Accessions

METAIRIE, LA.

By Baptism:

Barbara Gaudy
Ralph Hays, Jr.

Marriages

Anderson-Rasmussen.—Elmer E. Anderson and Thelma L. Rasmussen, widow of Stanley Rasmussen, were married Sept. 12, 1966 at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Salem, W. Va., by the Rev. Francis D. Saunders. Their address is Johnstown, Neb.

Coalwell-Gaudey.—The marriage of Floyd Coalwell and Barbara Gaudey was performed on September 22, 1966. Their address is Richmond, Va.

Births

Beebe.—A daughter, Betty Lorin, to Paul V. and Mary C. Beebe, of Higdon, Ala., on September 11, 1966.

Glover.—A daughter, Barbara Joan, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore J. Glover, Almond, N. Neb., on September 22, 1966.

Lupton.—A son, Gregory Scott, to Harry and Linda (Morroni) Lupton of Waupaca, Wis., on July 25, 1966.

Obituaries

BURDICK.—Mrs. Sylvia, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Krutek, was born in Wisconsin, Sept. 5, 1906, and died Sept. 20, 1966, at the Community Hospital, Edgerton, Wis., after an extended illness.

SAUNDERS.—Iva Almina Saunders was born July 28, 1873, at Lost Creek, W. Va., and died at Westerly Hospital, Westerly, R. I., Sept. 27, 1966. She was baptized by the Rev. John Hoffman in 1884. On June 26, 1904, she was married to Deacon James A. Saunders in Salem, W. Va., with the Rev. E. A. Witter officiating. They were members of the Dune's Corners, R. I., Seventh Day Baptist Church until it closed, transferring their membership to the Pawcatuck Church in Westerly.

She is survived by three sons: Milton A. of Berkeley Heights, N. J.; Stanton C. of Westerly; and Carl W. of Pawcatuck, Conn.; and by two step-daughters: Mrs. Clare Kelly of Berkeley Heights and Mrs. Edwin Whitford of Brookfield, N. Y.; and a brother, Alva Davis, of Parkersburg, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted at the church by her pastor, with a committal service at the River Bend Cemetery in Westerly.

She was a graduate of Whitewater Normal in 1897 and taught school in Milton for several years prior to her marriage to Roger Burdick in 1913. She was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, active in its work. For many years she was a teacher of a boys' class. She was also vitally interested in denominational work, having been a regular attendant at Conference for the past 12 years. She had taken an active place on the Woman's Board since it had been located in Milton. She was known to many across the denomination through her work on the Green Stamp Project for the mission car.

She is survived by her husband, Roger; a daughter, Mrs. John Kalinowski, Denver, Colo.; and a son, Malcolm, in graduate school at the University of Michigan.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Earl Cruzan, from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. Internment was in the Milton cemetery.

E. C. McINTYRE.—Mabel Ford, daughter of William T. and Elizabeth Davis Ford, was born in Salem, W. Va., May 15, 1893, and died in the Sistersville General Hospital Oct. 1, 1966. She was married to Cleveland McIntyre of Sistersville in 1910. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Bernard (Elizabeth) Weaver of Wheeling, W. Va., Mrs. William (Mary) Rhoades and Mrs. Herbert (Mary) Fletcher, both of Sistersville; two nephews; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, a sister and a son.

Mrs. McIntyre was baptized and joined the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1910. Remaining a member until her death, she was for several years and until her retirement, head of the Department of Public Assistance of Tyler Co. W. Va. Burial was in the Greenwood Cemetery near her home. The Rev. Ralph Hanlin, a close friend of the family officiated.

J. P. G.

The Printing Press

Since the time of Gutenberg, the printing press has been an instrument in the service of the Lord to make His Word available to countless readers. The present Heidelberg Press above and its operator symbolize the desire of the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House to carry on the work of printing and circulating literature which will advance the Kingdom of God.
Letter from Viet Nam

Neither the daily newspapers reporting and supporting the war in Viet Nam nor the loud-voiced religious leaders who criticize and decry our nation's involvement tell the whole story. To round it out we need to listen to some of our young men who are actually in the midst of things and have been there long enough to get a good picture of what such large numbers of men are doing in far off Viet Nam.

One of our young men from our Nor- tonville, Kan., church is among the Marines actively engaged in military operations. Joe L. McCoy wrote a letter to his home church under date of September 12 which was printed in the church bulletin. He stated that his "home" at that time was Hill No. 43. This does not imply a castle on a hill but probably two shelter halves shared with a buddy. After describing the natural beauty of the hill country and the valleys between crowded with rice paddies on which the poor people depend for their food, he went on to make some comments about the people and what he thought was the purpose of the United States in sending men to Viet Nam. He thought that the people were to be admired for doing so much with so little in their agriculture.

"As for becoming a world power," he wrote, "it will have to be in the next generations. This is in itself one of the main reasons we are here. We are here to help the people get more schools started and to teach them new and better ways."

