On November 11, Veterans Day, the Evangelical Society program "Race and Grace," featured a panel discussion led by the Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, with a student each from India, Thailand, Korea, and United States taking part. Tea served following the program gave opportunity for members and the students to meet and talk informally.

**Accessions**

Berea, W. Va.

By Baptism:

Harold Brisey

**Obituaries**


She moved to Oklahoma as a small girl, where her mother died when Eva was 12. She then came to North Loup to live with her aunt, Mrs. Claude Hill, where on June 8, 1908, she joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church. She remained a faithful member for 56 years.

On Dec. 19, 1913, she was united in marriage to Clifford J. Goodrich. Their Golden Wedding was celebrated last December. She is survived by her husband; five daughters: Erstel Jorgensen, North Loup; Dorothy Stanghellini, San Francisco, Frances Van Horn, North Loup; Doris Barber, Colorado Springs; Beverly Stillman, Albuquerque, N. M.; three sons: Paul of Sonoma, Calif., and Charles and Ronald of North Loup; one sister, Frances Garver, Dodge City, Kan.; one brother, Lewis Pierce, Wichita, Kan., 26 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Duane L. Davis, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, with interment in the Hillside Cemetery, North Loup.

— D.L.D.

Lewis.—Rev. Henry C., was born in the state of Louisiana, January 11, 1888, and died in Los Angeles, Calif., September 29, 1888. He was a member of the Christ's Seventh Day Baptist Church, with interment in the Hillside Cemetery, North Loup.

— D.L.D.

Mr. Lewis became a Christian at an early age and studied for the ministry. Serving for many years as pastor of the Christ's Seventh Day Baptist Church in Los Angeles, he was a man of high Christian character and love, and served faithfully as pastor and friend. Those who had the opportunity to share with him in the work of the Lord testify to his love and tender care. He will truly be missed by the members of the congregation which he so faithfully served.

He is survived by his wife, Florence, a son Arthur and a daughter Alice Isaacs, grandchildren, and friends.

Memorial services were held at Grace Chapel, Ingleside Park Cemetery, with burial in Ingleside Park Cemetery. The Rev. Francis D. Saunders, his pastor, officiated.

— F.D.S.

Wells.—Gerret C., son of Alfred M. and Sara C. Wells, was born July 20, 1875, in Berlin, Wis., and died Oct. 30, 1964, at Riverside, Calif.

In his early teens he was baptized by the Rev. Wordner in Milton, Wis. At a later time the family moved to Graded Junction, Iowa, and later to Nortonville, Kan. Another move brought the family to Battle Creek, Mich., where he was married to Hazel Monroe. To this union were born two sons, Willard G. and Donald C. Wells.

He became a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, later moving his membership to the sister church, attending regularly until his health failed in recent months. His life was deeply dedicated to the Lord.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel; two sons, Willard and Donald, three grandchildren, of Boulder, Colo., three nieces and one nephew.

Services were conducted in Riverside by his pastor, the Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, and interment was in the Olivewood Cemetery.

— A.L.W.

Wilcox.—Adene Burdick, was born December 21, 1888, at Milton, Wis., and died in Los Angeles, Calif., June 18, 1964.

Mrs. Wilcox was for years an active member of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, and is deeply missed by the members of the congregation.

She is survived by three brothers, Clifford, Paul H. and Percy Burdick.

Memorial services were held at the Pierce Brothers Little Country Chapel in Los Angeles, with her pastor, the Rev. Francis D. Saunders officiating. Burial was in Ingleside Park Cemetery.

— F.D.S.

Williams.—Janette Marie, infant daughter of Dean and Frances Pierce Williams, of North Loup, Neb., was born on Oct. 24, 1964, and died Oct. 27, 1964. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Pierce of Ord, and Deacon and Mrs. Vernon Williams, North Loup. Graveside services were conducted by the Rev. Duane L. Davis at the Hillside Cemetery, North Loup.

— D.L.D.
Homecoming Days

Most of our churches are several generations old; many have stood as a witness in their community for love, which ye have endured years; a few are well into their third century. All such churches have deep roots of faith and wide-spreading branches of service and influence. The past reasons quite a few church members leave the home church to establish other places of residence or absent themselves from the scheduled Sabbath services while living within driving distance. Well-planned homecoming days call them back for Christian fellowship and renewal of their profession common faith.

More than one Seventh Day Baptist church chose Sabbath Heritage Day, November 28, as the time for its various or its annual homecoming day. It was your editor's high privilege to be called back to his home church at Adams Center, N. Y., to give the Sabbath morning message on this special day. More than 100 letters had been sent out to friends, relatives, and former pastors. The response in attendance and greetings was good, though it did not come up to the highest hopes.

