Accessions—Boulder, Colo.
By Profession of faith:
Emma Mae Soper
Lyle Morgan
Associate Member:
Ray Hailer
Daytona Beach, Fla.
By Letter:
Mary G. Carneal (Mrs. Ray)
Paul E. Carneal
Darrell Carneal
Donna Lee Riley (Mrs. James)

Marriages—
Wilson-Waldron.—Neil Wilson of Boulder and Linda Waldron, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Waldron of Boulder, were united in marriage June 6, 1964, in a double ring ceremony in the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, the bride’s pastor, Rev. Mynor G. Soper, officiating.

Obituaries—
Dickinson.—Alice Randolph (78), daughter of the late David and Jennett Gilman Randolph, and wife of the late Clarence D. Dickinson, was born on a farm near Shiloh on Feb. 9, 1886, and died on Jan. 7, 1965, after several years of failing health. Surviving are two sons, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson of Plainfield, Melvin R. Dickinson of Jericho; two daughters, Mrs. Melvin Nida of Salem, W. Va., and Mrs. Frank W. McAlister of Cohoes; eleven grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Jesse M. Carll of Bridgeton. She was a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church and was active as long as her health would permit.

Funeral services were held in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church with her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. — C. H. B.

Lawhead.—William C., son of J. L. and Elva Hughes Lawhead, was born in North Hampton, Ohio, Nov. 27, 1894, and died Jan. 2, 1965, at his home in Jackson Center, Ohio.

Mr. Lawhead was the treasurer and a trustee of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He was married to Nina Davis, who survives, and they had planned to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on January 10. Also surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Walter (Dorothy) Helminger; Mrs. Ted (Mary) Stiefel; and Wilda Mae; a son, Robert; 13 grandchildren; 8 great grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Bernice Dobie and Mrs. Irma Gibbs; and three brothers, Howard, Joseph, and Huitl.

Funeral services were held in the Van Horn parlors at Jackson Center, with the Rev. David S. Clarke and the Rev. Rex E. Zwibel, officiating. Burial was in the Seventh Day Baptist cemetery nearby. — R. E. Z.

O’Dell.—Lewis Elba, son of William Clark and Alice Burdick O’Dell, was born at Alfred Station, N. Y., August 19, 1895, and died at Jones Memorial Hospital, Wells­ville, N. Y., January 17, 1965.

In April 1916, he joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Alfred Station, where he had retained his membership.

On July 12, 1916, he has united in marriage with Miss Mida Palmiler of Alfred Station, who survives him. To this union were born a daughter and two sons: Alice, Mrs. Charles Neval, Jr., of Andover; Clifford, who died in childhood; and Kenneth of Canisteo, N. Y. He is also survived by one brother, Carl, of Hornell, N. Y., and twelve grandchildren.

Since his retirement from farming in 1948, he and Mrs. O’Dell had made their home in Andover.

Memorial and committal services were held at the Muthboll Funeral Home, Andover, with the Rev. Harley S. Warren, officiating. Place of burial: Alfred Rural Cemetery.


Mr. Wheeler received higher education degrees from Milton College 1897 and Colorado University 1902 and later an honorary doctor’s degree from Milton. He united with the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, which his father founded, and remained a member until his death. He served as supervisor of many of the National Forests of the West and was for many years chief lecturer for the U.S. Forest Service, lecturing throughout the United States and Hawaii.

His wife, the former Felicitas Walther, died in 1955. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Orlive (Clarissa) Rasmussen and by nieces and a nephew. One sister, Mrs. D. M. Andres, and two brothers, John and Alfred, preceded him in death.

Funeral services with his pastor, Mynor Soper, officiating were held December 5. Interments was in the Green Mountain Cemetery. — M. G. S.

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Our World Mission

A Good Old Age

We do well to consider how to meet the problems and opportunities caused by the population explosion, so called. Let us, however, keep in mind the requirements and not "run scared" because our young married people are having children and our colleges are filling up with middle-aged and younger members for the retirement years that lie ahead. The motivation for creative Christian work must be instilled in the hearts of the people before the time when the guilt-lotine of joblessness falls. The insurance people have long since persuaded us of the value of providing old-age security. The church apparently, lacking the profit motive, has not been successful. We have neglected the productive years, failing to challenge enough of our adult people to put aside something for retirement years.

