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Independence -----
Little Rock ----------Los Angeles
Dodge Center -------Farina -
Daytona Beach -----Denver
Buffalo

Individuals
Kansas City
Brookfield,
Berlin
Irvington
Hopkinton, 1st
Hammond, 1st
Hebron, 1st
Hopkinton, 1st
Hopkinton, 2nd
Hamburg
Hammond
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Houston Fellow,
Independence
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Irvington
Kansas City
Little Genesee
Little Rock
Los Angeles

Christ's
Lost Creek

Treasurer's March 6 Mos. $31.25 $ 552.90
Albion 45.35 295.10
Alfred, 1st 245.40 1,852.27 40.40
Alfred, 2nd 1,164.29
Algiers 15.00

Associations and Groups

Battle Creek 594.25 3,243.63
Bay Area 149.20
Berlin 89.68 819.80 69.00
Boulter 46.70 240.25 25.00
Brookfield, 1st 31.00 123.00
Brookfield, 2nd 132.50 132.50
Buffalo 200.00 400.00 50.00
Chicago 152.50 493.00 200.00
Daytona Beach 200.00 605.48 25.00
Denver 59.10 318.07
DeRuyter 70.00 433.00
Dodge Center 206.90 597.08 60.00
Farina 22.50 46.23

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Marlboro 321.68 1,556.46
Memorial Fund 225.37
Middle Island 22.00 157.00
Milton 1,096.41 5,234.90 90.00
Milford Junction 505.25 1,023.00
New Auburn 14.50 86.93 30.00
North Little 225.18 540.60 8.00
Northville 567.15 50.00
Old Stone Fort 21.00 114.00
Paint Rock 159.15 13.75
Painted Wood 560.42 2,736.77 43.94
Plainfield 294.60 1,727.14 265.00
Richburg 292.00 642.25
Riche 35.00 141.00
Riverside 246.87 1,035.34
Roanoke 15.00 15.00
Rockville 32.63 275.15
Saline 200.00 1,250.00
Salineville 40.00 67.00 6.00
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Shiloh 369.00 3,277.61 13.00
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Recorded Subscriptions
The American Sabbath Tract Society has "held the line" in their mailings, and it has been taken to itself more and more of the publication costs during a time of mounting expenses for materials and labor. Sometimes the reader feels that the price increased, but he has not been made aware of the deprecations of the dollar he has been paying progressively less and less. Editorials are difficult to write for a magazine that has not increased its price. Another way of saying it is that the real price in terms of take-home wages is at least $1.00 less than it was ten years ago. This could not go on indefinitely. The fact is that printing costs for your Recorder average about 1½ times as much per week as they did just a few years ago.

General Conference last year recommended that the Recorder increase its price from $3 to $4 per year. This, as noted above, is a moderate increase and does not cover the decreased value of the dollar or the increased purchasing power of wages. Even so the board has delayed putting the price change into effect as long as possible. It will become effective June 1. The periodical is still a bargain and is priced much lower than comparable magazines. Many have expressed the feeling that we could not afford to be without the Recorder even if it cost twice as much.

To be an effective organ, as it has been all through its long history, it must continue to be widely read. That means a constant increase in new subscribers and prompt renewals of all who are now on the list. Denominational loyalty involves being well informed. Loyal Seventh Day Baptists realize this and will act accordingly. Needless to say, all past and gift subscriptions mailed in prior to June 1 (even for 2 or 3 years) will be honored at the current rate of $3. It is a good way to save something, and people are taking advantage of it.

When people prefer blindness they will be given blind leaders. Both together fall into the ditch. Christ gives us who will not dodge the cross of Christ, but will meet organized evil with brave hearts and a solid front in the name of Him who died to redeem us—Editorial in Watchman Examiners.

Large Ministers Conference Convenes at Adams Center

The biennial conference of Seventh Day Baptist ministers which began Wednesday, April 17 at the Adams Center, N. Y. church was unusual in several ways. It attracted more than the usual number of ordained and lay ministers; it was held for the first time in this northern village; and it was scheduled to continue longer than usual— from Wednesday to Monday. Most of the ministers were already in this northern community on Tuesday evening and attended a special meeting of the local church called for the purpose of hearing a message by the Conference president, George Parrish.

When the meeting was called to order for the first session of the conference Wednesday morning there were 41 present, with a few more coming in later for a total of nearly 50. The average attendance at previous conferences has been in the lower thirties. Perhaps one of the reasons for a full attendance was the financial help given by the Missionary Board in the travel expenses of those partially supported by the board. However, men came long distances at their own or at local church expense because they felt that the extended time given to considering the theme of the meeting would be of great value to them in their ministry.

Where did the brethren come from? Nearly all of the ministers of the Atlantic coast from New England to Florida were present. The same was true of the whole eastern half of the country. The South west was also well represented. From the mid-continent there were none from further west than North Loup, Neb. One made the trip from Edinburg, Texas.

