as supervisors. A college age discussion group has been started in the Lansing area to include those attending Michigan State University, as well as those from Battle Creek, who drive up for the meetings. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Fetherston are the advisors. Meetings have been held the first Sabbath afternoon of the month at the home of Mr. Charles Parrott in Williamstown.

The pastor's report showed so many activities it would be impossible to list them all here.

Our church entertained Northern Association April 19 and 20. Rev. Orville Babcock, now a public school teacher in White Cloud, brought the excellent slides of his former medical work with the Indians on a reservation in Arizona. Sabbath noon at the fellowship dinner Mrs. Fata was presented with a large decorated cake in honor of her graduation from Western Michigan University. Freda expects to teach business courses in an area high school next year.

---Correspondent.

Obituaries

DE PEW.—Mrs. Donna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellbridge Jacques, was born at Little Genesee, N. Y., May 2, 1887, and died at Cuba, N. Y., May 4, 1968. Mrs. DePew was a life-long member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Genesee. She was married December 31, 1912 to Clifford DePew who preceded her in death. She is survived by two children—Harriet Burrows of Kansas City, Mo., and William DePew of Latham, N. Y. There are two grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Harold King and Secretary Rex E. Zwiebel in the Little Genesee, N. Y. church. Internment was made in the Little Genesee cemetery.

Moulton.—Shirley A., son of Orrin L. and Carrie Idelle Crandall Moulton, was born in Dodge Center, Minn., Jan. 22, 1894 and died in the hospital in Sayre, Okla., April 29, 1968 following an extended illness.

In 1901 the family moved to Gentry, Ark., and in 1908 to Sayre, Okla. He was a member of the Buffalo Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by one sister and two brothers. Surviving are one brother, Archie of De Ruyter, N. Y., and one sister, Mrs. Roy Harkins of Sayre. Internment was in the Sayre Doxie Cemetery.

---A. D. M.

Stillman.—Walter R., son of Anson P. and Adelia Maxson Stillman, was born April 17, 1872 in Illinois and died May 13, 1968, at Jefferson County Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

He was baptized and joined the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church March 1, 1884. At the time of his death he had been a member of the church for 84 years. He married Eleonore Babcock in October of 1903, and the couple lived in Nortonville most of their lives. Soon after the death of his wife in 1957 Mr. Stillman took up residence in The Elms nursing home in Winchester.

There were no children, but he is survived by a host of nieces, nephews, and friends, who all remember the twinkle in his eye that belied his apparent aloofness from religion.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, Paul B. Osborn. Internment was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

---P. B. O.

A Member of All Churches?

Dr. Robert C. Dodds, director of ecumenical affairs for the National Council of Churches, addressing a gathering at John Carroll University, a Jesuit school at Cleveland, Ohio, proposed what he calls "general" church membership by which a member of one church would belong to all. "Thus, if you should become a member of the Methodist Church, you would become simultaneously a fully eligible member of the AME Zion Church and the Roman Catholic Church and the United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Church."

He concedes that there would be opposition and some "regional and ideological" holdouts to such a plan.

Women's Board Works for the Lord

The national Women's Board of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, located in the Milton, Wisconsin, area, is a hard working board. Under the direction of their president, Mrs. Arthur Drake, they meet each month to plan projects and to discuss progress. Only part of the members are included in this picture. They are, left to right: Mrs. Don Gray, Mrs. Oscar Hartman, Mrs. L L. Loofboro, Mrs. Russel Maxson, Mrs. Earl Cruzan, Mrs. Arthur Drake, Mrs. Ralph Green, Marjorie Burdick, Mabel West.
Special Emphasis Issue

This is another in the series of first-of-the-month emphasis issues. A good share of the articles in this issue were solicited and provided by Gladys Drake, president of the Women's Board. It is anticipated that women and all those interested in the work of women in the churches will appreciate this Women's Board emphasis issue—and perhaps ask for extra copies to share with friends.

