NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SALEMVILLE, PA.—This has been a busy summer for us at the Salemville church. Our newest project was a parking lot, 40 by 200 feet, which we purchased from an adjoining farm. A wire fence was put around it, with the locust posts donated by John Kagarise.

The two Seventh Day Baptist churches held a banquet June 17 in the Loysburg Fire Hall honoring our graduates, Sherman Guyer and Patrick Crawford. There were two from the Brick church also.

We were so happy to be host to the Southeastern Association from June 21 to the 23rd. There were around ninety delegates including young people who came for camp.

Mrs. John Fletcher was the moderator and did an excellent job.

—Correspondent.

Marriages

Studer - Woltcheck.— Samuel Glenn Studer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Studer, Sr. of Lowville, N. Y., and Anne Katherine Woltcheck, daughter of Mrs. Anna Woltcheck of Cherry Plain, N. Y., and the late Walter Gillette Woltcheck, were united in marriage at the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church, May 18, 1968, with the Rev. Paul L. Maxson officiating. Samuel is the summer pastor at Kansas City and they will return to Salem College, September, where he will continue his studies for the ministry.

Rood - Greene.— Dale Rood, son of Mrs. Doris Rood of Milton, Wis., and the late Edward Rood, and Althea Mae Greene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arlie L. Greene of Center Berlin, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church, June 30, 1968, with the Rev. Paul L. Maxson officiating. Dale is the summer pastor at Westerly, R. I., and will continue his studies this fall at Crozer Seminary.

Accessions

By Baptism: BOULDER, COLO.

Bobbie Wright
Mrs. Bobbie (Barbara) Wright

Obituaries

AYERS.— Hobart Bentley, born in Westerly, R. I., November 10, 1872, was the son of the late Walter Gillette and Hannah (Bentley) Ayers. He died at his home, the Ledges, at Hillendale Farm, Haverham, June 13, 1968, at the age of 95 years. Mr. Ayers became a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church at the age of thirteen, maintaining loyal and devoted membership for eighty-two years. He was the oldest member at the time of his death. He also had the distinction of being the oldest alumnus of Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H. Hobart B. Ayers and Miss Bessy F. Randolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan F. Randolph, of Plainfield, N. J., were married sixty-four years ago, the late Rev. A. H. Lewis officiating.

Mr. Ayers was a prominent mechanical engineer. He worked as a draftsman and master craftsman with the American Locomotive Company and was a former president of the H. K. Porter Company of Pittsburgh, one time manufacturer of industrial type steam and compressed air locomotives.

A friend of Andrew Carnegie, he was engaged by him to set up the curriculum of Mechanical Engineering for Carnegie Institute. Mr. Ayers was a trustee of Alfred University.

Always, Hobart, as he wished his friends to call him, considered Westerly his home and visited here frequently. He purchased Hillendale Farm in 1911 and spent summers there with his family. He returned as a permanent resident in 1938. He was an engaging and interesting conversationalist.

 Surviving are his wife; a daughter Doris, Mrs. Luther Knight of Queenstown, Md.; eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. A second daughter, Mrs. Jane (Ayers) Riley, died in 1965.

The funeral service was held at the Buckler Funeral Home, Sabbath afternoon, June 15. Interment was in River Bend Cemetery. Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor emeritus of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, officiated.

—H. R. C.
Whose Yoke We Bear

The Conference program carried by all delegates this week as the guide to the decided events, indicates that our people are assembled at Kearney, Nebraska, has three large yokes on the cover as a constant reminder of the theme. The symbols speak of the load, or, no load doesn't look like a carved and polished pulpit. Fastened to it is an actual yoke for oxen transported from a Seventh Day Baptist farm in Western New York. Conference visitors and delegates will not be able to keep their eyes off the physical yoke that provides the symbolism for the words of Jesus in Matthew 11:28, which are the background for the theme announced by the president when he took office a year ago, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," the yoke statement with which he has been as hard to understand as His oft-repeated reference to taking on a yoke, as cattle, as collars are for horses. Men indeed, was what was popularly expected of the coming Messiah. Jesus had challenged His none-too-perceptive disciples, "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." If, at the moment, they were thinking of Him in terms of the Messiah as, said Peter at Caesarea Philiippi, "Thou art the Christ the son of the living God," the yoke statement was not been as hard to understand as His oft-repeated reference to the cross and resurrection or taking up the cross and following Him. Jesus as a carpenter's son probably made yokes and demonstrated for the dragged, slow-farming of His day. But yokes were for cattle, as collars are for horses. Men didn't wear yokes except as prisoners of war. The triumphal marches or as the way they were brought under "the yoke of bondage"—as was Israel in Egypt and many times later. Even as Jesus spoke, all the Jewish people could see that they could throw off the yoke of Rome and have national freedom once more. This, indeed, was what was popularly expected of the coming Messiah. Jesus as the Messiah, His friends asked, "Wilt thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

