here—perhaps San Diego or Los Angeles or Riverside.

About that time I received a letter from a doctor and his wife in Phoenix who had gotten the name and address of our church in Los Angeles from the yellow pages of the phone directory. They were interested in becoming Seventh Day Baptists and wanted to know if we had a church or anyone they could fellowship with in Phoenix. I put them in contact with the Rev. Arlie Davis. He took it from there, and a small but dynamic fellowship was formed. They have since done some advertising and have had several responses.

That has been over a year ago now and they still are not large but they are encouraged. The group has even voted Mr. Davis a small monthly donation (I hesitate to call it a salary for it is much too small for that) to encourage him and show their appreciation for his labors. Basically all who are involved are supporting themselves and making whatever contribution they can to get the fellowship growing. Again the effort is small—but there are some in our Los Angeles church who can remember that it has not been but about 25 years ago that we were nearly as small as the San Diego or Phoenix fellowships.

Seattle Settlement

My vision shifted! That great light in the distant north! Ah! That is Seattle. There, very recently, a fellowship has been established under the sponsorship of the Pacific Coast Association. Pastor Glen Warner and his wife Sherry were sent there to see what they could do after reports indicated there was sufficient interest on the part of several people to warrant an attempt to get a group together there. Pastor Warner and Sherry were dedicated at the fall association meeting to this specific task. Glen is officially the Pacific Coast Association field pastor and will be working in other areas some but his major thrust for the present is Seattle. Recently a letter from Glen tells of an attendance of 22 people at each meeting. These are comprised mostly of young families with children. Since that time another young family has moved from Riverside to join hands in helping to establish this witness for our Lord. More interest is being discovered each week. They now have assurance of a meeting place in a Baptist Church which allows them to use their facilities for a small rental. The group has elected a treasurer and is saving its money for the eventual purchase of a church property. Praise the Lord! It looks great!

I am confident that the Lord is going to make it possible for many new fellowships of Seventh Day Baptists to spring up all over the United States even as in other places in the world. More and more interest is being expressed in the Sabbath from all parts of the country. The time has come for us as a people to believe in outreach and evangelism and to set about the task of seeing to it that new groups are promoted. Some vision and maybe a little capital investment, and a lot of prayer and encouragement from you in the local church will provide the avenue through which God will bless these isolated nuclei and cause them to grow. The world needs Christ! The Sabbath is an important part of His will for His people. If you think you can not personally evangelize—then get active in getting your church to promote new fellowships. That is evangelism, too! That is my vision which became more vivid last month on my flight back to Los Angeles which lasted only 23 minutes. I share the vision with you because I believe it is no disgrace to start small or even to fail. The only disgrace is if we don't start at all. The captain was right—it was a beautiful night for flying. The vision from up there was unlimited!
Better Church Buildings

The year 1967 was one of the biggest for expenditure on church building projects although construction continued to be tapering off because of mounting costs. We have been spending nearly $1 billion annually since 1960. It should be brought to our attention that this church building boom is unique to the United States. Other countries cannot build, enlarge and beautify as we have done. It is also sobering to note that all our building and all our emphasis on attractive atmosphere for worship have not resulted in any very noticeable increase in attendance, in the number of those who worship while in many poor countries that have to content with grossly inadequate shelter-type buildings the attendance is better and the congregational heartbeat stronger.

John R. Scottford, writing on "The Aftermath of the Church Building Boom" in the December 27 issue of Christian Century questions the wisdom of such vast expenditures of money in these words: "They have gathered their money house by house out of their economy for the old problems which plagued them in the old churches still confront them in the new. They cannot be achieved through brick and mortar alone, and when properly, questions are being raised: 'Are these vast sums spent wisely? Are there other ways in which the money they might have spent on humanity better?'"