The home-town event of this kind it pleasurable to recall some of his boy's homecoming days and the kind of attitudes and blessings in the morning sermon reflects that once before the Adams Center church called him back for a special occasion in his life. Having finished college in Wisconsin and seminary in Philadelphia he had been serving the Shiloh, N. Y., church, a church called him to ordination in the summer of 1953. It is good to go back home from time to time either as a worshipper or as a leader in the worship service of the home church.

The human mind and memory respond in an almost instinctive way to the stimulus of places and people. History has its places and names long forgotten come back in sharp focus when we return to the general area of our boyhood. A village like Adams Center is rightly named, for it has almost no other streets than the five which go out from the center where once the village had water for the stores and residences. Near the center of the village, visible for miles on any of the approaches are the high-reaching steeples of two white churches that have stood there through the years, that have served for over 130 years.

SABBATH RECORDER

DECEMBER 14, 1964

Whole No. 6,123

IN THIS ISSUE

Editorials:
Homecoming Days 2
Slow Mail 2
Dedicated Service 2
Careless Thinking 2
Features:
President's Column 2
Why Does God Allow Tragedies to Happen? 2
Christ Is the Answer 2
New Parsonage at Milton, Wis. 2
Annual Mission Prayer 2
Youth News 2

Missions:
Services and Plans of the Director of Evangelism 2
A New Day and Way for Missions 2
Christian Education 2
National Council of Churches 2
Primary Conference 2
Ministry Conference Next April 2

Women's Work:
Baptist Day of Prayer Observed 2
News from the Churches 2
Marriages. Births. Obituaries 2
Back Cover

MEMO TEXT

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

— Hebrews 6: 10.

The second class mail (magazines) is slow and erratic in reaching its destination. This has been true for many years. Judging by the number of complaints, is even more true now. In the last busy days of the 88th Congress the legislators had received so many complaints that they spent a full hour discussing the situation. It is probable that there will be a congressional investigation of delays in mail delivery. Second class mail (including the Sabbath Recorder) is sometimes more than a week behind schedule, as is evident by the reports that two copies often come the same day. The legislators usually classes that the first office sent it out promptly and that the receiving office delivered it on the same day it was received. The delay was apparent at some exchange point along the way. Employees are required to give preference to first class mail and are not permitted to use second class mail in sending classes if necessary. There could be a difference of opinion as to when it was necessary. An investigation may show that
some employees manifest a "don't-care" attitude. There is likely to be more inefficiency in government business than in private business.

An interesting case was reported recently by Patrick Sheehan, Washington columnist for the National Association of Manufacturers. Ironically, it is the Mail Handler's Union that is seeking to set aside work on Sunday because of the Post Office's slow delivery of the ballots. Mr. Fox points out that the Post Office is seeking further increases in postal rates to offset its deficits. It has lost $10 billion since 1932 in spite of several rate increases. The American Telegraph and Telephone Company, which is now agreeing to a reduction of $100 million per year in revenue, has made profits and paid $22 billion into the U.S. treasury since 1932. "Nationalized industries tend to go bankrupt," says British economist C. N. Parkinson.

But to come back to the lateness of your religious magazine, keep a record, if you wish, and make a complaint to the proper people. Please remember that it is almost never the fault of the editor or the publisher. They meet their deadlines with almost unvarying regularity because they have the expectant reader in mind. The Sabbath Recorder is taken to the Post Office on the Friday before its Monday date. For once this was not possible with the November 30 issue, which could not be mailed until the 30th because of the Thanksgiving holiday in the publishing house.

Patience is a Christian virtue when it makes allowances for others; but patience with our own shortcomings is a vice to be avoided.

Dedicated Service

All, or nearly all churches have distributed locally printed off-prints or bulletins the attractively printed brochure prepared by the Planning Committee and outlining three types of dedicated service opportunities. Written since 1955, Vacation Church Schools, summer church camps, and summer Christian Service Corps (similar to the New Orleans project).

Interested readers who may not have received a copy, should write to the home church or to the headquarters at Plainfield.

Of the many notices in church bulletins on file at the Recorder office, the following from Nortonville, Kan., is one of the most enthusiastic.

You are stirred in your heart to want to do something positive for Jesus Christ? Are you interested in missionary work for your Lord? Do you want a challenge from your church? We have one to offer you! See the enclosed brochure entitled "SUM-MER 1965. It is the Holy Spirit working in you to desire to do something concrete for your God. Study the brochure carefully so you really understand it; also feel free to talk with your pastor about it.

Dear Sirs,

An interesting article about Youth Work for the National Baptist Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J. Albums and tracts are always available.