His closing paragraphs were as follows:

"There are churches but very few in number. As the all-embracing mission for our being here is to stop the growth of communism and to promote world peace. To accomplish this, we must have war, and where there is war, there is bloodshed.

"I must say, that it is a very new experience to me, and one I shall never forget. I just hope that it will end soon, because we are living in a world of lost ones. I think of all of you and hope to see you again when I return to the States.

"May God be with you all."
President's Column

"Open Your Heart Loving"

By Lewis H. V. May, M.D.

This year in our churches I hope we can open our hearts to those of our young people. We use the term "teenage adults" because we feel we tend to downgrade them. In actuality they are more nearly adult in their perception of reality in this world and in their willingness to assume responsibility in it.

The church fellowship must realize that these adults speak a new, vital language. The truths of the last generation are the platitudes of the next. This age group knows when we avoid unthinking platitudes when the problem of reality in life and His own time. Therefore we must open our hearts loving, with truth about ourselves, our doubts, our hopes, and our ignorance about Christ had problems with His own life and His own time. Therefore we must open our hearts loving, with truth about ourselves, our doubts, our hopes, and our ignorance about the problems of life, and the Christian life. An open heart loving will take the time to make an honest search for truth and guidance of the Holy Spirit in the language and terms of the new generation. An open heart loving will not parrot old traditions and unthinking platitudes when the problems of today confront our teenage adults. As John said, "Brethren, let us love one another, as Christ also loved us." Our denomination and churches are small enough to make this a working reality between adults of all ages. This is the true nature of the church—a fellowship of honest, open, loving hearts.

Pastor Edward Sutton had charge of the evening service with worship plus voluntary prayers from the congregation. The scripture I John 4: 7-21 was used throughout the session. It does so much in drawing us closer to our Loving Savior to be there and to hear the deep heartfelt prayers of brothers and sisters in Christ. Pastor Sutton's topic was based on a reading "Paper Doll People." How very true to life! He asked, "How do we build our tomorrow? God designs a real people, strong enough to build a tomorrow—not paper doll people."

Sabbath morning was rainy again but even so, approximately 90 were at the morning session. Pastor Wayne Babcock of Dodge Center, Minn., brought us the morning message. His topic was "Open Your Heart Loving." He gave us a message on "The Desirable Attitude of the Love of God." He opens His heart loving and we also should open our hearts loving to our brothers. The secret of love is by proclaiming and living it with God and our fellowmen. He also stressed we should be driven by the personal love of God. Such a wonderful message for us to take home and live.

The men's chorus sang our old favorite hymns during leisure time after the noon meal, so ably served by the ladies of the host church. There is something about the singing of the men's chorus to the Glory of God that fills the soul.

Sabbath afternoon was under the leadership of the youth from both churches. At the close of the Sabbath there was a 7:30 Vesper Service. A singingpiration for the group closed the service.

Sunday business convened at 10 a.m. Most important in the line of business was the appointing of a revising committee to bring up to date rules of our constitution and by-laws. These will be recommendations to be considered at our spring semiannual meeting.

After the noon meal, served again by the host ladies, the guests departed for their homes in Dodge Center, Minn., Harris, Minn., Minneapolis, Minn., Mountain, Minn., and Milton, Wis.

We now look to growth in Christ and expansion in service.

The story of the developing denominational printing service is told on the following four pages.

Publishing House Seeks To Serve

During the period after the board meeting, duties were assigned through the Supervisory Committee and its subcommittee to the coordinator. He was asked to settle the myriad details of the phase-out of each commercial job in the Recorder Press, so that all would be either finished or otherwise disposed of by Friday, September 30. He was also responsible for all details of employee separation, hiring and scheduling duties of a new staff, proper disposal of certain equipment, standing forms, paper stock and other items. Judgments involved in all of these duties were shared daily (and even hourly) with other members of the subcommittee.

Commenting on the work of the coordinator, the president of the Tract Society said: "These responsibilities have been carried out with integrity, sympathy, and cheerfulness for which I express appreciation personally and in the name of the Society."

The new publishing house has no business manager at this time. Duties of an acting manager are shared by the coordinator, other members of the subcommittee, Owen Poulin, who has kindly accepted the urging of the committee to set up and operate a new bookkeeping system until procedures become routine. Part-time workers who are at present carrying on the necessary office, proof room and subscription services include Etta (Mrs. J. V.) O'Connell, Ethel (Mrs. C. H.) Dirdtmann, and Jean (Mrs. W. E.) McAllister. There has been no change in the part-time service of Gladys (Mrs. H.) Poulin as secretary to Editor-Secretary Lester M. Malby. All of these workers have expressed and implied whole hearted support to the management outlined above in this new and untried venture in denominational service.

The material which follows will outline details of commercial travel and the Society's major publication efforts.

In the few weeks since the Tract Board decided unequivocally on September 18 that it would no longer continue to operate a "commercial and denominational" printing service, a long succession of financial losses—and for other good and sufficient reasons—a number of significant decisions have been made at the American Sabbath Tract Society's plant at the rear of the denominational building in Plainfield, N. J.

