Accessions

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y.

By letter:
Mr. August Whitney
Mrs. August (Orrel) Whitney
Mr. Harold D. King

Obituaries

BINGHAM.—Merrill, son of the late Elmer and Daisy Howard Bingham, was born in Harmony Township, Wis., March 26, 1895, and died in Janesville, Wis., after a brief illness on June 10, 1968.

He was married to Esther Crandall on Sept. 10, 1919. They have lived in Wisconsin all of their married life and on the farm in Fulton Township since 1937. He was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted from the Albrecht Funeral home by his pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan on June 12, 1968. Burial was in Milton Cemetery.

MITCHELL.—Howard Mitchell was born Nov. 28, 1899, in Edgar County, Ill., the son of James and Nancy Rollins Mitchell, and died May 1, 1968.

While still a lad his parents moved to Ritchie County, W. Va., and he spent most of his life as a resident there, being engaged largely in public works.

He was married to Goldie Sutton of Berea on May 7, 1921. To them were born four children: Orville of Fairview, Pa.; Clarence of Canton, O.; Mrs. Irene Brookhart and Mrs. Bernice Greenleaf of Akron, O. These, together with his widow and nine grandchildren, survive; also two sisters—Mrs. Viola Bee of Morgantown, W. Va., and Mrs. Belle Talkington of Clarksburg, W. Va., and one brother—Shirley of Strasburg, O.

Services were conducted at Rogers Funeral Home by Rev. Lesie Welch officiating and interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery at Berea, W. Va.

Births

Cox.—Stacey Lyn, daughter of Darrel and Janet (Holt) Cox, of North Loup, Nebr., was born on June 18, 1968, at St. Paul, Nebr.

Thorngate.—A daughter, Marcia, to Philip and Roma (Galbraith) Thorngate of Pebble Beach, Calif., on May 13, 1968.

E. C.
Of Chains and Such
Meditations from a hospital bed

When the Apostle Paul was in Rome (where he had longed to go) he was there as a prisoner. His friends and companions influenced the confinement, nor the chains of which he wrote. He couldn't see Rome, but much of Rome could see him, and did, in the providence of God. Called to the ministry of the gospel, he didn't have to change his calling—just his contacts and audience. He had unexpected opportunities to meet people and write messages to the world outside. His chains became a means of ministry or, at least, did not cut it off.

A hospital may seem a little like a prison. The incapacitated patient is not chained to his bed, like Paul was to two bolts, but the confinement of the pain ties him down pretty completely. His position (for his own good) is changed from time to time as a log is rolled, with nurse power on both sides. From flat on the high bed the view of the outside world is nil. All that comes into view is ceiling and upper portions of the patients they share the four-bed room and are a means of ministry or, at least, did not cut it off.

The light world of a 450-bed hospital with floors stacked on floors is not little even when viewed from the small (well-staffed) open-view intensive care unit with appropriately placed patients. One hears the paging of scores of doctors and the calling of the names of staff and patient contacts. Patients. After the arched-back hospital bath. Her world was bigger in the hospital than in normal life, partly because she opened the doors of opportunity. She was almost sad when she was ready to go home and could not continue all of the contacts she had made. Many a patient's normal blindness would have thought of her affliction and excused herself from doing anything for the person necessary when she was laid low by injury not Mrs. Rowe.

The editor wonders if we know how many opportunities we have to let the light of the gospel shine through us. He found in his first twelve days of hospital life that his world of personal contacts was much larger than in a similar period of complete mobility. Pain and discomfort can be much larger than in a similar period of complete mobility. Pain and discomfort can be much more personal and intimate. A hospital patient must learn to live with. God has a purpose for us in all the events that make up this earthly life. It behooves us to forget our prisons by seeking from our present circumstances something that may hopefully redound to the glory of God. May every experience enlarge our human horizons and provide opportunity to help some to lift their eyes to heaven—lit horizons!

