Our church observed Layman’s Sabbath October 22 with seven members participating “as unto the Lord.” The topic was “Stewardship.”

General Secretary Alton Wheeler was with us the weekend of October 29 presenting plans for the first year of the program “Facing Frontiers with Faith.”

The Ladies’ Aid Society entertained the New England Seventh Day Baptist Women’s Fellowship, November 1, when Mrs. Victor Burdick, a special guest, showed slides and described a typical day of the average wife in Africa. Miss Andrea Crandall of Calif., a dedicated service worker under the General Conference office, was also present. This Mrs. Faith.”

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Births

Ayars.—A son, Mark Donald, to David and Gail (Brammer) Ayars of Evanston, Ill., on November 8, 1966.

Kilpatrick.—A daughter, Penny Lee, to Charles and Julia Ann (Rainer) of Pennsville, N. J., on October 16, 1966.


Sartin.—A daughter, Clara Mae, to Alva and Tressie (Rhodes) Sartin of Little Birch, W. Va., on October 29, 1966.

Obituaries

DAVIS.—Irving C., son of LaVern and Katherine (Schenck) Davis, was born in Hopewell, N. J., Aug. 11, 1908, and died in Shiloh, Nov. 4, 1966, after an illness of several months.

Mr. Davis had lived in the Shiloh area most of his life and earned his living as bus driver, truck driver, and chauffeur. He was an active ham radio operator.

He has been a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church since Feb. 12, 1922. However, he laid hold of a new found faith during his sickness.

Surviving are: his wife, Irene (Mixner); two daughters, Mrs. Kenneth Wood of Newtonville, Kan., and Mrs. Arthur LaTourrette of Laurel Springs; and Mrs. Arthur LaTourrette and Miss Katherine F. Davis, both of Shiloh.

The funeral was in charge of his pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, and burial was in the Fernwood Memorial Cemetery.

—C. H. B.

LEWIS.—Rev. Oliver, son of the Rev. Robert and Minerva Osbel Lewis, was born near Stone Fort, Ill., Mar. 11, 1875, and died at the home of his son Lester of the same town Mar. 22, 1966. Services were in charge of the Rev. Carlos McSparin with burial in Ivon—r Cemetery. See extended obituary elsewhere.

Sandra Sue McSparin, daughter of the Rev. Carlos and the late Kathryn McSparin, both of Stonefort, Ill., were united in marriage in the Stonefort Seventh Day Baptist Church Aug. 18, 1966, by the bride’s father, Pfc. Duvali is presently serving in the U. S. Army and stationed in Vietnam.

Goodrich-Jones.—Clifford J. Goodrich of North Loup, Neb., and Mrs. Alta Jones of Ord, Neb., were united in marriage at Ord by Duane L. Davis, pastor, Oct. 14, 1966.

Greene-Bartz.—Philip A. Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Greene of Dodge Center, Minn., was married in marriage Sept. 17, 1966 with Diann Maxine Barts of Spring Valley, Minn., at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church in Spring Valley.

FAMILY BIBLE READING

Happy is the family that puts first things first, that succeeds in creating with the younger and older children a thirst for the Word of God and satisfies that thirst every day as father or mother sits down with the children, not only to read, but to explain the Scriptures. This ability to select the most appropriate passages and to make clear the meaning of some chapters that are difficult does not come without effort. It comes only after the parent has done much reading, has memorized many verses, and has learned from consistent practice how to compare Scripture with Scripture and thus convey the meaning of the whole and the parts. Bible teaching dates back to the early days of the Old Testament when God through Moses gave the commandment to the heads of families in Deuteronomy 6: 6, 7:

“And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”
Overhead Prayers

Some people seem to have a gift for expressing important thoughts so simply and clearly that they stick. In a letter regarding the relief and missionary work of Dr. Eloise Pierce and the enlarged publication, World Vision, this comes this full-meaning sentence, "In the effective supporter of foreign missions is a person who 'overhears' the prayers of fellow Christians everywhere." The point was that in this missionary magazine one could do just that.