"Get the pitch," because careless thinking the promoters of this campaign have in mind is that which has to do with drinking and driving. There is so much misery, grief and pain caused at the feasts of Christmas and New Year season by careless thinking at holiday parties. This is no time to spoil the fun or risk the lives of others by indulgence in brain-impairing alcoholic beverages.

We who are Christians must recognize that even once the Garden of Eden those who think clearly of their relationship to God must assume the responsibility of being "my brother's keeper." We are guilt. Are you thinking of being "my brother's keeper"? Do you want to be known as one who follows the crowd instead of leading, if we too ourselves to be indulgent in December of overindulgence.

President's Column

MERRY CHRISTMAS?

Is it possible in today's world to say "Merry Christmas"? The phrase "Peace on Earth" seems to have a hollow sound when we read the news from day to day. And yet in the very midst of all the turmoil we find individuals whose inner peace stands out as a shining light. Perhaps this inner, glowing peace should be our greatest concern for ourselves and every other child of God.

Jesus came to earth nearly 2,000 years ago to make it possible by example and sacrifice for you and me to have this peace. It is truly a mystery and a miracle how this act of love when rightly understood and accepted has become over the centuries, and today still is, the greatest integrating force yet found in individual lives and thus in society.

And always when the heart is at peace love must flow forth to other hearts. Have you withheld love and kindness from anyone today? Could the checkout girl at the store where you bought your groceries and share the love of Christ that is seeking to set us free of the selfish heart? How about the people right in your house? I'm sure we all know the people right in your house? I'm sure we are not asked never to show any irritation, differences for differences are inevitable as long as we are in this world. So, however, we must find ways of making our love and our "caring" evident even in the midst of tension. This is possible only as we accept Christ with his great gift of love and let Him live in our hearts.

Only as we live and walk in this more excellent way of love have we any real right to say, "Merry Christmas."

— Doris Fetherston

Sabbath Calendars Again Available

Many of our readers and numerous churches have found helpful the Sabbath theme calendars distributed annually by the Sabbath Association of Fairview, Okla. That organization which has done much in an interdenominational way to keep the Sabbath constantly before all members of the household throughout the year. There are many features other than marking the seventh days in red interspersed through the pages that bring inspiration and challenge. The unit price is 25 cents. Those unfamiliar with the calendars will wish to send orders to Fairview rather than to this periodical.

Seventh Day Baptists Sing unto God

Do you have the best of Seventh Day Baptists singing melody in your home? Do you have relatives and friends who have never heard the 16 selections by 12 groups or individual artists that other people are enjoying so much? There must be many more people who would like to buy for themselves or for gift purposes the sacred airs that bring them all of this good music at just a turn of the dial on the record player. There is still a good supply of long-playing records available at the cost price of $2.75 each. Here is an idea for last minute Christmas shopping or to spend a little extra money that came to you. How about remembering some of your friends and relatives a little later when these religious numbers by people that you know will bring singing.

Order from the American Sabbath tract Society, Plainfield, N. J. Albums can be mailed anywhere, in any quantity. When these records are sold it may be possible to produce another album. Let us fill our homes with good music. "Seventh Day Baptists Sing unto God."

Thanksgiving to Christmas Daily Bible Readings

(Suggested by American Bible Society)

|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|

SABBATH RECORDER

DECEMBER 14, 1964

5
A pastor suggests answers to the troublesome question

Why Does God Allow Tragedies to Happen?

By Leroy Bass

When we ask, "Why does God allow tragedies to happen?" we think of the separate, sudden, and sudden deaths, by accident, by storms and disasters, or by war killings. We may also think of loved ones and friends who have innocently suffered some terrible crime at the hands of evil people. We think of those who live but are physically or emotionally unable to live normal lives and care for themselves. Over and over people do ask, inwardly or outwardly, "Where is God?" And now the world is threatened by the possibility of terrible destructive forces as nations dare one another with threats of nuclear munitions.

Man's cry of distress is answered. God knows it every time a loved one is threatened by the "Where is God?" question. And now the world is asked, inwardly or outwardly, "Where is God?"

I go on with more when you, too, know of tragedies? Humanity still presses the question, Why does God allow tragedies to happen?

I believe that there are answers to be had to sufficiently satisfy us, but may I remind you that in our asking this question of God, we are asking for an account of Himself. God, being sovereign, does not have to answer us, but because we are His creation He will hold us in His everlasting unwavering love. We may not be able to commit ourselves to Him. God does give us some answers!