It was not opportune to speak of taking on a yoke, but of putting off the irksome, galling thing. But Jesus did not always say the popular thing; He could speak of things, spiritual things, challenging things.

We can easily oversimplify the words, "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." It isn't characteristic of yokes to be easy, and the yoke Jesus talked about doesn't become easy the moment it is taken on. It is the yoke of discipleship, of partnership in pulling the kingdom plow through stony soil. It gets easy only as we learn of Jesus. It is hoped that many of us during the year were the hardest of all to see clear to pull equally with Him on the yoke of procedure and program. There is perhaps no need to make much over the fact that Mr. Clarke has taken on at this time the levels of planning caused him to change a number of things which he had hoped would work out at this session of Conference—things that were discussed pretty thoroughly last year at Grand Rapids by Commission, committees, and delegates on the floor. We were yoked in procedural matters as well as in spiritual endeavors. There are certain procedural problems of application of the theme. 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Each morning the plenary session will be led to worship by the Boulder handbell choir processional and led in worship by their pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. ("Randy" used the "yoke" theme for his presidency of the 1953 Conference.) The stadium will be graced by an ox yoke from the farmstead of Lynn Langworthy, senior deacon of the president's church. "Yoked in Mission" will collect many rich meanings as Christ's invitation and promise (Matt. 11:28-30) are developed by Conference speakers. Bible study will highlight the morning's plenary program with each day's leader introducing by a half-hour cross-section of all roles who will discuss their responsibilities for a venture in mission-at 11 a.m., small groups with a presentation of new ministers, with presentation of new ministers, with presentation of new ministers (by audio-visual means, and by future plans) their 1968-69 program. Display areas will provide close-up opportunities for delegates to examine materials available for community service through their own church or association. Reports of Alton Wheeler's mission to Europe and the World Council of Churches, and Leon Lawton's mission to Guyana, Brazil, Mexico, and the Crusade of the Americas will be heard during these sessions, plus extra periods for informal dialogue and picture-showing.

Details of the Wednesday Christian Involvement day, of the Thursday night "Sing-in" (or better, Sing-out, as suggested by our guest star, Joe Babcock) and of various program expectations have been given in the July 1 Recorder. For the sessions of the president, you are advised to peruse the attached material of the Conference theme in applying the power and purpose of Christ to your own mission in your area. He would pray your continuing support for Leon Lawton as he assumes the presidency at the closing of the 1968 Conference, and presents guidelines for the Conference program in cooperation with the Planning Committee.

The Sabbath at Kearney Conference

The Sabbath will begin with worship led by Victor Skaggs and a message by Milton College president, Kenneth Smith. Gary Cox has prepared a musical program before the worship, and also directed music for the worship experience. After this program, a "covenant meeting" will be conducted by Charles Swing under title of "Encounters in Renewal."

The regular daily prayer cells will meet early Sabbath morning, and conferences choose between a Communion Service before or after breakfast. Morning worship will be conducted by Host Pastor Duane Davis, with Edgar Whiteman late after dinner. Herbert Saunders will direct a dramatization of the Sabbath School lesson for all ages. This will open the informal "Church-Family Hour" which will include such things as sharing of Summer Christian Service Corps work, Vacation Church School-Camp work, Children's Conference events, Pre-Cons and polylog discussions. The night after Sabbath will bring the closing convocation for the Kearney sessions, with presentation of new ministers and churches, the new president of Conference, and his theme. The session is expected to adjourn to meet in August 1969 in Nyack Missionary College near a few miles from New York City up the Hudson River.

