NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. — Seven of the eight resident families were present (children and all) for the fifth annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Little Rock. Meeting on Sunday, January 5, at 3 p.m., the following officers were elected: moderator, Calvin Badger; clerk, Betty Searles; treasurer, Winnie Monroe; assistant treasurer, E. D. Bradberry; S.S. superintendents, Irving Seager and S. S. sec.-treas., Bobby Hendrickson.

The new budget calls for $445 to be spent for extension and growth, being mostly for literature, including 1000 copies of the proposed "Area Emphasis" Sabbath Recorder.

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On January 1, 1906, he was married to Nina Ingalls at Walworth and here they raised their family as he made a valuable contribution to his community as an electrical and building contractor until retirement due to ill health.

James Bonham was a faithful working member of the Walworth Seventh Day Baptist Church. He gave generously of his time and talents in good causes. When the lodge was built at Camp Wakonda, he volunteered his services in planning and completing the electrical wiring and service.

He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Leonard Kimball and Berta Bonham, Walworth; four grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; a brother and a sister. A son, Bernard, preceded him in death.

The funeral service was conducted in the Walworth Funeral Home, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating. Interment was in the Walworth Cemetery. — E.F.R.

Polan.—Norma E., daughter of J. D. and Mary Hughes Jones, was born Feb. 4, 1890, at Jackson Center, Ohio, and died Dec. 30, 1963, in Edgerton, Wis.

In 1903 Norma was baptized by the Rev. J. H. Burdick and joined the Jackson Center, Ohio, Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was married Aug. 16, 1911 to Guy Polan. The Polans came to Milton, Wis., in 1920 where they have been affiliated with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and have taken their place in the life of the community through the years. Norma Polan loved her church and served it with consistent devotion. Young people were always her friends, and she cherished opportunities to serve them, both in the church and the college.

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Whitehair.—Mrs. Leona Sutton, daughter of the late Martin Luther and Mary Ellen Jett Sutton, was born at Berea, W. Va., Jan. 18, 1904, and died Dec. 21, 1963, at Camden-Clark Memorial Hospital, Parkersburg, W. Va.

Her husband, Bert P. Whitehair preceded her in death.

Surviving are three sons: Denzle Q. of Marietta, Ga.; Darrel C. of Cleveland, Ohio, and Donna L. of Berea; three daughters: Mildred Jones, Cambridge, Ohio; Mrs. Ruth Taylor, Cleveland, Ohio, and Miss Cuba Lee Whitehair, Berea; and two sisters: Mrs. Anna Cutright, Lost Creek, W. Va., and Mrs. Ruth Garner, Youngstown, Ohio.

Having been baptized in her youth she was a member of the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church, Berea. Funeral services were held at the church with her pastor, Leslie A. Welch, officiating. Burial was made in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Berea. — L.A.W.
The Church in the World

It would be reasonable to suggest some master plan for the placement of churches in places of greatest need. Few of us would be willing to accept any government or any super-church plan for a large city which decreed that our particular denominations should not have a meeting place in a certain area because there were already several churches in that area. The reasons for this are just as good as the reasons for a city church should serve all its local community and should be given exclusive rights in that community.

Our churches are voluntary organizations. They are gatherings of people of like faith in a pluralistic society where many different persuasions are likely to be found within a city block. Furthermore, meeting places are hard to find at places where congregations might like to locate. Then, too, public and private transportation being as it is, many people think little of traveling a number of miles in country or city to attend the church of their choice. The Russian system of allowing only one Baptist church in a big city is intolerable in a country where there is real religious freedom. If the time should come when church union was the order of the day in America it is probable that many small denominations would find their freedom hampered by the master planning of the majority.

Having stated these things in a general way we still get the feeling that there are more churches than necessary in some areas. The writer recently spent a Sabbath in upper Manhattan, and around the avenues and streets of New York. He was on a personal goodwill tour of Sabbathkeeping churches, Negro and white. The leaders of the former group had lost sight of the fact that there were no churches on the south side of the street that was the whole block on that side that had been torn down to make room for a complex of high-rising low-cost apartments, which appeared to be fully occupied with self-respecting Negro and white citizens. There was no opportunity to investigate the size, the need, or the particular beliefs of the three smaller churches. One of them is Sabbathkeeping church with an ambitious program that reaches into one or more African countries. It is hard to rid oneself of the feeling that some of the little churches in this Negro district exist into existence not so much from a sense of need or clear-cut doctrinal principles but because of leadership conflicts. We would have to abandon an ambitious program could be avoided. Yet we would hesitate to suggest a man-made cure lest the medicine be found to be worse than the disease.

Life in a big city is complex, and sin abounds in spite of the number or size of churches. It is as rampant in an area where the vast majority profess one religion and have the opportunity to attend services in ornate buildings as it is in a block like the one mentioned above.

