WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Cruzan

Prayer Suggestions
for the First Half of October
By Marjorie Burdick

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
—James 5:16 (KJV).

As we enter the month of October, there are special things to place on our Prayer Calendar. In addition to other prayer thoughts, the weekends for us should bring prayers of thanksgiving and petition. October 6-8 is the Semiannual Meeting at New Auburn, Wis. Others will trek to our church there to join those from Minnesota and northern Wisconsin in this meeting when Pastor Edward Sutton is to be ordained.

The following weekend there will be those who join with the friends of the Northern Association when the Seventh Day Baptists of Michigan and Ohio gather in White Cloud. Pray for these gatherings that they feel God's presence and guidance.

During these two weeks may we bring into our prayers those of our ministers and missionaries who have retired. Pray for these men and women and their continued interest and work in our churches. Especially remember those who are widows. May they be blessed in memories of their service in Christ's name. (The 1966 Yearbook pages 20 and 3-g will refresh your memory with names of these dear ones.)

Other Comments
on the New Mission Notes

Just what the financial status, and therefore the financial needs, of Mission Notes will be in the future is not fully clear at this time. It is hoped that the actual cost of total production—especially of mailing costs—will be lowered considerably. We hope that readers will continue to think of it as a publication "supported by the prayers and gifts of readers." Such support may be required by the Post Office in order to maintain the second class mail privileges of The Sabbath Recorder.

A treasurer's report appears in this issue, and accounting of funds received and disbursed will continue.

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A Day's Wage for Christ

Seventh Day Baptists were given a chance to raise the remaining twenty-five percent of the Campaign budget in the last month of the Conference year. Giving had lagged in the months prior to August. The larger contributions to the total work that most were not sufficient to bring the giving up to the goal. Letters went out to all members, and church halls were used on a giving day on September 23 equivalent to one day's income. If this were done by all, it would probably balance the budget in spite of the very large amount needed. Local supporters of the work are waiting with anticipation for the word from the OWM treasurer as to the response to that appeal. It will be published as soon as possible, probably in the October 16 issue.

What is to be expected? First of all, it is reasonably certain that not everyone would be inclined or would feel able to add to his regular contributions an amount equal to one day's pay for this one cause. It would mean in many cases giving far more than what has been given during the whole year. In fact, the job opportunity yearly concentration of most denominations (our own well down the line) to missionary causes is not much above the average daily wage of the membership.

On the other hand, many have undoubtedly responded in full to the appeal. The success or failure of our work depends on how high the percentage is that respond. There is reason to believe that the dollar response when tabulated will be quite encouraging. The boards and agencies that were unable to pay their bills or underwrite our Conference-was not content with the response. When tabulated will be quite encouraging. When tabulated will be quite encouraging. It is released in the average daily wage of the membership.

There have been detailed studies made of the neglect of the Watts area of Los Angeles and the more recent serious burning and looting in Detroit. On the basic thrust of the Detroit Free Press notes that there was no relationship found between education and rioting nor between poverty and rioting. The paper makes the following comments:

"Rioters were to be found in about the same proportion across all city blocks. There was no pattern to directly link rioting and low income. Those with incomes under $2,000 showed no more tendency to riot than those earning $10,000. One thing was found that clearly sets the riot participant apart from his fellow Negroes: a distinctive set of attitudes. These attitudes suggest alienation—not only from whites but from other Negroes.

"The plain unvarnished truth is that the U.S. has largely lost its ability to produce people of self-restraint and moral strength. This is less than surprising in light of the current social order we set aside the Bible and its teachings as basic to human conduct. No nation can edge God out of its corporate and personal life—as we have largely done—without the ceiling falling in.

"This is not just moralizing. It makes more sense than that other kind of self-whipping that we have heard so much. Improving social conditions often leave the heart completely untouched. Civil rights are only slightly related to what has happened. Somehow we must get the word of Christ into the hearts of the young, whatever their color. Only then can we begin to remove the roots of riots.

Painting the Church on Sunday

Seventh Day Baptist church buildings are often deserted on that day of the week that churches of other denominations have their doors open and painting. Perhaps we miss opportunities of talking with people who have time to stop and ask questions. Perhaps we overlook a chance to make an effort to have some visible activity on Sunday so that folk could observe and take note of the fact that the church is not dead.