What classifications could be made of those in attendance? Thirty or more were ordained ministers holding pastoral positions. A few were men as yet unordained or accredited by General Conference but serving as pastors. Seven licensed ministers not having pastores were in the group. A number had not completed the normal educational qualifications and had come to gain help in discharging their present or their future responsibilities of pastoral leadership. One student from the

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School of Theology (also in a pastorate) was minister. Four ministers on the retire list, who are still active in denominational affairs, came for the fellowship and stimulation they might receive. More than one of these was prominent in the planning or carrying out of the program of the six-day conference. Then, too, ministers and laymen in positions of denominational responsibility came to receive information and enlightenment. Six or eight men were present for the first time. For example, we had a number of Seventh Day Baptists, as evidence of the fact that denominational recently convinced of the Sabbath. With such a grouping of participants it could be assumed that much value would come from the deliberations.

In the hour before the formal opening of the conference it was interesting to observe how many matters of private and Church concern were discussed. It was as if the brethren who had neglected to write as many letters as they should were all present. The motion to come from the publishing house at Plainfield at private expense. Credit was not quite properly given. It was a sacrifice. The cards were prepared by Miss Evalois WIlson journalism through the Bible commenting at one point that although the New Testament never speaks of the minister as a priest, yet there are some passages that indicate that he is a priest. A summary of this presentation may be printed at a later time. Since we believe in the priesthood of all believers it follows that laymen should be interested in what is involved in this concept.

Missionary Prayer Cards
Many have found it helpful to have before them on book-marker style cards the pictures of the missionary families serving in Jamaica and British Guiana. These prayer cards remind us daily of those who are daily by numerous sacrifice. The cards were prepared and sent out from the publishing house at Plainfield at private expense. Credit was not quite properly given. It should go to missionary secretary Everett Davis, Fred Ayars, and the Shiloh church at Plainfield, rather than to individual individuals that similar cards will be prepared next year. Send suggestions to the missionary secretary.

The 1963 General Conference

The 1963 General Conference will be held in Fort Collins, Colorado, sponsored by the Boulder and Denver churches. We hope to invite 300 persons who attend Conference will visit Boulder and Denver. This article will mention some points of interest in Boulder.

Boulder is some 45 miles from Fort Collins, and it is situated in some 38,000 people. It was founded in 1859, right at the foot of the Rockies, as a supply town for gold miners. Many people find Boulder very attractive; it is rather common to hear of someone who visited it, went home and resigned a job or sold a business, knowing definitely how he would make a living. Boulder and Denver are connected by a toll road, with a toll of 25 cents.

Boulder's largest industry is the growing University of Colorado, which now has about 12,000 students. The University buildings are built in a uniform style, called the "Boulder style," with false-front exteriors of red sandstone.

There are regular guided tours through the National Bureau of Standards in south Boulder, which is a branch laboratory of that Bureau, which has its headquarters in Washington. North Boulder is the Esquire-Coronet headquarters, which handles subscriptions for those magazines and others. To the west of Boulder is the Boulder Mountain west of the city, including some "outside places completely surrounded by the city. The last local-option election in Boulder was last February 26, when the vote was 4617 to 4488. Your correspondent organized the city-wide house-to-house get-out-the-vote campaign, in which at least a third of the Boulder church worked. Rae H. Herbert Howe.

"Christian Responsibility in Public Affairs" will be the theme of a special seminar to be held here June 11-14 under sponsorship of the National Association of Evangelicals, 1405 G Street, N.W. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, the association's Secretary of Public Affairs, said that two congressmen, one a Republican and the other a Democrat, will speak on "Values Which Christians Should Support in Federal Legislation." A session of the seminar will be held in the State Department and another in the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
Conference President Addresses Ministers

On the first evening of the ministers conference, April 17, George E. Parrish spoke to the nearly 50 ministers present in an open meeting attended by some of the people of the local church. He stated that he could not and would not preach to these preachers; he would just talk to them about what he had observed in visiting over half of the Seventh Day Baptist churches in the United States and the conclusions he had been able to draw about the causes and cure of our failure to grow as we should. He did not believe, he said, that there was evidence that our decrease in numbers in the last 60 years had been mainly due to the competition of other denominations.

What seems to be lacking in the leadership of our churches? One thing lacking is love, the president thinks. Some of our ministers are critical of others whenever there is opportunity and at times do not wait for an opportunity. The laymen expect to find among our ministers a displaying of the characteristics of love. Disagreement, even violent disagreement, can exist with love. It shows people are thinking. “You can disagree violently and still love one another.” Mr. Parrish agreed, but added, “Do you?” If there were more Christian love and concern displayed throughout our denomination, life would be more uniting and more meaningful for all of us, he noted.

The president asked his hearers to ponder the thought that our lack of growth is due to lack of concern, real concern. We say we care, but do we care enough to take positive action? We need to be more concerned about our denomination.

Where do we start in showing our concern? The denomination needs good leadership. It appears that our present concept of denominational structure and leadership, which is very democratic, is not producing the desired results, except in some notable exceptions. If it is not feasible to change our structure for greater efficiency of outreach we should at least study and profit by the way things are being done in the churches where real progress is occurring.

