The Women’s Society Spring Banquet was held at the Alfred Station church dining hall, May 11. About 50 attended and afterwards had a business meeting and skit.  

—Correspondent.

**Accessions**

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.

By Confession of Faith:

Edward V. Good
Janella Good

By Baptism:

Mrs. Edward V. Good
BOULDER, COLO.

Associate Member:

Robert E. Saunders
NORTH LOUP, NEB.

By Testimony:

LaVerne Soper
Nelva Soper
Carol Soper

SALEMVILLE, PA.

By Baptism:

Cathy Ebersole
Joelynn Fletcher
Karen Fletcher
Raymond Fletcher

By Letter:

Mrs. Adelene Ebersole

**Marriages**

Kallgren-Crandall—James Kallgren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kallgren, and Jade Crandall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Crandall, both of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church October 26, 1965, by their pastor, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick. Their home is at 3986 Twining in Rubidoux, Calif.

Marks-Davis—Ronald Wilson Marks, Salem, W. Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Marks of Salem, and Daphne Elaine Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Davis, also of Salem, were united in marriage Aug. 7, 1965, in the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, with the pastor, the Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, officiating.

Olive-Williams—Mr. and Mrs. William Olive of Little Genesee, N. Y., and Mrs. Vernice Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, of Redlands, Calif., were married Aug. 25, 1966, by the Rev. Albert Sorensen, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, officiating. They reside in Backus, Idaho.

**OBITUARIES**

BOND.—Marcella Randolph, daughter of William F. and Ilia Davis Randolph, was born at Lost Creek, W. Va., Dec. 29, 1900, and died in a Clarksburg, W. Va., hospital, April 20, 1966.

On June 11, 1924, she was married to Harley D. Bond, who recently retired from the office of Executive Secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Besides her husband, Mrs. Bond is survived by one son, Richard R. of Monrovia, Liberia; one daughter, Mrs. Richard D. (Nellie Jo) Brissety, Charlotte, N. C., and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Bond was a lifelong Seventh Day Baptist, and, at the time of her death, a member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was a graduate of Salem College with the class of 1923, and taught school for several years in Harrison County, W. Va. She was a member and past regent of the Lowther Fitz Randolph Chapter, D. A. R.

Funeral services were held in Salem, W. Va., and burial was at Lost Creek, W. Va. The Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, pastor of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church, officiated.

—C. W. P. H.

DAVID.—Mrs. Ella Mae David was born in Chillicothe, Ill., March 6, 1880 and died at the home of her daughter Mrs. Edward V. Good, in Riverside, Calif., April 1, 1966. While in Riverside Mrs. David had attended the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Memorial services were conducted from the Simons Mortuary in Riverside by Pastors Glen Warner and C. Rex Burdick. Burial was in Chillicothe, Illinois.

—C. R. B.

RING.—Minnie Olsen, daughter of the late Soren and Karen Olsen, was born May 30, 1879, at Alcestor, South Dakota, and died at a convalescent hospital near her home in Redlands, Calif., Nov. 5, 1965. She was married in 1904 to Henry Ring who preceded her in death. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Helen) Hurley and Miss Evelyn Ring, both of Redlands; a son, Donald of Yucaipa; and a sister, Mrs. Nattie Elving.

Moving to Nortonville, Kan., Mrs. Ring became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, and upon moving to California, she transferred her membership to Riverside where she was active in the work of the church as long as health permitted.

Memorial services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick, with interment at Hillside Memorial Park in Redlands.

—C. R. B.

**VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL**

**JUNE**

**What Comes with June?**

In June comes a major emphasis of the church on the recognition of and the training of all the children in any way associated with the local church in its greatest outreach. Children’s Day, Vacation Bible School, and camps are added to the regular schedule of Sabbath School and weekly youth meetings. With June comes the most rewarding extra effort expended by consecrated leaders. May God’s blessing attend this work in every church as the invitation is extended.
Good Writing

Each year the Associated Church Press, an organization dedicated to increasing the effectiveness of some 125 member journals (including the Sabbath Recorder) gives out awards. There are several categories such as: excellence in physical appearance, relevancy of content for intended readers, and consistency of "just good writing." These awards are made by some of the most notable experts in the country in the field of journalism. The awards were presented to some of the journals nominated. The comments of the judges this year were an important part of the instructional program of the ACP Convention.