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Our neglect of fundamental instruction of youth is producing a generation of adults who grow up with the frustrations of retirement. It is not going to be easy in those middle years to instill faith where faith has not been strong, but it is not impossible with God. Under the overpowering of the Holy Spirit we can prepare our adults for those years to be spent in what is called the older generation.

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—Matthew Henry in The Secret of Communion With God (Fleming H. Revell Company)

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MEMORY TEXT

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom. 8: 38, 39).

A Hypocrite in the Church

There is a little cartoon in a book two-by-fours about small children by Charles M. Schulz and Kenneth Hall. To illustrate how the small child thinks the artist pictures a little boy and girl looking over the top of the church pews and not seeing many people. The boy's puzzlement is expressed in the question, "Are all the hypocrites? I've always heard that the church is filled with hypocrites." He has something there. No church is filled with hypocrites—not at least not for long. They do not have sufficient incentive to attend regularly. There may be some, but hypocrites don't fill the church; they empty it. You can be sure that if the church is well filled week after week it is mostly by those who have a loyalty for what it stands for. If the church is half empty it may be because there once were a number of hypocrites. But don't jump to any such hasty conclusion; there are other factors. If my church is not full it may be that I haven't taken seriously the discipleship commission of Jesus (Matt. 28: 19, 20).

"Gone are the days"

Some of the old familiar songs and poems are receding rapidly into the background of memory on the stage of time. One more expression that is losing its meaning is, "The plowman homeward plods his weary way to darkness and to the grave." Will not the generations of mules and horses and mules and mules and mules be trod down under the field in the game of political football? It is losing many people.

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smooth-worn handles with the lengthened reins looped around your back, dodging the horses' hooves as they kicked up the tough corn stubble. The 25,000,000 work animals are largely replaced with 4.7 million tractors and 2.8 million trucks.

These days they do not necessarily produce better men. Memories can't always be imparted, but they can be enjoyed by those who worked with horses and ample time for contemplation in the long hours of work and short periods when the horses had to be rested. Those were quiet days in the open fields where the air was not fouled with exhaust fumes—and hopefully not with profanity, which some men poured into the ears of their dumb animals when things went wrong. They were inspiring days for those who were thinking of higher things than square-faced farmers and upturned sod.

Real Pockets of Poverty

Oriental cities such as Taipei on Formosa are becoming modern and relatively prosperous but they have their pockets of poverty surrounding them, the comprehension of Americans whose poverty standards would seem like riches to those people. The following story, furnished by W. W. Reid, tells how something is being done for one such pocket.

Medical, educational, and social services will soon be available to the 476 families living in an orange grove in the town of Taipei, the capital city of Taiwan (Formosa). Called the “squatter” section of Taipei, this pocket of poverty is inhabited mostly by families who moved to the city from rural areas in south Taiwan. Most of the men work as part-time day laborers or as peddlers; and 60 per cent subsist on a monthly per capita income of less than $4.

Last summer, six students—four from Taiwan Theological College and two from Tsung Hua University (Christian), Taichung—made a survey of the needs of the Wan Hua district and submitted their findings to Taiwan Christian Service, the Taiwan Church World Service. On the basis of that survey, Taiwan Christian Service has decided to cooperate with the Taipei Christian Missionary Association in developing medical services in the area and a singing recreation program for children, who compose more than half of the area's total population (3,063). The agency plans to secure a trained public nurse to provide health education and limited medical treatment, and two Tunghai graduate social workers for work in the area; to consult with the Presbyterian Church of Formosa on developing a youth recreation program on the grounds of its Wan Hua church; to seek a qualified director of social work; and to continue its daily milk and cracker distribution program there.

From Our Readers

Editor:

In appreciation of the last issue of the Recorder, the February special issue of Feb. 8, 1965, let me say:

So many issues of our magazine, including the special issues, contain no explanation of our stand regarding the Sabbath, which one note of our denomination might read over so many of them without finding out the real reasoning behind separate denomination, aloof from others who share the Baptist belief, for instance.

This issue makes this plain in so many ways that it is a joy to read it, for me at least.

Especially commendable are articles by W. C. Daland, Rev. Edwin Shaw, and A. H. Lewis, to mention a few.

A good suggestion might be to try to get some more of these articles from the past, in many issues of the present, especially the special ones. —Paul S. Burdick.