This thought is brought to mind by an announcement in the Sabbath bulletin of the Battle Creek church stating that there would be a work bee at a particular church this coming Sunday morning. What was the work? Painting the outside of the church. Since it is a brick building it was estimated that painting could be done without much equipment or noise. Perhaps some people, even in a city as
Sabbath conscious as Battle Creek, would be surprised to see people hanging on the eaves and working around the window frames instead of being dressed in their best and filing in and out of the front door. Just a glance at the bulletin board or a little inquiry would set their minds at rest—or perhaps make them wonder what their own basis was for attempting to keep Sunday instead of the Sabbath sacred.

Other city churches have scheduled Sunday work bees for painting the parsonage next door or for major maintenance work on the church building. Willing workmen have to be enlisted when they have free time, and time devoted to improving the church property is money saved for the more spiritual aspects of the ministry of the church. Not to be overlooked as a "painting the church on Sunday" is the comradeship developed in working together, the opportunity for worthwhile conversations among us as we labor together. Here is a type of group dedicated service that is easier to give than the more lonely individual type.

Get some good projects. Stick to them until completed. Give labor; get a blessing; paint the church on Sunday.

Good Things to Come

These are interesting days for Recorder readers—so many new and interesting things coming up that it is necessary to remind ourselves of how far we have been and how far we have yet to go.

The issue of October 23 or 30 will have four pages in the middle which will be in the nature of a dedicated service folder prepared by the director of evangelism at the suggestion of the Planning Committee. It will be informative and promotional, for use during the 1967-68 Conference and longer-term dedicated service, particularly by young people, is one of the most promising developments for the present life and future growth of our churches.

The first issue of November is the fall special issue, edited this time by the accomplished Carolyn Gray, until recently the president of the Women's Board.

MEMORY TEXT

O Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy. Habakkuk 3:2b.

Please note that all special issues, November, February, and May, are scheduled now for the first Monday rather than the second Monday. Orders for these (on which the size of the print order is based) must therefore be submitted earlier, else orders cannot be filled. Mrs. Gray has an unusually good array of articles—almost all written by young women who have had unusual Christian service opportunities among us as we labor together. December will have its special emphasis. More than half of the first issue (printed in blue) will be prepared under the direction of the Secretary Everett T. Harris, stressing present and future missionary work.

In January the Tract Board will supply a considerable amount of material for the first issue of the month.

It is not possible as yet to make any announcement about increasing the number of issues as the present Recorder and Tract board emphasis issues. The Tract Board is working on the Conference suggestion that this be done. For the present there is no change planned.

In an early issue will appear the first of a regular feature which may be entitled Youths. These brief items are prepared largely by young people and are intended as devotional thoughts for youth. It has been several years since we have had such a department. See further announcement.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 21, 1967

THE HOLY SPIRIT

THE SABBATH RECORDER

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Facing Frontiers of '67-'68 with Faith

To start the 1967-68 "Facing Frontiers with Faith" program, the Planning Committee suggests American Seventh Day Baptists share together in worship the Practice and Prayer "Yoked in Mission" on Sabbath, October 14, 1967. Some churches may find it better to use the Proclamation at another date, and we fully appreciate local schedule needs and encourage adaptation in method and time of use.

If the "Proclamation—Yoked in Mission" can help you to find Christ the designer and dreamer of your own local church or Association hopes for achievement, use it worshipfully in the opening weeks of the new World Mission year. If your congregation can more unitedly throw off the self-styled yokes assumed for progress which actually displace Christ's yoke, then use this Proclamation to affirm your acceptance of the Savior's burden-bearing tool.

If the Proclamation can unify your congregation in appreciation that severally and jointly they are very practically "Christ's hands and feet" carrying His Good News into their worlds, then include it as a dedicatory element near the close of your October 14 Sabbath worship service.