Many journals, it was noted, have done very well in recent years in the first two categories. The committee of judges laid special stress on the third category and stated, "We found that just good writing is the place where we need to work harder if we are to be relevant, and if our copy is to maintain the interest and excitement of our visual impact." They found that there was not enough change of pace in writing forms and observed that "most of our writing is in the form of straight feature articles, editorials, news reports and reviews. Some excel in one category; others in another. Some critics observed that when other forms of writing were used such as humor, satire, fiction and articles, interviews, plays, songs, and first-person accounts, they were rarely in top form.

The small religious journal, with limited resources for costly improvement in appearance, could plead that these other forms of change of pace writing are cost prohibitive. But the real challenge is to require more effort and more specialized training than straight articles. However, these observations present a real challenge. In the area of good writing there is great possibility for the people in a small denomination, provided there is deep interest and firm dedication.

Right now, says the Church Press committee, most need is put more emphasis on improving our verbal impact than our visual impact on the reader.

The challenge, which can be accepted by the volunteer writers as well as the editors, is stated by the chairman of the committee as follows:

"However, it is obvious that in the area of just good writing we need now to put forth the same concern and effort to improve the dramatic, a taste of poetic beauty, a touch of the earthly reality of everyday life, the joy and excitement of new ideas well put, and the steadiness of the universal truths when expressed in the contemporary idiom, and a simple deep-down interest in people."

Among our people there are those who are capable of writing good articles, some of which could employ to some extent the literary forms mentioned above. The invitation is extended by the editor for good writing on subjects that are suitable and valuable to the wide range of interest represented by our national (and foreign) readership.

The Delta Ministry

The newspapers have carried important information (sometimes slanted according to the locality) about the Delta Ministry in Mississippi which has been sponsored quite largely by the National Council of Churches and to which the NCC has appointed staff workers. It is an effort to help the poor Negroes in that area, many of whom were plantation workers and were thrown out of work by automation and the reduction of cotton acreage. A report of the Delta Ministry to the members of the Division of Christian Life and Ministry reveals that last year popular interest in the North for such projects has dwindled and contributions from church groups have fallen off markedly. The report also states, "The meter has had to be cut back and will be further curtailed unless church people renew their interest."

On May 26, the first day of a two-day meeting of the Division of Christian Life and Ministry (DCLM) was held at the Interchurch New York in an auditorium for her editor. In the middle of the afternoon, when the discussion of "Anti-Poverty" and "Religion and Race" were in the making, extra chairs were brought in to seat some people. However, four hundred people from the Mississippi Delta, mostly Negro men and women from the Mt. Beulah Delta Center at Edwards, a Negro plantation workers housed and supported at the Center, they were not only asked to speak. They had come to listen and apparently to be seen by the Program Board. The presiding officer invited them to be guests at the meeting at the adjacent room. It is understood that they were brought (by auto) by some of the white NCC workers who accompanied them. The leaders of DCLM with whom your editor talked did not know that they were coming.

The undramatic, quiet, unheralded entrance of fourteen people from the deep South could be quite a dramatic illustration of the changes in attitudes and program were being discussed. There are a number of Negroes in high staff positions of DCLM and its Program Board, but a study of the faces and attitudes of the visitors was interesting. Here were people, undoubtedly good people, highly educated, undoubtedly good people, people who had faced trouble, disappointment, and long-
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If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him. Matthew 7: 11.

ing. Another, a spare man of more years, who looked as if he had chapped much cotton said that he had three children living and three dead.

One cannot help but wonder if more shouldn't be done to relieve the economic distress of such people as these. They were certainly only representative of a much larger group saying in their humble way that conditions in their area are very bad and are not necessarily greatly improved because of civil rights legislation and the government Anti-Poverty Program. The latter encounters many obstacles that keep it from being effective. Christian compassion is part of the solution.

Bible Study with Catholics Now Made Easier

One of the problems of the past in witnessing to Roman Catholics has been the problem of the Catholic patient in a hospital or the neighbor down the street was more than reluctant to study the Bible with a Protestant because of the fear that he would accept a "Protestant" Testament, and he was not likely to own a "Catholic" Testament. There was distrust of the other man's version of the Bible. Of course, one could buy a supply of Testaments with the Catholic impress and give them away, but this could not be done by the Protestant church because of the same quality is much more expensive than the King James or Revised Standard Version Testaments produced in larger quantities and designed for free distribution.

