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Ill. S. Congress on EVGngeBfism

An urgent call for eight and a half months of concentrated prayer has been issued in behalf of the United States Congress on Evangelism by its two key men, Evangelist Billy Graham, honorary chairman, and Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoff-
man, chairman of the 52-man National Committee, joined in the call to Amer-
ican churches and Christians to under-
gird the September 8-13 Congress with intercession. It will be held in Minnea-
polis, Minnesota, and will bring together 8,000 delegates representing more than 100 denominations. They will be one-
third lay men and women, one-third parish pastors, one-third evangelists, educators, theological students, execu-
tives, etc.

The Call for Prayer includes these paragraphs:

"The urgency and need for a mighty moving of the Spirit of God in our nation and across the world is impressed upon us in every newscast. Our daily papers compel us to realize that our choice is either Christ or chaos.

"What assistance can be given to the American home? How can the local church be mobilized to reach the commu-

nity for Christ? What is the Scrip-
tural answer to the cultural, social, and moral upheaval of our day? How can the needy individual be convinced that Jesus Christ is the answer? We must have answers in our generation.

"Church leaders from across Amer-

ica are urgently requesting that you pray during these months ahead with an over-
whelming faith that there shall be a spiritual awakening in our time."

——C. E. World

Accessions

WASHINGTON, D. C.

By Baptism:

Douglas Brissey
Pratt J. Chroniger

By Letter:

Rev. Ernest K. Bee, Jr.
Mrs. Ernest K. (Marie) Bee, Jr.
Oliver C. Dickinson
WO 1 Dale D. Thorngate

By Profession of Faith:

Thomas A. Mathis
Mrs. Thomas A. (Mary) Mathis
Jean Mathis
Thomas A. Mathis, Jr.

Marriages

Edward - Dickinson.— Robert Roy Edwards,
of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Edwards, RFD, Bolivar, N. Y., and Loisanna, daughter of
the Rev. and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, Richburg, N. Y., were united in mar-
riage December 22, 1968, in the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church. The bride's
father conducted the service.

Dickinson - Sloter.— Alfred H. Dickinson, son
of the Rev. and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickin-
sen, Richburg, N. Y., and Sherry Cynthia
Sloter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry
Sloter, Fairlawn, N. J., were united in
marriage at Paramus, N. J., January 5,
1969, by Rabbi Kenneth Rivkin of Livings-
ton, N. J.

Births

Froding.— A daughter, Michelle Kim, born
June 6, 1968, to Kent E. and Isabelle
Froding at Babbitt, Nev.

Hughes.— A son, Jason, to Walter and Ruth
Anne (Loofboro) Hughes, Fair

North.— A daughter, Tanny Jean, to Jim and
Karen North of New Auburn, Wis., on

Welch.— A daughter, Amy Katherine, to Lowell
and Patricia (Weidman) Welch, of Clay
ville, N. Y., on Jan. 16, 1969.

On Nov. 13, 1968, seventy Japanese Christian leaders at the Congress on Evan-
gelism expressed grief at the suffering caused by their invading armies in World
War II by laying a wreath at the Singapore monument.
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MEMO

Six days shall work be done: but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no work therein: it is the sabbath of the Lord in all your dwellings. Lev. 23:3.

 tools for use elsewhere. It was a good conversation, concluding with the door left open for the future and a warm friendship established.

It is to be hoped that if and when she becomes disillusioned she will not fall apart but will have something to fall back on, some place to turn for fellowship and a ministry that can be meaningful. She had found something in a cult that transformed her life. How wonderful if she could grow and not become ingrown.

We come back to our subject, the ministry of the laity. Among Seventh Day Baptists there are so many new people as the young mother described, who may be called to go to a ministry that can be meaningful. It is to be hoped that these people will not have the institution of the church, and if ever a ministry of Bible studies we will not have the institution of the church.

"We Must Obey God . . ."

There are a few proof texts resorted to by church leaders to justify acts of civil disobedience or strenuous opposition to the so-called forces of law and order. One of the most frequently used passages is Acts 5:29, "We ought to obey God rather than men." How much ground can this statement of Peter for the rest of the apostles be made to cover? It sounds like a universal principle, but it is possible to try to make it apply to actions that might not be sanctioned by those who had just experienced the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and were manifestly led in their boldness of word and work by the Holy Spirit.