If the Proclamation doesn't fit into the Laymen's Sabbath ideas you have for October 14, use it the following week or on October 28. But it does seem particularly well-suited for Laymen's Sabbath, harmonizing with the theme "Christ's Ambassadors—As Explorers, as Explorers and Penetrators for the Faith—we are not given a detailed map to follow but rather a compass, the life and way of the One who says, "Follow me!" And "The laity are not helpers of the clergy so the clergy can do their job, but the clergy are the helpers of the whole people of God so that the laity can be the church."

We would express appreciation to the American Lutheran Church for original materials and Rev. Leon Lawton for introducing and initially adapting them. Also, we thank Duane Lawton, his son, for volunteer work actually printing the leaflets. "Routine" matters of linotyping, packaging and mailing are no less appreciated as the Conference team at 510 Watchung, Plainfield, works.

Last Week's Issue

You who are regular subscribers noticed that last week's issue was different. It was printed in blue ink, for one thing. It is anticipated that the first issue of each month during the year will be this same ink or (in the case of special issues in November, February and May) will have some other use of color. This is an added service which, we trust, will make you want to encourage others to subscribe at the continuing low rate of $4.00.

The other thing you noticed about the October 2 issue was that it was called Mission Notes a well as Sabbath Recorder. This is the beginning of a venture of combining two publications for greater efficiency and freshness. Never before has the widely circulated Mission Notes been able to present up-to-date material or include announcements for the immediate future. There will be no issue the first of April. With the much appreciated help of Rev. Leon Lawton it was possible to integrate the two mailing lists and to send the issue out on time to over 400 more addresses. Please pray for this new venture, for which there are no additional funds available as yet to meet the extra publication costs.
The fourth week of August, two young people arrived at the General Conference headquarters in Plainfield, N. J., to offer one year in “Dedicated Service.” Dedication has been defined as “the act or rite of dedicating to a sacred use; also, a setting aside for any particular purpose.” This is precisely what Miss Peggy Williams and Mr. Harold King both are doing as they join several regular staff members, offering their services wherever and whenever needed so long as they may serve to the glory of the Lord. (Reflections of Harold King’s varied activities will be shared in a second article in a series to be presented in the next issue of the Sabbath Recorder.)

Peggy Williams, a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, North Loup, Nebraska, attended the Grand Island School of Business after graduation from high school, and for the past year was employed as a secretary by an insurance company in Lincoln, Nebraska. She felt led of the Lord, therefore, to dedicate her secretarial skill to the Church. She is going to a centralized mailing service in a religious enterprise.

Her work includes far more than doing stenographic work, answering the telephone, and assuming numerous responsibilities in the Conference office. The general secretary is doing field work; for the denominational building, including the Seventh Day Baptist Publishing House, is coming more and more to be a place where frequent planning sessions are held, programs of various types are developed, endeavors of the several boards and agencies are coordinated, and where a centralized mailing service is operated. Also, with increasing frequency she helps to spread the welcoming mat for those who come either as dedicated workers for shorter spans of time or as visitors.

Peggy is proving herself to be most welcome to the hearts and homes of officers of the Conference who entrust their affairs to her. She is coming to be known for her congenial attitude, her professional image and her spiritual zeal. On weekends she is often working at the church where she finds, along with others there, that she is a “laborer together with God” rather than an employee in a religious enterprise.

In May of this year when she submitted her application, she testified, in part, “My life has had very little meaning or purpose. I want to count for Christ! He has been more than good to me and now I feel it is my turn to do something for His glory. I feel that a chance like this, to give a year to the service of Christ and His Church, is one I cannot afford to pass by. This to me is not just one year but the beginning of a lifetime of service to God. I trust that

Peggy Williams

Dedicates

Talent

Church Peace in War Zone
By an Army Captain

Captain Charles B. Moore, a soldier since he enlisted at the age of 16 nearly 20 years ago, wrote in a recent letter to his wife, and three daughters, wrote about his love for Christ and the peace of God where he is stationed:

“War does not stop for God; but soldiers do. Church services are held whenever and wherever possible. Fixed schedules are the exception, not the rule. The house of God is transit in Vietnam. It may be a reasonably comfortable building, as in the major headquarters areas; a rainy, soggy tent; or, in forward combat areas, just an open field. But services are held, and under the circumstances, are outstanding.