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Articles and Recorder Correspondence

Although the editor is not yet back in his office he is handling all correspondence and editing all material sent in for publication. Therefore people who are responding so faithfully to the appeal to send in articles are asked to be sure to address them to the editor of the Sabbath Recorder as usual rather than to any other office at denominational headquarters. Some of the articles already submitted have been very well written. Others, we are told, are on the way which give promise of being very interesting. It must be remembered that when the response to requests is great the material cannot all be published at once. We are most thankful to have material on file so that each issue can be well balanced and filled with the most interesting things. There is much that is happening in the churches this summer that is stimulating to write about. Local correspondents are asked to get items and articles in promptly. Remember that the Sabbath Recorders to be published the last two Mondays of August.

The Church Is Not Dead

From some reports one would gather that the church as an institution is on the way out. It is said that young people of today have little interest in attending church, promoting the church or preparing themselves to be pastors of churches. The trend, we are told, is to abandon the church as such and to serve the community and the world.

Before accepting all this at face value we should remind ourselves that what we hear depends on whom we listen to. Our listening ought to be a little broader. The church is not dead; it is very sick if some of the figures we can quote are an indication of health. One denomination, which does not grow by mergers, now has 11,142,726 members. This same denomination, Southern Baptist, spent $36,000,000 last year for the construction of buildings. Church that is not in the best of spiritual health many engage in a building program, but this figure is too large to be absorbed under that observation. In a denomination of churches, where the emphasis is on functional buildings to meet the need rather than cathedral-type edifices, the building program indicates health rather than sickness. At their recent convention they adopted a denominational budget almost $1 million higher than last year. The new president, pastor of a 15,000-member church in Dallas says he wants to lead Southern Baptists in a year of evangelism, especially through the Crusade of the Americas.

What can be said about this one denomination can be said in a measure about a number of others; they are not dead nor dying. Some people, to be sure, are going into social service rather than church service, into work like the Peace Corps or the anti-poverty program, but at the same time countless others are accepting the challenge of the church to save society by saving souls.

Wait a Second

Want a new pair of shoes? “Wait a second and we will make you a pair.” It isn’t quite that fast, but durable boys’ shoes made of a vinyl product are now on the market. The soles and uppers are made in one operation that takes no longer than ten seconds. The announcement does not indicate whether the price will be correspondingly low. Christians have been interested in the symbolism of footwear in the gospel armor, “... and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace” (Eph. 6:15). These shoes can be made in a moment, but world peace takes longer. The fact that men’s hands have not been able to make it gives us cause to pray for the return of the Prince of Peace who comes “with healing in His wings.”

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MEMORY TEXT

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:22.

An Open Letter

Dear Fellow Seventh Day Baptists:

The Ministerial Support Committee wishes to thank all of you for the support given to our pastors. Most of our churches have continued to provide a raise in salary for their pastors this past year. During these last four years, each church has been encouraged to raise its pastor’s salary at least 5% This may seem sufficient until we realize that the increase in the cost of living over the past few years has been more than 3%/annually.

Many of our churches still consider rental values of the parsonage, transportation allowances, Conference expenses, etc., as a part of the pastor’s salary. Some have considered these as fringe benefits and not as a part of the pastor’s salary. The Missionary Board has established a goal of $5,500 annually for each of its employees. This figure does not include fringe benefits, but “cash salary.”

Continued education is recognized as essential in the ministry. Our pastors should be encouraged to keep up-to-date with current reading and personal study. Our church budgets should include an item for library books and funds to enable the pastors to continue their education. Both of our churches do not have an adequate income to bear the cost of continued education.

Some churches have provided a hosting or entertainment fund for the pastor. Have you considered an educational fund for the pastor’s children? Is your pastor’s family adequately covered by hospitalization or health insurance? These and other areas should be considered when the church budget is drawn up. Start now to give a realistic consideration to greater continued support to your minister.

Yours in Christ,

Philip H. Lewis, chairman, Ministerial Support Committee.

General Conference Publicity

(Seventh in a series)

More Conference Information

Some years ago a lady driving across Nebraska complained that it took her so long; her road map was no larger than that for Rhode Island but it took her hours longer. Now that is merely a tale, but too many people think of Nebraska as a state to cross between here and there. True it has no mountains, no seas of immense lakes, but it is not devoid of scenery and interest, not the least of which could be its fields and livestock, so important in feeding people. Near Clay Center, and fifteen miles east of Hastings, on U. S. 6 is the new Meat Animal Research Center, just being developed as a federal project.