This situation is now officially changed. Roman Catholic authorities have decided that their members can read the RSV. They have come to the conclusion that one thing Catholics and Protestants have in common is the Bible. Now, of course, it may take quite a long time before the average Catholic becomes aware of this decision. He will still be afraid to read any Bible that did not come from his own publishing house, just as he is a long time learning that it has been decreed that Catholics can participate in joint prayer services. Probably bishops and other priests in some places will be slow in letting the word out that it is O.K. to read the Revised Standard Version, which has previously been considered a Protestant Bible. Here is where the Bible worker, the neighbor, or the hospital visitor can render an educational service. He can assure his Catholic friends that the authorities of his church have now endorsed the use of the RSV. This could go a long way toward creating mutual understanding and a fearless study of those passages of Scripture which make the way of salvation clear and plain and point up the differences of interpretation.

Speaking to the point that all of this may take time, let us turn back to what was said above about worshiping together. Father Sheerin, editor of the Catholic World is quoted as saying that there are some bishops who "have taken a somewhat legalistic approach to ecumenism in their dioceses, while awaiting directives from Rome. They have not permitted, for instance, participation of Catholics in joint prayer services in Catholic or Protestant churches. Even though Pope Paul himself took part in a joint prayer service with Protestant and Orthodox observers last December."

Here again we may render a good service by reminding friends of the Roman faith that there have been changes and that they are more free than before.

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General Secretary

Facing Frontiers with Faith!

"The future is as bright as the promises of God!" This oft-quoted testimony of Aldershot Judson expresses the optimistic faith of those denominational leaders who as servants of God have during the past several months joined in outlining a strategy of spiritual advance involving our General Conference, all boards and agencies, and all of our churches and their members across the length and breadth of our land.

"Facing Frontiers with Faith" will be the challenging theme of Seventh Day Baptist General Conference (USA) continuing "66-67 through 1970-71. It will be climaxcd by the tricentennial celebration of the organizing of the first Seventh Day Baptist Church in America at Newport, Rhode Island, in 1671.

The primary objectives of this projected program include:

1) The re-emphasizing of the personal commitment and redemption of time, talents and self to Christ.

2) Rediscovering the primary objectives of our Christian mission and distinctive witness for Christ as a people, taking "Faith's message to the World." This year the Salvation Army, which enjoys the respect of millions who are not enrolled in the Army will return to its early strategy where guitar groups were. We have during the past several months joined in outlining a strategy of spiritual advance involving our General Conference, all boards and agencies, and all of our churches and their members across the length and breadth of our land.

3) Forming the nation-wide frontiers of faith and Christian endeavor.

4) Co-ordinating and correlating personal and corporate efforts realizing that "we are everyone members, one of another," and forming the guidelines to contribute toward increasing efficiency and harmony as "we labor together with God." Emphasis will be made on "Facing Frontiers with Faith."

YEAR III — Involving the General Conference, its boards and agencies in various labors for the Lord;

YEAR IV—Emphasizing the urgency of missionary endeavors at home and abroad;

YEAR V—Stressing the advantages derived and advances to be made through the spiritual frontiers formed by Seventh Day Baptist Methodists.

In June, packets for YEAR I will be mailed to three persons in each church from the General Conference office. It is anticipated that most church groups will have annual planning sessions in the fall of the year; therefore, an outline of detailed materials to be sent at various seasons of the year will be included as provided or arranged by members of the Planning Committee through consultation with the Mission.

Let one and all look forward to the future with faith, hope and optimism convinced that "The future is as bright as the promises of God!"

Salvation Army's Second Century

This year the Salvation Army, which respects the joy of millions who are not enrolled in it, but who have been participants of its charitable works, starts its second century of service. It plans to launch a drive for another $100,000,000 to $250,000,000 between 1968 and 1978 to do its job. At present there are about 5,000 officers and 280,000 soldiers. Such an appeal for recruits was made 100 years ago when William Booth started this band of soul-winners and evangelists.

The Salvation Army takes note of the 75 million unchurched of the United States. It seeks to be known as the "church of the unchurched." This army in its Second Century Movement will re-appraise its methods at a June 1 meeting in Chicago and will change its evangelistic methods to meet the changing times. One venture already successfully tried is its new "coffee house" ministry, where guitar groups bring gospel music into the coffee houses.
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**Sabbath Promotion Resolution of Eastern Association**

Whereas, we, as Seventh Day Baptists, have been entrusted with the precious heritage of a knowledge of Christ and the Sabbath, and have been richly blessed as we have observed the Sabbath of the Lord so clearly taught in the Scriptures, and the world are continually coming to the conviction that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord in that it is a picture of the seventh day of rest when the world was created.

