If You Would Measure High
By Walter E. Isenhour

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That God would have you reach,
You'll have to do the thing that's right
In what you say and teach.

You must be honest in your soul
With God and all mankind,
And looking only for the goal
That godly people find.

You must possess a worthy aim
And prove yourself a man,
By what you do or
With God's good grace,
You may not rise to fame
But if you'll live, by God's good grace,
Within His will sublimes,
You'll shine along your earthly race
And wisely use your time.

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Drama in the Sky

Drama was written in the sky over the Pacific, so to speak. The story went around the world by radio and was a gripping news item in all the papers, but part of the drama, written on the ground and still in the hands of the papers. The religious journals did not get it either.

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Freedom of worship is one of the blessings enjoyed in this country, a blessing so taken for granted that it is not fully appreciated by Protestant Christians in some other countries recognize its value because it is denied them. In order to be specific, we consider the blessing of a suitable building in which to worship "without let or hindrance," to express it in Elizabethan English.

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Coming back to our illustration of restrictions imposed on Protestant worship in such countries as Spain and Colombia, we wonder if we are really counting our blessings. Most of us are not concerned with building new churches or the problem of making the building show that it is primarily a house of worship. Against the background of the closing churches in Catholic and in communist countries our feeble efforts to proclaim our faith and build our churches make us uncomfortable. Do we really count our blessings when we make so little effort to share them?
of tribute here and in the words of Jesus (Matt. 22:17-19) has reference to the living rather than the dead. It refers primarily to the payment of tribute money to a government that had to be obeyed but could hardly be respected by a Christian. The words, however, are deeply religious for they project us from the realm of national allegiance to the honoring of the servants of God who do His bidding. Fortunately indeed are we in this land, in comparison with the early Christians, for we live under a Constitution based on Christian principles. We can be patriotic with little compromise and can honor our departed heroes with a measure of justifiable pride.

On Memorial Day let us continue to place fresh flags on the graves of our war dead. Let us resurrect the idea of national honor. Let us establish monuments, and honor with well-chosen words those who are worthy of honor. All this is good, but to be true to the Word of God and to our Christian heritage we must put the major emphasis where Jesus put it: "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's."

"Prayer is Hard Work"

So says Werner von Braun, the noted German space rocket scientist. As a boy he unsuccessfully tried to build and launch rockets. Before each attempt launching he uttered the fast-dish prayer, "Please let this one go."

At 18 von Braun discovered that mathematics is the basis of space rockets — and he hated math. Wanting to succeed, he disciplined himself to years of unromantic work on math. After his success in this bright new field he says this:

I think prayer is often the hardest kind of work. Prayer is often the last effort, the ideas of discipline, regularity, effort, sacrifice. To be effective, religion has to be backed up by discipline and effort. In this age of space flight and nuclear fission, to use power wisely calls for a moral and ethical climate that — quite frankly — I do not think we now possess. We can achieve it only through the loss of the deep concentration we call prayer. It will take effort. Prayer can be the hardest kind of work — but it is certainly the most important work we now can do.

MEMORY TEXT

Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. Jeremiah 17:7.

The 1963 General Conference

(No. 9 on local arrangements)

It is planned to mail out descriptive material about the Conference and the Pre-Con retreats to all Seventh Day Baptists in early June. This will include a registration blank. All who expect to attend should mail this blank promptly to Elno Davis, 1645 Miller St., Denver 15, Colorado.

As mentioned in item No. 6, camping trailers that will sleep five can be rented in Fort Collins for $40 per week. Because of uncertainty about the available supply, requests for reservations should be made to Elno Davis early.

Colorado State University has assigned us a different dormitory from the one originally contemplated. The new dormitory is slightly nearer to the meeting rooms, with a larger and nicer lounge for informal evening get-togethers.

The University will supply coffee and doughnuts for these gatherings at cost, if we can estimate during the day how many we will need.

We expect, as far as possible, to reserve the ground floor of the dormitory for the elderly and handicapped, who would find it difficult to climb the steps. Be sure to indicate any such requirements when sending in your advance registration blank.

