Correspondent.

The establishment of colleges and seminaries in overseas countries.

Missionary leaders from both organizations hailed the meeting as a major step forward. It was the first time the two evangelical, theologically conservative groups have met in combined conference. Together they have a missionary staff of over 14,000 missionaries, more than half of all North American missionaries, with activities in 110 countries.

Recorder Comment

"Am sending my renewal subscription and a change of address. I don't mind the 'new price because it's worth every penny of it and more too. Such good articles!" — Hamilton, N. Y.

1963 Tract Distribution at Little Rock

There is value in keeping records of tract distribution. It gives historical perspective and helps the distributors evaluate few words about how our message should be increased somewhat but probably not more than what we have. It may bring surprises to those who have kept no records. We may be surprised how few we have distributed and how many.

There is value in comparing the little that some of us have done with the much that others have accomplished. It may remind us of the question of the lawyer, "Who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29) and the story of the Prodigal Son with its pertinent application, "(to those of us who likewise" (Luke 10:37). The following varied methods of tract and Recorder distribution by the members of the Little Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church should be instructive and encouraging to other churches.

Tracts Recorded

| Taken or mailed from the church | 5,222 | 626 |
| Taken from racks in town | 1,558 | 1,851 |
| October State Fair | 11,006 | 907 |
| House to house visitation | 3,799 |
| (1,248 packets) |
| Total | 27,585 | 3,384 |
| Total Including Tracts and Recorders | 30,969 |

Correction — The subscription rate for service men and students was given incorrectly in the article on the back page of the issue of January 6. The old rate of $1.00 is still in effect. Probably it should be increased somewhat but the Tract Board has not yet taken such action.

SAVING SCHOOL LESSON for January 25, 1964

Two Rich Men Meet Jesus

Lesson Scripture:


Births

Stearns — A son, Patrick Allen, to Rex and Mary Green Stearns of Daytona Beach, Fla., on November 22, 1963.

Harris — A son, Andrew James, was born to Dr. L. Stanley and Camille (Crockett) Harris on October 14, 1963, in Cleveland, Ohio.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

KANSAS CITY, MO.—Since our Tuesday night Bible study fell on December 24, we decided to put on a special Christmas eve candlelight service. After the lights were turned off candles were put on each window sill completely around the sanctuary. A large mural of the city of Bethlehem was draped across the front with the star of Bethlehem lit up in the center of the sky.

The children each had a part to recite at the opening of the program. Pastor Conrad read the story of the Nativity from the Scriptures with appropriate songs intervening. Leland Bond sang "No Room in the Inn"; his wife Dorothy sang "O Holy Night". Ed and June Johnson sang a duet, "Bow at the Manger," and the children sang "Away in the Manger."

The evening was filled with a deeper atmosphere of reverence because special effort was made to have an organ at the service for Russell Johnson to play instead of the piano. We closed the service with a special film strip on the true meaning of Christ's birth, and the pastor spoke a few words about how our message should mean more to us than our lives.

On the last Sabbath of the old year we heard a sermon on the difference between trying to "turn over a new leaf" and actually receiving a whole new life. At the close of the service an invitation was given and one person expressed the desire to be baptized.

With the beginning of the new year the new officers are as follows: Leland Bond, president; Russell Johnson, vice-president; Joyce Conrad, secretary and correspondent; June Johnson, treasurer.

— Correspondent.

The One-Talent Man

D. Alva Crandall

Lots of folks in this world are much smarter than we are. Yet a one-talent man very useful can be. If he uses his talent, does not hide it away, and thinks it's so small that to use it won't pay.

A machine needs its big parts, but each bolt, key or screw, that holds another in place is a vital part too.

In the same way, our world needs services many and there are no talents that are neglected, misused, or made tools of sin that are purpose and drive that good results win.

Let us not be distrustful of what we can do, nor, yet, self-conceited — an obnoxious thing too — but realistically strive to cultivate all the gifts that are ours; for none are too small.

To be useful somewhere in this wide world of ours the Master he is willing to use their time and talents. They are given — who to use them; who to use what they have, have honestly striven.
Are New Subscriptions Your Responsibility?

Who should bear the burden of building up the subscription list of your denomination? The Sabbath Recorder? Is it the responsibility of the Tract Board which publishes it, the editor who determines its content, or the churches whose members read it? It may be said that all these and the General Conference whose program it promotes have a definite responsibility in building up our subscriptions. We would like at this time to lay special emphasis on the responsibility of each church member and present subscriber.