A Call for Better Perspective

It is good to be deeply concerned about the poor people of our country. The church people must not shut their eyes to the plight of the jobless in our land. There is at present, a great hue and cry for legislation to appropriate billions of dollars to create jobs and construct low-cost housing for all our pockets of poverty. Our churches are being urged—and effectively—to talk about the crisis in our nation. Many churches are aiding and abetting the poor people’s movement to核心区n in Washington. This may be good, but it may not be best. There is danger of losing the proper perspective. What will the objective historians say about 1968? Are the poor poorer this year than they were a year or two ago? Does Christian charity, which focuses negatively on the instances of poverty in the inner city, in the deep South, or in Appalachia and thus show lack of concern for the desperate need of other nations?

Dr. Barnard M. Luben, director of the overseas broadcasting and audio-visual agency of the National Council of Churches criticizes the NCC for its overemphasis on this one domestic problem. He represents the Division of Overseas Ministries and sees that this is posing a serious threat to the worldwide mission of the church. By our very nature we cannot run two crash programs at the same time. By concentrating all our attention on national problems we are losing our interest in the far greater problems in other nations.
Seventh Day Baptist Women Around the World

The members of the Women's Board this year are working on a plan to become better acquainted with women of other Seventh Day Baptist Conferences. It is the purpose of the board to help the other members share our plans and programs and to learn of the work of the women in churches elsewhere in the world.

We went to London, have at last formed our committee in 1965. The following excerpts from letters this year show increased efforts in the work of the women in churches elsewhere in the world.

 bitch groups in Holland, to learn of their work in Rhodesia. Through our missionaries in Jamaica, we hear of the interest and efforts of the women on that island. From Gyuana Mrs. Kramer of the Seventh Day Baptist Laymen's Christian Culture and Publicity Committee...
To Get More Out of Your Bible Reading

People read the Bible for many different reasons and in many different ways. When Pastor John Sutherland Bonnell pressed friends and parishioners to be specific about what help they received from reading the Bible, he often found responses vaguely vague.

One woman said to him, “The Bible is a wonderful Book. I just wouldn’t dream of commencing the day without reading a chapter.”

Since it was early afternoon at this point, Pastor Bonnell asked her, “What did you get out of the chapter you read this morning?”

“Oh,” she replied, “I can’t read the Bible without getting a blessing from it. It is always instructing us.”

“I know,” Dr. Bonnell said, “but would you mind telling me what particular instruction you got today?”

Sheammered about for a while, then finally admitted she couldn’t recall anything from what she had read any day that week, or last. She insisted, however, that somehow she was accumulating merit by reading a chapter a day, though she didn’t have the faintest idea how her reading related to daily living.

Dr. Bonnell found that this was not unusual. "One Sunday, a woman was so overcome with fear that she couldn’t think. As a result he worked out a plan for his parishioners on “how to read the Bible.”

First: Understand certain facts about the Bible. It tells about God and what He has done. It also tells about what others have done, and women as they are, are always confronting them, surprising them and demanding that they make a decision about Him and what He means for us as His children. Furthermore, He is like; about how He deals with men and women as they are, always confronting them, surprising them and demanding that they make a decision about Him and what He means for us as His children.

Second: Bible reading requires your full attention. Find a quiet place where you can concentrate. Before you begin to read, take a moment to empty your mind of irrelevant thoughts. Then ask God’s Holy Spirit to open your eyes to new truth and understanding.

Third: Systematic reading of the Bible is important if you are going to draw strength from it. Like food, a daily intake is recommended. Most people set aside a regular time to read: just 15 minutes a day is a good discipline. It is also helpful to map out a Bible-reading program for the week or month or year. George Muller, famed English philanthropist, who dispensed funds to orphans in Bristol, England, made it a habit to read the Bible through four times each year. However, it is not the amount of reading, but the amount of insight and understanding which is important. Focus on one book at a time. Read it in small installments. If your understanding is not clear, talk to someone else about it, then come back and read it again.