Mr. Parrish emphasized, as he has on other occasions, that we as a denomination need a profession of faith. This he meant that the church must support the ministry adequately enough so that the pastor could give full time to the Lord’s work. It is not the church of the small church can’t support the pastor so he has to get other work, and therefore the church requires a ministry that do not devote enough time to church work.

Somehow this sort of circle must be broken. Both pastors and people must catch a new vision, for “where there is no vision the people perish.”

Mr. Parrish presented the following ideas for consideration:

“We need a vision of what can be done in a local church, both pastor and people need this vision, and if they would see it together perhaps the circle could be broken. If it cannot be solved on the local level, then perhaps we need a setup whereby the denomination could take over the situation and place a full-time man in the given parish in question. This is in no way that lead to a program wherein our ministry was paid in total from the denomination instead of by the local church; a program that I have found to be particularly repulsive to the majority of you to whom I have mentioned it. I’m not advocating this idea, just mentioning it. I realize it is contrary to Baptist polity.

But we do need something different from what we have, or at least we need to use what we have in a different way. And speaking of Baptist polity, I am not completely sure that this, in its entirety, is the best polity for us at this time. In principle it is first rate, and the best polity in existence, but in practice, is it really doing the job for us?”

In closing, the Conference president spoke personally as follows:

“I would urge you, as I have been urging every one of our churches I have been privileged to speak to, to apply our Conference theme to your own living. I would urge you continually to ask this question, “Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?” and diligently seek God’s guidance for the answer. Perhaps this simple practice on your part, on my part, and the part of every Seventh Day Baptist Church will help greatly to lead us forward and nearer to the will of God.”

Missionary Work In Pioneer Country

By Rev. E. H. Socwell

Part II

Sunset in Bitter Root Valley

I spent many days on foot in Bitter Root Valley calling at homes — humble homes, homes of poverty, homes of sickness, homes of sorrow, homes of loneliness from which lovely ones had recently been taken. In some of these humble homes I was made to rejoice, and in some my tears were mingled with the tears of those I met. I made many new acquaintances of people in all kinds of moral, social, and religious conditions, and in each home I tried to suit my visit to the needs of the people. All day long I wandered here and there in the valley.

When the day of toil was over, weary, I took my chair and sat in the open in front of our mountain home to be rested and inspired by another enchanting “sunset” in the beautiful valley and to see the tall peaks and continuous green range of mountains that form the western boundary of the valley. See just yonder in the southwest that grand old mountain, how it towers high, and still higher above all its fellows. See how beautiful its wrinkled brow shows up as we gaze in wonder at it. That is “Snow Mountain,” the highest mountain in the “Bitter Root” range, and its snowy summit is far above timber line in the region of perpetual snow and ice. Here in the valley are fruit and flowers and water; that now where we are all looking, winter reigns supreme and the snow never melts. Just to our left, here in Deacon Tabor’s dooryard, is an irrigation ditch, and the clear, sparkling water that flows so swiftly through its narrow confines comes from yonder snow-covered mountains.

But during the time that we have been gazing in rapture upon these beautiful mountains, and learning the names of some of them, the sun is slowly sinking behind those tall peaks and twilight is gathering about us in the valley. But still we can see the sunlight lingering among the pines and spruces on the mountain heights and gilding the lofty peaks as they lift their darkened heads far above us and catch the last rays of a departing day. We have seen the sun set twice since we took our seats, but now the gloom deepens around us and the lingering ray of the sunlight upon the mountains has departed, and night spreads her sable mantle over mountain and valley and stream. The rippling waters of the swift Bitter Root River murmur their evening music, the pale moon rises grandly on the clouded peaks and we are left alone on us while we sleep. Such is night in the Bitter Root Valley as I saw it and enjoyed it during the many weeks I spent amid its enchanting scenery. But “Tis the hour of sweet repose.”

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Our New Christian Education Building

By Rev. Paul L. Maxson

The Berlin, N. Y., church now has a building in which to hold Sabbath School classes and many other activities of the church. We feel that we are very fortunate.

Since the state was building a new road, the approach to the old Route 22 was right in front of the parsonage. A house that stood across the road was 22"6' by 30"6'. The state bought the house and was going to burn it. When I heard that the house was to be burned, I went to see the contractor and asked if the house might be saved and moved around behind the church for Sabbath School rooms. The contractor told me he would donate the house to the church if they would have it out of the way by a certain date. Needless to say, there was much debate and discussion on the part of the trustees. Several of the members caused the trustees to decide against moving the house.

I could not bear the thought of the house being burned when we needed rooms so desperately for our youth and children. The trustees offered to give me the one-hour at a time because of other difficulty. The onlookers were sure that we would never be able to get it across the road.

Ruby and I had the job of digging down three feet to get under the timbers that were left exposed. The floors were sanded them and put a penetrating seal inside. We expected to stick it across the road. But, to our surprise, the timbers turned out to be a "pile of kindlin'" by the time we got it across the road. Thanks to old-timers who knew how to build sturdy sturdy buildings, it stood. The house cost $5 and a bountiful dinner for the machine operators, and a lot of hard work to get it on the lot where it now stands.

