Stalwart Trees or Tumbleweeds

A giant tumbleweed, according to its nature, breaks loose from its roots and rolls whichever way the wind blows. It dwarfs the Mexican-American boys who at the moment are footloose and fancy-free, playing in a grove of stalwart, deep-rooted eucalyptus trees that have reached down for water in a thirsty land and have withstood the hot winds of Southern California. What of the zestful boys? Which will they be, trees or tumbleweeds? The choice is theirs, but that choice is influenced by the love or lack of love displayed by the Christian church made up of such members as you and I. As we meditate on Youth Day let us resolve to help the young folks of our neighborhood to become well-rooted in the faith, not "blown about by every wind of doctrine."
Helping the Aged Poor

The President and Congress are working on a new national program to help the poor. The aged poor are in a class by themselves and need some special consideration. Many of them were not poor until they got beyond the years of earning. Some thought that they had prepared for their old age, only to find that the rising cost of living had put a tight squeezee on their budgets.

Senator Williams of New Jersey, chair-man of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, says that of the 20,000,000 Americans now 65 or older there are more than 6,000,000 who are "too poor to buy enough food." He notes that food is the most flexible of living costs and that when there is not enough money to go around the old people have to cut down on their food purchases. One of the major reasons for poor nutrition among the aged is loneliness, the senator said.

The major relief for these millions of undernourished old people must come from some kind of acceptable government program. A billion dollar program to honor their fathers and their mothers. If, however, loneliness is a major cause for not eating well there may be much that churches can do about it. The church is everywhere; the church specializes in love; the church can take away the loneliness of a vast group of people.

We are reminded of Peter and John who met a poor man at the temple's gate and said, "Silver and gold I have not; but what I have I give thee in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth for thy help, arise, Peter." We can give a helping hand by some small sacrifice of our resources. "Give, and it shall be given unto thee" (Acts 3:6). We can give of the very little we have, in the name of Jesus Christ, to those who are lonely and the world needs it.

President Nixon has signed into law the new act extending the Old Age Assistance Act of 1965, which strengthens and extends the state programs for the aged and strengthens the state agencies on aging. The act states that grants may be made to private, nonprofit agencies and organizations to develop and operate training programs and volunteer service projects to use the time and talents of elderly persons.

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management? Did you vote for lower taxes and for greater benefits from the government? What made you vote the way you did? Was it your immediate self-interest or the long-range good of all? Did you vote as a Christian or on the basis of self-interest? If, upon reflection, you come up with an unacceptable answer you need to do a little praying for forgiveness and a change of heart. Jesus Christ did not make distinction between the Christian and the Gentile when He reminded His disciples, "After all these things do the Gentiles seek."

God is Listening

A few years ago there were some people who said, "God is dead." They got the ear of many people for a while, but that noise has quieted down and nobody seems to be listening any more.

There is one thing we know about God from the Bible and from our own experience: God is listening. Talk about "the big ear," a special microphone invented by man by which he can pick up the undertone conversation of two people on the back row of an auditorium or penetrate the walls to invade the privacy of your bedroom; that's nothing compared with the ear of God which picks up the thoughts and intents of the heart.

We sometimes laugh out loud at the things we hear that were meant to be funny. It is said in the Scripture that God laughs at some things that were not meant to be funny. For the most part, God doesn't laugh out loud or silently at the foolish things He hears, ridiculous as they must sound in His ears. Not only does He listen, but He holds in His ear for a moment, as in our human experience: God is listening. Talk about "the big ear." But it is not enough to hear; we must understand. God is listening and He is waiting for His children to talk to Him.

What are the other sensations of life attributes of God? Is He angry? We can feel things never felt before. Man can hold in his hand an infrared detector which will read the changes of temperature of the interior of a butter-flies' wings. There is more feeling in the finger of God than this. He detects any coldness in our hearts and any hidden signs of warmth.

"Now thank we all our God" that He hears, sees, touches, and feels. His ear is not heavy; His feeling is ever tender; His touch is ever gentle; there is healing in His touch. He calls. Let us answer.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

President's Column

Called Apart-To Be a Part

As Distinctive Individuals

A person has to be a Christian to be a part of the church. And to be a Christian is to be different. How different do we have to be to be a Christian? A Christian has to be just as different as his understanding of the teachings of God is different from the living of the average man. Never can a person once he has made a commitment to Christ and identified himself with God, look at himself and say, "I am the same as the average man." There is no such thing. It is a question of what others do. It becomes a question of "Do I do the best I know? Am I constantly seeking for greater understanding?"