Note: The reading for this special issue has brought to light a number of articles such as Mr. Burdick mentions. At least two of them are already scheduled for reuse.

Yearbook Now Printed

The printing and binding of the Yearbook involved checking and numerous delays. Early in the week of February 14 it was assembled, trimmed and ready for mailing. It is commended to church members for reading and reference.

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"We believe that Jesus Christ by his life and ministry and his final command to the disciples, commissions us to evangelism, missions, and religious education, and that the agencies through which we carry on these commissions have responsibility to make them known and understood throughout the whole world and in all human relationships." —S. D. B. Statement of Belief

Evangelism

By Rev. Earl Cruzan

Jesus' last words to His disciples were the words which we think of as the Great Commission, or, if we take it from Luke's account, 'Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.' A commission is imperative. You are given a task to do with the expectation that you will carry it out. And the Christian commission is even more than a task to be done—it is a message to be shared, a way of life to be lived, good news to be proclaimed.

The gospel is not our gospel, that is, it is not exclusively ours. It is good news for everyone. It is the best news that we can ever hope to hear. It is God's good news and is intended for every living soul upon this planet. The gospel tells us that God was not willing to leave us to ourselves and our own destruction. He has provided a way of reconciliation between ourselves and God and between each other. He was reconciling man, who lives in the world, unto Himself. This is good news to us today as it was good news for the people ages ago. It is given to us that we may know our own relationship to God and that we may share the joy of it with others. The world needs it today, and man was never more lost than today if he does not know God.

It is our responsibility as Christians, as a church, as a Church Mission, to share this good news. Evangelism has often been pigeonholed into a very narrow aspect of the sharing of the good news of Christ. Any sharing of this is evangelism, all the way from a mother teaching her child to the proclaiming of the worst reprobates of society.

Some of us attended the Billy Graham Crusade in London last year. We were deeply moved as the numbers went forward for commitment and especially so as a number from our group went forward also. We heard of the vast crowds that came to hear him night after night. This is evangelism—but it is only one medium of evangelism. The great commission of evangelism is in the entirety of the Christian life. Such a life must be a sharing.

We can become enthused about an evangelistic crusade, and it may stir us and move us mightily. But if it is to be of any value to us, we must be stirred in the area of our life with Christ. Our lives must be lived for Him.

Christian churches exist largely because it is difficult to be a Christian alone. There is strength in numbers. But, when it sets us apart, makes us alone in so many ways; reconciliation makes us whole, brings us together again. And this is true whether it be in relationship to God or to any member of the human race.

Remember when Jesus told the disciples that one of those who sat at the Last Supper was to betray Him, and, one by one, they asked, "Is it I?" Even Judas felt that he must ask, else his very silence would betray him. The church of Jesus Christ exists for fellowship, and whenever there is alienation within the church, each one should ask himself before God, "Is it I who am the cause of this alienation?" If we would do this in humility and sincerity, all rifts would be healed, and the cause of Christ would be the central aim of the church. But how many become confused as to the central aim of the church. How often we let ourselves get in the way. It takes deep soul-searching for us to recognize this. We become so wrapped up in ourselves, in our hurt pride, our wounded feelings, our awareness of slight, so absorbed with personalities with whom we disagree, that we lose sight of the fact that matters a different way, and we expend
so much energy nursing our wounded feelings, displaying our pride, or making an issue of difference which exists in our very nature that we forget the combined goal that is ours of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. It takes deep commitment to Christ to ask, "Lord, is it? Am I letting myself stand in the way of Thy witness upon this earth? Am I more concerned about myself and my feelings than about sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ?"

You may even now be asking: What does this have to do with evangelism? We support missionaries, we are happy when someone is converted. What does all this of which you speak have to do with evangelism? I maintain that this is vital to evangelism. If we stand with one another either clear the way for others to know the good news that is ours, or they so cloud the whole matter that others may well react, "Well, if that is Christianity, I don’t want any."

And this is where we have to start in the field of evangelism. All major plans and programs are frustrated or crippled by these very facts. We let ourselves, our own feelings, block the work of the Holy Spirit.

There are those who have felt uncomfortable in the fellowship of our church. By and large, we have the reputation of being a friendly church; and yet somehow we feel as if we are wanted. I know that there are those among us who immediately react unfavorably to a program that is projected because they think that certain others are in favor of it. Some are inclined to make a great deal of small matters because it seems more important to make a point than it does to share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We know one another well enough so that we can see many of the weaknesses and failures that we each possess, but do we know one another well enough in Jesus Christ to see through the weaknesses and the failures with a love which joins us together in a common purpose?

