Helen Greene; treasurer, Mrs. Marvin Lindahl.

Baptismal services were held Sabbath day, June 13, in a beautiful spot on the Zumbro River for three young people.

Pastor and Mrs. Richards and children attended the Association meeting, held in Stonefort, Ill., June 19-21. Stephen Saunders gave the message at the morning service, Sabbath day, June 13.

--- Correspondent

A New Book

Tell Me How by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Harper and Row, $3.00, was instigated by a member of Dr. Adams' congregation who said to him, "You preachers are forever telling us what to do but you seldom tell us how to do the things you preach about. Please, tell me how!"

In a warm, inspiring style Dr. Adams writes with conviction on problems that men and women face in trying to achieve a life of creative Christian commitment, spiritual growth and maturity. The book is filled with good stories and anecdotes which not only assist the reader in following Dr. Adams' thought but will be of great benefit to ministers and devotionals speakers.


Obituaries

Ferguson—Lena R., daughter of Christian and Jensina Larson Jensen was born in Denmark, July 6, 1877, and died, following a long period of declining health April 5, 1964.

She came to America with her family when she was fifteen years old and settled in South Dakota.

Baptized into the Baptist Church in 1893, Mrs. Ferguson later became a convert to the Sabbath to which she remained faithful throughout her life.

On March 18, 1901, she was married to John L. Ferguson in South Dakota. Her husband and son, Glen, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Ferguson came to Milton, Wis., in 1913 with her son and daughter where she joined the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and remained a devoted member throughout her years.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Rubie Brietkreutz, Janesville, Wis.; two sisters, Mrs. Andrew Olson, Hurley, S. Dak., and Mrs. Hilda Olson, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and one brother, James Jensen, Superior, Wis.

The funeral service was conducted in the Milton church by her pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, internment was in the Milton cemetery. — E.F.R.

Smith—Ridgeway, was born March 12, 1887, near Bristol, Pa., and died May 16, 1964, at Bridgeton, N. J.

His parents died when he was a small boy, and he spent the rest of his boyhood in an orphanage and working on farms. He served in the United States Army during World War I. Since about 1929, "Ridgey" has resided in the vicinity of Marlboro, working for farmers and factories. In 1962, he was baptized and became a member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The funeral service was held at the Garrison Funeral Home, Bridgeton, N. J., conducted by his pastor, the Rev. J. Paul Green. Burial was at the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church. — J.P.G.

Tomlinson—Leslie B., son of Francis and Rachel Barrett Tomlinson, was born Jan. 21, 1881, at Marlboro, Cumberland County, N. J., and died April 27, 1964, in the house where he was born and lived all his life.

He married Julia Davis on March 1, 1904. He joined the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church as a boy, and has been a faithful member of the Marlboro church since his marriage. He was also a dedicated public servant, having served over 40 years as clerk of Stow Creek Township.

He is survived by his wife; three children: Letha Miller, Salem, N. J.; Emma DuBois, Marlboro; and Roy, Richmond, Wash.; ten grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. J. Paul Green, at the Garrison Funeral Home in Bridgeton, N. J., with burial at the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery. — J.P.G.

The Mountain of the Law

From high in the air and at great distance on the ground the Ten Commandments can be seen near Murphy, N. C. Placed there by a Church of God organization the law of God is written with white stones in letters taller than a man. It is hoped that this display has inspired obedience as well as curiosity.
Leisure Time

"It is difficult to talk about eternal life when people don’t know what to do with their weekends," said the Rev. Warren Ost who has directed the ministry in the national parks since this NCC program was begun twelve years ago. In supervising the work of 195 volunteers and serving as a tour guide in the parks, Mr. Ost has emphasized to workers and vacationers in their spare time Mr. Ost will use nearly every means of transportation including the 45,000 miles this year and conduct Communion services at each stop. (The students cannot do this.)

The significance of the above statement about eternal life and weekends grows on you as you think about it. Should we recommend that preachers stop talking about eternal life until everybody has solved the problem of poorly spent, godless weekends? This cannot be the answer. It could be pointed out that the average sermon has less emphasis on eternal life than it did in former generations. Perhaps more emphasis on eternal life — how to miss it, and how to gain it — would have a salutary effect on weekends and the rest of leisure time which plagues us with its problems.

We do well to remember that the majority of the people of this prosperous nation are church members. Possibly an even greater percentage of those frequenting state and national parks are professing Christians. It may be that they have not heard enough about eternal life for a former generation. Perhaps we need to talk about eternal life — how to miss it, and how to gain it — more often.

Jesus, in His preaching to religious people, talked much about eternal life. Those who heard Him had few problems with leisure time; they followed Christ in time-consuming acts of service. Jesus taught meaningful Sabbath observance. Our generation has heard little along this line.

