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Ellis.-A son, Timothy Aldrich.

By Profession of Faith: By Baptism:

Hagan.-A daughter, Julia Dawn, to Grant and Burdick.-Blanche Merritt, daughter of the late

She was married to Earl Burdick on June 21, 1965.

She is survived by her husband, Earl; by a son, Decatur, and his wife, Mrs. Grace C. Spicer of Andover, N.Y.; a brother, E. Rogers Crandall of Bath, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

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Pierce.—Deacon Frederick J., son of John and Effie M. Pierce, was born in the Town of Alfred, N. Y., July 23, 1884, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., June 23, 1965.

He was united in marriage with Miss Edna M. O'Neil on April 14, 1918. From this union were born two sons: Lloyd W. and Donald S. Both of Alfred Station, N. Y.

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She was united in marriage with Floyd C. Clarke on November 8, 1906. Mr. Clarke preceded her in death three years ago.

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How the Other Half Lives
A Glimpse of Military Service

From time to time it is good to stop and think of life in the military service so that we can broaden our outlook and enlarge our hearts to take in the problems and joys of a large segment of the young manhood of our nation — and their families. There is no better place to see this other side of life than to listen to the daily hours on consecutive evenings observing the men in uniform (Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines) coming and going at the main East Coast air transport point for servicemen, McGuire Air Force Base, across the way from Fort Dix, N. J.

Here one sees not only all sorts of uniforms and all kinds of people, but a wide range of feelings, attitudes, and philosophies of life. Some can be casually observed; other things come out only in conversation. At one end of the terminal one sees the arriving passengers, enlisted men, officers, families who have finished a tour of duty somewhere in Europe. Some of them are tired and fatigued after an eight-hour flight over the Atlantic but most of them are happy to be back in the homeland. A few on emergency leave have made a four-hour drive to be there. Another with a similar time of duty to return home. Some, but not many, have for perplexing problems and aspirations as they wait for the midnight plane. One young man has had six or eight years of service and wants to go on. Another with a similar time of duty has come to realize how much his parents mean to him and how difficult it is going to be for him to give his wife and child a normal life. Family relations are strong; he will not stay after his present assignment.

On the other end of the building one sees another side of military life. Luggage is strung the length of the room waiting for the plane to leave. Some of the people have been waiting for days for available space on a plane that will take them back to some part of Europe to join their unit or to join their families, after being called home perhaps on emergency leave. The feelings vary. There is time to share them in this waiting period.

There is, for instance, the tall Puerto Rican sergeant who was called from Germany back to his active island and has cut his emergency leave short because he is now worried about his wife and children in Europe.

We talk to a grey-haired master sergeant who retired two years ago and now has joined again because the military life is in his blood and there is a place for him in a unit in Germany. With him are his wife, a 19-year-old son with an Elvis Presley haircut, and a happy 17-year-old daughter thrilled with what she can learn in a foreign country.

The plane for Spain is called, and the line of Naval airmen in white uniforms make the bulk of the load. One man takes his leave of a tearful mother and kisses his girl friend goodbye. When men are well out toward the plane, it seems an opportune time to join the father and mother to break the tension and the silence of pent-up feelings. This is the first son to go overseas and parting is not easy. The young man is only eight days old. They made a four-hour drive to say their good-bye. The girl? She can hardly compose herself enough to talk but she asks another serviceman what it is like in Spain. He doesn't know, but he tells her there is something she can do that will help; she can keep the letters flying across the sea. He knows what mail means when you are far from home.

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So we sample a little bit of life without doing any preaching and are happy to be thanked for the conversations. Perhaps the recounting of these glimpses into a minority of military life is good to have and that her young child is but eight days old. They made a four-hour drive to say their good-bye. The girl? She can hardly compose herself enough to talk but she asks another serviceman what it is like in Spain. He doesn't know, but he tells her there is something she can do that will help; she can keep the letters flying across the sea. He knows what mail means when you are far from home.

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illegal Conversions in Israel

The Orthodox rabbis in Israel have long agitated for an anticonversion law to keep Christians from making any attempt through schools or otherwise to influence Israeli children to become Christians. In September of 1963 hundreds of Yesheva (Orthodox religious) students "raided" missionary schools in Jerusalem, Jaffa, and Haifa in an effort to frighten Jewish children into dropping out of those schools. This was enough pressure to get the parliament to pass the anticonversion law for which they had previously showed little enthusiasm.