Fourth: Look patiently for a verse that you can feel to be God’s “marching orders” for you for the day. Underline that verse and let it search every area of your life. (To do this, use a Bible with “locking” paper, not onionskin.) In addition, write the verse on a separate piece of paper and carry it with you through the day. It will be as a staff on your journey. In many a trying hour it will steady and inspire you.

This method prevented a young secretary from marrying the wrong man. However, he was another situation loved but whose conduct and beliefs bothered her at times. The verse that spoke to her one morning was from Romans. She understood that verse, and, after reading it, the verses of paper and carry it with you through the day. It was a small note, and the verse again.

Fifth: Commit to memory those texts which have been especially meaningful to you. These will be like stored gold, a source of strength and guidance to you just when you need them most.

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A druggist joined a Bible-study class in his church. One requirement was that class members jot down and memorize the passages which most related to their everyday problems. Months later the druggist faced serious surgery.

“Lord,” he prayed, “help me to get rid of fear.”

Within minutes, a message from Hebrews came clearly to the forefront of his mind; a passage memorized during his Bible study, “you will never lose thee, nor forsake thee.”

His fear evaporated, and the druggist came through his surgery with no difficulty.

Sixth: Since we are bidden to love God with our minds, too, bring to the Scripture your best intellectual prowess. Read some books about the background of the Bible, its lands, its people, the best interpretations and commentaries from some of the finest Biblical scholars.

But in the end, always come back to read the Bible for yourself. Make sure that one particular volume is your Bible. With persistence and a plan you will experience for yourself the great inspiration of this Book. For you, too, a Living Lord will step out of its pages to be your Friend and Contemporary.


Oral Roberts in Methodist Ministry

A recent circular letter from the famed Oral Roberts, Oral Roberts, tells of his having recently joined the membership and ordination in the Methodist church after being independent for twenty-one years. He speaks of it as an open door for a greater ministry. He and the local pastor who received the evangelist into his congregation both pointed out that this was no change of faith or of practice. Oral Roberts will continue his charismatic ministy but will hope to have greater acceptance of his healing ministry through this new alignment with the Methodist Church.

Historical Society Holds Annual Plainfield Meeting

By Rev. A. N. Rogers, pres.

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THE CHURCH LIBRARY

By Dora Whitford Burdick*

One of my happiest childhood memories is concerned with the library in the old Piscataway church. I, with my brothers and sisters, could hardly wait for Sabbath School to be over so that we might hurry to the shelves in one corner of the "lecture" room where the library books were stored. Picking out several books apiece, we hurried home with our treasures and our noisy household of seven children was never so quiet as those Sabbath afternoons when we all had new books to read. I have often wondered since if there were any books left for the other children in the church after the Whitford tribe had grabbed theirs.

Perhaps you will say that there is no need for a church library in this day of free public libraries, school libraries and paperback books available for a few cents, but I believe there is a definite need for church libraries even today. Every church must call upon its members to serve as leaders or teachers or on other tasks instead of having little or no training. Where but in a church library can people so readily find help? A church library well supplied with Bible study aids, worship and program suggestions, denominational history, inspirational reading, and examples of biography and fiction provides enormous help for these lay leaders. A public library often does not have many of these specialized types of books that a church library can make available to its members.

A church library can and should be more selective in its choice of books than can a public library which must cater to all tastes. A church library has the opportunity to place in the hands of its young people books that will be a challenge and inspire them, not only in their work in the church, but in their daily lives. A good novel, a well written biography gives one a grasp into what life is all about than can many lectures. The best novels give an honest picture of the world as it is with its joys and sorrows, its noble characters and those not so noble. The same is true of good biographies. When we read about Lincoln, Washington, or Franklin we are unfairly judged by our contemporaries, it helps us to understand how we are misjudged.