The fact that Sunday observance cannot be transported across the country may have given pastors of Sunday churches little on which to base an appeal for keeping the day and avoiding a godless weekend. Thus we have drifted into a situation like that which prevailed in the time when "everyone did right that which was right in his own eyes." Is this modern emphasis on doing whatever we please rather than what pleases God responsible to considerable extent to the inability of the church to say with conviction on the matter of Sunday observance. "Thus saith the Lord?" Many things have changed and with the Bible to the letter is not the real use time that prepares us for eternity but a right evaluation of eternity that transports us to a right use of time — weekends included.

Attention to Packaging

There has been much in the news lately about so-called unethical packaging of merchandise. Legislation has been called for to force manufacturers to be more ethical in various aspects of packaging. The importance of the issue is apparent to all. "Ethics in Marketing" was the theme of a joint meeting of the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) Clergy-Industry Relations Committee and Clerical Advisory Council held at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington May 13 and 14.

The manufacturers and the top advertising concerns such as the J. Walter Thompson Company discussed the topics freely. Albert N. Halverstadt, vice-president of Advertising, Procter and Gamble Company, had something significant to say on the second day of the conference about packaging.

Mr. Halverstadt explored the problem of packaging, stating, "Most manufacturing companies are motivated by pressure of conscience and feel a commitment to honesty simply because it is morally right. Decisions in a company are not made by toms who make decisions. The cloths we wear speak of what we are. Like the package on the shelf there are many things about us which attract attention. Some of the people who operate in an ethical vacuum. The people who make decisions are guided not only by their individual sense of ethics. They are guided by the corporation's own code of ethical behavior. The package is a silent salesman. It must tell the customer what we are. Look at the merchandise. It must also tell the amount of product enclosed, the retail price, and miscellaneous legal information. But over the package is a representative of the manufacturer. If the product does not meet customer expectations and the package age is not the one the customer will not purchase the product again.

It is to be hoped that any lost confidence in packaging practices may be restored. If useful products try to live up to the good words reproduced here. It is, of course, too much to expect the advertisers of health-damaging products such as cigarettes and alcoholic beverages to be really honest in their packaging, since they dare not tell the truth about their products.

We may be pardoned for a little personal philosophizing on giving attention to packaging — thoughts stirred up by the above quotation from Mr. Halverstadt. He tells us that the package is a silent salesman and that it represents the manufacturer. It tells us not only about what is inside but also about what is missing inside the manufacturer. Theologically, people are packaged in wrappings or containers and their inner worth is judged by the externals which they present to view. The connotations of the body and the basic features of the face are family characteristics over which we have little control. But there is much about the package that is within control. How about our facial expression? What do our eyes, the windows of the soul. The clothes we wear speak of what we are. Like the package on the shelf there are many things about us which attract attention. What kind of attention? What kind of impression do we seek to make? What attitude do we strike when we strike an attitude? To jot these things down is to judge myself — a thing that I ought to do more of.

Someone has said recently, "If you are read ed, look redeemed." Both the world and our Christian brethren are looking at us wondering if what is within the package is worth while. We do well to use the right materials. If we廉ners would say, to culture the soul and then give constant attention to packaging.
Passage of Civil Rights Bill

Time may tell whether or not there are provisions in the civil rights bill finally passed by the Senate which will turn out to be an embarrassment to those who advocated or who have to live under it. Some there are who predict dire consequences, but they seem to be in the minority, especially among religious leaders. It is a formal commentary on our legislative integrity when a filibuster is allowed to continue to such unprecedented length to be ended by such a large majority and the bill passed without much change. Must the Senators opposed to constitutional civil rights for all now admit that they were wrong? The fact that they were in the minority does not necessarily imply this, but Protestants, Catholics, and Jews in general believe that right was on the side of the majority vote this time.

On June 22 a large meeting was held on the lawn of 110 Maryland Avenue opposite the Capitol by representatives of the National Council of Churches, the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, and the interfaith Theological Students Vigil for Civil Rights. This meeting marked the end of nearly two months of continuous activity in behalf of strong civil rights legislation by these groups working with the press. What effect their dramatic, continuous meetings and vigil may have had on the final roll call in the Senate is measured.

In an "address of appreciation to Congressional leaders," the Rev. John Cronin, S.S., assistant director of the National Catholic Welfare Conference's Social Action Department, said the civil rights bill passed last Friday by the Senate embodies this truth: "The path of justice is not necessarily the path of speed."

MAY TEXT

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. Matt. 7: 24.

The priest said the bill "will do much to redeem our national honor, too often soiled in the past by actions which belied our democratic ideals and our religious convictions."

"Those of other faiths expressed somewhat similar views. Dr. Robert W. Spike, executive director of the NCC Commission on Religion and Race, suggested that church and synagogue involvement in the struggle for racial justice has helped to clarify relationships between religion and nation."