On Sunday afternoon preceding Conference, the Local Arrangements Committee expects to provide transportation between the bus depot in Fort Collins and the dormitory. Details about how you can get to Fort Collins will be given later. — H. Herbert Howe.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 8, 1963

God's Care for His People


THE SABBATH RECORDER

Creator Spirit

Message from the Presidents of the World Council of Churches

"And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. . ." (Luke 4: 17-18).

"Jesus said, When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all the truth." (John 16: 13-14).

So the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ begins and ends with the Holy Spirit, the presence by which He continually lived. He begins with an announcement of great news: Today the Old Testament promises and the curtain go up on the Kingdom of God. He ends with a promise, the assurance of new triumphs of the Spirit: His disciples are not to grieve at His physical departure, for the coming of the Spirit will mean that the knowledge and love of God grows deeper among men year after year and age after age. At Pentecost we remember the first fulfillment of that promise — and we taste "the power of the age to come."

Here is a text for our churches today. Do we begin and end with the Holy Spirit? Christians everywhere are united on this point. To be a Christian is to be a child of the Holy Spirit; to be the Church is, since the first Pentecost, to be full of the Holy Ghost. It can truly be said that the members of Christ have never ceased "to proclaim the Gospel to the poor ... to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captive, to set the captives free, ... to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord." But it cannot be said complacently. What vast opportunities for Christian witness and service still lie before us, untapped not simply from lack of helpers or resources, but fundamentally because we will not "walk by the Spirit" or exercise the gift we have all of us received!

Do we likewise end with the Holy Spirit? That means an openness, a looking forward. There is much hopeful talk at present of Christian unity, and what was once the pursuit of the few has become the search of all. But unity in the Holy Spirit will undoubtedly demand sacrifices, as we venture into new paths chosen, not by us but by Him. It is the temptation of our churches (and one to which we often succumb) to become nostalgic — for the first century A.D., or the 12th, or the 16th — or even for the first fifty years of the Ecumenical Movement! St. Paul warns us to let the things that be behind be far behind, and to press on to the goal of our calling. He does so, perhaps, knowing that even Christians can lose their nerve. But not to press on is serious, since it is the very negation of faith in the Holy Spirit, who always goes before us, eager to show us the things of Christ.

Today we often tremble for the very foundations of Christian doctrine and Christian behavior, we tremble for our churches and their place in many different communities. At least we do not need to tremble for the Spirit of God, who never fails or grows old. This Pentecost we call upon you, as we call upon ourselves, to set our face to trust in Him whom we have together received and through whom we offer worship: Love in action, fount of truth, the Lord and Giver of life.

Christianity Today

Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, noted educator and Christian scholar, has been appointed co-editor of the bimonthly Protestant publication, Christianity Today.

Dr. Gaebelein has written 10 books, has been chairman of the Council for Religion in Independent Schools and past-president of the American Tract Society.

In announcing Gaebelein's appointment to the newly created post, the Christianity Today Board of Directors also disclosed that Dr. Gaebelein will begin a nine-month sabbatical leave next October 15. Dr. Henry will devote his sabbatical leave to a world tour in which he will be interviewing Christian leaders and assessing the Christian posture on the world scene.

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So no matter how we may define love, It’s something that comes from heaven above To teach us the way of life here below, Just so our Maker some day we may know; For that will be life, which we should not miss, To live with our King in heavenly bliss, And then we will know the full reason why Our Savior came here for sinners to die.

Such infinite love, no man can define; For it is the light that ever will shine To brighten this earth till sin disappears, Together with death and all of our fears; Till men a see no more the victims of fate, Because of the love that he has given; And men may forget their sins of the past, But love is one thing that always will last.
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The writer is certainly not capable of advising the proper method to use, but he is of the opinion that an eight-point program spearheaded by ministers might be one solution. The following eight steps could be taken and should prove particularly effective if the inmate is well known to the minister:

1. Send religious literature.
2. Write a newsy letter at frequent intervals.
3. Attempt to gain inmate's confidence and build up his morale.
4. Ascertain if he has a trade.
5. Check his background as to working ability and former associates.
6. Find him employment, in his field if possible.
7. Pick him up on the day of his release — this is most important!
8. See that he has a place to sleep and sufficient food until he has received his first pay.

The great humanitarian, Will Rogers once said, "You never know what you may buy when you give a hungry brother a dime."