As was formally announced in these columns on October 3, the new Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House was organized, staffed, and has operated since that date under the capable, energetic and on-the-spot direction of a supervisory subcommittee: Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, chairman, Ethel (Mrs. C. H.) Dickinson, secretary, and Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, the latter being in immediate charge of the operation as coordinator. He is carrying on for a limited time with the express permission of his employer, the Commission of the General Conference, without remuneration as a "dedicated servant" in the Lord's work. Other members of the Supervisory Committee include Lloyd R. Coon, Loren G. Osborn, Owen H. Probasco, David T. Sheppard and the Tract Society president, Charles H. North, ex officio.

A view of one side of the shop.

October 31, 1966

Semianual Meeting of Minnesota and North Wisconsin Churches

Corresponding secretary and treasurer Helen Greene reports inspirational meetings. Our semiannual meeting convened at New Auburn, Wis., Oct. 14-16. The theme carried throughout was "Open Your Heart Loving."

Friday night there was a goodly number of guests from away considering we traveled in fog and rain much of the distance.
How Is the Printing Done?

The Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House is the shop and much of the equipment of the Recorder Press. The quarters are large enough for our need, and the equipment is more than sufficient for our present program.

The linotype machines at the front of the shop are operated and maintained by Gerald Landry. It is on these machines that the type is set for The Sabbath Recorder, The Helping Hand, and the Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook. Hand composition divides the galleys into pages, provides headings and titles and inserts cuts for picture reproduction where needed. It is here in the process of hand composition that each issue is readied for publication.

When final proofs have been drawn and approved, the forms are "locked up" and the press begins to roll. Harry Poulin operates the Heidelberg press which is the work-horse of the shop (see picture on cover).

Folding machines carry the papers one step nearer completion. Stapling is done in the bindery area by Margaret (Mrs. Poulin) who produced the Night Watch Committee magazine. Then Mrs. Herres completes the process by labeling and mailing the issue at hand.

Hand trimmers at the press remove all the edges of the magazine. Trimming will include letterheads, printed cards, forms, tracts—all of which are particularly suited to the Rota-Print press. The possibility of printing of church bulletin covers is being investigated as a part of our expanding ministry. It is anticipated in the future that many of these offset presses will be of continuing and growing use to us in the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House.

What Do We Print?

A question could arise as to what changes may come in the service rendered to The Sabbath Recorder under the new publishing house concept. While all the answers are not yet apparent, it is obvious that with the discontinuance of commercial printing the attention of the shop personnel focuses on our denominational publications, and the one weekly magazine assumes new significance. The Sabbath Recorder consumes a fairly large proportion of the efforts of the publishing house each week, and it must continue to provide a large share of the finances necessary to maintain the shop. The Tract Society will finance this journal with funds supplied, as previously, from three sources: subscriptions, Our World Mission budget, and income from the Society's invested funds.

What difference does the new publishing concept make? It fosters pride in our work, "esprit de corps" among all those involved, and a sense of joy in doing a work that is completely for the glory of God. The Sabbath Recorder shares in all this and, hopefully, contributes something to it. All the people of the denomination, as well as those employed by the Tract Society to carry out the work, can share in the endeavor to improve the appearance and content of this and all other Society publications.

The president of the Society urges anyone with constructive suggestions to contact either Charles H. North, president, the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, Advisory committee chairman, or the editor. We are all working together for one purpose: to promote the gospel of Jesus Christ and the observance of His Sabbath. A new vision and a new spirit seem to be evident; the shop begins to take on a new look of cleanliness and order, and the sense of responsibility grows.

The Sabbath Recorder moves through the many phases of the printing process much as before. This cannot be changed unless we go to a different method of printing. The difference is that fewer people are involved; it gets more of the paperwork to do rather than what might be called assembly-line procedure. Once the material is edited and goes to the shop, the linotype man not only sets the type but also prepares the proofs for the proof room. The work of hand composition, the setting of headings and the page makeup, is shared by the men in the shop. From that point, after corrections are inserted, the pressman does the printing and folding. The folded and stapled magazine is then run through the machine pictured here. It is then prepared for mailing on Friday according to long established custom.

The Helping Hand, sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education and edited by the Rev. Don A. Sanford, is printed in the shop of the publishing house. In order to accommodate our scheduling requirements the editor is cooperating by sending lessons in groups of three or four at a time. They can then be set in type on the linotype machine and held for printing until the quarterly deadline. This new procedure is necessary in order to provide a more continuous work load for the men in the shop. Printing, folding, binding, trimming, packaging, and mailing are all parts of the total operation. The Helping Hand will continue to come to the churches with regularity, rendering its unique service in the Sabbath Schools.

The 1966 edition of the Seventh Day Baptist Yearbook is in process under the direction of Miss Janet Whitford, editor.

