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Reading Through the Bible in 1967

The Lord has especially used in a most wondrous way those who have gone forth with courage and devotion to raise their families side by side with those among whom they labour.

Whatever the occupation may be, the Lord finds very special uses for the many talents of the individual He leads forth, and we know that each one serves day by day as the Lord strengthens, but the greatest reward of all is to see those to whom one is sent continuing in His steps, learning, working and lovingly, tenderly serving.

Lovelyly, Tenderly Serving

Lovingly, tenderly serving (Continued from page 14) for a Christian education specialist, but this has seemed to me a pigeonholing of talents and abilities. The Lord saw to it that nursing became a reality in my life, but my greatest joys have come to me not entirely as a result of nursing talents but in being privileged to share in the growth and development of a segment of the world's population which through the goodness of the Lord has come to know a more abundant life than had ever previously been considered possible.

Anything But a Pastor

(Continued from page 9) sharing of Bible passages which had given them comfort, strength, and courage. One young wife expressed her feeling about the evening in this way: "You have shown us a way to overcome problems and a way to have our lives work for Christ."

Not every lay woman will have this unique way of giving service to ministers' wives. But there are countless ways to serve on the homefront. The doors may be opened for "baby-sitting," sending in food or helping in times of illness or peak loads of entertaining, arranging for a leisurely cup of tea or coffee, for planning an out-of-town day, or for just a friendly drop-in visit. Of utmost importance in this service is showing Christian love through a real concern for the minister's wife and her family, voicing appreciation, and giving encouragement.

Fields of service in Christian work are open for women. Christ himself has given us the challenge. (Luke 10:2) "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest." Who is there who will answer the challenge?

When Summer Comes

When summer comes there are many who dream of a quiet little lake amid the trees where there must be some fish to catch from bank or boat. Spending one's summer days fishing is for some hardworking men a thing to be looked back upon in the carefree days of idyllic youth or something that must wait till retirement years. When those years come there are a few more days of rest and relaxation, but to be really enjoyed they must continue to be vacation days sandwiched between days of creative work. We still feel that we must give an account to God for all our days and use them in the service of Christ.
A City of Old People

One of the major concerns of modern society is how to adjust to a constantly rising average age. Medical science, wonder drugs and early retirement from strenuous work in countries like the United States have prolonged life almost a whole generation beyond the normal productive years. Social planners have problems which they are trying to solve by tax-supported programs. And since health beyond sixty-five is the rule rather than the exception, for those who escape early heart, lung cancer, etc., there are many productive years remaining for those whose purpose is to use them wisely.

The church is just learning the many ways that older people can do what they may have longed to do just before they prepared for and absorption in their so-called life work. Never before has there been such a challenge to capture for Christ the enthusiasm of youth, to use the greater spare time of adult life, and to round out with satisfying service the longer retirement that crowns the years of life.

There are and will there be cities of older people where much is done to develop hobbies, provide pleasures, and gear life to the needs and desires of older folks. Whether or not this segregation promoted by some land developers is good may be doubtful. A city of old people has not proved to be so successful in Florida. We cannot find real happiness by an over concentration of old people, young people, or young people in any city. Life is whole. Like the body, it has many members in harmonious relation to each other. The young, whether married or unmarried, have as much right to the city as the old. The old fully realize that they need the young. God needs them all to carry on His redemptive work.

Writing from the city of Berlin following a thought-provoking, informative tour of the thriving western section one is aware that some cities face economic and other problems because of a concentration of older people. This is self-sufficient for a refugee center. Young people come for education. Harnack House, the army guest house where the editor is residing for two days, was designed to serve distinguished foreign scientists who came from all parts of the world to do research in the University. Surrounding this building is the campus of the Free University of Berlin, founded in 1948 by 2,000 students who fled East Berlin's Humboldt University to achieve "Veritas, Justitia, Libertas." It has grown to 15,500 students. In spite of all the youth of the city of 2.5 million, Berlin has something of a city of older people. Our guide tells us that within a few years 25 percent of the people will be of retirement age. The city cannot maintain itself but must draw millions of dollars from Bavaria and other parts of the country. A virtual island surrounded by East Germany, it provides an unnatural life for enterprises young adults. Compared with East Berlin it appears to be a paradise of prosperity although the latter is capital of the German Democratic Republic with all the governmental buildings which are no longer needed in West Berlin.