We would like to think that in our denominational paper, even in those portions of it devoted to news, the subscriber gets more than just news; he lends a listening ear to the prayers of pastors and laymen who are carrying the burden of churches and congregations with awe and respect and notice how closely related its beat is to the emotions of the goodness of God or of the love between kindred hearts? It is interesting to speculate on how such a mechanical heart to supply the need of more blood, more adrenalin in times of need, would meet these emergency situations. This much could be expected: we could have quiet trust in the Giver of life and could find ways of serving Him in the extended years of usefulness. Love would not be lost, just some of its manifestations that normally accompany the expression of it. Let us continue to give thanks for the wisdom and the love of God imparted to man.

Nuclear-Powered Heart

The human heart is so designed by the Creator that it functions without conscious effort throughout life. But it is one vital organ of which we are quite conscious. The sound of its regular thumping can be heard with a stethoscope. Every contraction of the muscle sends out a pulse that can be felt and counted at the wrist. Small wonder that we treat it with awe and respect and notice how closely related its beat is to the emotions of love and hate. In our higher moments we find it related to our faith in the Savior and we join the psalmist in joyfully affirming that our hearts cry out for the living God.

To go wrong with the heart.

Medical science has long been challenged to find techniques of surgery to repair damage, to stimulate regular beating, or to replace the organ with an artificial one. Tremendous progress has been made with the result that those who have been helped appreciate more than others God's gift of a stout engine heart.

Another break-through may not be far away. Experiments are being conducted that may lead to nuclear-powered hearts for some who would otherwise die prematurely. Nuclear power has the advantage of various kinds of fuel in that the amount needed is very small and it continues to provide heat almost indefinitely. The doctors have developed a tiny steam engine that can be inserted in an artificial heart to actuate a blood pump. Just how soon it will be considered safe for human use is not yet known.

The life with a steam engine heart would lose some of the feeling now associated with our emotions. Would the face flush? Would there be feelings within the chest when the tiny engine began to pump with new glimpses of the goodness of God or of the love between kindred hearts? It is interesting to speculate on how such a mechanical heart to supply the need of more blood, more adrenalin in times of need, would meet these emergency situations. This much could be expected: we could have quiet trust in the Giver of life and could find ways of serving Him in the extended years of usefulness. Love would not be lost, just some of its manifestations that normally accompany the expression of it. Let us continue to give thanks for the wisdom and the love of God imparted to man.

Hearts Line to the Doctor

(The following paragraph was clipped from a newspaper.)

"Cardiac victims may soon have a simple wrist device that will be a heart line to expert medical attention. The patient simply connects two electrodes from wrist bracelets to a tiny transmitter that relays signals, by telephone, to the doctor's office. There the signals are changed into an electrocardiogram."--The Christian Century.

"So that we live in an age of scientific wonders in the realm of life science, biochemistry and of physics is an understatement. It is more correct to speak of strongholds. (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.)"--2 Cor. 10: 3, 4.

It should take its place with the other heart-stimulating, heart-assisting devices about which we have been reading so much recently in the magazines and papers.

Let us ponder for a moment how this heart line illustrates Christian faith. It may be comforting to the man with heart trouble to know that wherever he is he can let the doctor watch the cardiograph pen record the pulses of his heart and instantly prescribe whatever is needed to avoid heart failure and death. How much more wonderful that the Christian has always had the heart line of prayer with the Great Physician. There is instantaneous communication with the healer of all diseases, the giver of all life, the bestower of supernatural powers.

Yes, the heart line to God is open to those who want it open. By prayer we now do what the heart patient may someday be able to do—connect two electrodes on his wrists with a tiny trans­mitter.

Tract Board Meeting

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Tracts of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held on Sunday, December 11, 1966, at the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J., at 2 p.m.

Victor W. Skaggs, Sec'y.
The response of Jesus to a man who expressed his desire to be a follower was, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

One wintry day several boys vied with one another as to who could make the straightest track across a snowy field. The one who excelled explained, "I kept my eyes fixed on a goal, while you kept yours on your feet."

As Seventh Day Baptists express or reaffirm their desire to be the followers of Jesus Christ, "FACING the future with faith" during the next five years, they are challenged to face the future rather than on their feet. They are urged to look up rather than down, to look forward rather than back.

The Apostle Paul will long be remembered for facing the future as he exclaimed, "... I leave the past behind and with hands outstretched to whatever lies ahead. I go straight..." (Phil. 3:13-15, Phillips.)