Something should be said for the convenience of a church library. A botherable problem which presents itself in some church activity may find a ready answer in the church library, whereas a delay in getting to other sources of help may result in no effort to find the solution. Many older people especially do not find it convenient to go to a public library. Perhaps it is too far from home, perhaps there are too many steps to climb, or perhaps even the largeness of a public library is confusing. Elderly people are more apt to go to church than anywhere else. How easy it is for them to step into a room near the sanctuary and find books waiting to be taken home and read.

Perhaps you feel that your church cannot afford a library. It doesn't need to cost much to get started. Even a few shelves put up in a corner of the basement might be a great help. Many people will be glad to donate some of their books, even some of their most prized ones, for so worthy a cause. Modern homes often do not have room to store a Christian living and to that end, those which one has found helpful or inspiring becomes a great joy. A word of caution here. Have it understood from the beginning that your library may have to refuse a book for one of a number of reasons. Perhaps it is not suitable for a church library, perhaps it is a duplication. Perhaps it is not in good condition. Any of these reasons may make a book unacceptable. In addition, the books being donated, there are other ways a church may obtain books for its library without buying them outright. Books make a fine memorial gift. A class or group might have a moneymaking project for the purchase of books of especial interest to its particular needs. Special days give special privilege for this kind. For example, one church invited each of its members to present a book in honor of his mother on Mother's Day. Another had the custom of each member presenting a new book on his birthday, much as the children bring a special offering to Sabbath school on their birthdays.

In order to take care of the books in a satisfactory manner, there should be a library committee to formulate policies and, if available, a librarian who has had at least some training in library procedures. A very simple system may be adopted, but books need to be arranged in some sort of order and a method developed for checking books in and out.

Church members should be kept informed as to what is available in its library and every encouragement given to induce people to read. Nothing can help a person grow to his full potential as can a constant stream of great books. They give a person a vision of what he may become. The church can play a tremendous part in providing the wherewithal kind of growth.

Get a library going in your church and keep it growing!

Kindness is a language which the blind can see and the deaf can hear.


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* Dora is an active member of the Milton, Wis., church. She was a former librarian and her training is appreciated now as church librarian. She is also superintendent of the primary department of the Sabbath School.

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Pray for the Americas Crusade Together

Have you received the white card with blue printing known as PACT explaining the "prayer partner" plan and also the yellow card called Seventh Day Baptist "prayer fellowship"? About 2,000 of each of these were mailed out with the Newsletter to all women's societies. Both of these plans were an outgrowth of the belief that prayer is essential to genuine revival.

The disciples who walked with Jesus knew Him as a man of prayer. He taught them how to pray. He prayed for Himself, about His work, and He prayed for all Christians.

The Crusade of the Americas in Baptist churches of this hemisphere is based on the firm belief that if we are to experience spiritual renewal and if men are brought to Christ, the Holy Spirit's power will effect miracles in our lives.

I have more food than I can eat,
They die with hunger on the street.
I have more clothes than I can wear,
Their feet and legs and arms are bare.
My walls are thick and warm and dry,
Their walls are wind and rain and sky.
I have the love of noble souls,
Their lot is cold and empty bowls.
O Lord, I would remember when
Cries of the needy rise again.

—Author unknown.

Speaking of Our Rights

Jess Moody, pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach went before Palm Beach County's 1,600 striking school teachers and told them: "We have a right to walk out. My children have a right to an education. I find it exceedingly difficult to sacrifice my children upon the altar of your right to walk out."

That wasn't all he said, "The gut issue," he said, "is American apathy, that new sickness which has seized and makes us all, not teachers only, want to quit."

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Eccumenical Music
By Gladys Sutton Randolph

Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language, College Edition, defines eccumenical as "of the whole world; universal; especially of the Christian Church as a whole." Music has often been said to be the universal language and the extent to which sacred music can be eccumenical interests me.