We are so accustomed to the strong appeals sent out by most magazines that we naturally expect the Sabbath Recorder to follow this same type of appeal. We hope nonetheless to forget the difference between this publication and those which are competing for subscriptions in the open market and must make money for those who edit and publish them. Let us stop and think a moment. The Recorder is completely dependent on the subscriptions of its readers. It exists for the good of the members and friends of the Seventh Day Baptist cause. It could not make money or be self-sustaining if every family on our church rolls did not subscribe at the present $4 rate, not even if the rate was doubled. Like many other magazines of small denominations it has been heavily subsidized. This is nothing to be ashamed of or to be unduly excited about. It is normal and, fortunately, exists.

The responsibility for seeing that more people get the benefit of a valuable paper for a fraction of its cost lies largely with the local church and the individual subscriber who believes that the Sabbath Recorder can help to promote the cause of Seventh Day Baptists. Let us shoulder this responsibility by encouraging our friends and neighbors to take advantage of what is offered at such a bargain price.

A few say that $4 is too much to pay for a weekly of 16 pages. This is hardly true. To pay less than 8 cents per issue or 1/2 cent for every page of the best thoughts of our writers is a pretty small amount. Who would think of suggesting such a low value for the pastor's Sabbath morning sermon? (A sermon published may be read by nearly half of all churches members.)

There is another way of looking at local promotion. It is to be ashamed of or to be unduly excited about. It is normal and, fortunately, exists.

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Realistic Appraisal of Vatican Council Progress

Was the second session of Vatican Council II one solid accomplishment or was it mostly publicity? The Rev. Stanley I. Stuber, a Baptist who represented the Missouri Council of Churches as an observer, has an article in Missions in which he states: "But, unless the third session scheduled for September 14, 1964, brings new and yet diversified discussion to a head (in quick order), the Vatican Council may be long on talk and short on action." Mr. Stuber notes that the much publicized Council in two annual sessions produced only two substantial actions in final form, veracious for our liturgy and modern communications. There is considerable doubt, says the writer, that the decision of religious liberty, sidesteped so far, will come to a vote at the next session. This is sad news for the Protestants in such countries as Spain and Italy where the civil authorities were waiting for word from Rome before granting non-Catholics full citizen rights.

As to a changing attitude on the part of Rome toward those now politely elevated to the status of "separated Brethren," Mr. Stuber has some reservations about progress. It is true, he says, that he and others representing the "separated brethren" were there by invitation and were given the very finest of treatment, including the best seats from which to observe. He adds, "However, the ultimate invitation is that of a return to the Roman Catholic Church. It is true, he says, that he and others representing the "separated brethren" were there by invitation and were given the very finest of treatment, including the best seats from which to observe. He adds, "However, the ultimate invitation is that of a return to the Roman Catholic Church. It is true, he says, that he and others representing the "separated brethren" were there by invitation and were given the very finest of treatment, including the best seats from which to observe. He adds, "However, the ultimate invitation is that of a return to the Roman Catholic Church.

Church union appears to be much more talked about by Protestants than by the Catholic leaders who were at the Vatican Council. Pope Paul VI appears to the Catholic leaders who were at the Vatican Council. Pope Paul VI appears to the Catholic leaders who were at the Vatican Council. Pope Paul VI appears to the Catholic leaders who were at the Vatican Council. He is the head of the Secretariat for the Promotion of Christian Unity, that reunion will be a long, hard process, but one that will ultimately succeed. The first meeting was scheduled for 1964, and preliminary talks were held ahead even for reunion of the Eastern Orthodox and the Western Church is emphasized by the joint communiqué issued by the pope and the Patriarch of Constantinople, after their historic meeting January 4 and 5. It will be called a masterpiece of saying things that

What then can be said for the Vatican
Council if it has made so little progress? Protestant observers like Mr. Siuber believe that it has been instrumental in establishing a new ecclesiastical atmosphere. "It has opened the doors of the Roman Catholic Church to the possibility of reform and renewal," he believes.

What are the Protestant-Catholic relationships if the Roman church does succeed in reform and renewal? One answer might be that the two branches would then come closer together. Another, just as logical, would be that they would be forced farther apart. Pope Paul is a theologian and will insist on doctrinal purity according to Catholic standards. Rome sees doctrinal purity as part of initiating reform and renewal in Protestant churches. The Lucas backdrop of this issue should not be missed.