I ask each one of you to ask yourself as did the disciples: Is it? It is I who am keeping the Holy Spirit from working to the fullest in and through the church? Am I letting myself stand in the way of evangelism? Am I letting myself stand in the way of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus when He said, "Love your enemies, bless those that curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you, that ye may be the children of your father which is in heaven. For this is the way that your Father is: for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust."

We should not have any enemies within the church, we should not close anyone within the brotherhood, we should not speak evil about them. We may have some who despitefully use us, or we may be the one who is in trouble, or ours may be the case that we think that we do not have to be within the brotherhood of Christians; yet we sometimes see signs of it.

But what about our response? Do we love those who we think are our enemies; do we speak well of those who don’t speak well of us; do we do good to those who we think may hate us; and pray for those who make life miserable for us? Or do we strike back, make ourselves as miserable to them as they seem to be to us?

God provides for all, both just and unjust. He doesn’t single out the unjust and strike back. What about us Christians? do we take these words of the Lord Jesus seriously? Do we, too, within the fellowship of the church and our own relationships when we read these words, What do we do about it? Do we strike back with an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth, or do we put the forces of love to work, right here within our church? If it doesn’t work here, will it never work anywhere else. Search your own heart, search your motives! Are you more concerned about yourself than you are about God? This is the launching pad for evangelism. It is love and understanding drawing together in a co-operative effort for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. We need saving faith if we let ourselves be a malfunctioning

Words of Yesterday

Strangely Applicable Today

July years ago when General Conference met at Plainfield, the pastor, A. H. Lewis, wasted to time in trivialities in his address of welcome but went to the heart of the matter in a discussion of attitudes toward the Bible and its influence. That discourse is still quoted and is one of the great addresses in the history of the church. It is particularly the opening words of the 1893-1898 volume of Seventy Years. The address was written in 1914 by the pastor, and the response to the welcome by the president, George H. Thomas, was an equally deep message on evangelism, and was, of course, a thoughtful reading today (may be reprinted next week).

Since the beginning of our organized life as Seventh Day Baptists in America, 224 years ago, there has been no time when the spiritual importance of this, more than any other, our very nature' that we forget the commitment to Christ to ask, "What is the Sabbath?". Is this the launching pad for the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ? Is it not the Sabbath day? How far does religious liberty demand the recognition of any day not nominated by the civil law? Or do we retaliate, fight back, make ourselves as miserable to them as they seem to be to us?

The Sabbath question is affected by these prevailing tendencies in a large area of the church in the United States and abroad, and in the near future. In the United States of America, the Sabbath is doing its work anywhere else. Search your own heart, search your motives! Are you more concerned about yourself than you are about God? This is the launching pad for evangelism. It is love and understanding drawing together in a co-operative effort for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom. We need saving faith if we let ourselves be a malfunctioning

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not be indifferent to the fact that the attitude of even the religious world toward the Bible has changed greatly within the past two centuries. This fact affects us and our work directly and menacingly. The question now most prominent among the leaders of religious thought is in many places, at least, is not What the Bible teaches, but What the Bible is; in what sense it is an authoritative Book in matters of religion. This is the launching pad for the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ; and having done all, to stand...
A deaconess at her ordination lays bare the struggles of faith common to many in the following

Statement of Christian Experience

By Ruth Hunting Parker

The Planfield Seventh Day Baptist Church has been an important part of my life since the time of my earliest memories. My parents had just moved a block away from the church when my own mother, Winnifred Curtis Hunting, died of pneumonia. I had pneumonia, too, but even though I was only five months old, God spared my life. I believe He had a purpose for my life and that today part of that purpose is being fulfilled. He gave me a wonderful second mother, Ida Spicer Hunting, who, with my devoted and consecrated father, Irving Hunting, gave me a happy Christian home and an excellent religious background. I have pleasant memories of Grandpa and Grandma Spicer, with whom we lived only two blocks from the church. Joseph Dennison Spicer was a church teacher and I well remember his serving Communion. Sabbath Day was a happy day each week, and I always enjoyed coming to church with my whole family. We never missed a Sabbath when we were able to attend.