The linotype machines at the front of the shop is the Heidelberg press which is the work-horse of the shop (see picture on cover).
Tract Publication

The printing of tracts to supply the needs of our churches and local Sabbath-keepers is among the chief purposes of the publishing house as it seeks to serve the denomination. Already, since the publishing house began its work on October 1, one stewardship tract has been printed by the offset process. Other tracts will follow as the need arises, as the material is prepared, and as time and budget allow.

The one difference from past procedure in regard to tract publication is that there must be, ordinarily, more long range anticipation of the need for tracts. A forward look of two or three months will help to insure an even flow of printing throughout the year. Tracts will be printed at times when publication deadlines are not pressing. For example, the present quarter is a rush time because both the Bookyear and The Helping Hand are in process, and the shop is very busy.

It is hoped that during less busy seasons our employees can devote extra effort to the printing of more two-color tracts and other attractive aids to the work and witness of the church without significantly increasing the total expense of the publishing house. We look forward to an opportunity for enlarged creativity in the months to come. Readers who have ideas regarding new subject matter for publication should contact Mrs. L. Harrison North, chairman of the Tract Society's Publications Committee.

Conclusion

The Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House is a new venture. It is a venture of faith: faith in those who work in it; faith in those who plan its work; faith in the integrity and purpose of the members of the Tract Board and of the Society which it represents; but most of all, faith in God that He will lead us to the paths of service where our labors will count most for the sake of His kingdom. We are all called to dedicate ourselves to this faith and to this hope.

Oct. 21, 1966—This present report of the Board to the trustees was prepared by the editors, the members of the Supervisory Subcommittee, and the president of the Society.

MISSIONS—Sec. Everett T. Harris

Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference Sessions Held

(Quotations from Jamaica Conference corresponding secretary's circular, prepared by the Rev. Joe A. Samuels.)

The Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference met July 26-31, 1966 with the Higgien Town Seventh Day Baptist Church, Higgien Town, St. Ann. There were 59 registered delegates (including Conference officers: President V. O. Burke, Vice President, B. A. Samuels, Corresponding Secretary Rev. Joe A. Samuels, Treasurer B. A. Samuels). Following registration of delegates on Tuesday afternoon, the first session began with a hymn, and Bro. L. Saunders the chairman, led out in prayer.

The president's report was read and accepted. So was also the corresponding secretary's. He displayed a chart showing the churches' giving to the Mission Fund during the Conference year.

Board of Christian Education

The report of the Board of Christian Education was read and accepted. It was reported that as of the first of August 1965, the new principal of the Crandall High School would be Rev. N. D. Mills, who had just arrived on the Island accompanied by his wife. At least two of the young men now considering the call to the ministry will be entering Crandall in September for academic training while three will be receiving ministerial training through correspondence courses. The ministry is going to use of the Fund in regular ministry with the hope that they will continue to do so for a long time as the Lord gives them strength.

Workers' Reports

All six workers (pastors) of Conference presented their reports which gave an encouraging picture of progress on the field. An overall total of 55 new members were added to the churches during the Conference year and Pastor J. Anderson reported a group over in Manchester, Portland, is desirous of joining the Conference by becoming Seventh Day Baptists. Let us continue to pray for all our workers that God might endue them with power from on high as they seek to extend His kingdom here on earth.

Selected Items of Interest

The following recommendations were accepted:

That Rev. J. Samuels, Bro. N. Harley and the president of Conference be this Conference's representatives for the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptist Conference.

That the Federation has become a reality, that this Conference contribute to the expenses, the amount to be determined by the plannin committee.

It was recommended by the Plannin committee that Sunday, January 2, 1967 be the day of prayer and fasting for the entire Conference.

A letter of greetings was read from Rev. and Sis. L. Lawton. A motion was moved that a letter of appreciation be sent them.

The chairman was highly commended for the efficiency exhibited in discharging his duties and for the complete manner in which the Conference and the business sessions were conducted. He in reply thanked all for their cooperation. The presidnet then offered the closing prayer, and the motion to adjourn the session was carried, thus ending one of the finest sessions of Conference.

Crandall High School

On Monday September 12, 1966, Crandall reopened for the third term of the year. This time it is Rev. Neal Mills who heads the school and from all appearances everything seems to be going quite smoothly. Sis. Mills has taken over the library. The Courtland Davises continue to make themselves very useful here and there, and we hope they will continue to do so for a long time as the Lord gives them strength.

Remember Crandall is our school, so let us pray for those who serve there and also support it in every way possible.

Proposed Budget Adopted

The Jamaica Conference adopted a budget for 1966-67 as proposed by the Planning Commission in the amount of $3,932 pounds (over $11,000 U. S. currency). This anticipates considerable increased giving on the part of the Jamaica brethren.

Corresponding Secretary Joe Samuels concluded, "Although this year's budget is large, the Planning Commission is confident that the amount can be raised. Giving increased during the last year and with the new plan of Conference going into operation next month, the effective use of the tithing sheets which proved very successful wherever they were used, as well as a much better approach to the home mission drive next year, the raising of the budget should pose no problem to us. Let us face the task with faith in God and confidence in ourselves and see if the goal will not be realized."

