spoken in Andhra State (Pradesh). We quote from a published letter to the Broadcasting Company written in this language:

"I am strongly convicted in my heart of my spiritually lost condition. Now I accept Him as my Savior. He is my God, my light and the light of the world." Another writes, "We are regularly listening to your messages. We don't have anyone here who can preach and teach the Word of God. Please pray for us."

Missionaries on the field in India say that visas are being refused renewal and that by 1972 missionaries may be excluded entirely—as is the case in Burma. The Far East Broadcasting Company is establishing a new station in the Seychelles Islands to reach more of India's millions.

Native evangelists given encouragement now may be prepared to carry on the seventh day Baptist witness in the future. We have provided for the printing of some pieces of literature in at least three of the languages of India in the past few years. —L. M. M.

The Book of Ruth

"The book of Ruth is an early expression of that sentiment contained in the familiar words of Paul: 'And we know that to them that love God all things work together for good,' and which is expressed so beautifully by the poet: I know not where his islands lie; Their fronded palms in air, I only know I cannot drift Beyond his love and care."

"The author gives us to see both the good and the bad in the lives of his characters. But they are so portrayed that we almost unconsciously lay all that is true and beautiful in these lives to their faith in Jehovah.

"We read the book of Ruth with a growing consciousness of the wonderful power of God in human lives. We close it with a prayer for a closer walk with Him; for more of His Spirit in us to lead us in the journey of life."

Rev. A. J. C. Bond
(From article "An Exposition of the Book of Ruth," Sabbath Recorder, p. 744, June 13, 1908)

Notice of Annual Meeting
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will be held in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, 120 Main St., Westerly, R. I., on Sunday, March 16, 1969, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., for the following purposes:

(1) To elect voting members, a Board of Managers and officers.
(2) To hear and act upon the reports of the Board of Managers and officers for the period from May 1, 1968 to December 31, 1968 inclusive.
(3) To ratify the appointment of independent public accountants for the current fiscal year.
(4) To consider and act upon such other matters as may properly come before said meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Managers has fixed the close of business on February 28, 1969, as the time at which members entitled to notice thereof and to vote at the meeting and any adjournment thereof shall be determined.

—Elston H. Van Horn Secretary
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PROPHETS OF DOOM

The prophets of doom of a previous generation were the students of Bible prophecy, the preaching in certain Protestant denominations. They told us that all the signs of the times pointed to the end of the world in our generation in fulfillment of biblical prophecies. Not all of the Christian world was convinced of the starting points, the interpretation of the prophecy, or of the sequence of the final aspects of world history at the second coming of our Lord. The signs appealed as to the portents of the end convinced some but not others. The world outside the church was little impressed. It assumed that things would go on and on with increasing material advance and unmitigated pleasure for nearly everyone.

What is the situation today? The prophets of doom within the church have fallen silent in comparison with the loud noise of the prophets of doom outside the church. It is the secular scientists now, much more than the preachers and interpreters of Daniel and Revelation who are scaring people. Another example of it is found in the address by a biochemist research director.

Speaking to a program-planning conference, composed of 225 leaders of the American Baptist Convention, Dr. Bruce Maltby, research director, associated with the Hooker Research Center, Niagara Falls, N. Y., said that if the world survives the next 25 years it will be an event as significant as the emergence of civilization itself. In fact, there is a possibility that we may be the last generation on earth.

There have been some great advances in nuclear research, but he did not say that man would destroy civilization with nuclear warfare. With man's capacity to shatter his environment there is great responsibility, it may be used in the wrong way.

The speaker went on to say that so few people see the impending crisis of society, and because man will not accept technological means to survive, popular concensus may not be possible in time to solve the problems. “Rule by the elite” (scientists and technocrats) is the realistic possibility,” said Dr. Maltby.

(Author biochemist, speaking in New York a few days later, voiced a similar prophecy of doom, according to Frank Sharp, ABNS.)

The prophes of doom held out the hope that the church might do something in an unselfish way that would perhaps avert the destruction that he had predicted would come in twenty-five years.

The question remains as to whether the current prophecies of doom that seem to be unrelated to the Bible and that say nothing of the glorious reign of Christ will prevail or if, contrary to what they said to do their best to transform society and make it outlast the present generation. What seems best is to put our full trust in Christ. Whether or not things will continue as they are is not so important as to trust Christ as the present and the ultimate Lord of our lives. If we do His bidding and are sensitive in His service the future cannot be dark.