When I was thirteen years old, I made a decision for Christ and was baptized along with several others by Pastor James L. Skaggs, who was an important influence in my young life. I joined the church at that time. Keeping the Sabbath was not difficult in these early years. My father never worked on the Sabbath, and it was always a special day at home. Under Pastor A. J. C. Bond our church life was introduced, and we enjoyed and enjoyed Sabbath School, Christian Endeavor, and singing in the young people's choir Sabbath eve each week. After church Sabbath day, Mrs. Nathan Lewis' Jorgivens group provided many happy experiences.

My father and mother were nature lovers and taught me to see the glory of God in all the diverse beauty of nature. I can remember my father pointing out the beauty of the lightning, as well as of the sky, the trees, the wild flowers, the birds, and many other things in nature. My mother taught me the joy of music.

I was fortunate indeed that my father sent me to Alfred, his alma mater. There I continued my love as happy life with no religious disillusionments, as many college students have. I joined in the church life there and enjoyed Christian Endeavor, Pastor Ehret's Sabbath School class, teaching a younger class, and singing in the choir.

I prepared to be a high school English teacher and accepted a job on Long Island, 100 miles from home. As I look back on it now, I think it was God's will for me to take the job offered to me at Alfred High School for less money. I don't remember feeling guided to accept the better-paying job, but I do remember the consideration that it was nearer home.

I regret to say that I was not strong enough to meet the test of being on my own, away from the Seventh Day Baptist church and helpful Christian influences. During the next three or four years my interest in religion and in keeping the Sabbath waned, and I went my own way. I became skeptical and unhappy. I did not seek God's guidance in my teaching problems or in my social relationships. As a direct result, I believe, I failed in disciplining the students. When I did get home, I no longer enjoyed church and Sabbath School. My state of mind was not one that I would recommend to any young person facing the same temptations.

All the time the Holy Spirit was seeking to bring me back to God, and my conscience bothered me considerably. The Holy Spirit said to me: "Is this what your Christian training has brought you to? Is this God's plan for your life?" I started attending a Methodist church and singing in the choir. Pastor Skaggs came out from New York to see me, and his visit had a good influence on me. In February 1938 I went to Christian landlady no. 3, who introduced me to a series of evangelistic services led by a young widow, Mrs. Irene Ihde, a former missionary. She had a beautiful voice and was so radiantly kind and joyful in spite of her sorrow that I rededicated my life to Christ and was converted. The call was given me. Whether this was my second rebirth or my first, I have never known, but I do know that my early baptism and church membership had not been enough to restore me to God. Since then I have always been certain that I belong to Christ and have sought His help and guidance increasingly over the years.

I knew that God had forgiven my sins and had given me another chance to serve Him.

When I came home to live, I attended church regularly on the Sabbath again. Since I had not succeeded in high school discipline, God led me to prepare for textbook editing, which would utilize my teaching experience and training. At that time, editors were expected to work half a day on the Sabbath. When I applied for a job at Macmillan, I told Mr. Knowlton, "I am a Seventh Day Baptist and couldn't work on the Sabbath." The woman I was to work under was the daughter of a former Planfield minister and a Seventh Day Baptist. She put in a good word for me, and I got the job with the privilege of working and being paid on a five-day basis. At the end of three months, Mr. Knowlton was so well satisfied with my work that he said he wouldn't continue to penalize me for my religion, and he raised my salary. I have always felt that I was led by the Holy Spirit to apply for this job, and to get it and keep it ten years without ever working on the Sabbath.

About this time I started tithing, and I have found it to be a great blessing and joy. The Lord has blessed me materially as well as spiritually, but I believe that His gifts are the most important reward of tithing.

For several years I accompanied my mother on her frequent rounds of visiting the ill and the shut-ins, and I discovered the joy that comes with helping such people. I also discovered how much I could learn from old and experienced Christians, such as Miss Nancy Randolph. It was my privilege to visit her nearly every Sabbath during her last difficult years and to witness the peace of spirit in spite of pain and troubles.

At the same time I enjoyed teaching the high school young people in Sabbath School. Before death I was elected Sabbath School superintendent, and it gave her great satisfaction to see me serving the Lord in that way. I continued as superintendent for nine years.