Ruby and I worked with two or three men in the community, and the job was put up and put carrying carrying timbers under the sills. We expected to just skid it across the road onto the lot. When we had moved the house out on the road, we discovered that the telephone lines and electric lines would have to be raised. This caused a problem because the electric company turned off for more than an hour at a time because of the town pumps, which pump water for the entire town. The men of the church were busy working on the road. Those not working on the farm were busy in their offices, teaching school, or working on construction. It was impossible to hire anyone, except after work or on Sundays. I had worked with one of the bulldozer operators, helping him move a house he bought from the state onto his own property. He told me he would use his bulldozer and move the house if I would get it jacked up and ready to be moved.

So about 7 a.m. one Sunday morning, after finding out that neither the telephone company nor the electric company would work on the weekend, and especially Sunday, Jack Sweeney and Glenn Harrington operated two bulldozers, dragging, and skidding the house a half mile down the new road and back on the old road, taking it across a bridge that was so narrow that the railings had to be removed to let the house through. They shoved the house onto the lot about 4 p.m. after breaking a timber in turning and much difficulty. The onlookers were sure that we would never be able to get it across the road. But thanks to old-timers who knew how to build sturdy sturdy buildings, it stood. The house cost $5 and a bountiful dinner for the machine operators, and a lot of hard work to get it on the lot where it now stands.

We completely insulated the house before we put the new sheetrock up. It now has all new walls and ceilings. All the rooms are painted pastel colors with white ceilings and white woodwork. There are three classrooms upstairs, and three downstairs.

The Youth Fellowship uses the large north room which has a fireplace for their meetings. That room also has the sink, with built-in cupboards above and below. They are finished in natural colors. We have been using that room for our fellowship suppers, but we must admit it is quite crowded. We hope to finish off the basement with a concrete floor soon so that we can use that space for our monthly suppers.

In the YF room we also have a piano which was donated by Mrs. Mosely, a member of the Baptist church. We use this room for the opening exercises of Sabbath School for the four younger classes. The large room on the south end has a table and chairs for Sabbath School classes and also a couch that can be unfolded into a full-size bed. There are three closets upstairs in which materials may be stored for Sabbath School and Sunday School. (Our Baptist friends also use our facilities, since our church building is only five blocks away.) There are three closets upstairs in which materials may be stored for Sabbath School and Sunday School. (Our Baptist friends also use our facilities, since our church building is only five blocks away.)

The house is more than a hundred years old with plank walls. This is the reason why it stood the moving so well.

We have a beautiful new hot water heating system, thanks to Nicholas Fatato of Schenectady, who installed it at cost. He also installed a complete bathroom and shower, and a kitchen sink for us.

There are a few thirty-foot hand-hewn timbers that are left exposed. The floors have the old faktor boards, some of which are 16 to 18 inches wide. We sanded them and put a penetrating seal and wax on them. The retaining wall and steps with wrought-iron railings were put in late, just before winter set in.

A look at the future includes the digging and leveling of the basement and pouring concrete. Some more fill will be drawn in so that the yard may be landscaped this spring; and the putting up of curtains or drapes. Then, of course, there is always the little finishing up of things around.

We have not had our dedication service yet, even though we have used it since last November. The Baptists have been using it also, as well as our church facilities, since last September. It may be two or three years before they get into their new church.

We have had one other thought in our minds, too, as we worked on this house. When our ministers or secretaries travel in this area, we are in a position where they might stay overnight if they wanted to. The house has hot and cold running water, a complete bath, and a kitchen area with dishes and all the necessary equipment, and some method of cooking. We also hope to be able to put roll-away beds in the house when we entertain Association or Yearly Meetings.

Seminary President Speaks

"What we need in the church," said Dr. David Hubbard, president-elect of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, in a recent address, "is not necessarily more institutionalism, bigger or flashier programs, but more of a concern on every level of life for touching people — one at a time — and ministering to them in a spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs." The 33-year-old Dr. Hubbard, who is a graduate of the Division of Biblical Studies and Philosophy at West­mont College, Santa Barbara, Calif., spoke at Bethel College and Seminary during Founders' Week. He will become president of Fuller Seminary in September.

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Why a Sermon?
By Linda Van Horn

One of four talks about the church given on Youth Day in the Adams Center, N. Y., church.

A sermon is an oral address to people on religious truth contained in Scripture and is illustrated by reasons of pertinent life experience. The aim is the salvation of men. Salvation is not simply deliverance, but growth. The God chose men as prophetic people in the Old Testament, as occasional voices to break the crust of religion and reach its spirit. Jesus, along with His own preaching the message that would bring salvation to men, taught men to preach. Paul described his work as declaring, teaching and testifying. Peter speaks of himself as "commanded to preach the Gospel to the people." Wherever in the New Testament the call to the ministry is spoken of, preaching is that one word made emphatic.

