were present and enjoyed the fellowship dinner. The afternoon program gave recognition to the guests. The family with the most present—the Maltby family; the oldest persons present, Mr. and Mrs. DeChois Greene; those coming the greatest distance, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Clark, Berwick, Maine. The reading of messages from absent ones was of much interest, preceding the vesper services, including anthems by the choir, congregational hymns sung, and anthem by the junior choir, two poems, solos by Connie Reed and Gareth Greene, and a choral benediction by the choir. It was a wonderful day of worship and fellowship.

The community Thanksgiving service was held at our church on November 24 and the community candlelight Christmas service on December 22.

The children’s Christmas party was held in the church parlors December 13. After the dinner, the children presented the pageant “The Christmas Story.” The adult choir sang Christmas hymns as each child took his place. It was a very reverent and moving program. Much thanks is given to Miss Ruth Ellis and her helpers.

WATERFORD, CONN.—Something new has been added to the work of the Waterford church. A monthly meeting called the “Church Planning Group” of all members of the church carries on a discussion of things which concern the church between regular business meetings. Its findings are advisory only and not official. This has taken the place to some extent of the former “Friendly Visitors” meetings.

Our associate pastor, the Rev. Paul Burdick, takes charge of the Communion Sabbath. Other Seventh Day Baptist ministers have been called upon about once a month. These have included the Revs. Harold R. Crandall, Wendell Stephan, Everett Harris, and others. At other times we have called upon local ministers of other faiths.

The visit of the Rev. James McGeachy of Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church of London, England, was an exceptional treat, when he was on his way to CoWoCo meeting and General Conference in Salem, W. Va.

At our Friday night prayer meetings we have recently studied the books of Colossians, Philippians, and Ephesians. We are now on a study of the Seventh Day Baptist Statement of Belief, with special attention to the Conference request for improvements in the statement.

As to the physical needs of the church, re-roofing of the south side, and some attention to work on the inside has made us aware of the continued help of the active Ladies Aid Society.

Our associate pastor’s planned trip to Malawi, Africa, to visit his son Dr. Victor and family for eight months in 1965, has called for volunteers to take charge of the Friday night prayer meeting and other duties. But this should make us more conscious of the sacrificial work of our missionaries, and of the need for our continued support by prayer and effort. May God grant us a realization of the need for unity and harmony in the Lord’s work.

— Correspondent.

Accessions

By Baptism, Dec. 19, 1964:
Leon Calvert Bresley
Rebecca Dawn Bresley
Theresa Louise Clement
Lana Kay Hamer
Sherry Sue Larkin
Jerald Lynn Van Horn

Paint Rock, Ala.

By Baptism:
Carolyn Sutton

Obituaries

Davis.—Ruth Cook, daughter of Irvin and Sarah Lewis Cook, was born in the township of Sangerfield June 12, 1892, and died at her home in Brookfield, N. Y., Oct. 18, 1964, after a long illness.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the 2nd Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1908 and had served as church clerk for the last 26 years. She had also been a Sabbath School teacher. She was postmistress at Brookfield for 19 years, retiring in 1962.

She was married Nov. 19, 1914, to John W. Davis, who survives her. Other survivors are a brother, Orlo Cook, Sangerfield, and three sisters: Miss Inez Cook, Hamilton; Mrs. Mary Hansberger, Rome; and Mrs. Grace Whitten, South Edmeston; as well as many nephews, a niece, and great-nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Brookfield with the Rev. Herbert Levoy officiating. Burial was in Brookfield cemetery.

— Bernice D. Rogers.
Our Missions:
Women's Work:
Editorials:
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MISSIONS _______________________
A Magazine for Christian
Workers Fund Committee of British

The figures are at hand for the giving
of our churches this December. The Work Mission
United States Conference of Seventh Day
Baptists in the matter of denominational
giving. (We earnestly refuse any who say
that our Sabbathkeeping is comparable in
any way to the Galatian heresy, as it is
called.)

Ye did run well

Those who are familiar with Paul’s
Epistle to the Galatians are aware that
when he wrote in the seventh verse of
the fifth chapter he used a word that was
beautiful: it was a word of praise that had a different
ending. The remainder of the sentence
asks the question with which there was
ready answer: “Who did hinder you that
ye should not obey the truth?” He counted
with a serious matter of which there was
found liberty in Christ from the ceremonial
law (circumcision) should return from
“faith which worketh by love” to a sub-
ervience to the ceremonial law. He called it
falling from grace.