Around Omaha and Lincoln are many interesting places, but there are too many people think of Nebraska as a rather rural type area, but in addition there are extensive exhibits of machinery and all kinds of equipment used by pioneers of the west, an outstanding collection of old cars, tractors, trucks, and even the oldest steam-operated barber shop in the United States. Trailer and tent camping facilities have been provided also and all at a small cost.

Not far from Minden a few miles on Nebraska 10 is Fort Kearney State Park where the old fort is being reconstructed and is now open to visitors. At Grand Island east of Kearney-go-round in the United States. Trailer and tent camping facilities have been provided also and all at a small cost. The old fort is being reconstructed and is now open to visitors. At Grand Island east of Kearney-go-round in the United States.
exhibits of animals, fossils, and rocks. All these museums are open most of the daylight hours and are always welcome. The costumes are authentic and the "singers" beat the drums in the center of the circle just as they have done for many years.

Are you rodeo minded? Some thirty-two miles up the highway from North Loup, Nebraska #11, is Burwell which has had a big rodeo since 1921, and the dates this year are August 7-10. This is only a sample of the many attractions the state has to offer you en route to or from Conference. This is, of course, of the most importance, but if you have some extra or vacation time, we invite you to see what we are proud to claim as our state.

—Mary T. Davis

Blankets Are Ready

Church Women United across the nation, through gift certificates purchased for World Community Day have contributed to the World Council for the United Nations. The gifts have been direct gifts to the Women of the World to be used in meeting the needs that have been determined by the women's own communities and church councils. These gifts are then channeled to men and women of the World Council to be dispersed as gifts of love to their brothers throughout the world. Blankets are already on their way to the World Council offices in New York, and will be distributed to the World Council's processing centers, to meet the disaster needs to present to the church (and the letters: "Is all?"").

The figures for June giving to Our World Mission are both surprising and pleasing. In the middle of the summer slump, when giving many times is less than needed, we went over the monthly giving goal of our budget by over $2,200, when you count board receipts, which we do. Congratulations! And we are trapped by our inconsistent giving. Although we gave more for one month, we still are only giving about 80% of our voted commitment, having raised only 61% of the budget in 75% of the year.

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So don't bask in those June figures too long! Take a long hard look at the next three months. Lots of comparisons could be made, such as "less than half the churches gave more than two-thirds of the money," but that would mean a breakdown would have to be made into per capita giving for each church, and would take lots of time. A quick look shows that the highest churches in the nine month column have a per capita range of $11.65 to $25.58 (for the nine months). Spot checks reveal the other churches within that range with the notable exception of some of our smaller churches. (One, for example, has given almost $95 per member so far this year).

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The powder-keg issue of racism will be focused by such speakers as Lord Caradon.

Social issues may play a bigger part in this assembly than in any previous one, but it will not be to the exclusion of the World Council's high-ranking theological studies.


What's on God's Mind?

Seminary Professor Clyde Fant in a public relations seminar had a word for preachers. He urged a proper balance between emotion and intellect in dealing with the whole man and a proper balance between communicating "what God has on His mind," and what is going on in society.

Denver Pastor Resigns

Rev. Albert N. Rogers has announced his resignation from the pastorate of the Denver, Colorado, Seventh Day Baptist Church. He plans to move to Plainfield early in November to spend six months working on Volume III of Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America. His plans beyond that six months' period have not been announced. The Denver church is in process of building a new sanctuary and he has expressed hope that plans in progress will be far enough along before he leaves so that everything will move forward smoothly when he is no longer leading the flock.

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mission Sect. Everett T. Harris

Malawi S.D.B. Pastors' Refresher Course

This article was prepared and photo furnished by Fedson F. Makarange, Makapwa S.D.B. Station, P.O. Sandamba, Malawi, Journalism for the church.

Twenty-three pastors and preachers, including Mr. Lamech M. Vumah of Rhodesia, attended a two-week refresher course held at Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Station from May 14 to 27, 1968.

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Most of the pastors and ministerial students in the refresher course and the two main tutors, Rev. O. B. Manan and D. C. Pearson, the second man standing at the extreme right is Pastor Lamech M. Vumah of Rhodesia. He joyfully leans his arms on the shoulders of Rev. O. B. Manan and Preacher Leaveson.