The Christian church began in preaching. The Gospel was preached before written. Christianity has created the pulpit by which the Gospel is spread. The message is about God in Christ. As you can see, down through the years the vital thing in a sermon is the spiritual message.

We need not fear that preaching will pass away. Its function is perpetual in the work of the church. It will be affected by the conditions of the age and must change its form to meet such conditions. The major periods of decline in the power of the pulpit are caused by the conditions of the age and the mission and necessity are unmistakable and unchangeable.

As stated before, the aim of a sermon is the salvation of men, not just deliverance, but also growth. This enriches a life, it does not waste the time of man's life.

Romans 10: 10 says: "For a man believes with his heart and so is justified and he confesses with his lips and so is saved." I like to think of a sermon as being compared to the long courageous breaking of a new trail up a mountain, along which afterwards a man may guide his friends to where they may look up with him, together, to the alpine summits of the glory of God.

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Sabbath Rally Day
May 18, 1963

One of the most important dates on a Sabbath calendar is the Sabbath Rally Day which for many, many years has been the third Sabbath of May. This year it falls on May 18. To neglect the denomination-wide observance of such a day is to miss out on the feeling of doing something unitedly that can do much to build up loyalty and encourage witnessing. Pastors and church leaders who are acquainted with denominational procedure in this matter have come to expect in recent years much helpful material from the Sabbath Rally Committee of the Tract Society. Such material will be forthcoming again this year in time for use. Some new ideas will be featured to go into non-denominational churches and lone-Sabbathkeepers.

The theme for this year is as old as revealed religion, coming directly from the Sabbath Commandment, "Remember the Sabbath Day to Keep It Holy.

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Little Rock Church Report of Progress

(Taken from a letter from the Communications Committee of the Little Rock church.)

At the business meeting of the Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath night, March 30, the treasurer gave a report of the faithfulness of church members in sharing in the work. He reported first-quarter receipts exceeding expenditures. This fulfilled our adopted budget and kept us "solvent" as the treasurer says. We praise God for this sign that work planned will go ahead.

Tract report showed 1,819 pieces distributed through the downtown racks, 1,151 mailed from church, 165 used from church rack, and 2,230 (725 packets) used by 1964. A special offering for the Tract Society for the "Sabbath in March, 11-17," was also elated to see Deacon Lyttle as the treasurer says. We praise the Lord for the temporary church structure had been erected now at the front of the chapel. He is slowly back. A small branch library has been established now at the front of the chapel.

As stated before, the aim of a sermon is the salvation of men, not just deliverance, but also growth. This enriches a life, it does not waste the time of man's life.

The most important work done this quarter was our study of the work of the church and its deacons. After spending several Sabbath eves on the subject we were complete with trim and paint, and curtains to divide it into three Sabbath sections. A little more money bought paneling, and we hope that you all will join us in prayer that God will guide the selection.

Our pastor, with Pastors Paul and Cline, and Beeler, will attend Ministers Conference this month. We will have our Fellowship Supper the night before they leave Little Rock. The monthly Sabbath rally month here with extra Bible studies and joint meetings with other Sabbathkeepers. Of course, is Association and Camp MILIES.

We trust that God is blessing you as much as He is blessing us.

British Guiana Mission News

Under date of April 3, 1963, our missionary on the British Guiana mission field, the Rev. Leland Davis, writes: "You will be pleased to know that the Estey electric organ arrived on April 26. We are thrilled with the quality of the music it produces. We praise the Lord for providing the mission with this lovely instrument.

A second prayer request has also been answered. With money sent . . . I have been able to procure a twenty-four-inch steel file cabinet with four drawers. This will speed the efficiency of our office work. It is possible that I may be able to purchase a card file with the remainder of the money in this fund. This will enable the congregation to entertain the churches for the 'Consecration Week' of prayer services, April 11-17.

'I was also elated to see Deacon Lyttle once again leading the Sabbath worship service. He is slowly gaining his strength back. A small branch library has been established now at Uitvlugt with Sister Stacia as librarian. To keep the Uitvlugt and Kitty libraries both going will mean that we continually need more books.'

Four additional pews were completed during the past quarter, "making a total of ten." From previously received information we understand that this number of pews will seat a congregation of 60 to 70 people. An additional awning has been erected at the front of the chapel to cut out the blowing rain of periods of heavy downpour.

Pastor Davis mentions that he has heard from the Rev. Rene Mauch who is still working at the Nassau Daily Tribune in Nassau, Bahama Islands. Within the past few months, Mr. Mauch has completed installation of a new larger engine in the mission boat. Mr. Mauch plans to remain in the Bahamas at least until after the hurricane season in the fall.

Pastor Davis continues to find much use for the Volkswagen mission car which he purchased soon after arrival at Georgetown town in February, 1962. Gifts directed through Our World Mission or sent directly to the Missionary Board will be used to help repay Pastor Davis for the cost of this mission car. The 1963 operating budget of the Missionary Board carries an appropriation of $1,000 for this purpose.