The very first thing we need to take into consideration is that life in this world is existing only on a temporary basis. We need to take a large view. Not only do we need a "world view," but something larger even than this. It is easy to get so completely absorbed in our own problems that we forget the large view. So many times we think we have all the problems. We forget that God has problems, too. This, may I remind you, is also very important to our title question. In a very real sense this world became a problem world when sin entered it through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, our first parents. God has problems with us. Nevertheless, the problems that humanity has given God ever since the beginning to age as the years went by until they eventually died. Do you think God didn't love them or care for them? God could have aided and comforted them every time when they sinned. The very fact that He allowed them to live on instead of immediately destroying them is the very proof that He did love them. He wouldn't send a savior to redeem them from their sins and at their resurrection from death in the end of temporary time bring them back to the complete life He provided them in His Garden. We may very well paraphrase John 3:16 like this:

God so loved Adam and Eve that He permitted the death of His only begotten Son, that if they (and their children) believe on Jesus Christ, the Son of God, they should not perish (in eternal death), but (instead) have everlasting life.

Down through the centuries of time God has gradually unfolded to His people His plan for the atonement of man. Part of God's plan has been fulfilled; the Son of God has come and now is a part of His plan yet to be fulfilled. This is the reunion of His repentant and born-again people to the presence of God's new-earth paradise home for man (see 1 Peter 3:13). Now, when will this take place? It will be at some certain time after the great and final resurrection of the righteous and unrighteous of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (see Heb. 11:13-16; 1 Thess. 4:13-17; Rev. 21, 22.).

You see, friends, God still is at work in this world patiently working out His Plan for the salvation and sanctification of all who will let Him prepare them to inherit and inhabit the perfect and glorious city of God. We are to recognize that God is not saving present-day society, as such. He is saving men and women from the power of Satan, and this begins in the heart and spirit of society today.

It is important that we have some understanding of God's plan for this sin-cursed world, and know that the present order of life on this planet is intended by God as a temporary basis. This has a lot to do with our understanding why God allows tragedies to happen. God doesn't like these tragedies any more than you or I do. He sympathizes with us in our sorrows, in our hurts, in our sicknesses, in our heartaches. God knows it every time a tragedy falls. A hundred birds fell dead and littered the field of a farmer in Alabama near where I lived. The aged farmer who couldn't see very well, told me he thought they died of mustard gas. I told him he was mistaken. God knows perfectly every one of those birds that died because of one man's desire. And, brethren, if God knows and cares about every sparrow, don't we ever hesitate to believe that not one human tragedy is beyond His knowledge. Remember that one of God's purposes of more weight than many sparrows. How­ever, Jesus never said He would prevent the sparrows from falling. Neither has He promised to prevent human tragedies from happening.

Let us continue our larger view. This world is wrapped under the pall of deadly sin with Satan himself as the "prince of this world." When Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden fruit they sold out this world to their tempter, Satan. They gave themselves up to a new master and soon enough they regretted it terribly. (See Romans 6:16; 2 Pet. 2:19.) Satan obtained this world on what we might call a long-term lease. It is still God's world, by virtue of being His creation. God had given man certain rights and he abused them. (See Ezek. 14.) God is in the process of working out with Him its future. Adam forfeited these rights and responsibilities when he surrendered to Satan. Even though we are to recognize that many of the troubles, and the wars, and tragedies of this world have their human cause, of course, we also must recognize the greater ill of working out with Him its future. God is in the process of working out with Him its future.

I can tell you about my brother's wife, in Oregon, who at the age of 30 died of throat cancer. My brother is left with his three young boys to do the best they can.

Again, I can tell you about a Christian girl who fell into sin and ran away from a Christian boarding school, and of the heart-cry of her consecrated mother who told me that when she went to the school to get her child back in one day it was as though she were dead. But why should...
How often our churches are engaged in serving themselves instead of the world! The Rev. Leon R. Lawton posted this challenge in his most recent report to the sponsoring committees of the Southern Baptist Convention, which marks (Christians and their) life circles and give Bible studies, to really think of our church as a mission station, an instrument of service?

Christ is the answer, as He works in the hearts and lives of individuals, and as they extend His love to others, mitigating the crises that rage in so many lives. A drop in the bucket is only a drop. A drop is not necessary; For a drop can change the color and depth of a ten-quart watering pail. But if the drop has the color of love And the taste of tears divine, One drop dropped into The vessel of life Can turn the water to wine.

—(Kromer)

To say, "I'm not good enough for God," is to sigh, "I'm too sick to go to the hospital." David A. Redding in The Miracles of Christ (Fleming H. Revell Company).