Later at first hand such a city as Berlin makes one ponder many things that we would like to avoid in our American cities. For one thing, let us assimilate our older people and help them to make their lives profitable and purposeful. The church can take on this task and perform the ecumenic mission better for having done so.

Meetinig the People of Germany

Can we help our readers to appreciate the people of like faith in Germany? We hope so. There has not been very much news of Germany in this journal in recent weeks. It was twenty-five to thirty years ago during the time after World War II when our people in America helped the little Irvington, N. J., church send relief supplies to the many church members in East and West Germany who were unable to provide for their own needs. The situation changed as the people in the east found solutions of their economic and political barriers made it impossible to communicate effectively with those of the eastern zone. This lack of communication between zones and the increasing scarcity of material items on both sides have contributed to the loss of churches and the reduction of membership. There is not as much news to report as there was a few years ago. The Yearbook bears witness to this fact, for the space given to Germany is small.

In spite of the facts mentioned above it can be said that there is faithfulness, there is hope for the future of Seventh Day Baptist churches in West Germany. It was a joy to your editor to spend a few days in this prosperous, beautiful country, to observe a little of the life of the people in general, to spend a full Sabbath with two of the churches, and to enjoy the thoughtful hospitality and transportation of an American family. Lt. Col. Wm. R. Austin of Nurnberg in the Bavarian District.
MEMORY TEXT

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thess. 5:23.

is a contributing factor in more than half of the fatal traffic accidents every year.

To kill is abhorrent. It is the worst social crime. To drink is considered a social grace. It is a misnamed grace if it contributed last year to the highway deaths of more than half of the 52,500 who lost their lives in traffic accidents. Do Christians have a right to condone drinking? Can we excuse ourselves for not speaking out against it? Our voices must be heard not only in the legislative halls, but also in the more difficult area of social gatherings where drinking is not labeled as an anti-social practice that wrecks homes and sends thousands to their graves. If we fail to use our influence to stop people from becoming potential car-wheel murderers we should consider ourselves as accessories and therefore morally guilty.

Pilot Project Slated for Clergy Seminar in Aging

A training seminar for ministers on the problems of the aging will be conducted at Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa., according to announcement by the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

An award of a $24,913 grant under Title V of the Older Americans Act will finance the project.

The program represents a pilot effort to develop and test new designs and techniques of inservice training of ministers, the announcement said.

“Sixty-five per cent of America’s older people belong to religious organizations in which they have substantial involvement. They have special problems

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Students Minister to Aged and Handicapped

As eternity is reckoned, there’s a lifetime in a moment.

Titled “A Moment’s Thought,” Piet Hein’s minute poem might well urge us all to take enough seconds to extend eternal values by sharing time with the aging in our community.

In Allegany County, two unheralded activities brighten the picture of college students. At Houghton College and at Alfred University, small student groups have gathered concern for lonely and restricted persons, usually elderly, in convalescent institutions or their own homes. They are also concerned about handicapped children, hoping to assist by tutoring.

For many years, Houghton students have regularly visited patients at the County Home, bringing their youthful presence and hopeful outlook to the golden agers there. They visit rooms, bring small gifts, and conduct worship services with various musical, visual and verbal contributions. The students do not visit this institution because they will receive academic credit for “field work,” though they are formally encouraged by their sociology teachers.

Recently at Alfred University, a small group of students anxious to help their brief-span-neighbors of Allegany County volunteered to visit other nursing homes, and undertook to interest many of their fellow-students in this and tutoring in special cases of children’s needs. Encouraged by the State Welfare Department’s newly chosen Volunteer Services Director, the small group undertook to make regular visits. The transportation to factory owners of a county as large as Rhode Island proved a bottleneck, but Alfred residents were asked to assist by driving.

The experience of one Alfredian was particularly refreshing. She dreaded the first trip, not knowing the students or what might develop in the afternoon’s contacts. She gamely met the students at the Student Union and took off over the hills. After visiting with one student pair in a Boll, she proprietoryly, she picked up those who had visited two other homes and returned to Alfred jubilant at the refreshing give-and-take of time spent with lonely persons—and eager students.