"It seems to be the liberal wing of Protestantism which is carrying the ball for "sacramental unity.""

SACRAMENTAL UNITY

It could happen to Protestant-Catholic relations if the Roman church decides to believe that it has been instrumental in establishing a new ecumenical atmosphere.

"It is a good thing to be able to break old records and to set new ones. We note in the news that much is made of setting records: home runs, runs batted in, height of a pole vault, coldness of a cold snap, depth of a snowfall, speed of a jet plane, orbits of an astronaut. Breaking an old record and setting a new one speaks of achievement. It is a good thing to set a new record. Let us set some new attendance records at our Sabbath worship services."

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Christ the Answer
For Space Age Problems
By Richard West*

"Space Age" connotes jet aircraft — rockets — speed science. Certainly science has provided us with a way of life which is rich by any standard of comparison. Indeed, it is now ready to mention the "jet set." Had his father exacted some manual labor from him at an early age he might have been able to meet the rigors of his later competition. But, he didn't have what it takes and had to return to Dad for help.

The second boy? He not only did not appreciate his position but also was cold — cold! He was so selfish and self-centered that he would freeze the ground that he walked on. He lacked compassion for his brother as well as for all about him. Possibly his father had made him feel "a cut above" the servants and his associates in a condition which might have been corrected by a little sweat from his brow. Parents have a solemn obligation to impart to their children responsibility in human relations with the tangible rewards of their living.

Many have been unable to attain a goal in life — which may be unattainable by their standard of reference — but hope to push their children closer to this goal.

How many times have we heard: "I had to work my way through college but my children will go first" or "I worked all of my life in a factory but my children will be doctors — or lawyers — or teachers." Can we give our children these rich rewards without allowing them the moral responsibility to accompany these gifts?

Is it possible that Christ foresaw our present dilemma? Consider his parable of the prodigal son. Here was a man that was well-to-do and who wanted the very best for his sons — yet both of the boys were quite unaware of "how well they had it" and did not have the sense to be doctors — or lawyers — or teachers. Can we give our children these rich rewards without allowing them the moral responsibility to accompany these gifts?

Race Relations Sabbath
Doyle K. Zwiebel, Chairman

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

February 8 has been designated Race Relations Sabbath for Seventh Day Baptists. The Christian Social Action Committee has prepared suitable worship service bulletins for use by the various churches on this occasion. The resource materials have also been sent to the pastors or church clerks. The Women's Society has also prepared study packets concerning human rights.

The recent General Conference adopted a statement on race relations which, if taken at full value, would force every Seventh Day Baptist to take stock of his personal position relative to race relations and to become actively engaged in promoting the type of interaction that is incumbent upon all followers of the Christian way of life. It is the intention of the Social Action Committee to constantly reemphasize this theme during this Conference year.

Myron W. Powell in Christian Action for Christian Families, pp. 44-56, places emphasis on these points:
1. Group prejudice and discrimination strike a blow at democracy by denying or discounting its basic ideals. Freedom, equality of opportunity, and justice are lost to those who are objects of discrimination.
2. Those responsible for it are tempted to use the undemocratic and high-handed methods of dictatorial and totalitarian power....
3. The type of interaction that is incumbent upon all followers of the Christian way of life.
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Repeating this prayer gives me peace of mind during some times of stress, which I am sure that all of us experience at some time.

Another expression which inspires confidence when the peace seems a little hectic is: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

A Southern Baptist editor in Kentucky writes pointedly about proselytizing under the heading "Prowling or Seeking." He is speaking primarily of those for members between local churches of the same faith and closes with this observation, "Too many shepherds of our day spend more time on conversion than ninety and nine than searching in the desert for the lost sheep."
CHRIST IN COLOSSIANS

A Bible Study
By Rev. Lester G. Osborn
(Continued from last week)

D. Christ — the Atoning Sacrifice

Christ, in Colossians, as everywhere in the New Testament, is the One "in whom we have redemption through his blood, even his blood" (1: 14, KJV). The phrase "through his blood" does not appear in the best Greek manuscripts, so other translations, like RSV, rightly leave it out. Some try to define or explain "redemption." "In whom our release is secured" (NEB), "By whom we have been ransomed from captivity by having our sins forgiven" (Gsp), "In whom we have our liberation, procured by the payment of ransom" (Wuest). In the New Testament freely, "forgiveness of sins" and "remission of sins" are used interchangeably. Redemption is 'the putting away of our sins (West).'