It is a matter of both safety and good sense for a person to face the direction in which he is moving. All Christians are challenged to face the future with hope rather than to look back upon the past with regret. It is far wiser for one to ask what is right for the future rather than what is wrong with the past.

During this current Conference year every Seventh Day Baptist as an individual Christian is urged to look to the future with optimism. He is challenged, among other things, to witness to others personally in the name of Jesus Christ, to tithe of his income as an act of financial stewardship, to read the entire Bible during 1967 to the end that he may better "see things, as it were, from God's point of view," and to re-evaluate the validity of Sabbath observance which presently distinguishes him from many other Christians.

MOUNTAIN-TRAINED MEMBERS
For Our Church

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Denver, Colo.

As one toils up the last long rods above timberline to the summit where the wind and hail are blowing, or as one stops the car to admire breathlessly the Colorado aspen, one remembers doubtless old Moses. When Moses spoke the word of God to his people saying, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough..." he was not referring to a cheap compass from some surplus store. Moses knew that to compass means to purpose, to contrive, to surround, to inclose on all sides; and this they had done at Sinai, at Horeb, and now at the mountain of the Atonements. But Moses knew there were still greater peaks for them to conquer.

Old Moses knew a thing or two about mountains. He was the ranger who put the map up for all to see at the entrance to the trail, having sketched it first before he put it up. Moses had given them the Ten Commandments. He had put up the "Smokey Bear" signs like those in national forests along the hiking trails which read "View of the Peak" and "Park" or "Danger, Rock Slide."

Getting a view of the peak is analogous to Bible study, for my money. The peak may be far away from the sign says "watch out," or "be careful" signs that you may never see. This is the challenge. It involves making value judgments on the basis of conflicting evidence. It means wrestling with other people's prejudices and your own preconceived ideas, with new information and old cliches. But still Bible study is a proven way of getting a fresh view of the high peaks of religious awareness and ethical sensitivity. The Bible is the norm of the Judeo-Christian religion. It is the Judeo-Christian religion in its most communicable form.

The Mountaineer is a successful man. He can see what to appreciate and what to overlook. Creative Bible study calls for hard training, but it is invigorating.

A park in the high country means a large area enclosed by different ranges, often quiet and grassy, sometimes disturbed only by the trickling of streams and the sound of bird calls. I think Sabbath Eve can be like this for us Seventh Day Baptists if we plan to spend time at sundown, or shortly after, with particular devotions. Perhaps we will take time to listen to symphony music, or rather to the church music and/or choir rehearsal. This can be so refreshing that the boys will want to bring their girls, and the girls will arrange to meet the boys there. It can make a tired adult feel less tired, less busy.

"Building... not unlike giving"

The larger parks in the Rocky Mountain area have villages ten or twenty miles apart. These villages always remind me of walled cities in story books surrounded by miles of plains and fields. Building such strong towns is not unlike systematic giving to the general fund of your church to pay current expenses, and sharing in the annual budget planning when we decide how much should be spent in various areas of our church life and service. One of these towns is the local church, another is our World Mission plans. But by which church and/or agencies and coordinated by the General Conference. Another very appealing town, for some of us, is the Building Fund by which we hope to erect a fitting habitation and symbol of our corporate life as a congregation. We in Denver are excited about this; but happily in most churches...
a renovation project comes around every ten years or so—at least it should—to offer this sort of excitement.

When Moses led the Israelites they crossed dry, hot deserts of weariness and boredom. They had to skirt threating rock slides of personality conflicts, old grudges, sharp caustic words, ill-concealed snickers and other by-products of people's being together which can rob them of precious things very hard to replace. On the side of the trail were sheer walls of indifference and rigid prohibition almost impossible to scale. But now and then along the road they would find the little flowers of fragrant forgiveness and sweet kindness. And regularly each seven days God let down to them a needed respite, lift them up, although some mistook it for a chain to bind them.

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Looking back we can see that the most important heights for the Israelites to scale were the sense of their identity, the strength to govern themselves, and the richness to express the blemishes pertaining to their national and religious life. Every community and group must make such decisions and conquer such peaks or they will be wasteful even destructive. Our nation is faced right now with such. Every high school class, every office force or factory unit has to decide collectively how it is to operate and what its aims shall be—high or low. It is easier to take the side canyons than it is to press on toward the peaks. It is to transgress that down the minorities and forget that the one standing alone might really be the leader.