Coming out of church where a small group of young folks and adults were being faithfully taught the Word of God and the principles of Christian living the writer walked under his umbrella to the nearest corner on the wet and littered sidewalk. Before reaching the corner he had to pass through a crowded assembled in front of a barber shop where the police were loading a man with a bandaged head into a police car. The street had been closed. No one seemed to know the details. It was likely that drink was involved. It was observed that there were more gathered to see the case of law breaking than there were gathered in the church a few doors away to study the Word of God. Is this an indictment on the churches or is this the case of law breaking? It should not necessarily be so taken. It is indeed unfortunate that shooting and other incidents occur in a well church area.

The church is called by such happenings to redouble its efforts to apply the transforming power of the Gospel to its immediate neighborhood. This goes for all neighborhoods in the city and country. We may well feel a sense of guilt if we have not done our best. On the other hand we recognize the impossibility of reaching every city church community. We do not always yield to the divine will, no matter how faithfully the way of salvation is presented. The case of Judas reminds us of this. We do not abandon our efforts to condemn our churches because of the failure to transform all of society.

Misguided Loyalty

There is a difference between the loyalty to the cause of salvation which sent Jesus to the cross and the loyalty of followers to face martyrdom, and the loyalty to an oath which sent a Buddhist monk to his fiery death the middle of January. The public suicides in Vietnam in protest against the repression of Buddhism last fall by the Catholic group then in power was never sanctioned by thoughtful Christians although the wanton sacrificial loyalty of the priests who burned themselves to death on the streets was recognized as having dramatic power. It might be argued that the Buddhist was radically different from the facts to the death by Gandhi some years ago. We have to say, however, that his cause was more unselfish and the principle enunciated more radically. Furthermore, a fast can be interrupted, a human gasoline torch can not.

But how about the 20-year-old monk who said that his reason for making of himself a human torch was gratitude, gratitude for the successes of Buddhism in his country. It seems that he had made a promise that he would burn himself to death if the efforts of his religious compatriots were successful in bringing in a better day for his faith in Vietnam. One finds it difficult to appreciate the kind of pledge made or the low value placed on life by one who should such a young man die for so little.

This attitude points up the difference between Christianity and the eastern religions and philosophies of life. The taking of another's life or taking one's own is sub-Christian. We are reminded of the pagon, ill-considered oath of Herod to the daughter of Herodias which resulted in the beheading of John the Baptist. It is recorded that the king

FEBRUARY 3, 1964
Cigarettes, Cancer, and Christians

Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptist Convention

"Cigarette smoking is a health hazard of sufficient item to warrant appropriate remedial action." This official judgment of the Surgeon General's Advisory Committee on Smoking and Health has now placed the United States Government where many other governments and agencies had previously positioned themselves, in strong and unequivocal opposition to cigarette smoking.

The basis for this reluctantly arrived-at, laboriously constructed, 150,000-word report was seven years of studies going back to 1951 and involving 1,123,000 men. Noting that the death rate from lung cancer among cigarette smokers is 1,000 per cent higher than among non-smokers, the report indicted cigarette smoking as being "causally" related to lung cancer which killed 41,000 Americans in 1962.

Christians have a special reason to heed the advice of Surgeon General Luther L. Terry, "Speaking as a doctor, I would tell a youngster not to begin smoking. I would tell an adult smoker to stop smoking." Christian citizens can unite in a purposeful assault on this harmful habit that has victimized an estimated seventy million Americans. This support a strong legislative program which will protect the young from being victimized through false, misleading, conscienceless advertising.

They can give intelligent support to governmental activity which will rehabilitate those farmers and businessmen who now need a new and less hazardous means of livelihood than growing and selling the noxious weed from which lung cancer comes. They can throw the weight of their great influence behind a program to make the smoking of cigarettes socially unacceptable.

The breaking of the cigarette habit among Americans will come neither quickly nor easily. The government has strongly called, however, for such a break. Christians can ill afford to lag behind Caesar in rendering to God the things that are God's.

—Baptist Features (BP).

THE SABBATH RECORDER

CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

Conference
President's Corner

Dear Friends of the Faith:

Have you started making plans to attend General Conference at Salem, August 17-22? I'm sure that many of you have already been thinking about it, some have made the basic plans, and many more have said, "We would like to go." Early planning will help to make your trip to the Salem Conference a reality.

Why go to Conference? Perhaps the most important reason for attending Conference is the spiritual uplift which comes to all of us as for six full days we concern ourselves completely with Christ's work and that of Seventh Day Baptists. The spiritual theme as developed in sermon and Bible study can scarcely leave us unmoved.