A certain limitation of application might be suggested by the context. The words were spoken to the Jewish council which had commanded them to put

one day and was busy most of the time. It was evident from her smile that she either liked her work or wanted to tell her new acquaintances what was back of the light in her face. She found time to talk to me in the late evening for a total of an hour. She was more about Bible interpretation. It was not just that she was interested in the Bible or had a carload of Scripture. She could hardly be called a fanatic on religion, though I could by no means fall into the groove of her system of thinking. It took a time to learn to communicate even about the persons of the Godhead because of differences of definitions. What impressed me was that she had not been in my room five minutes before she found an opportunity to tell me that she was a new Jehovah's Witness. When there was time for more conversation it was apparent that she hoped to convince me of the message of the Kingdom as understood by Jehovah's Witnesses. She had as much confidence as young David facing Goliath.

I could not think ill of this zealous young lady who had been brought up in the Catholic faith, had married a Methodist minister, and had children of four years and one year. A year ago after home studies she had accepted the Jehovah's Witness system and was baptized. It was new and exciting. To be a minister from house to house and in every contact is apparent the dominant purpose of her life. Her hospital schedule was so arranged that she has weekends free for this work. New rules at the hospital require her to take her turn on weekend duty. Her convictions regarding Kingdom work are stronger than her desire for gainful employment, so she expects to give up the hospital work. It is not a 40-hour week but in her terms all are alike. It is that she wants to witness to and give Bible studies as outlined by the leaders of the movement. She enjoyed her contact with a minister for two reasons. First, she hoped that she was sowing some seed that would bear fruit. I was glad that she had such hope. In the second place, she regarded the discussion as a means of sharpening her mind.

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in prison for preaching and healing in the name of Jesus. Delivered from prison by a miracle, the apostles were told by the angel of the Lord to “Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life” (Acts 2:25). When they were found doing this they were called again before the council and asked why they had disobeyed the order not to speak in this name. It was against this background of a command of the angel of the Lord uttered less than twelve hours earlier that Peter replied, “Men, why is it that you are testing and tempting God? Do you not know that a man who keeps on obeying God always lives?” (Acts 4:19–20).

The men, in this case, were not law officials representing the pagan Roman government, but the religious leaders, the priests, and the highest religious council of that day. The issue was one of religious authority. Supposedly the members of this council thought of that day. The religious leaders, the priests, and the highest religious council of that day. The issue was one of religious authority. Supposedly the members of this council thought that they were the ones to determine the will of God. It was not to teach and heal in the name of Jesus. Peter said in effect, “Your command is the voice of men; the command we must obey is the direct word of the Lord which we heard this morning.”

Now if we had that same kind of certainty we could at least stand up against religious authorities such as did Martin Luther. “Here I stand; I can do no other.” It stands to reason that there could be a somewhat broader application and that it might possibly be extended to rulers of the body of Christ that are out of harmony with the revealed will of God. But how much further can we push the application and still keep in time with the intent of Peter’s bold statement? That is the question.

Certainly we have observed many cases of civil disobedience that are not very clear-cut examples of men led by the Holy Spirit in disobeying the laws designed to guarantee to all domestic peace and order. Publicity seekers, caravan traffic, seizing property, burning down cities are pretty far removed from the motivation of the apostles — the saving of souls and the healing of bodies in the name of Christ.

President's Column

NY-A-C-K

The New York Association for Christ’s Kingdom Needs Unit is certainly not too soon to begin planning for your trip to Nyack, N. Y. for this year’s Conference. I am sure that you will be getting some specific information from the host committee in the near future. I understand that they are hard at work laying plans for an enjoyable time in the East. It is my understanding that all of the new buildings that were to have been completed will not be ready; however, I feel that the facilities will be adequate.

I am happy to report that plans for the program are coming along very well. I have been extremely delighted with the way people have responded with a willingness to do whatever has been requested of them. Many persons have written or talked with me and volunteered their services. Our theme has really been announced as the voice of men (like the Pharisees and Sadducees in the ecclesiastical council of Acts 5) than the voice of God to which the apostles alluded when they said, “We must obey God rather than men.” I would at least be better for leaders of church councils to say, “We believe that this kind of action is or is not within the will of God. Neither the pope of Rome nor councils of men, Protestant or Catholic, can claim anything that approaches infallibility. Let history be the judge. We may be too close to a few trees to see the forest.