Paul says to those at Rome, "With eyes wide open to the mercies of God I beg you, my brothers, as an act of intelligent worship, to give him your bodies, as a living sacrifice, consecrated and presented by the will of God to be a holy temple for the habitation of the Spirit of God. Let us offer ourselves to God in this way, living in newness of life, as servants of a living God."

The church property is challenged. It is being used as a living sacrifice, consecrated and presented by the will of God to be a holy temple for the habitation of the Spirit of God. It is this difference which acts as a leaven, buoying up the inert deadness of man's selflessness.

The church must constantly be on the move. It cannot stagnate. Action on the part of the individual and interaction one with another must move out. Not yet have men learned to live as God has shown them, nor to know the fullness of the God who lives in His demands and moves toward the goal of true maturity" (Philips). The Christian makes up the church and the Christian is different. How different? The church is different. It is different in a constructive sense. It is this difference which acts as a leaven, buoying up the inert deadness of man's selflessness.

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Note: There will be other articles by the same writer in the next few issues.

Tax Policy Statement Adopted

Taxation involving churches has come to the forefront of recency, especially since general tax reform measures are being proposed on local, state, and federal levels. Areas of claim or challenge involving the church include taxation or claim of tax exemption of church properties, church membership, church business incomes, and ordained persons.

When the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs convened October 6-8 in Washington, D. C., its members devoted extended time to consideration of church claims for tax exemption of church property. Research, debate, and appraisal led to the adoption of a policy statement regarding church claims for tax exemption of church property based either on (1) religious liberty or (2) equality and equity (equality referring to sameness, i.e., the church being given the same consideration granted to other non-profit organizations rendering similar service; and equity denoting fairness or substantial justice).

While the policy statement was placed in the hands of the BICPA staff to be used at its discretion, the committee did so with the foreknowledge that the staff is considering preparing an amicus curiae brief in the case currently before the court, and the committee has submitted the U. S. Supreme Court in a current case on the taxation of church property.

The Supreme Court will soon hear arguments on the case (Frederick Walz vs. The Tax Commission of the City of New York) in which tax exemption for church property is challenged.

Although the Baptist Joint Committee has representation from eight Baptist Conferences and Conventions including the Southwestern Baptist Convention, that in adopting such a policy statement it speaks only for itself. The document is therefore being referred to the member organizations for study and response.

Copies of the paper entitled "A Statement of Policy of the Taxation of Church Property" are being distributed to the executive committee, pastored churches, and other leaders.
Other persons may secure copies by writing to Christian Social Action Publications, c/o the Orthodox Christian General Conference, 510 Watchung Avenue, Box 868, Plainfield, N. J. 07061.

Alton L. Wheeler, BJC committee member

Debated Tax Exemptions
In the judgment of the Baptist Joint Committee some historically practiced church tax exemptions now being challenged are hard to justify on the basis of religious liberty; hence, some of them might be considered on the basis of equality and equity.

Among these the committee listed:
1. Engaging in business projects un-related to religious concerns, with income
   and property tax exemptions, in competition with private enterprise;
2. Ownership of real property which produces income but which is not taxed
   for local governmental services;
3. Claiming of tax exemption for property, which is used for personal residence;
4. Long-term holding of real property on a tax exemption basis for capital gains.

Regarding community services to churches for which they do not pay taxes, the committee asserted that "where the value of services rendered by government to a property is ascertainable, churches should make payment for those services."

—ALW

A Few Recorders Left Over
Regular subscribers have now received their indices of the November special issue. Pre-publication bulk orders are on the way. Perhaps many individuals and churches now wish they had ordered extra for evangelistic outreach work. There may be a few hundred copies available on a first-come-first served basis at $8.50 a hundred, or ten for a dollar.

The Distribution Committee also has a small reserve for fair booth distribution on a matching fund basis.

NCC General Assembly Coming
An estimated 3,000 Protestant, Anglican, and Orthodox church leaders from all over the United States and some from abroad will meet in Detroit's Cobo Hall Nov. 30 - Dec. 4. The occasion will be the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches.

The General Assembly — basic governing body of the Council — is composed of 794 men and women who are the official representatives of the 33 member communions. The representatives are elected by their respective communions and are responsible to them.

The theme of the 1969 assembly is "Therefore Choose Life" based upon Deut. 30:19-20, "If all heaven and earth witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days.

The theme will dominate the various plenaries of the assembly, worship services and discussions in smaller working groups.