"In our pledges of allegiance are most reluctant to see religious groups identifying moral issues and fighting for human justice in the name of God," Dr. Spike said.

The effect of this new federal legislation may well be greater unity in our nation. Unequal discrimination in previously sanctioned in some localities must yield to the law of the land. Equal justice must be sought everywhere if it is to exist anywhere.

Fair to Other Faiths

The Israeli government has announced it will help build a Maronite church in a Galilee village for a group of Maronites evacuated from another village for security reasons during the Palestine War in 1948. The Maronites are an Eastern church which was reunited with Rome in the Middle Ages.

This gesture does not mean that religious other than Judaism have no problems.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

President's Corner

Dear Friends of the Faith:

In my last letter to you I told you of some of the spiritual aspects of the General Conference program as the theme, "Christ Is the Answer," is developed.

A second aspect of the General Conference program is that of information. Every Seventh Day Baptist always returns home from Conference with a better understanding of the work of our denomination. This year will be no exception to the rule.

During the Conference programs of inspiration will be presented by all the major boards and agencies. Also we shall have an opportunity to learn of the work being done by the Council on Ministerial Education under the leadership of the Rev. Earl Cruzan, chairman, and the Rev. Victor Skaggs, dean. The two-year-old Committee on Christian Social Action will help us understand some of the social responsibility that Seventh Day Baptists share with other denominations. After one year of thought and discussion the Committee to Conduct Ecumenical Conversations will share with delegates to the Conference program made thus far by the committees and aspirations for the future.

Please plan to be in Salem for the opening session of Conference Sunday, August 17, at 9:30 a.m., and stay through the conclusion at the close of the Sabbath, August 22. Conference will help you to be Christians and better Seventh Day Baptists as together we seek to understand more fully that in all our life circumstances CHRIST IS THE ANSWER.

Sincerely yours and His
C. Rex Burdick

Along with Jesus

By Annie Sprague

Along with Jesus; leave me here;
Without a wish, without a fear.
My pulse is weak, and faint my breath,
But is He not the Lord of death?

'Tis all the same, when He is nigh.
My life was never half so strong;
And yours - O I have proved it long.

But when had earthly friend the power
To comfort in the dying hour?

Alone with Jesus: how secure!
Vile in myself, in Him how pure!
The tempests howl, the waters beat;
They harm me not in my retreat.

Night deepens with its gloom and chill;
It draws me nearer to Him still.
My life was never half so strong;
And yours - O I have proved it long.

Along with Jesus: what alarms
The infant in its mother's arm?
Before me death and judgment rise;
I lean my head, and close mine eyes;

There in the shadow of the skies
I know that He will bear me through.

Along with Jesus; earth grows dim.
I even see my friends through Him.
Time, space, all things below, above,
Reveal to me one life, one love -

That One in whom all graces shine,
A beacon me, a friend, a guide.

Note: The author wrote this in 1876 after recovering from a severe illness. It was submitted by her nephew, Charles Luther Cruzan, (92) of Alberta, Canada, who wishes he had (and has) his aunt's faith in Jesus.

Freedom from Hunger

The Australian Council of Churches announced it will give $387,000 to the National Freedom from Hunger Campaign Committee to help meet the cost of a Ceylon fertilizer scheme. The Ceylon project, the total cost of which is $837,000, has so far received $380,000 as a result of the 1963 Freedom from Hunger Campaign. It is designed to help Ceylon's major problem of food deficit, mainly in rice, which amounts to more than 500,000 tons annually. - W. W. Reid.
Never more needed than in these troubled times is... 

The Ministry of the Holy Spirit Through the Believer
By Rev. Lester G. Osborn

Salvation, sanctification, then service. The Holy Spirit works for our salvation; He works in us for our sanctification; and He works through us for our service. Salvation is past tense; sanctification and service are both present tense. Both of the latter depend on the filling with the Spirit.

Jesus told the disciples that "they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days hence" (Acts 1: 4, 5). His instructions were, "Tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high" (Luke 24: 49). "Tarry" is literally "sit down, wait." This is the sense in which it is used all through the Bible. Some fourteen times in the New Testament it has the meaning of remaining or waiting.

Jesus also said, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you" (Acts 1: 8). We like the alternate reading, "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit." One day later, on the Day of Pentecost, His promise to them was fulfilled. As they were sitting quietly in the upper room, waiting as instructed, suddenly there came a sound like a rushing wind, and tongues that resembled fire appeared and rested on each of them (Acts 2: 1-4). The indwelling Spirit was potential power. Peter's power lay in the fact that he was "filled with the Holy Spirit," that he was entirely under the Spirit's control. The Holy Spirit possessed and used Peter as Peter yielded to the Spirit. The same power is available to us for the Holy Spirit indwells us also. We too can be "filled.

