preaches regularly for the United Methodist Church of Bloomer. Lenten services in New Auburn were hosted alternately by our church and the local United Methodist Church. Pastor Sutton did the preaching at all of these weekly services from February 23 through April 4, Good Friday. The sermons were much appreciated by the members of both churches, according to reports. Some of the New Auburn people attended the joint Lenten services in Bloomer also.

- Correspondent

PAINT ROCK, ALA.—Since the Passover night came on Wednesday this year we decided to have the Lord’s Supper on Sabbath morning, April 5. This change was made in order to accommodate several of our distant members who could not otherwise attend. The ordinance of “foot washing” was foregone this year because of the absence of several of our members who believe this to be an essential part of the observance. (Foot washing and annual communion services are observed in a few S.D.B. churches.—ed.)

The quarterly business meeting of the church was April 6. Several important matters came up, including summer pastorate of the church. Pastor C. A. Beebe and wife expect to go to the Mountain Mission in West Virginia soon after association. Tim Looney of Salem College was called to serve as summer student pastor but was unable to accept since he will be in summer school.

The 78th session of the Seventh Day Baptist Southwestern Association will convene with the Paint Rock church June 12-15 (Thursday night through Sunday noon). Pastor Clifford Beebe is president. The theme is “Go to the South” from Acts 8:26.

We expect visitors from Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida, as well as a delegate from New York. It has been ten years since Paint Rock has entertained the association.

We have applied for two workers to help with Bible School in July. We had 71 children last year.

Brother Mynor Soper and family will be coming for special meeting the latter part of July. He is a son of former Pastor Ralph Soper.

The Bible Clubs organized by Miss Connie Coon in December, are keeping up with good interest. Thirty or more children attend regularly. Several of the children in the Paint Rock club (meeting at the parsonage) have moved but new members have come in. The club which met at Dan M. Butler’s outgrew their home and moved to the home of R. L. Butler, Sr. Outgrowing this, they now meet at the Cedar Point Community Building.

—Field Missionary Correspondent

Obituaries

BIRD.—Ernest C., was born in Sioux County, Iowa, Nov. 13, 1867, and died at the home of his son at Boulder, Colo., March 23, 1969.

Mr. Bird was a bee keeper. He moved from Nebraska to Boulder in 1906 where he lived until going to live with his son in 1965. He joined the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church in March 1937. He was married to Frances Har risburg who died in 1939. Several years later he married Elle Hurzeler who died in 1957.

Surviving are two sons: W. S., of Anguin, Calif.; and H. L. of Boulder; a brother, Myron of St. Petersburg, Fla.; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Ahlberg Funeral Chapel in Longmont, with interment in Green Mountain Cemetery in Boulder.

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Your Personal Experience with Jesus Christ

Have you made the wonderful discovery of knowing Jesus Christ personally? If you have, you know it is the
most exciting and rewarding experience a person can have. If you have not, I am sure you would want to if you had
any idea what it could mean to you. For knowing Him and having Him as the guiding force in your life is a
life-transforming experience.

Everywhere people are hungering to know Christ... they know about Him, but do not know Him personally. But we

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He was a Christian... or so he thought... till one night he had

A PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH JESUS CHRIST

Dear Friend:

The Lord has blessed me. I shall forever be grateful for the trip you made here on Good Friday. As we stood
together and prayed at the airport and as I watched you fly off into the beautiful moonlit night, something began to
happen to my life. Perhaps, the fact that there was an eclipse of the moon is symbolic of a change in my life that
began to take place during the night. You must have been praying for me as you flew back home.

I wanted to call you all day yesterday, but I feel that I need to get in writing what I wanted to tell you.

I have been a professing Christian since I was baptized as a teen-ager. I was fortunate to be born of the finest

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Christian parents, who brought me up in the church.
I've tried to be everything that a Christian should be. I don't smoke, drink, swear, and have lived a clean life in all the ways I know how. I don't remember when I ever really knelt to pray together. I'm a deacon in my church. I've been saved and I'm ready to be called to heaven any time He wants me.
I needed to make a public profession, so yesterday morning at church, I made the profession. It wasn't easy. I kept fighting it all through the morning service. I told the pastor as I entered the church that I wanted to have something to say during the services, if the Lord led me. Thanks be to Him. He did lead me. During the last hymn I went forward and made a public profession. (This is something that seldom happens in my church; invitations are few and far between.)

Things continued to happen. My daughter, whom I told you about, came to the front of the church after the service with her Persian boy friend. His comment was: "We need more men willing to give their lives to God. It's too bad you're not here. We're going to help work out this problem. It is in His hands and I know He will care for it. It was such a wonderful experience.

Last night as I went to bed, my wife and I prayed together (aloud). The first time I can remember that we had done this in 22 years of good married life. What a wonderful peace has come to me.