Whereas, it has come to our attention that individuals and groups throughout the world are continually coming to the conviction that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord in that it is a picture of the seventh day of rest when the world was created.

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Let Us Therefore Firmly Resolve to step forth this coming Sabbath in these days proclaiming the Sabbath truth to the whole world, keeping our lamps trimmed and bright, lest we be like the foolish virgins who were not ready when the bridegroom came. Let us be done with timidity and apologies, rededicating ourselves to the service of Christ in all areas of life and particularly, during the coming year, to our distinctive witness to the Sabbath, knowing that what we have is indeed the truth and in God's time will be clearly and fully known.

We do right to honor our soldier dead, although not every one of them died worthily. Some of them may have been rebellious, self-seeking.

---I.E.B.

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**When God Hides**

By Neal D. Mills, Missionary-elect to Jamaica

"Truly, thou art a God who hidest himself!" (Isa. 40:25)

"Oh, that I knew where I might find Him!" (Job 23:4)

The first Russian astronaut to orbit the earth reported that he saw no evidence of God anywhere in outer space. John Glen also orbited the earth and reported that God was with him all the way because he took Him with him from the start. I have no doubt that both men reported correctly. John Glen did experience the presence of God, but the Russian did not because he did not expect to meet God and didn't know how to look for Him.

The Bible describes many occasions when men experienced the presence of God, and it also describes occasions when God seemed to be absent or hidden. In Isaiah 59:2 the prophet declares, "I will wait for the Lord, who is hiding his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope in him" (Isa. 8:17). And again Isaiah exclaims, "Truly, thou art a God who hidest thyself."

**God Hidden by Sin**

Certainly one thing that makes God hide His face is the sin and evil in men. He hid His face from the house of Jacob because the people had neglected Him. In Isaiah 59:2 the prophet declares, "But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he does not hear." Isaiah 1:15 says, "When you spread forth your hands, I will hide my eyes from you even though you make many prayers, I will not listen."

All of us know by experience how difficult it is to relate to a child that is without proper setting and guidance, our parent. In the same way sin separates God from His children. How can one understand the forgiveness of God, who is himself unwilling to forgive or ask forgiveness of another? How can one comprehend that God is love, as long as his own heart is full of bitterness and enmity toward other people, or races or nations? Through God's grace, sin blinds us to Him. We cannot see God if our hearts are not pure. We cannot see God if we fail to see the needs of others. We cannot experience God as our Father if we do not recognize as brothers His children of every color and condition.

**God Hidden by Misconceptions**

God is also hidden because of the misconceptions we hold concerning Him. He appears in forms we did not expect. For generations the Jews looked for a Messiah and they had glorious pictures of what He would be like. But when He came as a baby, humble, a simple, common man with no political or ecclesiastical authority, and finally died the most disgraceful death of a criminal, on a cross, they couldn't see the presence of God in Him.

In the dramatic motion picture "Parable" shown at the Protestant-Orthodox Center at the New York World's Fair in a parallel fashion, a clown resembling a clown rides a donkey behind a circus parade. Then he involves himself in a series of selfless acts of kindness until in a grotesque crucifixion scene he is murdered by vengeful men whose shows have been interrupted. Some people were moved deeply and dramatically, and others were unimpressed and even disgusted at the thought of the Christ being portrayed as a clown.

In the play "Waiting for Godot" by Samuel Beckett, two hobos wait for a mysterious person who has promised to meet them. They are vague as to who he is and what he is like, but through the character's coming as something very spectacular and dramatic. It would be no
ordinary event. They wait endlessly. They nearly give up hope and cease to wait any longer. They even consider suicide as a release from the boredom.

The tragedy of the play is not that the curtain falls and Godot has not come, but that he had come and they failed to recognize him. In the last half of the same chapter, perhaps from a different source, we find Moses begging of God, "If I have found favor in thy sight, that I may find favor in thy sight." The Lord agreed to grant Moses' wish. "But," He said, "you cannot see my face: for man shall not see my face and live." Moses was to stand in a cleft in the rock and the Lord would cover it with His hand while His glory passed by. Then the hand would be removed and Moses would see the Lord's back.