What is the purpose of the power that comes through the filling with the Holy Spirit? Our sanctification, of course, as we yield to Him and let Him produce in us "the fruit of the Spirit." The purpose of the power is not just for satisfaction, for the inspiration of the experience itself, but for the spiritual glow it produces. It is power for witnessing to Christ. "Ye shall receive power... ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1: 8). It is not to bring social uplift, to right wrongs, nor to make the world a better place in which to live. These are good things, to be sure, but they are sched­uled time the Holy Spirit came into the earth to abide and formed the church by baptizing them into the body of Christ, and indwelling the church and each individual member.

Peter preached one sermon that day, and three thousand souls responded to his call, and received the gift of the Holy Spirit. They were born into the family of God and baptized into the body of Christ (Acts 2: 41). What was Peter's power? Was it his personality? He seems to have been a rough, crude, unattractive person. It certainly was not his education, for he was a simple, unlettered fisherman. The record says, "They were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2: 4). The indwelling Spirit was potential power. Peter's power lay in the fact that he was "filled with the Holy Spirit," that he was entirely under the Spirit's control. The Holy Spirit possessed and used Peter as Peter yielded to the Spirit. The same power is available to us for the Holy Spirit indwells us also. We too can be "filled.

The reason the apostles accomplished so much in New Testament days was that they were "witnesses" and did their witnessing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many times in the book of Acts we read of this one or that one being "filled with the Spirit" and doing great things for the cause of Christ.

We are not only to be the arena in which the Holy Spirit works for our sanctification and channel through which He reaches out to the world of men to convict them of sin and bring them to the Lord Jesus Christ. At the Feast of Tabernacles Jesus said, "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink. He that believeth in me, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." (John 7: 37-39). The indwelling Spirit is the "out-flowing" spirit — out­flowing to make Christ Jesus known to the world and to give people the knowledge of the Gospel. The Spirit out-flowing is our service. The Holy Spirit whom Christ gives unto us "is a well of water springing up" (John 4: 14). That is for our personal need. But we must not forget the need of others, and that it is the Spirit's out-flowing His working through us, that accomplishes this service. Oh yes, we believe in the Holy Spirit, but do we yield to His working? Is He just a "doctrine" to us, or the power not only of our way of life, but of our witness to Christ Jesus as we should? Do we experience His presence in us and submit to His control? Do we wonder sometimes why we accomplish so little? The basic reason is that we are not "filled." Our service is in proportion to our yieldedness to His sway.

Let me repeat: The Holy Spirit comes into the believer when he puts his faith in the Lord Jesus as Savior. He indwells the person in order to take up His abode. We are "filled with the Spirit" not by trying to be, nor by "working ourselves up to it," but He fills us by His Holy Spirit when we make room for Him and yield to His control. It is only when one is fully yielded that he has fullness and power. The greatest need today is to yield to the Holy Spirit so that He is not hindered in His work of conforming us to the image of Christ (Rom 8: 29) and magnifying Jesus and Him through us. The Lord needs men and women in whom and through whom the Spirit can work. Only thus can the unbeliever be reached.

At times we tend to blame everything and everybody else for the low spiritual tone of the church. We should examine ourselves to see our spiritual condition is. We need to pray with the psalmist, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts; and see if there is any wicked way in me" (Psalm 139: 23, 24), and then turn over to the Holy Spirit the cleansing of our lives and the empowering us for service. That is the secret of a victorious Christian life, and of an effective ministry for the Lord.

Probably the greatest lack in our individual lives, in our churches, and in our denomination is failure to understand the work of the Holy Spirit and failure to yield to His control. We depend too much on ourselves and our own plans, and all the time the Spirit wants to give us power, to be our power. That is the "something" which we are missing.

American church architects at their 25th annual conference at Dallas, Texas, April 7-9, agreed that significance in church design is not expressed by the spectacular, but by taste and restraint.
MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

**Tension Relieving in British Guiana**

Under date of June 9, Rev. Leland E. Davis has written from British Guiana political situation there is not so tense that they are keeping well and that the medical situation is improving. The heavy rains have set in and we went to the eye specialist last week with several cases of fungus and it is slowly clearing up since we have been taking vitamin and iron pills ever since we came to British Guiana. The people have kept our resistance up.

Davis says that most of the missionary effort is directed toward those in desperate spiritual need, here in our own country? Will we hold a "Commissioning Service" for such a volunteer? Will we send him into a situation fraught with unknown dangers as though we were sending him to the heathen of a former day? It is time and past time for us to prayerfully consider this matter.