But Paul does not leave us in doubt as to the means of the atonement. He says, "And having made peace through the blood of the cross: (1: 20, KJV, RSV)

Goodspeed has "through his blood shed on the cross," and NEB agrees. Phillips says, "By virtue of the sacrifice of the cross." The "shedding of blood" means death. The "making of peace" is reconciliation. And you, that were sometime alienated from the spirits of wickedness by your mind by wicked works, now ye have been reconciled in the body of his flesh through death" (1: 21, 22, KJV). Estranged, doing evil deeds, the Spirit of Christ is not. And through the evil things you have done, his spiritual enemies (Phil), "Hostile in attitude and doing wrong (Gsp), "estranged from God, his enemies in heart and mind" (NEB). Sin stood between man and God and had to be taken out of the way. The death of Christ had to be forgiven before man could be reconciled to God. It is "by Christ's death in his body of flesh and blood" (NEB) that the way to reconciliation is opened. As Philips says, it was "through the death of his body on the cross." Goodspeed translates, "through dying for "the man body." Christ's death on Calvary brought forgiveness to the sinner by it the barrier of sin was removed. "Christ (the Lord) for gave you" (3: 13b).

E. Christ — Risen from the Dead

Paul does not stress the Resurrection of Christ here as in some of the other epistles. Like other things having to do with the Person of Christ, he gives no argument to prove it. He takes it for granted in his references to it. He calls Christ "the firstfruits of them that are asleep" (1: 18, KJV, RSV), "the first to return from the dead" (NEB). Wuest translates, "out from among the dead," which gives the full meaning of the Greek preposition.

He speaks of the "operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead" (2: 12, KJV). "Working," "active power," "tremendous power (Wuest)," "the effective working energy." All agree that this power of God raised Christ from the dead.

So Paul, one might say, incidentally presents the living Christ, whom God brought out of the tomb, and thus testifies to the Resurrection of Christ.

F. Christ — the Head of the Church

One of Paul's favorite analogies in speaking of the church is as the body of Christ (1: 24). "The body of Christ," (Phil), "the body of Christ" (Acts), "the body of Christ" (2: 19, KJV).

The head is moved, not the body. The head is moved, not the body. The "head of the body," the church" (1: 18, KJV). The others agree except for Phillips who says, "Christ, whose body he is, the common Christian people," which is just another way of saying "the church," for all believers have been "baptized into one body" by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12: 12, 13). The body of course is the church invisible and universal. In speaking of his afflictions for Christ, Paul says it is "for his body's sake, which is the church" (1: 24b).

He warns against those who would beguile them into false ideas and practices and then says, "Not holding the Head, from which the body is increased with the increase of God" (2: 19, KJV). "Holding fast to the Head" is the way it is put in RSV, Amp., and NEB. Says, "lose their hold on," while Goodspeed has "lose their connection with the Head." A part, apart from the head, is of no use. Paul thinks of Christ as the Head of the church, ruling, directing and motivating it.

G. Christ — In Heaven Now

The risen Christ ascended into heaven (Acts 1: 9-11). The apostles saw Him go. Paul tells the Colossians to "seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (3: 1, KJV).

RSV is perhaps a little more definite, rendering it: "Where Christ is, seat ed at the right hand of God." NEB says, "Aspire to the realm above. . . . All versions agree that Christ is in heaven, sitting at the right hand of God, a truth found all through the New Testament.

As a reason for treating servants well, Paul reminds them that they have a Master in heaven" (4: 1, KJV). The others agree that we have a Master, Christ, in heaven, whom we are serving. Phillips puts it in different words: "Never forgetting that you, yourselves, have a heav enly Employer." Rather a solemn thought, is it not?

H. Christ — Coming Again

Paul takes the second coming of Christ for granted, too. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then ye also shall appear with him in glory" (3: 4, KJV). Other words used in place of "appear" are "made visible" (Wuest), "show himself openly" (Phil.), "is manifested" (NEB). He gives reason of Christ as a reason for "putting to death what is earthly" in us (3: 5, RSV).

Yes, Christ will come to this earth again. In Colossians Paul testifies to this fact.

Conclusion

Paul sets forth most of the basic doctrine of the Christian faith concerning Christ in his epistle to the Colossians. He recognizes His deity, and calls Him the Son of God, and says He is the exact likeness of the Father as the Creator and Sustainer of the universe. We find here His atoning, sacrificial death on the cross, His resurrection, and of the way that we can be reconciled to God. Here we see His Resurrection and His present position in heaven at the right hand of God. He is seen as the Head of the church, His body, of which He is the life. And some day, according to Colossians, He is coming again to receive His own, who will "appear with him in glory."

