Sabbath School teachers are taking a course in Bible and teaching techniques held on Thursday evenings in Rochester. The junior and intermediate choirs are again meeting following the summer vacation.

During the regular prayer meeting hour on Friday evenings, members are now studying "Christian Character Course." After meeting in the church during the summer months, the meetings are now being held in various homes.

Barbara Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claire Green, active in YF and the church choir, has recently been elected to the all-state high school chorus. The chorus will sing at the meeting of the state teachers and for other state affairs. Bruce Green is again taking work in the state university.

Phyllis Payne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Payne, and also active in YF and Sabbath School has enrolled in the Crookston Agricultural School. The YF, under the leadership of Mrs. Donald Richards, meets for prayer meeting regularly. The young people held parties during the past month for Phyllis Payne, and for Philip Green (Navy), who was on leave from Hawaii.

A Meal of Sharing was held Sabbath day, September 29, with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Langworthy and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Langworthy and family in charge. Pastor Richards conducted devotional services over radio station KFOR in Owatonna, September 26.

The entire slate of the Sabbath School officers was re-elected at the business meeting held September 23. Mrs. Donald Payne was elected superintendent of the Junior CE. Members of the Christmas program consisted of the Little Choirs, A. Austin, Mary Thorngate, and Marguerite Clapper.

Promotion exercises were held in the graded department Sabbath day, Sept. 29, conducted by the superintendent, Mrs. Claire Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Green were hosts to the Christian Fellowship on the evening of September 16. Slides from Germany were shown.

The pastor is giving a series of sermons on "The Church." Baby Sitter classes, sponsored by the PTA, were held during September and a part of October. Several church young people and other interested ones took the course. — Correspondent.

Accessions

By Letter: Milton, Wis.
Dr. Burton Crandall
Mrs. Burton (Carol Davis) Crandall
Brandon Crandall

By Baptism: Washington, D. C.
Danny Karl Childers

Obituaries

Crandall.—Albert Babcock, son of the late William L. and Sarah Babcock Crandall, was born in Ashaway, R. I., April 24, 1873, and died at the Shelter Cove Rest Home, Westerly, R. I., August 22, 1962.

He was baptized April 30, 1887, and became a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, remaining a faithful member until his death.

He was well known and highly respected as a school teacher, having taught in the Ashaway schools for twenty years, later serving as principal of Hopkinton High School while also teaching in the upper grades, then becoming head of the English department at Rogers High School in Newport, R. I. He retired from this position in 1941.

He is survived by a niece, Mrs. Donna James of Hopkinton, R. I.

Funeral services were held in the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, with his pastor, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway. — E. F. W.

Young.—Seldon M., son of the late Lester A. and Georgetta Gould Young, was born at Watson, N. Y., May 5, 1873, and died at Westerly, R. I., Sept. 14, 1962.

Funeral services were conducted from the Schoolhouse Funeral Home in Westerly, R. I., Sept. 18 by his pastor, the Rev. Earl C. Edwards, assisted by the Rev. Harold R. Crandall. Interment was in First Hopkinton Cemetery. — E. C.

The new church at Little Rock, Ark., celebrated its third anniversary by giving away large quantities of tracts and Sabbath Recorders from a booth at the State Fair October 1-6. It is reported that a total of 16,000 pieces of literature was taken by the visitors and many signed to receive later issues of the Recorder. The church also maintains downtown tract racks, from which 2,000 pamphlets and magazines have been distributed in recent months.