Great Personalities of the Old Testament

A very good, scholarly but readable, book to supplement the current Bible reading program Great Personalities of the Old Testament by William Sanford LaSor who holds earned doctor degrees from Dropsie College and the University of Southern California and has taught practically all of the known languages of the Middle East. An archaeologist of some note, he is able to enrich his presentation of 15 Old Testament personalities with the latest discoveries. He succeeds in making these Bible characters live by the wealth of background material he is able to bring to the studies which were originally given to an adult Sunday School class and are therefore in popular form and language.

In some cases the chapter is largely a retelling of the highlights of the life of the individual drawn from the longer biblical narrative. The book came into being in a somewhat unusual way. The editor-in-chief of Fleming H. Revell Co. heard of the studies and requested Dr. LaSor to put them in book form. The book of 190 pages lists at $3.00.

L. M. M.

Our Prayer Center

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

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

“The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1) The churches, attempting to bear one another’s burdens in prayer as they are paired together in the Seventh Day Baptist Prayer Fellowship under the Crusade of the Americas.

2) The churches with various kinds of growth pains connected with their newness, their building programs, etc., for example, Washington, D. C.; Seattle, Wash.; and Denver, Colo.

3) The persistent problems of pastorless churches seeking leadership and those needing more courage to seek for and support pastoral leadership, for example, Brookfield, Farina, Paint Rock, White Cloud, and Los Angeles.

4) More sensitivity on the part of all of us to the spiritual needs of friends and neighbors.

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 voices raised in intercession for the people who most need to be upheld at the throne of grace.
Commissions’s Column

Other Items of Commission Business

At the January session of the Commission, contacts were made with the Women’s Board to assist in relocation of that board by the 1970 Conference.

At the Conference meet at Kearney, Nebraska, last August an appeal was made to contribute toward helping to alleviate the suffering of hundreds of thousands of victims of the Nigerian-Biafran conflict and during the remainder of the calendar year, $607.73 was reported through our OWm treasurer and was forwarded to Church World Service. Since from ten to twelve thousand persons reportedly continue to face starvation each month, the Commission has shared this concern with the Council on Ecumenical Affairs empowering it to take any action as it feels led of the Lord to take, including the making of another special appeal during the early part of 1969. Coincidentally, a communication has been received from the National Baptist Fellowship urging Seventh Day Baptists to join other Baptist communions in sending further monies in this time of dire need through the Baptist World Alliance Relief Fund. It is anticipated that some announcement will soon be made by the Council on Ecumenical Affairs of which the North American Baptist Fellowship of which, hopefully will stimulate our Society in its current constitution revision.

The relationship of Seventh Day Baptists to other Christian groups required extended deliberation on the part of the Commission. A request from a local church for a “new objective study of our relation to the Council of Churches” was given extended consideration. It is being reported to this church and hereby to our larger fellowship of churches that the Commission is appreciative of such local church studies and of requests for further analytical study of our relationship to such bodies. Further, they report that the Baptist Joint Committee on Ecumenical Affairs is taking steps to appraise our meaningful continued relationship with the Baptist Joint Committee, the North American Baptist Fellowship, the Baptist World Alliance, the National Council of Churches, and the World Council of Churches. The Commission will, of course, receive and deliberate on the Council’s report, although it is announced that the chief impact of their reappraisal will not begin until the fall of 1969.

Our present OWm budget includes an allocation of $50 per year to the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel and a more meaningful relationship to that Commission. For being explored. Since from time to time there are those ministers who would like to offer service as chaplains in the Armed Forces and since they can be accepted only as vacancies exist as allotted proportionately to the various Christian communions, steps are being explored looking to the possibility of our negotiating through some other Baptist Convention.

General Secretary

Familiar to us are the words of Paul found in II Corinthians 3:13, 14: “I do not consider myself to have arrived spiritually, nor do I consider myself already perfect. But I keep going on, grasping ever more firmly that purpose for which Christ grasped me. My brothers, I do not consider myself to have fully grasped whatever lies ahead of me, but I do concentrate on this: I learn day by day and with outstretched to whatever lies ahead I go straight for the goal—my reward of the honor of my high calling by God in Christ Jesus” (Phillips).