1968. The pastors and preachers came from Central and Southern Regions of Malawi. Among the pastors, only Pastor L. Nothale of Namba Church in Palombe, did not come because his wife had just been ill at that time.

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Mr. Vumah mentioned above is one of the new converts from the Baptist church in Rhodesia into the Seventh Day Baptist church. He was visiting Malawi for the second time. He first visited the country in January 1968; and the purpose of his visit was to learn more about the Seventh Day Baptist church, to seek its approval for the church, and to join the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists. When he was invited to attend the two-week course, he was pleased to come.

We are thankful to our God that Mr. Vumah is now Pastor Lamech M. Vumah of the Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Station in Rhodesia, and that distribution may be made at General Conference of Seventh Day Baptist pastoral responsibilities in Rhodesia.

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Four End of Quarter Mission Em phasis Sabbath mailings have been prepared and sent to mission keyworkers and pastors or church clerks, two packets of material to each church. The emphases have been marked where emphasis is desired.
Is It I, Lord?

By Pastor John A. Conrod

A communion meditation delivered to the Shiloh/Manorites joint communion service, July 6, 1968.

As they sat and did eat, Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, one of you which eateth with me shall betray me." And they began to sorrow, and to say unto him one by one, "Is it I?"

Let us forget for a moment that we are sitting here in the Shiloh church surrounded by three hundred other people and think of ourselves as sitting in an upper room in Jerusalem with only thirteen other persons, Jesus and His twelve disciples. Only, instead of His having twelve disciples, let us think of Him as having thirteen disciples. The extra disciple is you. Jesus is about to speak: "Verily I say unto you, one of you which eateth with me shall betray me."

We do not know to whom Jesus is referring because we are now no longer looking back on this incident. We are there as it is happening. Jesus turns His head to look around the room and one by one the disciples ask Him, "Is it I?" Jesus' head pointed to you.

"Is it you, Peter? You who so easily speak for the rest; I am glad that this time you are speaking for yourself. You are the one who is looking upon the water and then in a moment of distrust, looked away and began to sink. I recall that time so clearly. You cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, save me!' I had to remind you with my question of greatest need. "Is it you, Peter? You who so easily speak for yourself. You who so often had to remind you with my question of greatest need."

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"Is it you, John? You who are the disciple that the Lord loveth, you who are sitting here in the Shiloh church, you who are sitting here in the Shiloh church."

And they said unto Him one by one, "Is it I?"

"Is it you, James? You were one of those who witnessed my transfiguration on the mount. Could such a vivid scene be so easily forgotten that you would not recognize Me, Philip? You who desired to see the Father and I had to remind you with my question in reply: 'Have I been so long a time with you and yet hast thou not known me, Philip?' Or is it you, Nathaniel? When we first met you asked, 'Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?' do you for a moment doubt that I am the One which you fell down and confessed that I was indeed the Son of God."

Is it any of the remaining eleven? If we were looking back on this scene we could easily say who it was, but now we are there. Have we discovered in these few moments the feeling of fright that certainly must have gripped the twelve disciples as they turned their thoughts inward and searched their own hearts to see if they might be the one who would betray the Lord? Which of these disciples was the one?

The dictionary defines the word "betray" in this way: "to prove faithless, to desert in a moment of distrust." But definition is true, then in a way all of the disciples betrayed Him. The Scripture tells us that when the soldiers arrested Jesus, "then all the disciples forsok him and fled." "Is it I, Lord?" Yes, it was all of them in a way. And as Jesus broke the bread and passed the cup He knew that these who were sharing His last supper would all soon forsake Him in His moment of greatest need.

Why share this communion with these who were so spiritually weak and sinful? Why? Because this is the very reason for communion. This last supper was not for the righteous, but for sinners. Did not Jesus Himself say it? "This is my body which is broken for you... This is my blood which is shed for the
remission of sins." Because the disciples were sinners, Jesus shared this last supper with them to remind them of their need to repent of their sins and to look to Him for forgiveness.