Historical Society Action Affects Other Agencies

By Harley D. Bond

At the annual meeting of the Historical Society, held at Plainfield, N. J., on May 19, action was taken which will affect the distribution of funds to other agencies. Due to the fact that funds from the estate of the late Mrs. Ella Burdick have been made available earlier than was anticipated, the society will not require the full amount allowable under current distribution of the OWM budget. The society voted to accept only a token allocation per month, for the five months remaining in the Conference year and to ask the treasurer of the OWM to allocate the balance of the funds which would accrue to the society on a pro rata basis, to other agencies participating in the OWM budget.

Since our budget is currently running approximately 10% in arrears this will be of material assistance to the other agencies. (This action does not reduce the total amount of the Corporation budget, and there remains the need to increase our giving during the remaining months of the Conference year.)

In co-operation with the Council on Ministerial Education plans are materializing for making space available to accommodate the theological library soon to be transferred from Alfred.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the present officers for another year, and the re-election of C. Hamilton Dickinson as a member of the board of trustees for a term of five years. (See 1962 Yearbook, p. 297, for a complete list of these officers.)

The Seventh Day Baptists Sing onto the Lord

Record of Sacred Songs
A Unique Collection by
Seventh Day Baptist Singers

Is it a high type of pleasure; is it denominational or family loyalty; is it a desire to serve other church people or to spread the Gospel by radio? It could be for these reasons and many more that every family would want to purchase (at a very low price) the forthcoming long-play album entitled "Seventh Day Baptists Sing unto the Lord." This record can be used for home devotions, gifts, radio programs, prizes, and church programs, for its quality is really good and all the artists are our own.

If you have failed to see the previous announcements of this completely new opportunity to own such a record, let it be said again that a committee of the Tract Board has been collecting from General Conference and from other sources the best of current Seventh Day Baptist singing talent and recording it professionally or under studio conditions wherever possible. From a large selection a group of musicians and music-appreciation people have included what they thought would make the best album for general use. They are now able to announce the numbers (subject to one or two possible substitutions) and to encourage folks to place their orders. The record cannot be produced until a large number of orders come in.

The Radio and TV Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 West Main, Plainfield, N. J., expresses appreciation to all those who have contributed so freely of their talent to make this album possible. The chairman mentions also that Nina Traver of Little Genesee, N. Y., was the winner of the cover design contest and that Lorraine Rainear of Shiloh, N. J., painted the design in color. The cover was designed in color.

Most of the large number of musical selections not included in this album are of equal quality and will be preserved and made available by the committee for radio work.

The Selections

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1. "With a Voice of Singing" 1962 Conference ensemble
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3. "He Smiled for Me" Charles North
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3. "Help Me to Be Holy" Male quartet**
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6. "How Lovely Are They DWellings" Kenneth Babcock
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8. "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" Pre-Con 1966

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Is it a high type of pleasure; is it denominational or family loyalty; is it a desire to serve other church people or to spread the gospel by radio? It could be for these reasons and many more that every family would want to purchase (at a very low price) the forthcoming long-play album entitled "Seventh Day Baptists Sing unto the Lord." This record can be used for home devotions, gifts, radio programs, and church programs, for its quality is really good and all the artists are our own.

If you have failed to see the previous announcements of this completely new opportunity to own such a record, let it be said again that a committee of the Tract Board has been collecting from General Conference and from other sources the best of current Seventh Day Baptist singing talent and recording it professionally or under studio conditions wherever possible. From a large selection a group of musicians and music-appreciation people have included what they thought would make the best album for general use. They are now able to announce the numbers (subject to one or two possible substitutions) and to encourage folks to place their orders. The record cannot be produced until a large number of orders come in.

The Radio and TV Committee of the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J., expresses appreciation to all those who have contributed so freely of their talent to make this album possible. The chairman mentions also that Nina Traver of Shiloh, N. J., painted the design in color for the cover. The design is of equal quality and will be preserved and made available by the committee for radio work.