The Lord gave me strength to bear the death of my beloved father and mother and the loneliness that came with living by myself for seven years and having no close relatives nearby. At that time I appreciated more than ever the love and helpfulness of my fellow church members. And my belief in eternal life was strengthened.

I felt the hand of God when I was enabled to get a better job closer to Macmillan, with the American Book Company. Since then, because of the new management at Macmillan, many have lost their jobs or resigned. I was spared such troubles.

I have also felt the hand of God in my marriage to a loving and unselfish husband, without whose helpfulness and co-operation I would not be here today. Each morning at breakfast we read the Bible and the Upper Room. Thank God for His countless blessings, for His forgiveness, and His guidance through the day, pray for our loved ones, for those in special need, for our churches, our communities, our nation, and the world peace, and end with the Lord's Prayer. I believe that this practice of seeking God's will each morning is largely responsible for making our marriage such a happy one. I try also to keep close touch with God in prayer on my way to work, at work, on the way home, before meals, and at bedtime. I am

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Dedicated Christian Service

By Rev. Leon R. Lawton, Director of Evangelism

Take several young people who have experienced conversion by faith in Christ, who sense His call of complete consecration, who are willing to do His will...

Give them close fellowship with others of like mind, hours of study in and meditation on the Bible, the challenge of proved methods of teaching, the practice with others in singing together, the awareness of the emptiness of life without Christ and God, the vision of a God-given responsibility and task...

Loose them among a good but not truly godly people, to share the enthusiasm of a vital living faith, to speak of truth known in a revealed Word, to love those known in a revealed Word, to visit and show concern for the many in our cities and communities who are baptismal candidates at God's Kingdom in the earth; we must make a reputation for spirituality and intellectual depth.

It is suggested that churches order enough copies to distribute among families that will use these "Christian disciplines."

The Challenge of Growth

By Loren G. Osbourn

The three young folks in white robes are baptismal candidates at God's Seventh Day Baptist Lighthouse of Prayer Church at Algiers (New Orleans). The church was founded by the Rev. Mary Craig Johnson, also robed in white. The candidates are children of Deacon and Mrs. Author Johnson. Mrs. Johnson had a vision which showed her that all five of her children should become members of the church.

The baptism took place on January 2. The group marched from the church to the St. Stephen's Church on the same street (Whitney Ave.). The pastor had graciously offered the use of the baptismal since Mrs. Johnson's church does not yet have a baptismal pool. There was a sermon by a visiting minister to an audience made up mostly of people who were not Seventh Day Baptists. The report by the pastor states that after the service the group returned to their own church for a testimonial period and a Communion service.

The pastor requests the prayers of readers of the Sabbath Recorder for the continued success that the power of God working through our fellowship worker will help us to get a baptismal pool in our little church with God in the lead.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  Sec. Rev S. Zwiebel

Dedicated Summer Work

Now is the time for our churches to decide if they need and want help with Vacation Church School and church camps from dedicated service workers as offered by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. For any church that desires help we will endeavor to supply a leader. We have persons of varying talent, and also have a compelling desire to be of service.

Thus far we have received statistics, by way of answered questionnaires, from three young ladies: Martha Babcock, Norfolk, Neb. (Martha has had two years' experience on the field); Suzanne Jones, Bellevue, Neb.; and Irene Bond, Nortonville, Kan. The latter two have had local experience. Two young men and one other young lady have written for application forms to fill out. There will be more.

The Women's Board is furnishing the money for this project. The directors of the board have asked that we try to schedule workers nearer their homes as the travel expense last year was out of proportion to the number of days worked. We, therefore, hope that will no longer be a problem.

May we remind you that there are two distinct programs of Dedicated Service: the Summer Dedicated Service Corps—1965, and ours. Information regarding the Summer Dedicated Service Corps may be received from Mrs. Loyal Todd, R.F.D., Whitewater, Wis., or the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, 293 Highland Ave., Battle Creek, Mich.

Any person desiring to help in these programs is urged to correspond immediately. For help with Vacation Church School, write us at Box 115, Alfred Station, Y. 14803. For help with the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, N.Y. 14803.

New Publication

Sample copies of a new publication of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education are ready for mailing to all of our churches. The 12-page booklet is called "Answer to Life's Urgent Problems." It deals with the training of the education leaders in our churches, and we believe it is an excellent tool for use in local church teacher training programs. Sponsored by the board's Committee on Publications, the material was compiled and edited by Secretary Zwiebel. It is being offered for sale for $1 a copy or 10 for $1.25.