Our church needs to compass mountains as much as Moses and his followers did. We ought to keep revising our program upward in the light of basic plans laid down in the New Testament long ago. We want more help, and we will get it if more of us become involved in the group enterprise. We ought to move on from the lesser peaks to the invaded mountain summits ahead. They are there, even if shrouded in clouds.

“Moses . . . talked with God”

The great thing about Moses was that he talked with God on the mountains! It was not the hollow echo of a voice of some sound-effects man. It was real. And Moses took off his shoes and hid his face, and came away with a clear sense of his destiny. In a way this is what we experienced at Conference at Redlands, and in our Planning Conference when we came together just after Labor Day. This is how I felt when seven of our Advisory Board members who were deeply dedicated came together on a bad night when five others found it inconvenient to attend. This is how we feel encouraged from time to time when we get new adult members, and young people too. This is how Jesus was when he conquered the "mountain" and then came down to face his detractors again. This is how He gained fortitude to climb Mt. Calvary.

Ancient City of Ai

Yields Archaeological Secrets

There is something intriguing about the story of Ai in the Old Testament. Perhaps because the name is uncommonly short, perhaps because it was a battle Joshua was second in importance only to that of nearby Jericho. It will be recalled that the children of Israel, flushed with their success at Jericho sent spies to Ai. They reported that the inhabitants were few and that there was no need to send more than two or three thousand men against it. Actually there were some twelve,000 inhabitants. When the 3,000 men went against it they were forced to flee, leaving behind thirty-six dead.

When Joshua prayed to the Lord about this defeat and what it would mean if the rulers of other cities learned he had fled from a small force, the Lord told him that someone had sinned in appropriating to himself some of the forbidden spoil of Jericho. The man, Achan, was stoned to death, probably by divinely directed local casting. He confessed and was put to death to expiate the sin of Israel. Then the city was taken by drawing out the fighting force and ambushing them from behind.

But this story in Joshua 8 is not the first reference to Ai. In Genesis 12:7 Abraham, journeying to a land the Lord promised to give his descendants, brought offerings to the Lord in Ai. Five of the tombs discovered were of large size and were actually more than twenty-five years after Ai, but that it was undoubtedly a common practice much earlier.

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The artifacts of ancient civilization which the team discovered in nearby tombs were two ossuaries—"bone boxes," as they were called. They were used for Jewish burials only during the time of Christ, thus are significant in dating ruins in which they are found.

The idea of a mound that once was Ai and to thus uncover its secrets to add to the knowledge of those who want to know all they can about the cities of it times sought to be. A portion of the city was dug thirty years ago. Now a one-acre plot had been excavated in two expeditions by Joseph A. Callaway, associate professor of biblical archaeology of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. His findings will be published by the School of Oriental Research in 1968-69. There follows here a little preview of the interesting things about this ancient city and its customs that will probably be included in his forthcoming publication.

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The Bill of Rights — Lesson in History

By J. Eugene White
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The lessons of history must be hard to learn. One of these lessons, learned so well by our forefathers that it actually resulted in the Bill of Rights (ratified Dec. 15, 1791), is that of the double peril in allowing the government to be used by the churches in religious enterprises or allowing the churches to be used by the government in political endeavors.

It was a hard lesson. Church and state had been united under the Roman emperor, Constantine, in 325; and nowhere on earth were they separated until 1663. In Providence, Rhode Island that year a Baptist preacher named Roger Williams established a colony as a refuge for all who were persecuted for their religious beliefs.

Seeing that it took almost thirteen and a half centuries of persecution, bloodshed, imprisonment, banishment, death at the burning stake, and other means of enforcing conformity upon the "free" consciences of men we would think that freedom-loving Americans would take care to avoid any joining of forces between the two powers.

But some today have forgotten the hard lessons of history; they have forgotten the reason for adopting the document which we honor this year on its 175th anniversary. Although the pages of some history books are yellow and crumbling with age, many of them are not worn with much reading; they are the books which tell of inhumane cruelties of the Spanish Inquisition, the massacre of the Huguenots of France, the slaughter of the Waldenses of North Italy, the hanging and jailing of Catholics in Ireland, the whipping of Quakers, the banning of Baptists by Puritans in Massachusetts, and thousands of massacres committed in the name of religion. Most of us know little or nothing of religious persecutions past the first or second century. Our ancestors were more familiar with the contents of the more recent volumes than we. In fact, they were the main characters in many of them.