It has been my privilege to have had several eccumenical musical experiences the past three years and I would like to tell of some impressions I have received as a church organist in a small city, which I would never have chosen to live in if I "had my d'ruthers," as the saying goes. This is the city mentioned when Jane Addams is quoted in Comp-ton's Pictured Encyclopedia as saying, "When I grow up, I'm going to have a big house, but I don't want it to be near other pretty houses. I'm going to live right next door to poor folks." At six years of age she was seeing poverty for the first time, in the streets back of the factories at Freeport, near her lovely village home (and birthplace) in Cedarville, Ill. We all know something of "Great Folks!" or from the South. She was from the South and she had asked me if I thought it was all right if he sang in this church. I didn't think the front pew was used.

My second experience was less than heart-warming. Larry, a Negro boy was asked to sing a solo in a Sunday morning service in Faith Church by the choir director, a young public school music supervisor. Since she was from the South, she had told me if I thought it was all right if he sang in this church. I was somewhat astonished by her question but quick to respond. "Of course!" was my answer.

But Sunday morning was a different story! He started his solo but did not get very far, when suddenly he stopped singing and bolted; the boy had made other public appearances without difficulty. We learned later that he had gone to his car and cried like a child. I will never know why he was so terrified but I am not surprised it was because race riots were rampant in other cities in the U.S.A. There had even been threats of teen-age "rumbles" in the very city where Abe Lincoln had made the famous statement, which preceded his becoming the "Great Emancipator!" Also, I learned later through a Negro lady, who cleaned my church Sunday school room every day while I was a patient recently, that Larry lived in the part of town that Jane Addams found deplorable years ago. It still is. I told the cleaning lady to tell Larry that we wanted him to sing again sometime at "Faith." He didn't tell her he had "bolted" and run; I merely told her that I had played for him.

My third and quite recent eccumenical experience was during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity sponsored by the National and World Councils of Churches.

Union services of prayer and preaching were held each afternoon at 5:15 for Catholics and Protestants in Freeport churches. If the service was in a Protestant church, a Catholic priest was asked to play for a Catholic choir. If in a Catholic church, a Protestant minister preached. All sang and prayed together. The last of the series was held in the large E. B. church. Larry was asked to play a prelude, postlude, silent prayer meditative music, and two hymns.

A spirit of Christian unity (not necessary church union) must exist if the whole world is to be brought to the realization of one God and Father of us all. While remaining true to one distinctive truth that I believe in, the seventh-day Sabbath, I can participate in eccumenical efforts for Christianity and for God through music which does not differentiate between colors, creeds or economic status. As a member of American Guild of Organists I will endeavor to live up to its motto, "Soli Deo Gloria" (to God alone the glory). In July I go as a delegate to the A.G.O. National Convention in Colorado. Organists of many denominations will be singing in many events. Several eccumenical services are planned. Another experience!
A vivid word picture of the Summer Christian Service Corps is not easy, even after four years, "Christian growth through service" perhaps says it best—not phenomenal changes in church membership but spiritual growth in those who dedicate their summer to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. Only God can truly evaluate their service in the contacts they made with children and adults.

There have been a number led to consider their failure to really know God and to commit their lives to His charge. Many of us are thrilled and excited by the use of our own people with the corps team. About ten individuals have been involved in the calling mission and so successful has it been that we plan to incorporate the calling effort into our quarterly program.

In one church where there was a teen-time recreation program each evening the pastor wrote, "The team was most cooperative and enthusiastic. Their warmth, friendship, and love toward the youth reaped much for the Lord. They contacted new families, enlisting new youth for the Vacation Bible School. Several youth made decisions for Christ. Several new youth started attending Sabbath School and church. We have established a program of concern for the families in the neighborhood."

Another team was described as "scientific and enthusiastic. They met people well and appear to have won the respect of those they visited. Young people will be young people, but these seemed to remember they belonged to the Lord."