The committee hopes that each church will keep a supply on hand for study and to give to prospective teachers as they develop in the church.

Youth Week

Youth leaders across the denomination are urged to send copies of their Youth Week programs to our office for our files, information, and sharing with other groups. Sermons or talks given by the youth people will be considered for publication in the Sabbath Recorder and/or the Beacon.

Reports that have been shared with us indicate a tremendous faith and talent among our youth. We are proud of youth and urge all Seventh Day Baptists to encourage them by word and example.

S.D.B. Junior Quarterly

The New Junior Quarterly now being distributed by the Board of Christian Education will make excellent curriculum for use in Vacation Church School and camps for Juniors. Junior Hi youth can study it with profit. If your Sabbath School is not using it at the present, why not try it in your summer programs?

EVANGELISM

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unit which keeps the power of love from being released.

May we be used of God in the sharing of the message of love and forgiveness, of mercy and truth. May it be said of us as a church as it was said of the early church: "These Christians, how they love one another!" If there is someone you usually avoid speaking to, won't you start this morning by speaking to that person in the genuine fellowship of the love of Jesus Christ?

Let us make this matter of evangelism begin right here—and if we make it genuine here, it will reach out. We don't need those delegates, because the World Congress is growing. We need to be concerned about living and sharing the love that we know in Jesus Christ. Then the church will grow. Let us reach out in this love. Let us reach out in our personal relationships with everyone with whom we come in contact.

Let us reach out in our Sabbath School as we teach the Bible and apply the teachings of Jesus to daily living.

May you be successful in your youth work—not just for our own but also for others. Let's not be so concerned for ourselves that we can't see others also.

May you remember that God has given us. Let us use the time that is ours for Him, our talents in the sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

There are men who don't know this good news. There are those who have heard it who are living as though they didn't know it. Let each of us live in the full knowledge of it.

Let us reach out in love, never asking about the strata of society, the economic level, the racial background — just reach out to share the message of the love of Jesus Christ.

Remember, evangelism is any sharing of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This means that you must be an evangelist, the bearer of the good tidings. Paul told the early Christians, "Sow the seed of the good life; a believer might well win his unbelieving wife to the way of Christ, or a believing wife might win an unbelieving husband." As a Christian you must carry these good tidings.

Missions is a part of it. As we help to send the message of love where we can, we help others who are not learning in evangelism. However, it is sheer folly to send it to some faraway land if it doesn't fill our lives and shed a ray of light in our home, among our friends, our neighbors, and those with whom we work.

Question and Answer

Q.—What is your sex? Please check.
A.—I already know.
— Recorder questionnaire.

Baptist World Congress

Miami Beach, June 25-30

Never before in the history of the Baptist World Alliance has the World Congress been held in the United States. Coming every five years, this 11th world gathering of Baptists comes to the great resort area of Miami Beach. At an off-season time when the thousands of delegates can be handled without crowding and at reasonable rates from $2 to $10 in the 400 nearby hotels. Early registration is encouraged as well as early planning to take advantage of special excursion rates on the public carriers.

Seventh Day Baptists, long members of the World Alliance, have been eagerly awaited previous sessions of the World Congress because they were held in such far-off places. This may well be the year to mingle with Baptists from all over the world in a fellowship and a stimulating program long to be remembered. Those who get a real blessing from attending previous meetings also consist of an exclusive Baptist Jubilee at Atlantic City last May which may look back upon that as the appetizer before the main course when one feasts on the fellowship of people of like Baptist faith from the far corners of the world.

Not the least of the blessings of attending such an international gathering is the witness one can give to that aspect of our faith which no Seventh Day Baptists from other Baptists. Thousanda of those who never met any of our people will be asking 'why' and 'why' with a genuine brotherly interest. It is expected that we will have the opportunity to maintain an informational booth at Miami Beach somewhat smaller, but similar to the popular display of the exclusive Baptist Jubilee at Atlantic City. The Tract Board is beginning to make arrangements. People who plan to attend should contact the secretary's office if they are willing to help man the booth.

Further information about the strong program and the interesting personalities on it will be mentioned on these pages as the time draws nearer. Now is the time to make your plans.

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confident that God has answered my prayers or will answer them in the future.