"If you haven't got anything to say about death, you don't have very much to say about life either," writes Leo Bustad. Augustine in his Confessions pleads for a clearer awareness of death, not because he wished to dull the thirst for life, but precisely for the opposite reason.

And do you have anything to say about life? How do you regard the death of Christ? How do you regard your own death? How do you regard the death of others? How do you regard the death of others? How do you regard the death of others?

Time to Talk Turkey About O.W.M giving

How to Give Extra and Not Have Less!

You'd really like to give more to your church and Our World Mission, wouldn't you? I thought so. Here are a few helpful hints on how to give more and not have any less money yourself.

So you want to buy that color TV! Buy black and white instead. Think how good you'll feel when you send that check for $150 - $250 to O.W.M.

And when you trade your car, skip the Chrysler routine, buy Plymouth. You'll save at least $500, and more if you leave off a few extras like white sidewalls, radio, bigger motor. Sure, maybe you'll swear if you don't get it air-conditioned, but think how hot it gets in Jamaica, Guyana, and Malawi! That new boat and motor are really out of the question by now. Buy some oars! Remember to save a little out of your savings when you write your check to O.W.M. (You'll need some to buy new clothes after your waistline gets into shape from the rowing exercise.)

Did somebody say "Ridiculous"? Too extravagant, eh? Don't kid yourselves, Committee members (Stewardship Committee, remember?), a lot of you plan to buy these or similar items shortly.

But here are a few items for those who wish to save up to $150 per year. Watch the food budget. Potatoes are coming down now, but you could have saved a few by switching to rice for a few weeks. And butter? Change to margarine.

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It was revealed that Dr. Smith was a top candidate for the vacant post from the beginning. "We planned to establish a selection committee," the trustee president said, "but a private sampling of faculty and administrative staff opinions told us we should look no further."

Students have indicated high regard of Dr. Smith. A dedication page in the 1967-68 yearbook, an annual publication by student editors, reads as follows: "Kenneth E. Smith whose teaching and counsel we deeply appreciated and whose leadership and example have contributed so richly to Milton College, to you we dedicate this 1968 Fides."

In response to his appointment Smith said, "Milton has become an exciting college and I'm proud to be identified with her. It's reassuring to know the people who comprise our faculty and staff. I'm grateful for their expressions of confidence as I assume my new responsibilities."

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Sharing the results of our passage study with others can add more meaning and blessing! Perhaps you could spend some time each week with a neighbor who is also reading the same passages, or if you prefer, it might be easier to discuss your study by phone each day.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER
Convinced that the Jamaica Board is making an effort to stress to the Jamaicans their need of Crandall and to solicit their active support. Financial support next to the establishment of Crandall.

... Pastor and Mrs. Barn are most kind and helpful.

Mrs. Clare had already visited the Parka Seventh Baptist Church, driving out over rough roads from Georgetown. She wrote, "The people there were most gracious and the children in the Sabbath School class bright and anxious to carry on the activity planned."

She concluded, "I am looking forward to beginning the Teacher Training Institute this afternoon — praying that the weather here is delightful, similar to that in Florida and not as hot as last week in Alfred."

Mrs. Clare is offering dedicated service and traveling on seventeen day excursion rate fare. She is scheduled to return to this country on Sunday, August 4. It is hoped that she will write up her experiences and share with Recorder readers at a later date.

Youth...

A WITNESS

Sometimes at school, somebody asks me why I wasn't at baseball practice or at the show last Saturday, and somehow God gives me the courage to tell them that I was at church and tell them why I was there. Sometimes they ask why I go to church on Sabbath and I tell them because I think that's the right day to worship God.

-Kenny Whitlock, 12, Riverside, Calif.

MEMORY TEXT

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:9.

Leon Lawton's Visit in Brazil Continued

Prepared for publication by Everett T. Harris

Today, July 16, 1968, is the first morning of the Congress Pan Americano De Homens Baptistas and the day meetings are being held in the first Baptist Church here in Rio whose pastor is a past-president (Soren) of the Baptist World Alliance.