The law is very strict, allowing for a six-month prison term for anyone who makes direct attempts to convert minors without meeting the law's requirement. Among the requirements for a minor "to convert" is the written consent of both his parents and, if under ten years of age, his own consent. This last provision must be satisfied at something other than Protestant churches, for it would be impossible for someone who is a Christian without his own consent, and to change from one religion to another would in most cases be unthink of for one as young as ten years. But to deny the opportunity for a youth to study another religion and accept it if he is convinced that it is truth is an arbitrary and unjustifiable attitude for a modern government to take. We will hope that Israel will see the backwardness of this legislation and will repeal it.

Have these Orthodox leaders studied their own history? Don't they know that in the first century religious leaders were such zealous proselyters that Jesus said of them: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte..." (Matt. 23:15)? Can't they see that it is illogical that this law, which constrains Christians to conduct mission schools in every land, including Israel? It is not hatred of the Jew or disrespect for the faith of Judaism, but rather to share with all the blessings the Christians have found in the Messiah's first coming.
Editorial Notes

Doing Something About Moral Decay

A new book 26 Years on the Losing Side is being published and distributed by the American Tract Society of Oradell, N. J. The title sets one thinking, especially when it is learned that the author is a veteran New York police officer, Deputy Inspector Conrad S. Jensen. Can he mean by the title and by the story inside that his time as police inspector was twenty-six years on the losing side in the battle against crime and for moral righteousness? That is what this book, described as fascinating, apparently states. The Tract Society in bringing out this book says our it. The chilling realities of life are clearly etched, while, at the same time, the Scriptural solutions are penetratingly applied.

In addition to the general call for this book dealing with moral decay, the Tract Society's special project to send free copies to an estimated 10,000 prominent Federal officials offers Christians a tangible means of publicly expressing their concern. A gift of one dollar sent to the address above will take care of mailing two copies.

Letter to the Editor

More Thoughts on Merger

Have been noticing in the Recorder the Seventh Day Baptist ministry than at any recent time in our history; the insistence on help in our missions and in new fields such as Burma, where a new conference with three churches and 311 members challenges us; the times are pregnant with opportunities for service for our young people and their elders in promoting education with a Christian flavor; and the needs of emerging peoples for their demands for equality excite our sympathy and our admiration. Has there ever been a time when the challenge has been so great?

While not all take part in all the events which stir our souls we can all do our part to see that others as well as we may participate. We dare do not less, yes, we can, we dare, and we will assist by meeting our financial obligations, and will encourage others to participate in these exciting events if we have the means, the hearts, and the souls to meet the challenge.

Like a Bee in the Bonnet

Harley D. Bond

There remains but three months in our Conference year. The report from the OWM treasurer shows need for slightly over $41,000 to meet our budget. Can we do it? To the first question the answer is “yes.” With all putting their shoulders to the wheel it must be done. We have no time to do it, and it will be done. The final answer lies with each of us—just how deeply we feel in our minds, and hearts, and souls the words of our response.

Today more young folks are looking toward the Seventh Day Baptist ministry than at any recent time in our history; the insistence on help in our missions and in new fields such as Burma, where a new conference with three churches and 311 members challenges us; the times are pregnant with opportunities for service for our young people and their elders in promoting education with a Christian flavor; and the needs of emerging peoples for their demands for equality excite our sympathy and our admiration. Has there ever been a time when the challenge has been so great?

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Smoke over Mississippi

When the Evangelical Press Association, having a membership of 149 publications, met in Chicago in mid-May it awarded the Baptist Record for first honor to an editorial by Joe T. Olde of Jackson, Miss., entitled "Smoke over Mississippi." The editorial which appeared last fall in the state paper sparked a campaign to rebuild burned Negro churches. The Associated Church Press with 161 member publications meeting May 5-7 in Ottawa, Canada, had also given that editorial top honors.

To what extent can our witness be "Thus saith the Lord" to a real world of commercial and technological life in which the Bible seems irrelevant?