The physician advises: "Cycling is one of the best ways to accomplish and maintain physical fitness. Young people need the fellowship of small groups or smaller churches as it is pressing upon them. They may go to great churches in the city, sitting in large congregations, knowing little about the one sitting next to them. When the service is concluded they may be ushered out as at a wedding and drive away in their cars without any more than a passing greeting from the usher. It is possible for Christ to walk in and out of some congregations without anyone ever faintly realizing the presence of heartache or spiritual needs that are crying for personal attention. This may be equally true of all our churches, whether they are located in large cities or smaller villages."

A plan is being considered to go to Wakenaam for the weekend of June 13-14, and Jacob Tyrrell will go to Parika.

**The Inner City Problem**

We read about the inner city problem pointed out by lawless gangs roaming city streets at night and hiding in parks, reading pornon on their unsuspecting victims. We read of the terrible indifference of the public to cries for help from some of these victims. The reason the people give usually is that they just don't want to get involved. What can Seventh Day Baptists, mostly a rural people, do about such problems? It is very difficult to analyze the problem in such a way as to make any practical suggestions. Yet many denominations have given some consideration and sent of some of their best young men into these trouble spots and some of them have already given their lives. It has been said that there is more physical danger in an inner city parishioner than on most foreign mission fields today.

Giving some consideration to the problem, we may note that a desperate sense of aloneness is a part of the trouble in the large cities. People live in secluded apartments. They work in great factories as an impersonal part of the machine. The rush and frenzy of the city catches them up and they are lost in the crowd.

They may go to great churches in the city, sitting in large congregations, knowing little about the one sitting next to them. When the service is concluded they may be ushered out as at a wedding and drive away in their cars without any more than a passing greeting from the usher. It is possible for Christ to walk in and out of some congregations without anyone ever faintly realizing the presence of heartache or spiritual needs that are crying for personal attention. This may be equally true of all our churches, whether they are located in large cities or smaller villages.

It seems almost trite to mention it but one answer still lies in person-to-person contacts. Small informal prayer and Bible study groups may provide such personal contacts. If they come to combine fun and physical fitness in bicycling, Dr. Paul Dudley White, noted heart specialist and physician advises cycling as an important aid to good health.

"We have one of the unhealthiest countries in the world because of our abuse of our prosperity," Dr. White proclaims. "We are overeating and pampering ourselves. The Life of Riley leads to a lot of early coronary heart disease, high blood pressure, and diabetes.

An antidote to some of these problems, says the heart expert, is "the habit of adequate exercise: just as important for good health as one's sleep, one's work, one's food."

Cycling is one of the best ways to accomplish and maintain physical fitness, the physician advises. "Cycling can undoubtedly add years to life, and health to those years."

So Dr. White, who has been an avid cyclist for most of his 77 years, and who is now chairman of American Bike Month, wants America on wheels. He says, "I would like to put everyone on bikes not once in a while, but regularly as a routine."

The stimulus of a 15-minute bike ride can send 25 to 30 quarts of blood through the arterries every 60 seconds. And this blood will be four times richer in oxygen than the blood that pumps sluggishly through the veins of an armchair lounger.

The biking boom can be a factor in trimming your waistline, too. Cycling, says Dr. White, will help to burn off extra calories; you can get rid of 600 of them in an hour of moderate pedaling.

There is also a sense of happiness and enrichment in cycling. In Dr. White's words, "It brings us back to earth and to the enjoyment of nature. If more of us exercised like this, we'd have a sharp reduction in the amount of tranquilizers and sleeping pills in use today."

The beneficial and stimulating exercise of cycling, and the relaxing fun of it, are found annually by many Americans. According to consumers, Americans would be livelier and happier too, if they discovered the wheel — the bicycle wheel.
The Hollow Men wrote, "History that makes no sense of history. Ten years, succession of changes? Ten blast? The last the world ends. This is the way the world ends. Is there any meaning to life? Is there a message to the world?" And here is what he said:

He shall come to judge the quick and the dead, to bring samples of churches. Any young adult 18-35 years, may secure a registration blank from the General Conference Board of Christian Education office, Box 84, Salem, N. Y., if you are not able to procure one from a church.

**Camp Display**

We plan a camper material display at General Conference this year. Any Sabbath School determined by the grace of God to be men and women of God.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rev. E. Zwiebel

Young Adult Pre-Con

The lecturer for the Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat will be the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, pastor of the Daytona Beach church. The topic for the lectures will be "A Servant People." Any Sabbath School and the Alfred University School of Theology. Mr. Davis has been serving successfully at Daytona Beach since September 1961. He has taught school for many years before entering the full-time ministry. Our re-treaters will find that his lectures will be challenging and thought-provoking. Pre-registration forms will be sent soon to our churches. Any young adult 18-35 years, may secure a registration blank from the Board of Christian Education office, Box 111, Alfred Station, N. Y., if you are not able to procure one from a church.