I haven't known how I could ever execute the responsibilities of the office I am expected to accept for the coming year, but now I know the Lord will sustain me.

Pray that my mouth may be opened so I can really witness to those whom I meet. Thank the Lord for what your presence here meant to me.

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In this day of teen-age rebellion, student riots and demonstrations by young people all over our land, we sometimes wonder if students still care

By Lois Wells

Choral directors and voice instructors have had opportunities each day to witness to their Christian faith through the discussion of texts, their attitudes in preparing music scores, and the manner in which they communicate with their singers.

For 23 years I had the privilege of serving as sponsor of the Christian Club on a high school campus, but I believe a more significant witness during those years was in the procedure which was followed at the start of each of my classes throughout the day. This I have chosen to share with the idea that it may be useful to others in the teaching profession.

As students enter a classroom there is usually a degree of excitement, laughter, talking, and sometimes confusion, personal tension and distress. They react strongly to all kinds of situations—everything from the weather to world conditions—and the bell is not always the "instant magic" which changes the mood or attitude in the classroom.

For the first few days of the new year I permitted opportunities for them to take their course while the students and teacher became acquainted and got "the feel of things." As soon as a class routine was established, came acquainted and got conversation and prayer unless interrupted by an emergency. People who came into the room dictated. Not everyone fell into the routine easily at first, but at no time did I scold or embarrass anyone no matter what happened. Whenever possible I would compliment the class, as our experiment improved, and assure them that these few moments of each day would become more meaningful to them as they became more involved. Always I was aware of a certain atmosphere of meditation and prayer unless interrupted by an emergency. People who came into the room, even the administrators, stood quietly and waited if their time and permission permitted. The simple announcement:

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Moonlight Missionaries

By Jessie Pitts

Guyana; and other speakers challenging us for the cause of missions in a way that is unexplainable, I was transported to these foreign fields, feeling a deep sense of "oneness" with those wonderful people for whom Christ died, wanting so urgently to help. There were tears in my heart as well as tears in my eyes. There was a feeling of compulsion and urgency — but what could I do? These feelings and urges, I am sure, were not from human selfishness but the urge that God sends by His Holy Spirit into our hearts.

Not having been raised in a Sabbathkeeping denomination and having just become a Seventh Day Baptist in January 1960, perhaps God has given me a fresh view and appreciation for the message that we as Seventh Day Baptists have to give to the world. Could it be that those privileged by having been born and raised in the Seventh Day Baptist faith "having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not"? (Mark 8:18).

Imagine the wonderment of a child from the slums, ghettos or wastes of Vietnam, suddenly being transported to the king's palace to become an adopted son of royalty! Their amazement and appreciation might be greater than that of the natural children who have become so accustomed to the many privileges that have been theirs since they can remember. Far be it from me to take credit for any superior vision of our possibilities for service, for only from God and His Holy Spirit come any vision or challenge. May we as His children accept the challenge.

But you ask, "How can I help with so little?"

After the General Conference was over, I kept praying to God for the means to give and to the time from my salary as an office worker. Within three weeks, He answered by giving me a "moonlight" job. A note came to my desk enlisting anyone interested in furnishing "credit data," which was a natural for me since all the materials were available to me, my duties being in the civil division of the Municipal Court. I literally dropped the answer in my lap.

Instead of taking a walk or chatting with the other workers at noon hour, one half hour was used to "moonlight." While the parking lot cleared at five o'clock another half hour or more was spent at "moonlighting." With His provision, the earnings were $125.00 for the balance of 1966. I had covenanted with Him to give all, not just a tithe. What a joy of heart it was to be able to transport my work to Jamaica, Malawi or Guyana! Our missionaries worked days as well as night after night in labors of love, I was there "walking in the moonlight nights" with them.

From the old grandparents, God has given us all a talent, be it only carrying out the trash for Mom, or selling crochet work, mending for working girls, or car washing. He can provide!

Seventh day Baptists number somewhere near 6,000, I believe. If each one earned only $1.00 per year and gave that small sum alone, it would be $6,000.00. Surely each can do this. Many can do much more.

Let us again remember Nehemiah 4:6, "For the people had a mind to work"; chapter 2:17, 18, cooperation; and chapter 3, all classes worked.

What will you do to help "build the wall"? As He stands waiting beside you now, covenant with Him and He "will open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it!"