The Selections

Side One:
1. "With a Voice of Singing" by the 1962 Conference ensemble
2. "You Better Mind" by the 1962 Conference ensemble
3. "He Smiled on Me" by Charles North
4. "Remember Me, O Mighty One" by the Shiloh Quartet
5. "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" by Herbert Crouch
6. "The Lord Is My Shepherd" by Denise and Paul Green
7. "If Thou Art Near" by Betty Daland
8. "Great Is Jehovah the Lord" by Anne Bergh

Side Two:
1. "Let All Things Now Living" by the 1962 Conference ensemble
2. "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" by Don Gray
3. "Help Me to Be Holy" by the Shiloh quartet
4. "The Stranger of Galilee" by Shirley Horwood
5. "Watch and Pray" by the De Land trio
6. "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" by Kenneth Babcock
7. "Holy Night! Holy Hosts" by the Pre-Con 1962 ensemble
8. "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" by the Pre-Con 1962 ensemble

*Shiloh quartet: Charles Harris, Owen Probasco, Everett Dickinson, and Percy Davis
**Male quartet: Paul Green Jr., Herbert Crouch, Frank Green, and Alan Crouch
**Book Reviews**

By Loyal F. Hurley

*The Spirit Bade Me Go* by David J. DuPlessis (3742 Linwood Ave., Oakland, Calif.).

This is the most stirring and challenging record of the growth of the Pentecostal Movement in the world that this reviewer has found. It costs $1.00.

Some fifty years ago the modern pentecostal movement began in America following the Welsh Revival under Evan Roberts. It was a noisy and fantastic movement at first, ridiculed and ostracized by the historic churches. Nevertheless it has gained 10 million adherents in fifty years, becoming more restrained on the part of many of its members. It has been so successful that the former president of Union Theological Seminary, Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, has labeled it "The Third Force" (Protestantism, Catholicism, and the third force). Not only so, but hundreds of Lutherans, Baptists, Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Methodists, and members of other denominations have been filled with the Spirit and share the pentecostal experience.

The author has had a remarkable experience in sharing his faith with leaders of the great historical denominations, with many theological seminaries, and with the leaders of the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. You will be thrilled with this account.

*The Gift of the Holy Spirit* by J. E. Stiles (P. O. Box 3147, Burbank, Calif., $1.50).

Here is one of the most helpful books on this subject one could find if he desires the truth of the matter without a scholarly study of the Greek background. It is well worth the price.

After a few chapters of general teaching Mr. Stiles studies "Evidences Expected," "Fears That Hinder," "Reasons why the Gift is not Independent of Personal Holiness," "The Tragedy that Result from such a Demand for Personal Holiness." He has chapters on "Receiving the Spirit" besides one on "Questions and Answers," plus many testimonials. This book should help any sincere Christian to receive the Holy Spirit by faith.

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwibel**

**Youth Work Committee**

The regular monthly meeting of the Youth Work Committee of the SDBYF Board of Christian Education was held at the Alfred University School of Theology on May 1. Eleven members were present.

Chairman Herbert Saunders read a letter from Linda Bingham, Youth Field Worker, giving her the help for improving unity among members of the national SDBYF. The first of these is a resource notebook to be kept by each local youth fellowship. In the notebook can be kept ideas for projects, worship programs, and social activities which would be compiled by Miss Bingham and sent to the local fellowships. Ideas would be gleaned from many sources but chiefly from the programs of our own societies. The committee voted to encourage Miss Bingham to go ahead with the project. Along with the above project a point system whereby each local group would earn points by planning in church activities and camps and by completing reports to the resource notebook was discussed as presented by the youth field worker. She was asked to go ahead and develop this.

Miss Bingham's work becomes more valuable as she labors with our youth, and we urge that all groups continue their financial support. Has your group sent in a sufficient amount to keep the "Chevvy" rolling?

A special meeting of the Youth Work Committee will be called soon to analyze and evaluate the reports of the youth field worker. The ones who receive them are thrilled with the work that is being done, and we are anxious that the whole committee be able to testify to the worthwhileness of this, the newest of our projects.

A tentative itinerary for the youth field worker was set up for 1963-64.

Reports from the directors of the Pre-Con Retreats were reviewed and accepted as reported elsewhere in this column.

The total membership for the National Seventh Day Baptists Youth Fellowship is 300 compared to 157 last year at this time.

New membership cards have just been received and the Misses Nina Skaggs and Robert Clarke volunteered to type and mail them to the members.