The highly liturgical churches (Episcopal, for example) have traditionally built great cathedrals and stressed the worship of high vaulted arches, magnificent windows, etc. Even to this day there are a few such cathedrals that have been under construction for forty years (like Herod's temple in Jerusalem). However, the present tendency of the Episcopal and the Catholic churches is to be more of the functional church building structures where the common people can be reached. At the same time many of the denominations that previously emphasized simple buildings called meeting houses that old churches or cathedrals have become obsessed with the idea that they must mortgage themselves for years to come in order to have elaborate sanctuaries and costly visible aids to worship. What will future historians write about the Baptists aping the Episcopalians and the liturgical churches discovering the past strength of the Bapists?

What should be the self-applied tests for church building? One test, of course, is what the congregation can afford while at the same time using its major financial and spiritual resources for the furtherance of the church's work. The Baptist, he who neglects missionary work to pamper our own tastes for comfort, is certainly not being himself true to his calling.

We hear occasionally of churches that had started a building fund and then, seeing the rate of inflation on some mission field, gave away their accumulated money so that several congregations could be shelter from the rain. This may not be the thing for all to do, but the spirit is commendable.

We are reminded as we read the Scriptures that the time when the Christian Church was in the heat of persecution in the first and second centuries when it was impossible to have any building that could be called a church. To be sure, the Hebrew people at several times in their history had a beautiful temple (in one place only). In the dispersion they had to worship in simple structures. Today, the Christian Church showed its virility by being quite independent of church buildings. It could be observed that decay, decadence and formalism came to the Christian Church when the church had to build for show and not for need. Let there not be a repetition of this among us in the middle of the Twentieth Century.

—John 4:42.
Relief Agencies

Most of us must confess that we have a bit of trouble keeping straight all the relief agencies that seem to be swamped with opportunities to serve but lacking sufficient funds to meet the need. Appeals are many. We may not always choose wisely or possibly not give as much as we could just because we do not know which cause needs funds the most. The way to avoid this is to represent the purposes that seem most worthy and are most efficiently operated. Some large agencies that meet these qualifications are not too well-known.

Did you know, for instance, that the World Relief Commission of the National Association of Evangelicals has a truly great relief program in Vietnam and in Chile has taken over virtually all Protestant relief? There it works in cooperation with the government on housing and urban revitalization, agricultural training, flood and fire control. In Korea the NAE World Relief Commission serves 40,000 meals daily and works with the government in the reclamation of 40,000 acres that will support 10,000 to 15,000 refugees.

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In its constant search to produce the Word of God, without notes, for people in their own language, the American Bible Society, discovered a grouping of over ten million in the United States who spoke English as a "second language." The common versions did not readily convey the meaning of the message, giving real understanding that would lead to personal action in response. To meet this need, Today's English Version (TEV), more commonly known as Good News for Modern Man, was first published in the fall of 1966. It became in one year a runaway best seller with over eight million copies in print.

Youth particularly found Good News for Modern Man speaking to them. The meaning of the gospel became more apparent. And, thus it was that the Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship undertook the distribution, door-to-door, of Today's English Version in the days just prior to Christmas. The aim? To place in each home in Brookfield and those who desired would be asked to contribute to their expense. Also it was discovered, however, that New Testament, was also available in the Confraternity Edition. Samples of these were shown in many homes and orders taken in place of TEV.

Articles in the local weekly — The Brookfield Courier — and posters in both communities announced the distribution. Special Christmas Bible Society portions were imprinted, and, along with the tract, What and Why Are Seventh Day Baptists? placed in each copy.

The country store still exists in the upstate New York village of Brookfield. It can be a center for almost everything. Noted as a place to talk over the latest local news, it can also be a center for advertising and distributing GOOD NEWS FOR MODERN MAN as people gather around the warm stove. On the left is a view of the little store with customers waited on by the cooperative proprietor. On the right is a poster telling about the Bible distribution.

More people were receptive, welcoming us into their homes and contributing generously. It is estimated that over 80% of the homes were reached. Most of those reached were adult members were all away working and even call-backs were not successful. Over 200 New Testaments — TEV and illustrated — were thus distributed.

