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MARCH 25, 1963

The Sabbath Recorder

FIRST HEBRON, PA., SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH
Our Right to Differ

In cherishing liberty of thought in interpreting the Scriptures there is a possibility of what might be called theological anarchy. There is little probability of this for either the Protestant and Seventh Day Baptist contention that the Bible should be and must be taken as final for all matters of faith and practice. The person who honestly adheres to that standard will differ to some extent from others, but will be happy to find that he is in almost perfect accord with others holding the same view of the Scriptures. But no one can predict how wide the divergence can become between those who try to develop personal statements of belief on the human level apart from divine revelation. There are, however, good backgrounds of thinking that sometimes keep us from properly evaluating certain passages in their relation to other passages. Differences of interpretation do honestly arise when we do not take the trouble to study Bible doctrines and practices in an unbiased way.

When denominations like ours draw up a statement of belief, it is merely an attempt to systematize the consensus of opinion on what are considered the important subjects covered by the statement. We like to draw some sort of distinction between the exact wording agreed upon and the doctrine itself. This may be difficult to do, but it has to be done. Certain biblical doctrines have to be enunciated both to be agnostic about believers, between Protestants and Catholics, between some Protestants and other Protestants. In what we speak of as a pluralistic society people have a right to know why we call ourselves Seventh Day Baptists as distinguished from Episcopalians, or Seventh Day Baptists as distinguished from other Baptists. We are troubled by the lack of concordance of statements of belief on our own right to differ if we want to be called Christians, Protestants, or Seventh Day Baptists. Perhaps we can truthfully say, with a certain degree of freedom of thought. People have a right to know what sort of beliefs unite us with other Christians and those that are distinctive.

New Reference Bible

There are seven unusual features in the new reference Bible (KJV) now offered for sale by the American Bible Society in an illustrated folder that advertises Bibles below cost. The new features make this edition unique. The special features are listed:

1. Set in paragraphs instead of traditionally by verses.
2. Section headings facilitate reading and study.
3. Poetry is appropriately indented.
4. References neatly listed in footnote fashion.

MARCH 25, 1963
In their tour of various sites of ecumenical interest in the United States, the visiting Soviet churchmen were guests of the American Baptists at their Valley Forge headquarters on Tuesday, March 12. This visit came at the time of the meeting of committees of the Baptist Jubilee Advance, also held at Valley Forge. The Rev. Leon Maltby, Dean of the American Baptists, the other to the Southern Baptists. Both of these conventions had formerly sent visiting churchmen to the churches in Russia. These chalices were not new, had long been in use in the Baptist churches, and were symbolic of Christians the world over.

The only shadow cast in this fellowship was a picket line, formed along the highway, in protest against these visiting brethren. This offense against them had occurred frequently throughout their visit. It is shameful that we so easily forget the doctrine of love and so easily substitute that of hate. May we as Christian brothers learn to recognize the brotherhood of those who follow His teachings, regardless of race, nationality, or creed.

**Relative Importance of Human and Divine Statements**

By Clifford A. Beebe

Did I read aright in "Questions from the Mailbag" in the February 11 special Recorder (bottom of page 7)? "We have a general statement of belief which leaves to the individual responsibility to search the Scriptures for his own leading from God on other doctrines. In Christian love and fellowship, we covenanted together within the freedom to differ on all but these general statements of belief." (Emphasis mine.) Did the writer realize what he was saying? That Seventh Day Baptists have no right to seek light from God through the interpretation of the Scriptures on any point covered by our Statement of Belief? In other words, the man-made statement takes precedence over the God-inspired Scripture.

**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

**Or doesn't the statement mean what it says? (under General Statement and Polity)?**

"Seventh Day Baptists cherish liberty of thought as an essential condition for the inquirer of the Holy Spirit. Therefore they have no binding creed to which members must subscribe. The Statement of Beliefs is an exhibit of the views generally held by Seventh Day Baptists and is not adopted as having binding force in itself." "The Bible, and the Bible only" was the watchword of the early reformers, and must ever be the motto of every Christian who would build his faith on a firm foundation. Any other is shifting sand. The early Seventh Day Baptist churches would admit no statement of belief beyond Revelation 14: 12: "The commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." When W. M. Jones, seeking further knowledge of Seventh Day Baptists, asked Dr. Eli S. Bailey for a book containing a statement of our doctrines, he was handed a copy of the Bible.