Does not this experience and program, many times repeated in your community perhaps, sharpen the crucial meaning of our devoting precious seconds and hours to those in sunset years?

And does it not emphasize the fact that the bridges over which human sharing occurs are built by persons of every age working together? And the beneficent often send back their friends with gifts of understanding, or wisdom or experience impossible to package or measure.

With the added elements of God’s personal presence in Christ, how much of “a lifetime in a second” the Christian can share!

The Rev. David S. Clarke, pastor of the Alfred Voluntary Day Baptist Church, is chairman of Allegany County Children’s and Welfare Committee.

Should the Church Involve Itself?

In 1964 a prominent clergyman, the Rev. William Bacon Stevens said to his people: “Like the air, the Church must press equally on all the surfaces of society; like the sea, flow into every nook of the shore-line of humanity; and like the sun, shine on the high and low, as well as fair and high: for she was organized, commissioned, and equipped for the moral renovation of the world.”

Could it be that the Church has a responsibility to God and to fellow man to become actively involved in accident prevention? What is a more humanitarian cause than thepw of suffering and even death from an accident?

—Church and Safety.
Dedicated Service on the Mission Field

By Courtland V. Davis

What is it like to be retired? Most of us have little idea, except maybe an opportunity to test the limits of some of the time in the garden, or get in all the golf we want. But four solid weeks of fishing? Garden all day every day? Eighteen holes of golf every afternoon, and even more, maybe, noon for a solid month? Then what? How about a rocker on the veranda? Or maybe a walk down to the corner for the daily paper. The closer one gets the more frightening the prospect.

There are other possibilities. One examines them with new interest. In my own case, retirement the second time around was long overdue. Failing visual and auditory discrimination, “that tired feeling” coming alarmingly soon after breakfast, instead of after lunch, the uneasiness about decisions that must be made, all indicated that I must no longer occupy a place where my difficulties impeded the work.

Then what? I had been reading about this “dedicated service” proposed for helpers who for one reason or other were unable to bear the full burden and heat of the day but who might still make a real contribution to the work of Christ and his church among men. Was that for me? I put the question to the Corresponding Missionary Secretary with the request that if the answer was “yes,” might I have a try at it.

He, after, I think, a bit of hesitation, acceded to my request, and now, after ten months of it, comes a letter from the editor to report on how it goes. How do I know what you had thought you would not have adopted the policy that busy-ness means satisfaction and happiness, and we are grateful for those opportunities.

One core of these opportunities has been centered about the church and denomination, where many occasions for service have presented themselves to us. To do them well and faithfully has been our aim, and we have seen opportunities as part of our blessings.

As we look to the future, we are concerned with the need to sort out the ideals of our past, to select the best of what we have, and find ways to preserve them for the use of the future.

Our Seventh Day Baptist ancestors have left us a superior heritage, and if we could leave one lasting thought, it would be that we would help every parent in every home who would continuously impress on their children that they have a right to feel proud to be Seventh Day Baptists.

Kenneth E. and Margaret (Livermore) Kenyon lived in Plattsburgh, New York for thirty years where he was employed as a teacher of Industrial Arts. They now reside in Alfred, New York. They have four children: Russell, an electrical engineer with General Electric, Pittsfield, Mass.; James, a Baptist minister; Gilbert, a textile engineer with the J. P. Stevens Company (Kenyon) Gilbert, a teacher's wife, Hudson Falls, N. Y.; and John, a junior at Geneseo College of Education, Geneseo, N. Y.
**Georgetown Property Purchase Completed**

We are happy to announce that the final payment has been sent to Pastor Leroy Bass to complete the purchase of the west half of the Eric Straker property.

This has been the home of Mr. Straker, and is next door to the dwelling place of our missionaries. Under present agreement with Mr. Straker, he is to deliver the west half, vacant, as of June 30, 1967. A picture of this property has been supplied by Pastor Bass and is shown herewith.

It will be recalled that the east half of this property, where our missionaries will be moving later into the home occupied by Mr. Straker and that the present missionaries' home will be renovated to become an "enclosed house of worship," with plenty of room for Sabbath school classes. The brethren and sisters of the Georgetown Mission Fellowship have pledged to help in these moving plans.

