mon, saying that we must remember where we stand if we are to be "Yoked in Mission by Christ" and with each other. After dinner the committee on Sabbath School and Church relationship presented its report and recommendations, and a discussion by the membership followed.

Members who bring their lunch have been meeting at the parsonage after church and sharing their meal and their fellowship. On March 9 a surprise dinner was held at the parsonage for Senior Deacon Frank Langworthy on his eighty-ninth birthday. At least thirty were present.

The Commission and Planning Committee meetings brought a number of visitors on March 16 and 23, including the Rev. Paul Osborn, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, Leland Bond, Dr. Lewis May, the Rev. and Mrs. Everett Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Osborn. Other recent visitors have been Johannes Farenhorst of the Netherlands, the Rev. Vernon Burke, formerly of Jamaica, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Saunders, John Wheelock, Miss Nancy Brannon, Lance and Lori Osborn, and Howard Meldrim.

Bible study on the book of Hebrews is conducted by the pastor each Friday evening following the Youth Fellowship meeting. The Women's Society and Pro-Con Group continue to hold monthly meetings at the homes of members.

Correct Addresses Please

May we again remind our subscribers that any delay in sending address changes causes problems. For one thing, it may mean that all our effort to provide you with fresh program news of your denomination is wasted for the weeks lost. On the other hand, failure to notify us is now much more costly than it used to be. Every time your Sabbath Recorder is not delivered it costs us 10 cents in postage-due notices. This can amount to almost one fourth of the total amount we spend for postage in a given week. It is wasted money, benefiting no one and not helping us to make corrections. Please notify us in advance of any changes in address. Most people do. Get on the team!

Accessions

FOUKE, ARK.

By Baptism:

Freda Carol Monroe
Eddie DuWayne Monroe
Sharon Ruth Davis
Susie Marie Motroe

Births


Obituaries

avery.—Mrs. Evelyn Greene, daughter of E. DeChois and Hanna Horton Greene, was born at Adams Center, N. Y., Aug. 12, 1907, and died in a Watertown, N. Y., hospital March 20, 1968. Evelyn was baptized and joined the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1921. She prepared herself for the teaching profession and taught school in Port Jervis and in northern New York. She was married to DeWitt E. Avery at Port Jervis Aug. 24, 1931. They made their home in Syracuse. Her husband died at an early age and she returned to Adams Center to continue her teaching in the high school.

Mrs. Avery is survived by: two sons, David E., of Adams Center and Robert S., of Rome; a daughter Diane (Mrs. Frederick) Knapp of Adams Center; ten grandchildren; a brother, Gerald, of Adams Center; a sister, Mary Ellen (Mrs. Chauncey) Reed, of her home town; and her parents. Funeral services were conducted March 23 at the Carpenter-Stoodley Funeral Home, Belleville, N. Y., with Rev. Ralph Hays of her home church and Rev. William Burton of Adams cooperating in the service. Interment was in the Adams Center Union Cemetery.

—R. L. H.

"You'll have to wait, son, till we check on your race and religion!"

LET IT BE NO LONGER TRUE

The conscience of our nation has been stirred. Congress has passed the long-pending civil rights bill. Churches once clinging to segregation practices are seeing the inconsistency of this position. Open housing, equal job opportunity, adequate education are on the way. Now if people of all races will endeavor to earn the love and respect that Christianity teaches us to have for each other we can be happy.
Crusade Without Discrimination

Baptists of several conventions including the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference are now tooing up for the greatest hemisphere-wide evangelistic effort ever undertaken. In the Crusade of the Americas each convention will work as it has opportunity, but all will be somewhat interdependent for the publicity that will help it to succeed. The program was sparked by the Southern Baptists who have a strong work throughout Latin America.