This would seem to be a commendable position for a church to take as it considers doing annual planning. No matter how much its members may have accomplished during any passing year, they realize in moments of reflection that they have not “arrived.” There is ever more to be accomplished. Through taking of annual inventory, through doing annual planning, and through proper interpretation of church work in the Lord’s business, one discovers that a sense of duty comes to be supplanted by a sense of privilege, obligation by opportunity, and drudgery by enjoyment.

In looking to the new church program year, the hardest working members involved in “a dozen meetings a month” may be inspired to press on with hands outstretched, especially when they realize with the Apostle Paul that “we are citizens of Heaven; our outlook goes beyond this world to the hopeful expectation of the savior who will come from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

It is heartening to note that an increasing number of churches report having more firmly that purpose for which such churches are the ensuing months of fulfillment or frustration, depending on what is being done with the long list of projects and ideas, goals and objectives which have come to be supplanted by the sense of privilege, obligation by opportunity, and drudgery by enjoyment.

To assist churches we would advocate further use of (1) a coordinating committee including representatives from the various working committees, (2) additional year III Program Planning Packets, (3) project planning 12-month calendar, (4) two columns of analysis, studies, and budgeting, and (5) a 10-day church conference service by a visiting denominational leader. All of these materials, samples, and services are available through the office of General Conference.

Alton L. Wheeler

Dry Bones Can Live Again

A book review

Under the above title Robert E. Coleman, professor of evangelism at Asbury Theological Seminary has come out with a fresh and valuable 150-page study manual on revival in the local church. Published by Revell (copyright 1969) this paperback is a good sequel to the author's The Master Plan of Evangelism, which is being studied around the world in thirty languages and has been widely used in Seventh Day Baptist churches. Concerning a type to be expected, Mr. Coleman does not discuss revival meetings until almost the last chapter. When he does come to that type of revival he sets forth the requirements, preparations, and follow-up in a most thorough manner. Other lessons (chapters) discuss 1) The Blessing of Revival; 2) Conditions for Revival; 3) Pattern of Revival in the Bible; 4) A Strategy of Revival for Our Day; 5) Revival and the Mission of the Church. Finally Continuing the Revival Spirit. Suited to private or group study each chapter ends with study assignments for personal study and group discussion. The book is rich with paragraph footnotes which are most valuable. It is a gripping, challenging how-to-do-it book for both clergy and laymen. Committees would do well to read and promote. The review copy does not have a price, but it is doubtless put out in paperback form so that it can be widely distributed. I can only expect to have one chapter, other chapters—much less all of them together—will go far toward bringing about a revival in the local church.

L. M. M.
**Presidents and Religion**

By Frank A. Sharp

Something happens to a man when he becomes President of the United States—he turns to religion.

President Eisenhower, who had been in a military service for most of his life, was not known for his religious dedication before he became President. In fact, he had no known active church affiliation until after the responsibilities of office were placed upon his shoulders. But prayer breakfasts and regular church attendance became a part of his schedule after becoming President.

President Kennedy may be an exception to the present thesis because he had been a regular attendant of the Roman Catholic Church prior to, as well as during, his White House service.

President Johnson, a member of a Disciples church in Texas, was often found in church on Sunday mornings, sometimes in several churches on the same day. Occasionally, he would attend the Episcopal service with Mrs. Johnson, who belonged to the Messiah or Roman Catholic church, the faith of one of his daughters. Billy Graham was often a guest at the White House and a constant presence in the religious side of affairs until after the responsibilities of office were placed upon his shoulders.

In the rough and tumble of President Nixon's political career the religious side of his nature has not been overly prominent. Yet, religious emphasis in the inauguration festivities reached a new, high, if not all-time, high.

Inauguration day started with an ecumenical prayer service in the State Department Auditorium with an attendance of 800 persons. This was the first public religious observance since the inauguration of George Washington, who attended the First Presbyterian Church of New York City.