So even when God is revealing Himself He is partly hidden. This is necessari­ly true because no man can fully comprehend God's glory or all of His ways. But in those times when God seems most hidden he should be alert, for then He may be trying to reveal Himself to us.

God is revealed in human events and sometimes in baffling and painful experi­ences. Following the death of Thaddeus, "Truly thou art a God who hidest thyself," Isaiah points to some events which show the hand of God.

Robert W. G. Williams

God Partly Hidden from the Righteous

Even the righteous find that God is hidden, sometimes quite completely hidden. The Psalmist pleaded, "Hide not thy face from me" (Ps. 143:7). Job in his desperation cried, "Oh, and I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his seat! I would lay my case before him: "Many Christians find it hard to believe that Jesus on the cross cried out in the words of a Psalm, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Ps. 22:1). The first five books of the Bible are composed of material from different sources. Part of it is thought by some to have been written in the northern kingdom of Israel, some in the southern kingdom of Judah. Naturally the writers expected different views. For example, Exodus 33:11 says, "Thus the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. In the last half of the same chapter, perhaps from a different source, we find Moses begging of God, "If I have found favor in thy sight, that I may find favor in thy sight." The Lord agreed to grant Moses' wish. "But," He said, "you cannot see my face: for man shall not see my face and live." Moses was to stand in a cleft in the rock and the Lord would cover it with His hand while His glory passed by. Then the hand would be removed and Moses would see the Lord's back.

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on His work. It is my hope and prayer that others who attended (and a goodly number did, I’m thankful to report) were similarly inspired.

Christian Service in Vietnam

From the Asia Department of the Division of Overseas Ministries of NCCC comes word that Christian concern for the refugees and victims of the war in Vietnam has found expression in many practical ways.

The program of Vietnam Christian Service includes such projects as vocational training for refugees—‘skills in farming, building construction, and animal husbandry will be given to thousands of youth under draft age and to older men.”

The Asia Department Program Notes state: “The churches of America can make their most distinctive contribution by sending to Vietnam dedicated Christian men and women who will live in the midst of the refugees, binding up their wounds and ministering to their illnesses, helping strengthen family life in the midst of social disruption, aiding needy children . . . providing a ‘Christian Presence’ in the midst of sorrow . . . on a person-to-person and group-to-group basis.”

A Growing Memorial

The Verona, N.Y., church at a recent Sabbath morning service dedicated an appropriate memorial for the Rev. Lester G. Osborn. The living memorial is a foundation planting of evergreen shrubs around the church, given by Mrs. Osborn.

The following thought was expressed at the dedication service: “As the shrubs remain green, so shall the witness of the Rev. Mr. Osborn to the Sabbath truth and evangelistic outreach. As the roots reach deep into the soil for strength, so did he reach into the Bible for his strength. As the branches spread upward and outward, so will the continuing witness of Pastor Osborn expand.”

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 16, 1966

A Covenant Renewed


THE SABBATH RECORDER

WOMEN’S WORK—Mrs. Lawrence W. Maraden

The Story of the Buffalo Women’s Society

By Leta De Groff

Last October at the annual church business meeting the women of the Buffalo Women’s Society discussed the possibility of organizing a ladies’ department in all of us felt the urgency of being more of a service to our denomination, the Women’s Board, and our community. We also felt that companionship we would have by meeting together once a month would make us a “closer-knit” group, understanding and appreciating each other more.

In January we met to organize. A committee was appointed to write up by-laws for approval of the group. Officers were elected: president, Mrs. Or­ald De Groff; vice-president, Mrs. Em­mett Bottoms; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Terrance Young.

With many donations we were soon able to send Mrs. Clifford Beebe $12 to be used in purchasing much needed song books for Crittenden mission. We felt that at last we were on our way to more service!

To help our community we decided to knit or crochet slippers for welfare children that were sent to children’s hospital. Our knitting needles and crochet hooks were “living” at the next meeting. Those who did not converts are prescribing for the retardation and crippled. At the April meeting the name “Tri-C group” was chosen, the three C’s standing for Christ, Church, and Community.

Our meetings are open by invitations, led by one of us. Materials prepared by the Women’s Board are being used, and greatly appreciated.