A searching question has come up to plague the conscience of Southern Baptists and others. When we talk of hemisphere evangelism, do we mean all the people of this hemisphere or just certain kinds and colors of people? Dr. L. W. Rhodes, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn., has an implied criticism of his denomination when he accuses the churches of selective evangelism. His own church is in the South where segregation feeling still runs strong. He preaches against any segregated evangelism. Apparently he has participated in a Christian Citizenship seminar sponsored by his denomination which he urged the leaders to "turn their backs upon segregation." Dr. Rhodes predicted that a new day would dawn if crusade leaders would say to churches, "We want your cooperation without discrimination and segregation."

We who live in predominantly white neighborhoods have a tendency to say that such words do not apply to us. We profess to be free from discrimination in our church life. We magnanimously accept Negroes as visitors. But if our community was 60% non-white would we enthusiastically try to evangelize the community and gladly accept Negro visitors? It would change the character of the local church and affect its social life. It would put us to the test of determining whether we accept the church as a company of the redeemed or because it is a stratified social club. Wouldn't we be willing to face the problems of strong infusion of color into our fellowship? Maybe this is a hypothesis. Most of the churches do not have to face it and can thus hold on to their cherished sentiments of nondiscrimination. We do, however, encounter some others who have had to pass with flying colors. Our churches pride themselves in being middle class churches. A few have been in times past somewhat interdependent for the publicity that will help it to succeed. The program was sparked by the Southern Baptists who have a strong work throughout Latin America.
Crash Study Program

The president of the National Council of Churches, Arthur S. Fleming, carrying out the February action of the General Board, is urging all churches to more or less discard the adult Sunday School teaching material prepared for April, May, and June and to substitute a crash study and action program to meet the issue of racial injustice in a "head-on confrontation." The crisis emphasis has been designated a priority by NCC equal to that of the peace program launched earlier. That peace program, Dr. Fleming noted in his press conference, has been calling for immediate cessation of U. S. bombing of North Vietnam since 1965.

Some denominations which normally emphasize the loosing of cooperative curriculums have gone along with this suggestion of scrapping the lessons of the current quarter in the adult department and using the hastily prepared study books on the urban crisis. The American Baptists have gone a step further by suggesting that the department should make amends. Certainly the Bible has much to say about the need for new hearts and for social justice. There is quite a possibility, however, that in this crash study we will be putting more emphasis on society and political panaceas than on the word of God and the message of regeneration.

May God grant us the grace and wisdom needed for this hour. There is a call for the leaders of our church to be "prophetic" — to speak to the present age on the issues of the age. Let us remember that prophetic utterances of old time came from those who had received the prophetic gift by the Holy Spirit. The prophets did not speak until God spoke to them. When the sign of the times was from God, about God, and applicable to the present and future. Time proved the correctness of their emphasis. How wonderful it would be if we who are being exhorted to study the present crisis could be given the ability to look at the situation from the standpoint of God and not only from a very limited frame of reference. This is not possible, but thinking about it may help us to keep our balance and "put first things first."

Life with a capital L is the way some people are saying they found through their experience at the Sermons from Science Pavilion at Montreal last summer.

Justice for All in a Disordered Society

If there is anyone who ought to be in a position to speak of "Justice for All" it should be the Attorney General of the United States. That position is now held by a former Dallas attorney, the Honorable Ramsey Clark. This 40-year-old lawyer has already given reason to gather considerable information about our "Disorder Society." When he spoke to some 250 churchmen in the first half of the Justice Department, he had some uncomfortable facts and some reassuring words. Some of his remarks to the participants in the Baptist seminar on Christian citizenship may well be shared with our readers from the notes taken by the editor of the Sabbath Recorder.

We live in a Disordered Society. The turbulence is far greater in other countries than our own. Part of the disorder of our society is due to crime. We are aware of the fact of crime. What is crime? The criminal act is an act in disregard of the rights of others. An evaluation of the extent of crime in our country is important because it is the character of a people. If it is widespread in relation to population it indicates that something has happened to our character. Any crime within a country is intolerable, but the existence of some crime does not justify panic.