At last the dreams and visions of former missionaries, Pastor and Mrs. Leland Davis, are coming true. Many leaders have caught the vision and have helped toward this project. Funds on property destroyed in China and payments of the Kingston Church in Jamaica as they purchase their house of worship, are all being used. As the remaining debt is amortized through OWM giving, over coming years, all Seventh Day Baptists may still have a part in making this dream come true for our Guyana brethren. Let us thank God and press forward.

**Guyana Gleanings**

A few items gleaned from recent letters from Pastor Leroy Bass will be of interest:

- **Mr. Straker Home:** As he tells about the work and recent happenings in Guyana. One such item of interest is that of teaching the young people the words and tune of the song "We young folks are Seventh Day Baptists, and proud we are of the name. . . ."

- **New Choruses:** Pastor Bass writes that they appreciate the choruses because of the song book. "We're scattered from Texas to 'Rhody,' the state whence our fore-fathers came." So they have changed these words to "We're scattered through most of this nation, believing God's Ten should have fame." We are sure the author, Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Davis, will give her consent to this adaptation.

The letter tells how much the young people "love to sing choruses" so Pastor Bass has produced a chorus book including fifty choruses and songs. He wrote, "I included some familiar choruses American young people know along with those known here, many of which are new to me. I mimeographed enough copies to send to our village churches, so that all can use them and we can have even better times singing them at our next Youth Camp period . . . with Marjorie (Mrs. Bass) at the piano, we can easily teach the new ones to them."

The letter continues, "Brother Leyland Bowen and Brother Jacob Tyrrell have been attending a stewardship seminar (at the Bible College nearby) on four Wednesdays. The seminar was sponsored jointly by two different church councils. They have come out from these classes with new vision and ideas on stewardship in the churches. Jacob hopes to present some forward-looking plans at the next Conference of Guyana Seventh Day Baptist churches."

"We are still planning to move over to Mr. Straker's house after they move out at the end of June. Perhaps it will be a week or two later, on account of all the work Mr. Straker is forced to do on the house he purchased in another city.""

"Brother Jacob Tyrrell says he is eager to personally help take part in the partitions of bedrooms in our present home and bring the pews upstairs as we convert the house into a new chapel, with Sabbath school rooms both upstairs and down. Because of the open interior of Guyana homes there need be no change in the basic structure of the building itself."

Adjustment to Environment

We live in an age of uncertainty because we have accepted as our own the doctrine of universal conquest. A Junior High textbook now being used is entitled, Our Environment — How We Adapt Ourselves to It. Robert Hutchins has pointed out the problem sharply in his The Conflict of Education. Said he, "The doctrine of adjustment or adaptation explicitly excludes any consideration of standards. The adjustment must take place, whether the environment is good or bad. An educational system that is based on this theory must, therefore, ultimately become a system without values."

A society establishes its own mores. It creates its own environment. It develops patterns of conduct based on what everybody wants to do. Everybody begins to be like everybody else. The society has no absolute standards or controlling principle. Without such the time comes inevitably when revolution occurs and after the revolt a new pattern is projected to which everyone soon adjusts and conforms. The result is an endless cycle of increasingly degenerating cultures in which man goes his merry way to certain judgment.

—Jared F. Gerig, D.D.
About 1876, Elder Gilbert Cranmer, a member of the Church of God, came from his home in Kalamazoo County, Mich., to do evangelistic work in Newaygo County. Having heard that there were a few unapostolized Sabbathkeepers near Woodville north of White Cloud, he chose that field for his effort. Holding meetings in homes and the Jackson schoolhouse, he enjoyed seeing persons converted, and administered baptism to several.

About two years later, J. C. Branch came from rural Hartford to the area, continuing the work begun earlier, and baptized eleven. Among those were Mr. and Mrs. Jeremiah Hall, who should be remembered in any study of the history of this church. They soon moved nearer White Cloud where they entered a sizable lumbering venture. He wrote to the friends in southern Michigan, inquiring for Sabbathkeepers to work with him in his undertaking. As a result, in the spring of 1884, four Branch families bought land in the area, lived first in a lumber camp, built homes and became part of the community.