The Salem SDBYF has been chosen to act as a Nominating Committee for National officers. A letter will be sent to that group asking for a report soon.

The possibility of selling ball-point pens by SDBYF groups was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

The Camp Fellowship Program was set up for 1963, and Sec. Zwibel was asked to send out the information to interested parties. The following schedule contains some corrections over the letter sent.

- Camp Holston to Lewis Camp, July 21-28.
- Camp Joy to Milton's Camp Wakonda, June 16-23.
- Camp Sutton of Camp MILES to ? ? ? (To be arranged.)
- Jean Schaible of Jersey Oaks to Camp MILES, June 24-30.
- Camp near Glen Oak of the Central Assn., June 1-8.
- Camp Harmony of the Central Assn., June 16-23.
- Gary Williams of Central New York Assn. to ? ? ? (Original might be changed.)
- Camp Sanford of Camp Harley to Camp Harmony of the Central Assn., June 30 - July 7.
- Camp - Some suggestions have come in from camp directors since the schedule was sent out, hence, the question marks. The schedule will be completed by the directors and exchange campers.

**Youth Pre-Con Retreat**

Here is the latest news on staff and program for the annual Youth Pre-Con Retreat which will be held this year at Youth United Camp near Glen Haven, Colo., August 7-11. Director J. Paul Green reports that he has secured the services of Lois Wells as music director. The worship leader will be Helen Green. Esther Stanton will be business manager and will also serve as nurse and girls' counselor. The exact contribution to be made by the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs has

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not been agreed upon as we write this, contrary to our last report. Mr. Skaggs will be on the scene soon.

Remember, the fee is $18.00 which includes insurance, and all youth from those finishing the ninth grade of public school through age 20 are urged to make plans now to attend. Those 18 through 20 years of age may choose between attending Youth Pre-Con and the Young Adult Pre-Con.

Young Adult Pre-Con

The Young Adult Pre-Con staff is now complete with the addition of the Rev. Francis Saunders, pastor of our Los Angeles church, as the recreation and campfire leader. A native of Boulder, Colo., and oftentimes camper at Rocky Mountain Camp, Mr. Saunders knows the country and is well qualified to officiate during the physical part of the program.

The Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education feels that we should have no less than 15 retreaters at Young Adult Pre-Con to make it worthwhile. Pre-registration blanks will be sent to all churches, and whether or not we get enough registered will determine if the retreat will be carried through. We look for several of the younger retreaters from last year’s Conference who asked that the upper age limit be lowered.

It helps us with the development of our plans if those who now plan to attend will send a note to that effect to the Young Adult Pre-Con, Rev. Ke. Zwiebel, Box 15, Alfred Station, N. Y.

Camps for both Pre-Cons will need to bring adequate bedding and sweaters for cold nights.

Says Scholars Don’t Scoff

Dr. Francis Steele, one of the world’s top authorities on Babylonian cuneiform writing, and discoverer of the Lipit-Ishtar law code which dates back to 1860 B.C., gave a noonday lecture at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Steele said that 30 years ago it was popular for scholars to attack the Bible; but now the world is better informed, it is an indication of ignorance to do so.

Our First Radio Program

The story as told by Pastor Fred Kirland of how the Hammond and Metairie churches combined to tape-record their first radio program to be aired in the New Orleans area.

The day had been well spent. The radio program was sure to be a success for the Lord’s work. It had been a strenuous day for everyone. The folks from Hammond had come to Metairie (some 60 miles) to help with the congregational singing. There were several in the choir, and Bobby Juanita, and dear old Mrs. Crandall, well past eighty years, joining right in with a joyful noise unto the Lord. Butch Hibbard had given up a day of studies; and to a college student a day is a lot of time.

As my eyes circled the sanctuary of the Metairie church I saw my wife seated in the rear with our four small children (and expecting another). But there is no complaint, only the desire to serve Jesus. As I studied each face I could see deep beyond the eyes a faith and determination difficult to find in the twentieth century. I could see a willingness to serve God.

There was Ralph Hays, pastor of the Metairie flock, a little nervous as he walked around. Ralph had been working for over a year making preparations for this day. Here was a man with a message and a humble desire for that message to get to the many people in Louisiana and Arkansas.