The long range, and more profound result, is yet to be seen. Will they be read? A few personal contacts encourage us. Will the Gospel of Jesus Christ reach hearts that have yet to know His love? It will take time, and eternity, to fully answer these questions.

Yet the "seed" — the Word — has been sown. And the joy of sowing has been seen in the lives of those who thus gave of themselves, in faith, to this task. We pray fruit will be seen.

Bible reading, daily, is being encouraged through the publication of the New Testament Reading Guide in the Courier each week. And, as opportunity presents itself, we have a point of conversation, of inquiry, of concern, for our neighbors that have within their homes the Good News and who, we trust, may receive it within their hearts by faith as well.

—Leon R. Lawton.

Student Christian Conference

During the Christmas holidays at exactly the same time there were two national student meetings held under different auspices, with different outlook, and results from the same. One was the Inter-Varsity Missionary Convention at the University of Illinois, which drew an attendance of 9,000 (mostly committed Christian students). This is reported by one of the Seventh Day Baptists in attendance, Nancy Brannon, who testifies of its life-changing effect on many.

The other was the Student Christian Conference, drawing 3,000 delegates from campuses across the country and around the world to Cleveland, Ohio. It was the first conference of the University Christian Movement, successor to the Student Christian Federation which has met every four years. The University Christian Movement unites the former NSCF, the National Newman Student Federation, the National Federation of Catholic College Students, and interdenominational campus ministries. It is related to the National Council of Churches.

The students were urged to participate, not just listen. This they did, according to the Religious Newsletter report which is captioned, "Innovations and Protest Mark Student Christian Conferences." The conference was one of the "highly unconventional" worship services and a litany written by Leon Howell, a UCM officer, encouraged the students to some unconventional protests and demonstrations. The litany called for a congregational response: "Help us stop the war; Help us to change our sick society." Eight students, prepared to take the consequences, turned in their draft cards at the "Vietnam Worship Service.

There were also the demonstrations — one at the Cleveland Sheraton Hotel protesting the presence of Dow Chemical representatives who were scheduled to interview students seeking jobs, a sit-in protesting use of napalm, and a march by a small group to the city Federal Building to protest the Vietnam war. In a different mood were two jazz worship services and the conference's New Year's party.

When one observer (undoubtedly over 30), called it "a pity," the Rev. Eugene C. Best of the Newman Apostolate, declared: "No! These are concerned Christians." Mr. Clough agreed, calling the gathering "a cross-section of the students on our campuses today."

There are two kinds of students at our universities, as is evidenced by these two gatherings — some of those with Christian convictions are interested in protests, thousands of others are interested in carrying the gospel to the far-flung mission fields.

—Editor.

God's opinion of us can't be very good, but His attitude is good — He loves us. Our attitude toward others should be love, regardless of our opinion of them.

—Ira Bond.
GOD'S MEN
From All Nations to All Nations
By Nancy Brammon

Impressions of IVCF Missionary Convention

Nine thousand college students, missionaries, ministers, and Christian workers from 45 countries of the world met for the Eighty-Seventh Missionary Convention held December 27-31, 1967, on the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana. Appropriately, the theme was "God's Men—From All Nations to All Nations." The convention is sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and is held once every three years (once a college generation) to help young people who are searching for something to find reality—in becoming disciples of Christ.

The convention schedule was extremely full, but provided a balance of biblical instruction, intellectual stimulation, and dynamic spiritual challenge so that every student, whether he came a Christian or not, could hardly escape being brought into a vital relation with God and with His purposes worldwide.

In small group Bible studies in the dorms, one of the afternoons was set aside to discuss some of the many avenues of Christian service. It is impossible to describe how one can feel unity in such a large group of unfamiliar faces, but there was! This unity was not because we were all members of the same denominational organization, but because we were all members of the Church of God, having a common faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and a conviction that this faith is worth sharing.