Last Sabbath I was with the church Osasco—a suburb of Sao Paulo about twenty-five gathered in their small temple. Society here is completely interracial. In the question period a Negro woman asked about the place of women in our U.S.A. churches. She was happy to learn of the Algiers congregation with a Negro woman as pastor. But, the churches here do not allow women as pastors. They can preach and witness on the streets, however.

In the afternoon I visited the parsonage of the Sao Paulo group in patriarch City where Pastor Barrera, his wife Else and their three sons live. It is a humble but modern house. The lot is a corner one with room for the building of a small temple for worship as funds become available.

Sunday morning I flew to Londrina in North Parana State. This is the world center for coffee. I was met by Pastor Rojas (who came from Curitiba) and the conference director, Apucarana. We stopped at one town at the templo Baptista where I spoke briefly on the Crusade and gave a message.

Sunday night I spoke, showed slides and answered questions in the Apucarana Seventh Day Baptist Temple—a new small building.

Flight tickets to Sao Paulo changed July 15 and so it wasn't until after 6 p.m. the plane was scheduled. It was late. Pastor Barrera was waiting and we caught the next shuttle flight on to Rio. Monday I was taken on an inspection trip of the loan warehouse and plant and a paper manufacturing plant, as well as to visit in some homes.

Their love and interest in the fact there are other brethren of the same faith in ministry over here is overwhelming. Hope my slides and tapes can convey a small part of this. Will write more later.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

God's Presence at Jersey Oaks

By Herbert Saunders, director

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Life has a way of playing tricks on men's hearts and minds. Blessings that seem remote and unattainable and one begins to wonder how things are going to work out. But then an experience comes in which the joy of knowing God in the lives of his human creatures and the whole scheme of life enjoys its place in the plan of God. Such was the experience of twenty-six campers and ten staff members at Jersey Oaks Senior Camp this summer. Upon arrival in Shiloh for the camping experience there was an air of expectation which lifted the spirits of the staff members as they prepared for the week of fellowship, worship, study, and personal introduction into which these young teenagers were coming. The theme for the week was "Youth Action: Christian Responsibility," and several members of the Shiloh and Marlboro communities came into camp for the day to present the role of teen-agers in the home, the school, the community, the vocation, and the church.

Throughout the week there was fellowship and joy in the experiences of worship and study shared by the campers and staff. Miss Florence Bowden of the Seventh-day Adventist church was guest director. She was happy to learn of the camaraderie and co-operation that are so characteristic of the campers. Miss Saunders conveyed a small part of this. Will write more later.

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of personal communication with this Creator who has revealed Himself in the lives of the campers and in the beauty that God had created for them. There was a response in love to God as the campers began to express the reality of God's presence in their lives and to share this reality in creating works of art, music, poetry, and prayer. There was the feeling that God was working in ways none of us had known in the camping experience before.

With dedicated workers Miss Debby Randolph and Steve Crouch, and Pastors Charles Bond and John Conrod leading the group in discussion, the campers began to feel that there was a place for Christian teens-agers in this world and they began to feel the need to be active for Christ's kingdom. They witnessed to their feelings by prayer and personal conversation and showed their dedication in their testimony to Christ's presence in their lives at the Sabbath eve fogot service. Before they left for home on Sunday morning they had shared together the ways that none of us had known in the world and they began to feel the need for more activity that they shared together the ways that they had shared the ways that

**Crusade of Americas Sabbath School Enrollment**

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education is cooperating with the Conference representative to the Crusade, the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, in promoting the following program for Sabbath Schools during Year III, *Facing Frontiers with Faith*.

Each Sabbath School is given the opportunity to enroll in the program, and upon application to the secretary of the Board of Christian Education will receive a Participation Covenant to be displayed prominently on your church bulletin board.

The object of enrollment is to spur Sabbath School members and their leaders to activity in the program, and to receive a Participation Covenant to be displayed prominently on your church bulletin board.

Phase I of the program is a planned contest.

Starting the venture is a scheduled "Visititation Invitation" month (October 2-8, 1968). During this month will be encouraged to visit in the homes of the community of the church, or in the community where you live, to talk about the educational program of your church, and to invite attendance. Show an interest in people, be friendly, really care.