Remembering the primary meaning of
the passage we may still give it a second
ary application to a situation that exists
at the moment in thechurches. The Sabbath Recorder cannot pay for contributed
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January figures might possibly lead
one to ask, “Who did hinder you” from going
on as you had so well begun? If there is
an answer to that question it lies hidden
in the hearts of all who have not un-
quately support the work to which we are
committed. We offer as a stimulus
for better giving in the months ahead
some comparative figures from the report
of the treasurer for December 1963 (Rec-

The first place we observe that receipts
for December 1964 were not higher than
for the previous two months — only
$7,123. October showed $7,935 and No-
ember $7,271 for OWM giving. Normally
December is by far the best of the first
three months, last year showing $10,588.
Thus the receipts of the treasurer, Gordon
Sagard, reported on this issue are $3,465 less for December
1964 than for December 1963. Although the total for three months is $825 more

Memory Text
And Jesus said, For judgment I am come upon this world, that those things which
are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, may be fulfilled. Ye saw me
not; and they which see, see not; and they which see not might see; and they that
see might be made blind.—John 9:39.

Too Good to Keep
What does one do with the precious
thoughts received in the Christmas mail?
The most outstanding cards we may keep
the longer, but about fifteen or twenty
worthwhile thoughts in letters from Christian
organizations. Some of these letters are
masterpieces of Christian thought and
sentiments that ought to be shared rather
than kept on file and possibly lost before
the same season rolls around again. Home
and foreign missionary organizations
as well as special purpose Christian agencies
make special appeals for funds in a most
beautiful way. Some of them enrich the
soul whether or not one is able to make
a financial response. Perhaps we feel
richer when we have been made poorer
by giving.

The American Association for Jewish
Evangelism is one of many worthy
causes that has to cross denominational
lines to get sufficient support to carry
on its good work. Its work may not appeal
to all and is not hereby endorsed in pre-
fERENCE to others. We mention it largely
because of some of what was said in the
Currents of Ralph M. Gade, J. Palmer Muntz,
and William Colbert, head offices:

“In those broad undulating fields lying around Beihlem, where Ruth began her
mission of gleaning, and where David tended the flock of his father Jesse,
herds were still keeping watch over their flock of sheep and the name
of David should not be forgotten. That night a star ap-
peared that was destined to supersede the
brightness of the sun, and to fill the whole
earth with the glory of the invisible God.
Simeon declared that He was to be ‘A
light to lighten the Gentiles, and the
glory of thy people Israel.’

Our hearts are stirred anew as we
read the record of the devout man of
God who was ‘waiting for the consolation
of Israel.’ He waited and prayed because
he believed. This dear old sain had no
faith for more than a year that he was
rewarded; his hope was fulfilled because
God had promised that ‘they shall not

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The statements were part of a lengthy paper delivered by Newport on "Speaking with Tongues." In the paper he presented a study of the New Testament practice of speaking with tongues. He said the Apostle Paul states that tongue-speaking may not be forbidden but must be minimized and strictly controlled.

Newport said a central doctrine cannot be set aside on something which has so little about it in the New Testament. "In our churches today tongues would not be objectionable if they were controlled," he said. People, when they conclude that evangelicals in rejecting a major emphasis on tongues reject the fact of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

He said many over-emphasize the gift, which Paul calls a minor gift, and it often leads to "religious and psychological disaster."

Dead Sea Comes Alive

It is not exactly true that the Dead Sea is coming alive, that killed everything within it and around it is now being made to give life to barren land throughout Israel and many foreign countries. The Dead Sea Works at Sodom has been producing 190,000 tons of potash per year. On Nov. 24, 1964, a plant expansion was opened that will increase the amount of fertilizer produced to 400,000 tons per year. This added amount will not be needed in Israel. All of it will be exported for the next few years, which will do much to create a favorable trade balance.