VATICAN DIPLOMATICS EXCHANGE

Disturbed by what he called "apparently reliable" reports that the President is about to set up a “diplomatic exchange” with the Vatican, Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has appealed to President Nixon not to do so. "The country does not need this. This is not the way to bring us together . . . Mr. President, you do not need this . . . . It will disfigure your image and indicate that you have succumbed to sectarian pressures which your immediate predecessors resisted.

Mr. Archer reminded the President of the furor that was raised in 1951 when President Truman appointed General Mark Clark as ambassador to the Vatican state. He said that those advising the President that the situation was "different" today were wrong.

One can only guess at what people who urge a "diplomatic exchange" with the Vatican are telling President Nixon about how things are different now than the last time a President sought to send a diplomat to the Vatican. There could be a number of arguments (some what inconclusive). Haven't we witnessed a change in attitude between Catholic and Protestants since the Catholic Ecumenical Council known as Vatican II? Hasn't the Catholic Church shown a willingness to attend Protestant ecumenical gatherings? Are there not now a few Roman Catholics on the staff of the National Council of Churches?

Haven't local (formerly Protestant) local clergy associations opened their membership to the Catholic clergy in many cities? Does not the growing popularity of the Catholic-sponsored Week of Prayer for Christian Unity indicate that these two branches of Christianity are forgetting their differences? Do not the union Thanksgiving services now fostered in many places show that we think alike as patriotic citizens?

Many similar questions could be asked that would seem to lend color to the argument that the climate has changed in regard to diplomatic relations with the Vatican state. But isn't the astute lawyer, Glenn Archer, right in pointing out the complications that would arise if Catholics and Protestants in a number of areas does not add up to sufficient reason for recognizing the Vatican as a nation and for setting up a diplomatic exchange? There is a basic difference, and nothing has been done to substantially change the reasons why the American people have consistently opposed exchanging ambassadors with the Vatican.

The relaxing of religious tensions does not argue logically for what President Nixon is reportedly contemplating. This two-way softening of religious attitudes does not prove that Rome has abandoned its long-held program of union of church and state and increased support of religion from tax funds. Diplomatic relations with the Vatican would add to this and would, as Mr. Archer has told the President, "indicate that you have succumbed to ecclesiastic pressures which your immediate predecessors resisted."

(There will be another brief item on this subject soon.)
No Oil or Frankincense

The Book of Leviticus with all its details about ceremonies, uncleanness and offerings may seem far removed from the 20th century, but there are some basic principles set forth in many of the regulations that are both interesting and helpful. Take, for instance, the sin offering (for what might seem to us insignificant sins) in Leviticus 5.

If a person had trespassed with his lips or had touched an unclean thing his first duty was to confess his sin. Then he was to bring to the priest a sin offering according to his ability. If he could afford it he brought a lamb or a kid. If he had no flocks he could bring two turtle doves or two young pigeons. There had to be two, not one. If the person was too poor for such a sin offering it was provided that he should bring “the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for his sin offering.” A handful of this flour, called a memorial of the larger amount, was to be burned on the altar by the priest. Here is the interesting thing in the God-given instruction: not to put any oil or frankincense on this handful of flour that was offered as an atonement for the relatively small sin that had been committed.

Herein is an eternally valid principle which is more clearly understood when we remember that in all other meal or flour offerings oil and frankincense were added to the little cakes as they were put on the altar for burning. So it was with peace offerings, thanksgiving offerings that were consecrated to the Lord. The frankincense made a sweet smelling smoke, pleasing to God and to those who ministered. So was the frankincense withheld from these little sin offerings? The answer is obvious. There should be no attempt to make sin smell good, even as we take refuge in the provision for the removal of guilt and the restoration of the sinner.

Our Prayer Corner

“Men ought always to pray and not to faint.”

“But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet.”

The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The young folks who have volunteered for dedicated service this summer and are beginning to do assigned reading in preparation.

2) The high school and college students who are seeking guidance for next year’s study or work.

3) The ministerial students who are preparing for summer assignments that they are challenged, particularly the work in the Chicago area to which Russell Johnson has been called as field worker for the North Central Association.