Then, for a month (November 1-23) keep absolute records of your church enrollment, keeping up the visitation, and compare with November 1-23, 1967.

At the end of the month, or at a specified time, leaders of the Sabbath School will recognize: 1. the individual who was responsible for bringing in the greatest number of persons; 2. the class with the highest total attendance during the month; 3. the class with the highest total enrollment growth. (Possibly the losing classes will host the winners to a dinner.)

Then for six months, November 1 to April 30, 1969, keep track of attendance and enrollment, submit the percentages of increases in both departments of work and growth to the secretary of the Board of Christian Education, and the winning Sabbath School will be recognized at General Conference in 1969.

Phase II of the program is related to the Crusade Certificate project, an on-going program of the board and our Sabbath Schools.

It is our hope that every Sabbath School will enroll in the Cross Achievement activity of the board. For three years now we have been offering Recognition Certificates to Sabbath Schools for certain departments of work and growth. This year we are adding a certificate that will recognize lesser achievement, but which still calls for more activity that the school assumes.

To win the new Bronze Certificate of Achievement a Sabbath School will accomplish the following:

1. Fifty percent of the teachers attend at least one session of a leadership training school—either one sponsored by the church or by a district organization.

2. Teachers and staff attend four meetings a year.

3. Teachers and staff attend four workers' meetings a year.

4. Teachers and staff have been kept.

To win the Silver Cross Certificate:

1. A total increase in membership of at least one session of a leadership training school—either one sponsored by the church or by a district organization.

2. Fifty percent of the teachers attend at least one session of a leadership training school.

3. Ninety percent of the teachers attend at least one session of a leadership training school.

4. Teachers and staff attend nine meetings during the year.

5. Accurate records have been kept.

To win the Gold Cross Achievement Certificate:

1. Total increase in membership of at least one session of a leadership training school—either one sponsored by the church or by a district organization.

2. Ninety percent of the teachers attended at least three sessions of a leadership training school.

3. Teachers and staff attend four workers' meetings during the year.

4. Accurate records have been kept.

**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

**Meet an SDB Woman from Jamaica**

By Sister Kathryn Durrant

"Trust in the Lord and He shall direct thy path."

My parents are two of the many old Seventh Day Baptist members in Jamaica so I was brought up in the faith from my youth. In the days of Pastor Hargis I used to be a tot in Sabbath School. I gradually grew up and learned to look on God so I surrendered my life to Him and in doing so I find the Christian way of life a profitable one, though at times things appear to be gloomy and discouraging. God is taking God's Word as it is I am able to tide over all my difficulties, bless His name. From junior member of Sabbath School I started things in. Let us as women of the church have a deep joy in working for the Lord and trying to help bring the kingdom of God. When I look back and view how the hand of God has guided me I cannot do otherwise than ask Him to help me to be true to the end. Let us as women of the Sevent Day Baptists shoulder the task that is set before us, regardless of color, race or creed to beat back Satan and his hosts. May this be our objective.

**WOMEN'S WORK—Mrs. Earl Criswell**

**News from Our Women in England**

A letter from Jesse H. Lynch brings us the news from Birmingham, England. On the second of April this year, we held our first meeting of the Birmingham Seventh Day Baptist Women's League at my home. Ten women were present, only two of us Seventh Day Baptists, the president and yours truly, the secretary. The other eight were Christians of other faiths with whom we have tried to get interested. Everyone signed to become a member. At our
first meeting we planned our program and as the same date was my wedding anniversary, we had a social.

We plan to meet the first Tuesday in every month at the home of any member who wishes to have the meeting. Our program includes Bible discussions, games and handwork, such as, knitting, crocheting. There will be social evenings when refreshments will be served and all the husbands attend, (husband's evening).

We were very happy to hear of your work in the USA. My husband, Owen Lynch, is the founder of the Birmingham Seventh Day Baptist group. He has been at us for ages to get a league started and so, even though we are few, with these other women we now have a league. God be praised.

I used to teach in Jamaica after I graduated from Shortwood Teachers' College. In this country, all immigrant teachers are required to get some training here. I will be going to college in September for training. At the moment, I'm teaching at one of the government's infant schools.

Kindly convey our sincere greetings to all. God bless you.