'The aim is the salvation of men. Salvation is not simply deliverance, but growth. The God chose men as prophetic people in the Old Testament, as occasional voices to break the crust of religion and reach its spirit. Jesus, along with His own preaching the message that would bring salvation to men, taught men to preach. Paul described his work as declaring, teaching and testifying. Peter speaks of himself as "commanded to preach the Gospel to the people." Wherever in the New Testament the call to the ministry is spoken of, preaching is that one word made emphatic.

The Christian church began in preaching. The Gospel was preached before written. Christianity has created the pulpit by which the Gospel is spread. The message is about God in Christ. As you can see, down through the years the vital thing in a sermon is the spiritual message.

We need not fear that preaching will pass away. Its function is perpetual in the work of the church. It will be affected by the conditions of the age and must change its form to meet such conditions. The major periods of decline in the power of the pulpit are caused by the conditions of the age and the mission and necessity are unmistakable and unchangeable.

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Romans 10: 10 says: "For a man believes with his heart and so is justified and he confesses with his lips and so is saved." I like to think of a sermon as being compared to the long courageous breaking of a new trail up a mountain, along which afterwards a man may guide his friends to where they may look up with him, together, to the alpine summits of the glory of God.

April 29, 1965

The Sabbath Recorder
How can we do either without a steady, dependable income to maintain an efficient denominational plan, or wage war for cleanliness, spiritual health, and morality?

It is not easy to think of a new way to present the subject of stewardship when referring to the giving of money. Probably it is not even necessary to remind intelligent Christian women that it takes money to promote the program of the church. What then is the reason that OWM is so far behind?

In the April Beacon one of our "teeners" says: "When we love someone, we like to talk about that person. When we refuse to talk about Jesus, there's something funny going on."

Can this be applied to giving to the cause of Christ as well? — Caroline R. Gray, president of the Women's Board.

Effect of Love
By Isaac N. Cramer

Here in this world we little know
The hearts our lives may set aglow
With love that is so very real
Its warmth may change this life's appeal.
And drive away all dread and fear
With hope that its warmth may bear.
Because each life love comes within
Will gain the victory of love's win.

It's not enough to sing and pray,
And go to church on Sabbath Day,
And pay your tithes and offerings, too,
Unless true love abides in you:
For love of truth we surely need,
If truth to others we would feed;
And how can one be saved from sin,
Without the love of truth within?

How can one be without a flaw,
While transgressing a perfect law?
Or how can one just set aside
The law for which our Savior died?
Let us surrender to His will,
So perfect love our hearts may fill,
For love will save all from sin
And let the Savior dwell within.

Deacons Ordained at Alfred Station
By Victor W. Skaggs

On Sabbath afternoon, April 13, four candidates were ordained to the diaconate of the Second Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred. Representatives of the churches of the Western Association joined with the Alfred Station congregation in this happy event.

The worship service, conducted by Pastor Skaggs, was followed by statements by the four candidates: Mrs. Robert Bond, Mrs. Donald Pierce, Mr. Lloyd Pierce, Mr. Robert Bond. Charges to the candidates were given by Mrs. Agnes Bond and Deacon Edward Crandall of the Alfred church. Pastor Harley Warren brought the charge to the church.

During the prayer of consecration by Dean Albert N. Rogers of the Alfred School of Theology Deaconess Edna Lewis and Deacons Donald Pierce, Robert Ormsby, and Fred Pierce acted as sponsors to the new members of the diaconate and performed the laying on of hands. Other deaconesses and deaconesses present came forward to extend the hand of fellowship immediately after an official welcome had been given by Deaconess Nina Davis of the local church.

Following the benediction the congregation came forward in a body to share in the fellowship with a handshake.

Special music was provided by a trio consisting of Mrs. Ronald Ellis, Mrs. Reid Mattison, and Miss Amanda Stevens.

The church feels itself to be blest indeed as it has found servants of character, devotion and faith and has set them apart for the service of the diaconate.

(The statements of some of the candidates will be printed as space allows.)

Deacons Ordained at Alfred Station

During the past 100 years our population has increased 22-fold, but our bureaucracy has increased 500-fold. With our bureaucracy increasing more than 20 times as fast as our population, how long will it be until we are all working for government? — Christian Economics.

Missions — Sec. Everett T. Harris

The Next Twenty Years of Lit-Lit Work

This article on the Division of Foreign Missions of the Christian Literature was written by Rev. Floyd Shubock. It reflects his teaching assignment during 1963 to explore new literature programs overseas that may be possible for small denominations. In cooperation of mission groups in Europe and North America, from Lit-Lit Newsletter, letter of February, 1965.)

Lit-Lit has come a long way in twenty years. It began when the enthusiasm of Dr. F. C. Laubach for world literacy was combined with the concern of mission boards for Christian literature. That experimental first effort has now expanded into some achievements in many countries and into every stage of written communication.

The next twenty years will be even more challenging and exciting than the past. The continuing population explosion means increasing millions of illiterates. Lit-Lit will grow, trying to keep pace with the ever-changing books of ambitious new nations and autonomous new churches. An engineer friend recently told how great new buildings and bridges are planned. They are projected on the basis of past needs which show what is possible or probable needs in the future. A look at Lit-Lit's past and present projects, "Around the World in Twenty Ways," gives the clues to what we may predict for the future.