Sodom, which has been a symbol for sin and human depravity since the days of Abraham and Lot may now claim its name by contributing to the production of life-giving food. That which goes out from Sodom will in turn reclaim lost and infertile land. An evil name and a ruined life can be changed into something good. We can hope that those industrialists and economic planners in Israel who can see a fortune in the Dead Sea may also recognize that the Messiah has come and may bring forth fruit of righteousness from the barren tree of Judaism.

Personal Experiences Concerning the Sabbath

Rev. William C. Daland, D. D.

(A sample of articles to appear in the February special issue)

What first brought my attention to the Sabbath was the fact of the existence of Seventh Day Baptists. When a little boy, I spent a summer, or a part of a summer, at our cottage in New York, and would decide on "Saturday". I asked about it, and was told that it was the bell of a church that "kept Saturday."

I was often at the home of the Rev. Mr. Jones, a Baptist minister in New Market, and occasionally played croquet with some children, a few of whom were other things every Saturday evening because it was the "Sabbath." This made an impression upon my mind, and I recall asking my mother about it when I returned to Elizabeth, asking her why we didn't keep Saturday. She told me that the Apostles kept Sunday, and that was enough for me at the time. I forgot all about the subject, and not until the age of 23 (when I began to study for the ministry) anyone had asked me about Seventh Day Baptists. I should have said likely I didn't know anything about them.

When I entered Union Theological Seminary I became acquainted with Mr. Earl P. Saunders, who was a student in my class. He told me he was acting as pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in New Market. I rode on the train with him between Elizabeth and New York. That inspired the recollection of the bell I heard, and the little girls I played croquet with, when a boy of ten years.

When I entered the Seminary I determined to leave it following the teachings of the Word of God as I understood it, whether it led me to remain in the Baptist Church or to move over to be a Roman Catholic or a Quaker. I soon came under the teaching of Dr. Roswell D. Hitchcock in Church History, and, having this question brought to my mind, I was compelled to face it in the light of his candid teaching. He used the same argument against Sabbath observance that he did against the restriction of baptism to the immersion of believers. I then was led to investigate these and many other questions for myself.

Finally I was by my study brought to the conclusion that the Sabbath was to be observed. I would be true to the principles of "Baptist doctrine" in which I had been reared. I was brought up a strict old-fashioned Baptist, being led on the American Bible Union version of the New Testament, and regarding old Dr. Conant, Dr. Armitage and others as just about apostles. I balanced the claims of the Church (with a capital C), and the Bible as the regulative standard of the Christian's faith and practice. I decided for the Bible against the Church, and, of course, had to become a Sabbath-keeper. That alternative was what brought me to a decision. I had to leave the Seminary either a Churchman or a Bible Christian, unless I left it a rationalist or a skeptic, for which at the time, the question. So I left it a Bible Christian...

I am a Sabbath-keeper because I believe it is the will of God for me, and because I believe it is the will of God that his Church should keep it. I am a Seventh Day Baptist because our dear denomination is the one that comes closest to my ideas of Christian faith and practice taking all things into consideration...

From The Evangel and Sabbath Outlook, by William C. Daland, April 11, 1899, page 242.

Special Days in February

February, more than some others, is a month of special days that are widely observed. First comes Youth Week culminating in Christian Endeavor Day on the 13th. In many churches throughout the country this is an opportunity to consider our opportunities to show our faith by our deeds in this area. Washington's Birthday is another holiday that reminds us of our national heritage.
Recoder Survey Results

The tabulation of the answers to the questions in the Recorder survey questionnaire sent in mid-1964 was completed by IBM machines before Christmas and the evaluation of results put in the hands of an expert. Although conclusions and study by the Tract Board and Recorder staff must await a further report from the expert, some of the figures can be presented to our readers. This we hope to do in several installments, which will make for easy reading and assimilation.

Caution should be exercised, and attempts to draw final conclusions from this piecemeal presentation should be avoided. There was some overlapping of questions. The answers to one set of questions may not harmonize completely with another set of somewhat similar questions.

In reporting the responses to the Recorder survey questionnaire we have come now to question 9 which brought forth a rather meager response by way of totals but some thoughtful answers by the 169 who elected to reply in the manner requested. Of particular interest to pastors and church leaders as well as the editorial staff is the response of 39 people who honestly ranked first the statement that they would read the Recorder more regularly if their denominational interest were greater. At a later time we may be able to report what the evaluator gets out of the answers to question 9, including what was written in by 42 under "other." The figures follow.