Butch Hord was an engineer who had given up a day of studies; and to a college student a day is a lot of time. He asked that the upper age limit be lowered. But Ralph Hays was a man with a message and a humble desire for that message to get to the many people in Louisiana and Arkansas.

"These," I said to myself, "are the ones that dare to be different." Dare I to be different? Yes, I, too, dare to be different, for the glory of God.

Creation and the Sabbath

By H. Herbert Howe

In the Sabbath Recorder for March 18, Leroy Bass ("The Implied Philosophy of the Biblical Sabbath") bases the seventh-day Sabbath observance on the belief that the world was created in six literal 24-hour days. That point of view ought not to go unchallenged. Centuries or millennia ago, such a belief was quite tenable, but modern knowledge has altered the situation. It seems to me that such arguments tend to gain a hold, especially in churches, especially if young people come to think that it is a commonly held belief.

Arguments for Sabbath observance unrelated to a literal 6-day creation may be found, among other places, in the Helping Hand, Volume LXXVIII, No. 1, pp. 23-24; the Sabbath Recorder, July 23, 1962, pages 13 and 20; and the Baptist Recorder, August 27, 1962, page 11 (Wayne Maxson).

Youth News

Barbara Cruzan Wins Awards at Alfred University

Miss Barbara Jean Cruzan, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Earl Cruzan of Westerly, R. L., received triple honors at the Second Annual Honors Convocation held by Alfred University to recognize outstanding students. She is a senior in the School of Nursing, which combines liberal arts and professional nursing studies in a four-year program. Miss Cruzan received the Tau Delta Phi Scholarship Medal awarded annually by the social fraternity to the student who has earned the highest cumulative scholarship index during three and one-half years of study.

She also received the Alpha Lambda Delta certificate of recognition awarded students who have maintained an average of B-plus or better for seven semesters, and was the recipient of the Alpha Lambda Delta National Council Book Award given to the member with the highest grade average for seven semesters.

Miss Cruzan is a member of Alpha Kappa Omicron sorority, the Student Nurses' Organization, and the University Chorus.

President M. Ellis Drake presided at the special convocation and awarded student honors.

Christian Endeavor Winners


Winners are selected in three categories—patriotism, social reform, and community service. Top position in the patriotism category goes to the Young People's Christian Endeavor Society of Fairmont-Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia.

The $100 second-place award in the social reform category went to the Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of Second Reformed Church, Rochester, N. Y.
Evangelistic Crusade Advances In Japan and Other Countries

Response to April revivals of the Asia Evangelistic Crusade continues to advance in Japan where the idea originated, and in other countries of Asia as described as "tremendous," "overwhelming," and "unbelievable." The crusade was continued into May. It is, undoubtedly, one of the most ambitious undertakings in recent church history. More than a hundred pastors, educational men, and musicians came from the USA, Mexico, and Canada, to help with the crusade. Others came from Nigeria, Liberia, and India. But the project's general oversight was in the hands of a Japanese Baptist minister, Shuichi Matsumura, chairman of the evangelism department of the Japan Baptist Convention.

Preliminary reports showed a total of 10,888 decisions for Christ during the crusade's first three weeks in Japan. Two thousand miles to the south, Philippine Baptists reported "almost 6,000 decisions." And on Okinawa, 1,108 decisions were counted.

The term "decisions" was used for any manifestation of response to the Gospel message. It includes professions of faith, dedications, and pledges to become "seekers." — BWA News Service.

NEWS OF MINISTERS

Clifford A. Beebe, formerly of Palatka, Fla., has been the acting pastor of the Edinburg, Texas, church for past winter, where he continued until the middle of June. He states that he probably will return to the Edinburg church next fall. Melvin G. Nida, chairman of Commission and member of the faculty of the School of Theology at Alfred, has accepted a position on the faculty of Salem College and will begin teaching there in the fall.