Elder Henry Clark (known as the "Father of our General Conference") wrote in 1811: "As this denomination universally hold the Bible to contain God's holy will revealed to man, wherein are exhibited the faith and rules of life; . . . so they generally esteem any prescription of man . . . as to rules of faith and morals, not only useless but nearly presumptuous."

Yet opinion has changed, and for the past 130 years we have had official statements of belief. We no longer regard them as useless or presumptuous today. But in the name of Gospel liberty, and for the sake of the truth of the statement itself, let us not regard them as a binding creed to which members must subscribe.

Our Statement of Belief is a masterly production, into which went the best thought of four of our most profound Bible students; but it is not the Word of God. I may or may not differ from it in any major point; but as long as I have breath, I will contend for my right to differ!"
are the survivors of family or personal religious and political persuasion in satellite countries. With feelings running high they easily drift to the banners of leaders who fall short generally accepted Christian standards of brotherly love and responsible presentation of news.

In the category of discourtesy must be placed the protest rally held at Atlanta, Ga., March 6 when part of the Russian delegation was in that city. A speaker, Paul Voronaeff, at the protest meeting held under the auspices of the American Council of Christian Churches, made a very damaging statement involving the Rev. Arthur Mitzkevitch, one of the two Baptists in the delegation. He is the Associate General Secretary of the Union of Evangelical Christian-Baptists of the Soviet Union. The speaker affirmed that he had talked to Mr. Mitzkevitch earlier in Austin, Texas, and that the Russian Baptist had told him he would like to defect to the West. Mr. Voronaeff, as reported in the Atlanta Journal of March 6, stated that the Russian Baptist had said, "The more pickets we see on the sidewalks the more the Russians will come. The church traveling abroad must not embarrass their native country. They are probably required to publicly promote the Moscow peace line. This does not necessarily mean that they are sincere Christians doing the best they can under the circumstances. While visiting us they received courtesy individually and as a group. We should pray for improvement of the lot of all sincere Christians who live under a system that is not Christian. Those who have had close contact with those of like faith in Russia and those who have toured this country are anxious to do what little they can to show their Christian love and concern.

The Living Truth

This is no time for academic smugness. Christian colleges must so inspire students to zestful encounter with truths and the Living Truth that they will be present at the great conference. He had some opportunity to talk personally (through an interpreter) with Mr. Mitzkevitch but was particularly impressed with one thing that this man said at the press conference in answer to a question by a member of the staff of Missions (Baptist). The question, directed to the whole group of Lutheran, Russian Orthodox, and Baptists, was as to whether or not the Russian churches engage in missionary work. He had to be negative as far as organized missionary work in our sense of the term is concerned. Some said that the mothers and the grandmothers in the home were their missionaries. The Baptist minister added more. He said that there were five preachers in each church and that there were 7 to 10,000 new believers added to the church each year by adult baptism. It is not just the mothers and grandmothers who are the missionaries, "Young people preach," he said. "They have a faith burning inside of them and they cannot stop preaching what Christ has done for them."

It is evident that in the Soviet Union there is quite rigid control for political purposes of institutions that in our country are free. Churchmen traveling abroad must not embarrass their native country. They cannot stop preaching what Christ has done for them."

130th Anniversary Observance of First Hebron Church

By Rachel Kenyon

The dedication and devotion which formed the foundation of our democracy were typified in the small band of settlers who, 130 years ago, joined together and founded the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hebron, Pa.

About sixty people attended the observance of the 130th Anniversary of the organization of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hebron on Crandall Hill February 9. (Crandall Hill was the name derived to the hill and the community because Judge Crandall purchased the first land there in 1829 and was the promoter of the colony.)

"Living Worthy of our Traditions" was the sermon topic developed by the Rev. Thomas R. McIntosh. He compared the church's local history with its history as a denomination and with its history as a Christian church. "In Potter County," he noted, "it is the second oldest church; it would be considered a very young church in the denomination which had its beginnings in the early 1600's in London, England; and as a Christian church it could be said to be very new. We look back on our traditions and forward to build on them."