Paul has a warning for the Colossians, too: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the example of the corruption of the world, and not after Christ" (2: 8, KJV). "Be ever on guard. "Be careful," "See to it," "Take care" are the ways other versions put it. The great danger, as Paul sees it, is in following human speculations instead of the teachings of Christ. He fears that their minds will be "captured" (NEB) by these things. Or, as Phillips puts it, "Be careful that nobody spoils your faith, through intellectualism or high-sounding nonsense. Such stuff is at best founded on men's ideas of the nature of the world and disregards Christ. The danger is that "there shall be someone who leads you astray through his philosophy, even futile deceit, which is according to the tradition of men, and not according to Christ" (Wuest).

In this epistle Paul presents the true conception of the Person of Christ, and warns them to be on their guard against being carried away by men's speculations which are "not centered on Christ" (NEB).

Colossians is as applicable to us today as to the Christians of the first century. The truths about the Person of Christ are the same today as then. Do we, today, also need the warning against human speculations? To avoid error we need to have the true conception of Christ, as Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit, sets it forth.

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Abbreviations
KJV — King James Version
RSV — Revised Standard Version
NEB — New English Bible
Amp — Amplified New Testament
Gsp — An American Translation of the NT, Goodspeed
Wuest — An Expanded Translation of the NEB
Phil — Letters to Young Churches, Phillips
The Invitation to Decision

In Matthew 16:15 Jesus asked His disciples a very personal question, "Whom say ye that I am?" And then in Matthew 22:42, He asked the Pharisees a similar question: "What think ye of Christ, whose son is he?" Whether it was His friends or His enemies, Jesus wanted to know where He stood with them. And He wanted them to face up squarely to their relationship to Him. How did He rate with them in their deepest convictions? This could not be a matter of idle speculation or of indifference. A decision must be made.

The invitation to decision is a prevailing theme in the Bible. Man can obey or disobey. He can trust God or Baal. He can accept Jesus as Christ or he can put off the decision until Christ has His answer whether we intended Him to have it or not.

It is the task of the church and its pastors and leaders to confront men with this question. Sometimes this is called an "encounter with God." Whatever the name, it is still the age-old necessity for man to make up his mind about the deepest issue of life. Where does Christ stand in our thinking and actions today?

It is not enough to help a man decide whether he will accept Christ or keep on living as he was. These matters are important but are the fruits of something deeper. A man must be confronted with the reality and significance of the crucial alternative to accept Christ on His terms as the Son of God or to condemn Him as deserving of death. That is the choice of old and it goes on forever. It is not a once-in-a-lifetime choice. If the Lordship of Christ is to be a dynamic reality in our own time, we must put this question to ourselves and others regularly.

Whom say ye that Christ is? Is He the Lord of your lives? You must crown Him Lord of all or you do not crown Him Lord at all.

Letter From Rev. Leland E. Davis

Under date of December 27, the Rev. Leland E. Davis wrote at length giving a report of the recent General Conference meeting in British Guiana and of events in connection with the observance of Christmas. Pastor Davis' letter follows:

Returning from General Conference, I had no opportunity to write as Christmas was closed. By the time this is over I will hasten to acknowledge your kind letter of the 13th and to tell you the outcome of Conference and some of our Christmas happenings.

"Gertrude (Mrs. Davis) and Mary Sue accompanied me in the mission car to Wakenaam on Friday morning, December 13. Ron and Ken remained in Georgetown to carry on the work.

"Mrs. Inez Peters, her son Samuel, and Vibert Charles besides Jacob Tyrrell went from Georgetown. The C.E. voted to pay half of the expenses of two young people to Conference.

"In all we had a good attendance at the Conference and all of us, except Utivlugt, had at least one delegate. Quite a number from the community came to the Conference, and especially the Sunday night meetings. On Sunday night, God's house was full.

"A fine spirit prevailed among the delegates, and the laymen did a good job taking part on the program, which all enjoyed. Pastor Tyrrell had the opening message on 'Being Saved,' and I took the concluding sermon, 'The Joy of Serving Jesus.' Bro. Jacob Tyrrell and Bro. David Barker brought brief talks Sabbath morning on 'Serving Christ on the Sabbath Day' and 'Saved to Serve Through Witnessing.'