“The old saying, ‘There are no atheists in foxholes’ is misleading. It implies men become Christians through fear of death. Soldier Christians respect death—they do not fear it.

“Church attendance is not required in Vietnam; encouraged, yes, but not mandated at headquarters. Officers have to go. Some who might like to go cannot. Such is war. All, however, have access to a chaplain—a preacher just like yours truly. They not only have a chaplain, but often a religious advisor. In short, they have also very willingly accepted the invitation to serve as a Sabbath school teacher in the Plainfield church. This is to her all a part of the gratifying fulfillment of “Dedicated Service.”

—A. L. W.

RECORDE Comment

Enclosed is a check for four dollars to renew my subscription to the Sabbath Recorder one year.

Even if I could neither read nor write, I would still feel guilty not to subscribe for my denominational magazine. It is always very welcome.

Yours for progress in the Lord’s work.

—De Ruyter, N. Y.

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prayer. A hardened veteran ponders war and death. A younger soldier tries to hide his tears as he thinks of home.

“The collection plate may be a basket, a pan, or even a steel helmet. The men know the Army pays the cost of the chapels, yet they want to give anyway. One man shares his stewardship—his last 50 cents — with a friend who has none.

“The sermon is appropriate: ‘Can a Christian Be a Soldier?’ The chaplain then challenges: ‘Can a Soldier Be a Christian?’

“For most, the service ends too soon. They reluctantly file out. Some go back to their typewriters, some back to preparing food and many go back to the uncertainties of combat.”

The Purpose of Defeat
By Paul S. Burdick

If this plan or this undertaking is of men, it will fail; but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God (Acts 5:38,39).

Gamaliel was wiser than some of the Sanhedrin who opposed Peter and the other apostles in their preaching.

The church sometimes meets with forces best on death. But if these forces be of men, they will fail. If they come from the hand of God to correct and purify the church, they must do their work as instruments of God until their work is done.

The synagogue church needed this cleansing, and it was partly accomplished, but “a hardening has come in part upon the people of Israel,” for they did not fear it. But if these forces be of men, they will fail. If they come from the hand of God to correct and purify the church, they must do their work as instruments of God until their work is done.

The Church of the Middle Ages needed such a cleansing, and the preaching of Savonarola and John Huss seemed to be a destructive force, but the burning of those two martyrs at the stake only hastened the cleansing work until the Reformation under Martin Luther

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North Central Association Maintains Booth at Fair

By Pastor Ed Sutton

The North Central Association had a fair booth again this year at Chippewa Falls. We August 1-6. The success we felt with the 1966 booth ministry prompted us to rent a larger booth, (9' x 12') this year. We were located in the same place in the Industrial Arts Building as last year, but the larger booth centered us better with the walkways through the building, provided better dimensions and location to decorate in an attractive way. (The picture included with this article will illustrate this point. It was a booth to enter rather than a counter of literature to serve large crowds.)

With the larger area we changed our layout to include both a distribution-discussion center, and a rest area. We were astonished to discover how many persons used the new rest area after acquiring our literature, and how many expressed appreciation for the area even when they didn't acquire our materials. Many wonderul and rewarding discussions developed. Many of the articles used in the booth to give the rest area an outdoor look attracted much attention and provided many opportunities to witness also. One such conversation piece we used was a big old pine stump. It is surprising how many folks collect driftwood, unique tree records as far as pieces of literature distributed many opportunities to witness also. (Continued on page 14)

We had broader participation in manning the booth this year. Dodge Center had five persons, and one night, Milton was represented, and more persons were involved from New Auburn this year.

We are already thinking about next year's booth work, and we haven't even completed all we want to do yet from this year's work. What are our thoughts for next year's booth?