Attorney General Clark pointed out that there were more drug addicts in the United States in 1900 than there are now. As for riots, we have had far more serious ones in the past than last summer. Wildly irrational and devastating as are our current riots, they have not been as destructive of life as those farther back in our history. For instance, in 1863 there was a great increase in the number of riots which in New York riot, 2,000 people were killed. By comparison, all the race riots of the past few years have brought death to less than 200. There was a rebellion of the nation's capital which gave rise to the creation of the District of Columbia—for the protection of the residents. In contrast with the riots in other countries directed against people, ours have been directed much more against property.

What causes riots? Some would say that it is permissiveness in our families. Certainly we have had a great deal more of this is the past generation. One trembles to think what may happen if permissiveness in family and church grows as rapidly in the next twenty years as it did in the past ten. The crime and the church are not insisting on the moral standards that they once held high. Mr. Clark pointed out however, that permissiveness cannot be the only reason for the increase of riots. Permissiveness is not characteristic of Japan, where parental control is very strong. But Japan has had worse riots than we have. They have been riots against people, against the police in particular, which is more serious than the only ten law men.

How about crime on the streets? We hear much about mugging and violent crime in public places—about armed robberies. A lawyer has also had occasion to gather the last two. The home and the church are aware of crime in public places—about armed robberies. The home and the church are aware of crime in public places—about armed robberies.

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government. This is done in various ways. We must do our part in maintaining social stability. It is not easy in a country that is becoming increasingly urban. In 1900 the United States was 20% urban; now it is 80%, and the trend is increasing. With it come problems.

Mr. Clark points out three things that citizens can do to create stability. (1) Support the agencies of criminal justice, particularly the under-paid, under-trained, under-equipped department. Better men will be attracted to the police force if they are better paid. They must also be integrated into the community, knowing the people they serve and protect. (2) If they are better paid. They must also

We must do more in corrections and rehabilitation. Murders cannot be prevented if they are better paid. They must also

In an editorial appearing in the April issue of Crusader, Editor Paul C. Allen says that the situation is such in Vietnam that we should admit that “we are stumped, stalemated, and desperately in need of new” and workable solutions. He asks “why not withdraw forces to a perimeter around Saigon, the Mekong Delta, and the populous coast—a perimeter which we could hold against either attack or infiltration—and then set to work within it on a truly effective land reform and pacification program?”

And then, said Mr. Allen, “Why not call the hand of a cliquish hidden and corrupt Saigon government, demanding either a total ‘about face’ on its part or threatening a total withdrawal on ours?”

Mr. Allen believes that if militant communism can be halted behind an American “Checkpoint Charlie,” then “that continent’s menacing giants may well in time become respectable members of the family of nations.”

“But now,” the editorial continues, “in the first war in history that can be watched in our living rooms over a bag of potato chips, we are frustrated and divided. ‘More of the same’ will probably not do. What we desperately need are new ideas which offer at least some hope of reaching the essential core of our goal, i.e., protection against forceful takeover of the undeveloped, the unprotected and the unwary nations of South-East Asia.”

The work of Television for God consists of two equally important phases.

Part 1. The production of the films. Each 30-minute film will cost about $1,500 to produce.
What then, can people of today learn from this chapter? They will learn that God has a purpose for everything He has created. Everything is very good to Him and even to each one of us. The universe, the sky, the seas, the creatures, and the flowers are really well loved by all, the person's own life which reflects God's infinite goodness and love, is also marvelous.

The Missioner Program

The "Missioner" program is a phase of Seventh Day Baptist Dedicated Service which particularly seeks to offer the laity an opportunity to volunteer their special talents to God through our churches. At the inception of the "Missioner" program it was thought of as an outgrowth of the five-year "Lay Development Program." It calls for "lay volunteers." A list of names of those willing to serve if requested to do so has been offered each year to the member churches. Since many Seventh Day Baptist ministers offered their time and talents the list of names was extended to include them also. Still a later development was the call to include laymen who would be willing to offer some portion of their "professional" time (such as carpentry, cabinet making, plumbing, printing, masonry, etc.). At the same time there was still expressed the need for volunteers who would work in an essentially spiritually centered ministry (such as speaking, singing, music directing, Bible study, teaching, visitation, etc.). An appeal will soon be going to Missionary Keyworkers and other church leaders requesting help in enlarging the list of names of missionaries to be offered to the churches this year. A few responses have been received to date.