4) The youth field worker, Miss Esther Burdock, as she continues her ministry to the youth of our churches throughout the United States.

Suggestions for intercessory prayer are solicited from all who see the need. Send them to the editor or to the Conference president so that there can be many in intercession for the people who most need to be upheld at the throne of grace.

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Perhaps this is “old hat” to most of you who are once again getting into the mood for Conference. Perhaps you only need to know the dates (Aug. 11-16), the place (Nyack Missionary College, Nyack, New York), and the approximate cost (for the complete package) and we can count on your registering for this the 157th session of our Father’s and our denominational business.

But this is the year to be “sensitive in His service,” and I hope that those of you who can be so counted upon will bear with us as we go through the Pre-Conference work. It is a little different over the next few months. There are many persons who might also attend if they really knew what it is all about. There are many “traditional” Seventh Day Baptists who never come to Conference. Too, there are many “fringe” Seventh Day Baptists who might come if they knew they were really invited and convinced that it’s worth “giving up” some vacation time. And finally there may be some who will be reading these articles in one of our many “witnessing” spots, who might become interested enough to really find out about Seventh Day Baptists first hand by “dropping in” on our meetings, and learn the definition of “fellowship” the way it should really be taught. These articles will be aimed a little toward each of these types of people, with the hope that we all will grow.

We will try to define what a Seventh Day Baptist General Conference really is and, insofar as the written word can communicate, something of the fun, fellowship, interests, etc., that pervades that assembly. We will try to define the location literally as a rural, rustic, small, but “mountain top” campus overlooking the Hudson River 20 miles north of New York City. We will try to help you get there, make suitable accommodations, suggest what to bring, and generally help make your stay as pleasant as possible. But our real challenge is to help you to decide why you should “make the effort” to come, and for what purpose we really need you. Ask only for your attention and a chance.

President’s Column

The rewards for the efforts that you put forth in the work of the Lord are many. Some of the letters that I have received are such rewards. Everywhere I go people are trying to be more “Sensitive in His Service.”

Just recently I received a letter from a young man who attends one of the churches I have visited. It is evident that he is putting “sensitivity” into practice for he said, “In case you do not get a letter of thanks, I am writing you one. He went on to say, “We have our shortcomings as do all people — one is prejudices. It is up to our generation to solve these problems and, God willing, we will.”

He concluded his letter with this statement, “Your visit, I hope, has helped me to become more ‘Sensitive in His Service.’” You can see that this kind of sensitivity makes one’s work worthwhile.

 Somehow, I am beginning to get the feeling that Seventh Day Baptists want to come out of their shell and grow. They are becoming restless. They show evidence that they want to express and live the mission that which for generations they have tended to keep to themselves. They seem to say “Let’s be Christians first, and then Seventh Day Baptists.” I am convinced that if the Holy Spirit is really within our midst things are going to happen!”

—Leland W. Bond

MEMORY TEXT

Thou shalt keep therefore his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee . . . .

—Deut. 4:40a
Commission's Column

Guideline for Closing Churches

Since from time to time there are those situations where there has been a significant shift of population or moving of members of given Seventh Day Baptist churches, the Commission has come to realize that there is need on the part of our Conference to offer helpful guidelines to churches considering closing the church which it set forth in January include: (1) Those churches considering disbanding should notify the office of General Conference. The general secretary in turn will confer with the Commission to see that proper steps are taken including legal counseling being sought. (2) The Commission will determine if minor changes in the church can be made and if and when it is verified and will thereafter recommend to the General Conference the resolution of the closing of said church. The Yearbook will hereafter list any and all such churches until "the Conference has taken official action in recognizing," according to action taken in January 1969.

Thoughts on Remembering

By Charles J. Bachman

"Remember now thy Creator" (Ecc. 12:1)

The advice to remember is based upon a very human tendency to forget.

We forget the nice things that people do for us, but remember all the bad. We remember those things we want to remember, but cannot remember the good and bad if they don't fit into our scheme of things.

Living as we do in God's creation, we take it for granted, and taking it for granted we do not have to remember any more who it was that did these things and made it all possible for us. It is like being married. Oh yes, I am married. But now I don't have to remember my wife's birthday or our anniversary.

That is about how it is with us and God. We now have access to all that God has created, and so why remember the birthday of this creation any more?