This communion with Christ is still offered to sinners today for the very same reason. He is still asking each of us today to search our hearts for sin and to lay these sins before Him in repentance as we would come before His communion table. He is still saying today, "One of you which eateth with me shall betray me." What is our answer? Do we say, "Is it the one sitting next to me, Lord?" "Is it the one across the aisle, Lord?" Or do we ask as the disciples asked, "Is it I?"

Remember, there were thirteen disciples present that day—the twelve and also you. Jesus' eyes are tummg to you now; what is your reply? Let each of us bow our heads and ask the Lord that same question, "Is it, I, Lord?"

Bible Reading Guide for 1968

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Read the passage through. Then read over these suggested questions and seek answers from that passage. You might wish to keep a loose-leaf notebook with your daily notes on each passage.

Building a Bridge of Understanding

(Extracts from an article on race relations to Southern Baptists).

By Edward A. McDowell
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Let us get hold of the idea that the South is the place where the race problem should be solved, and let us resolve that Southern Baptists will take the lead in demonstrating to the world that the problem can be solved in the South.

In the solution of the race problem it is essential that we shall build a bridge of understanding between the races. Great strides have been made in recent years in securing greater justice for the Negro. But we know that prejudice against Negroes is still widespread and that a new bitterness has developed among many white people because of the new freedom Negroes have gained.

The minister, white or Negro, is the key man in building this bridge. It is true because the race problem, as I have previously said, is essentially a religious and moral problem. Again, the minister is the key man in race relations and in building this bridge because he is a physician of souls.

Race prejudice is soul sickness and a whole community, and even a church, can be afflicted with this sickness. The minister is the physician who can prescribe the remedy: the love our Lord Jesus Christ taught us to have for all men.

Let one thing be remembered without fail in the building of the bridge of understanding: the Negro is now our equal and fellow worker in building the bridge; the old era of paternalism is over; we must accept the fact that the Negro Christian is indeed our brother in Christ, and that all law-abiding Negroes are our fellow citizens in building a greater America.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 3, 1968

LORDSHIP OF THE CREATOR

Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 45:1-6, 18, 22-23.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Rocky Mountain Camp

A day of fellowship with Methodist youth and dedication of a $2,000 twelve inch reflecting telescope were features of the Mid-Continent Association's senior camp June 23-30 at Rocky Mountain Seventh Day Baptist Camp.

"Yoked in Mission with Christ" was the theme for the sessions by the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, Boulder pastor and director of the camp. Miss Donna Ross of Riverside, Calif., was exchange camper from Pacific Pines and the Pacific Coast Association. Small group trips by car and hiking in the high country were also enjoyed. Mrs. Randolph, Miss Sue Stockdale, Paul Hummel of Boulder and the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Denver pastor, served on the staff.

Methodist youth and their pastor, the Rev. Clarence Buehler, from Beatrice, Nebr., stopped at the camp returning from a service project in New Mexico. Mr. Buehler became acquainted with Seventh Day Baptists at North Loup, Nebr., some years ago, and his group reported on their work with Spanish-American Christians.

Erected on a rocky point overlooking the Colorado eastern plains by the camp trustees, the John Watts Memorial Telescope was introduced to the campers and afforded great excitement. Enrollment was twenty-six, reduced somewhat this year by preparations for the Kearney, Nebr., General Conference and Pre-Con.

Pre-Con Retreats

Pre-registration blanks have been sent to all of our churches and fellowships for Youth and Young Adult Pre-Conference Retreats. Those who do not have access to a blank may write to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Box 115, Alfred Station, NY 14803, and one will be sent.

It is not mandatory that you pre-register, but it does help us with preparation if we have a good idea as to the number to expect.

JULY 22, 1968

Here are the vital statistics of each retreat:

YOUTH PRE-CON—Director, J. Paul Green; Staff, Glen Warner, Connie Coon, Audrey Fuller, Victor Skaggs, Eugene Fattato, Phil Hazen, Rex Burdock, Madeline Randolph, Charles and Anita Harris.

Begins at 5:00 p.m. August 7 and ends at 2:00 p.m. August 11.

Those who may attend have finished the ninth grade of school, or are 15 years of age through 20. Those 18 through 20 may elect to attend the Young Adult Pre-Con Retreat. The fee is $20 per person. Each camper brings his own bedding and other articles pertinent to cabin camping.