"On Sabbath afternoon, we had a two-hour Layman's Program taking the theme, 'Saved to Serve' as to SA School Work (Deacon Tobin), Tract and Bible Distribution (Bro. Edgar Gittens and Women's Work (Sis. Inez Peters), Youth Work (Samuel Peters, Vibert Charles).

"As a prelude to the Sunday morning business session, Deacon Joseph Scipio of Dartmouth spoke on 'Serving Through Prayer.' The business meeting was called to order by the vice-president, Rev. Joseph Tyrrell. Items acted upon, included:

1. Plans to send Bro. Jacob N. Tyrrell to the World Consultation meeting at Salem, W. Va., in 1965.

2. Setting up of a Worker's Fund by pooling ten one-tenth of resources from all of the churches.

3. Acceptance of the supervisor's report which included a visit to the churches prior to General Conference.

4. Receiving of the Nominating Committee's report and the election of new officers.

5. The Supervisor outlined plans for the Laymen's Course to begin early in 1964. Fifteen copies of the Guide, 'You and Your Church' have been ordered and will be used as a basis for the first study course.

6. Young people wishing to have Pen Pals from the States are encouraged to give their names to the pastor or lay leaders who in turn will send them to the American supervisor.

7. A joint invitation was accepted from Dartmouth and Queenstown to meet with them for the April Executive Council meeting.

8. In the afternoon business session on Sunday, each church was given an opportunity to tell of their outstanding accomplishments, both physical and spiritual during 1963 and their plans for 1964.

"During my absence, Ken and Ron were assisted by Bro. Randolph Williams who spoke briefly on Sabbath day; Bro. Leyland Bowen preached on Sunday evening.

"Through his visits he is making among the members to renew their interest.

"Dartmouth related a successful Harvest Thanksgiving in which provisions were also given to the needy. At present they are planning to send a tent to the church to keep out the water. They now plan to paint the new windows and install a railing at the altar.

"Queenstown expressed the need for revival, and it was tentatively decided to hold a special effort there.

"Wakenaam told of recent church repairs made, and the success of the Tuesday night Community Bible Courses. They now plan to place wire mesh around the eaves of the church roof to keep out the bats and then to paint the interior.

"Parika also expressed the need for Revival Meetings and told of their plans to repair clapboards and do some painting.

"Georgetown told of their recent baptism, participation in the Evangelical Council Study Course, thankfulness to be a voice in our own Conference, and told of their dream to have their own church building and to organize as a Seventh Day Baptist church.

"While I was in Georgetown awaiting an operation in January before he returns to Wakenaam.

(To be continued)
SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

For February 1, 1964

The Woman of Samaria

Lesson Scripture: John 4: 7-14, 28-29, 39-42.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Sec. Bax E. Zwibel

Youth Work Committee
At its January 2 meeting action was taken on 7 proposals presented by the youth of the Southeastern Association of Seventh Day Baptists. Some of the results are as follows: It was voted that we recommend to the board 10% of the dues coming in from National SDBYF members be forwarded to the National SDBYF offices for expenses relative to their activities, such as transportation for executive committee meetings and delegate fees to specified youth meetings. It was voted that we recommend to Commission that it call in one of the SDBYF national officers for consultation as it has failed for the past two years to send consultants to its meetings.

The recommendation that a Court of Law be set up to govern actions and discipline at Pre-Con and Conference was referred to the local Committee for the Southeastern Association. It was voted that we recommend to the local adviser of the Beacon staff that the Conference theme be emphasized throughout the year in consultation with the National SDBYF officers. It was proposed that the youth have a non-voting representative at the World Consultation of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences at Atlantic City May 22-24. This proposal was referred to the committee in charge of the World Consultation.

A progress report was made regarding the directors for the Pre-Con Retreats. Action was taken to secure directors for the 1965 Youth Pre-Con.

It was agreed that the Pawcatuck SDBYF continue to edit and publish the Beacon for the current year.

The chairman, David S. Clarke, reported that Linda Bingham's schedule has been confirmed until June.

Rocky Mountain Camp
(The following excerpts are from a letter written by Paul Hummel concerning what has been done at the Rocky Mountain Campsite, and his desires for its use.)

... the improvements on the hill (Lee Hill) are about completed. A little rearranging of the kitchen and one or two small jobs such as installing doors to the serving and dish return openings still remain. Another gas stove, regular size, will be put in...