Accurate records will help your local church to evaluate its program by point counting the areas where you are strong or weak. Knowing this, remedies can be made to strengthen the weak spots, and new efforts can be made to further bolster the strong ones.

We have more blanks on hand. If those who are willing to make the reports do not receive the blanks from your pastor or church clerk, write our office, and we'll send you all you need. We ask your co-operation.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

for July 18, 1964

God Delivers His People

Lesson Scripture: Ex. 6: 2-7; 12: 29-33a. 11

Men and Boys Banquet

We are happy to announce that G. Zilstra, a Seventh Day Baptist leader from Holland, will be the speaker at the annual Men and Boys Banquet to be held on Wednesday night at General Conference. Mr. Zilstra plans to illustrate his address with slides.
General Conference at Salem
By Greta F. Randolph
Transportation Information

Salem, West Virginia, and General Conference is easily reached by car, train, bus, or plane. Salem is on US Route 50 and is about 12 miles west of Clarksburg.

Trains. The main line, east and west, of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad runs through Salem. Two trains from the east stop regularly at Salem — No. 23 at 8:06 a.m. and No. 11 at 5:00 p.m. One train from the west makes a regular stop in Salem — No. 12 at 3:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to use the National Limited trains which go through Salem — from the east at 2:45 a.m. and from the west at 12:51 a.m. — should make reservations one week in advance asking that the train of your choice stop in Salem, W. Va. Requests are usually granted.

Reservations should be made through Paul H. Reistrup, Director of Passenger Service Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Baltimore, Md.

Requests for use of these trains for return trips may be made through the local agent in Salem 24 hours in advance.

Buses. Salem is served by the Eastern Greyhound Lines. Buses from the west arrive in Salem at 3:55 a.m., 10:38 a.m., and 5:38 p.m. Those from the east arrive at 12:12 a.m., 5:32 a.m. and 5:37 p.m.

Planes. The airport near Clarksburg will be closed most of the summer while the facilities are being expanded and improved. Passengers will use the airport at Morgantown, W. Va. There is limited limousine service from Morgantown to Clarksburg, W. Va. There is some airplane taxi service from the Pittsburgh, Pa., airport to the airport near Clarksburg, W. Va. Anyone wishing to be met should write to Walter L. Bond, R. #1, Mt. Clare, W. Va.

Announcement for Pre-Con Campers
The Young Adult Camp starts one day before Pre-Con Camp. Those planning to attend the Pre-Con camp and coming to Salem with Young Adult campers will spend the night in Salem. Please make your reservations with Mrs. C. W. F. Hansen, 171 East Main Street, Salem, W. Va.

Conference Accommodations
The new Salem College cafeteria pictured here is now being enlarged to occupy the space of a neighboring house torn down since this picture was taken. Although this new construction is part of the college expansion program rather than a project for the better entertaining of General Conference, the delegates will receive the first benefits of these enlarged modern facilities.

Junior High Retreat
For the first time ever there will be a Junior High Retreat near Salem for those who have completed grades six, seven, or eight, preceding General Conference from Friday at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday at 1:00 p.m., August 14, 15, and 16.

Arrangements are being made by the Junior High Y.F. of the Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church under the sponsorship of Theona Rasmussen, who provides a cottage on the lake for a meeting place.

Write immediately to Alfred Rogers, president of the Junior High Y.F., Seventh Day Baptist Church, Church St., Salem, W. Va., 26426 if you think you can come, and make definite arrangements before August 3.

Retreat director is Eddie Sutton, and Conaic Coon is the recreation director.

Stop With Us
People traveling to and from General Conference are invited to use the facilities of Camp Riverview, at North Loup, Neb., for overnight or weekend camping. For further information, contact Duane L. Davis, pastor, or Ronald Goodrich, chairman, Camp Committee, at North Loup.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Russian War on Religion

Amid some signs of greater tolerance of the Christian religion in the Soviet Union, indications from official sources that there is a renewal of the war against religion.

Nagy told Baylor students in a lecture that the program will be started by placing Communist action groups in every Russian city, collective farm and industry to visit every living being in the Soviet Union and convince them there is no God.

"Schools will give courses in atheism from the kindergarten level to the university as a compulsory subject," Nagy said. He predicted that the campaign would be disastrous to Russian churches.

"There is no real resistance in Russia to Communist persuasion," Nagy said.

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Southern Presbyterians Willing to Admit Negroes to Worship

The new book, "Baptist Advance," is now available to the public. The book has 512 pages and can now be ordered from the American Tract Society at $3 per copy. This is a special price for our people, and meant to be in competition with what other agencies are charging. The book has much valuable information about Seventh Day Baptists contributed by our own writers, as well as about all other Baptist groups, and it has our denomination's name on the cover. The supply is limited. Order now.