This is a good question, with which every Christian should identify. We in America and those in Europe may think that we have to struggle with it a little sooner and a little more deeper than others but it is doubtful if this is true at the present time. The Christian leaders in emergent nations are aware that the commercial, technological life is bursting in on their nations and that it leaves people much less time to achieve balance and perspective than we enjoyed. Brazil, for example, pretty much skipped the railroad age in the development of its country, jumping from ox cart to airplane in transportation. Other nations experiencing a quick change in economic and political growth have been tempted to adopt a completely materialistic outlook on life which makes the "Thus saith the Lord" of old seem weak against new thought patterns and undermines the relevance of the Bible. They haven't had time to come to a full realization of the need of the spiritual to balance and give meaning to the material. Thus we who have had more time to reflect on these things can best help ourselves and them to find answers that will really satisfy before it is too late for those asking.

If there is one thing that we have learned with the extra time that God has given to some of us, it is that God does not care how we live in such countries as this one, it is that there soon comes a deep cry from the hearts

* These remarks were given in part at the panel discussion at a plenary session of the Baptist World Congress at Miami Beach. The subject was assigned The moderator, Dr. Adams, who presided over the Baptist Jubilee at Atlantic City last year, took pains to identify Seventh Day Baptists when calling on the speaker. Other panelists included representatives from the Soviet Union, Greece, Czechoslovakia, Scandinavia, and the United States.
of men for something more enduring, more sure, more solid and more authoritative than can be found in a life that is materialistically oriented. It comes back, whether they realize it or not, to the prophetic, analytical word of Christ, "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" Man who has thought he had all he needed to fill his life with goodness has found it strangely empty. With his stomach full, his heart is empty and he cries insistently for the living bread. Our preoccupation with technology should be viewed not as an indication of the irrelevancy of the gospel message but of its need and relevance. The minutiae of what we are so involved in during our week of labor drives us to seek completeness and wholeness in our moments of meditation and especially on the one day of rest and worship. If ever we needed a "Thus saith the Lord," it is now.

But how far can we go with it in this age? We may not be able to thunder those words like a voice from Sinai to unprepared minds. The message of God at the mountain of the law had to come through Moses and prophets just as the message of Pentecost had to be filtered through the minds of such men as Peter and Paul to effectively transform hearts and lives. So it must be today. We may not be able to use exactly the same words in our age but we must have the same intent—to produce today what the New Testament message sought to produce—impressed about Pastor Lawson, who had more than once spoken in their church.

A prominent representative from India who was being much photographed by others posed in our booth. Her braided hair falling well below the waistline is not shown in this front view. To the right S. Kenneth Davis, manning the booth seems to be listening rather than talking at the moment. Telling his views about preachers (not too complimentary sometimes) is an elderly manufacturer of church furniture (Jewish).

"Christians must beware lest they announce the Good News as though it were only a rumor."

THE SABBATH RECORDER

EVANGELISM

Address by Conference President George H. Utter, Aug. 21, 1895

(continued from last week)

The first way in which we should proclaim the Word of God, then, is by the preacher, and that means, secondly, that those of us who are not ordained to preach God's Word must help those who are to their work. But little would come either from preaching God's Word or from教研 out those who do declare it, unless the personal lives of those who profess Christ be consistent. Therefore, in the third place, it seems to me the most important of them all, the Word of God is to be made known unto the world as you and I live it.

Did you ever think that the world never combats the idea of Christ's religion? The world never combats the teaching of Jesus Christ. The world never undertakes to deny that it would be better if it accepted of his rules of living. Ask any of those men who have engaged in the work of saving souls, and see if they do not become impressed by the fact that the objections they have most to overcome are in the lives of those who have professed Jesus Christ.

I tell you, young men and women, the high calling of Jesus Christ is to the living of Christ's Word. It is living it to-day, as you hope to live it tomorrow; it is redeemed, transformed men. God hasn't changed; sin hasn't changed. We must make sure that we have the mind of God and then express it in ways that will change men.

World Baptists at Miami

Pictured in last week's issue were representatives of several nations who visited the Seventh Day Baptist booth at Convention Hall during the 11th Baptist World Congress, June 24-30. Here are representatives from two other countries. The young lady on the left with the flowery dress and headgear, bright eyes, and delicate complexion is from Nigeria whose name was not jotted down. The couple wearing dark glasses are the Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Leo-Rhymie, probably the most prominent Baptists of Kingston, Jamaica, people who attended the 10th World Congress at Rio de Janeiro in 1960. They are well acquainted with Seventh Day Baptist work on the Island. They inquired about Pastor Lawson, who had more than once spoken in their church.