Conference is a uniting factor which draws Seventh Day Baptists together socially as well as physically. As we converge upon Salem from many points in the United States, we shall come with many points of view, perhaps with some antipathies, certainly with misunderstandings; as we fan out to the far reaches of our denomination at the conclusion of Conference, these differences will be represented among us, but we shall have achieved a notable Seventh Day Baptist solidarity. We always do at Conference.

Conference is the place and time where the policies of Seventh Day Baptists are established, their programs created, and the business of the denomination attended to. One of the advantages of the small denomination is that all of the people may have a voice in its direction. This privilege becomes a reality when all the people are represented and as many as possible who can attend, do so. Sometimes the most precious privileges are lost by default. This will not happen to us if we plan now to attend Conference this year and every year that we are able.

Conference, in addition to being a time of spiritual uplift, a uniting feature among us, and the place where we do our business, is a time where we meet old friends and make new ones. While this certainly is not the best reason for attending Conference, it is a valid reason. Who can deny that it is good to rub shoulders with friends of "like precious faith" the world around?

This year we shall have the added blessing of the presence of delegates from four continents and six Seventh Day Baptist Conferences besides our own, who will have attended the First World Conference of Delegates of Seventh Day Baptist Conferences at Salem. We have been excited, thrilled, challenged by the anticipation of their attendance at and their contributions to our General Conference. For many of us the privilege to mingle with these folk this year may be the opportunity of a lifetime.

Dear friends of the faith, have you started planning for the General Conference sessions next summer? If not, now is the time to start planning so that you will be sure to be in Salem for Conference August 17-22.

Sincerely yours and HIS, C. Rex Burdick.

Consecration

The scales of God are true
His vaults hold richest treasure
May we this year in humbleness
Give God the tribute that He deserves

Who else deserves our best
Who else merits Calvary's call
May we this year in thankfulness
Give Christ our very all

And when the scales of time
Reveal our worldly dross
May we be found keeping Heaven's book
As a profit — not a loss.

—Unknown.

FEBRUARY 3, 1964
Mr. Snodgrass is Converted

Mr. Snodgrass sat in his big easy chair puffing on an expensive cigar.

"Missions, bah!" he repeated. "Why can't they leave those poor natives alone? Children of the woods and hills, they live a carefree life. We were here before you, before we went there with our so-called civilization. They could have better means of birth control or of wiping out some sort of a poultice on his injured ankle, so that he felt very much better.

"Tomorrow is the Sabbath," announced the doctor, "so we are preparing for it by an extra clean-up today, and if you are feeling like it we should like to have you join us at church."

The Sabbath dawned bright and fair. The bell, a gift from Holland, rang out its summons. Native people, boys and girls, as well as a sprinkling of whites, moved from the cottages and well-kept huts, and from the long dormitories with metal roofs, up the paths and across the railroad tracks to the brick church on the hill.

Enthusiastic singing, a simple Gospel message, earnest testimonies by many of the native people present, made a deep impression upon Mr. Snodgrass.

"Just wait till I get home. He promised himself that he would never again belittle the work of the missionaries, but support it as much as I possibly can."

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The head man of the mission, Mr. Nos-317, met him, heard his story, and conducted him to a small cottage which was as neat and as well-furnished as he had expected. He was completely satisfied. The doctor in that place, Mr. Kidrub, attended most kindly to him. This was a perfect place. He was impressed by the fact that he was living so much better than when he was in Nairobi in Kenya, in a luxury airliner via London and Rome, as he was by the up-to-date look of his dwelling place. The point designated on the map.

All things considered, it was a wild and dangerous ride for him, and he was glad when it was over and the chauffeur paid. The man had really done an excellent job and his dark face glowed as Mr. S. handed him an extra tip for his services.

No chance to sell any Eureka down-draft furnaces in this place," he thought, "but in time a swell- ing developed which turned into an open

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MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Christmas Letter
to Friends in America
(Prepared and shared by Mrs. Victor H. Burdick, Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland)

Dear Friends:

The year 1963 has brought many changes to us, and we suppose that these will be small compared to the year ahead. Complete independence within the Commonwealth has been promised by the 6th of July, 1964. August was the second anniversary of the election of the Malawi Congress Party to power in Nyasaland, with Dr. Banda now as the Prime Minister. During these two years unceasing effort has been expended politically to dismantle the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland. December 31st was the deadline for fiscal dissolution. However, many Federal functions have already been returned to the separate territories with corresponding cessation of Federal subsidies for these functions. Ministry of Health functions were taken over November 1, 1963.

The economic problems facing Nyasaland will demand the full attention of the new government in the immediate future. This is a land of an estimated three million people (conservative figure). In 1961 a survey revealed there were less than 2,000 Africans in employment making as much as $56 per month, while at the other end, nearly 8,000 were employed for less than $4.20 per day. The picture would have improved considerably, we feel, had the survey been for 1963.