Memorial Fund News

The Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund is not very often in the news, but almost all of the time it is back of the news in a significant way. The trustees of the Church and in regular meetings make decisions as to investments and the use of income from the investments which affect the work of other boards and agencies, not to mention the lives of retired ministers and of young people seeking higher education.

Without the assistance of the Memorial Fund the work of Seventh Day Baptists would be severely hampered. Most of its income is designated to certain work by the Conference. Other income is discretionary—perhaps more at the present time than a generation ago. This means that upon proper recommendation all Conference work may be voted out for equipment or outreach programs.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at the Seventh Day Baptist Building Sunday morning. Octo-

THE SABBATH RECORDER

OCTOBER 31, 1966
The Central Area Ministers’ Spiritual Retreat was held Oct. 4-10 at Camp Harbinger under the direction of the Rev. Leon R. Lawton. “Fireside fellowship” was the order of the day for more reasons than one. Rainy, chilly weather kept the campers busy stoking fireplace and stove, and serious concern for ministry with relevance and power kept minds and spirits busy. Chapel programs, practical and theological explorations planned in the 6:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m. daily programs. Twelve persons from ages 85 to 25 shared the weeklong program—Edward Sutton, New Auburn, Wis.; Eugene Fatato and Herbert Polan, Battle Creek, Mich.; Don Richards, Verona, N. Y.; Charles Swing, DeRuyter, N. Y.; Leon Lawton, Brookfield, N. Y.; Alton Wheeler, Plainfield, N. J.; and from western New York, Ernest Bee and Rex Zwiebel, Alfred Station; Herbert Saunders, Little Genesee; Elizabeth Randolph and David Mark Sanford, Little Genesee, spent parts of two days with the group. Seven other invited leaders were unable to attend.

Devotional leader was Charles Swing who brought inspiration from subjects related to “Facing Frontiers with Faith.” Haarty singing enlivened each of these occasions. Evening “conversational prayer” supplemented the group’s devotions. Bible study on II Corinthians was led by Don Richards. This study was supplemented by private post-breakfast devotions, with study outlines on Malachi provided.

Conference General Secretary Alton Wheeler led in a number of informative sessions, explaining the different ways the over-all plans of Commission and Planning committee are developed. He made many suggestions on pastoral techniques. Leon Lawton presented the many-sided work of evangelism, including church growth, work with youth in a program, and church evangelism. Each person took his turn at developing a chapter of the retreat’s text, “Master Plan of Evangelism” by Robert Coleman. A valuable feature was sharing of successes and failures in pastoral work and a discussion of solutions. Participants were grateful for the breadth and depth of communication with God and each other experienced in living together during these days for excellence and fellowship. They thanked several volunteer cooks.

Favorable weather is no safeguard against accidents and the over-welming percentage of all accidents in 1965 occurred during clear and dry weather.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

Central Area Ministers’ Spiritual Retreat

By David S. Clarke

In his letter Paul was trying to point out the necessity of unity in the church, because of her need for different things. The Church is the body of Christ, and if it is to be a healthy body, every part must function to the best of its ability and perform for the common good of the whole body.

Unity does not, however, mean uniformity within the organization. Paul says that there are diversities of administration. There are different opinions in methods of doing things. This is to be expected, but one should remember that it is the same God who is served. Therefore, when your ideas are not the ones accepted by the church body, don’t feel “walked-on,” because in the end it is He who gives life to who is served. Many times we have seen splits in the churches of our denomination because of disagreements. If these people could only see that their part separate and how little they serve the Lord in the end, then perhaps they would think again.

As each man has a different opinion, so also has each a different talent, a special gift from God. As Paul says, one has the gift of eloquence while another has the gift of knowledge and yet another the power of healing. All these and many, many others are the Spirit of God revealed in us. God has given these talents to men and, as Paul believed, they must be used in His service. These talents were not given and should not be used for the glory of the individual church member, but to the glory of the Church and ultimately to the glory of God.

The idea of “special gifts” has been interpreted much too narrowly by church members of modern times. Praying, teaching, writing, composing, and rhetoric are all talents needed and used in the church, but these are all of an intellectual flavor. Is not dexterity, i.e., the ability to use one’s hands well, a talent a church can make use of? A few years ago, I met a child who wanted very much to come to our Bible School in Moyers Corners. She wasn’t going to come, though, because she was afraid she would be separated from her twin sister and put in a class of children chronologically younger than she. This child is mentally retarded. She can’t read. In spite of this, she shilly showed me two of the most beautiful collages I have seen in my life. They looked professionally done and lovely enough to be a flower arrangement. This child did not lack for talent for this, and it is a gift given to her by God. A church can always use someone with an eye for art and a touch of beauty. A church can greatly enrich herself by appointing to office craftsmen such as painters, plumbers, and masons, just as often as she appears to think they would not be needed. Craftsman who are willing to consecrate their skills to God are as much an asset as those who have more intellectual gifts.
Every special gift comes from God and can be used for Him. We have a woman who cannot sing or dance, but she can cook. She contributes much of her time and talent to the church by making bread for Communion and for church dinners.