"Thus saith the Lord," it is now.

Still traveling downward from on high, Fall on our mortal sight. So when a good man dies, For years ago. The light he leaves behind him Falls upon the paths of men.

Seventh Day Baptists, as much as any other denomination, should engage in this work of lifting up Christ's banner, for two reasons, which I have already suggested; first, they are concerned in the work of saving souls, and see if they do not become impressed by the fact that the objections they have most to overcome are in the lives of those who have professed Jesus Christ. Second, they are consistent in their interpretation of the Holy Word. Therefore I appeal to you, young men and women, members of this Conference, who are here assembled to secure the blessing that comes at this Pentecostal season, to remember that it is your duty, more than that of any other people, to hold aloft this banner of Christ.

What is the reward? The reward that comes from Christian living is two-fold—first, it is the promise to those who are true unto death; it is the meeting with
those who have gone before; it is the joining with those who have labored, and those who are laboring for the advancement of God's cause, it is being eternally at home with Christ Jesus and his followers. But more than that, it is the realization of Christ's promise when he ascended to heaven, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world," and this is to-day.

Young men, you who are perhaps not going into the work of the ministry, you who will take upon yourselves the cares and the burdens of a business life, think what that means, to walk each day with Christ. Young women, you who may soon have upon your hearts the responsibility of those who are to shape not only this age but the future, think what it means to have Christ with you day by day. And that is what he has promised, that is what he has said he will do, provided we obey his injunction to proclaim Christ Jesus. Will you do that? Will you have confidence in his promise? Will you fill his direction and his command, for the sake of having Christ with you to-day? Yes, I know you will, and you will do it because he has commanded it, and because you believe that...

\[ \text{right is right, since God is God, and right the day must win; to doubt would be disloyalty, to falter would be sin.} \]

Ouward

Flow on, O river wide and deep,
Flow on while peoples lie asleep,
Flow on through valley, woodland, plain.
You flow but once - never again.
Fight on, O man, through troubles deep.
Fight on, while others lie asleep.
Fight on, through greed, temptation, pain.
You travel once, never again.
Two roads lead on, before our feet,
Yet ever on - there's no retreat.
One is the trail that millions trod,
One leads the way - to home and God.
Ralph Loofboroto
At the worship hour I led, and Pastor Shadrack (pastor of our Uzumara church in the Northern region) brought the morning message. He opened the afternoon meeting, and interpreted Pastor Burdick's sermon. Miss Clement gave greetings in the vernacular of the people.

Between the services Pastor Burdick gave out fourteen gospels (Mark-Marke and Luke-Luka) to some of the children.

Some weeks ago they suffered the loss by death of their leader, Mr. Nedson Goman. I expected this to weaken the church considerably, but we are pleased that the church stands reasonably strong.

Many of you share concern for us in troubled Africa, and this concern is appreciated, especially if it prompts you to pray more fervently for Africa, and this concern is appreciated, especially if it prompts you to pray more fervently for Africa. Surely this is not the freedom sought so many years. Certainly prayer is in order. Prayer is always in order, earnest prayer, much prayer, moving prayer. Christ's words to Peter came forcibly to mind recently, "I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not." (Luke 22: 32). Your intercession is appreciated.

Secret of Success

In The Bobby Richardson Story

(a book announcement)*

What makes a baseball player? What alchemists a small boy pitching balls at the chimney of his house in a small town into the hero of millions, "the sparkplug of the most fabulous baseball machine in the world"? "The Bobby Richardson Story" tells this in the words of that hero, and it is told with simplicity, humor and penetration — for who knows a hero better than himself? (Fleming H. Revell Co. June 1; $3.95)

"The Bobby Richardson Story" is authentic American. It is the Horatio Alger story up-to-date, 1965 version. In it fame and money are subordinate to greater values; the famous American drives are guided and energized by faith as it is in the astronomers and others of our modern heroes. True life is not only stranger than fiction, it is better. To millions of boys and boys "The Bobby Richardson Story" will read like a James Bond thriller, but in this the autobiography of a very human American they will learn that men do not live by excitement alone and that the real excitement in winning is in serving God's will.