"My dream for this camp as an opportunity for evangelization of young folk and children who are lost or at the mercy of physical accommodations are concerned. Now it is up to the camps both local and associational to do their stuff. The camp should be able to reach out beyond our own church families.

"We appreciate your youth representatives' aid in our camp programs."

Dedicated Service

Our program board to offer workers to our churches and associations is quite complete. We trust that our churches are planning now for Youth Schools and camp programs. Those who desire the help of dedicated service workers are urged to make their wishes known as soon as possible. The number of workers signed up is limited, and those who ask first will have the best chance of receiving help at a cost to the local organization except board and room for the workers. One young man has offered to work all summer in all of our camps that need him. Write for information to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N. Y. 14803.

Eyes on the East

If you are among the thousands, or millions, who have been there on the East this year because of the New York World's Fair with its stupendous displays and its numerous religious attractions, there are two or three things that might be called to your attention to make the trip fully satisfying.

In the first place, you might like to get and keep a copy of the January 13 issue of Newsweek which features the fair and includes a two-page pictorial guide identifying the 48 major pavilions. It shows the Protestant Pavilion and the Billy Graham Pavilion near the main entrance. In the former will be found the Baptist booth with literature and other items identifying Seventh Day Baptists.

Visitors to New York should remember that Plainfield is within easy commuting distance and that any trip which includes a visit to the Baptist exhibits might well include attendance at the Sabbath services of the Plainfield church. Other churches in New Jersey and New England are worth a visit during the driving time.

It is expected that a considerable number of our people outside the Eastern Association area will be giving some thought toward attending the Baptist Jubilee at Atlantic City May 22-24. A visit to the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield and a day or two of sightseeing at the World's Fair from a Plainfield base might round out such an excursion...

A Plainfielder.

Mrs. James L. Skaggs
In Memoriam

By Abbie B. Van Horn

In Memoriam of Hettie Whitney Skaggs, wife, mother, church worker, Sabbath School teacher, member and president of the Women's Board of the Seventh Day Baptists of the Eastern Association.

It seems fitting to note that some additional word should be written concerning this servant of her family, her church, and her denomination.

Hettie was first of all a Christian wife and mother, a supporter of her husband as pastor in some of our associations and a valuable contributor as a teacher in the Sabbath School. She was, however, better known denominationally as a member and officer of the Women's Board.

Hettie was a member of this board while it was located in Plainfield and for years as vice-president and for two years as recording secretary. Later when the board was moved to Salem she was vice-president for one year and president for eight years. Her connection with the organization terminated only by its removal from Salem to Battle Creek.

During the presidency of Mrs. Skaggs the work was organized and carried on largely through such committees as Ways and Means, Goals, Literature, and those who ask...
Churches Plan Gospel Services
Daytona Beach
The Daytona Beach, Fla., church is planning to hold revival meetings the last two weekends in February — February 14, 15 and 16 and February 21, 22 and 23. Our own pastor is expected to be the evangelist with musical groups of different kinds supplied by the church. We invite all of you to come for either of both weekends. Please write to the Entertainment Committee in care of the church to let us know what nights you desire overnight lodging. We ask you to join with us in daily prayer for these services, praying that God may use them as a witness to the gospel message, as a proclamation of the blessings inherent in the Sabbath, as an upward step in the spiritual fulfillment of each life touched through the ministry of visitation, of music, and of preaching the gospel. Your support (by your prayers, by your attendance, by your giving) will make a difference. — SDB Sentinel of the Sunshine State.

Shiloh
The growing congregation of the 227-year-old Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, N. J., is looking forward to further growth and spiritual enrichment, according to an article in the winter edition of the local publication The Reporter. The church has called the Rev. Myron Soper of Boulder, Colo., to conduct a teaching session on the old church from February 7-16, 1964. The article tells of Mr. Soper’s ranch background as a boy in Nebraska, of his high school education at Central Square, N. Y., after the family left Nebraska. The following biographical material is designed to introduce him to his prospective audience in South Jersey.

His desire to serve his Master in the Christian ministry drove him on to schools of higher learning. In 1949 he was graduated cum laude from Salem College, Salem, W. Va., with his name listed among leading American Colleges and Universities.” His seminary training then took him to Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.; California Baptist, Costa Mesa; and the Iliff School of Theology at Denver, Colo. It is also interesting to note that along the way he attended an auction school.