Beginning with the first Sabbath in the camp, services were regularly held. Soon a church was organized with ten or twelve members. Mortimer Branch was chosen Elder and Elder Cranmer had married the widowed Adelbert Branch, Deacon; and E. G. Van Horn, John Klotzbach, Rob- ert Wing, Rolla Severance, Leon Malby, Orville Babcock, Alvin Huntington, and Dan Sanford.

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My First Year of Retirement

By Velma Maxson

Isn’t it great that Seventh Day Baptist churches are to be found in some of the country’s very desirable locations! For part of my growing-up years and all of a forty-year teaching career I have been at least a hundred miles from any of our churches. Regular attendance at weekly worship and other church activities was important to me, those years I have been very grateful for The Sabbath Re- corder, the Helping Hand, Mission Notes, Woman’s Board letters, church bulletins, and the interest shown by friends and relatives to keep me in touch.

Frequent attendance at General Conference has been a great treat.

To be sure, I have attended a church wherever I have been and appreciated the hospitality of these fellow-Christians.

In retirement, however, I am free to choose, as my home town, a place where there is a Seventh Day Baptist church in a climate which appeals to senior citizens.

Daytona Beach is such a place. The Halifax area provides plenty to do. There are golf courses, tennis courts, conventions, plays, sports, museums, hobbies, and the beach, as well as interesting sidetrips. What have I chosen besides vespres, Sabbath School, church worship, Church Aid, and church-sponsored picnics? The American Association of University Women has made possible the lease of a building for our own use.

A few years ago a student nurse and member of the Seventh Day Baptist church in White Cloud became part of the work of the young church. She was very fond of the church and was very grateful for her acceptance as one of the family.

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Christian Endeavor Convention

The Motor City will become "Youthville, North America" this summer when some 3,000 youth and their leaders gather for the 49th International Christian Endeavor Convention. Here is a once-a-year opportunity for members of your society to fellowship with other youth from across North America and enjoy the inspiration, fellowship, and instruction that only a Christian Endeavor Convention can provide.

Headquarters for the convention will be the Statler Hilton Hotel in Detroit, Mich. The opening session will be a prayer vigil on Monday, July 3, at 2:00 p.m. The convention will close on Friday, July 7, following the Banquet.

The daily morning schedule Tuesday through Thursday includes the Quiet Hour, followed by conferences for Juniors, with their special convention beginning on the last Sunday in October (Reformation Day), encompassing All Saints' Day, November 1, and concluding on the first Sunday in November (the festival of Christ the King). The specific dates are October 27 to November 3, 1968. The department hopes to have a packet of materials available by late fall or early winter.

An interpretive statement setting forth the history of the convention and the background leading us to this new date is being prepared and will be ready the end of June for distribution to those within NCC constituencies needing to be informed of this change.

A policy statement on Conscientious Objection to Military Service which was adopted in February, 1967, may be secured from the Department of Youth Ministry, NCC, 475 Riverside Drive, N. Y., N. Y. 10027.

Exchange Camper Program

At the monthly meeting of the Youth Work Committee, June 4, the committee made the following report: Wesley Green is scheduled to go from Lewis Camp to Camp Harley Sutton; Elizabeth Nida will go from Camp Joplin to Camp Wakonda; Rick Cudahy will represent Camp Harley Sutton at Lewis Camp; Barbara Dickenson of Jersey Oakes will go to Camp Harmony; Nora Cattlin of Camp Harmony at Detroit will be Cruise leader, representing Camp Wakonda, to Mid-Continent; Betty Smith from Camp Miles to Camp Joy; and George Hamilton will represent Pacific Pines at Camp Miles.

The sub-committee to bring recommendations concerning the possible exchange of camp counselors, as well as campers, had no recommendation. It was voted that any Association who would like to invite a counselor from another Association might do so and that the coordinator of the Boy's and Girl's Camps would strive to keep on schedule, thus allowing for the printing to be done at least six months ahead of use date. While there is no intention to send out the Quarterly six months before use date, there is a message in song and personal testimony. Sight-seeing trips at low rates are being arranged for the opening day and during the afternoon free time.

Helping Hand Schedule

Most of our Sabbath Schools were delightfully surprised to have their orders of Helping Hands for the third quarter (July-Sept.) sent to them nearly 3 months ahead of use time.