The climb through local ball clubs, minor leagues and into Yankee Stadium to lead the Yankees in hits in 1964, the inner of most of baseball's heroes, Bobby Richardson says: "It's wonderful to hit a game-winning home run and give the glory to God. And everybody is impressed by a football, basketball, or baseball player who is humble in the midst of acclaim. But who wouldn't be willing to have a try at humility at the top of the ladder?"

"But what about failure and defeat?"

He tells what happens in failure and defeat. He tells his dark moments: All things? Even errors, hitting into double plays, striking out? How can God get any glory from those things?"

The answers are contained in his life story as are many sparkling anecdotes about life as a Yankee player, for instance what happened when the Yankee management decided to keep a sharp eye on its players lest they live up to the name and had them shadowed by "private eyes."

He tells how he feels about the Hall of Fame, and principally he tells Americans the modern day version of SUCCESS: "I realize simply that anything and who has given me the ability, the opportunity and certainly any supposed earthly glory that might come through playing ball. I enjoy the sport I play because I feel that this is where God would have me serve Him."

Dr. Billy Graham Addresses the Baptist World Alliance at Miami from 2 Peter 3: 3-14 on

"The World in Flames"

It is a thrilling experience to attend the Baptist World Alliance. When I was invited to speak, I was surprised, humbled, and frightened. I was forced to bring two addresses. I vigorously pro-
tested to Dr. Adam, chairman of the Program Committee, but he was too persuasive. While listening to these tremen-
dous addresses by men like Dr. Hobbs, Dr. Nordenhaug, Dr. Tolbert, Dr. Soren, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Denny, and others, I have become more than ever convinced that I am somewhat out of place. Sitting out there last night was a rather frightening experience when I realized I would have to be the speaker tonight.

The word "crisis" and the word "flame" are overworked words. However, Webster says, concerning both of them, that they mean "a decisive change." The Bible uses both these words many times in various ways. Crisis involves transition, but so does flame.

1. The Political Flame

The changes in the political world will be so fantastic in the next ten years as to stagger the imagination. The conflict between tyranny and freedom is the problem of our time. It overshadows all other problems. This conflict mirrors our age — its toils, its tensions, its troubles, and its task. On the outcome of this conflict depends the future of all mankind.

2. The Social Flame

Overwhelming and staggering social problems face the world — such as race, poverty, and hunger — but the greatest social problem is the explosion of sexual energy. Thirty-five years from now the population of the world will be doubled, and then the statistics go berserk. In six generations the United States will have nine billion people.

3. The Moral Flame

There is a shift of society's code of judgment away from moral codes based on religion and tradition those based on individual psychological consequences. There are many people who insist there has been no real change in morals. However, there has been a definite shift in the moral code during the last twenty years.

4. The Intellectual Flame

Human knowledge will double in the next ten years, and in the next fifteen years man will learn more than all of human history has learned before. Walter Reuther, the American Labor leader, told me the other day that we are on the verge of a scientific breakthrough in knowledge that is fantastic, overwhelming, frightening, and thrilling.

5. The Student Flame

Students all over the world are marching under various banners for various causes. Millions are rebelling against parents, police, school authorities, and government. Millions of them have little purpose or meaning to life. Life has lost its meaning.
I. The Mystery of Man — Who Am I?

Ernest Hemingway, in Death in the Afternoon, says: “There is no meaning to anything in life.” The crisis of American civilization is the decline of human personality and human responsibility. The mass man has lost his personal traits. He shifts the responsibility for his behavior upon an impersonal society, and this society in turn seems to be ruled by the computer, by bureaucracy, by fashion, by organization, by the mass media. As a result, our contemporary society has no room for human personality. Man is in danger of entering a state of spiritual nihilism. Thus the greatest problem facing the world today is the anthropological problem — What is man’s reason for existence?

II. The Mystery of Iniquity

What are the basic causes of hate, greed, lust, prejudice, and war?

The Bible gives an authoritative answer that man is spiritually diseased. God said: “All flesh hath corrupted its way upon the earth.” Four University of Miami students are in jail for robbery this weekend. One honor student in Kansas killed three people on the second day after his graduation, in cold blood. Another honor student assaulted thirty women. These are the everyday happenings. One of the highest civilizations the world has ever produced is that of modern Germany, and yet Germany produced Hitler and Eichmann in the same generation.

Man has been twisted and perverted by the disease of sin; therefore, man needs the redemption that God offers in Christ.