Ferment in the Church

Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, long-time pastor of the First Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., recently preached a sermon with the above title. He recog­nized the widespread ferment in the church, the sharp criticisms of its theol­ogy and of its lack of relevancy to the world at its doors. He identified himself in a measure with some of these criti­cisms. He thought that if the church is to survive, it must be able to make provision for the condition of ferment.

He affirmed, however, that this was by no means the first time that the church had been in ferment and had made ad­justments of its program. The fact that it had made provision for new insights and convictions is part of the reason it has survived 200 years. He fur­ther affirmed that the major reason for its survival has been the fact that “at the heart of the church’s life is its Lord, and His presence guarantees its con­tinuance and indestructibility.”

Dr. Pruden went on to examine some of the criticisms of such men as Dr. William Hamilton who wrote two years ago, “Many of us are not hopeful about the church, he is not interested. He must live outside . . .”

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A series of lectures he gave at Greenlake in 1963, wrote recently, “If I were writing these lectures over again, I might feel it necessary to clarify some of the fairly bold and assertive prose.”

Dr. Pruden adds: “These second thoughts by authors such as Mr. and Mrs. Pruden are still being discussed and to challenge existing con­clusions, compel us to take some second thoughts before we jump off the deep end in accepting as gospel truth everything they have stated.”

The credentials and the background of those who stir up ferment must be taken into consideration in any discussion of the church. Some of them are people who have not made a success of life and are simply crying out because of their own frustra­tions and despair. Bonhoeffer, the German theologian so critical of the church, did not have a broad perspective because much of his material was written from a German concentration camp, and what he saw of the failure of the church was not a true picture of the church in other parts of the world.

We quote a significant paragraph from the sermon and follow it with one of the concluding paragraphs.

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Some of the denominations which have made this error are the ones which are now in the most trouble. On the other hand, other denominations which have combined their social em­phasis with great stress upon the procla­mation of the Gospel, and with the work of missions and evangelism, have con­vinced to grow and to exhibit remarkable con­viviality. These denominations which have stressed the major elements of our faith, while recognizing their responsibility in
Let us pretend that we are going to attend church and Sabbath School in Georgetown, the largest city of the country. The Day Baptist chapel here is under a white house. Since we are early we sit in the pews as the children and adults begin to arrive. Although the sun is shining outside, a cool breeze blows through the chapel from the ocean several blocks away. If we listen, we can hear the birds singing in the nearby trees. It may at first surprise us that none of the people are coming to church in cars. Some adults and boys and girls come by bike, but everyone else walks. They cross a wooden bridge and enter the chapel under the house. The girls wear brightly colored dresses and the boys usually wear gay shirts and well-pressed shorts. Their faces are not white like ours, but black or brown.

Before the children and adults go to their classes, they sing several hymns, read a few verses from the Bible, and pray. The children then divide into two classes: a class for primary children and a class for older children. Children from both classes love to sing choruses. Some of the songs, such as “Jesus Loves Me” and “Joy, Joy, Joy,” are familiar to us. After they have sung they may listen to a story, often told with the use of a flannelgraph board. On this Sabbath the story may be “The Good Samaritan” or “The boy Samuel.” The children listen closely. They also like to pray, memorize verses and color pictures like children in the United States. After church there is almost always a children’s paper, which the boys and girls take home. In British Guiana the parents often read the paper to their children, especially if they couldn’t come to church. The children happily return home with paper in their hands and the love of Jesus in their hearts. On the way they may sing the new song they learned in Sabbath School.

Aren’t you glad, boys and girls, that children in other countries also go to church on Sabbath day? Aren’t you happy that God loves all the children in the world whether they be rich or poor, black or white?

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to the modern world, (3) to underline its urgency in the present situation, (4) to explore new forms of witness now in use throughout the world and new ways of reaching contemporary man, (5) to deal frankly with problems of resistance to the gospel, (6) to challenge the church to renew its own life through an intensified proclamation of the historic faith, and (7) to show the world in a fresh and dramatic way that God is in truth Lord of all, and that He saves men through His Son.

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ponsibility in order to learn to manage himself wisely. So God has given us freedom to choose the right or the wrong way to live. He wants our obedience as free, responsible human beings not as mere pawns. It was a tremendous risk that God took with His children and He has suffered terrible agony—once from them in His agony today as He watches those ions. But God rejoices when men lift their eyes and see through the clouds of glory and goodness.