It is questionable if God appreciates those who remember His birthday one day late each week, any more than a wife appreciates receiving her birthday card one day after her birthday.

It is questionable if God appreciates the spirit of the Sabbath being observed Sunday. But the beating of the sheep Saul brought back to sacrifice when he was told to destroy all.

It is questionable if God appreciates asking us to "Remember the Sabbath day" to keep it holy on the seventh day, only to have us remember it a day late and try to make up for it on Sunday.

The very fact that God asks us to remember is because He knew we would forget. Our day is marked with forgetting what God has forgotten every worthwhile value. The revolution of our time is marked not so much by a revolution of new and better ways, but a negative revolution against the truths of God, long established and proven, as a far better way.

We have come to a time when people want to worship God without the organized church and what they may call the "good" people, even if it means their own misconceived and warped ideas. "God is dead," "God is far away," "there is no God," and so on. But God is none of these. He is always there by observing the processes of time, fulfilling ancient prophecies, right on time according to God's plan. The Plainfield pastor said, "There is no way that men can say or do, the will of God will be done on this earth, with or without us.

What a far better thing to "Remember now thy creator." Not only in our daily life but especially on the Sabbath day. Somehow the Sabbath is a very special day, and no matter what others may do on it, it is still God's Holy Day. The word "judgment" is used over 300 times in the Scriptures. Somehow it seems futile to be a Christian in names and refuse to remember not only the Creator but also the Sabbath day. Especially when we all shall have to give an account of our actions and the judgment of our lives. It is quite apparent that if we had to stand before a traffic court and tell the judge we really did stop for that sign, one block late, that our admission would condemn us. Likewise in the judgment.

Let us "remember our creator," and be on time in worshiping Him on Sabbath.

Marlboro Pastor Ordained

Seldom is it possible to have as many churches represented at an ordination as were represented on the ordination council at the Marlboro, N. J., church Sabbath day, Feb. 5, when the young pastor John A. Conrod was called to ordination. Invitations had been sent to all of the churches of the Eastern Association. Two laymen represented the oldest church (Ashaway, R. I.). The young (as yet unordained) pastor and his family. It is said that Second Hopkinton churches were there for the day. The pastor from Westerly, the Rev. S. Kenneth Davis, also sat on the council.

From Plainfield came denominational leaders to the South Jersey country church. Dean Victor Skaggs, who had supervised the theological training of the candidate, presided over the ordination council, and later led in the consecrating prayer. General Secretary Alton L. Wheeler was called upon for the charge to the candidate in the afternoon service. Secretary-editor Leon M. Maltby, a long-time acquaintance, administered the vows to the candidate in the afternoon service. The Plainfield pastor, the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, gave the welcome to the ministry after the ordination.

Others participating in the afternoon program with major assignments were the Rev. Francis D. Saunders of Lost Creek, W. Va., a former pastor of the church; the ordination sermon, and the Rev. Charles H. Bond of the neighboring Shiloh church, who gave the charge to the church.

The ordination council, composed of the duly elected delegates, was called together in the church auditorium one hour before the announced time of the afternoon service. The church members, the ministers and laymen were given an opportunity to question the candidate. There were some ten questions asked in good spirit to bring out further details of his preparation for the ministry and his beliefs. The discussion, which took the full duration of about one hour, is an indication and a unanimous vote to proceed with the ordination. The young man showed poise, maturity, and spirit for the work of the gospel ministry, it was felt.

As is customary, the service ended with the Benediction given by the newly consecrated minister, the Rev. John A. Conrod. It had been a great day of Christian fellowship and of solemn proceedings. The pastor, who has been serving as a resident student pastor while completing his seminary work, is now giving full time to the ministry of the local church — in addition to Tract Board and other responsibilities.

Shortage of Catholic Priests

Throughout the world the number of Catholics increased between 1959 and 1964 by 11.2 percent for a total of 550 million, according to Archbishop Gabriel Garrone, executive head of the Vatican Congregation of Seminaries. At the same time a priest shortage developed since the increase in seminary students was only 4 percent.

In the United States and Europe there is one priest per 5,000 Catholics which is considered adequate. In Brazil, on the other hand, there is only one priest for every 15,000 worshipers and in communist Cuba one for every 62,000 church members. In Asia the ratio is one to 10,573.