But at any rate the people of Nyasaland are anxious for a better life. A huge task lies ahead for Dr. Banda and his Malawi Congress Party. It will be difficult for the land to become economically self-sufficient. However, the dedication to this purpose, determined, and have some idea of the vastness of the problem.

It is hard to see just where we, as a small mission, fit into this picture. Education is a top priority. After working for many years to be approved by the government for adding Standard 8, this will change. Last year our school rated second in the country in the percentage of passes on the government Standard 8 exam. Now with the ending of the school year this month, our Standard 8 will be no more. Under the new Junior Secondary school will consist of five Forms instead of the former four. We expect that the people will press us to begin a Secondary School, but when? So it seems that the answers will be revealed as time goes by, and that we must be patient, waiting upon our Lord for direction, trusting our lives and way into His care.

Medically the picture is just as blurred. Expansion of our medical facilities has been at a standstill, for various reasons. There are conflicting rumors as to whether the territorial government will be able to carry on the grants to medical missions given by the Federal government in the past. Nyasaland's medical service generally is suffering a great loss, contrary to the information given out over the past month. Nearly all (if not all) the doctors under Federal medical service have resigned. Again this is an exercise in patience and in trust, to realize that God has His plan, and to find our place in it.

Meanwhile, life goes on day by day, and consists of many little things, larger ones appearing from time to time.

January 1963 brought a big event, a visitor from the States. Dr. Theodore Tucker, African Secretary, Division of Foreign Missions, Council of Churches, came far out of his way to visit us in our isolated spot. Though not of our denomination, we greatly appreciated the Christian fellowship derived from his stay. Someone else must have thought it a good time to visit us, but this visit was made at night. Someone slipped in the pantry window of the Pearson's home. The police, under the direction of Dr. Tucker's watch from off the table beside his bed, and the safe keys from David Pearson's pants pocket near to where he was sleeping, opened the safe and relieved the mission of the trouble of spending nearly a thousand dollars. The police have put a lot of time and effort into solving it, but nothing has ever been discovered. We certainly thank the people in the States for making up this loss in full.

The first part of April we spent five days at Lake Malawi, with our two little ones, at the same resort where we spent our honeymoon in 1959. We had a wonderful time, and Vickie really enjoyed the beautiful lake. We made a small profit, although we have a river right in the back yard, so to speak, we don't allow Vickie to play in it because of the Bilharzia. So she often talks about Lake Malawi and wants to know when we can go again. Joanie however didn't get to enjoy her time there as well, for she came down with the measles, and was kept out of the water until our last day.

June 10 brought Vickie's third birthday. Since the main event of the year was soon to happen, we delayed celebration until that time. On June 12, Pastor Everett Harris, secretary of our Missionary Board in America arrived, to spend six weeks with us in Nyasaland. We celebrated his coming and Vickie's birthday that evening.

The middle of July brought our yearly conference, held here at the mission. We had a very good attendance, and on Sabbath Day the church was overflowing, with some 800 plus. Pastor Harris brought the morning message to us, and I'm sure we all felt that God had richly blessed us through His messenger that day.

Dr. Burdick keeps occupied from six in the morning until 8:30 at night (night training). He keeps of his missionary work, keeping of mission books, writing and translating of Sabbath School quarterly, ministerial training classes, evening acrobatics with the children, and other things which aren't regular, such as preaching at the mission, going to village churches, making town trips, going out (usually the wee hours of the night) to bring in some very sick person, or a mother in labor, who did not allow enough time for walking.

The author (Mrs. Beth Severe Burdick) has left her own praises unsung here, but obviously none of all this activity could run very smoothly without fuel and lubrication, balm for healing the bruises, security and encouragement.

Certainly the future is uncertain as far as we see by earthly wisdom, but we know that all is in His hands, and we pray that we will be surrendered unto Him, and content in the place He places us. Will you pray for us?

WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Lawrence W. Marston

Another Essay Contest

The Mary Maxon Christian Journalism Committee of the Women's Board is again planning an essay contest. Winners of the first two places will be awarded scholarships to a summer conference on Christian Journalism at Green Lake, Wisconsin, or a similar conference.

Requirements for Scholarship Application:

a. Submit a five-hundred-word essay in triplicate, on a religious topic to the chairman of the Board Committee, Minnie Godfrey, Walworth, Wis.

b. Enclose a separate slip with your name, address, age, title of essay, and reason for applying for such a scholarship. Since all essays will be judged anonymously, do not put your name on the essays.

c. Submit two character references.

List any writing experience such as school paper, yearbook, newspaper, magazines, or other writing.

Deadline for receiving applications for scholarship is March 15, 1964. For further information write Minnie Godfrey, Walworth, Wisconsin.

New Hitching Post

There is an old story of a man who had been the victim of strong drink but who had reformed and apparently was the conqueror of his evil habit. However, when he drove into town, he continued to hitch his horse at the post in front of the town saloon. Eventually he fell into his old ways again. Had he had a healthy fear of temptation he would have changed his hitching post.