Participating in the prayer service were Bishop Stephen G. Spottwood of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church; Rabbi Jacob Rudin, president of the Synagogue Council of America; Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, pastor of New York's Marble Collegiate Church, where the Nixons often attend; Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, Roman Catholic Arch-

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**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

**MISSIONS—Everett T. Harris**

**Greetings from Blantyre, Malawi**

Christmas greetings were received from the Rev. O. B. Manan, pastor of the Blantyre Seventh Day Baptist Church, to the Seventh Day Baptist brethren of active, growing Seventh Day Baptist Church at Blantyre, Malawi.

Pastor Manan writes that Mrs. Manan, who stands beside him in the picture, is beginning her second year of teacher training at St. John Bosco Teacher Training College in the northern region of Malawi. Her address is St. John Bosco Teacher Training College, P. O. Box 6, Chimgaga, Zimba, Malawi, Africa. It is greatly to Mrs. Manan's credit that a mother of four children in Africa today will set out to prepare herself as a teacher. Pastor Manan has written under date of January 17, 1969, "My wife has gone back to school for her second and final year of teacher training. It is their hope and plan that when she has secured a teaching position that she can assist him further his training."

The third person from left with hand raised is Pastor Lamech M. Vumah of Salisbury, Rhodesia, who was ordained to the Christian ministry at Makapwa Station, Malawi, on May 5, 1968. The picture was taken several years before to Makapwa, coming first in January 1968 to learn more about the Sabbathkeeping Christians in Malawi. Pastor Vumah took a two-weeks refresher course at Makapwa along with 22 other Seventh Day Baptist pastors, May 14-27, 1968, before returning to his homeland, where he is undertaking to establish a Seventh Day Baptist Mission of Rhodesia. He is being sponsored in this work by the Central Africa Conference of Seventh Day Baptists in Malawi.

Preacher G. P. Nantikwa (to the right of Pastor Vumah) was a convert to the seventh day Sabbath at Blantyre and presently is serving as an elder and preacher in the Blantyre Seventh Day Baptist Church, associated with Rev. O. B. Manan.

**Rene Mauch Assisting in Guyana**

After several months of advance planning the Rev. Rene Mauch is again assisting in mission work in Guyana, South America. He was expecting to arrive at Georgetown, Guyana, Wednesday afternoon, February 12. Plans to stop off at Kingston, Jamaica, to visit Seventh
Correction Please

Dr. Victor Burdick has written concerning the authors of certain articles that have appeared in recent issues of the Sabbath Recorder. His suggestion for correcting the matter is refreshingly amusing.

Burdick wrote on January 22, 1969, "I am afraid that we have assumed you could recognize the authors but I note who wrote them. Beth (Mrs. Burdick) wrote the article on medical supplies and food we have received from Church World Service but it was credited to me. Bettie (Mrs. David Pearson) wrote the article on Women's Classes in Blantyre but this was credited to Beth. Perhaps the next article I write can be credited to Bettie and thus complete the circle! Anyway, we will try to make sure to sign articles in the future.

When we think of the tragic cases Dr. Burdick must treat on occasion and the difficulties under which he works, we thank God that he has kept his sense of humor.

Hemisphere Bible Conference

At Oaxtepec, Mexico, the first hemispheric conference of Bible Society leaders was held recently. It pointed up the need for increased literacy education throughout the Americas.

The Regional Conference of the Americas was convened by the United Bible Societies, the World Alliance for Sunday Schools, and Bible Society executives, among them two Roman Catholic observers, came to Oaxtepec from 25 countries in North, Central and South America.

The Americas conference issued a "message to the Christian Churches and Bible societies in North and South America calling for cooperation between societies and the churches in the common task of "placing the Word of God within the reach of every creature."

Further: "We are moved by the vision of seeing in the near future a faithful text of the Bible accepted and distributed by all the Christian churches of the continent which will permit them to share the Bible with millions of people who are living and dying today without a knowledge of God's Word."

About 35 million persons served in U. S. Armed Forces during nation's wars. Nearly one million gave their lives and additional millions were wounded.

Christian Education—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Program to Alleviate Hunger

A new approach to the problem of alleviating hunger in America was launched recently by the National Council of Churches when its Committee on Hunger met for the first time to plan a course of action.

The committee, under the chairmanship of the Rev. Jan McCrae (director for Human Rights of the Christian Church, Indianapolis) adopted a program aimed at informing churches of the essentials of hunger in America, promoting legislation related to hunger relief, collecting money and food for immediate short-term needs, and developing action groups around food distribution.