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for December 26, 1964
Wisemen Come to Jesus
Lesson Scripture: Matthew 2: 1-12

DECEMBER 14, 1964
At the All African Christian Youth Conference held at Nairobi in 1963 the Baptist World executive recommended that a survey be conducted of 35 African countries to make a statement which points out this new spirit. The statement is: "Anyone or any organization may help bring together interested families in a given location where African Christians acknowledge freely that there is a continuing need for missionaries, especially teachers and doctors. We estimate that 60 per cent of the teachers needed by the new African nations must come from outside. "The most important qualification for the missionary work in Africa today is the ability to cope with the new conditions and a readiness to serve alongside the national, without prejudice to national pride and without concern for having control or getting the credit." "Many of these new nations are making steady progress in governing themselves and providing a better life for their people," wrote Rev. John Allan Moore in the November issue of The Baptist World. Those who encourage and take part in missions today must take into account this experience of national independence. Its effects reach to every mission field.

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board is taking this new day and way for missions into consideration as encouragement has been given to Makapwa Mission leaders (African pastors and missionaries) to draw up a constitution for incorporation of the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists. The lawyer firm of Lilley, Wills and Company has drawn up the necessary documents and they are currently being studied by both the African pastors and the Missionary Board. It was thought to pattern incorporation statements after those approved for the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference, Inc. But it was found necessary to make many changes in wording so as to meet the legal requirements of the new nation of Malawi (formerly Nyasaland).

**A New Day and Way for Missions**

"Within the next 10 years all African countries will be independent and free from colonialism, with the possible exception of South Africa" was the prophecy of A New Day and Way for Missions that the Baptist World executive assembly in nearby New York November 30 - December 2. Such an opportunity for discussion and sharing of ideas with national leaders in this vitally important work has proved stimulating and helpful. Following the meeting in New York, Mr. Lawton came to Westerly for a meeting with the Home Field Committee of the Missionary Board, on December 6.

**Christian Education - Sec. Rev. E. Zwiebel**

**National Council of Churches**

The National Council of Churches is made up of divisions, each responsible for major fields of program work. Each such unit is composed of a program board, assigned staff, and committees.

Each division shall have the following general responsibilities with relation to its program field:

1. Provide an ecumenical facility and setting with activities and representatives of constituent communities and of their boards and agencies and representatives of nonmember organizations.

   a. Share ideas, experiences, and convictions;

   b. Co-operatively evaluate plans and programs of several respective churches, councils, and other organizations;

   c. Examine areas of needed service;

   d. Co-operate in basic studies and in the development, interpretation, and application of research;

   e. Carry activities destined for the enrichment of their separate programs;

   f. Plan programs to be conducted individually or in co-operation with other agencies and related groups;

   g. Plan cooperative programs to be conducted on their behalf through the Council;

   h. Maintain consistent consideration of the ecumenical dimension of the Christian imperative.

2. Discharge assigned responsibilities within the setting of the over-all work of the Council, and as a facet of the broad ecumenical responsibilities assigned to the Council by its member denominations.

3. Assist the churches in carrying out denominational and ecumenical programs of witness and service.

4. Undertake, with the guidance and cooperation of the general secretaries, study, research, and planning related to its program field as an integral part of the over-all planning of the Council.

5. Prepare and present to the General Board and general secretary a comprehensive annual program for the work of the division, including recommendations and proposals for programs, studies, projects, or other activities needed to fulfill its responsibilities, with recommended priorities.

6. Prepare and recommend an annual budget for the division, including requirements for staffing and supporting administrative and program services.

7. Undertake to provide financial support for program approved by the General Board, including financial support from external sources, within guides established for such support.

8. Develop and carry out recommendations for internal organization of the division, including departments and appropriate related program committees.

9. Maintain and nurture relationships, as approved and co-ordinated by the general secretary, with local, state, national, and world ecumenical bodies and groups and with related groups of assigned work and responsibility.

10. Carry forward the continuing interests of the predecessor bodies of the Council in this field of assigned work and responsibility." - Bylaws of the NCCC.

The National Council is divided up into four divisions: Christian Education, Division of Christian Life and Mission, the Division of Christian Education, the Division of Christian Unity, and the Division of Overseas Ministries.

**Primary Conference**

The leader for Primary Conference at General Conference next year is Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph.
MINISTERS CONFERENCE NEXT APRIL

The biennial conference of Seventh Day Baptist ministers will be held with the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church April 28 to May 3, 1964. The Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, dean of the Ministerial Training School of general programming, Dr. Hurley S. Warren, chairman of the Board of Christian Education Committee on Higher Education, is overall chairman.

Our guest lecturer and discussion leader Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, secretary of the Division of Evangelism, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, recent correspondence with Dr. Morikawa brings the following topics that will be presented for discussion: "The Mission of God," "The Mission of the Church," and "New Styles of Mission."