Part of the church covenant was read: "We do covenant together as brethren and sisters and bind ourselves that through the assistance of God we will continue on the Sabbath days as far as the hand of Providence will admit and try to worship God as the Lord may persuade our souls and try to live weekly as Christians."

The church's beliefs concerning Jesus Christ, baptism, and the Sabbath were restated. Mr. McIntosh brought out the fact that the church believed in community service. He pointed out the Baptist tradition of local church autonomy, personal and civil liberty, and how Baptists were mainly responsible for the Continental Congress voting against the establishment of a state church which once was seriously considered.

No regular pastor served the church during the first ten years of its history but it was served by several ministers at regular intervals. Among them were Elders Stillman, Coon and Daniel Babcock, Ray Green, David Clason, and Walter R. Gillett. From 1837 until 1844, the church had no regular preaching service although Elders Gillett and Henry P. Green, and some others visited occasionally.

The first pastor was Elder Rouse Babcock who was ordained in July, 1844, and served the church for two or three years until he introduced a practice of singing. A minister who took place before Elder Hiram W. Babcock became pastor.

Other pastors have been Samuel R. Williams, Henry Babcock. We also served the church at Hebron Center which was organized during his time in 1871, George P. Kenyon, Charles A. Burdick, Henry Babcock, Davis Wyron E. Fisk, William L. Burdick, Elizabeth F. Randolph, Robert Wing, Paul Maxson, Charles H. Bond, Rex Zwiebel, Ronald Hargis, Darrell Barber, Delmer Van Horn, Eugene Fatato, and Thomas McIntosh.

On display in the vestibule were old oil lamps and song books used in the pasting, a chart containing records of baptisms, church membership, articles of the church covenant, the constitution and by-laws, and minutes of business meetings dating back to 1866. The first clerk's book containing the first thirty years of the church's history has been lost; it would be appreciated if any information about its whereabouts would let the minister or one of the church members or officers
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Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, From Alfred Station, N. Y., and Deacon Mark Sanford of Little Genesee, the man who used to come to hold services in years when the church was without a minister. There was much enjoyment upon hearing letters read from nine former pastors: C. A. Beebe, Paul Maxson, Charles Bond, Ronald Hargis, Oscar Burdick, Don Sanford, Delmer Van Horn, Eugene Patatoes, and Darrell Barber.

It was brought out that in the one hundredth anniversary history written by William L. Burdick, there was a misprint in the date given for the year of construction of the church building. Instead of 1899, it was stated that it was erected in a house in 1888. Some years ago this date was visible as painted on the round window in the upper front part of the church and testified to by three of the members present.

Visitors came from Coudersport, Roullette, Hebron Center, Eldred, Shinglehouse, Little Genesee, N. Y., and Alfred Station, N. Y.

Mrs. Earl (Rachel) Kenyon, R. #2, Coudersport, Pa.

Youth Week at Texarkana

The annual observance of Youth Week at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Texarkana, Ark., was highlighted this year by a midweek visit of the Conference president, D. E. Parian, and his family on February 13. He was on his way home from a church visiting tour that included the California churches.

The special week was closed in the Sabbath worship with two anthems given by the youth choir and sermons given by Miss Jo Van Horn on "Behold the Christian Karen Wagner on "Be- hold the Christian"; and by Miss Ruth Cowan on "Behold the Church."

1963 General Conference

No. 6 on local arrangements

Supplementing item No. 4 published on Feb. 18, we have learned that several camps will be available for those who wish to camp in a dormitory of Colorado State University. A new camp is being built within 6 miles, and it is scheduled to be finished before Conference time. Other camps are available within about 20 miles, free on a first-come-first-served basis. When the winter weather breaks mountain trails, we will get more first-hand information on these and other points.

There is a trailer park within a half-mile of the Conference site. Since most of the regular occupants are University students, there are always vacancies during the summer. Camper trailers, large enough to sleep five persons, can be rented in Fort Collins for $40 per week.