The committee hopes to support legislation for the relief of domestic hunger on the national, state, and local levels through the NCC's office in Washington, D.C., and through state and local councils of churches. These latter groups, along with national executive bodies, will also be asked to initiate education-through-action programs.

The committee noted that existing federal programs aimed to help needy people are in many cases not being fully implemented by state and local administrators. It plans to ask for full use of programs already available with the help of area churches.

The churchmen agreed to work with organizations such as welfare rights groups but their primary aim is the securing of food for the hungry. Several demonstration projects designed to support and strengthen self-development among poor people are planned by the group.

In discussing the plan to collect money and food for short-term relief, the committee agreed that this effort should not hamper or be substituted for the action program in legislation, education, and self-development, which is its primary aim.

An exhaustive study of hunger in America, what actions are being taken by Congress, and what actions are possible by the churches was made by the NCC's Department of Research under its director, William H. Jacobs. The document will become a basis for action for both the NCC's Division of Christian Life and Mission and Division of Overseas Ministries, whose relief arm—Church World Service—is planning involvement in the war on hunger at home.

Participation Covenants

As a part of the "Facing Frontiers with Faith" program for the current fiscal year, several of our Sabbath Schools have entered into a covenant relationship with the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education to put forth special effort to increase the attendance in our Sabbath Schools.

Contests were suggested and recognition will be given at General Conference for the Sabbath School that has the greatest percentage of increase in membership and attendance.

As soon as the contests are over, the participants are urged to send reports of the results to the Board of Christian Education so that proper recognition may be given.

The Gold, Silver, and Bronze Cross certificates for teaching achievement are also a part of the annual program, and we expect awards to many of these at General Conference.

Know Your Boards

One church tells us that the use of the filmstrips prepared by the Seventh Day Baptist Boards to tell of their work has quickened the interest in denominational activity. These may be secured by writing the secretary of the Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061. The Board of Christian Education has a copy of its filmstrip, "Know Your Board of Christian Education," which is for loan as it is available.

Sabbath School Lesson

for March 8, 1969

THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP

Lesson Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

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Another New Language For Our Literature

When the American Bible Society adds a new language to the 1,100 or more in which some part of the Bible is printed this is news for the world which makes Christians rejoice. By the same token it is cause for rejoicing when the American Sabbath Tract Society announces that it has authorized the printing of the pamphlet “Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs” in the Telugu language. This also is news that is of great import to the friends of this cause as well as to the people in the almost inaccessible forest and mountain villages in southeastern India near Nellore. There are reportedly 52 churches of like faith and the prospect of more under the leadership of the Rev. B. John V. Rao.

In recent years the Tract Society has financed the printing of two fairly large pieces of church growth literature in the Lushai language spoken in the Chin Hills district of Burma. This work was done under the supervision of L. Sawi Thanga who resides in Rangoon. Some of this literature is destined to reach Assam in the northeast corner of India where the Lushai language is also taught in schools. It turns out to be the area from which Mr. Thanga came originally. He learned of the simplified form of English in his home district by way of Plainfield, N. J. The world does get smaller, even though it is not permitted for people in Burma to visit people of like faith in Assam.

Gospel Report from Nellore
Rev. B. John V. Rao who goes out from Nellore, India, to the mountain and forest areas to evangelize and to establish Seventh Day Baptist churches gives the names of 52 villages where he has established churches in recent years. He has previously sent snapshots of many of these groups. A letter dated February 5 says that he had received the $100 check from the American Sabbath Tract Society for his work in the Nellore district of Burma.

Church-Sponsored Scouting

(Material gleaned from a report by Hiram W. Barber, III)

For years the Pawtucket Seventh Day Baptist Church at Westerly, R. I., has sponsored Troop 17, and the charter has been renewed as of February 1. The meetings of this Boy Scout troop are normally held in one of the church rooms made available for that purpose. During much of the time the scoutmaster has been a member of the church.

The troop started its 1968 charter year with eighteen boys, three leaders and seven committee-men. There are now 27 boys, six leaders, and nine committee-men. The many activities of the year and a strong program of recruiting carried on by the boys at school on designated occasions promoted the growth and the advancement of the boys in scouting rank.