The retreat will be held at Methodist Camp in Homedale, Nebraska, on old U. S. Route 30 about 120 miles west of North Loup. It is quite accessible by car, train, bus, or air.

YOUNG ADULT PRE-CON—Director, Francis D. Saunders, Leland and Gertrude Davis, Elmo Randolph, Stephan and Irene Saunder.

Begins August 7, and ends at 2:00 p.m., August 11. Those who may attend include those from 18 through 35 years. The fee is $12. Bring bedding and other articles relevant to real camp life.

The theme is "Born for Times Like These." Young Adult Pre-Con will be held at Camp Riverview about 5 miles from North Loup, Nebraska.

Come to Farina August 10

The Farina church lies near the pathway that many will be taking to go to Conference at Kearney, Nebraska. The church invites such people to join them in worship on Sabbath, August 10, feeling that this will be a blessing to the traveler and to the church which has been pastorless for some time. On that date Mr. Hollis Howard of Dallas, Texas, will come by to in­vitation of the church. This is mentioned as an added reason for visitors to be present for fellowship.
Youth...

Humble Before Christ

During the training session for the 1966 Summer Christian Service Corps, I learned what it means to be humble before Christ. Being my second year in the corps, I guess I felt pretty confident—until I knocked on the first door—supposedly just to "get back into practice." My heart was beating double time and my knees were knocking. Later our calling partner, also a second year worker, admitted his fears to me as we had called together that afternoon. Later that day I found this passage in I Corinthians 2:1-5 (Phillips): "In the same way, my brothers, when I came to proclaim to you God's secret purpose, I did not come equipped with any brilliance of speech or intellect. You may as well know now that it was my secret determination to concentrate entirely on Jesus Christ himself and the fact of his death upon the cross. As a matter of fact, in myself I was feeling far from strong; I was nervous and rather shy. What I said and preached had none of the attractiveness of the clever mind, but it was a demonstration of the power of the Spirit! Plainly God's purpose was that your faith should rest far from strong; I was nervous and entirely on Jesus Christ himself and not upon man's cleverness but upon the power of God."

Prayer—Dear Father, continue to give me shaky knees like Paul to make me humble before You, so that I will be ready and willing to let Your Holy Spirit speak through me. In this way continue to show me what it is to have faith in You. Amen.

—Nancy Brannon, Syracuse Church.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

European Baptist Press Service

Lutherans in European Countries

Lutherans dominate the scene in Scandinavia, as the official state church (over 90%), but in 16 countries of Europe, Lutherans are in the minority, reports the Lutheran World Federation news service.

Lutheran churches in the Soviet Union have 677,000 members. This is the largest number of Lutherans to live in a European land, in which there is a minority group. Yet, Lutherans comprise only 2/10 of 1 per cent of the Soviet population.

In countries like Austria, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia, Lutherans represent from 5.6 to 3.9 per cent of the national populations.

Two A Penny

Premiering at Prince Charles Cinema in London was the first Billy Graham entertainment film "Two A Penny" starring Britain's leading actor, Cliff Richard. It will play for twelve weeks before being released to international audiences. It was most highly acclaimed, with box offices operating twelve hours a day to keep up with the bookings.

Success of this grand occasion is best summed up by the vastly circulated end of the film, "What's on in London," which commented, "If all religion were as lively and attractively presented as this, it couldn't fail to win some battles. . . . maybe even the war."

Dan Poling Memorial

International C. E., of which Dr. Poling was president for so many years, has established a Poling memorial fund, the income of which is to be used continuously for Christian Endeavor work. It is hoped that there will be $1,000 for each year of his life (83). The fund was started with a $5,000 bequest from Dr. Poling's will. He died February 7. The pastor of the Williston Congregational church, where C. E. began in 1881, has asked that 83 of the members give $10 each to the memorial fund.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.—Mr. Grant H. Barker, one of our members who has been in the San Diego area doing mission work for nearly two years, was welcomed to the pulpit July 6.

The Senior Camp program started June 23 at Pinnebong Camp. Our pastor and several of our young people attended this camp which is geared especially to reach the unsaved youth of our area.

—Gleaned from church bulletin.