How can one fail to be encouraged by the evidence that our capable young people are willing and eager to share their joy in Christ with others in this troubled world?

Lucile Todd, chairman, Christian Social Relations Committee

The late Mahatma Gandhi once said, "There are so many hungry people in the world that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread."

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CHRIST THE ONLY HOPE

With the theme of the Crusade of the Americas, "Christ the Only Hope," ringing in his mind and heart the Rev. Leon R. Lawton will fly southward and visit a great assembly of Baptist church leaders of the northern and southern hemispheres to be held at Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro in July, 1968.

Pastor Lawton will take the opportunity to visit Seventh Day Baptists of Brazil and Mexico while he is on this thirty day visit southward. A busy schedule of visits is being worked out with the leaders of our sister conferences of Guyana, Brazil and Mexico.

The funds to cover Pastor Lawton's expenses have been contributed by interested friends across our country. Plane reservations are now made and confirmed.

Present route and flight plans are listed briefly so that those who are interested and concerned may hold Brother Lawton up in their prayers. It is expected that he will depart from Kennedy in New York on July 27, and will stop off at Georgetown, Guyana, for a few days. He is scheduled to arrive at Sao Paulo on Friday, July 5, and will be meeting COTA appointments and visiting Seventh Day Baptist leaders and churches in Brazil until July 24.

On the return trip Brother Lawton will plan to stop down in Mexico City, visiting Pastor Camacho and Seventh Day Baptist churches, July 24-27. It is expected that he will travel from Mexico City to New York on July 27, arriving home on Sunday, July 28. It is a full and strenuous schedule and we will follow our Seventh Day Baptist representative with our love and prayers.

Pastor Lawton has been asked to represent the Missionary Board, carrying letters of greetings to sister conferences and in writing a report upon the return of his experiences and suggestions regarding mission needs and opportunities for service.

He also represents the General Conference, which group approved Seventh Day Baptist participation in the Crusade of the Americas program last August. He will represent the World Federation of Seventh Day Baptists as he makes this multi-purpose visit and he will also encourage participation in the Prayer Partner plan promoted by the Women's Board. For these and other reasons all Seventh Day Baptists will be following Brother Lawton with our interest and prayers.

YOUTH...

The Bible

1 Peter 2:2

The Bible is a must in every home. This seems to be the general consensus these days. The question is why is it a must? Is it merely traditional to keep the old family Bible on display?

There is the story about the day the minister visited a family. The mother said to her little boy, "Go get the Book Mother loves so well." The boy came back with a book in his hand.

Sometimes children have not learned that the Bible is a "readable" book. Many Bibles are kept dusted out of respect, rather than use. God reveals His word through the words of the Bible. There is a message for all of us, if we will but seek it.

(Pat Williams, Lincoln, Nebr.)

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zweibel**

**MINISTERS CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR**

The Salem, W. Va., Seventh Day Baptist Church will host the biennial Seventh Day Baptist Church Ministers Conference from April 30 to May 6, 1969.

The secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education has been named to head the board's Higher Education Committee to be the director of the conference.

As plans are, there will be two main topics under discussion: "Sabbathism, Past and Present" and "Proclaiming the Gospel." The Rev. Herbert Saunders, pastor of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church will be the lecturer on the first subject. Further announcements will be forthcoming as the program develops.

Our churches are urged to give support to their ministers' attendance.

**GUYANA YOUTH CAMP**

An announcement sent to our office from the Rev. Leroy Bass, missionary to Guyana and former SABBA president, states: "A Youth Camp will be held August 12-August 19 and is open to youngsters from 12 to 21. Classes will be led by Brother Leyland Bowen and Brother Jacob Tyrrell, and Sister Inez Peters will cook. Mr. Bass will direct the camp, under the appropriation "We are hopefully expecting 40-50 campers this year."