The British SDB Conference will be held in Birmingham July 26 to 29.

DR. BEN R. CRANDALL
By Rev. David S. Clarke

Tribute to the life of Dr. Benjamin R. Crandall (part of a full outline prepared by himself several years ago, and supplemented by other material mostly prepared by Dr. Ben.)

Dr. Ben attended and graduated from Andover High School in 1891 and from Bryant and Stratton Business College in Buffalo in 1892. He was graduated from Alfred University with the B.S. degree in 1899 and became principal of the village system, Hammond, La., the same year.

On April 12, 1900, Benjamin R. Crandall of Hammond and Miss Matilda Fogg of Shiloh, N. J., were united in marriage. The South proved unfavorable for Mrs. Crandall's health; so, after two years they moved to Rawlins, Wyoming, where Dr. Ben became superintendent of schools. The unhealthy climate there was found detrimental to Mrs. Crandall's health; a year later the family moved to Idaho Falls, Idaho. Here Dr. Ben served as superintendent of the city schools for eight years.

California was the home of the Crandalls for twenty-four years under most challenging and interesting conditions. Election as city superintendent of San Bernardino came as an opportunity and a challenge. After two years Dr. Ben was offered a position as state supervisor of Agriculture Teacher Training and a professorship on the University of California faculty at Berkeley. Three years later Dr. Ben was tendered the presidency of the California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo, where he inaugurated a forward-looking vocational and technical program. He was later supervising principal of the Wasco Union High School District near Bakersfield where he worked for six years until retirement in 1941.

The late President Nelson W. Northwood of Alfred University invited Dr. Ben to establish a Department of Counseling and Placement and to teach some courses in Rural Sociology. From 1939 to 1955 he was vocational counselor and placement secretary at Alfred University and lecturer in Rural Sociology and Business Law at Rural University School of Theology.

He was sent by the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society to make an Educational Survey of Jamaica, B. W. I., in 1947, and as a result of the survey a Coronado School of Theology was established in Kingston, Jamaica, being named in his honor.

Mrs. Crandall died on Nov. 25, 1961. Dr. Ben is survived by his son Burton and daughter-in-law Carol, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, two nieces and one nephew and one stepson. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. David S. Clarke, and burial was at Alfred.
A Living Christianity
By Mrs. Ruth Bennett

Is your church practicing a truly alive Christianity for today? Is your church witnessing to the community it serves? By happenstance, do you feel that the scene in Battle Creek has a unique situation and that situation does not pertain to all our churches? This may be true; however, our problems and activities might be borne out in other areas.

Some months ago a dream of witnessing to the children of poverty began to emerge as a full-blown, expedient action. The northern half of a one-time showplace of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg was purchased by the Albion District Methodist Ministries in Service project for $3,500. The beginning of a project to show the child of poverty that somebody cares enough to provide a decent place for him to play and the beginning of restoration of an estate lain idle for the past 25 years was taking place. "Suffer the little children to come unto me" was included in the plans as much as loving our neighbors as ourselves.

A trailer serves as headquarters. As people heard about the project, work began. Many volunteers came in to work on the project. Two weeks ago the project swung into high gear with an Outdoor Vacation Bible School. What a thrill to see leaders and teachers of varying shades of white and black and many faiths working together for the good of mankind. Among the participating churches were: the Washington Heights United Methodist, First United Methodist, First Congregational, First Presbyterian, Lakeview Baptist, Second Baptist, Seventh Day Baptist, St. Thomas Episcopal, and Mt. Olive Baptist. Art, music, crafts, and all kinds of activities were included. The typical day (the Lord truly blessed us with beautiful weather!) began at 9:30 a.m., with 10 a.m. being the start of the day. Lunches were devoured—if they had not been eaten already—along with milk and fruit supplied by the project. The day ended at 2:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. presented by the Kindergarten, Primaries, and Juniors on various days.

Field trips for the nearly 200 children were highlighted for all. Our bus was pressed into service on each trip as they visited the bird sanctuary, arboretum, and last but not least, Camp Holston. This he did among many other things. There is now a cement block building housing toilet facilities as well as playground equipment. A dream was beginning to emerge. People were getting involved.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y.—Camp Harmon was held at the Methodist campgrounds at Adams Center. Therefore our church members were more or less involved with the work of camp. The Sabbath afternoon service conducted by the campers was proof that all the effort put forth to conduct the camp were worthwhile.