We are now informed that the Colorado 2% sales tax will not apply to food and services furnished by the University.

For the Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat at the Lee Hill camp near Boulder, the cooks will be Dorothy Saunders of church, and Grace White of Denver. The business manager will be Paul Hummel, who recently donated the 240-acre site to the Boulder and Denver churches.

The Youth Pre-Con Retreat near Glen Haven will start Wednesday afternoon, August 7, and we must register by July 15. The business manager will be Esther Stanton of Denver; the cooks have not yet been selected. Campers must furnish bedding, and are warned not to bring an extra blanket because the nights are likely to be cold in the mountains.

— H. Herbert Howe.

Labor's Waning Conscience

The day has long ceased when labor's big foe was management. The giant labor bosses now oppose right to work and favor featherbedding - and sooner or later a candidate for such a waning conscience is doomed to fail.

— Christianity Today.

MISSEIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Repaying Loss by Theft at Makapwa

Recent word from the Rev. David Pearson informs that the exact amount of funds lost by theft at Makapwa Mission on January 13, 1963, was $908.32. This is over a hundred dollars less than first estimated.

Dr. Theodore Tucker, secretary of the Africa Committee of D. F. M. and a recent visitor at Westerly, has urged the Missionary Board to undertake to raise $500 or a little over one-half the amount lost, taking a share of the blow to the work of the mission and yet allowing for the possibility that the mission may recover a part of the loss.

Dr. Tucker stated that the police are fairly certain as to the identity of the thief and that it is only a matter of time until he will be apprehended. The police feel sure that it is the work of a professional thief, one who has specialized in robbing mission stations. It was known that such a man had broken jail just a few days before the theft at Makapwa.

It is being recommended by Missionary Board leaders that the need to raise $500 should be shared with all Seventh Day Baptists at this time, allowing an opportunity for friends to help in recovering from this unexpected emergency. It is recommended that any amount received as a result of this special appeal be directed toward the regular support of the Nyasaland Mission. At this time the Missionary Board will undertake to assess any remaining amount of loss, so that Makapwa Mission may not be handicapped in its continuing ministry and service.

A Super-Natural Faith

We hold to a faith in a super-natural God. There are many things about Him and His way with men that we do not understand. We cannot prove His existence as we prove mathematical problems. But we continue to pray to Him and do believe that He answers our prayers.

We can no more understand conversion and the birth from above than could Nicodemus when he asked Jesus how a man can be born again. And yet we do hold with strong conviction that God can create a man from sin and give him a new heart and a new outlook on life.

Deep evangelism has meaning when it stands without wavering upon the great truth that when one comes to Christ and His God, who is revealed in His Son, there comes new life in Christ. It simply means taking God at His word. We do not have to understand electric or nuclear power in order to receive the benefits of them and no more do we have to understand how God works to bring about a new heart and mind and soul in a man who really loves and trusts Him, in order to partake of the regenerating power of God.

Yes, we believe in a super-natural God. We try to explain all things in a natural way. God gave us minds to think His thoughts after Him. But we dare not stop the point where we can no longer understand. At that point our faith looks up to God, our Heavenly Father, revealed by Jesus His Son, "Take Lord — I have reached my limit of understanding. In life and in death I will trust Thee."

Prayer Reminders

Seventh Day Baptist churches and fellowships have received recently through the courtesy of bookmarks carrying pictures of our Jamaica and British Guiana missionary families. These are intended as prayer reminders. Place one in your Bible or where you will see it quite often and be reminded to offer a prayer for our missionaries.

Please pray that God will bless the Rev. Leon R. Lawton and family and the Rev. Leland E. Davis and family that their ministries may be fruitful in winning souls for Christ, as they labor together with Him.

Special credit for preparing these prayer reminders should be given to Mr. Fred Tucker and Mr. Fred Pearson. The Recorder Press has cooperated by making these available at cost and by
mailing them to the churches. The secretary of the Missionary Society has also given assistance. The entire project has been carried on without expense to the denomination.