1. We hope we can work out a plan to use our young people's groups in a musical program during the fair in the evenings.

2. Following through on the encyclopedia salesman friend's idea, we may work out a "Bible Tic-Tac-Toe" board with lights and switches so that the "X's" and "O's" can be lighted up. (9 1/16 x 29 3/4"

These are but an indication of the kinds of thinking we are doing for next year. People want action, free shows, and worthwhile things. As representatives of a living Christ, we are confident we can provide all these things. But we shall not for a moment consider doing away with the personal contact aspect of our witness. This is, indeed, the most rewarding aspect of the work. Examples of this can be seen as we reflect briefly on some of the encounters we had. There were the two young ladies (18 years of age) who had but recently given their lives for Christ's work and who were preparing themselves in all that they did to serve as missionaries "to Americans." They had noticed our church booth amidst all the other things in the building and stopped by to learn who we were. Then there was the Southern Baptist gentleman and his family who were vacationing in "wet, wet Wisconsin" who stopped by to learn about the "Bible Tic-Tac-Toe" board and this drinking business in Wisconsin! In the hour and a half we spent with them we learned much more than he came seeking—% I'm sure. We had broader participation in manning the booth this year. Dodge Center had five persons, and one night, Milton was represented, and more persons were involved from New Auburn this year.

The witness of our booth reaches far beyond the two closest towns! The (Continued on page 14)

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Review of Jamaica Conference
(Taken from corresponding secretary's circular of August, 1967).

Through the kindness of Rev. Joe A. Samuels, corresponding secretary of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference who supplied this office with a report of the 1967 Jamaica Conference session, it is possible to note some of the highlights of these meetings. Pastor Samuels wrote concerning the four page circular, "not official minutes, only edited report."

The Jamaica Conference was held July 25-31, 1967 with the Albion Mt. Seventh Day Baptist Church, Albion Mt., St. Mary, with Bro. Vernon O. Burke serving as president. The Conference theme was "Witnessing for God," taken from Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; 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."

Conference began with the registering of delegates, officers and visitors. Conference officers in attendance were: President V. O. Burke; vice-president, student pastor V. Smith; corresponding secretary, Joe A. Samuels; assistant corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. P. Pottinger; acting recording secretary, Mrs. Joyce Samuels; treasurer, Benjamin Samuels; Women's Board report, Mrs. K. Durante, president, Mrs. M. D. Docking. The Girls' Board has relied generally upon Deacon J. Johnson. A retired worker who has served since the beginning of Seventh Day Baptists in Jamaica, Sister Emily Smikle, was also in attendance.

Early in the meetings it is reported that "All stood with bowed heads in silence for one minute as a mark of respect to the passing of Pastor S. Smikle, wife of Rev. Charles Smikle, the first Jamaican ordained minister for Seventh Day Baptists."

In the report of the Board of Christian Education it was noted that Brother N. Harley had been elected to membership on the High School Board to succeed Bro. H. Condison who had left the Island for Canada. Another matter of particular interest was the report that "three younger men are preparing for the ministry by work in Crandall High under the guidance of Principal N. D. Mills and Pastor J. Samuels.

The treasurer's and auditor's reports showed a Conference deficit of approximately $840. A cryptic note added, "If things continue this way the Conference will cease simply because we do not all bear our share of the burden." Later on, during Conference, plans were made to improve the financial situation. It is confidently expected that another year will present a more encouraging picture.

The Women's Board report mentioned their "Bring and Buy," the past and the present was thanked for their cooperation. All churches were urged to support the Conference Building Fund for helping the churches complete their houses of worship. Work was concentrated on the Albion Mt., and Tydixon churches during the past year.

The Executive Committee of Conference reported that they had worked hard and visited the States in 1967, Rev. Alton Wheeler, had been requested to return in 1968, "in that we would like the Rev. Mr. Wheeler to carry out the plans which he suggested while he was here. . . ."

It is understood that Secretary Wheeler is making his schedule of anticipated services so as to be able to visit Jamaica in 1968.

The Executive Committee's recommendation to hold the 1968 Conference session winter with the Wakefield Seventh Day Baptist Church was approved. The Niagara Seventh Day Baptist Church, newly organized, was recognized and congratulations extended "to the pastor and people of this group for this newly acquired status."

From the workers report it is noted that "132 were added to the churches by baptism and testimony during the Conference year as compared to 55 last year. Let us continue to pray for all our workers and visiting workers and encourage them by our prayers while they are on high as they seek to extend His Kingdom here on earth.