The question has been raised as to whether a relaxing of the celibacy standard standards would attract more young men. The archbishop at his news conference did not want to answer that one. He did state his belief that the arguments for continuing celibacy were stronger than those against it. He said, "I believe the church will maintain celibacy as an act of faith made in the belief that, if we lose one man for it, he will be of greater quality and dedication and this very quality will ultimately attract the quantity."
A Statement of Christian Experience

By John A. Conrod

Given on the day of his ordination to the gospel ministry Feb. 15, 1969

Mr. Conrod, pastor of the Marlboro, N. J., church, completed his seminary work at Eastern Baptist in January.

It is traditional at an ordination service such as this for the candidate to set forth his statement of faith in a very concise and orderly manner. As I prepared to write such a treatise, I soon realized that such a statement of faith on my part could not be adequately prepared without first giving a background to its formation in my life. For this reason I would endeavor to share with you a summary of my Christian experience rather than a list of my beliefs.

As a youth I was as full of the normal concern about life as any young person would be. I desired the best that life could offer to me and I aimed for that goal. I was raised in a Christian home and had accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior at a young age; Christ and the church had a very definite part in my plans. I sought to plan my life so that it was much like the writer of Ecclesiastes:

What profit hath a man of all his labor which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away and another generation cometh . . . I have seen all the works that are done under the sun: and behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit (Ecclesiastes 1:3-4, 14).

I was putting too much value in the material results and rewards of this life. I had to face the stark reality that no matter how much one may gain in this material world, it would always be a very temporary thing. Whether we lived to be 19 or 90, our lives are still very short—a whiff of smoke—when we compare them to the ages of eternity. Man was placed on this planet by God not to exploit the earth for his own personal gain, but rather to use it as a day of rest and worship.

I. GOD

I believe in the reality of God, eternally existent as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; creator and sustainer of the universe. The fatherly love directed the creation of man in His image; and whose unchangeable sovereignty requires man to be responsible to Him.

II. MAN

I believe that man was created by God to be His steward of the creation, but through his sinning and rebellion he has failed in his stewardship to God through the sin of selfish disobedience which has resulted in spiritual death and alienation from God.

III. JESUS CHRIST

I believe that the love of God in Jesus Christ compelled Him who is truly God to come into this world through the virgin birth to live a truly human life, but without sin, in order to die for us on the cross and redeem us from our spiritual death; that He arose from the grave in triumph over death and is now interceding for us before God.

IV. SALVATION

I believe that man is reconcile to God when He acknowledges that He is sinful and in need of a Savior, accepts the death of Jesus Christ on the cross as the price of his salvation, and yields to the risen Christ as His Lord and Savior; that at the moment of this decision that he has accepted Him as their Lord and Savior, and that He will establish a new creation in which they will eternally exist in perfect fellowship with Him.

V. THE NEW CREATION

I believe that Jesus Christ, as He has promised, will come to earth again to receive completely unto Himself all those who have accepted Him as their Lord and Savior, and that He will establish a new creation in which they will eternally exist in perfect fellowship with Him.

VI. THE BIBLE

I believe that God through the Holy Spirit inspired men who were yielded to Him to write the Bible so that it could be His supernatural guidebook to lead men to faith in Jesus Christ, and be His final sourcebook of instruction in the Christian life.

VII. THE CHURCH

I believe that the Church is the Body of Christ with Jesus Christ as its head and is comprised of all the local congregations that are managed by God through the sin of His people who are yielded to Him as their Lord and Savior; that the local congregations are the visible result of the church's desire to meet for worship and fellowship, witnessing and service.

VIII. THE ORDINANCES

I believe that immersion in water of those who have accepted Jesus Christ is a dynamic witness of their identity with Christ in death to sin and in resurrection to a new life in Him; that the partaking in the Lord's Supper is an act of renewed dedication to the One whose body was broken and whose blood was shed for the forgiveness of sins.

IX. THE SABBATH

I believe that the Sabbath, the seventh day of each week, is God's "holy sabbath," thus to be observed and redeemed as a day of rest and worship.

X. CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

I believe that it is the responsibility of those who have accepted Christ to be actively concerned in the physical and...
Work and Plans
of the Assistant in Evangelism

As reported in a recent Sabbath Recorder article reviewing the actions of the quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board held January 26, 1969, at that time Miss Coon was extended an invitation to continue services as assistant in evangelism for another year, beginning September 1, 1969. We are happy to report that Miss Coon has accepted and will again work through the churches under the general direction of the Missionary Board.