Over the years it has become easier for me to witness to Christ's love and to my beliefs in the Sabbath. I try to take advantage of the opportunities I have, going to and from work, at work, in the family, and in writing letters. Every two months or so, I contribute about fifteen Upper Rooms to people who would not otherwise have them. I pray that I may become a more effective witness than I now am.

Regular attendance at Sabbath School and church and singing in the choir mean that I look forward to what lies ahead, and church and singing in the choir mean that God has answered my prayers Sunday, January 31, 1965. Seventh Day Baptist ministers Elder Adolph Showers, Hammond, La., Rev. Ralph Hays, and Rev. H. E. DeLand of Battle Creek Church assisted. Mr. Hays preached the morning sermon (Isa. 56:1-6) at 7 a.m. A visiting minister, Rev. Earl Shephard, preached a sermon from Matthew 10:20-24. Mr. DeLand preached the sermon. A visiting minister, Rev. H. Randell, preached a sermon on Romans 12. Rev. Mary Craig Johnson delivered the sermon (Rom. 12:9-12) at 7 p.m. "Prepare to Meet Thy God." Concluding the three services, the highlight was when three persons accepted Christ. All felt the Holy Spirit working in their hearts.

There was a get-acquainted hour between services, a fellowship breakfast, and lunch and refreshments were served. The food and refreshments were donated by fellow church friends and members of the church.

—Rev. Mary Craig Johnson.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—The annual Christmas program was presented on Sabbath eve, December 11. The adult choir sang the cantata, "King of Kings" by Protheroe, directed by Wendell Thorn gate. White Gifts were given for the Winter delinquency youth service entered in the project next summer. The Sabbath School children had their Christmas party Sunday, December 13, with Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, sup't. of the children's division, and Mrs. Herbert Bennett, sup't. of the Junior Dept. in charge. Pastor and Mrs. Fredericksen entertained adults Sabbath School classes at the parsimonie on different days during the holiday season. The Ladies Aid Society also had an evening meeting there, with a program on Christmas in Italy presented by Mrs. Bennett. An Italian supper was served with the pastor and some of the other husbands as chefs.

At the quarterly church business meeting which was held on January 3, it was voted to operate with the suggestion of the Conference Committee on Ministerial Support and indebtedness to the pastor. The pastor's income by 5% for the next five years. We had previously voted him a raise for this coming year which amounted to slightly more than 5%. Most of the Sabbath School officers were re-elected. It was voted to affiliate with the reactivated Battle Creek Council of Churches.

Our Community Youth Center in the Parish House opened on January 21 with a very good attendance from the community. The local newspaper carried a nice story and picture showing the list of directors made up of two Seventh Day Baptists and two Negro fathers of the neighborhood. The center is open every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. for children up to 14 years, and from 6:30-9 p.m. for those up to 18 years of age.

Our first family night of the year was held January 23, with Mr. and Mrs. Randall Palmer in charge. The main course of the venison and fish supper was prepared and served as a result of the hunting activities of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Seavey, Mr. and Mrs. Palmer. The program was presented by the Battle Creek Community Ambassador to Egypt, who spent two years in the last and second year of<br><br>THE SABBATH RECORDER
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Historical Displays in Denominational Building

Prominently located in the city of Plainfield, N. J., is the imposingly beautiful Seventh Day Baptist Building which provides offices for three boards, the executive secretary, and a large Board Room. It houses the Ministerial Training Center, with office and library, and furnishes needed storage space in basement and attic. The picture here shows a portion of the third floor occupied by the Historical Society. The displays in the large middle room contain objects and documents of great historical value. The other large working and library room preserves the periodicals and books needed for research into the past to understand the present and to plan for the future.

SUMMARY

1964-1965 OWM Budget $113,899.00
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JANUARY DISBURSEMENTS

| Board of Christian Education | $600.09 |
| Historical Society | $61.02 |
| Ministerial Retirement (Mem. Ed.) | $844.68 |
| Ministerial Education | $965.98 |
| Missionary Society | $3,626.16 |
| Tract Society | $943.18 |
| Trustees of General Conference | $43.43 |
| Women's Society | $261.93 |
| World Fellowship & Service | $107.07 |
| General Conference | $1,254.00 |
| Riverside Church (Non-Budget) | $102.00 |

| Totals | $8,812.54 |

Gordon L. Sanford  
OWM Treasurer.