One of the afternoons a panel of leading Christian men in the world, today discussed some of the burning questions which the people of the world are asking about Christian instruction, intellectual stimulation, and dynamic spiritual challenge so that every student, whether he came a Christian or not, could hardly escape being brought into a vital relation with God and with His purposes worldwide.

NEW CHURCH ON COAST

At a meeting held by common consent of the Seattle Fellowship on January 27, 1968, the following resolution was adopted: "The Sabbathkeeping Christians in the Seattle area believe the time has come to organize a church known as the 'Seattle Area Seventh Day Baptist Church' and we proceed to organize one." The group then decided to set the date of the organization as March 2, 1968. Four committees have been established.

Seattle Fellowship Bulletin. Pastor's address: 24207 — 99th South, Kent, Wash. 98031

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We shopped some for ulith at Cholo, Mark will continue in the Nurse School for some time, then taking over his work we found a lot had gone on that wasn't right. We called him back to answer for his work in our absence. He wrote in July he was returning. Then wrote again he wasn't, and was going to Uganda. So we never heard from him again, nor did his wife or father or mother. About 8:30 p.m. the night after Christmas, at the end of a very hard storm, someone knocked at the door. Anyway, to short things—he said he had come back, for he had found no peace in his heart for some time. He came out and admitted all the things we had suspected and told other things we didn't know. This is very unusual here, so we have called in the police. Answer in his own words, too, I guess. He didn't try to excuse himself in any way—simply that he had 'gone bad,' and now had returned for whatever punishment would be his. So it was a good opportunity to show how Christ forgives us as we confess our sins. It was a happy spot in the year for us to find one who had done wrong and was ready to confess on his own.

**Greatest Crusade**

Dr. Billy Graham closed his All Britain Crusade July 1. It was called the most penetrating evangelistic thrust in his 20 years of crusading.

In only nine days, he had spoken to more than one million people throughout the British Isles.

Nearly 40,000 people made their decision for Christ during his Crusade which was beamed from London's Earls Court Arena to 25,000 homes through circuit television. Also, many joined the Crusade through sound hook-up in 19 smaller towns, along with patients in 150 hospitals, homes for the elderly and institutions for the blind.

"I think the Crusade may have had a greater impact on Britain than any we Pillar have ever conducted, ever," Dr. Graham said.

"The vast majority of people who attended from throughout the country were young people."

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rox E. Zwiebel**

**Secretary's Field Trip**

The executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education plans a field trip to work with Seventh Day Baptist churches in the Southwestern Association, February 17-March 3.

From this experience will be made at the annual meetings of the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches, in Dallas, Tex., February 11-16. Participation is planned for the secretary with the Executive Committee of the Program Board of the Division, the Program Board of the Department of Educational Development, the National Denominational Executives in Christian Education Section, and the Commission on Administration and Leadership.

**1968 SDB Camp Dates**

The Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church reports that its summer camps are scheduled for the following dates: Day Camp, June 17-21; Senior, June 23-30; Intermediate, June 30-July 7; Junior, July 7-14; Primary, July 14-16.

From the Mabola Seventh Day Baptist Church bulletin comes the statement: "Association camps are June 16-30."

"The Church Chimes," publication of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, gives Paco Pines Camp dates: Intermediate, June 16-23; Junior, June 23-30; Primary, June 30-July 3; Senior, July 3-7.

**Christian Training School**

Under the sponsorship of the Central New York Association, periods of instruction called "The Christian Training School" are being held January through March.

Those on the staff include the Rev. Leon R. Lawton serving as dean and ministers of the Association — Donald Richards, Ralph Hays, and Charles Swing.

The training activity is being promoted by the Missionary Committee of the Association, Lester Meldrim, chairman.

**Courses in Battle Creek Church**

"A new venture in promoting Christ through teaching to be held in the social room of the church will be announced in the January 13th bulletin of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church.

All of the adults and teen-agers were urged to register for the course, which will be held January 16, 23, 30 and on February 6, 13, 20.