We have another lady who was once the director of the Munich Theatre in Germany and later the Miami Beach Theatre. When she came to Alfred, she didn’t ask how her talent could be used, but acted to incorporate her theatrical knowledge in the worship. Refusing to let her talent and know-how lie buried, she revived the old idea of rhythm choir, i.e., the means of worship through group hand and body motions, set to a Bible passage, with a reader in the background. Passages such as the Christmas story from Luke have been used very effectively in our worship services. The performances of the choir have done much to create mood and atmosphere, but most of all, thev have in­spired the congregation to better service and a keener love of God. These women have made their talents available and known better the love of God.

If everyone would not feel that as long as they come to church and con­tribute to the collection weekly that they have done their part, the church could do so much more. To verify this, let me give freely of his time and talents, the church could have more of a calling program and more extensive mission proj­ects, which I feel are the church’s most valid reasons for existance.

Here in Syracuse, the Summer Christian Service Corps has had tremendous ex­periences with church members volunt­eering for the church. Two families have opened their homes to us and two more have done a great deal of meal preparation and shopping for us. Still another person stays with us to help keep organized. Without this help, the corps would accomplish nothing, but as things stand, we have been freed to do more calling and more preparation for our Bible schools, Bible study, and church services. This free giving of talents to the church, for Christ, is what God intended for them. If we don’t use our talents, but allow them to lie dormant, they will benefit no one and much less the kingdom of God.

If we can all freely give our talents to serve Christ and His church, we will truly answer a call for volunteer soldiers of the cross.

Tract Distribution at Syracuse

The literature booth at the New York State Exposition at Syracuse operated by people from a number of Seventh Day Baptist churches throughout the state, assisted by the Tract booth, has been previously reported. Figures have recently been received from the committee in charge telling what an outstanding success this venture was from the standpoint of tract distribution.

The sponsoring committee started off the summer with a large assortment of tracts and a special issue Sabbath School Recorder which had been cumulated from several sources but mostly from the Tract Society. The total dis­tribution at the attractive, worshipful booth was 10,510. This included 1,300 special issues. Many more could have been used. There were about twenty-eight different tracts given out, some featured one time and another the committee still has on hand a good stock pile of literature to begin the work another year, although some items were completely distributed.

Most of the people took only one or two tracts. There was personal contact with thousands of fairgoers. Countless others observed the booth and its literature and were made aware of the work of Seventh Day Baptists.

When any welfare program, laudable as it otherwise may be, so entangles affairs of the church with affairs of the government that the two often cannot be distinguished, it is past time to back up and approach service to mankind from a different direction.

J. Eugene White, managing editor, Church & State, Washington, D. C.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Junior High Conference

By Virginia Mackintosh, Director

Junior High Conference met daily with an enrollment of thirty-two boys and girls. Thirty-eight were in attendance on Sabbath morning.

The Conference theme, “I Have a Stewardship” was used in the morning worship period. The Bible study was based on the book of Esther and was followed by Bible quizzes, pencil games and puzzles relating to the lesson.

Each afternoon we heard an illustrated talk from one of our pastors or missionaries who had recently returned from a foreign field. Mrs. Leland Davis showed slides and talked on “Stewardship in Guyana.” A table display of articles brought from Guyana was examined with much interest. Dr. Victor Burdick brought samples of African craftsmanship and showed us the beans used to cook our “Stewardship in Malawi.” Several boys in the class assisted with the projection of slides each day. Pastor Leon Lawton told about his trip made down the Amazon and showed pictures of the Sabbath­keepers in that area. He also spoke to us about “Stewardship on the Home Field.” One day we enjoyed a movie entitled, “Split Level Family,” the story of a Christian family who learned to use their talents wisely. On another day the Misses Martha and Carol Rasmussen told of their experiences last summer worshipping with Seventh Day Baptists in England.

The total dis­tribution at the attractive, worshipful booth was 10,510. This included 1,300 special issues. Many more could have been used. There were about twenty-eight different tracts given out, some featured one time and another the committee still has on hand a good stock pile of literature to begin the work another year, although some items were completely distributed.

Most of the people took only one or two tracts. There was personal contact with thousands of fairgoers. Countless others observed the booth and its literature and were made aware of the work of Seventh Day Baptists.

When any welfare program, laudable as it otherwise may be, so entangles affairs of the church with affairs of the government that the two often cannot be distinguished it is past time to back up and approach service to mankind from a different direction.

J. Eugene White, managing editor, Church & State, Washington, D. C.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Resource Books for Christian Education

The following books are listed in the Fall issue of the Judson Journal as con­taining book suggestions for those who are engaged in administering and planning various aspects of the church’s teaching ministry. These books ought to be in your church library.

"Foundations for Purposeful Church Administration," by Alvin J. Lindgren. $5.50.