We know that our church members, laity and pastors, are hard pressed to meet the regular everyday requirements of life. The request to serve as a missionary in the 1968-69 Facing Frontiers with Faith program is an "over and above" request. We hope it will bring you again the opportunity to volunteer. We especially need those who will help prepare the way for the Crusade of Americas program in 1969. With other Bible workers, they are the Seventh Day Baptists who are in the Crusade of the Americas — a thrust in witnessing and evangelism in 1968-70. We are asking the work. Missioners can and will play a vital part as local churches seek leadership for special evangelistic meetings-speakers, musicians, personal work teachers, etc.

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A Christian's Obligation

For thy being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish thy own righteousness, have not submitted yourselves unto the righteousness of God (Rom. 10:3).

The problem is that people do not know what the Bible says, and which one to follow or not to, because the account of how the earth and things that are in it came into being is different from the account of the way the earth and things that are in it came into being according to Genesis chapter one. It is obvious that no one knows of the beginning. The scientists who try to prove the earth came to be were not there when the earth came to be. The writer of Genesis was not there when the earth and all these things came to be. The fact is that Genesis was not written by a scientist. It should not be accepted as a scientific statement, but it is a declaration of fact. Still, God has given you again the opportunity to volunteer.

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Christians Dedicated to a Purpose

By Loretta Langworthy

(One of the messages given on Youth Sabbath at Dodge Center, Minn.)

As Christians of the world in the twentieth century, it is our obligation to be a personal witness of the Lord. We must, in our daily lives, be a living example of what the Lord has planned for us and so be ready to step in line and follow through with this calling.

As young boys and girls we learned many things from our church and family. We attended Bible School during the summer. Our Sabbath School class was the place where we always got to learn a new memory verse and hear stories about Daniel, Moses, David, and Noah. Later we were told about Jesus as a baby and how He preached in the temple when He was only twelve years old. We were taught how to pray; first it was only a little prayer thing said it up to us every night. But one night it had meaning. After that we began to think of our own things to say. It was wonderful to know that someone whom you could not see could hear your prayers and make you feel good all over.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MARLBORO, N. J.—Our church has had an active program so far this year and plans for still further activity are in the making. We observed Youth Sabbath on February 3 with the following young people taking prominent parts in the service: Jonathan Davis, Barbara Branch, Howard Hiles, Christine Ayars, Sharon Cobb, and Sally Hately, Jeanne Lawrence and David Ayars.

The spiritual highlight began during the March 1-10 mission service when we joined with the Shiloh church to hear Pastor Leon Lawton. It continued through the baptismal service for our new members.

There were several enjoyable meals recently at the church. The annual church dinner was held in conjunction with our annual business meeting. The Ladies' Aid sponsored a Mother-and-Daughter Banquet, February 18, which featured a program centering upon the various stages of a woman's life. The Senior Christian Endeavor planned and prepared a very interesting presentation that evening.

Traffic jammed the streets almost to a standstill.

The curfew imposed on the District of Columbia closed churches on Sunday night and caused a meeting of the executive Board of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention to be postponed a week.

Churches were opened for refugees from their burning homes and as distribution centers for food, clothing and medical supplies.

The National Baptist Memorial Church and the Calvary Baptist Church were in the heart of the riot-torn areas. National Church and Operation with Methodist, Presbyterian and Unitarian Church already were engaged in a project to minister to spiritual and physical needs in the inner city.