When the time came for the building of a new nation in a new world wise men were determined that their descendents should never suffer the indignities they had suffered. They were determined that civil authorities remain silent concerning the private affairs of men's consciences; and they intended also that religious leaders exercise no coercive power in the realm of politics.

In order to achieve this end the nation's Constitution was amended by ten articles soon after it was adopted. These ten amendments guarantee the personal liberties of every American, and the body of the amendments have come to be called the Bill of Rights. Furnishing the foundation for all other liberties is the promise of religious liberty. The First Amendment begins: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

To read about it on paper makes it sound easy—a guarantee of freedoms. But this great prize was the result of far more than a mere legislative procedure. It was the result of struggle and sacrifice and bloodshed for more than a hundred years in this country.

The separation of church and state which we have today is the result of a miracle which occurred no other time and in no other country since the dawn of human history. And Americans today face the danger of losing by defection what our forefathers paid for with imprisonment, persecution, and bloodshed.

The dangers we face are the very ones the founders of this Republic sought to avoid: that the government, in seeking to achieve secular ends, will be allowed to use religion and the churches as a means to achieve them; and that churches, in seeking to achieve spiritual ends, will be allowed to use the government.

Leo Pfeffer, recognized by many as this country's outstanding attorney in matters of state, has graphically portrayed the danger faced by churches once government aid is welcomed. He declares: "Religion can survive neutrality. It can survive even hostility, but it cannot survive being kept as a mistress by the government. It will cease to be a religion.

The other prohibition of the First Amendment is that churches must not use the government to achieve religious ends. Ruled out by this restriction are prescribed prayers, required Bible readings, and other religious exercises as a legal part of the public school program.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "When a religion is allowed to support itself and when it cannot support itself and God does not care to support it so that professors are obliged to call for help of the civil power it is the sign . . . of its being a bad one."

He was right! Christianity is slandered by the doctrine that government aid is necessary for its survival. If the religion to which we are committed is not vital enough to survive without the aid of civil authorities, then we waste our time in propagating it and in practicing it. The Bible, which most Protestants accept as the supreme authority in matters of faith, declares that the "seed of Jesus Christ is the power of God . . . Most Protestants believe also that the power of God is the greatest power in all the universe. Therefore, any mixing it with other powers, even that as mighty as the United States government's, serves only to dilute it and not to add to its strength.

No wonder our forefathers placed religious liberty at the head of all other liberties. They were men who loved their churches and devoted to good government. They saw that the stronger the restraints which keep churches and governments separate the better it would be for both.

I believe that God is not dead, but He must be awfully sick." —from a radio editorial.

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HE CALLING YOU

By Charles J. Bachman

These words taken from Weymouth's translation of Mark 10: 46, relate the incident occurring to the Savior as He left the city of Jericho.

We learn from reading verses 46 through 52 of Mark 10, that there was a blind man by the name of Bar-Timaeus, who begging by the side of the road, heard that Jesus of Nazareth was coming his way. But he had not been able to see either the face of the Savior nor any of His many works. But he had heard that this Nazarene could do miracles, and he had a miracle for Jesus to do. He wanted his sight restored so that he might be useful in life.

It is recorded in a radio editorial, that he called out, "Thou son of David, have mercy on me!" In his blindness he knew Jesus only as the One who had come to restore the kingdom of David, and so he called Him accordingly, "Thou son of David." Jesus heard his cry and told His followers to call the blind man. It is recorded in Scripture that the blind man, "Cheer up, He is calling you" (Weymouth). After telling the Savior what it was that he wished done for him, that he might receive his sight again, the Savior said, "Go, your faith has cured you." The blind man's eyes were opened. He received his sight, and immediately he was able to see the face of Jesus. The Scripture says that he followed Jesus. He followed Jesus even further to see that face. Having experienced that miracle, Bar-Timaeus recognized Him not only as the son of David, but as the Son of God.

In this generation of confusion and frustration, there are thousands and perhaps millions, who, sitting alone life's road blindly, long to have a vision, to see a face. At this present moment their only pressing need is to be able to cope with life's problems, since the face which has this power.