Charles L. Allen in The Lord's Prayer (Fleming H. Revell Co.)
Young Deacon
Gives Ordination Statement
By Calvin Babcock, Little Rock, Ark.

My mother, late father, and stepfather were and are Seventh Day Baptists so I have lived in a Christian home the first years of my life. When I was eleven years old, during a revival meeting in Nile, N. Y., I felt the call of God for my life. That night I asked Christ to be my Savior. After some months I joined Little Rock Sabbath afternoons with the late Rev. Ralph Coon, I was baptized and joined the church. After our family moved to Illinois, we all joined the church at Milton, Wis. While serving in the Air Force I was married. About two years ago my wife and I joined this church in Little Rock.

During the past twenty-seven years I have made a lot of mistakes, tried to do my own will and have sinned against God, but God has called me back and has forgiven me for my sins. I thank Him for giving me strength to do right and be true to Him while I was in the Air Force. He has and will take care of me no matter what the load is if I will only continue to trust and obey Him. Now the Little Rock church has called me to be one of the deacons of this church. I feel quite inadequate for this position, but if this is a call of God and the church, who am I not to answer the call?

My Beliefs

I believe that God is a Supreme Being over all things, that Jesus Christ is the maker of all things and the sustainer of all things. He is our Father in heaven. He is a loving Father of those who will follow Him.

I believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God. God sent Jesus Christ into this world in the flesh to be a teacher, a living example of God's will for man, and to die on the cross so that man might be saved and have eternal life. I believe Christ was raised from the dead. I believe that Jesus Christ ascended to heaven to be with the Father until the time when He shall return to the world.

I believe the Holy Spirit is sent of God to be in the hearts and minds of men, that the Holy Spirit is a comforter, inspirer of Scripture, and acts through the conscience of man for knowledge of sin and instruction in righteousness, and gives us strength to do whatever task God has given us.

I have said something about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I also believe in the Trinity or the oneness of these three.

I believe there are two sacraments, baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Baptism is an outward sign of an inward feeling and happening. It is a sign to other men that we have died to our old way of living and have been born again in Christ and want to live a Christ-like life. I believe in baptism by immersion.

The Lord's Supper was instituted by Jesus Christ on the night before He was crucified on the cross. He said the bread was in remembrance of His body which is given for us. He said the cup "is the new testament in my blood which is shed for you."

The Lord's Supper is to remind us of Christ's death and that He is our Savior. It is to keep us on our mission and repledging our lives to Christ.

I believe the Sabbath was instituted of God at the time of creation. The Bible says so. I believe the Sabbath is the seventh day of the week (Sat.) and begins at sundown Friday and ends at sundown Sabbath. Nowhere in the Bible does it say the day of worship has ever been changed.

I believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God. The Bible is meant as a guide for man while on this earth. While Jesus was on this earth He was the supreme interpreter. Now the Holy Spirit and helps us to understand the Bible. The Bible is the final written authority in faith and conduct. I do not believe God will call anyone to do anything contrary to what is written in the Bible.

Sin is the transgression of the law and God's will. Salvation is to be saved from condemnation to hell. The way of salvation is to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and that He died on the cross for our sins. We must confess our sin, ask God for forgiveness of our sins and be born again in Christ.

I believe Christ is the head of the Church and the Church is the body of Christ and is made up of all Christians. The local church is only a small segment of this great Church. The local church is for Christian fellowship and service.

Evangelism (the telling others of God) is every Christian's duty and privilege. Evangelism can be done by preaching, teaching, living, and just plain talking to others about how He has saved us and can save them also.

I would ask the prayers of all of you if I am ordained as deacon that the Lord might use me more in the work of His Kingdom.

Cause For Defeat

By Walter E. Isenhour

The things that spell a man's defeat are not so much what he may meet, as the words that burn and sting. That jealous men and critics fling; Or stumbling-stones that foes may lay To cast him down along life's way; Or selfish plans He never fully understands. Defeat more often dwells within When men decide to live in sin, When they possess a jealous soul, Or fail to self-control; Or yield to unbelief and doubt, Thus shutting heaven's blessings out. When they are out of God's good will, And set no goal but pleasure still.

Church Lowers Racial Barrier

The largest Baptist church in the Southeast, First Baptist of Atlanta in a heartsearching vote decided by an overwhelm­

The Second Session of the 88th Cong­
ress is working against time. It is under pressure to complete its work before the presidential nominations begin in July, only six months away.

Civil rights legislation faces a certain filibuster in the Senate, and the only hope of breaking this deadlock is to have plenty of time available, time for the opposition to run itself down. One way of doing this is to break a filibuster by limiting the amount of time available to devote to the debate. When you get your back up against the deadline you can give in. You can lose your trains of thought or cut an out of a bill and then "talk" about having broken a filibuster.