**CHRISTIAN WRITERS CONFERENCE**

The 1968 Christian Writers and Editors Conference will be held at the Green Lake, Wisconsin, American Baptist Assembly, July 6-13, 1968. Any person who is interested in Christian writing can profit very much from attending. Those interested may write the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803 for information.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

For June 15, 1968

**FAITH AND WORKS**


**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

**REVIEW OF JOURNAL**

The following review of the March-April, 1968 issue of the "International Journal of Religious Education" was written by Mary Clare, director of Christian education of the First ABNS Baptist Church.

We insist on the right of man to choose for himself. How will this God given privilege be used? "The Operating Image of Man" by Rolfe Hunt reports radio controlled puppets directing the actions of animals which suggests that human social action might be the result of electrical impulses.

Dr. Sarah Little in "Youth, World and Church" reemphasizes that youth want to be recognized as part of the church, ready to accept responsibilities and put their Christlike attitudes.

The "Use of Puppets" by Hope E. Davis tells how puppets are used informally as well as in planned plays. They are useful for the teaching of all ages to create and expand lessons.

Eleanor S. Morrison in "On Being Responsibly Negative" reminds parents that children need for limited freedom set on a child's actions. Some "No's" must be passed around and by accepting the "No's" as well as the "Yes's" one becomes a responsible citizen.

Do you agree that teaching table graces can be teaching dogma, not gratitude? "Gratitude and the Small Child" suggests good ways to teach this. It is good time for methods of teaching and expressing gratitude.

Our neighbors in Hornell, N.Y., had a rewarding experience in ecumenical dialogue — discussing Christian faiths, likenesses and differences. They discovered a common mission in deeper Christian unity. Dr. Richard Hasler tells about it in "The Adventure in Ecumenical Dialogue."

The Rev. Richard Deems tells of seven lessons he learned while conducting a series of informal discussions with the youth of his church. By reading "An Experiment in Youth Ministry" youth and adults will find answers to some of our problems.

In "A-Vs for Sharing" Vida Syert explains how this form of sharing became a real community service in Decatur, Ill. Evaluation of current audio-visuals helps us know what films we wish to see.

"What's Happening?" gives capsule reports of activities planned for the summer.

In "Let Me Read It" Katherine McLandress Tobey suggests it is better to read and study for yourself than to have it read to you.

We suggest that you can keep in touch with current on problems by reading some of the books reviewed in the book section.

**LET'S THINK IT OVER**

**WHY BOYS ARE GIRLS**

Some of us have wondered why boys are making such an effort to look like girls and girls to look like boys. There are evidences, of course, that those who go to extremes in clothing and hair styling to create this confusion do not really feel the same. It is in recognition of feeling that they may make as light of sex relations as they do of physical appearance.

Do that as it may, word now comes by way of adult interpreters that there is a basic and supposedly good reason for the boys to be girls and girls to be boys. A Baptist youth resolution is to be discussed at the American Baptist Convention in Boston May 29 - June 2. We quote from ABNS:

When delegates meet here in the War Memorial Auditorium, May 29 - June 2 they will vote on the youth resolution presented by the Resolutions Committee, as well as on a number of other statements on our agenda.

"The youth resolution points out that young people are asking valid questions, rejecting status symbols and material possessions, and erasing the outward appearances of sex and class difference perhaps so that persons should be accepted as themselves, without regard to sex, race, culture or religion."

JUNE 3, 1968

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

SHILOH, N. J.—We were happy to act as hosts in some measure to the Eastern Area Spiritual Retreat for Seventh Day Baptist ministers. It was held at Jersey Oaks, our church-owned camp just a few miles from the church. The ladies of the Shiloh and Marlboro churches cooked the noon meals for the twenty-four ministers who attended. Our pastor prepared the breakfasts for the week-long retreat April 29 - May 6.

The pastors, denominational secretaries and others expressed appreciation for the nourishing physical and edifying spiritual food in their daily bill of fare.