Miss Coon's particular talent lies in establishing Bible Clubs for youth for the purpose of winning young people to Christ and also in being available to assist the pastor in carrying forward the general outreach program of the church such as making friendly visitation calls or bringing gospel messages when requested to do so.

Reports of recent services with the Paint Rock, Ala., and Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Churches have been written up upon request and are as follows:

Paint Rock, Alabama
December 11, 1968—January 19, 1969

Fifty-six calls were made in the Paint Rock area. Many of these were to contact another Bible Club and others were follow-up after young people came. The home of every member was visited. There were about forty youngsters involved in the two clubs. One spiritual welfare of their fellowmen and they should therefore give of their material possessions to those in need as well as share the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ with those in need of Him.

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Many parents who don't ordinarily attend Sabbath School regularly. Each week there I met with a Young People group for discussion afterward.

Three prayer circles were attended, one Bible study, three Friday evening services, and one roller skating party (before we left I gave a brief talk).

One Sunday was spent helping the Senior High group with a spaghetti supper.

The promise of eight sessions for two underprivileged groups was most rewarding. Also I'll not soon forget the warmth and welcome in so many of the homes of the Shiloh folk.

Future Plans

Plans for future services of Miss Coon call for her to assist the Syracuse church February 15 - March 14; then to travel to Berlin, N. Y., to assist the Berlin Senior High group, and to meet with the Beebes at Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church on February 4 - April 4. It is expected that Connie will take a few days of vacation at her home in Ashaway, R. I., where the Junior Bible Club presented a Christmas program for parents. Many parents who don't ordinarily attend Sabbath School took advantage of the opportunity to become acquainted with the Shiloh folk and I really appreciated their wonderful hospitality.

Calls were made in the Cedarville area in connection with a Bible Club at Mrs. Margaret Sheppard's home. We also made a number of calls around Frank Harris's camp. A club meets in the Pentecostal church for an eight week program. There were eighteen youngsters at Mrs. Shepard's and six at the Pentecostal church.

Pastor Charles Bond and Mrs. Rex Ayars will carry on the club on the Harris's property and Mrs. Sheppard the one in her home.

Two clubs were held on Tuesday evening— a church for the Juniors of the Shiloh Church with an average attendance of 17. No sponsors were found to carry on this club.

During my stay at Shiloh I was in charge of two children's stories and spoke at one morning worship service telling of the work. Three short talks were given in afternoon sessions at a combined meeting of Senior and Junior High and Juniors. Each week while I was there I met with a different age group for discussion afterward.

Prayer Makes a Difference

Driving through a blinding snowstorm can be quite a nerve and faith testing experience. The writer had such an experience as he returned to Westerly, R. I., from the Mission Board office at the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church on February 9, 1969. Miss Connie Coon had just completed two weeks services as assistant in evangelism at Shiloh. The invitation to ride with her as she came to Ashaway for a "break" in her busy schedule was accepted. The journey was begun early Sunday, February 9, leaving Shiloh in the rain.

As we drove northward on the New Jersey turnpike the rain began to freeze and then as snow began to fall covering the ice, the highway became treacherous. Presently we began to see cars beside the turnpike where they had skidded off the road. We drove carefully and alertly. Just ahead of us a Citgo service car turned abruptly in front of us. Miss Coon applied the brakes but the car continued forward on the ice. She cut the wheels sharply to the left. We jumped out of the single track lane into the snow, away from the service car. We kept moving forward slowly then jumped back into the lane just ahead of the service car and kept on going. After a long silence the driver said softly, "Do you think someone is praying for us" and the writer answered fervently, "I know it for sure now."
Christian Education—Sec. Rex E. Zwibel

World Development Series

For Frontiers of Faith in April

A plan to help build the will of citizens to reverse the trend of a widening gap between the rich and the poor of the world has been announced in the creation of 14 special NBC News programs on the weekly Frontiers of Faith Series, starting Easter Sunday, April 6 (1:30 p.m. Eastern time, television network release). Titled "The Challenge of a Closer Moon," the four half hours will tackle the deprivations, hunger and pressures of poverty that can affect changes to benefit society, if men will.