Judging from Lit-Lit's pioneering spirit we will see many new developments. Literacy centers, writing centers and literature centers will continue to be the spearhead in advance of countries. Plans are underway for several of these new centers, as soon as personnel and funds can be found.

There will be new series of books. I hope for a great increase in literature for children and youth, since fifty percent of the population in many countries is under twenty-one years of age. The millions of high school and college students are neglected by Christian literature.

Existing Christian magazines will be revamped to keep pace with a changing...
world. New Christian magazines must be launched, since magazines are increasingly popular with readers. The programs of literacy carried on by churches in many countries will encourage co-operation of writers' workshops to be held each year, to focus attention on the quality and relevance of writing for Christian literature.

There will be consultations and study groups on better methods of book-selling and magazine circulation. There will be special seminars for editors and literature secretaries of churches and Christian councils.

I look forward to carefully planned co-ordination of Christian radio programs and Christian literature. This will involve studies of who listens to the radio and who reads books. It is most important that we know the audience we are writing and publishing for.

We are planning studies in the effective-ness of Christian literature. What lasting impressions do our books and magazines make on the readers? What do we expect from a given piece of literature? Does it accomplish our purpose?

At the annual meeting of February 11, 1960, an Advance Program was approved. This included a variety of new pilot projects in many countries. It called for greatly increased special funds to make this possible. That seemed a daring dream. Now the generous action voted by the Woman's Division of the Methodist Church gives us confidence that our faith will become reality, if all of Lit-Lit's friends join hands and hearts for great advance in the next twenty years.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 11, 1963

God's Laws for Family Living
Lesson Scripture: Psalm 78: 5-8; Psalm 128.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Ghanaian Student Applies at Baptist College in Georgia

A young Ghanaian ministerial student, won to Christ in Southern Baptist missions, has applied for admission to Mercer University, Georgia Baptists' senior four-year college.

If admitted, he will be the first person of his race to enroll in a Georgia Baptist school. A special committee from the Mercer trustees is working with the conven­tion committee on the matter.

The Ghana youth, 22 years old, was led to Jesus by Harris Mobley of Savannah, Ga., a 1955 graduate of Mercer now on furlough from missionary service in Ghana. The Ghanaian is a graduate of an English-speaking school with exceptionally high grades. He wants to study for the ministry.

The Christian Index, Georgia Baptist Convention weekly newspaper published in Atlanta, announced the application in a news story-editorial calling for his admittance "without any quibbling.

John J. Hurt, editor of the Index, said, "If this young Ghana student qualifies for admission, as every indication promises he will, Mercer University must admit him without any quibbling. We either admit him or we should have the courage to call home all of our missionaries and go out of the business. We either admit him or we are in greater need of missionary preaching than Ghana."

What People Are Reading

The Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Mich., has just announced its publishing record for the year 1962. A total of 100 new books and booklets came from its presses, and the Amplified Complete Bible, one of the most immensely popular Amplified Old Testament leading the list with 900,000 copies already in print. Other leading publications include Eugenia Price's thought-provoking book, A Woman's Choice, with 50,000 copies in print less than six months after publication.

For 1963, the publishers are making a great contribution to the religious textbook lists include Dr. J. Barton Payne's

Theology of the Older Testament, Dr. J. Oliver Beattie's Systematic Theology (Part I - Theism and Biblical Anthropology), Dr. Merrill F. Unger's Archaeology and the New Testament, and Dr. Herbert Lockyer's All the Promises of the Bible.

In all, more than one million hard-bound books and another half million square-bound books were issued by Zondervan during 1962. One-half million "saddle stitched" booklets were released as well.

Japanese Discuss Family Problems

Some 90 persons, including pastors and church leaders, married couples and single persons, attended the "Second Seminar on Marriage and Family Life" held in Karuizawa by the National Christian Council of Japan. Co-operating in the seminar were members of the Southern Baptist, Northern Baptist, Anglican, Korean Church in Japan, and United Church of Christ.

Beside dealing with marriage problems which are familiar in all parts of the world, the curricula covered problems stemming from traditional Japanese attitudes toward family life or from the rapidly changing nature of Japanese society.

At the present time, the majority of marriages are "arranged marriages," and a fourth of the households are "extended families," encompassing several generations. The words used for "husband" or "wife," meaning also "master," and wife, tsuma, mean "woman inside the house," show a lack of recognition of women as individuals.

Palestine Tours

Israel Tourist News reports a 13 per cent increase of tourists during 1962, a trend which was started in 1960 during the Suez Crisis.

The prospects for 1963 indicate a further increase. There are already some 441 group tours scheduled, 16 of which are cruises. A large percentage of the visitors have an interest in the state of Israel as a homeland for the Jews, but many Christians are fulfills of the life-long desire to visit the scenes of the life of Christ in the land where Christianity was born.