Soper served pastorates in North Loup, Neb., and Boulder, Colo. During his student days he was associate pastor at Los Angeles and spoke in many other church centers where he attended school. His messages have not only inspired those of his own denomination but he has been in demand to address neighboring churches of other denominations.

The Shiloh and MaBboro churches are looking forward to Mr. Soper’s visit in South Jersey, and sermons which are always challenging and filled with hope and courage. We invite everyone in the community to share with us this experience of deepening faith, and in sharing the Christ, our world’s Savior. You will be richer for it.

Youth Retreat In Arkansas
November 9th to December 1st, the annual Arkansas Youth Retreat at Shiloh in Texarkana. The churches are Little Prairie, Little Rock, Fouke, and Texarkana.

The theme this year was “All that I Have for Jesus.”

Linda Bingham, national youth field worker was with us for the retreat, giving a brief message on Friday night following a devotional service by the Little Rock group. There were forty-seven in attendance for this first session.

After Sabbath School the morning worship service was conducted by Jo Van Horn, with other youth taking the various parts normally carried by the church. Three sermons on the retreat theme were given by Karen Osborn of Little Rock, Bertha Nell Brooks of San Antonio, and Robert Fitz-Randall of The Christian (year one leader — every day — all day — in all of the years that is before us. Amen.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — The monthly Sabbath School social was held December 14 at the home of Westfield Burdick. The annual Christmas program was held in the church Friday, December 19. Each family was asked to put one or more part of the program. After the program, the Christmas tree and gifts were enjoyed by the children and youth. The Ladies Aid then presented a quilt to Pastor and Mrs. Greene, to the church, and with each youth leader — every day — all day — in all of the years that is before us. Amen.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — The holiday season was pleasant for the people of our church. The annual church program, in charge of Mrs. Arden Crane, Mrs. Wallace Greene, and Miss Lorna Greene, was presented on the evening of December 22, and consisted of miscellaneous recitations, dialogues, and a longer play. The Intermediate and Junior chorus sang praises and carols. Candles, nuts and popcorn balls were given away. A gift of money and groceries from members and friends was presented to Pastor and Mrs. Richards and family. Special sermons and music marked the Christmas season.

Special prayer meetings were held each Sunday morning in the interest of a greater consciousness of prayer for the special meetings planned in April.

Friends and relatives visited here during the holidays. The Sabbath of December 28 there were 19 visitors at the Sabbath School.

Philip Greene, elder son of Deacon and Mrs. Wallace Greene who recently returned from service in the United States Navy, has begun a series of lessons being presented at the Sabbath eve prayer meeting. The lessons are centered toward evangelism and witness.

The annual church dinner and business meeting was held on Sunday, January 5, with the Ladies Aid providing the noon meal. A church history is being written to be presented later. The church by-laws and constitution are to be revised. Several church committees have been established and voted on. A pot-luck dinner every month will take place at the Meal of Sharing.

Pastor Richards was elected to serve another year. Claire Greene was named moderator; D. C. Lippincott, trustee for three years; Helen Greene, local reporter; Philip Greene, head usher; and other officers were returned to their positions.

The weather had been very cold, but moderated for the holidays. Church attendance is good.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Lindahl spent several weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Devon Conrad in family in Santa Barbara, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Payne and Mr. Charles Dimond plan to spend the remainder of the winter in California.
# Our World Mission

## OWM Budget Receipts for December 1963

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### December Disbursements

| Board of Christian Education | $854.80 |
| Historical Society           | $60.04  |
| Ministerial Retirement       | $650.03 |
| Missionary Society           | $5,210.40 |
| Tract Society                | $1,324.03 |
| Trustees of General Conference | $83.13 |
| Women's Society              | $198.19 |
| World Fellowship & Service   | $251.37 |
| General Conference           | $1,069.02 |
| Church World Service         | $27.57  |
| CROP                         | $5.00   |

**Total** $10,733.67

### Summary

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Amount yet to be raised **$76,918.57**

*Needed per month to raise budget by July 31, 1964 **$10,988.37**

*Commission has set goal to raise budget in 10 months by July 31, 1964 instead of September 31, 1964.

**$10,733.67**

New York Bible Society Prepares for World's Fair

The large, continuous-feed offset press which is printing a million copies of a special World's Fair edition of the Gospel of John is stopped long enough for the secretary and vice-president of the New York Bible Society to inspect the pages which will later be separated and attractively bound. These Gospels will be given, not sold, to the people who may have come to the fair for some other purpose than to receive the message of salvation from this portion of God's Word. (See further story inside.)