NORTH LOUP, NEBR.—A number of North Loup people attended the ordination of the Rev. Wayne Babcock at Dodge Center, Minn., April 20. The Babcocks are "home folks" to us of the North Loup church. May God bless them as they fill their new position.

A baby dedication service was held for six babies, May 11. The babies were Sharon Dianne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Severance, Twila Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Cargill; Douglas Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arden Davis; Louis Jay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Soper; in memoriam Norma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Branson and Rebecca Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rolland Davis. A touching service was held with the parents bringing their babies. Aubrey Davis was a stand-in for his son, Rolland, who is in the service. Our church cooperated in a union Vacation Church School Day Camp at Camp Riverview, May 27 through June 1. Those finishing seventh and eighth grades were eligible to attend. Ten churches participated with about 75 boys and girls attending. The venture was a success.

Two young men, Phillip Van Horn and Allan Cox received degrees at the University of Nebraska. Phil will be serving his country and Allan will continue his education at Wichita, Kansas, working on his Masters while being assistant instructor. His wife will also take more college work and do her practice teaching there.

With the Evangelism Committee in charge, we again sponsored a booth at the Ord Farm and Home Show. Bible tracts, Sabbath Recorders and free coffee were given. The interest shown was gratifying.

The 60th wedding anniversary of "Roy and Sadie"—Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox was celebrated with a family dinner at the church at noon and "open house" in the afternoon of June 9.

We are glad Lee and Vesta Farley are back after residing last year in California almost two years. Mrs. Grace Mayo has returned from California for the summer months. We miss Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Severance and daughter who have moved to Berthoud, Colo., and the Wayne Monk family who moved to Oxford, Neb.

Our exchange campers were Mildred Williams and Darlene King. They spent ten days at Camp Wakonda near Milton, Wis., sharing expenses and honors.

Attending Mid-Continent Association Camp at Rocky Mountain Camp near Boulder, Colo., the last week in June were Janice Williams, Toni Monk, Keith Soper, Jerry Cargill, Phillip and Al1an Cox, Bob Babcock, Reg and Marian Davis, Mrs. Grace Mayo, Ron and Lauren Cargill, and Jim Goodrich. Also going with the group were John Sizer and Loren Soper of Ogallala.

Recent improvements are the painting of the baptismal with a beautiful blue pool paint and a lowered ceiling, new light fixtures and a paint job in the church. Our Bible school teacher, Mr. Dan Davis' study at the church. Also added were a magazine rack for the new entrance, a memorial for Walter Thorngate. Mrs. Ralph Loofbrook of New Auburn, Wis., has given her piano to the church. The Sabath School has installed new individual storage cabinets in the basement classrooms. They were built by George Maxson.

Camp Riverview is being readied for camp groups. Power mowers, both riding and walking, hammers, saws, and paint brushes, have been good equipment when a willing group used them.

We are looking forward to General Conference in our beautiful Nebraska.
May God help us to come to Christ seeking the answers to our questions. He is infinite and knows our deepest concerns and our most persistent failings, and the deepest desires of our hearts. He is able to convict and to cleanse. He alone can open our self-closed eyes. "May we from Him receive the power to love for the sake of loving, to give for the sake of giving, and to be neighborly for the sake of neighborliness.

1. NAME
2. ADDRESS
3. CHURCH
4. SPOUSE ATTENDING
5. OTHERS IN PARTY (Give age, sex, and relationship):
7. Estimated arrival: ...... a.m.; ...... p.m. on August ......, 1968.
8. Place of arrival (if public transportation) ......
9. Need to be met? ...... Details:
10. Rooms needed
11. Special requests (roommates, etc.)
12. Children in room with parents, furnishing own beds, #
13. Making other housing arrangements as follows:
14. Meals:
   Adults; how many?
   Children; how many?
15. Eating off-campus, but wish to have
   ......(#) Women's Dinner
   ......(#) Youth Dinner
   ......(#) Christian Involvement Dinner
16. Money enclosed as follows

Fourth Assembly WCC, Uppsala, Sweden
Two of the floral designs at Fyris Sports Hall in Uppsala, Sweden, where plenary sessions of the Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches were held July 4-19, 1968. The design on the left is that of the traditional World Council ship, with the word "Oikoumene" above it.