The early publication for July is due in July. The early publication for the months of August and September will be in July. The early publication for October 1967 is due in August. The early publication for the first quarter of 1968 be sent to them nearly 3 months ahead of use date. Each quarter has its peculiar problems but also its unique possibilities. Even the last years of a person's life can be abundant and happy years. Everything depends on developing the right attitude toward life. This little book is meant to help make the evening of life as bright, pleasant and purposeful as possible.

The book deals with both the basic problems of existence and the little joys and sorrows of daily living. Nineteen brief chapters touch upon such themes as the history of one's own life, the happy past, happy memories, the crisis of old age, the need to be active, the cheerful spirit, grandchildren, the foundation of life, insecurity and anxiety, testing through fire, and thoughts about death.

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BOOK REVIEWS

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Life's Crowning Years, a Book of Inspiration, by D. Verner Swanson.

Here is a book for elderly keen-agers who view life in the present tense. The author, a golden ager, writes for the needs and aspirations of fellow retirees. His messages sparkle with enthusiasm and hope. The author's understanding, insights, wisdom and hope confront the reader on every page.

The reader will find prescriptions that challenge, encourage and motivate him to begin anew the search for life-meaning. The author's reflections on spiritual renewal will enrich and inspire the reader.
The NAE Convention

As I Saw It

By Mynor G. Soper

April 4-6 saw nearly one thousand delegates gathered in the Statler Hilton Hotel in downtown Los Angeles to attend the annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE). This was a special occasion for them since they were celebrating a landmark of twenty-five years of existence.

Twenty-five years ago evangelicals, coming from all over the United States, met in St. Louis, Mo., to do something about the approaching defeat of the evangelical church with which they were faced. Secularism were growing fast, and the evangelical church could not cope with them in a united way because they lacked the Christian conviction and the breadth of compassion which could include both the concern for an individual's salvation and society's social needs as a whole.

Dr. Harold F. Ockenga of the historic Park Street Church of Boston brought the keynote address at that gathering in which he called for "unity, majoring in the great essentials of the Christian faith and for love one to another." His closing words were, "God has exalted His people in America, and we prophesy more than in the past. The big concern is social action and for love one to another."

Dr. Ockenga, who holds twelve degrees from ten universities, was again one of the keynote speakers at this twenty-fifth anniversary convention. In recalling that meeting twenty-five years ago he said evangelicals came with a determination to do something about their problem. As a result NAE was formed and Dr. Ockenga became involved just as evangelicals have consistently proclaimed through the years is more than in the past. The big concern is social action and for love one to another.

It seems that evangelicals are ready to move out into the area of social action more than in the past. The big concern was how? This was the question asked over and over again in the social action groups. No one, it seems, has the complete answer, not even the Negroes who were asked specifically how they needed help. Their most pertinent answer seemed to be to involve them in the activities of the total church. They want to be used in the national programs such as NAE as well as programs of the local congregations. They suggested further that every person should be involved in the protest against the wrong practices where our society discriminates against them: unfair labor, higher retail prices, etc.

The depth of concern which NAE is expressing about the social problem was indicated in the theme which the social concern group used for its deliberations, which was "Beyond the Social Gospel." They do not want to get caught up in meaningless action which promotes better living conditions, better economics and more involvement on various levels but which forgets to tell men that they are lost and need Christ if they are to enter the Kingdom of Heaven and eternal life. In other words, how do they avoid the current concept that the church in order to be true to its calling must be strictly a church "out there" serving mankind but not necessarily calling men out of their existences for Christ?

"David Taylor, editor of the Presbyterian Journal, said it well when he told the joint meeting of the Evangelical Action and Social Concern Committees that the modern view of the church is that it is not constituted by belonging but by doing, not by membership but by mission. "In its extreme form," he said, this view identifies the church with revolution. It calls on Christians to demonstrate, boycott and even picket in the attainment of goals by economic and political pressures in order to be the church." In contrast to this view, Dr. Taylor described the true church as a company of those who were once aliens from God but are no longer. This church," he said, "is that of Christ but not of the world. Its mission is to win to Jesus Christ out of the world those whom the Lord God would call to be His saints."