March 16, 1969, was determined. The broadcasters were preparing by the Broadcasting & Film Commission in consultation with the National Council's Department of International Affairs, Dr. Robert Bilheimer, director; Doris Ann, manager of Religious Programming for NBC News is executive producer.

Aided and informed by the four TV programs, Americans of faith and goodwill are going to explore that pale moon of poverty, satellite of the planet called earth. With the National Council of Churches and other groups concerned for world development — with the announcement of the TV series — urgent people in every community where it can be seen to organize convenient groups to view the series and to follow up with study, discussion and action.

A World Development Discussion/Study Leaflet is available free by writing to Susan Banx, Broadcasting & Film Commission, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 852, New York, N. Y. 10027.

Note: In many communities the series may start April 13. You may also begin the program, at the 1:30 p.m. network time. Check local TV listings or call NBC station for correct schedule.

Sabbath School Lesson

For March 22, 1969

Jesus Prepares for His Death

Lesson Scripture: Mark 14:22-26, 32-41

March 10, 1969

The Camp Planning Committee of the Western Association of Seventh Day Baptists, C. Robert Stohr, chairman, reports the following plans for the summer of 1969:

Family Camps, July 4-6 and August 22-24, Mrs. Harley Sutton, director; Junior Camp, July 6-13, Mr. David Taylor, director.

Primary Camp, July 14-16, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bond, directors; Senior Camp, July 20-27, the Rev. David S. Clarke, director.

The camp fees for the junior and senior camps will be $13 for the first member of a family and $11 for each additional member of that family. For a family camp, the fee for a single person is $6, and for a married couple, $10; for each child over two years of age, the fee will be $2. For a family the fee will not exceed $15.

Request for Study and Program Books

A request has come via Miss Mabel West for children's study and program books that have aired in the World Development Series. The American Baptist Film Commission in consultation with the National Council of Churches and other groups concerned for world development is going to explore that pale moon of poverty, satellite of the planet called earth. The director of the annual Youth Pre-Con Retreat is the Rev. Glen Warner, field pastor of the Pacific Coast Association of Seventh Day Baptists, and pastor of the newly-formed Seattle, Wash., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

A native of Verona, N. Y., and a highly
respected youth leader. Pastor Warner has also been in our camping program for many years and has served recently on the staff of the Youth Pre­

We expect to have an announcement soon of the location where this year's retreat will be held. In the meantime, we hope that all of our youth will bend every effort to be represented at the retreat this August 6-10 in the general locality of Nyack, N. Y.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED, N. Y.—The Alfred Middle Choir, sponsored by our church, helped present the service at the Friendship Baptist Church in Corning Sunday, February 16. The choir, up seven young people ranging in age from 12-17. During the morning service the choir sang three selections: “Sons of God,” “In Christ There Is No East or West,” and “Let There Be Peace on Earth.” They also helped with the invocation, the call to worship, the Scripture, and the responsive reading.

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. David S. Clarke of our church and dealt with the topic of “The Accessible Christ.” Following a fellowship dinner with members of the Corning choir, the Alfred youth and the Corning youth had a joint service consisting mainly of selections by the Alfred choir and the two youth choirs of the Corning choir. Accompanying the singing were as sponsors: Mrs. Mary Clare, Mrs. William Parry and Miss Kathy Kenyon, director of the Middle Choir.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA.—The church began the new year with a full schedule. The Sunday meetings began with a pancake breakfast. An evaluation of our current program led to better plans for the coming year.

The annual business meeting on the 19th was divided into a morning and afternoon session with an all-church dinner at noon. Special events of the past year were: the coming of the SCSC team, for which we have voted to ask for a team of 2 for a period of 6 weeks; the Rev Alton Wheeler’s visit and the special help he gave our agency; the church as a whole; and Miss Connie Coon’s work and help especially with our Bible Clubs. Three of the four Bible Clubs are con­
stituent organizations of the church, and the fourth, the Children’s Club, began the new year with a beautiful trekk across the country. Many are tithering. Let us have a new renewal of commitment as we press on under the leadership of our pastor.

Here is a copy of the pastor’s message:

MILTON, Wis.—Miss Elizabeth Daland was honored at the morning service of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Feb. 15 for 25 years of service as organist.