The real solution to these problems is the Savior, revealed through a Christ-centered religion. This solution can only come if some one is willing, as he passes (Continued on page 15)
In Flight
By Don Mott

"Good morning, sir. It is 4:30 a.m.," the hotel operator cheerfully said. As I awakened, I think I had never ever been so sleepy before. I got up and went to the airport to catch a plane back home.

I was so tired because I had been speaking for Christian Business Men's Banquet for two nights in a different city for two weeks. At the airport, I was the first person to board the plane. I sat down in the seat next to the window and prayed the strangest prayer I had ever prayed: "Lord, if there is anybody on this plane you want me to talk to, send them here beside me." Everyone else on the plane filled except the one next to me so I leaned my seat back as far as it would go. Then I fastened my seat belt and said, "Thank you Lord. I am going to sleep from here to Chicago."

While the plane was warming up, the stewardess came and sat down next to me. I looked at her and said, "What in the world are you so upset about?"

She said, "My goodness, does it show on my face?"

I said, "What's the problem?"

She said, "I have been engaged to and was planning to marry him just skipped out on me and run off with another woman, I guess."

I said, "Well, why don't you thank the Lord and get yourself a husband?"

She said, "Because I love him."

I said, "Well, why don't you just find that little switch and turn it off?"

She said, "I wish it were that easy."

By this time, the stewardess and she said, "I want to talk to you but first, let me get up and give coffee to the passengers." When she sat back down, she had apparently looked up my name because she said, "Mr. Mott, what does a girl do when she is going to become a mother and she is unmarried?"

I said, "What do you do about it?"

She said, "I had an operation and now I am not going to be a mother."

I said, "Do you realize that now you are not only guilty of adultery but also of murdering an unborn child?"

She said, "That is the reason I am so upset. That's the reason I have been thinking about committing suicide That's the reason I have been going to a psychiatrist. I just can't accept it."

I said, "I have a copy in my briefcase here of a prayer that a man prayed who was guilty of exactly the same two sins you are and he wrote his prayer. God forgave his sin, cleansed his heart and made a new man of him."

She said, "I sure would like to read that prayer."

I opened my briefcase, took out my Bible and for the next hour she and I studied the 51st Psalm, David's prayer. I explained to her that if she would confess her sin to God, ask His forgiveness and completely surrender her heart and life to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him to come into her heart, that He would save her soul and change her life. We read John 3: 16; John 5: 24; Romans 10: 9, 10 and other verses in the New Testament.

Then she said, "Mr. Mott, when will God do this for me?"

I said, "Before we get to Chicago if you ask Him to."

She said, "Will He just take my soul?"

I said, "You must surrender body, soul and spirit to Him if you want to become His child."

She said, "I don't know how to pray. Will you help me?"

And on that plane we bowed our heads and she prayed. Repeating words after me that I believe she really meant from her heart. "O God, I have sinned, I confess my sin, I pray that you will forgive me. Thank you that Jesus died on the cross for sinners like me. I now accept Him as Lord and Savior of my life. Jesus is my Lord. Help me to live for Him. Come into my heart, Lord Jesus. Make me a new creature. Thank you Lord, for saving my soul. In Jesus' name. Amen."

She looked up at me with tears trickling down her cheeks and said, "He's the reason I am so upset. That's the reason I have been thinking about committing suicide That's the reason I have been going to a psychiatrist. I just can't accept it."

By this time, we were in the air and I was watching the ground passing by. It was a beautiful view. She said, "I wish I could have prayed in the quiet. But if I had to do it over again, I would do it."

I explained to her that if she would confess her sin to God, ask His forgiveness and completely surrender her heart and life to the Lord Jesus Christ, asking Him to come into her heart, that He would save her soul and change her life.

"Our church members now listen to their radios more than before because they are curious and very enthusiastic listening to programmes of their own church. Yes, this is something about which the Lord should be glorified and praised."

I said, "We ask that the prayers of our brethren overseas unite together with those of the Young in Malawi for the advancement and spreading of His Gospel."

In concluding his letter Director Mazingah has written:

"Only two of our students have been accepted to the Bible School, Robert Bara's theological school at Likabula. Namely, Mr. W. Mataka and Stanley Mukeziwa. The third one, Mr. Musowa will have to wait until the other year, and we shall be using him at the Station to practice ministerial work in our own church as he will be participating in more church activities.