Scouting sometimes is rugged training in survival, reports Mr. Barber. It is traditional to spend part of Christmas vacation at Lewis Camp (which is unheated). The boys last year got along well with that and with a camp out in February, but they were forced to come on a night when the temperature fell to two degrees below zero. None of the boys had to be sent to sick bay; they apparently knew how to live out the motto, “Be Prepared.”

One of the projects of last summer fund raising paper drive will be held in early March. A parents' night, the monthly activities, and, oh yes, the long range planning for the summer outing in the Blue Ridge mountains of Virginia. And on it goes. But we think it's worth it.“

Don’t Shorten the Rope

Consider the car in the ditch. All agreed to help and the Scout typicallly brought his chain hoist to get their ropes. Many decided not to risk their whole rope and cut off part to leave at home. When they all gathered into the truck there had been divided. The Scout had ropes long enough to reach, and these ropes were not enough to do the job. Do you cut your money when it can be given to a cause for which you believe? —Rev. B. John V. Rao, Seventh Day Baptist Our World Mission?
Deacon Alfred L. Blix

A full story of the life of Deacon Blix is not available. A famous Christian was once asked about his birth and early life. He responded that he did not know when he was born but he did know the year he went to Rome, for that was a turning point in his life. Alfred Blix was a comparative newcomer to the ranks of Seventh Day Baptists. Clifford A. Beebe, who has been more closely connected with the whole life of the Putnam County Seventh Day Baptist Church than anyone else, has gathered up a little more information in the brief obituary notice on the back page.

He writes: "Alfred L. Blix came to Florida a number of years ago from Illinois. He was of Norwegian parentage, but was born, I believe, in this country. Brought up in the Lutheran faith, he became convinced of the Sabbath, and was an independent Sabbathkeeper for many years. Learning of the Putnam County church in 1952, he became a regular attendant, and united with it in (I believe) 1960. In March 1961 he and Aaron Price were ordained deacons, with delegates present from Daytona Beach and Washington churches. At a number of times when the church was pastorless, he served as supply pastor. He was married, quite late in life, to Miss Montana Nail, who survives him; also twin daughters, who must be about twelve years old.

Let's Think It Over

No Blessedness

The first of the beatitudes of Matthew 5 speaks of the blessedness of the poor in spirit. Jesus never pronounced a beatitude on another kind of poor who are now very numerous — the poor in moral stability. A whole generation of adults crying out against the excesses of the children falls into this class. There is no blessedness in the moral instability that has begotten juvenile delinquency.

Alcohol Bigger Problem Than Drugs

Three of Boston's leading professional workers with youth give this advice: Keep your eye on the bottle. What they are stressing is that, despite the great attention now being given on the drug problem, alcohol is by far the biggest threat to youthful health, success, and ability to stay out of the law's clutches.

These men — an associate director of physical education and health in the Boston public schools, the Police Department's commanding officer of the Juvenile Aid Bureau, and a Boston Juvenile Court judge — returned again and again to the fact that teen-age drinking was and would remain the big problem unless something was done. In fact, the police official voiced the opinion that "drinking leads to 50 per cent of the trouble teen-agers get in."

It would be a mistake to overlook or downplay the damage done by drugs. This is clearly a problem toward which the most vigorous community thought must be turned. But it would clearly be a tragic blunder to let the attention being given drugs divert attention from the greater threat of alcohol. And communities must be doubly vigilant not to let those interested in the sale of alcohol seek to do divert attention.

—Christian Science Monitor

No Miracle Mush

James MacCracken, executive director of Church World Service asks, "How long can mankind expect fifteen percent of the world population to produce and consume 85 percent of the food and goods? This is the area where science, government and management must concentrate in creative and daring approaches to new and better ways of producing and distributing the world's food, in order to produce a million miracles of hunger relief in the new millennium.

—Christian Science Monitor

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON, WIS. — The church held its annual business meeting Sunday, Jan. 12, following a noon dinner in charge of the Social Committee.

Reports were received from the pastor, church officers, committees and auxiliary organizations. The report of the clerk showed the membership as of Jan. 1, 1969 to be 412.