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Editor's Note: The Bible says that “where there is no vision, the people perish.” Many of those of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church saw this literally coming to pass in their church life. They found they were even questioning their desire to stay affiliated with that particular church or any church, perhaps. Then something happened in this group. Some of them, being at the point of considering giving up the church and the Sabbath, searched honestly for the truth about themselves, their families, their church and God’s will. The result was an exciting spiritual rejuvenation of the entire church by the Holy Spirit. Having heard the account first hand from one who was very personally involved, I was myself so excited and impressed by the change that had taken place, not only in the church apparently, but also in this individual’s life, that I desired that everyone should have a chance to know of this dynamic experience. Therefore, when the opportunity came for me to edit this special issue of the Sabbath Recorder, I sought to have this experience written from the “personal experience” point of view. However, the person contacted was so busy with his own work, which was at that time demanding a great deal of extra time from him, and with his new church responsibilities, that there was just no time left to write the article in the time period allotted. So rather than lose the opportunity, I appealed to the Rev. Leon Lawton, newly arrived pastor of the church, to get the story for me. This interview which he conducted is the result of his efforts. All of us realize that it is not as exciting to read about an event of this nature as it would be to hear one of the individuals speak of it in person. Nevertheless, it can be a blessing to you and your church if you have found a meaninglessness in your church life. Where there is vision and a willingness to earnestly seek the guidance of the heavenly Father and put yourself at His disposal you will not perish” (John 3:16).

The Bible says: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). I hope you will find this exciting and impressive by the change that had taken place, not only in the church apparently, but also in this individual’s life, that I desired that everyone should have a chance to know of this dynamic experience. Therefore, when the opportunity came for me to edit this special issue of the Sabbath Recorder, I sought to have this experience written from the “personal experience” point of view. However, the person contacted was so busy with his own work, which was at that time demanding a great deal of extra time from him, and with his new church responsibilities, that there was just no time left to write the article in the time period allotted. So rather than lose the opportunity, I appealed to the Rev. Leon Lawton, newly arrived pastor of the church, to get the story for me. This interview which he conducted is the result of his efforts. All of us realize that it is not as exciting to read about an event of this nature as it would be to hear one of the individuals speak of it in person. Nevertheless, it can be a blessing to you and your church if you have found a meaninglessness in your church life. Where there is vision and a willingness to earnestly seek the guidance of the heavenly Father and put yourself at His disposal you will not perish” (John 3:16).

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Gary: We’re not really sure how these two letters came to be identified with what we were doing. We had a concern in this church for active participation on the part of many of us in the total program of the church. This led us to group together and discuss many of our concerns about which we felt very strongly. It seemed that the term “greater involvement” was tacked on to this group in this discussion. The discussion groups tended to become concerned with what we were experiencing and what we were not experiencing in our church lives.

Leon: We are gathered in the study at the parsonage in Denver. Here with me are Gary Cox and Dr. Ted Horsley and we are just going to talk informally.

Leon: This is what is done in many churches perhaps in a different way, but what characterized this as distinct from Bible studies in other churches, or workshops to discuss Sabbath School needs, program and stewardship emphasis, and things of this sort?

Gary: I suppose the one thing that would stand out in my mind would be that we didn’t start first with a program which we wanted to put into operation. We started with a concern and began to search for “what we could do about it.” This was a little different approach than to pick a quarterly or a published program and try, through a workshop or similar experience, to put it into effect and make it meaningful. We started from the concern approach. One thing that we did do which seemed to be a big help to all of us was to go back and look biblically in some depth at such things as tithing, to see the first beginnings and the relevancy that this would have to our lives today. And here, in this type of stimulation and presentation, is where I think perhaps Ted made his first real contribution. Perhaps Ted would like to say a few words about how we did that.

Ted: I think that many of the people in the church felt that we here in Denver, and probably on a denominational basis, lacked a real theological understanding of certain phases of the church program and of doctrine. Tithing, which has been accepted by many groups as a rather efficient and logical financial approach, was not understood in any depth as a theological principle. So we approached this from both standpoints — as a very reasonable, practical, sharing way to support the church program and also as God’s method which He has given to His people over the entire history of the Church. Then, it wasn’t just left there, but a definite personal commitment was made on the part of those who were interested in this program. It had very definite effects: going from only two or three people in the church titheing to where now the vast majority of the church is giving a regular tithe and finding a real satisfaction; as well as, of course, the church finances being on a very sound basis.

Leon: In other words, you sensed a need, then you tried to find an answer for that need, and finding the answer you could step out to carry forth in action. Ted: I think that states it. You asked before what the difference in this approach was compared to other church programs. I think one thing was that this was not an official church program at all. This was not arranged and programmed by any officers. This was just a number of members who were concerned at the low intensity of their own religious lives and who got...
together to try to find an answer in an informal way. As an outgrowth of this concern, they actually arrived at a program which the church then adopted for itself. Perhaps the reverse was true or the church promoting it.

Leon: What were some of these basic concerns? You have mentioned some, but what were the questions being asked by these concerned people? Why were they concerned?