Burma, Closed or Open Doors

It is cause for rejoicing when a church or a conference of churches springs up in the Far East from the people themselves without any missionaries being sent from this country and with very little financial assistance. Burma has many missionaries of various faiths, particularly Baptist, for a long time. Now everyone is nationalized. Missionaries have been excluded and even Christian literature printed within the country must have government approval months before it is printed. The religious situation in Burma as well as in other countries in the outside source, like the American Sabbath Tract Society.

Shortly before foreign missionaries were asked to leave Burma, several Seventh Day Baptist churches were organized in the northern part of the country in the Chin Hills district where the Lushai people live. The missionaries have a great need of our denomination called for literature to be translated into that language (one of
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwibel

How We Compare

Following is a list of comparisons of Sabbath School, Vacation Church School, Youth and Camp statistics as reported by our churches to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education for the years 1964-65, and 1965-66.

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Sabbath School

| Number of teachers in charge | 663 | 642 |
| Beginners and Primary | 602 | 623 |
| Juniors | 290 | 315 |
| Juniors High | 246 | 225 |
| Young People | 386 | 380 |
| Young Adults | 341 | 365 |
| Adults | 1447 | 1376 |
| Pupils who joined the church | 138 | 95 |
| Money raised | $20,257 | $21,363 |

Vacation Church School

| Number of days held | 240 | 180 |
| Number of Day Baptist pupils | 481 | 413 |
| Number of non-Seventh Day Baptist Pupils | 1,205 | 787 |
| Cost of schools | $1,845 | $1,947 |

Organized Youth Fellowships

| Number of fellowships | 37 | 40 |
| Number of members | 523 | 479 |

Camps

| Number of camps reporting* | 33 | 27 |
| Days in session | 182 | 177 |
| Number of campers | 966 | 838 |
| Number of churches with reported | 179 | 150 |
| Approximate cost** | $10,887 | $8,606 |

Hard and fast conclusions cannot be drawn from these report summaries as churches grade their Sabbath Schools differently, estimations are made where facts are not available, and not all of the figures are up-to-date.

The reports do show that we need to put much more effort into our educational work, that better records should be kept, and that individual reporting to the board should be made by every church.

We are very grateful to those who give us their full cooperation.

Materials to help with the celebration of Youth Week have been mailed to all of our churches who have youth fellowships, as well as to those who have youth in their church are not organized into a group. National Youth Week is January 29 - February 4, 1967.

As this issue makes its way to the homes of subscribers important eccumenical meetings are in progress at Miami Beach, Fla. The General Assembly of the National Council of Churches which meets every third year holds its sessions December 4-9. This large gathering of elected or appointed representatives of some thirty denominations, plus a large staff, is preceded by the quarterly meeting of the General Board December 2 and 3 and is followed by an organizational meeting of the newly elected board on December 9. Seventh Day Baptists are well represented at the Miami Beach meetings by the general secretary and a number of other who have responsibilities in the various divisions or departments of the National Council.

Destroy the wall between church and state and you will ultimately destroy religious liberty.—Lloyd Simmons, President California Baptist College.
Christanity, the Enemy of Communism

The plight of the church under Communism is clearly illustrated in Korea, according to Dr. Helen Kim,oving ambas­dor of Korea. Speaking at the World Council of Churches in Berlin she declared that the "present indications are that there is no surviving church in North Korea." Dr. Kim said that during 1965 the Communist Party in North Korea "liquidated three million people, including all Christians" in North Korea.

By contrast the Christian church in thriving as never before in South Korea.

Catholics Drive to End Separation

A movement led by Roman Catholic bishops is seeking to scuttle the separa­tion of church and state in this country and has tremendously extended every effort to try to bring the Alliance meeting to Tokyo in 1970.

The invitation of Prime Minister Sato will be carried to the BWA executive committee meeting in London by Matsu­mura in August.

World Baptist Membership

Up 50% in a Year

Total Baptist membership around the world stands at 27,127,983, the general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance reports.

The BWA official, Dr. Josef Norden­haug, noted that the increase in 1965 over 1964 was 1.3 million. There were notable "gains from the Loma Linda area, in Japan, in Nigeria, in Germany, and in the United States."