God does reveal Himself to all who sincerely say, as did Job, "Oh, that I knew where I might find him." He reveals Himself through events and life experiences, through His prophets in each generation, and most of all through Jesus Christ, who shows us God's perfect righteousness, His love and forgiveness, His deep concern that all men shall love and obey Him. Wherever we may go on land or sea in outer space we can say with more confidence than Jacob had at Bethel, "Surely God is in this place." And we not wait to find God more or less by accident as did Jacob. Jesus has shown us how to prepare our hearts and minds so that God can reveal Himself to us. He describes the kind of people who are blessed by God—the humble, the sympathetic, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the peace-makers. And "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." We can see and know far more about God than did Jacob if we will.

The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector has a lesson we modern Christians must not miss. The Pharisee was very religious, or thought he was. He failed miserably to live up to the beatitudes. He lacked humility and concern for others. He didn't pray for mercy and forgiveness and he showed no hunger for righteousness, for he thought he had it. Certainly his heart was not pure, for it was full of conceit and arrogance. He caught no glimpse of God and his prayer went unheard and unanswered by God. As Jesus described it, he "prayed thus with himself." We all need to pray earnestly and humbly the prayer of the tax collector, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" And we need to dedicate ourselves to service in the spirit of the beatitudes.

There are times for all of us when trouble and confusion blind us and God seems far away and out of sight. We feel the loneliness of Job as he cried out, "Oh, that I knew where I might find him." Even two of Jesus' disciples who had seen and known Him were so confused by grief and disappointment that they failed to recognize Him on the road to Emmaus. But though clouds of doubt and uncertainty may sometimes seem to obscure us we can always depend on Jesus' promise, "For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." And if we truly love God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength, we can be sure of the divine Presence. "Lo, I am with you always."

Saturday is the most dangerous day to drive, according to a Travelers Insurance Companies report. Nearly 22 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents occurred on that day in 1965.

Milton, Wis., Church Dedicates Memorial Gifts

A variety of memorial gifts not previously dedicated were cited at a special program of dedication at 4 p.m., May 21, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. Among the program were the 37 Schulmerich hand bells presented recently in memory of Professor J. Fred Whitford and the 14 hand bells carefully conducted by Mrs. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Mrs. Edward Rood played a solo on the piano given in the name of times. Mabel Sayre, D. P. McWilliam, Grace Oakley, Ella Lanphere, Ruby Todd, Leo Whitford, Mac Lippincott, Gertrude Sanford, Alice Burdick, Edith Drake, and Lettie Babcock.

Other musical selections were sung by the junior choir of the church conducted by Mrs. J. Paul Green, a double mixed quintet of high school and college students, and a trio composed of De­orah Randolph, Alice Rood, and Ann Williams. Elizabeth Dulan played an organ prelude.

Elmo Fitz Randolph, pastor, made the dedicatory statement. A list of the items being dedicated was read by Mrs. H. L. Burdick, church clerk.

In display following the service was the Book of Remembrances given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Burton C. Severance and inscribed by Mrs. Ralph Coon. Guests were invited to visit the upper room youth chapel, which is equipped with organ and youth hymnals given in memory of George and Phoebe Ellis. They also visited the church library, whose equipment memorialized Mrs. Ed­na Thomas.

Other gifts dedicated included brass altar vases in memory of Mrs. Thomas; birthday lamp and library lamp in memory of Mrs. Irene Post Hulett; library books in memory of Elam Coon; library wall clock in memory of Mrs. Lena Ferguson; tape recorders in memory of Mrs. Emma Shaw and A. R. Hurley; a painting of the old church building at Delafield given in mem­ory of Bessie Fiebig; choir music in memory of Charles Michel and Mrs. Berta Coon; as yet undesignated gifts of money in memory of Roos Coon, Ellen Hill, Sylvia Lanphere, Martha Ander, son, Dr. and Mrs. George E. Crosley, and Rachel Davis.

—Mrs. H. Laurence Burdick.

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social areas as well, are not the ones that are now seized by fear and anxiety. This is not to say that we should gear our program to numerical success. Social action must be practiced because it is right, and practiced in a proper relation­ship to the basic theological con­victions out of which our Christian concern grows.