Following camp our attention was turned to Daily Vacation Bible School. This was a community project. We did not have as many pupils as in previous years but we felt that it too was worth all our efforts.

July 20th, while our pastor and family were on a short vacation, Judson and Gareth Greene took charge of our Sabbath morning worship service. It was an inspiring service in which Judson stated his personal testimony. Gareth brought us a message in song as well as by the spoken word. Judson and his family live in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where he is a tennis pro. Gareth and his family have recently gone to Rochester, N. Y., to live where Gareth will be assistant band director in a local college. Their son, Pat, will teach a first grade in the same school system.

At the present time our church is having a booth at the fair where we are distributing tracts and offering Bible study courses by mail. We hope much good will come from our labors.

PAINT ROCK, ALA.—After spending a couple of weeks in Vacation Bible School on Crites Mountain, Jeanne Lawrence of Bridgeton, N. J., and Jessie Curry of Lost Creek, W. Va., came to Alabama to help in the Paint Rock Vacation Bible School. The first week of VBS was conducted by Paul V. Beebe, then assistant pastor. We had an enrollment of 71 including nine teachers. The teachers were: Jeanne Lawrence and Jessie Curry (SCSC workers), Paul and Mary Beebe, Pastor McDonald, and commute daily. The second week of Vacation Bible School was conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Delano Kimbrough, Philip Butler, and Betty Atchley—all of the teachers being Sev-
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enth Day Baptists except Betty. Fifteen of the students came from Sabbath affiliated homes. Twenty-five or so of the pupils came from homes having no church affiliation, so we will have a big challenge and responsibility with unchurched youth of the area.

Bible School ran from July 15-17 with the closing program the night after the Sabbath. The course used was “God’s Word - Today’s Hope” from Standard Publishing.

The Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church met on July 21 for its annual business meeting. Besides electing the officers for the year two other items were of significance. (1) Brother John Bevis of Birmingham was “called” by the congregation to the ministry of the gospel and duly licensed. It was then voted to commend Brother Bevis to the churches in West Virginia; he moves there in August to take up work with the Clarksburg Branch of Salem College. (2) Paul V. Beebe of Box 1706, Mount Berry, Ga., was appointed field minister for the area. It was voted that assistance and cooperation be sought from the association and a denominational source.

Work is continuing slowly but steadily with the Sand Mountain (Trenton, Ga.) Sabbath School. At the last meeting with the field minister, 17 were present. A promising work is starting in Marietta, Ga. A meeting was scheduled with Brother W. F. Butler on July 26, but for some unknown reason we missed connections.

Also a work is developing in the Attalla-Gadsden, Ala., area though no meetings have been held yet.

Those Sabbaths that the field minister is home, Sabbath School is conducted with the family.

—Correspondent.

HAMMOND, LA.— The Live Wires, our young people's group, again held their election of officers after an evening of entertaining the group at the Hammond State School with several selections of sacred music. Their officers are: Darrell Ralford, president; Jackie Young, secretary; Mary Bertus, treasurer. A new member, Penny Prevost, has been added to this group. Other members are Carl De Land, Dule Young, Debbie Bertus, Dianne, Linde and Malcolm Calmes.

This year Jackie Young was chosen as exchange camper for 1969 for Camp Miles.

—Correspondent.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for August 24, 1968

EZRA'S PROGRAM OF REFORM

—Correspondent.

for August 31, 1968

NEHEMIAH REBUILDS THE WALL

—Correspondent.

for September 7, 1968

CONFESSION AND COVENANT
Lesson Scripture: Neh. 8:1, 8; 9:13-14; 13:15-22.

—Correspondent.

Obituaries

CRANDALL.— Benjamin Ray, son of Sherman G. and Lenora Wood Crandall, was born at Independence, N. Y., Dec. 31, 1873, and died at Alfred, N. Y., July 11, 1968. He grew up in the Independence community and at an early age was baptized and joined the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church. (See life story elsewhere in this issue.)

—D. S. C.