Gary: Well, I think that we have covered fairly well the one on stewardship. One that definitely was a problem was why we were, as Ted has said, of such low intensity toward observing our church life that people were slipping away. Young couples that we had within the fellowship of the church were no longer finding it meaningful to come involved, to commit themselves, do something because there was a need. I'm not satisfied with the bath part of this group which became "greater giving," and I am asked to insofar as

"Yes" or the "No" offhand, but be more prone to say "Yes" than 'No,' and try to do something because I realize that there is a need. I'm not satisfied with the Sabbath School. Perhaps they have not really been getting in and doing what could be done, because I have not given this a

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Gary: This is correct. We drew up a list of about five things that we felt we should undertake and we now have a church that we really had gotten anything out of it surely reflected somewhat our attitude toward it. We must not have been making a real contribution ourselves or we would be getting more out of it. This type of question and others like it tended to make us think that some place along the line something was wrong with our church life and, perhaps then, the life of the church in Denver, Colorado. We found ourselves then presenting educational programs regarding such things as stewardship, Christian education, Sabbath observance and things of this nature, which were reported back to the entire group. This group included anyone who wished to attend.

Then the church tended to adopt these recommendations and act on them. We got involved, to commit ourselves to places of leadership and responsibility within the Sabbath School program. As I recall, there was a willingness on the part of this group which believed we had the "greater involvement" to say, "Yes, I will do the thing that I am asked to insofar as I possibility can." Or in other words, "I'm not going to say 'No' offhand, but be more prone to say 'Yes' than 'No,'" and try to do something because I realize that there is a need. I'm not satisfied with the Sabbath School. Perhaps they have not really been getting in and doing what could be done, because I have not given this a value but have felt that this was something that could be taken or left.

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GOD CARES ABOUT OUR PROBLEMS:

Large....

By Mayola Warner

Did you ever ask for something and get more than you expected? I did. About a year and a half ago, I decided to ask God to perform a miracle and heal my growing deafness.

What happened in the next few hours and subsequent days and months was not at all just what I expected, rather a magnified edition of the original request!

On the way home from a particular weekend Christian conference where the healing service had taken place, my husband and I started talking over all that had happened during the past 48 hours. And without any lightning-like sensation or any particular physical feeling, God started the wonderful healing process. Not just as I had envisioned, for it came then and subsequent days and months was not the children on a different level. And without any lightning-like sensation or any particular physical feeling, God started the wonderful healing process. Not just as I had envisioned, for it came then and subsequent days and months was not just as I had envisioned, for it came then and subsequent days and months was not just as I had envisioned, for it came then and subsequent days and months was not...
Hark! the news of a wonderful thing... Would that all could hear this message!... The Word of God is speaking!... Truly God was talking to us just days ago!... I recognized it as the beautiful King James version.

At once I was impressed with the tremendous impact this could have on the lives of all people, especially those with limited time for reading, whose eyes tire easily, and those who keenly desire a personal familiarity with the Scriptures. I knew that I must have a set of these records for my very own. My wife was just as eager as I was, and we have been enjoying them ever since.

Our first complete hearing of the Word took about six weeks, spare time. Then we concentrated on certain parts of interest and obscure passages became clear and were enjoyed. The many lost hours of the day, such as breakfast time, or when washing, when taking baths and evening quiet hours, became productive and more meaningful.

Taping the records with a portable cassette recorder made possible another dimension of hearing pleasure and the influence of the Holy Spirit. We were able to take our favorite selections with us wherever we went. Our first complete hearing of the Word was being played of the Holy Bible, and I recognized it as the beautiful King James version.

If God can create such a magnificent experience on earth, I must have a greater awareness of Him and His Spirit. His wonderful grace, wherever it may lead, will be more than enough!... We have noticed at first for ourselves with or is there something that would bring us together automatically?... We have, however, done one thing as a result of the “greater involvement” thinking. For the first time now in a number of years, we have a meeting on Friday night which has taken the shape of a book study review, a discussion of reading throughout the week. This is probably the most current result of the program.

Leon: Thank you very much for coming over and spending these moments in sharing this information with Myron and me. It is good, personally, to get up-to-date and to review these happenings and to be aware that anything that begins takes constant care if it is going to continue. Life in and of itself does not exist without growth, without enlargement, without sloughing off of tissues that are not needed and the growth of new. So anticipate and be prepared to continue on the part of these and other individuals, a continual openness to each other and to the Lord an awareness that He has led and will lead as we continue to seek and ask the question, “What is it that You want me and us to do at this time?”

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My Altar

I have worshiped in churches and chapels;
I've prayed in the busy street;
I have sought my God and have found Him
Where the waves of His ocean beat;
I have knelt in the silent forest
In the shade of some ancient tree;
But the dearest of all my altars
Was raised at my mother's knee.

—John H. Styles, Jr.