III. The Mystery of the Cross

What is God’s purpose in the Cross? Is God’s purpose in the Cross to forgive man to Himself? There is no possibility that man can be saved and redeemed apart from Jesus Christ and His crucifixion. This is the authoritative message of the church. If we ever water down our message, then our reason for existence is gone. We become just an ethical society that is no better than raw humanism.

IV. The Mystery of Suffering

In spite of all our scientific advance, there is more human suffering now than at any time in the history of the world simply because there are more people. There is not only physical suffering, such as disease and poverty, but mental suffering. Our cities and large towns are occupied by mental patients in this country. Does this suffering have a meaning?

To the Christian, suffering has a special meaning.

V. The Mystery of Death

Every person in this great Bowl will be dead in the next few years. The burning question is, If a man die, shall he live again? The Bible teaches that there is a time to be born and a time to die. To this great crisis of mankind, Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life that believeth on me though he were dead, yet shall he live, and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.”

VI. The Mystery of God’s Purpose in Man

The Bible teaches that God’s purpose is to redeem man from self-destruction and future judgment. God’s primary concern is the reconciliation of man to God.

What is God doing in our generation? He is calling out a people for His Name, to make up the body and bride of Christ. Our mission and purpose until then is to witness to our generation. To witness to our generation will require a commitment equal to that of the Christians of the First Century. The Bible teaches from one end to the other that all history is moving toward a climactic end. Man, by his own efforts, will not save the world. Man can only bring flames of destruction because of the flames of passion, lust, greed, and sensuality within. Man can only set free from the prison of suffering and death by a spiritual dimension that Jesus Christ offers to all who will trust and believe in Him.

The world is not going to save itself by its own bootstraps. The Bible teaches that God is going to intervene in history. The Bible teaches that Christ is going to come back to this earth again and set up a kingdom. This will be a kingdom of tranquility and peace that men have always dreamed of. It will be a kingdom filled with social justice where disease, poverty, war, hate, lust, greed, and passion will be eliminated. Even death will be eliminated. That is the great society toward which we are moving. Until then, we, as Baptists, should rededicate ourselves as witnesses to the saving grace and power of Jesus Christ. Thus we can bring as many people into the kingdom as we possibly can.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CWS Sends Nurses to Saigon

Four registered nurses who have volunteered for two months’ service in Christian hospitals in Vietnam with the Church World Service Program left the U.S. June 17. They will report to hospitals in Saigon and Nha Trang.

There has been increasing concern on the part of Protestant laymen throughout the U.S. that the churches could take a more active role in ministering to the suffering of the civilian population in Vietnam.

The need felt by the Mennonite Central Committee, the only Protestant service agency presently functioning in Vietnam, to expand its work there.

It was on this basis that Church World Service, relief arm of the National Council of Churches, decided to help with expansion of the Mennonite medical program rather than initiate a new program in Vietnam. Few Protestant churches have missions in this country. Seventh-day Adventists are among the few.

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Teaching Witnesses

Today's Christian lives in a global world and if he is to match his faith with his world, he must witness in global terms. Jesus' command to "go into all the world," teaching, preaching, and making disciples has greater meaning now than ever before. The horizon of our world has been pushed back and we are a part of tremendous changes and revolutions taking place all around us. Crises, violence, social upheavals, these confront and challenge both the church and those of us who make up the church.

In such a world, the Christian sees all of life in terms of the Christian gospel and in the perspective of Christian concern and action. He sees beyond immediate problems, world-shaking though they may be, to God's eternal purposes. He seeks to help men and women, boys and girls learn the ways of peace and good will to be workers with God in creating a better world. He is concerned that all our illustrations on the rubbish heap, however, are not available in Kano. Something else desired for the singing is an accordion, which he says is not available in Kano. The church has given us. - Correspondent.

One of the personal needs of Pastor Harrison (a bicycle) has been met by some of the women members of the church. His present appeal is for more tracts and Sabbath School material. (He already receives some.) Something else desired for the singing is an accordion, which he says is not available in Kano. He concludes: God is blessing our efforts here and hopes to open more centers here in the North. Please send us tracts... The plea today is for "realism." But, after all, that is no reason for finding fault with all our illustrations on the rubbish heap of life's more crass humanity. It is not always necessary to take a picture of the harbor when the tide is out.

Louis H. Evans in Youth Seeks a Master (Fleming H. Revell Company).