"Administrating Christian Education," by Robert K. Bower. $3.95.

"A Philosophy of Adult Christian Education," BF. D. Ewertzberger. $3.75.

"The Superintendent Plans His Work," by Idris Jones. $1.00.

"The Church School Superintendent," by Welden Keckley. $2.50.

"The Board of Christian Education at Work: (Order from Judson Press, 75c.) to Magazine of Life and Marriage (AEA Magazine) $5.00 per year.

Special Request

Each local Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship president is requested to send his name to Miss Alice Rood, Mil­ton, for future mailing of list­ing the Milton SDBYF, needs all of the names so that no group will be missed as the Milton group solicits help raising funds for the Youth Field Worker Fund.

A goal of $1000 has been set for con­sideration by General Conference to be raised for “a dedicated service worker ($200) for the current year and the balance toward the expense of a Youth Field Worker when one is found.” The Milton SDBYF volunteered to raise the money. It urges the support to all Sev­enth Day Baptists.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 12, 1966

God’s Truth Cannot Be Destroyed

Lesson Scripture: Jer. 36: 20-28, 32.

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Let's Think it Over

Baptist Growth

How much does geography have to do with Baptist (or Seventh Day Baptist) growth? Is the South a better climate for the Baptist faith? If not, how does it come that the Southern Baptist church, in the more thinly populated and economically poorer area of the nation, has so far outstripped the American Baptist Convention? Is it a matter of taking the Great Commission seriously and not wasting time on the unproductive aspects of church life? It may be noted that the Southern Baptist church is becoming more interested in cooperation than before but it stands afield from the larger ecumenical organizations in which the American Baptists are so deeply involved.

Unruly Flock Rejects Shepherds

Apparently there are still some places where church doors are closed to people of dark skin. At the Sunday morning service September 25 the congregation of the Tattnall Square Baptist Church of Macon, Ga., voted 259-189 to request the resignation of the pastor, the associate pastor, and the minister of music over the question of integrated services. The three resigned at the evening service at which a student from Ghana was denied admission. The student, Sam Gorry On, member of another S. B. C. church in Macon, said he intends to continue seeking a seat in the church because "missionsaries from the Southern Baptist Convention came to my land teaching the Word of God, but when I attempted to practice their teaching, I was refused the opportunity in this country."

The ousted ministers made the following statement: "We can feel only sorrow at this action of the Tattnall Square Baptist Church in discharging us from our positions. For ourselves, but sorrow that a church with such a distinguished history of Christian service and with such a great opportunity for the future has allowed itself to be shadowed over the issue of the seating of all persons who desire to worship in our sanctuary."

Bobby Richardson Day

At Yankee Stadium

50,000 Richardson Tracts Distributed

A message for Christ was given on Bobby Richardson Day at Yankee Stadium, Sept. 17. As part of the special ceremonies in which a number of Christian organizations participated, the American Tract Society supplied a new tract written by Richardson especially for this occasion. This tract which was handed to everyone entering the stadium contained a clear salvation testimony by Bobby. The New York Evening News made a point of commenting on this forthright witness for Christ.

The American Tract Society reports that all 50,000 copies of the original printing were distributed and requests are continuing to come in, making an additional printing of 50,000 necessary.

Church-State Trespassing

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield said the First Amendment to the Constitution says in "non-lawyer language" that the government—federal, state, or local—shall keep out of the field of religion.

He expressed the view that the Supreme Court was merely enforcing this "no trespassing" sign when it forbade the reading of a state-compounded prayer or a passage from a Bible in a public school.

Mansfield said further that "the remedy for irradiation in our society is in the home—not in the Congress."

Baptist Day of Prayer

Because the materials to be used in the observance of Baptist Day of Prayer, November 7, were apparently lost in the mail, most societies may not have a formal observance of the day. We are asking each local women's society to join in prayers and contributions, either through a gift from the society or a special offering from individuals. This money is to be sent directly to:

Mrs. Frank Wigginton, Treas.
North American Baptist Women's Union
Alderson-Broaddus College
Philippi, West Virginia 26416

Be sure to state that it is from the women's society of a Seventh Day Baptist Church so our denomination will receive the credit.

The North American Baptist Women's Union pays the expenses of our delegate to their meetings. This usually amounts to more than we, as Seventh Day Baptists, contribute to the fund from the Baptist Day of Prayer offerings.

Mrs. Charles Sauch, vice-president of the Women's Board, recently returned from a meeting of the executive board in Washington, D. C., at which 16 delegates from the different Baptist groups were present. Probably more Baptist women have heard of Seventh Day Baptists in the short time that we have been members of their N.A.B.W.U. than had ever heard of them before.

Contributions for the Jamaica washing machine are still needed. The women at Conference made a large contribution toward the washing machine and the Women's Board advanced the balance needed. We are asked to help repay this loan. The balance at present is $61.

News of the News

Daytona Beach, Fla.—This has been a rather lonely summer for the church here. Our winter visitors returned to their northern homes in late spring and several of those whose homes are here were gone on vacations of various lengths. Now we are very glad to welcome them back.