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

BAPTIST DAY OF PRAYER OBSERVED

The Baptist Day of Prayer was observed in the Milton Baptist Church November 2, 1964, by the women of the Milton Junction and Albion churches. The theme, "Into all the World," was suggested by the African Baptist Women's Union.

Special prayers, led by Jeanette Appel, were given: "For the millions writing and struggling under the heel of the oppressor — For the countless numbers who are perpetually hungry, that those with greater privileges may be ready to share their bounty with the needy— For displaced persons and refugees with their many grievous problems, who rear families without a regulated home life and without most of the necessities of life, and who have few comforts— For the teen-agers, making up so large a proportion of the world's population, many of whom are now reaping the harvest of neglect and facing the world with uncertainty through lack of love and discipline— For those who because of broken marriages face despair and disillusionment — "For those who have given up all they count dear to themselves to go into the vast mission field of the world, that as they live and portray Christ before the many in need of salvation and point out the way, the Holy Spirit gives a ready response on the part of their hearers— For Christian social workers in their exacting task of seeking to remedy the many social ills, that they may be enabled to lead men and women to Christ — For dedicated Christian men and women who strive to rehabilitate those enslaved by liquor— For Christian doctors and nurses, that their healing work may embrace the deep need of the souls of their patients as well as their minds and bodies— For Christian teachers of children and young people everywhere, in all schools, universities, and institutions of learning, that all young people who are dedicated to the place of responsibility or authority may become persons of integrity having a vital knowledge of God— For Christian homes, that those who enjoy their shelter and hospitality may at all times find in them an atmosphere that speaks of Christ and His satisfying power—"

The following article, on relief work was read by Ruth Baum before the offering was taken as Baptist World Relief is one of the projects supported by the fund. The article was written by A. Klaupiks, relief coordinator, Baptist World Alliance.

THE SUFFERINGS OF HAITI

Have you ever attended a Baptist church prayer meeting at four o'clock in the morning? There are Baptist churches in our world-wide fellowship that meet for their "regular" prayer hour early in the morning. Our Baptist brothers and sisters in Haiti come together as early as four o'clock to pray. When I asked why a prayer meeting at so early an hour is important, the answer was, "We wish to start a day with a prayer before we go to our work or before any-thing else takes place." And these prayer meetings are well attended as are all services in Haitian Baptist churches.

Last November, the vicious hurricane Flora struck Haiti in the south and subsequently a flood disaster came suddenly at midnight in the north. We are told of a mother in her late pregnancy who, in order to save her children from drowning, stood all night on a chair with water up to her knees, holding two of her children as high as she possibly could. They all survived. But many others were found dead. When the hurricane struck the town of Miragoane, roofs of many buildings flying, walls collapsed. The Baptist chapel was left a heap of rubble with nine church members dead.

The total death was well over 3,000 as whole towns were swept away. Some 34 Baptist churches have been completely destroyed and 26 seriously damaged.

The amazing thing about the Haitian Christians is that there is no despair among them. They do not ask: why did it happen? They keep going on.

However, to rebuild all that was destroyed will take enormous effort and time. It is quite obvious that Baptists in Haiti are giving their hearts to the lost churches. For one reason, too many homes were destroyed, but mainly because of the desperate economic situation of the country. The average income is recorded as low as $60 for a year.

The people cannot meet for worship services except in the open or in seriously damaged chapels.

We can pray with and for our brothers and sisters in Haiti, but we must also share in a very practical way in helping to rebuild the destroyed houses of prayer.

New Parsonage at Milton, Wis.

By Kenneth Ochs

(Part of dedication service Nov. 7, 1964.)

Throughout Christian history the pastor's home has been considered an integral part of the religious establishment in the community.

Since March 6, 1910, our religious estate maintenance has been divided between this location and Greenman Street. The Milton church has been served well by Pastors L. C. Randolph, Henry Jordan, James L. Skaggs, Carroll L. Hill, Elmo F. Randolph and their families from the old home purchased from Dr. Edwin Shaw. It has served as a resting place for the spiritual life of this church and radiated Christian community influence for these many years. However, years take their toll. This was no longer considered a suitable home for our minister.

Through regular processes of church business it was decided to build a new parsonage. Under the direction of an appointed committee of Agnes Schertz, Rose Stillman, Arthur Drake, Dr. Laurence Burdick, Prof. W. D. Burdick, myself, and the committee chosen builder, Don Dukat, our pastor was able to move into the new home next door this summer.

It is very appropriate today as part of our regular worship service to dedicate this home of the missionary of the Lord through works of the pastor of this congregation and his family.