Sometime in the future it is expected that prayer reminders will be prepared showing our missionaries in Nyasaland. But do not wait for the bookmark to come to remember also in your prayers the Rev. David Pearson and family, Dr. Victoria Burdick and family, Misses Joan Clement and Sarah Becker. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. Wherefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain . . . night and day." (Tennyson)

NOTE: There is a possibility that a few churches did not get enough for the desired distribution. The supply is quite limited, but a few are still available from the Publishing House.

Comments of Missionary Pastors Regarding Salary Increments

Pastor Leroy Bass of Paint Rock, Ala., has written regarding the increase in missionary salary which was recently voted, "I think the Missionary Society has gone the second mile in voting this raise. It helps us break a little easier."

From Daytona Beach, Fla., comes word from Pastor S. Kenneth Davis, "Thanks so much for the raise. It is indeed appreciated."

Pastor Paul Osborn expresses gratitude for the salary increase. In his words, "I am trying to learn the Apostle Paul's meaning of Philippians 4:11-12."

Shepherding Pastor Marion Van Horn of Texarkana, Ark., asks that his appreciation for salary increase be expressed to the Missionary Board and be passed on to others.

Pastor Leslie Welch of Berea, W. Va., has written, "We were very pleased to receive the additional check and thank you for it. Pray that we may be faithful in understanding God's word and making it known as we were taught to do."

Pastor Kenneth Van Horn of New Auburn, Wis., wrote as follows: "I wish to express my personal appreciation to the Missionary Board, to the General Conference, and to you personally, for the efforts to aid the small churches and their pastors with the problem of living, and the encouragement for full-time service for the Master."

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Mortaden

WORSHIP SERVICE

Here is the test by which we can make sure that we know him: Do we keep his commands? The man who says, "I know him," while he disobeys his commands, is a liar and a stranger to the truth, but in the man who is obedient to his word, the divine love has indeed come to its perfection (1 John 1:3-6, NEB).

Whoever claims to be a servant of Christ, who gives lip service to religion but who fails to make it a part of his daily life, earns the name of 'hypocrite.' He must change and develop the true Christian instinct to set his feet on the path that leads him to be a faithful follower of Christ.

Prayer

Our Father, help us to be true Christians in thought, word and deed. Help us to share with others the joy of being a follower of Thine. Amen.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for April 6, 1963
Jesus Fulfills His Mission


THE SABBATH RECORDER

Tract Board Reviews Work, Makes Plans

Members of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society journeyed from Philadelphia and from the denominational headquarters area at Plainsfield, N. J., to join with the South Jersey members for the spring board meeting held in the evening of March 22, the Sabbath afternoon. March 10. Only a few members were absent from the thirty-member body.

The activity of the twelve standing committees and one or two special committees was evidenced by written or mimeographed reports with a considerable number of recommendations — some of which were evidence of their interest upon the future work of the Tract Society. The Publications Committee, which concerns itself primarily with editing new tract manuscripts and planning the printing and reprinting of tracts, was able to report definite progress on some that had long been under consideration. The board accepted the committee's recommendation to print four tracts in Spanish as soon as possible. It is hoped that a long-range plan will be ready for distribution this summer at fairs and in the migrant ministry contemplated by some churches.

There were several policy matters in the distribution of literature (including Sabbath Recorder subscriptions) presented by the committee of that name. One new service is a service by which the Tract Board to face the problem of increasing deficits in the operation of the printing plant. It was recommended and adopted (after considerable discussion): "That the capitalization of the publishing house be increased by $25,000 from assets of the American Sabbath Tract Society." This increase of capitalization is to be accomplished by liquidating certain invested funds, the income of which now goes into the general work of the Tract Society. It is hoped that eventual it will enable the publishing house to increase its income through profitable work.

The secretary-editor in his reports to the board indicated a busy quarter at the office with very little travel except for committee meetings. Foreign and domestic correspondence was a little heavier than usual and indicated a number of interesting contacts with qualified men who may eventually render a valuable service to the cause of Seventh Day Baptists in their respective countries or areas. Orders for tracts were much higher than the previous quarter, a total of 22,600. Nearly one fourth of these pieces of literature went outside this country. It was noted that the print order for the February special issue of the Recorder was 8,600, somewhat higher than for the issues of 1962.