Theodore J. Hibbard, listed in the 1962 Yearbook as being employed as a social worker and residing at Danville, Calif., is now recognized as co-pastor with Oscar C. Burdick of the new Bay Area church. The newspapers that come to the Recorder office occasionally carry items about their work. In a recent issue of the Dodge Center (Minn.) Record displays a picture of Pastor Donald E. Richards with a story about his being elected president of the Dodge County Association for Mental Health. Two of the other officers are also Seventh Day Adventists. The association promotes fund raising for research and renders service in hospitals.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — Our church was host to the semiannual meeting April 26-28 at which the attendance was good. Lorna Greene, president of the Deacon and Mrs. Wallace Greene is the new leader of the Junior Choir, taking the place of

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Accessions

By Baptism:
Milton, Wis.
Susan Babcock
Catherine Branch
Kenneth Johnson
Susan Fritz Randolph
Samuel Skaggs

Marriages

Dutchess-Severance.-Miss Katherine Severance, daughter of Deacon Cecil Severance, and Bernard Dutchess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Dutchess, of Greenwich, were married Sunday afternoon, May 5, 1963, at the bride’s pastor, Rev. David Clarke, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in North Loyal.

Deaths

Frost.—A daughter, Cynthia Irene, to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Frost of Monterey, Calif., on April 15, 1963.

Hulett.—Tamara Lee, daughter of Douglas and Mavis Hulet of Delavan, Wis., was born April 19, 1963.


Obituaries

Hunting.—Henry Coon, son of John P. and Lucetta Coon Hunting, was born on October 30, 1876, in Newtonville, Kansas, and died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Burdick near Andover, N. Y., April 17, 1963.

He came to Alfred, N. Y., from near Cairo, Ill., when eleven years of age.

He was baptized on May 4, 1888, and united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, of which he has been a lifelong and faithful member, being the eldest in membership.

On September 25, 1900, Mr. Hunting was married to Miss Besnie G. Stueky at Alfred. To this union was born one daughter, Beatrice Hunting, who died in 1921. Mrs. Hunting died on August 26, 1947.

On September 1, he went to live with Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Burdick and family, niece and nephew by marriage.

Following Mr. Hunting’s retirement from regular employment, he was the conscientious caretaker of the church building and grounds and the Parish House grounds for a number of years.

He is survived by a sister-in-law, Mrs. Axel Stannards, N. Y., and eight nephews and four nieces in different parts of the country.

Funeral services were held at the Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, April 20, 1963, with his pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — H. S. W.

Ralph Dutcher—Stephen Fitz, son of Elmo and Madeline Watts Fitz, Randolph, was born Feb. 17, 1914, in Edgerton, Wis., and died April 15, 1963, in Wisconsin Southern Colony, Union Grove, Wis. Stephen had been a patient in Southern Colony for the entire nine years of his life.

Funeral services were conducted April 18 by the Rev. Don Hobbs with interim in the Milton Cemetery. — E. F. R.

Montgomery.—William Earl, son of Deacon Corliss Montgomery, was born at Alfred Center, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1963, where she had been a patient for almost two years.

She was married May 30, 1890, and united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, of which she has been a lifelong and faithful member. She was active in the Ladies’ Aid Society and served as its president for two years.

For a number of years Miss Allen set type by hand for the Sabbath Recorder when it was published at Alfred, N. Y. When the printing of the journal was transferred to Plainfield, N. J., she began working for the Alfred Sun, where she became the paper’s first linotype operator.

On Feb. 3, 1926, she was married to Frank E. Stillman of Alfred, who died in 1939.

Mrs. Stillman is survived by six nephews and nieces in various parts of the country.

Funeral services were held at the Grindall and Mount Shasta Funeral Home, Hornell, N. Y., on Sabbath afternoon, April 27, 1963, with her pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

— H. S. W.

Sutton.—William Earl, son of Deacon Corliss and Orma Jett Sutton, was born at Berea, W. Va., Feb. 26, 1912, and died in a Cumberland, Maryland hospital March 27, 1963.

Mr. Sutton, a World War 2 veteran, resided at Keyser, W. Va., and held membership in the Mount Zion E. U. B. Church. He is survived by his parents; his wife, Kate Sutton; three sons, David, William and Edward; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Brown of Berea, Ky.; two sisters, Mrs. Virgie Wyer of Keyser and Mrs. Lenora Bressey of Berea, W. Va.; two brothers, C. E. of Parkersburg, W. Va., and F. Olin of Benton, Ga. Funeral services were conducted from the Mount Zion Church with the Rev. S. Kennedy Davis, Charles A. Eckert, William Livingston, Jr., and Mrs. Isaac Davis.