According to Scripture every man's house should be dedicated to God. "A man shall bear of his house to be holy unto the Lord" (Lev. 27: 14).

Joe W. Burton, editor of Home Life, has stated that the serious home builder will feel constrained to fulfill this scriptural injunction for he knows the duties that bind a home together are ordained in the purposes of God. Here between husband and wife, between parents and children are bonds so tender that a man will want every relationship of his family to be dedicated to God. He will want to sanctify his kinships, its day-by-day living, its homes, its attitudes, to be holy unto the Lord.
Even the materials in the house itself, in a man's own home, will he want to feel the secret devotion of those men of past days who have served here.

Looking ahead we have deep faith in the years that are before us. Believing confidently that Thou wilt send leaders to this people capable of breaking the bread of truth for this community.

May the people and pastors in this year and henceforth find a common bond of truth and love as we preach and witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. In His name we dedicate this house together with our lives, in service and love. Amen.

YOUTH NEWS
Paint Rock, Ala.

The young people of the Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church had an old-fashioned party on the night of November 21, at the home of Mrs. Robert L. Butler, Sr. The young people played games and sang songs, after which Mrs. Butler served refreshments. The party was closed by a devotional given by Pat and Mark Allen.

One Saturday night of each month has been set aside as "Youth Night." The Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church feels that it is very important that young people have social activities, and that they be sponsored by the church. Here the activities may become the kind of Christian activities in which young people can be proud to participate.

—Annie Butler

Upper Room

The Upper Room Chapel, Museum and Devotional Library at Nashville, Tennessee, were visited during the first quarter of the year by 16,654 registered persons from forty-nine states and forty-two countries, according to the Rev. Dr. J. Manning Potts, editor of The Upper Room, now published in thirty-six languages.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LOS ANGELES, CHRIST'S.—Since the death of Pastor Henry Lewis the church has been carrying on its services as usual in the old old church building at 264 N. 42nd St. with the help of pastors and laymen from the Riverside and the other Los Angeles church. It is now reported that the church has been secured by Rev. John Henry, a young man who seems to have a great deal of enthusiasm and energy. He comes from another denomination of similar polity, having accepted the Sabbath truth.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—Our church celebrated its third annual homecoming on November 28, 1964, and each year it is more successful. This year members and friends attended from New York, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Illinois as well as Michigan. The morning worship service concluded with the baptism of four candidates, all young folks, one from a lone Sabbathkeeping family in Lombard, Ill. A fellowship dinner and program were held in the church social room following the service. Russell Maxson was master of ceremonies. He congratulated Mr. and Mrs. M. Pasato, our pastor's parents of Schenectady, N.Y., who had traveled the greatest distance, and Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Lewis who had the largest family group present. These two daughters, Mrs. LeRoy DeLand and Mrs. George Parrish, with their husbands and Lewis grandchildren made a total family group of eleven members. Little Miss Debbie Davis of Des Plaines, Illinois, was presented as "queen of homecoming" for having the most ancestors present; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis; maternal grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Johanson; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Davis; great-grandfather, Dr. B. F. Johanson; and paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Leila Franklin.

Dr. B. F. Johnson spoke about the early days of the local church, and Mrs. Lewis told interesting anecdotes of the beginnings of the Ladies Aid Society. Mr. Maxson told of future plans for the church. The occasion was also a 60th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the Battle Creek church on Dec. 10, 1904.

The church has been busy in many other activities this fall. Our main work project has been the painting of the outside of the house next to the old building, now next door to the church. Thanks to the example and leadership of our pastor, two coats were completed before winter weather. As we come to dedicate this house, we thank the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph for the dedication a house dedicated to God.

With all humbleness we ask His blessings upon this house, and may the Spirit so shine upon us - in worship this day. Amen.

The young people played "House-Warming," with the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph in their new home next to the church. Mrs. Arnold Davis; the Rev. John Henry, pastor; and Mrs. W. B. Lewis who had the longest family group present. Their two daughters, Mrs. LeRoy DeLand and Mrs. George Parrish, with their husbands and Lewis grandchildren made a total family group of eleven members. Little Miss Debbie Davis of Des Plaines, Illinois, was presented as "queen of homecoming" for having the most ancestors present; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Davis; maternal grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Ellis Johanson; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Davis; great-grandfather, Dr. B. F. Johanson; and paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Leila Franklin.

DECEMBER 14, 1964
This beautiful fireplace is one of the many parts of the new parsonage that remind us of the many hours of labor that were given to bring about this attractive home. The red stone was brought back from Colorado by one member, and skillfully built into this lovely fireplace by others.