**Books for the Pre-Easter Season**

**The Death and Resurrection of Christ** by Nathan Soderblom, Augsburg Publishing House, paper, $1.75.

**Cross Words,** sermons and dramas for Lent, by W. A. Poovey. Augsburg, paper, $1.95.

**They Met at Calvary** by W. E. Sangster, Cokesbury Press, $2.00.

**The Easter Story for Children** by Ralph Stockman, Cokesbury, $2.25.

A book that will have limited use but can be used in specific instances is a new one called *Recreation for Retarded Teen-agers and Younger Adults* by Bernice G. Hubert and Gladys E. Reed. R. G. Broadhead.

"A word of caution! A program designed to amuse and entertain retardates, or to keep them busy and out of harm's way is not enough," this book summarizes the varied needs of the maturing retardate into a philosophy of recreation which can be applied by the recreational leader, parent, volunteer, or teacher to his own situation.

Abingdon Press, $4.95.
New Director of Church Women

Miss R. Elizabeth Johns of New York City, has been ap­pointed Director of Communications of Church Women United — a nation-wide movement of Christian women which is related to the National Council of Churches. Miss Johns, formerly director of publications and training of the United Church of Christ's Council for Christian Social Action, will in her new post coordinate all publication activities of Church Women United and will develop various communications projects and programs.

The appointment was announced recently by Dr. R. H. Espy, general secretary, NCC. "Her training and experience are invaluable for the post to which she is now called," Dr. Espy said.

Recently she served as co-chairman of the U. S. Conference on Church and Society held under the sponsorship of NCC in Detroit. Previously she had taken part in National Council and World Council of Churches projects and had attended the 1966 World Conference on Church and Society in Geneva, Switzerland.

Miss Johns began her professional life as a Family Welfare Association case worker in Baltimore, Md. Later she served as a faculty member of Antioch College. For 17 years she was affiliated with the National Y.W.C.A.

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—from the New York Times

*SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON*

for February 24, 1968

ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD

Lesson Scripture: John 10:7-18.

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Look Up and Live

From the Church Women United comes word of the following programs on television which we believe our viewers, "Inventing Our Future" LOOK UP AND LIVE on CBS TV (10:30 a.m. EST)

February 11 — Demonstration of the reasons for the present shape of city living (and cities themselves) and how some people, working together, have managed to shape some parts of cities for human ends.

February 18 — A reporting and essay on what determines present economic, social and political forces on a world scale. How can technologies be used to develop the social system best for all? What spirit will men to survive?

The February programs on the "Look Up and Live" series show how people have met issues in specific situations with significant impact, and illustrate how the values we hold shape our actions and our institutions, and also, how changes in our values can affect both. Place these February dates on your calendar. Watch each program carefully, and discuss the issues with your family and friends.

(New of this series did not reach the women's Page editor early enough to publicize all of the February programs.)

Catholic-Baptist Meeting

Recently there was held a Washington area meeting of 51 Baptists and Catholics in the First Baptist Church of Silver Spring, Md. It was a dinner meeting to promote understanding. The Baptists attended under the sponsorship of the Ecumenical Commission of the (Catholic) Archdiocese of the Washington.

A Baptist pastor and a Catholic priest spoke on "Our Common Christian Witness—in Our Lives, Our Communities, and in the World." The Catholic spoke on the role of the Sai A. Poulin, who works in the print shop. He showed us the various machines that are used in printing the Sabbath Recorder and other literature.

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Washington Youth Go North

Newest church member, Barbara Dixon, (10th Grade) writes in appreciation of their guided tour of denominational headquarters (See story in January 29 issue).

Sunday, January 21, the Washington Seventh Day Baptist group took a most interesting trip to Plainfield, N. J. Upon arriving there, we went to the Seventh Day Baptist denominational headquarters building. Mr. Dixon guided us through the historical exhibits. We were met at the door by Rev. Victor Skaggs, and given a guided tour through the print shop which is in the rear building. Here we met Henry Poulion, who works in the print shop. He showed us the various machines that are used in printing the Sabbath Recorder and other literature.