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Missionary's Address

Missionaries David and Bettyt Pearson are now living in what contributors to the reader like to call "The Blantyre House." This statement is true if you matter unless you are planning to visit them. They share a post office box with Rev. O. T. Manan. Write to: Rev. and Mrs. David C. Pearson Blantyre Seventh Day Baptist Station P. O. Box 337 Blantyre, Malawi, C. Africa

Docking the Preacher's Pay

It is interesting to observe the salary statistics of professional people in a recent issue of Kiplinger's Changing Times. Minsters have an interesting salary curve according to age. Starting at $4,875 at twenty-five to thirty-four, they go up to $5,625 between thirty-five and forty-four. Then between forty-five and fifty-four they drop a little to $5,540. Between fifty-five and sixty-four they drop back to $4,540, according to these statistics. Almost all other professions listed continue to increase until the fourth age bracket. College professors and instructors apparently do not grow old; their highest salary comes between fifty-five and sixty-four. Dentists drop off in the third bracket. Editors and reporters start at $7,750 and increase to $10,850 in the oldest age bracket. Elementary and secondary school teachers drop off slightly in salary between the ages of fifty-five and sixty-four.

Selections from THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society Held September 10, 1857

(Note: Two copies of the 15th Annual Report of the Missionary Society were supplied by a Missionary Board member, Mrs. Tacy Crandall Saretzki, daughter of the late Herbert and Amelia Crandall of Ashaway, R.I.)

"The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society convened its fifteenth annual meeting at Plainfield, N. J., on Fifth day, September 10, 1857 at 10:00 o'clock, A.M. . . . The Society convened agreeable to adjournment and the meeting was opened with prayer by A. B. Burdick." After hearing a statement by the president, the treasurer presented a report, a report of the Executive Board, the Nomination Committee's report and a report of a resolutions committee, the meeting was adjourned to meet with the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in Alfred, Allegany County, N. Y., on the fifth day of the week before the second Sabbath of September.

From the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Executive Board are gleaned these interesting items:

1. The whole amount received by the treasurer from all sources and for all purposes is $2,169.41." "Remittances are semi-annually to our foreign missionaries (in China and Palestine). Our home missionaries are paid quarterly, on the presentation of their quarterly reports."

2. The Board has relied generally upon the free will offerings of the churches for the means of sustaining their operations during the past year."

*Explanatory Note: At this time the Missionary Board was acting under incorporation laws of New York State which act of incorporation allowed for annual meetings of the Society to be held outside the state. When, in 1880, the Missionary Society was incorporated in the State of Rhode Island the laws of this state required that the annual meetings of non-profit organizations be held within the state. This law was amended in 1965 to permit non-profit organizations to hold their annual meetings outside the state of Rhode Island.—E.T.H.
New Haven Churchmen Ask “Why Did It Happen?”

Members of the clergy in New Haven, Conn., who served as best they could during the recent riots, discriminating disputes and reconciling antagonists, now ask what will happen. Reports from the New Haven Council of Churches indicate that on many occasions they were successful in calming angry groups and on one occasion of preventing a number of tear gas shells from being lobbed into a Negro housing project where the residents were becoming infuriated.

“Many times,” says the Council’s report, “the clergy were able to calm groups of young people and to provide a ‘presence’ which encouraged both police and residents to behave with greater moderation.”

Willie, now 17, is regarded as one “reason” why it happened. Living with his mother and five other children in a two-room apartment for $140 a month, he started school as a bright-eyed youngster but quit at 13 with nobody caring whether he did or not. He has never known his father. Willie’s first contact with the police was during the riots when he threw a brick through a store window. “Police say he’s going to pay for the past 17 years,” says the report. “Willie doesn’t say it, but he wonders who’s going to pay for the past 17 years.”

During the tense four nights, the switchboard of the New Haven Council of Churches served as a communication center from which residents to behave with greater mod-

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education was held in New York, N. Y., on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 17.

The annual report of the Board of Directors was accepted.