10. I rate the importance of the stated purposes of the Sabbath Recorder (see page 1) as follows: (check once for each purpose)

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One page of the questionnaire was designed to sample opinions of the purposes that the Sabbath Recorder ought to have. The purpose is agreed upon by the Survey Committee and later by the whole Tract Board were printed on page 1 of the questionnaire as a basis for questions 10 and 11.

11. I rate the importance of the sub-divisions of the stated purposes of the Sabbath Recorder (see page 1) as follows:

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To develop ties and loyalty by:

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Question 12 in the survey was designed, not to find out what people read first or enjoy most in their denominational weekly (as might be said of Questions 10 and 11); rather, it was an attempt to get folks to think in terms of what allocation of space might be best for the whole readership. Perhaps not many had previously tried to take this larger view of the decisions an editor must make in assigning and selecting articles. The answers given below show that many were willing to try to give helpful advice. Readers are now invited to help the editor and the Advisory Committee interpret the responses and to relate them to the answers to preceding questions.

12. The Sabbath Recorder is obligated to devote space to those subject areas which fall within its stated purposes. Assuming that you were the editor, how much space would you devote to the following subject areas spread over a month or a year? (Check once after each item of content).

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In the afternoon a group of young people went to the challenging way the Christian came up suddenly and it turned cold. But by church time a good-sized bath morning, November 21, we awoke to a bright, sunny but crisp cold, 2 below zero; only a Church and called for meetings in the afternoon and evening. In the evening we were busy feeding their many guests. It was a busy season indeed. A strong wind was blowing outdoors, there was a keen interest in the challenge to continue our help.

The following suggestions were recommended to the Executive Council for approval:

1. That the name of Mrs. Gertrude Davis be added to the Workers Fund Committee to represent the Missionary Society, along with the supervisor.

2. That the Workers Fund be set up on a matching-fund basis exclusive of Pastor Tyrrell's salary.

3. Each church be asked to contribute fifty (50) per cent of its total income of tithes and offerings to the Workers Fund. Each church retain the other fifty (50) per cent in the local treasury for expenses such as building and repairs.

4. Each church be given a suggested goal or target toward which they would strive to develop in each church. In Malawi the goal was to give in Malawi one-third of a church's tithing and offering to the Workers Fund.

5. That workers give monthly written reports to the supervisor, and that verbal reports be submitted to the Executive Council and/or the Workers Fund Committee.

6. That the supervisor serve as treasurer of the Workers Fund Committee.

Note: The Executive Council approved the above recommendations on April 5, 1964, at Dartmouth.

At a meeting of the Workers Fund Committee held on December 13, 1964, several additional recommendations were made:

1. That each church be encouraged to give monthly so that the workers can be paid monthly.

2. That lay pastors be asked and encouraged to participate in the training of workers. This training should be made available so as to develop the talents and increase their effectiveness as Christian workers.

3. That workshops on Christian stewardship be held in each church as early as 1965 as possible; that these workshops be conducted by the pastor and be assisted by the lay pastor and committee member in each church.

4. That members of the Workers Fund Committee who are chosen by the local church be allowed to serve at least one year.

That a sustained program of Christian stewardship be carried on throughout the year by the use of publicity material in the form of leaflets, tracts, Bible studies and literature, and in each church on the Workers Fund Committee see that materials furnished are not only distributed to each member of the local church but also studied carefully.

Church and State Conference Coming in Philadelphia

Thoughtful Christians of many denominations consider the American principle of separation of church and state as being subjected to more contrary winds than ever before. Whether the strain depends not only upon logical and clear thinking but also upon concerted action by the organizations as Protestants United (POAU) which have the financial backing of church people to undergird such needed action in widely separated trouble spots.

Every year there is a church-state conference sponsored by POAU. The seventh such national gathering will be held at Philadelphia in the Benjamin Franklin Hotel and Convention Center. The keynote speaker will be Dr. John A. MacKay, president emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary, one of the founders of the organization. The meeting starts with a clergymen's conference which will be addressed by Dr. Henry S. Borson who has just completed a world tour in behalf of POAU. He will speak on "Religious Freedom around the World Today." The cooperative of the lay pastors, their sup­ervisor will also make a major address on "The American Dream."