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New College Admission Policy

Pioneered by Alfred University

The college applicant who falls short of requirements for admission will get a second chance to prove he can handle a four-year college course through a new program being initiated by Alfred University called Operation Opportunity.

The program reflects a growing disenchantment with the long accepted indicators of ability to succeed in college: college entrance examination board scores, scholastic aptitude test results, high school grade and rank in class. College admissions officers have been guided almost exclusively by the maxim that past performance is the best indicator of future success.

But the admissions director of Alfred University, Robert A. Howard, believed there was a growing need for some alternative or supplement to the screening system which has grown increasingly rigid for a generation. He and his staff drafted a proposal. The plan drew their endorsement from Alfred University President, Dr. Leland Miles, who is convinced that an embarrassing number of college rejects will turn out to be prominent leaders in some facet of American society 20 years hence.

Through Operation Opportunity, Alfred University will provide an alternative to outright rejection of an applicant whose qualifications fall short of commonly accepted standards.

Four categories of students are viewed as prospects for Operation Opportunity. One is made up of students whose academic achievement in secondary school is far below the level of ability indicated by standardized tests. A second group includes students whose personal problems interfered with normal academic achievement. A third category is composed of the high school "pluggers" who, by great effort, produced an academic record far superior to the level anticipated on the basis of scholastic ability tests. Veterans of the armed forces, who have been absent from formal education for a period of time, represent a fourth category.
Students accepted will attend a six-week residential summer school program held on the Alfred University campus. In addition, there will also be courses during the regular college year. The professors will be faculty members who hold the Ph.D. degree, are experienced in the courses they teach, and are devoted to the concept and goals of Operation Opportunity.

Students who successfully complete the summer courses offered under this special program will earn a place in the freshman class which enters in September. University sponsors of the program readily held that they do not expect all who enroll to qualify for admission. But they contend that those who do will have met the minimum standard required of regular first semester freshmen and should be able to succeed in a regular collegiate program at the University.

There will be some gain even for those who do not succeed in the Operation Opportunity program, admissions personnel contend, in that they will have stronger evidence on which to base future plans. In addition, they will have had a sample of a total collegiate experience: academic, social and cultural.

IVCF

For 20 years Inter-Varsity students have witnessed to the grace of Jesus Christ at the University of Texas. This year's students thought the group too impersonal. Forty members showed up at a meeting for those interested in leading "fell - or fellowship - groups. The idea worked — new students are first being attracted to the small groups, and then involved in the total chapter program.

NEWS NOTES

Among the 18 representatives of the Washington, D. C., church who visited the Seventh Day Baptist Building and publishing house January 21 were several members of the Chroninger family. Another member of the group was Ken Chorong, a student at the Baptist Bible College of Springfield, Mo. He visited the Kansas City Seventh Day Baptist Church January 20 and caught the morning message "If Christ Be Lifted Up." According to the Kansas City church bulletin, "We appreciate having time to come up here to worship with you and bring us a message from God's Word." It will be recalled that this church does not now have a resident pastor. Clifford Bond (student pastor) went to a Rhode Island pastorate earlier in the month.

Little Genesee has a community center across the street from the church which is often used for church sponsored activities. On Saturday, January 27, all the fourth through sixth grade children of the community were invited to spend two hours in gym games. On Sunday afternoon, the 28th, all the teenagers of the community were encouraged to join in the active games like basketball and volleyball. Harold King, dedicated worker, is serving now as pastor of the church until June.

Sam Studer, one of the Summer Christian Service Corps members last year, is to serve again next summer on a different sort of team and at a designated place. According to information in his church bulletin he is to be married at the end of May. He and his wife-to-be are scheduled to serve the Kansas City church during the summer of 1968.

A notice in the printed weekly bulletin of the National Baptist Memorial Church could be titled from our point of view "Gracious Cooperation." In listing events for each day of the coming week there is one activity for the last day of the week. The announcement reads: "Saturday, January 6 - 10:00 a.m. - Seventh Day Baptist Church meets in the Chapel!"