Our church held special services May 3 and 4 to dedicate its new educational building. Rev. Rex Zweibel, secretary of the denomination's Board of Christian Education, brought the dedicatory message, and Rev. Charles Bond, pastor, conducted the formal act of dedication.

Some other highlights of the services were special anthems from the three choirs: junior, youth, and senior; a history of the Session Room by Mrs. Bert Shepphard; a history of the development of our Sabbath, Merlin Dickinson and Mrs. Daniel Davis; recognition of the oldest and youngest members also the ministers who had gone out from Shiloh; an outstanding sermon, "A Certain Kind of Church," by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, general secretary; an act of presentation, by Howard LeRoy Davis, architect; William Richardson, Building Committee chairman, and William Fogg, church moderator. The Rev. Leon M. Malby gave the dedicatory prayer.

The completion of this educational building marks another major construction effort. It is the fifth edifice built by the church of Shiloh during its 231 years of history, 1737-1968.

This present structure, which was completed early this year, provides the church members with three buildings to carry on their evangelistic and educational program.

—Correspondent
Texas Students Against Discrimination

Some 1,300 Texas Baptist college students have pledged themselves to work to eliminate "every trace of racial discrimination in our Baptist Student Unions, sororities, fraternities, and clubs, as well as in matters of student housing and employment."

The pledge was made in a strongly worded statement on racial problems which was approved unanimously at the annual Leadership Training Conference of the Texas Baptist Student Union on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University.

Their statement, backed up by a $600 offering, reads (in part) as follows:

"A succession of tragic events have focused attention on the great gap between the races of this nation. While it is true that some steps forward have been taken by men of good will and noble purpose, it has become evident that most of us have failed to respond to the need for significant and clearly-defined action in the betterment of race relations. It is clear that new intensity of dedication resulting in fresh approaches and departures from existing attitudes and actions is urgently in order.

"We will make personal sacrifices and engage in collective action to express our commitment to lessening racial tension and to contributing to racial harmony. We pray that all Baptists in the state will join us.

"We will involve ourselves in an aggressive program of witnessing to bring students of all races to a knowledge of Jesus Christ and to enlist them in the fellowship and service of our churches. We will pursue this role in the Crusade of the Americas, a hemispheric evangelistic campaign in 1969."

Church Participation In Anti-Poverty Program

The Rev. Harold K. Schulz, director of the National Council's Anti-Poverty Program was asked: "In view of the increasing involvement of the denominations and church councils in various programs of the Office of Economic Opportunity, would you explain how they can accept government funds without breaching church-state separation?"

Here is his answer in part. "The danger of having to compromise on principles is the central issue in regard to church programs receiving funds. It is my feeling that at any point where a principle cannot be upheld, then public funds must be refused. However, it is also my feeling that most church anti-poverty programs have maintained their integrity very well.

"The major reason I believe that churches should accept Federal funds to administer anti-poverty programs is that I believe they can faithfully carry out the principles on which the Office of Economic Opportunity was originally based. Churches also have the facilities and human resources necessary to run good programs. Although churches certainly are not free from the self-interest of some other institutions, my own belief is that churches are freer of political influence and the desire for personal gain than some other agencies which have conducted OEO programs.

"Finally, it is my contention that the complete separation of church and state is actually an unfaithful position. The church should work alongside the state for the development of a just society. It should always stand apart in order to judge when it is necessary, but it should be prepared to utilize whatever power and resources are available to it to better serve the needs of all men."

Father's Day

A good father teaches his young son to develop the skill of handling the ball and playing the game. He buys him the baseball glove and the Junior League outfit to go with it. But a fellow needs practice with his understanding father before he can take his place in the sometimes ruthless competition with the other boys. Father's paper can wait until the shadows lengthen. The wise father teaches not only sports, but by example and precept shows that the Bible, church and prayer have their place in well-ordered family life.