In order to get a real civil rights bill through the Senate you must have plenty of time. And time lost at the beginning of the session will be irreparable as Congress starts to pass legislation.

Therefore, the task facing proponents of strong civil rights legislation this year is to get the bill moving — now. The voice of sentiments like this will do more for civil rights than the last hundred sessions combined.
The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education met in quarterly session in the First Alfred Parish House on Sunday afternoon, January 19, with the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, president, in the chair.

The reports of committee chairmen show that much dedicated service by many persons has been secured. The Youth Work Committee's recommendation that ten per cent of SDBYF dues that come to the board be sent to the National SDBYF officers for their incidental expenses was voted. The resignation of Miss Linda Bingham as a dedicated and of the severe sacrifice that she has made during the past two years. She has given unstintingly of her time, money, and auto. This the board appreciates very much, and our good wishes for her success in new endeavor, along with our prayers, are offered. Action was taken to start a program for securing a successor who will work under much the same plan as did Miss Bingham, as a denominational survey showed that the time was not here to hire a full-time field worker with salary. Progress has been made in the setting up of the Pre-Con Retreat with the announcement that a site has been secured by Mr. Carroll Bond for our Young Adult Retreat near Spencer, W. Va., and that the Rev. Ernest K. Bee will plan and direct the program. A site has been selected tentatively for the Youth Pre-Con, but the director has not been secured at this time.

The Publicity Committee reported progress in the plans for the new Junior Quarterly. Gratitude was expressed for the work of the editor of the Helping Hand, the Rev. Don M. Sanford. The Sabbath Visitor For Boys And Girls, under the editorship of Secretary Zwiebel, is published monthly. Miss Onnalee Sanders handles the mailing of the Junior Quarterly.

The Higher Education Committee reported that the Women's Board plans to terminate its scholarship program related to Christian Education and Bible classes in Salem College at the end of the present academic year, thus relieving the Higher Education Committee of concern with that service.

The Dedicated Service Committee reported that six volunteers for summer work in Vacation Church Schools and camps had sent in their names. One camp has asked for help.

The executive secretary reported his activity related to the Planning Committee, board committees, and national organizations. These have been reported in the Sabbath Recorder the past week. He contemptuously attending the annual meeting in Cincinnati of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ. Included in that meeting will be sessions with the Commission on General Christian Education, the Section on Administration and Leadership, and the National Denominational Secretaries of Christian Education.

He conducts services with the Buffalo Seventh Day Baptist Church on the first, third, and fourth Sabbaths of the month. His correspondence has been increasing from the office.

It was voted that the proceeds of the A.S. Maxson Trust Fund be used for the publication of the new Junior Quarterly.

President Skaggs appointed the following committee to prepare a program for our part in the General Conference next August: Dr. H. O. Burdick, Dr. Hurley S. Warren, the Rev. David S. Clarke, and Secretary Zwiebel.

Junior High Conference

By Theona Rasmussen

Jeffrey Bakker, Brenda Davis, Elizabeth Nida, Sylvia Nida, Carol Rasmussen, and Alfred Rogers, who are members of the Junior High of the Salem church and their teacher, Mrs. S. W. Rasmussen, are making plans for the Junior High section of General Conference next summer, which Mrs. Rasmussen will direct.

The whole group acts as a planning unit, then breaks down into committees in charge of the various activities, which are as follows: Sylvia and Brenda, worship services; Elizabeth and Carol, music; Jeff and Alfred, the retreat; Alfred, Elizabeth and Brenda, recreation; Carol, Jeff and Sylvia, for guest speakers.

As a new activity for the Junior High Conference, we want to have a retreat for as many of the group as can come, on the weekend preceding General Conference. Plans for a site and a staff for this retreat are under way. Pre-registration will be necessary.

It is hoped that the visiting delegates from foreign countries will consent to be guest speakers to our group, and that many will be engaged in writing to ask them to plan to do this if possible.

FROM OUR OFFICE — A mailing that includes a study on the "Child and Theology" and a discussion program for SDBYF groups has been mailed to all of our churches.

Milton Youth Render Service

On Sunday, January 12, the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship gave a program at Chalet Gardens in Madison. Traveling with the group were Mr. and Mrs. Erlo Nelson, Professor and Mrs. Herbert Crouch, and Pastor Randolph.

Percy Dunn (former president of Milton Youth, and a resident there) introduced his friends from Milton to his neighbors at Chalet Gardens, and the program began.

The service included two hymns and two anthems, a choral reading, and a talk by Jim Skaggs. The anthems were led by Mr. Crouch.

Afterwards the members of the group talked with the residents of Chalet Gardens and were offered refreshments.

— Norman Burdick, youth reporter.