Directors were elected as follows: Mrs. Agnes C. Bond, Harold O. Burdick, David S. Clarke, Ben R. Crandall, Burton B. Crandall, E. Wayne Cruzan, A. Luther Green, Kenneth E. Kenyon, Mrs. Dora D. Norwoods, St. Gorden Ogden, all of Alfred, N. Y.; Ernest K. Bee Jr., Mrs. Ernest K. Bee Jr., Mrs. Madge Sutton, Alton E. Zwiebel, all of Alfred Station, N. Y.; Mrs. Mae R. Lewis, A. Lyle Sutton, Hurley S. Warren, all of Almond, N. Y.; Warren F. Brannon, Freeville, N. Y.; Maurice McCrea, Onnalee Saunders, C. Robert Stohr, all of Richburg, N. Y.; Nancy Cruzan, Rochester, N. Y.; Don G. Starns and Mrs. Don G. Starns of Shinglepost, Pa.; and Richard Horwood, Farnham, N. Y.

After lengthy discussion concerning the place and time of future meetings of the corporation, the matter was adjourned to the call of the Board of Directors.

The following officers were elected at a called meeting of the Board of Directors after the adjournment of the corporation: president, Ernest K. Bee Jr., vice-president, Burton B. Crandall; recording secretary, R. Lewis; treasurer, L. Maurice McCrea; executive and corresponding secretary, Rex E. Zwiebel.

New SDBYF Officers

The following persons were elected at the Pre-Con Retreats to fill the offices of the National Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship:

Deborah Fitz Randolph — president
Patricia Williams — vice-president
Kerry Fuller — secretary
Phillip Van Horn — treasurer
Deborah lives in Boulder, Colo.; the others in or near North Loup, Nebr.

Washington Church Holds Retreat

By Rua Van Horn

A retreat may have one of several purposes. For members of the Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church there were three: achievement of spiritual life, intensive study of approaches in personal witnessing, and planning of the work of the church for the months ahead.

A total of five persons met at the Jersey Oaks Camp near Shiloh, N. J., from Sabbath eve, September 22, through the following Sunday afternoon. A Sabbath morning worship service around the fireplace in the main lodge stimulated a glow of fellowship and prepared us for a more reverent observance of the Sabbath. This was followed by a series of devotions. The Sabbath morning worship service was led by John Camenga, one of the divinity students, who was a welcome visitor.

Intensive personal witnessing classes were led by Pastor Delmer Van Horn assisted by Dale Rood, also a divinity student at Crozer Seminary. Each session included one of the pastors, three to assist individuals in preparing for more effective work in personal witnessing. The presentation was followed by discussions and specific assignments in preparation for the next class session.

There were four planning sessions in which members of the group under the leadership of the pastor worked on a proposed program of work for the months ahead. An effort was made to evaluate present activities, problems and needs as the basis for identifying desirable emphasis for the work of the different committees and for the church as a whole. Time did not make possible the projection of plans for as far into the future as had been hoped but some time was needed for relaxation and enjoyment of the good meals. The two days did make possible personal enrichments and more clearly defined needs and purposes. There were also the rewards of fellowship. A similar retreat is anticipated for next year.

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New Filmstrips Available

What is the Baptist Crusade of the Americas which culminates in 1969 and which Seventh Day Baptists have recently joined? If you and your church want to be informed and challenged take notice that there is a free filmstrip program with an accompanying pamphlet which de-

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Churches Aiding Mideast War Victims

Refugees and other war victims in the Middle East are now being helped, irrespective of their nationality or religion, by churches and their agencies through programs financed by funds contributed to the World Council of Churches.

Six airlifts of emergency supplies for refugees have been made by member churches and agencies of the World Council and the Lutheran World Federation, Communist bloc appeal, has helped to set up a refugee camp for 5,000 persons by sending 500
tents, each for ten persons... to Merka, in East Jordan, five tons of cheese, 39 tents, 365 bales of blankets and clothing, as well as medicines, soap, baby food, tea, and layettes.

Church World Service, New York, dispatched four tons of milk powder for East Jordan, five tons of cheese, 39 tents, 365 bales of blankets and clothing, as well as medicines, soap, baby food, tea, and layettes.

Denmark airlifted 1,000 blankets, 1,800 tons of fish, and three tons of milk powder for Syria via the Red Crescent, and the Netherlands dispatched, in the same way, 3,000 blankets and 5½ tons of seasoned fish. Eleven tons of food, blankets and cooking equipment have gone from Sweden to Amman also by airlift through LWF.