— Corresponding Secretary.
Christian Endeavor Delegate

For the first time in several years, the Youth Work Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be officially represented at an international Christian Endeavor Convention. Miss Anita Wheeler of our Ashaway church will attend the convention to be held in Washington, D. C., July 2-6, 1963.

Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowships who are members of the Christian Endeavor movement may want to help with Miss Wheeler’s expenses. Her address is Ashaway, R. I.

The New Testament

We have recently received a copy of the American Bible Society's new book, The New Testament, a paperback rendition of the New Testament in the King James Version with pictures. It costs $1.00, and we recommend it for use with children. It will make a fine addition to your church library. Order from the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y., or your nearest ABS book store.

Seventh Day Baptist Students of Salem College

Statistics on the denominational preferences of the students enrolled for the second semester at Salem College, Salem, W. Va., have just been released. For the benefit of readers a complete list of Seventh Day Baptist students was printed in the Sabbath Recorder of January 21. There were 23. The number has increased to 27 for the second semester. New names on the list are: David Rex Ayars, (Shiloh); Sara Jayne Bottoms (Buffalo); Leah V. Davis (Salem); Herbert W. Hambleton (Riverside); Karen L. Bond and Lettie McKinney (Lost Creek). Students of the first semester are not registered for the second. Two of the above are enrolled in the Clarksburg branch.

“If a growing object is both fresh and spoiled at the same time, the chances are it is a child.”—Morris Goldfischer

The Purpose of the Church

By Gary Gilmore

One of four talks given on Youth Day (Feb. 16) in the Adams Center, N. Y., church, it is reprinted here in its entirety.

The church is organized for the purpose of gathering in groups to worship God. These groups perform three important services for the church and the world. In an unbelieving world, the church offers a great deal to mankind. Without these benefits of the church, I feel mankind would be in a state of spiritual poverty. Without these groups, the church as a whole would be less effective.

The church of today is very similar to these early groups. However, the church is not just a meeting place today. It is the Lord’s house. It is an edifice for the church is a strong impelling force that draws Christians to find a nearness to God. Far too many people are so taken up with their jobs and social life that they fail to try to find time for God. Many of these people try to find God, but their lives are so pent up that they can’t put everything aside even for a few moments. They need a place to stretch out and find the divine word atmosphere that a church can offer. Here one can turn all his thoughts to God and forget the outside world.

Unity strengthens Christian faith, and the church is a great source of unity. Christians need the fellowship of fellow Christians. In the church, a person may worship, sing, and pray with his fellow man. A United body of people has much more strength than an individual. Christians, when united, can endure most anything that would tend to separate an individual from Christ. Divided, we may fall; united, we’ll stand forever.

The church is a nucleus for God’s work. The nucleus of an atom has electrons revolving about it. These electrons have an electrical charge. Likewise, the church has committees revolving around it and these committees are charged with the spirit of Christ. These groups perform such acts as helping the poor, the aged and sick, bettering their church, and searching for and helping those who have not yet found Christ. Many of these are very important duties that could not be done if it were not for the church as a base organizer.

The church is also the base for every community and even the base for democratic nations. A community is usually built around a school, a business, and a church. By far the most important of these is the church. It holds a community together with strong ties.

A nation without a church is not a real nation. It provides the faith, courage, and insight leaders need to lead their nation. All the presidents of the United States were faithful churchgoers. I believe our President and other national leaders need the serenity of the church to share their burden with the Lord, and obtain renewed courage.

Many Christians would be entirely lost without the church. In the church they find the atmosphere they need to feel close to God and sing praises to His name.

I have experienced being all alone in a church several times and the feeling I have experienced is almost indescribable. I felt as though I was in someone else’s house and I was welcomed with open arms and a kind word. I felt the strength and power of God in the background. When I listened real hard, I could hear the sounds of a perfect serenity with an organ playing heavenly music in the background. The church offers a great deal to everyone, and is one of the most important places in our lives.

In thinking about my topic I found certain words and phrases unavoidable. I think these words and phrases explain the purpose of the church. These are: the house of God, a tie of unity, God’s Word, serenity, peace, Christian fellowship, praise, meditation, devotion, and a nearness to God.