Time and circumstances change, but the church has a changeless Christ, a changeless message, and a changeless mis­sion. There seem to be cycles in history when men become proud and arrogant, and other periods when they are being aware of the very institutions which make civilization partially civilized; and we seem to be passing through one of those periods now. So, there is such a time that we should be sensitive to criticism, for all institutions made up of human beings are imperfect and never above criticism; but the church has never been stronger than in the peri­ods of its persecution, and never weaker than in the periods of its popularity. A church of this period with its new-found toys of scientific dis­covery and technical advance, will soon realize that "Man doth not live by bread alone"; and that neither does he live by reading and amusing activities. When the present preoccupations have run their course, the church to which men will turn in spiritual hunger will be the one that can offer an authentic proclamation of God's word for man in an atmosphere of serious worship and unselfish service.

Note: The sermon reviewed above was sub­mitted by Senator Jennings Randolph.
Arrangements for the reception were made by the social committees of the church.
—Mrs. Paul Abelmann, special correspondent.

**Accessions**

ALBION, WIS.

By Baptism:
- Jeffrey Hess
- Dale Saunders
- Keith Saunders
- Wayne Baum
- Robert Appel
- Ida Gay Vaughn
- Lou Ann Nicoll
- Vera Nicoll
- Sherry Nicoll

**Births**

Little Rock, Ark.

By Letter:
- Arlene Van Horn
- Doris Van Horn
- Kenneth Van Horn

By Testimony:
- Mrs. Ben Widener

**Obituaries**

WALTERS—George LaClede, son of George F. and Frankie Potter Walters, was born May 16, 1877, in the town of Albion, Wis., and died at Phoenix, Ariz., May 18, 1966. Almost his entire life was spent on the farm where he was born. On Oct. 19, 1898, he married Ella Frink at Milton Junction. She died Jan. 31, 1949.

He was baptized and joined the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church May 7, 1892, thus having the longest continuing membership in the church at the time of his death. He had served as a trustee and in other official capacities. He was also active in community educational and business affairs.

Surviving are: one son, LaClede, of Phoenix, with whom he had lived in the past eight winters; three grandchildren, Mrs. Betty Daily of Phoenix, George E. of Indian River City, Fla., and Mrs. Adele Schock of Edgerton; six grandchildren, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Eleanor Walters of Edgerton.

Memorial services were held at the Albion church with burial in the Evergreen Cemetery. His pastor, the Rev. Albert A. Appel, officiated.

—A. A. A.

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**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**MILTON, WIS.**—More than 500 friends attended the farewell reception honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Elmo Fitz Randolph and family Sunday in the parlors of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. (They leave soon for the pastorate of the Boulder, Colo., church.)

Pouring, at a tea table decorated with caramels, glads and Garza mums, were Mines, H. Laurence Burdick, Wm. Heining, D. N. Inglis, A. R. Hurley, Arthur Drake, Doris Rood, and J. Paul Green. Mrs. Kenneth Smith was in charge of the punch bowl assisted by Linda Loofboro, Carol Allen, Ann Crouch, and Mary Ellen Smithley. Miss Marjorie Burdick and Miss Mabel West presided at the guest book, a gift of the Woman's Board.

A brief program at three was introduced by Dean Kenneth Smith of Milton College. The Handbell Choir presented Fink's arrangement of "Jacob's Ladder" and "Largo" by Handel. Members of the choir are Carol Allen, Mrs. Robert Johnson, Mary Ellen Smithley, Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Mrs. Wayland Arnold, Mrs. Leroy Hoff, Kenneth Babcock, Truman Lippincott and Stanley Fox. The choir is directed by Mrs. Randolph.

The Rev. Wilson Emigholz, speaking for the Milton-Milton Junction Ministers Council paid tribute to Mr. Randolph's organization, leadership, and inspiration in that body. Dr. H. Laurence Burdick, secretary of the Board of Trustees of Milton College, read a resolution adopted unanimously April 28 commending Mr. Randolph for his many years of valuable service on the board.

Debbie Randolph, Alice Rood, and Ann Williams accompanied by Mrs. Doris Rood sang "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Him" by Bach and "The Lord's Prayer" by Mallott.

Acting church president Kenneth Ochs read a certificate of appreciation mounted in leather which he presented to Pastor and Mrs. Randolph along with other gifts from the congregation that included a card table and chairs, an AM-FM radio, a silver service and a purse.

The date also marked Mrs. Randolph's birthday. In honor of this occasion the Woman's Circle of the church presented her with a corsage of yellow roses.