Church agencies in Germany have also sent $5,000 worth of medicines by air to Cairo, and a first shipment by sea of food is going from New York for refugees in the Israel-occupied West Bank of the River Jordan.

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brought about a redeeming work in all its branches.

When the combination of church and state in England attempted to suppress the Puritan movement, a great movement of migration brought thousands to the New World to found a free church on these shores. Then when Massachusetts Colony tried to silence Roger Williams and the Baptist movement, a new church was born, standing for freedom of conscience and separation of church and state. These Baptist principles have gone about the world in the form of conscientious opposition to evil tendencies.

If your Association hasn't begun work in your area a fair, you are indeed missing one of the greatest outreach potentials available to you. The advantages are: 1) you reach a greater number of people in a shorter time and with less expense than by radio or T.V.; 2) there is greater chance for personal witness; 3) there is a great opportunity to be accepted as a church "in the world"—since a booth is "plopped down" in the middle of a real "cross section of life"! (It is interesting to reflect back on the many comments made about our booth being so close to the "portable bar salesman." I countered with: "we're dealing with two different kinds of spirits!")

It takes time and hard work to make a fair booth successful. It is for limit to what it can become, if one remembers it is God's witness! We know people are beginning to look for us year after year now, and our continued presence is encouraging other denominations to do more through this medium.

We will be looking forward to hearing more about your work at fairs via the Recorder next year. Don't be afraid to launch out into this medium of communications. God has a wonderful way of working through the reluctant, via your dedication to doing His will and work. In the meantime pray for our continued growth and success.

Salem, W. Va., Church Has Busy Fall Schedule

September was a month of fall activities, including the organization on September 17th by "Groups," welcoming college students, faculty, etc.

October calls for a first venture in what some other churches have found very helpful—camping retreat for church people of all ages, October 6-8. This tentative program under the chairmanship of Mrs. Fred Spencer would involve a program planning for the months ahead.

A significant event scheduled for October 14 is the Church Homecoming, coming as far west as Torrington, Texas; as far east as Canada; and as far east as the New England states.

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Obituaries

SAWNER— Minnie Williams, daughter of George and Essella Hall Williams, was born in 1887 in West Edmeston, N. Y., and died July 16, 1967 in Rochester, N. Y., where she had lived with her daughter for several years.

In 1912 she married E. Adelbert Corbin who died in 1927. She was also preceded in death by her second husband, Lewis Sawner, in 1951. She was a member of the First Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by a brother, Roger Williams of Brookfield, two sons, Ellison Corbin of Bronx, N. Y., and Victor Corbin of Chenango Forks, N. Y.; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Tschudy of Rochester, N. Y.; twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist church by Pastor Leon R. Lawton officiating.

—L. R. L.

WORDEN.— Ivalou Maxson, daughter of Ernestus and Mandana Maine Maxson, was born June 5, 1879, near Brookfield, N. Y., and died at her home in Brookfield, May 17, 1967.

She was married to Lynn A. Worden in 1897. For several years they resided in Plainfield, N. J., where he was publishing house manager and printed THE SABBATH RECORDER. Most of their years were spent in Brookfield where he operated The Brookfield Courier until his death in 1958. She was a member of the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist church.

They had four children—Dean M. and Ross (Marion) Thoms of Fitchburg, Mass., and Victor Corbin of Rochester, N. Y.; two sons, Ellison Corbin of Bronx, N. Y., and Victor Corbin of Chenango Forks, N. Y.; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Tschudy of Rochester, N. Y.; twelve grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the church home with a former pastor, the Rev. Theodore Conklin and Pastor Leon R. Lawton officiating. Burial was in the Brookfield Cemetery.

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The printing presses which were first used to print the Bible were a great advance over the previous methods of providing Bibles. These simple presses were largely responsible for the much needed Protestant Reformation. By them the precious Word was made available to the people in their own or in ancient languages. These presses, supplied with hand-set type and operated slowly by hand are a far cry from our modern automatic machinery, but the printing principle has not changed. Even in our day there is a call for the same devotion and consecration if the printed page is to be provided for those who need it. It is a cooperative venture in which we can all share as we do the work or provide the funds for those who are trained for their specialized tasks.