World Relief

Aiding the Hungry

Aid agencies are now considering other steps both here and in India for continu­ation of the joint action for India famine relief.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Airlines Clergy Bureau

The Airlines Clergy Bureau, Municipal Airport, Sacramento, Calif., is gradually persuading more airlines to grant half­day, one-way flight privileges to more than 2,000 potential missionary candidates. Requests for the privilege are members. One of the latest additions is Northeast. The large transcontinental airlines are not in the plan, but many of the feeder lines are and a number that serve the islands and South America. There are also a few companies that issue their own clergy cards (such as Allegheny). Depending on location, ministers can save time, save money, serve better by joining the bureau. The founder of the Bureau, Jos. R. Morse, prints this Bible verse on his fliers, "Thy love extend the strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles..."

Protestants and Catholics

Join in Famine Relief Appeal

For the first time in history Catholic and Protestant relief agencies have issued a joint nation-wide appeal for funds and food to relieve famine. The desperate plight of certain sections of India prompted this appeal. It comes from the executive director of Catholic Relief Services, NCWC, Bishop Swanstrom, and from the division of religious education of the Overseas Ministries (DOM) of the Na­tional Council of Churches, Dr. Stowe.

Responsibility for the appeal will be to each organization. The non-denominational organization now has a printing building completed in Manila that turns out Bibles, tracts, and other religious literature. One of the new presses contributed by businessmen pro­duces 100,000 tracts in one hour.

Overseas Council

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES
RIVERSIDE, CALIF.—Our church entered its new year with the following officers elected: president, Mr. Charles Morris; vice president, Mr. Al Whitlock; clerk, Mrs. Helen Hurley; and treasurer, Mrs. Dorotha Brewer.

Special promotion day exercises were held at the close of the Sabbath School hour on September 24 in charge of Mrs. Nancy May, for those children advancing to a new department of the Sabbath School. Bibles were presented to all fourth graders as has been the custom for some years.

Opening exercises for Sabbath School are no longer being held, but classes convene 10 minutes after the close of the church service. The orchestra adds much to the effectiveness of the closing session.

From November 7 to 17 Pastor Burdick made the regular fall trip up the Pacific Coast contacting lone Sabbath-keepers and meeting with the groups at Monterey and the Bay Area in their services.

Many of our congregation attended the Association meeting with the Los Angeles church the week-end of October 21-23.

Our church united with the Victoria United Presbyterian Church, November 24 for a Thanksgiving service. Our pastor gave the sermon on "What Shall We Do with a Thanksgiving Ostrich?" or "Thanksgiving—Feast or Famine?" The music was by the combined choirs of the two churches.

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By Letter:
Robert Clarke Ellis (Mrs. Howard F.)
2ND BROOKFIELD, N. Y.
By Letter:
Mrs. Leonia W. Burdick

Obituaries
GREENE.—Carlton Lewis, son of Frank J. and Ida Rebecca Lewis Greene, was born at Center Berlin, N. Y., Apr. 23, 1893, and died suddenly Oct. 29, 1966.

He married Belle Armsby Nov. 15, 1915. Besides his widow, he is survived by three sons: Erwin A., of Petersburg, N. Y.; Arlie L. of Center Berlin, N. Y.; and Clifford C. of Spokane, Wash.; also several grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was baptized by Rev. E. H. Sowell May 6, 1905 and joined the church at Berlin the next Sabbath. He has served the church in many capacities: clerk for seven years, trustee for many years, and moderator for twenty-five years.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Paul L. Maxson. Interment was in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery in Berlin.

HESS.—Homem, son of George and Naomi Long Hess was born Jan. 12, 1889 at Roaring Springs, Pa., and died at Beloit Municipal Hospital Nov. 5, 1966.

He married Stella Lippincott Jan. 28, 1911. He is survived by his wife, a son, Loyal, a daughter, Norma Reffue, and six grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan, Nov. 8. Interment was in Milton Cemetery.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN FAIR BOOTH
"And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1: 8). A feature story in this issue by the young pastor of the New Auburn, Wisconsin, church tells of the blessings received in taking this verse to include a Christian, Sabbath witness in Chippewa Falls. The church members were encouraged by the promise of Isaiah 55: 11 that the Word sent out would not return void.