And 'so built we the parsonage, for the people had a mind to work,' and 'the men did their work faithfully.'

— Correspondent.

Gospel Message

"Eighty-five per cent of the pulpits of America have lost their emphasis on the keynotes of the Gospel," claims Robert G. Lee, pastor emeritus of the Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. He said church members "are being offered a chunk of cloud-bank buttered with the night wind instead of Christianity's vital, life-giving bread."

Marriages

Burridge-Kenyon.—Charles W. Burridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Burridge of Santa Ana, Calif., and Shirley L. Kenyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arling Kenyon of Hopkinton, R.I., were united in marriage at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, Ashaway, R.I., by the Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler, on July 5, 1964. They are residing at 30 Logan Street, Stead AFB, Reno, Nevada.

E. W.

Palmer-DeGroff.—James G. Palmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer of Alfred Station, N.Y., and Mrs. James W. Appel of Milton Junction, Wis., on August 8, 1964.

DeGroff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald DeGroff of Kenmore, N.Y., were united in marriage at the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred Station, N.Y., Nov. 28, 1964, by the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel.

Births

Appel.—A daughter, Vicki Lynne, to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Appel of Milton Junction, Wis., on August 8, 1964.

Brenn.—A son, Michael George, was born to George and Sylvia (Poulin) Brenn of Sum- mit, N.J., on July 11, 1964.

Hoskins.—A daughter, Kathie Lee, to Bob and Janet Hoskins (the former Janet Griesha- ber), of Riverside, Calif., on November 1, 1964.

Mayhew.—A daughter, Karen Lynn, to George and Emily (Fogg) Mayhew of Shiloh, N.J., on November 27, 1964.

Obituaries

Davis.—Eva Rogers, daughter of William Henry and Mertilla Gardner Rogers, was born May 8, 1887, at Plainfield, N.J., and died August 12, 1964, at Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Davis has been a lifelong member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, having joined by baptism on March 5, 1900. Up until two weeks before her death, it was customary to see her at church worshiping in her favorite pew. She was pianist of the Sabbath School for many years.

She was married to Roland D. Davis on November 9, 1911. To them was born one daughter, Mrs. Helen Keenan of Chatham, N.J., who survives. Others who mourn her passing are a sister, Mrs. Roy Tritworth, three grand-children, and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Roland Bahnsen, in the absence of the pastor. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

— C. H. D.

Green.—Carrie Ann Cornish, daughter of Cyrus and Ella Cornish, was born on Palmer Hill, near Alfred, N.Y., May 22, 1873, and died at the St. James Mercy Hospital, Hornell, N.Y., Nov. 8, 1964.

On December 24, 1900, she was united in marriage with Melvin H. Green of Alfred. To this union were born three daughters and three sons: Loretta (Mrs. Claude C. Green) of Port- ville; Leta (Mrs. Richard H. Moore) of Hornell; Irma (Mrs. Paul J. Batrus) of Altoona, Pa.; Gerald C. of Ithaca; Carl L. of Oneonta; and Milton H. of Alfred Station, all of whom survive. She is also survived by a brother, Charles Cornish of Nowota, Oklahoma; eleven grand- children, and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Green became a member of the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church in May 1923. She was active in the Union Industrial Society of the church and in the Alfred Station WCTU as long as health permitted.

Funeral services were conducted at the Alfred Station church Nov. 11, by the Rev. Hurley S. Steadman and the Rev. Roland Bahnsen.

Mrs. Green died in October 1960.

The funeral service was conducted in the Alfred Station Seventh Day Baptist Church by letter from the Wellsville Seventh-day Adventist Church in May 1923. She was active in the Union Industrial Society of the church and in the Alfred Station WCTU as long as health permitted.

Mrs. Green died on October 1960.

Mrs. Green died on October 1960.

Mrs. Green died on October 1960.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Roland Bahnsen, in the absence of the pastor. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

— C. H. D.

JESUS CHRIST

By Leigh R. Brewer, 1839-1916

Long years ago o'er Bethlehem's hills
Was seen a wondrous thing;
As shepherds watched their sleeping flocks
They heard the angels sing.

The anthem rolled among the clouds
When earth was hushed and still;
Its notes proclaimed sweet peace on earth,
To all mankind good will:

"Glory to God in the highest,"
"The angels' song resounds,
"Glory to God in the highest!"

That song is sung by rich and poor,
Where'er the Christ is known;
'Tis sung in words, and sung in deeds,
Which bind all hearts in one.

Angels are still the choristers,
But we the shepherds are,
To bear the message which they bring,
To those both near and far:

"Glory to God in the highest,"
The angels' song resounds,
"Glory to God in the highest!"