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ASHAWAY, R. I.—The classroom of the graded department of Sabbath School look very attractive, having been redecorated during the vacation in August. November 25 was Homecoming Sabbath. Pastor Wheeler recognized those who have been members fifty years and over.

A large audience enjoyed the fine Christmas program featuring music, speaking, and tableau as planned and directed by Mrs. Dennis Randall. They then adjourned to the Parish House where presents were distributed from the Christmas tree, and refreshments were served. The community candlelight service Christmas Eve was held in our church with a large attendance.

Carl F. Daull entertained the Ladies' Aid Christmas party with seventeen present. The two projects were "Multiply-the-dollar," which was to be used for improvements at the Parish House, and "White Christmas Gift," which was designated for a denominational project.

The annual church meeting was held January 7 at the Parish House. This was preceded by a fellowship dinner. The same officers were reelected, and Pastor Wheeler was unanimously voted to serve us again for 1968. Attendance at both dinner and meeting was very good.

The living giving of Christian Endeavor recently held a book sale which was a success. The proceeds will be used for recreational projects. —Correspondent.

SALEMVILLE, PA.—We held our business meeting in July. Officers were elected to serve the church for another year. We called John A. Camenga to be our pastor till 1968. The Camengas moved to Chester in September where he enrolled as a freshman in Crozer Seminary. Mrs. Camenga is an assistant teacher in the public school system at Chester. We are also pleased to have them become members of our church.

The pastor has arranged a "Sabbath welcoming service" for Friday evening worship services on the one or two weekends the Camengas are here. The Sabbath that the pastor is not with us some laymen or an organization have charge of the services.

The Women's Society sponsored a bake sale and festival Labor Day evening.

We observed Worldwide Communion Sabbath in October.

Our annual Harvest Home dinner was held Sabbath, November 18, at which time the church presented the pastor and his wife a box of groceries and canned goods. A fellowship dinner was held in the social room of the church December 16. A white gift offering was presented to the pastor and his wife. At the afternoon meeting the children of the Sabbath School rendered a Christmas program.

The Junior C. E. Society is held each Sabbath afternoon with Beth Boyd as leader; Ella Lippincott and Mrs. Camenga are assistants.

To add to our worship programs a Junior Choir has been organized by Mrs. Camenga, with Beth Boyd as leader. They presented to us recently when we hear them lift their voices in song and praise, we cannot help but think of the quotation: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it."

We have purchased new hymnals. This project was financed through gifts from the attending church members. Several of the meetings were in the Seventh Day Baptist Brick Church. Mr. Pearson delivered the message at the summer vesper services July 9 at the Northern Bedford County School building sponsored by the Cove ministry. We have contributed to the Microbus for Pastor Pearson to use in Blantyre.

We were happy to have friends drop in for our worship services during the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Davis and Pastor and Mrs. Camenga's parents from Wisconsin were among those present. —Correspondent.
Obituary

AYARS—William, son of George and Alice Jeggers Ayars, was born in Bridgeton, N. J., March 8, 1899, and died of a heart attack in the Bridgeton Hospital, Jan. 11, 1968.

Mr. Ayars was a locomotive engineer with the Central Railroad of New Jersey for 50 years, working out of the Bridgeton terminal. He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, Brotherhood of Railroad Engineers and Brearly Lodge No. 2.

Surviving are: his wife Mary Corley Ayars; a daughter, Mrs. Owen Probasco, Shiloh; three sons, George W., Bridgeton, William J., Jr., Macon, Ga., and Lt. Commander James E. Ayars, Naval Air Service, Hanover, Mass.; nine grandchildren; an aunt, Mrs. Mae Russell, and nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, Jan. 14, from the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh with the pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was in the Overlook Cemetery, Bridgeton.