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Family Worship

By Esther Loofboro

It is often said, "The family that prays together, stays together." Although family size is small (only one teen-age son), family worship is certainly a very vital part of our daily lives. This should not take the place of private devotions, but it should be the daily prayer and Bible study.

As a family we choose to begin and end the day worshiping together. Always we have Bible reading and prayer, but neither period is very long. In the morning we use a devotional guide (The Upper Room, Daily Blessing or The Secret Place) with a Bible reading to fit the topic.

We prefer to have Bible study rather than use many other helps. As our boys has been growing up these worship periods give time for questions and discussions of hard-to-understand Scriptures and how to apply the ideas to our lives. When our son was smaller, some of the time was used for memorizing favorite passages. On Sabbath morning we usually add a sermon by Norman Vincent Peale, or a family worship is certainly a very vital part of our daily lives.

Although each family must plan and carry out the type of family devotions that best fit the need, we feel that it is very important that the family worship together regularly — every day. As the boys grow we find our family devotions help us to be better acquainted with Scripture, each other, and Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

This Is the Church in the New Nations

(A brief mission study book)

Friendship Press, which is constantly readable book with its thirty-six pages, is filled with helpful information and thoughtful evaluation of the present situation of and outlook for missionary work in (1) Sub-Saharan Africa, (2) Asia, (3) North Africa and the Middle East. It also covers most of the new nations, helpful for reference purposes.

The conclusion is that almost everywhere there is need for many more missionaries. The net result is that Protestant churches are able to recruit.

The relatively high rate of growth of Islam and Catholicism in the continent, especially in the United States, most of the rest of Europe. Protestants have about 40 per cent of their missionaries in Africa. Christianity, a minority religion which has enjoyed a dominant status, is now a minority religion in a pluralistic society where people are free to choose. Islam appeals to many because of its stress on brotherhood of all races, its materialistic teachings about heaven, and its ritualistic demands which appeal to Africans.

Speaking of Asia, the author notes, "Wherever Christianity is proclaimed, Hinduism, Buddhism, or Islam is aroused to a new life and seeks to do what it believes Christianity has failed to do." As for communism, it is more an ideological and political movement than a religion but for the irreducible it is a religion, says the author.

In conclusion Mr. Daniels calls for a greater utilization in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia of more Negro missionaries and others not indigenous to the areas. He has recognized the difficulties of obtaining native church workers of high quality in emerging nations where government service is so much more attractive than church service. He points out some reasons for our failure to recruit Negro (and white) missionaries in these words, "Possibly the primary factor is the simple truth that the witness of the Christian church in America has not really been worthy of the mission to which God called His Church. As a result, we are not challenged to see the great needs and opportunities for service" (p. 30).

Bible Club at Little Rock

One of the most successful kinds of evangelism for the young is the Bible Club, usually meeting in the home of the leader. Children of the neighborhood are invited and bring their friends to make up a group of the proper size. It takes consecration and know-how for a leader to prepare such a group among the many attractions of the day while she teaches them Bible truths and helps prepare them to make decisions for Christ. Here we see Mrs. Paul B. Osborn of Little Rock, Ark., with her Bible Club — one of the home missionary tasks she undertakes in supporting the work of her husband as city pastor-evangelist. The snapshot, sent in by the moderator of the church (801 N. Polk St.) does not identify the club members, who look happy.

Hungary's Bible Hunger

The Hungarian Bible Council, through the publications of the General Assembly of the Reformed Church, has published 90,000 Bibles and 43,500 New Testaments in the past seven years. The council is comprised of representatives from the various evangelical churches of Hungary. Translation commissions are at work on a new translation of the Bible into Hungarian. As sections are completed these are issued in order to make the trial text accessible to experts and others for criticism and comment.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BERLIN, N. Y. — In many of our churches, autumn has replaced January as a time to transact church business. This is true of the congregation of the First Baptist Church. Last fall, before holding the church business meeting, the members of the congregation took time to re-examine their spiritual lives, as they prepared their annual mission service to reaffirm the Seventh Day Baptist statement of beliefs. Spiritually prepared, the church members soon turned to church business as they elected the following officers for the year 1963-64: moderator, Elmer Stuart; church clerk, Arlie Greene; and treasurer, W. Robert Bentley.

Youth Week was held in February. Sermons on the topic "The Peculiar Ones" were given by Pamela Byars, Miss Greene, and Maryann Maxson. Also in February, three girls from Berlin, Miss Maxson, Miss Greene, and Nancy Burdick represented Seventh Day Baptists at the New York State Christian Youth Conference at Troy. Talks on the conference theme, "The Peculiar Ones," were given by Mr. and Mrs. Chester T. Davis.

In May the members of the First Baptist Church, who have been sharing our church since their own was destroyed by fire in 1964, were able to move into their new church building. They have shown their appreciation to us in many ways, and now we share the joy they feel as they see their new church nearing completion.