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As I Saw It
By Paul S. James
First Vice-President
Southern Baptist Convention

The first ten days of 1964 I was in the Soviet Union as a guest of the Baptist Union of the U.S.S.R.

Our team of four consisted of Harold E. Stassen of Philadelphia, president of the American Baptist Convention; Robert S. Denny of Washington, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance; Alfonso Olmedo of San Luis, Argentina, a vice-president of the Alliance and a pastor; and myself.

We arrived in Moscow on New Year's Eve in time for the three-hour service in the Baptist church which was packed to capacity; 2,000 were present.

That night the church was packed again for the service from 6-8:30 p.m. When I spoke of Christ who has broken down "the middle wall of partition between us," the interpreter had some difficulty finding a suitable Russian phrase! They sang, very slowly, "I Stand All for Thee Every Hand.

When Alexander Karev, general secretary of the Union Council, quoted Christ's words, "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world," there were weeping. The choir of eighty voices sang, "He holds the future in His hand."

We had lunch in the home of Jacob Zhidkov and his son, Michael, who was our interpreter on much of the tour. When asked to give us words of wisdom out of his long years of experience, Brother Zhidkov said one of the most significant things we heard while in Russia.

He quoted the words, "Behold I have set before thee an open door and no man can shut it; for I have made the way of you, and the door is wide open. Sometimes it is only half open. When it is half open, one may have to turn a few waysides to get through, but he is thankful it isn't closed."

On the first Sunday of the year we participated in the observance of the Lord's Supper in the personal Church near the Gulf of Finland. We were far to the north that it was dawn about nine in the morning and getting dark by the middle of the afternoon. Here again the crowd was packed so close together the deacons had to move their way through to pass the elements.

Baptist work began in Russia in 1867. The total registration of Baptists today is 548,000 in 5,600 churches. There will be a great number unregistered. Seventy-five percent of all Baptist churches are in the Ukraine. In Moscow there is one Baptist church, one Protestant church, 15 Russian Catholic and fifty Russian Orthodox churches.

In each city we visited there was only one Baptist church — of course it was packed. People come three hours before a service to get a seat; hundreds stand for two or three hours at every service. They pray with fervor, sing with enthusiasm, stand and say "thank you" in response to a greeting, often voice an appeal in unison and wipe tears from their eyes.

One gets the strong impression that these Christians have what Christians in America only talk about and have so little compared with our so much.

The chairman of the ministry of cults said at the banquet in our honor on our last night in the U.S.S.R.: "When I think about the United States I will think about those I have met."

He said also, on his way out, that he would talk with Chairman Khrushchev about points raised when our team met with him in his office that noon: the need of our Baptist brethren for more space for publishing Bibles and hymnals. The few Bibles and hymnals in circulation are copied. Bibles are practically nonexistent. The pulpit is the one source of religious instruction.

I saw these Christians move into 1964 singing, "He sees our tears and knows our heavy burdens." I saw them pass their prayer requests to the front to be held in the hand of a pastor as he pled with God to help. I saw a sea of handkerchiefs in each of the four churches we visited as "they waved good-bye and sang "God be with you till we meet again."

This I shall never forget.

—Condensed from Baptist Press

THE SABBATH RECORDER

LET'S THINK IT OVER
Dr. Trueblood Calls for More "Puritanism"

The Christian college is free to adopt "an unapologetic puritanism," Dr. Elton Trueblood, president of the National Lutheran Council, said after a year of visiting Colleges and universities in the United States, Europe, and the Middle East.

Dr. Trueblood made a plea for "introducing young people to the habitual vision of greatness."

Lutherans Want No State Help
A summary of the thinking of Lutheran church leaders on the question of whether or not the U.S. government should give financial aid to church-operated schools has been given to Congress by Dr. Robert E. Van Dusen, of Washington, D.C., on behalf of the National Lutheran Council.

"We recognize the right of any religious group to conduct its own schools in order to integrate religious teaching with general instruction, provided it meets the standards of teaching competence and curriculum content set by the community. We are convinced that when a religious group accepts the option of conducting its own schools, it should provide the necessary financial support, thus insuring its own continuing autonomy and freedom. We believe that the program of any religious group in our pluralistic culture is wrong, since it forces individual citizens to contribute to the financial support of a faith with whose tenets they do not agree."

It should be noted that Lutherans have more parallels in any other major Protestant denomination.

— W. W. Reid

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Urban Church Problems

The National Council of Churches is launching a unique educational project designed to aid Protestant, Jewish rabbis, and Roman Catholic parish priests serving urban congregations to cope with problems arising from changes patterns of urban life. The project will be directed by the Rev. Dr. David S. Schaller, (Luth. Mo., Synod), St. Louis, Mo., nationally known sociologist.

The center will be headquartered in the Urban Church Department of the Council's Division of Home Missions, headed by the Rev. John H. Wagner.