C. H. B.

BOSS—Daniel W. was born in Bronson, Ohio, Dec. 19, 1875, and died at Gerber Memorial Hospital, Dec. 23, 1967.

He came to White Cloud at age five with his parents. On April 30, 1908 he married Olive A. Branch of White Cloud. To them were born three children, one son, Newman, preceding him in death. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Blanche (Collager) of Ionis; a son, Leman of Kalamazoo; a brother, Ralph of Holton; two sisters, Mrs. Golde Meacham, Lansing, and Mrs. Susan Anible, Howell, all in Michigan.

Mrs. Boss was a charter member of the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church and served many years as its treasurer and many more as deacon.

Funeral services were held December 26 at the White Cloud church, conducted by his former pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock.

O.W.B.

MAXSON—Minnie E., daughter of David H. and Susan Gaston Jones was born in Doddridge County, W. Va., 83 years ago and died Dec. 10, 1967 at the home of a daugh­ter in Parkersburg, W. Va.

On July 3, 1905, at Hollbrook, she was mar­ried to Elva Maxson, who died in 1953. She joined the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1910. Mrs. Maxson maintained a deep interest in the church until her death although plagued by ill health for several years.

Survivors include seven daughters: Mrs. Eva Shepler of West Union, Mrs. Elzie Bonnell of Berea, Mrs. Iris Fleisher of Oxford, Mrs. Ger­trude Howell of Mt. Clare, Mrs. Pearl Meeks, Parkersburg, all of W. Va.; Miss Winifred Maxson and Mrs. Grace Eckman, both of Balti­more, Md.; four sons, Glen Maxson of West Union, Carlton of Parkersburg, John of Waver­ly and W. E. Maxson of Davis; one sister, Mrs. Elzie Price of Connersport, Pa.; 38 grand­children, 74 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, five brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church with Pastor Leslie Welch officiating. Burial was made in Pine Grove Ceme­tery at Berea.

—L. A. W.

WILLIAMS—Estella Jeannette Fuller, eldest daughter of Menzo and Lizzie (Huffman) Fuller, was born at Milton, WVa., Dec. 7, 1885, and died at Ord, Neb., Jan. 10, 1968.

She was a niece of Rev. J. L. Huffman, founder of Salem College. When she was seven, the family moved to South Dakota. She was baptized and became a member of the Smith, S. D., Seventh Day Baptist Church when she was eleven. After nine years, they moved to Gentry, Ark. It was there on Sep­tember 30, 1906, she was married to Bart L. Williams, by Rev. James H. Hurley. They came to North Loup, Neb., immediately, where they have since made their home. She joined the North Loup church by letter from Gentry April 22, 1916.

Surviving are her husband and 11 children: Vernon, Harold, Urolls, Elois of North Loup; Horace of Greeley, Neb., Lester of Grand Island, Neb., and Carol of Ord, Neb.; and daughters Ella (Mrs. Aubrey) Davis, North Loup, Audui (Mrs. Clair) Bunce, of Battle Creek, Mich., Delpha (Mrs. Al BIN) Smith, Aurora, Nebr., and Grace (Mrs. Har­wood) Rice of North Loup. There are 36 grandchildren and 38 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at her home church by her pastor, Duane L. Davis, and interment was in the Hillside Cemetery of North Loup.

—D. L. D.

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Snow — Its Beauty and Challenge

"Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow," is part of David's prayer in Psalm 51, the pentitential psalm. The beauty of snow, which has inspired many other poets, is in its whiteness, its symbolism of purity, its covering of earth's ugly blemishes and evidences of death, its protection and enriching quality (sometimes called the poor man's fertilizer). What can be whiter than snow? The soul that is "washed in the blood of the Lamb." Snow presents a challenge to the child with a sled, to youth who are learning to do cross-country skiing, and to those who seriously compete in the winter Olympics. Snow, indeed, presents a great challenge to those who wish to do what God at creation intended man to do with the earth — "subdue it" till its soil, climb its mountains, glide sure-footed over its snow.