Christians need to be aware of such matters so that they can plan intelligently for the conference and for the cause that it carries forward with a staff of nearly fifty people. The organization encourages all church people to bring to the conference allegations of violations of constitutional principles of church-state separation.
**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwaal**

**Youth Week 1965**

Plans for celebrating National Youth Week (Jan. 31-Feb. 7) in our churches should be pretty well made by this time. The theme is "Songs for a Small Planet" as suggested by the Department of Youth Work of the National Council of Churches.

We still have available a few copies of the Rev. Paul Osborn's play designed for use in Seventh Day Baptist churches. It is called "Special News Report — Radio WSDB," and we will send copies to those who request them as long as the supply lasts. With some updating, the play can be produced with good effect.

**The Church School Teacher**

(continuing from a forthcoming publication of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.)

These are my duties:

- To be a Christian by commitment to Jesus Christ;
- To study, pray, and read the Bible every day;
- To be a member of the church in which I teach and always practice divine love, faithfulness, and kindness to all persons;
- To encourage my Sabbath teachings; and
- To realize that each soul reflects spiritual influence;
- To avoid questionable literature and pleasures;
- To seek the unchurched as a duty and privilege under God;
- To cooperate with the church-school program;
- To be an example of faithfulness and punctuality;
- To seek to acquaint my class with church officials;
- To endeavor to make our church doctrine understood to all pupils;
- To promote other groups in the church whenever possible.

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**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

**January 30, 1965**

Rejection or Acceptance

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 11: 20-30

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Mrs. McMurry World Woman's Leader

Mrs. William McMurry, internationally known Baptist woman's leader, died in a Birmingham hospital Jan. 2 after an illness of several months. She was 67.

At the time of her death, Mrs. McMurry was president of the North American Baptist Woman's Union, composed of 11 Baptist conventions on this continent affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance.

In August, Mrs. McMurry had attended the executive committee meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Hamburg, Germany. Afterward she visited Baptist missionaries and their work. This mission field she visited was for two weeks in the Near East because of her illness.

In 1962, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, awarded her the honorary doctor of letters degree.

A world traveler to mission fields in Cuba, Mexico, Europe, and the Near East, Mrs. McMurry went to Israel in 1961 for two weeks at the request of the government of that country. After returning, she shared her observations with Christian and Jewish groups.

She organized an informal interracial prayer group which meets monthly in Birmingham. When Billy Graham conducted prayer meetings in Birmingham, Mrs. McMurry attended them.

She was an author of three books. "The latter book, which came out in 1964, was "Spiritual Growth." One of the first three books she wrote was "A Person's Guide to Missionary Work" which is translated for use by Baptists in Spanish-speaking countries.

"Mrs. McMurry's leadership among women of the world represented missionary expansion at its best, doubly so when you consider the Southern Baptist life and world Christian advance will live long after her." - B. P.

Cleveland Conference on Poverty

The Cleveland Area Church Federation, the Cleveland Baptist Association, and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies jointly sponsored a clergy and businessmen's conference on poverty December 3, 4. This conference was held at the same time the General Board of the NCC was meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, and giving considerable attention to the same subject. The Cleveland conference drew 100 businessmen, 20 American Baptist directors of evangelism, and more than 50 clergymen, some of whom were Catholic priests. Most were from the Cleveland, Ohio, area.

The information given to the conference about definitions of poverty and its constantly diminishing extent are interesting in the light of the great emphasis being placed on poverty by the present administration and the NCC.

Dr. Richard Lampman, professor of economics at the University of Wisconsin, and former member of the President's Committee of Economic Advisors, in his keynote address on the subject, "A Fragment of Poverty," indicated that an income of $3,000 for a family of four or an individual income of $1,500 for single persons marked the distinguishing poor from the non-poor.

The number of persons, as well as the percentage, considered poor has been steadily rising in recent years, said Dr. Lampman. In 1936, about one-half of the people in the U.S. were poor. By 1947, the percentage had fallen to 32 per cent and to 19 per cent in 1963.