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**KANSAS CITY, MO.**—We recently had Clifford Bond fill our pulpit while our pastor and his wife were on their vacation. It is a privilege to have such a fine young man willing to give his time and effort for our church.

On June 26 the Lord's Supper was held as deacon Ed Wolcho, who is going to be a missionary at New Auburn over the 4th of July weekend. "Mission 65" was also held that day with a pot-luck lunch preceding it.

June 27 was the annual quarterly business meeting, at which Mr. Reuben Simons was elected to complete the term of Mrs. Joyce Conrod. Mr. Harriet Burrows, 5008 Osage, Kansas City, Mo., will now handle all correspondence.

The trustee's report of that meeting reiterated events that led up to the purchase of the new church building, and the needed change in the church office. Mr. Reuben Simons, who said he was to thank the Lord for the many blessings He has given us.—Correspondent.

SALEM, W. Va.—Dr. Richard Bond, a native of Salem, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bond of Salem, was the featured speaker at an afternoon meeting at the Salem Seventh Day Baptists Church, July 3. He showed slides depicting the people and customs of Liberia, an African country in which he is presently working.

Bond also spoke at a special summer school convocation at Salem College on Thursday, July 1. Dr. Bond left from Benedum Airport Sunday to return to his work in Africa. Mrs. Bond and their four children are still in Salem and will visit a few more days here and in New York State before rejoining Dr. Bond in Liberia.

—Salem Herald.

**PLAINFIELD, N.J.**—We enjoyed the visit of 18 young people from the Central New York Association and their five chaperons—Dr. Warren Brannon, the Rev. Delmer Van Horn, Miss Ruth Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Garth Warner. Miss Laura Lee Bond, exchange camper from Lost Creek, W. Va., was also part of the group, as were young people, who helped plan the meals and activities. Our visitors arrived Wednesday, June 30, and returned July 4. On Thursday they attended the N.Y. World's Fair and on Friday visited the N. and the fair, returning in time to conduct our Sabbath evening service. They attended Sabbath School and church on Sabbath day, and Rev. Delmer Van Horn assisted in the Communion. After a fellowship dinner was served, the visitors toured the Denominational Building, including the Recorder Press, Center for Ministerial Education, and Historical Society exhibit. In the evening a picnic at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Charles North was followed by a film from Y.M.C.A.

On March 29, after our regular services and a covered-dish dinner, we had a study session on whether our Conference should join the Seventh Day Baptist World Federation. Pastor Dickinson, the Rev. Leon Malby, and the Rev. Victor Skaggs spoke on the advantages and responsibilities of joining. They emphasized that all the member conferences would be equals in the new organization. The group voted to recommend to our next business meeting that we cast our votes at Conference in favor of joining the federation.

Another study session was held June 26 following the morning services and a fellowship dinner. The subject was our ecumenical relationships, particularly with the American Baptist Convention. Elder Reuben Simons presented the scriptural basis for ecumenical work. Mr. Osage was sent a copy of the minutes of the meeting by Mr. and Mrs. Charles North.

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**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

For July 31, 1965

Christian Growth Through Fellowship Lesson Scripture: Romans 14:13-21

**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

JULY 19, 1965

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## OUR WORLD MISSION

### OWM Budget Receipts for June 1965

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### JUNE DISBURSEMENTS

- Board of Christian Education: $301.24
- Historical Society: $30.00
- Memorial Fund (Min. Ref.): $732.33
- Ministerial Education: $410.11
- Missionary Society: $2,757.87
- Tract Society: $814.33
- Trustees of Gen. Conf.: $36.28
- Women's Society: $118.48
- World Fellowship & Service: $74.65
- General Conference: $1,254.00
- Milton College: $25.00

**Total:** $6,755.37

### SUMMARY

- **1964-1965 OWM Budget:** $113,899.00
- **Receipts for 9 months:**
  - OWM Treasurer's: $69,014.56
  - Boards: $3,569.47
  - Total: **$72,384.04**
- **Amount due in 3 months:** $41,514.97
- **Needed per month:** $13,838.32
- **Percentage of year elapsed:** 75%
- **Percentage of budget raised:** 63.5%

### Christian Rural Overseas Program

Whether to provide food for road builders in Chile or thousands of families of the Congo made destitute by the burning of their villages by the rebels CROP tries to meet the need as part of Church World Service.