APRIL 9, 1963

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

PLAINFIELD, N. J. — On Sabbath morning, April 13, an Easter cantata, "Victory Divine," was presented by our choir of fourteen voices under the direction of Dr. Howard Savage. Four members of the Youth Fellowship are in the choir, and two of them also sang at the community Easter sunrise service at Washington Rock.

Ronald and Marlene Malby are the newly elected sponsors of the Youth Fellowship, who are choosing the "YOUTH" as president. The group collected seven and a half tons of waste paper, which yielded $98 for their camp and Pre-Con fund. They meet every other Sabbath afternoon, while the Junior C. E. meets on alternate Sabbaths.

At our 125th annual meeting April 7 Pastor and Mrs. Dickinson were re-elected for two years. We appreciate the consecrated work of Pastor and Mrs. Dickinson over the past six years. Miss Lucy Whitford and Ronald Malby were elected trustees, and Everett Harris, Jr., moderator. Miss Evalois St. John and L. H. North were re-elected to the Council of Deacons, and the five service committees were enlarged to include eight or nine members each.

Our average attendance had increased, and total giving to the church budget and OWM were the largest in the five years — $11,264 in addition to the $1,346 given to the carpet fund. The Women's Missionary Society, of which Mervin Dickinson was president, collected seven and a half tons of waste paper, which yielded $98 for their camp and Pre-Con fund. They meet every other Sabbath afternoon, while the Junior C. E. meets on alternate Sabbaths.

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who has been a faithful member for over 75 years. The Worship Committee furnished corsages. Honorable mention was given to those who had been members of ours and other Seventh Day Baptist churches for fifty years.

The Discipleship Committee conducted a Stewardship Workshop on March 16, following a covered-dish dinner. Three talks on stewardship were followed by discussion groups on tithing and a Youth Fellowship Meeting. As an outcome of the workshop, pledge cards were sent to members asking them to try tithing for the next 13 weeks, if they were not already tithers.

Rev. Ronald Smith of the N. J. Council on Alcohol Problems preached on February 23 and assisted with the Evangelism Workshop, which followed a fellowship dinner. He showed a film, "To Your Health," and then talked with the young people, while the adults met to discuss alcohol and drug addiction. Over $100 was given by our members for the work of the Council among high school students. — Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — A Sabbath School picnic was held at Tomoka State Park on Sunday, March 17. It was ideal picnic weather and there was a good turnout for the pot luck dinner at noon and the recreation that followed.

We released our pastor for evangelistic meetings in Marlboro the third week in March. It was with a great deal of admiration that we wished him well in this endeavor since the flu and its reactions had sapped a good deal of his physical strength just prior to the scheduled meetings. Our good and beloved friend, the Rev. Rhodes Thompson, filled in for Pastor Davis when he was incapacitated or away.

Several from our church attended the Alfred Alumni Luncheon, Daytona Chapter, at Kay's Restaurant on March 28. Pastor Davis was elected president of the local chapter for the coming year.

The Men's Fellowship observed Ladies Night for their March meeting. A hymn sing was enjoyed, followed by a wiener roast, prepared and served by the men.

Pastor Davis traveled extensively around Florida the second week in April, contacting lone Sabbathkeepers, winter visitors, and interested people. The prospects are very bright at present for a new Fellowship in the Tampa area. Many have expressed interest in our pastor conducting services there, if practicable.

Resurrection Sabbath services were well attended and Pastor Davis' message title was "The Resurrection Gospel," based on 1 Peter 1: 3. Pastor Davis also participated at one of the three Good Friday services in the city. For the Easter sunrise service held at the Band Shell on the beach, our church furnished four ushers, and many from our church attended.

Our SDBYF served another successful spaghetti supper recently, adding a considerable amount to the Camp Joy fund.

Special offerings for OWM and the "One Great Hour of Sharing" have been received and forwarded to the proper channels. — Correspondent.

Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

By Testimony: Mrs. Margaret Clibourn

By Letter: Mrs. Rosa Stephan

Marriages

Boehler-Vorak.—James Harold Boehler, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Boehler of Edinburg, Texas, and Miss Sharon Yvonne Vorak, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Vorak of Puyallup, Wash., were united in marriage March 12, 1963, at the Baptist church at Puyallup. They will live at San Antonio, Texas, where both are in service with the U. S. Army.

Kuck-West.—At the Seventh Day Baptist church, Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath afternoon, March 23, 1963, George A. Kuck, Stratford, Conn., son of George E. and Anna LaPlace Kuck, and Sarah Jane West, Alfred, N. Y., daughter of Richard and Jane Crandall West, were united in marriage, with the bride's pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating.

Stillman-Births

Stillman.—A son, Daniel James, was born to George and Joyce (McWilliams) Stillman of Houston, Texas, on March 18, 1963.

Stillman.—A daughter, Miriam, to Jim and Carol Stillman of Riverside, Calif., on April 3, 1963.

REV. VICTOR W. SKAGGS

Newly appointed dean of the Center for Ministerial Education

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ. Ephesians 4: 11-13.