On behalf of the church, Pastor Earl Cruzan presented her with an appropriate commendation for her services. The church also presented her with a stereo record player and a purse with which to purchase records of her choice.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

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Sabbath Bumper Stickers

With spring just around the corner and better driving weather soon to come it is time to encourage the use of luminous Sabbath bumper stickers. The Tract So­ciety at Plainfield is again able to offer this means of reminding people with a four inch, three-line bumper sign, “The Seventh Day (Sat.) is the Sabbath of the Lord.”

One thousand of these easy-to-apply stickers were printed and are available to churches or individuals at 25 cents each or 20 cents each in lots of 100. Al­ready two orders for 100 have been filled. How many can you use or get others to use? Send orders to the American Sab­bath Tract Society, P.O. Box 868, Plain­field, N.J. 07061.

TRACT ORDERS

Quite a few churches and individuals have recently sent in substantial orders for tracts. A few of our tracts are not now available and stocks of some others are getting low. An extra pressman has been working evenings lately to reprint several titles.

Some of those ordering from our tract list were not aware that “10 Command­ments, 7-Day Christianity” is now in stock. “What Church Membership Im­plies” has just been reprinted. The oth­ers are on order in the shop now. Manu­scripts for one or two new tracts are under consideration by the committee.
Accessions
NEW AUBURN, WIS.

By Baptism:
Debbie Moss

By Letter:
Albert W. Withrow
Rev. Albert N. Rogers
Mrs. Albert N. (Joan) Rogers

Marriages
North - Pederson—David Rodney North of New Auburn, Wis., son of Rodney and LuVerna North, and Connie Lou Pederson of New Auburn, daughter of Loyal and Genevieve Pederson, were married Dec. 28, 1968, in the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church by their pastor, the Rev. Edward Sutton.

Births

Crandall—Jesse Christopher, to David and Henrietta Crandall of Narragansett, R. I., on Jan. 8, 1969.


Obituaries
BABCOCK—Muriel Rogers, daughter of Dr. Albert C. and Edie Langworthy Rogers, was born Oct. 25, 1877, in Brookfield, N. Y., and died Jan. 14, 1969, after a long illness.

Mrs. Babcock studied at the Brookfield Academy, and Alfred University, after which she spent some months in travel in Europe.

On March 10, 1903, she was married to Dr. Ralph W. Babcock. They lived at Great Neck, N. Y., where their three sons, Alfred P., Roger S., and Ralph Jr., were reared. Always a gracious hostess, she was an officer of several community organizations. Dr. Babcock died Oct. 9, 1942.

Having been a member of the Brookfield and New York Seventh Day Baptist Churches, she joined the Plainfield church in 1957 and made her home in that city. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, and served for many years as historian of the Rogers reunion.

Memorial services were held at the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 25, 1969, conducted by the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, pastor, and the Rev. Albert N. Rogers, president of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society, who was Mrs. Babcock's nephew. Following cremation, according to her wishes, the ashes will be deposited in Brookfield Rural Cemetery.

—H. E. S.

DUNLAP—Velma June Bond Studer, daughter of Joshua S. and Mary Davis Bond was born near Berea, W. Va., June 1, 1892, and died Jan. 13, 1969, in Detroit, Mich.

Surviving her are a son, Wilbur A. Studer of Towson, Maryland, and a daughter, Mrs. Rex E. (Janette) Zwiebel of Alfred, N. Y.; two sisters, Ruby Ford, Follansbee, W. Va., and Vada Dotson, Salem, W. Va. Services were held in the Perry Funeral Home, Detroit, Mich., and burial was made in the Methodist Cemetery in Taylor, Mich.

—R. E. Z.

KOLVOORD—Mrs. Arah Kinney, daughter of Benjamin and Lillie Davis Kinney, was born March 14, 1891, at Salem, W. Va., and died January 10, 1969, in Riverside, Calif.

She spent her early years in Salem where she made her decision to be a Christian and where she later graduated from Salem College.

On November 2, 1921, she was married to Ben Kolvoord. They made their home in Battle Creek, Mich., moving to Riverside in 1943.

Throughout her life she has rendered consistent Christian service to her church, notably in the area of music. She was also active in the Braille Club.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons, Elbert Jones and Donald Kolvoord, and a daughter, Christine (Mrs. Donald) Watkins. There are also several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick, at the Montecito Memorial Cemetery near Riverside.

—C. R. B.