Truman Lippincott was reelected as president of the church. Other officers elected were Nancy Abelmann, clerk; Ivan FitzRandolph, treasurer; to new terms on the Board of Trustees: Walden Lippincott and Don Sanford (other trustees currently serving are Roger Burdick, J. Leland Skaggs, Dale Green, Stanley Fox, Mrs. Alberta Hulitt and Mrs. D. Donald Smith). The choir includes: Gertrude Williams; chorister, Herbert Crouch; organist, Elizabeth Daland; Sab-

bath School superintendent, Jim Skaggs.

The church voted to relicense to the ministry for one year Dale Rood, Alan Crouch and Justin Camenga. Dale and Alan are both students at Crozer Theological Seminary at Chester, Pa.

The Meal of Sharing Committee received $1,040.80 received at ten Meals of Sharing during the year with the proceeds going to K. S. Howard, One Great Hour of Sharing, Crandall High School in Jamaica, Rev. Wayne Babcock, the Summer Christian Service Corps, A Brother's Brother, Our World Mission, Self-Help Ghetto Project, Emer­gency Appeal for Vietnam and Save the Children Federation.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Churches met in our church the weekend of January 18.

Dean Victor Skaggs, Seventh Day Baptist Center for Ministerial Education, Plainfield, N. J., was the Sabbath morning speaker. During the afternoon business session Roger Dangerfield, Wal­worth, was reelected president. Miss Kay Saunders, Albin, was named secretary-treasurer; and Ann Williams, Milton, was appointed youth representative on the executive committee.

The Rev. Earl Cruzan was reelected representative to the Wisconsin Council of Churches.

They again voted to offer financial assistance to young people planning to attend the General Conference and Pre­Con next August.

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SECOND HOPKINTON, R. I. — The two Bible clubs organized by Connie Crouch last fall are continuing with Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Wright teaching crafts and Pastor Clifford Bond presenting Bible stories to the group of younger children. Pastor Bond and Donna Joubert are in charge of the older group. We were grateful to have Connie with us for a second time and her visiting in the village has meant several new children to Sabbath School.

We had an unusually fine Christmas program with about fifty attending the
evening service to hear the "sermonettes" of the children who had been coached by Mrs. Greene and Mrs. Wright. A Christmas story filmstrip was presented by Pastor Bond. One of the visiting men read the text from a Braille Bible. The children also decorated gift boxes which were filled by the church women and later distributed to church and village shut-ins.

President and Mrs. Leland Bond inspired us with their messages in October. We also were helped by Pastor Paul Osborn's visit in January; he sparked a lively discussion in Sabbath School, and our pastor reports that he is an enthusiastic supporter of greater home missionary effort! We are so thankful for "Pastor Cliff" and Carol's tireless efforts in our church programs and in ministering to the community.

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**Births**

Sholtz.— A daughter, Pamela Jayne, Jan. 21, 1969, at Rome, N. Y., to Gerald A. and Edelgard (Downey) Sholtz, Verona, N. Y.

**Obituaries**

BLIX.— Alfred L., 81, of Palatka, Putnam County, Fla., died at a local hospital, January 7, 1969, after a brief illness.

Mr. Blix was the deacon of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of God of Putnam County. He had been a resident of the county for 40 years and was a retired painter.

Surviving are his widow, Montana; two daughters, Louise and Lenora Blix of Palatka; five sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held January 10 at the Masters Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Marvin O. Boone officiating. Interment was in the Peniel Cemetery.

---Mrs. Aaron Price, and the Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph

LOW.— Sarah L., daughter of Marsden and Abigail Campbell Williams, was born April 29, 1882, at Syracuse, N. Y., and died Feb. 4, 1969, at Oneida City Hospital, Oneida, N. Y., following a brief illness.

On Dec. 31, 1921, she was married to John A. Low, who died Sept. 30, 1947.

Sadie, as she was known by her family and friends, was a member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church. In addition she was active in the circle of the Oneida Baptist Church during her later years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Paul (Carol) Collins, Oneida, N. Y., and one granddaughter, Mrs. Donald (Brenda) Sanford, also of Oneida.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Donald E. Richards, assisted by the Rev. Robert Washer, pastor of the Oneida Baptist Church. Interment was in the Oneida Castle Cemetery.

---D. E. R.