After Pastor Kenneth Davis and family left us in early July, the Rev. Sam Paul Combs, pastor of the First Christian Church, with whom Pastor Davis has worked closely in our own churches and in the Ministerial Association, preached for us. During August we had only Sabbath School services. Then Mr. and Mrs. Davis returned for the first three Sabbaths in September.

We had a very interesting conference by phone between Pastor Randolph, Joy Kenyon, and Laura Jean Van Horn. Laura Jean came to Daytona Beach early for the beginning of the school year. At the Sabbath School that day promotion services were
held for the Children's Department of the Sabbath School.

On October 1 Mr. Combs again conducted the church service giving us, besides a good sermon, some valuable advice in preparation for the coming of our pastor. Our quarterly Communion service was postponed to October 8, making it a part of the welcoming service for our pastor and family.

Mr. Combs, president of the Ministerial Association, conducted the worship service. Deacon Winfield Randolph gave greetings from the church, and introduced the other speakers. Mrs. W. H. Rager, president of the organization of United Church Women, with which our women have long been associated, gave greetings and a welcome to the organization. After Pastor Van Horn had responded graciously to these words of welcome, Rev. Herman Duke, pastor of the Advent Christian Church which meets in our church on Sunday mornings, led us in the prayer of consecration. Pastor Van Horn gave a Communion meditation, and then with the assistance of Mr. Combs, conducted a thoughtful and prayerful Communion service.

Later dinner was served in the Social Hall, giving an opportunity for all to become acquainted. We are looking forward hopefully to increased work for Christ here in Daytona Beach.

---Correspondent.

MILTON, WIS.—On Monday evening, September 26 about 25 members of the Milton S.D.B. Men's Fellowship were the guests of the Men's Group of the First Baptist Church of Janesville. A very delicious potluck supper was served by the Boy Scouts of the Baptist church troop. After an enjoyable hour of fellowship at the tables we adjourned to their Education Building.

The program was in charge of Mr. Robert Cunningham of the First Baptist Church. The different aspects of church government and programs as to differences and similarities in our two churches were discussed by speakers from both churches. Those speaking from our church were: Kenneth Ochs for the trustees, D. N. Inglis for the deacons, Erlo Nelson for the Men’s Fellowship and Herbert Crouch for the music program.

---William D. Arthur, Secretary.

Gospel Voice Is Heard Afar

One of the countries to which the Far East Broadcasting Co. beams its short-wave gospel broadcasts from Manila is India, 4,000 miles away. The response in that land is truly amazing. The India office reports having received 19,229 letters from listeners in the last twelve months. By the most conservative estimate only about one out of 200 listeners will write an appreciative letter. This indicates a vast audience in India. Most other oriental countries also hear the gospel in their own languages from the Manila stations. This ministry is supported by evangelistically minded Christians. It is announced that the broadcasting company has recently purchased on faith five more 50,000-watt transmitters. The United States address is P. O. Box 1, Whittier, Calif.

Obituaries

SHELDON—Paul Rebecca Crosley, daughter of Moses and Arvilla Potter Crosley, was born in West Hallock, Ill., March 31, 1879, and died June 19, 1966, in Edgerton, Wis., after a brief illness.

She was a faithful and devoted member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church where she had served many years as Sabbath School teacher and in her younger life was church organist.

She was a graduate of Milton College, taught in the Milton Union Schools, and was employed in the Edgerton Shoe Factory for a few years before her retirement in 1944. On March 31, 1903, she was married to Carl Sheldon of Albion. He died in 1937.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Anna Owens, Whisewater; nine grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

Funeral services with her pastor, the Rev. A. A. Appel, officiating were held in the Albion church June 22. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Albion.

---A. A. A.

WILSON—Chester E., son of Robert Scot and Anna Wilson, was born Nov. 21, 1888, and died Aug. 26, 1966, at Gadsden, Ala.

He and his wife (deceased) were members of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Paint Rock, Ala. They were both baptized on their wedding anniversary some years ago. His father was pastor of the Atalla, Ala., Seventh Day Baptist church for about thirty years. Mr. Wilson was a brick mason by trade.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Hulah Huff of Chatanooga, Tenn.; two brothers, Main and A. B. Wilson of Gadsden.

Funeral services were conducted by Paul Beebe, assisted by Mrs. Robert Butler, Sr.


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The Sabbath Recorder

Spiritual Retreat for Ministers

The last of three area spiritual retreats for Seventh Day Baptist ministers rounded out the almost nationwide coverage of these gatherings this year. It was something new in denominational procedure designed to help the pastors gain a deeper and larger outlook on their ministry. Drawing apart from regular duties, living and studying together under one roof in secluded Jersey Oaks Camp near Shiloh was a valuable experience for almost all of the ministers of the Eastern and Southeastern Associations. In this picture S. Kenneth Davis is presenting one of his daily studies in the Gospel of John. See story inside.