What those who belong to NAE are concerned about is the apparent willingness of much of the church to help individuals relate satisfactorily to the world around them without calling them to a committed faith in Christ which can put the world in a proper perspective. Evangelicals wish to go "beyond the Social Gospel" and make sure that every man has the opportunity to accept Christ as personal Lord and Savior and thus become heirs with Him to the Kingdom of God. Because they are concerned for these two aspects of ministry part of their statement entitled Christian Humanitarian Concern reads:

"The National Association of Evangelicals, conscious of the humanitarian imperatives accompanying Christian Commitment, aware that the evangelistic task is executed within a sociological context, and sensitized to human misery and physical need, expresses its determination to be involved in a ministry to the whole man with the whole gospel."

I believe we should watch for a new revitalized thrust from this segment of the Christian Church. The pure message of personal salvation through Christ which the evangelicals have consistently proclaimed through the years is more needed than ever before and should gain new acceptance as they move out in the arena of social need. That they feel this was also evidenced in their convention theme, "Evangelical Certainty in a World of Change." The certainty of the gospel they expect to continue to proclaim in a world which is in such a state of change and in need of a message of certainty.

Central New York Association

The Central New York Association of Seventh-day Baptist Churches met in June 1967 at the Rockefeller Methodist Church, with the Syracuse Church as host, on June 3, 1967. The Syracuse group meets in a morning session, but felt their facilities would not accommodate such a large group on Association Sabbath.

Larry and Nancy Brannon led a very inspiring devotional period, with Mary Williams of Verona singing a beautiful contra solo, and the choir of the host church singing "Tenderly He Watches Over You," as the special music. The
Rev. Ralph Hays, host pastor, gave the welcome and then led in a Bible study on 1 John 4—a study on LOVE. The congregation was divided into discussion groups following the study and many areas of “Loving” were brought to light.

After a delicious fellowship supper, a short business session was presided over by the moderator, Wendell Burdick. Such items of business as couldn’t be postponed until the Annual Meeting in the fall were transacted. The Rev. Charles D. Swing reported on the progress made concerning the State Fair booth, and the Rev. Don Richards on the organization of the New York Seventh Day Baptist Churches for the State Council of Churches.

What would Association be without a hymn sing? Olin Davis of Verona led in this, and it was interspersed with special numbers from each participating church: “A Heart Like Thine”—ladies trio from Dr. Ruyter; “How Great Thou Art”—ladies ensemble from Brookfield and Leonardsville; “Jesus Walked the Lonesome Valley”—girls trio from Adams Center; and “The Amen Chorus”—the combined choirs of Verona and Syracuse, with Maurice Warner as soloist. The Rev. Mr. Hays continued his Bible study and we returned to our original discussion groups for another 40 minute period.

In the evening a workshop for adults followed the good supper prepared by the Syracuse ladies. This workshop was led by Thelma Smith on “Communications,” while the S.D.B.Y.F. met for their time of fun and frolic. Judging by the sounds, there was plenty of both but we wouldn’t have it any other way! It is truly an inspiration when we see the young people get together and enjoy every minute of that together-ness; yet they participated with a will in the discussion groups also, and showed that they are really “of the Lord.” How can we be afraid when the future of our denomination is in the hands of such youth?

Pilot Project Slated

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and interests with which they expect their churches to be concerned,” it pointed out.

“Yet, very little attention is given to the subject of aging in schools of theology,” it continued.

“Forty Unitarian-Universalist ministers will be given an intensive eight-day training seminar. It is designed to increase their awareness of the characteristics and needs of the older people.

- The program will also familiarize the ministers with programs and methods of meeting the needs of older people in their congregations and in the surrounding community.

- Six ministers from other faiths will act as observers. They will be responsible for evaluating the educational process and for developing guidelines for adapting the seminar for use by other church groups.

Growth

Sowing seeds in hard, rocky, sterile soil.
Sowing seeds through hardship, sweat and toil.
Yet some will grow to praise our God above.
Nourished, warmed, protected by His love.
—Ralph Loofboro.

International Outlook on National Holiday

On our Independence Day we are thankful for national greatness coming so quickly from small colonial beginnings, a greatness symbolized by the world’s tallest buildings growing in Manhattan and housing a free financial empire. Symbolic also is the United Nations Building flanked by these spired office buildings and overlooking New York’s East River. We pray that the people of all countries may be as free as those of ours and that we may earnestly seek the good of all by godly diplomacy through such channels as can be devised by the mind of man.