Without these benefits of the church, I feel mankind would be in a very sad state.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Red Cross

ARC Expenditures during the 1961-62 fiscal year totaled $99,388,635 — third highest in the organization's peacetime history. The biggest single item was services to the armed forces, veterans and their families, which required 36.6 per cent. The second highest expenditure, 13.5 per cent was for general operating, and distributing whole blood and its component parts.

In a preface to the ARC annual report, distributed in February, Chairman E. Roland Harriman gave special praise to the "indispensable aid" of 2 million volunteers who make it possible "to provide international and national Red Cross service with maximum efficiency and economy." The report points out that there is a ratio of 154 volunteers to each career staff member.

Youth for Christ

Three members of the seventh "Teen Team" sent out by Youth for Christ International returned recently from South America as the eighth and ninth teams touring Southeast Asia and is helping to make our prospect more hopeful. They made our prospect more hopeful.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

EDINBURG, TEXAS — The annual dinner and business meeting of the church were held in the parsonage apartment February 4. Officers elected were: pastor (until June), Clifford A. Beebe; moderator, Harry L. Bird; clerk, Mrs. Harry L. Bird; treasurer, Mrs. J. Robert Boehler; stewards, J. Virgil Huey and J. Robert Boehler; Sabbath School superintendent, J. Virgil Huey; home department superintendent, Mrs. Elaine Boehler.

There were eleven present at the meeting.

We have had a number of visitors at our Sabbath morning meetings this winter, visitors to the valley, and Sabbathkeepers not connected with our church, which has made our prospect more hopeful.

At our Wednesday night prayer and Bible study meetings we are studying the Letters to the Seven Churches, from Revelation.

We have a large and very active home department. — Pastor.

MILTON, WIS. — The new year is off to a good start from children to senior members of the church and shut-ins under 12 years who are members of the church and shut-ins under 12 years who are members of the church and shut-ins.

It is hoped that non-resident members and friends will be kept in closer fellowship through the efforts of the Communications Committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Paul Abelmann. A Newsletter from the church is being prepared with Mrs. Charles Prescott, who is attending his second year at the University of Rhode Island, but is always back home on weekends to attend church services. — Correspondent.

ROCKVILLE, R. I. — The Sabbath School put on a Christmas program at the church and later that evening there was a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Rotha Barnum. The following is a list of the names of those who attended the Christmas party:

- Reverend Herman F. Reissig.

— CNB.

America's churches in the past three years have sent 1,063,864,000 pounds of material aid overseas. — Rev. Herman F. Reissig.

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sang "Rejoice in the Lord Alway" by Purcell.

The evening after the Sabbath a large group went to the church for a potluck dinner and reception for "Prof" and Mrs. Stringer. Pastor Elmo Randolph acted as master of ceremonies for This is Your Church and the church is called upon those who had sung in the church choir under "Prof" to come forward by decades. Some people may be very shy by the way they had sung with him. Through words of appreciation and several musical numbers, the group paid tribute through these in individuals to our beloved choir director. Following the program the crowd adjourned to the social rooms for the reception. A purse was presented to the Stringers to be used toward a Hi-Fi record player, which they plan to purchase when they return from sunny Florida.

Youth Week was observed in February with vespers on Sabbath eve and the Sabbath morning worship in charge of the young people. On Sabbath the inter­mediate choir occupied the chancel choir seats, and sang the anthem, "Holy Lord of All" by Williams. Various portions of the service were announced and conducted by the youth. An impressive sermon dialog was given by nine of the high school and college age youth which brought out ways in which the church serves its people and how they can serve the church.

The Advisory Board meets once a month. A number of projects are being carried on under the work of this group. A well-organized Visitation Program was given by nine of the high school and college age youth which brought out ways in which the church serves its people and how they can serve the church.

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Our World Mission. At the present it is working on plans to serve a dinner for the neighboring Baptist Church in Hope Valley as it launches its Every Member Canvas. We did the same for this church last year.