Growth by Groups

The program of Bible study "Growth by Groups" which was widely used last year as one means of "Facing Frontiers with Faith" as is valuable this year as last and some of our churches have just come to the decision to start a number of these Bible study groups.

To properly start such a program a church should use the filmstrip available from the American Baptist Women's Society on a loan basis. Before the program is fully launched the full set of materials at $3.50 per person should be ordered, since each participant is expected to be a group leader on occasion and the notebooks are important to the success of the study. Orders are to be sent (on approval as necessary) to Christian Outreach, Huntington Valley, Pa. 19060.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER
for Christ on March 29 at the conclusion of the gospel filmstrip, "What Will You Do with Jesus?" Teens gather every Sabbath Eve at the church for fellowship and inspiration. At the weekly Bible Club led by Mrs. Gertrude Davis, three children recently gave their lives to Christ for salvation. The attendance throughout the winter at the club averaged seventeen. On Youth Sabbath, seven teens contributed their talents by singing, reading Scriptures, receiving offerings, and giving the children's talk. Since then the children's talk has become a regular feature of the Sabbath service.

Adults packed and shipped over one hundred pounds of clothing to our Jamaican mission. A small reading library has recently been started as a result of the efforts of Ronald Davis who contributed a number of Christian books while he was home over the Christmas holiday.

As volunteer chaplain the pastor ministered to some seventy patients during one week at Ellis hospital. For the most part, the patients were those who had no church affiliation or were too far out of town for their own pastor to pay them frequent visits.

—From a quarterly report.

No Tears at This Grave

There is usually more weeping at the grave than at the funeral, for the parting is sad. In Hengelo, Holland, there was a funeral and a burial where there were no tears shed. A newly-converted Spanish citizen asked his pastor, Jose Parraga, to conduct a funeral and burial for three corpses—three religious statues which he wanted interred five feet deep in his garden. Along with the statues he wanted to bury a package of tobacco to symbolize the fact that he had given up smoking. The service in the garden was attended by the man and his wife and their three children.

Believes in Church-State Separation

Dick H. Hall, Jr., former vice-president for development of Atlanta Baptist College who resigned in protest over the school's decision to accept federal aid, has been elected southern regional director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

The new POAU executive will help organize local chapters of the national organization, work with young people interested in church-state affairs, and enlist financial support for the organization. His interest in POAU did not begin with his resignation in protest. He has been national vice-president of Americans United since 1960.

In his resignation as development officer for the proposed new Atlanta Baptist College, Hall said that he had supported the principle of separation of church and state through all of his ministry. "To be of further use to the college I would be compelled to compromise certain deep convictions. This I cannot do."

Obituaries

FURROW.—Pearl J., son of Alfred and Arminda Reaves Furrrow, was born in Garwin, Iowa, Aug. 7, 1878, and died in Mercy Hospital, Davenport, Iowa, March 24, 1968.

He was married to Myrtle Van Horn Dec. 31, 1901, in Welton, Iowa. In early manhood he joined the Welton Seventh Day Baptist Church and transferred his membership to the Albion, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church in later life.

He is survived by: his wife Myrtle of Delmar; two sons, Raymond L. of Delmar and Roy A. of Albuquerque, N. M.; 5 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and a sister Myrtle.

Funeral services were conducted from the Carson Funeral Home, Maquoketa, Iowa, by his pastor, the Rev. A. A. Appel, assisted by the Rev. Fred Pierce, of the Delmar Methodist Church, and interment was in the Welton Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery. —A. A. A.

April 29, 1968

Unfolding a Dead Sea Scroll

Israel's 20th anniversary is being celebrated on May 2. The Old Testament Scriptures were authenticated by the Dead Sea Scrolls twenty-one years ago. The Temple Scroll, longer even than the Isaiah Scroll, came into the hands of Israel last June. The exterior, damaged by 2000 years, is being unfolded by Professor Biberkrant, world renowned expert. It yields much valuable information, though it is not Scripture.