In spite of the fact that the population is increasing, the poor are decreasing in absolute numbers. This, Dr. Lampman attributed to economic growth. The median family income has been rising at the rate of 2 per cent a year. If the present rate continues there would be only 7.5 million poverty-stricken families, or 12 per cent by 1977.

Some people believe that poverty can be entirely eliminated. Dr. Lampman asked, "How long will it take to do so? The causes of poverty are: events - such as premature death of the breadwinner; racial barriers - racial discrimination; and personal differences of ability and motivation. Among the poor there are many women who are heads of households and a disproportionate number of persons with handicaps."

Remedies for poverty suggested by Dr. Lampman are related to the three causes of poverty: Reduce the risk of events, remove social barriers, and change personal differences by means of special programs of health, education, and environmental improvement for the poor.

Other speakers outlined plans for further decreasing poverty in the Cleveland area - plans which might be applicable in other geographical areas. The theme of the conference is "Poverty and the Christian Response."

Budapest School Honors Human Rights

"Human Rights and Friendship Among Peoples" are the themes being celebrated this year by pupils of the Janos Apaczai-Cseere school in Budapest as part of their international studies under the Unesco Associated Schools project.

Members of the school's Unesco Club recently organized an exhibition of drawings to illustrate Unesco's work for human rights. An album containing photos of the drawings has been prepared by the pupils.

Other activities aimed at promoting international goodwill are the inclusion in the school choir's repertory of a cycle of music and folk songs from all parts of the world, and performances in six languages of Shakespeare's plays to commemorate the bard's 400th birthday.

(self-criticism, good for the soul)
against Negroes at home. "Our attitude towards people of other races is definitely curbing our evangelistic outreach, both at home and around the world," said Mr. Autrey.

Another conference speaker, Mr. Henlee Barnett, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., called racism unbiblical and an obstacle to reaching the world, which he said is more diverse than ever before.

Actions Speak

Communists deny the existence of God. They call it a vain superstition. We deny Him by our actions. When the average American family is willing to put $750 a year in the military defense and unwilling to put even as much as $2.50 a year to share the other people of the world, who do not know Christ, we in fact deny God.

— From an editorial on Christian pacifism

**Filmstrip Library**

The filmstrip library maintained by the Tract Board is designed to serve the churches in a wide variety of ways. The emphasis in the selection of programs offered is on Bible themes and this is broad enough to provide teaching aids on any subject of Christian interest that can be presented in picture form. The largest number on a given subject (including duplicates) relates to the birth of Christ. Not all of them are called for this year. Two new ones were purchased too late to be advertised. One is a complete program using as a base ten people in the presentation besides children. It was used effectively in one church for a special vesper service on Sabbath afternoon. The other is also a valuable addition to the collection. Nearly half of our churches could be showing Christmas filmsstrips at the same time if second and third choices were indicated in the requests.

Some of the filmsstrips are of the discussion type for young people and adults. Some deal with the social problems of the day. They are good supply of Moody science pictures taken from the films that have been shown around the world to motivate in the Armed Forces. If church groups want something different for the observance of special days they should consult the catalog or ask about the new programs not yet listed. The Audio-Visual Department will appreciate suggestions for new filmsstrips. It also wants to keep the present ones moving among the churches. No charge!

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

WESTERYL, R. I.—Work is progressing on the addition to the church which is designed to house the Christian education facilities, as well as other activities of the church. It is anticipated that it will be ready to use by January 16, at which time a fellowship dinner will be served and the Rev. Victor Skaggs of Plainfield will be the guest leader for a discussion on Seventh Day Baptist polity.

The Christmas season was well commemorated, beginning with the Christmas Vesper and Candlelighting Service on Sabbath afternoon, December 19, presented by the choir. The Sabbath School Program with each class contributing a presentation of special interest was held December 20, in the church sanctuary, and was followed by an all-church party complete with Santa Claus, gifts, and refreshments in the vestry. High point of this event was the gathering of white gifts for distribution to less fortunate families in the area. The adult gifts of money by the adult classes for use in Youth Work in British Guiana, and for the return of Miss Joan Clement to Malawi.

The holiday season was doubly enjoyable for many members due to the visits of college students. These included Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Horn (Joplin, Mo.), of Milton, Wis., who with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Masterson were at home with Jerry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elsa H. Van Horn; Wayne and Nancy Cruzan spent their holiday from Alfred University with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Earl Cruzan; and David Chornen home from Salem College, Salem, W. Va., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Loren G. Chornen.