A group of juniors has been meeting regularly at the parsonage on Friday evenings for worship, Bible study and discussions. They went out singing carols at Christmas time and had refreshments and games afterwards at the parsonage. They entertained the youth of the Westerly, Ashaway, and Second Hopkinton churches at a party in February.

It was a real treat to have Mr. George E. Parrish with us on January 12 and Mr. Harley Bond and his wife with us on January 26. Both spoke to us on denominational matters.

Our pastor is kept very busy serving this church, the Second Hopkinton Church, and supplying the pulpit at the Pendleton Hill Baptist Church in Stonington, Conn., each Sunday. He is also assistant chaplain of the State Medical Center and spends one day each week there. — Correspondent.

A big bankroll won't count when the roll is called up yonder.

Obituaries

Davis.—Rachel, daughter of Marian and Malinda Davis, was born June 24, 1880, and died in Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis., October 25, 1962.

Rachel attended Milton Academy. She was married to Oscar Davis, Welton, Iowa, December 31, 1901, who preceded her in death in 1947.

The child of a Seventh Day Baptist home, she was baptized at twelve years of age by the Rev. E. H. Socwell at Welton, Iowa, in 1892. Before she and her husband moved to Milton with their family she belonged to the Rev. E. H. Socwell Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She was active in attendance at worship as long as health permitted and was a participating member of the Sabbath School and the Women’s Circle.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Rex Bowers, Milton; four sons: the Rev. Artie Davis, Phoenix, Ariz.; Wilmer, Hoopa, Calif.; Duane, Aurora, College, Iowa; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Furrow, Delmar, Iowa, and Orella Bowers, Battle Creek, Mich.; seventeen grandchildren, twenty-nine great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Rev. Elmo Fit Randolph officiating. Burial was in the Milton cemetery. — E. F. R.

Ellis.—George Manning, son of Edward Leland and Hettie Saunders Ellis, was born in Dodge Center, Minn., Sept. 14, 1879, and died following a long illness, Nov. 14, 1962, in Madison, Wis.

Educated in the public schools of Dodge Center, and graduated from Alfred University, George Ellis did post-graduate work at Columbia and the University of Pennsylvania, receiving a Master of Science degree from the latter institution. For ten years he taught school at Alfred, N. Y., Ocean City, N. J., and in the Dakotas.

On August 1, 1901, George Ellis and Phoebe Davis, of Marlboro, N. J., were united in marriage.

Baptized in his early youth by the Rev. S. R. Wheelers, George joined the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church, later affiliating with the First Alfred church, and finally coming into membership in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church after moving to that community prior to World War I.

In Milton, he was successful as a pioneer in the X-ray sales and service business. In his community life he was a long-time trustee of Milton College and served as a director of the Bank of Milton. His contributions to the life of his church and denomination included serving as president of the church, membership on the Sabbath School Board, and membership on the Commission of General Conference. In 1950, George and his wife moved to Madison, Wis.

Surviving are his wife; a son, Edward, and a daughter, Frances Bishop, one granddaughter, LeAlyce Bishop, all of Madison.

The funeral service was conducted in the Milton Church, Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating. Interment was in the Milton cemetery. — E. F. R.

Greene.—Mrs. Mirpah S., daughter of Edwin S. and Anna Fellows Sheburne, was born April 15, 1874, at Walworth, Wis., and died at the Olean Nursing Home, Feb. 6, 1963, following a long illness.

During recent years Mrs. Greene had resided in Alfred, Independence, and Andover, N. Y.

She was the widow of the late Rev. Walter Greene to whom she was married Aug. 21, 1904, and who died Dec. 19, 1921.

Blessed with a long and fruitful life, she was well known in Seventh Day Baptist circles for her Children’s Page in the Sabbath Recorder, which she continued for many years up to January 1956. At the time of her death Mrs. Greene’s membership was in the Independence church. Farewell services were conducted by the Rev. John Holmes, with interment in the Little Genesee Cemetery.

Survivors in addition to her daughter, Mrs. Frank Edwards, are her son, E. Claire Greene of Bridgeston, N. J.; a daughter, Mrs. Frank Clemens of Wellsfield, N. Y.; five grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

From information furnished by Mrs. Doris Clarke.