The plan calls for the holding of five seminars in each of the next four semesters, beginning with the fall 1964 semester. Enrollment will be limited to a maximum of fifteen students per seminar.

Emphasizing that the training of clergymen in urban affairs will be solely educative in nature, Mr. Wagner said "they will not be designed to promote specific action projects."

The courses will range across the political, social and economic spheres of metropolitan community life and provide the knowledge clergymen need to meet community responsibilities.

On the basis of pilot seminars already held, Mr. Wagner said subtopics could be subjects as: urbanization - its causes and effects; problems of race and housing; urban mental health; community organization in response to changing city and suburban living; family planning; psychological and spiritual needs of men in the inner city and suburbia; and the role of the clergyman in urban affairs.

Congo Needs S.S.S.
One missionary faithfully working amongst the Angola refugees reported for 1962 that they had three necessities, each bearing on the program of Scripture! Salt has always been and always will be a great necessity in this tropical land. Soap is needed to keep bodies clean. The Scriptures, however, are necessary for the welfare of the soul. The American Bible Society distributed in the Congo 151,824 portions of the American Bible Society Report in 1962 as compared with 11,184 in 1960.

— American Bible Society Report.
YOUTH NEWS

Christian Youth at World's Fair

It will be possible for Christian youth to receive and impart spiritual blessing at the New York World's Fair. Although the general atmosphere of the fair will not be Christian there will be more opportunities to give a Christian witness than at any previous fair. There will be six religious pavilions instead of the one at the 1939 fair. In addition there will be special days for religious organizations, including Christian Endeavor. The special Christian Endeavor Day (unfortunately for Sabbathkeepers) is set for Saturday, July 18.

There is, however, a service that Seventh Day Baptist youth can take advantage of.

As a service to Endeavors, the committee is offering tickets to the Fair at the special price of $1.65 for adults, 85 cents for children two through twelve years. These are good any day throughout the Fair's two-year run, April 22-October 18, 1964, and April 21-October 17, 1965. Tickets may be purchased from Mr. Billard, 105 Vincent Avenue, Lynbrook, New York.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON, Wis.—Sunday, January 12, the Milton church had the annual business meeting and election of officers for the coming year. Good reports of the activities of the various organizations were heard, showing that the people are actively carrying on the work of the church. The outgoing president, William Heing, Jr., had the pleasure of turning the gavel over to the first woman president of the Milton church. The following people were elected by ballot:

Pastor, Rev. Elmo F. Randolph; president, Mrs. Arthur Drake; treasurer, Elston Shaw; secretary, Mrs. Laurence Burdick; trustees, Erlo Nelson, William D. Burdick, Kenneth Ochs; chorister, Herbert Crouch; organist, Miss Elizabeth Daland; Sabbath School Superintendent, Mrs. J. Paul Green.

On the night after the Sabbath, January 18, the Eutharsos Sabbath School class gathered at the new home of Charles and Gertrude Williams for the monthly class supper. Fifty people enjoyed the fun and fellowship of the evening.

Following the supper served in the spacious basement recreation room and adjoining library, a short business meeting was conducted by the new president, Mrs. Edward Roe. Mrs. Elmo Randolph had charge of a house-warming program. The Williams family was presented with a beautiful picture of Christ to place in their new home.

Dr. F. M. Branch was host to several games of Password. This was the first evening of games in several years, and was enjoyed by all.

There is a great danger of a man mistaking his carnal mind for the Holy Spirit. We cannot rewire our thought channels to the Holy Spirit.

Conference Treasurer's New Address

Mrs. Everett T. Harris, Jr., Salem, West Virginia 26426

(Use this zip code number.)

Accessions

By Testimony:

William Brooks

By Letter:

Ione Brooks

Bertha Neil Brooks

Patricia Brooks

Obituary

Kenyon.—Annie Barber, daughter of George F. and Mary F. (Lewis) Barber, was born April 16, 1875, in Exeter, R. I., and died in the Westerly Hospital January 10, 1964. She was married April 16, 1895, to Emory C. Kenyon who died in 1924. She joined the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church November 12, 1904, having been baptized by the Rev. Alexander McLearn and was an active member all her life. She taught a Sabbath School class for many years and was a charter member of the Loyal Workers Society. She was a life member of the Rhode Island State W.C.T.U.

Surviving are two sons, Clayton C. and Leslie B. of Rockville; a sister, Mrs. Orlando R. Smith of Westerly; two nieces and two nephews. A son, Wilfred L., died in 1925.

A graveside service was conducted by her pastor, Neal D. Mills, and interment was in the Rockville Cemetery. — N.D.M.

Honor to Whom Honor Is Due

From log cabin to White House is more than a success story. It is the story of all the noble qualities that came to fruition in the life of Lincoln.