The holiday season was concluded with a New Year's Eve party and Watch Night service sponsored by the Youth Fellowship. The program directed by the Sabbath School Contest Committee, Mrs. Kenneth Smith, chairman, on Sabbath day, January 2, was followed by presentation of awards to individual and class winners. Mrs. Martin Oates, superintendent of the First Hopkinton Sabbath School, gave a talk on "Building Interest in Your Sabbath School," in which she presented concrete suggestions on how to go about increasing the effectiveness of the Church School program.

**RICHBURG, N. Y.—The annual business meeting of the church was held at the church Sunday, Oct. 4, at 8 p.m. The point was opened by the pastor and the church officers and committees. A unanimous call was given Pastor Bee for another term of office. The Fellowship Sabbath was held Oct. 31. Wesley McCrea delivered the sermon on "Able to Stand." Eugene Burrows and Victor Burrows were the worship leaders.

A program of dedication for the new hymnals "Christian Worship," was held in the church Sunday, Nov. 7, following the dedication of the Fellowship church. The evening was concluded with a fellowship luncheon. Those having a part on the program were Pastor Bee, Robert Smith, Fawzia Drake, and Mrs. David Taylor.


A building committee has been appointed, and a fund established to build new Sabbath School classrooms on the church at some future time. The committee seized on the joy of Christmas to several shut-ins and the parsonage afterwards for refreshments.

The Evangelism Committee is planning a series of evangelistic meetings the second week in February, as part of "Mission Month," and the Hedrickton, D. C., has agreed to help with visitation, and the Rev. Rex Burdick of Verona, N. Y., has agreed to be the speaker and to help in training workers.

**PLAINFIELD, N. J.—At our Sabbath worship service December 19, three babies were dedicated: Michael Brennan, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Brennan; Glen Maltby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Maltby; and Carl De Spretter, Jr., of Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich De Spretter. All the parents promised to bring up their children in the Christian faith and were given certificates of dedication.

The next evening the Pro-Con group had its Christmas party and social at the church. Each member brought a toy for a needy child and wrapped it at the party.

The Women's Society had its Christmas party at the church Monday evening.

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December 14. The program, "Joys of Christmas time," was presented by Mrs. Wilbur Duryea. Secret pats were revealed with much laughter.

The following evening the Fellowship Committee of the church served refreshments to the choir at the close of their final cantata rehearsal.

On December 19 the choir, directed by Howard S. Savage, presented "The Message of the Angel," and Rev. Reed. The sermon was entitled "The Cradle, the Cross, the Crown." At 4 p.m. the Sabbath School gave its annual Christmas program. Congregational carol singing was followed by Bible verses, songs, and recitations by the children. A film story, "Great is the Lord," featuring beautiful paintings related to the coming of Christ was narrated by Mervin Dickinson, the Rev. Victor Skaggs, Mrs. Harmon Dickinson, and the Intermediate Class. Miss Virginia North was soloist.

Cans of fruit juice were given to the local Neighborhood House, and an offer of over 400 pounds of fruit and vegetables for the Rev. Leland Davis, to be used for air travel in British Guiana.

In place of prayer meeting Christmas night, a group of young carolers took the joy of Christmas to several shut-ins and met at the parsonage afterwards for refreshments.

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## OWM World Mission

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### SUMMARY

#### 1964-1965 OWM Budget
- **Total Budget**: $113,899.00

#### Receipts for 3 months:
- **OWM Treasurer**: $22,350.07
- **Board**: $495.93
- **OWM Treasurer (Nov. Bal.)**: $22,846.00

#### Amount due in 9 months:
- **OWM Treasurer**: $91,053.00

#### Disbursements
- **Non-Budget, Dec.**: 5.00
- **Non-Budget (Nov. Bal.)**: 102.00

#### Totals
- **Disbursements Payable (Nov. Bal.)**: 102.00
- **Total Disbursements**: $7,230.14

#### Percentage of budget year elapsed
- **25 %**

#### Percentage of budget raised
- **20.05 %**

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Gordon L. Sanford, Treasurer.