Summer will bring new experiences and new tasks to the people of Berlin, especially to our pastor. Pastor Maxson has been chosen to travel on "person-to-person" mission to Russia this summer.

— Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — In appreciation of the faithful services rendered by the choir a trial was tendered by them. The dining room was tastefully decorated with musical motifs, flowers, and lighted tapers. Guest artists from Oneida presented a verity of vocal, instrumental and dance music. The evening was considered an event of entertainment consisting of vocal solos, electric guitar numbers and guitar ensembles, clarinet solos and accordion numbers, with closing remarks by the pastor. — Zilla Vierow.

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Conference President Honored at Home Church

By Zilla Vierow

A surprise get-together for Pastor C. Reg. Burdick was recently held in the Verona church parlors in recognition of his services in the community and honoring him as president of the Seventh Day Baptist Conference. This is the first time in the history of our local church when an active pastor has received this distinction.

Among those present who spoke briefly were his mother, Mrs. Isabel Burdick of De Ruyter, his brothers, Wendall, Eugene, and Willard of De Ruyter, Wayne of Baldwinsville, and Gordon of South Otsego. Others present who participated in the program were former parishioners, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Davis of Marlboro, N. J., the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Swing of De Ruyter, the Rev. Victor Skaggs of Alfred Station, and Mrs. Alva Davis of East Aurora, N. Y. Letters of congratulation were read from the Rev. Lester Osborne, the Independence church, the Salem, W. Va., church, and the Sconaoda, N. Y., Ministerial Association.

Remarks were given by Geri Hargis, secretary for Northern Rhodesia in Africa, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles W. Reed, representative of the British Bible Society, and Marilyn Davis, who was acquainted with or stayed in the home of the Burdicks while in college.

A "This is Your Life" program with Garth Warner acting as emcee depicted humorous vein episodes from the pastor's life. Guests present recorded their names, and the entire program was taped.

Floyd Sholtz, in behalf of the congregation, presented Pastor Burdick with a gold inscribed wristwatch, and an inscribed ceramic wall plaque was given by the Rev. and Mrs. Lester Osborne.

Refreshments were served including a beautifully decorated cake with open Bible and the Conference theme, "Christ is the Answer." 

Scripture Distribution in Northern Rhodesia

Herbert Kassler, newly appointed secretary for Northern Rhodesia in Africa has reported to the American Bible Society that he serves the rural areas in Northern Rhodesia not likely to be reached by the usual channels of distribution. In these areas it has been estimated that more than 400,000 families live off the soil. One tenth of these earn a reasonable income from their crops. Another one tenth are getting a little more than they need to stay alive. The vast remainder are considered to be living at subsistence level or on the breadline.

Mr. Kassler continues, "It is under such conditions that the rural colporteurs work; going out by bicycle with a metal case of Scriptures; sometimes traveling up to 50 miles to sell only a few Gospels. In many areas there are no complete Bibles in the language commonly spoken. These 22 men worked an average of 71/2 months during the year and distributed a total of 8,041 Bibles, Testaments, and portions."

All of these colporteurs were appointed and worked under the supervision of a local church of the area, and in cooperation with the Bible Society office. In former years this area was served by the British Bible Society.

Births

Burdick—A son, Mark Daniel, to Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick of Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, June 16, 1964. Mother and baby were reported as doing fine.

Obituary

Maxson—Bessie Alice (Bond), wife of Lyle E. Maxson, was born Jan. 30, 1892, in Iowa, and died May 19, 1964. She had been bedfast for several years suffering from diabetes.

Mrs. Maxson was a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. She expressed courage in the Lord and had renewed her dedication to Him. She is survived by her husband; two brothers, Ed Scott of California, and Jesse Scott of Florida; three sons: James Bond of Lawrence, Kan., Raymond Bond of Nortonville, Kan., and James Bond of Nortonville, Kan., and Mrs. Margaret Dillon of Bellingham, Wash.; 16 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the church by her pastor, Elder Leroy Bass. Burial was in the Nortonville cemetery. —L.C.B.

Printing Salesman Wanted — Opportunity for man with strong letterpress experience to serve the rural areas in Northern New Jersey area. Salary draw against commission or your offer. Dept B, c/o Sabbath Recorder.

The Christians persecuted by Nero died in the shadow of this great obelisk now standing in the Piazza San Pietro in Rome. It was brought to Rome from Heliopolis by Emperor Caligula early in the 1st century A.D. and erected in his circus. Later, Caligula's Circus became part of Nero's Gardens in which the Christians were first martyred. The obelisk was removed to its present site, and adorned with the cross of victory, in 1586.

—Fred Bell, Erwina, Pa., Defender Series Church Bulletins