A total of eight and one-half hours during sessions will be set aside for the official representatives of member communions to discuss "Goals for Mission in the Seventies," a process by which the NCC, the member communions and the Canadian Council of Churches, will seek to establish common goals.

Among the objectives of the forthcoming General Assembly are a reexamination of the present state of the churches and of the world; a review and evaluation of the basic purposes of the National Council of Churches; and the adoption of goals that will serve as guide and focus for cooperative programs in the 1970's. Assembly participants fall into seven categories: voting representatives, alternate voting representatives, fraternal delegates and consultants who may speak from the floor but have no vote, as well as observers, and accredited and general visitors.

Bibles for Mexico
(Report Project)
By Marion C. Van Horn
A visit to the Sabbathkeeping people and churches in Mexico had been in the hopes of the Van Horns of Daytona for over a year. Along with their developing hopes and plans was the idea of Bibles for those churches supplied by contributions to the Seventh Day Baptist friends in the U. S. A. Two considerations delayed the appeal to the people for their gifts: communication and the uncertainty that the visit would finally be possible and after that was no longer uncertain, the project must be cleared with the Stewardship Committee of the Commission.

This clearance was announced in the June issue of "OWM Mission Notes" and in the Sabbath Recorder. This was not soon enough for gifts to be received, and an order of Scriptures secured in time for the start of the trip. So, when less than $25 had been received, the order was sent to the Mexican Bible Society for $104.58. The Scriptures arrived barely in time for the start of the trip. Included were Bibles, Testaments, Gospels, brief portions and concordances, about 200 pounds of them.

Our faith in the Christian spirit of our people to share in such a worthy project was well-rewarded. When we arrived home after Conference, a total giving for the project of $206.72 awaited us. Not long after a draft on the Bank of New York for $103 was sent to Brother Camacho, suggesting only that, according to his best judgment it be used for Scriptures, or concordances, or needs he may have in his training work among the pastors.

The Scriptures we took were distributed among the pastors, to be used so much by the people themselves, as to be used in evangelistic outreach work. Most all of the people have their own Bibles which they carry with them to church always and use them in every service. During my sermons a number of times I would ask Brother Camacho to read a passage to the people in support of my thoughts. Every time he would announce the reference to the people and the entire congregation would stand and read the passage in unison.

The Bibles and portions we took to the churches were greatly appreciated, as the people of the churches have very little resource with which to purchase such materials for evangelistic purposes. Their gratitude was shown to us in unusually expressive ways. They also wished to relay the assurance that God would grant His blessing to the U.S.A. friends because the Mexican friends would pray.

Nos alegramos en Dios por medio de nuestro Senor Jesucristo, pues por Cristo hemos llegado a tener paz con Dios (Romans 5:11).

Our Prayer Corner Suggestions for Prayer This Week
Pray for:
1) Our Conference president, the Rev. Edgar Wheeler, as he journeys to the Midwest and South to hold meetings during the month of November.
2) The Ashaway church as the members seek to nurture those who started a new life under the ministry of Evangelist Mynor Soper.
3) The churches of like faith in Mexico that their love and zeal may continue to bear fruit.
4) The ministry of our youth as their witness extends to other youth and adults through the distribution of the November special issue.

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November 10, 1969
The executive vice-president presented the report as presented by Loren G. Osborn, president, in behalf of the Executive Committee was approved. The following three members of the executive committee were appointed as a committee to recruit an executive vice-president for the Missionary Society: Paul Johnson, chairman, Karl G. Stillman, and Kenneth Davis.

Following prayer by the Rev. Harold R. Crandall, the meeting was adjourned to meet again on the fourth Sunday of January, 1970 (January 25).

On Being a Missionary

Missions Emphasis Week was observed recently at one of the largest theological seminaries in the United States at Louisville, Ky. One of the speakers, R. Keith Parks, area secretary for Southeast Asia with the Southern Baptist Foreign Missions Board, made some thoughtful and challenging observations about what it means to be a missionary. He affirmed that missionaries should be looked upon as ministers who are serving in other countries.

It is just as simple as that. If one is called to serve God as a minister and has trained for that work the call to be a foreign missionary does not differ except as to the location of the work.

"Actually, I'm convinced that (the title of) those who have the peculiar identity as a foreign missionary doesn't mean a thing except that they are continuing the ministry they had here in another setting," Parks said.

Parks said that the Foreign Mission Board is committed to some basic concepts which help the missionary to see his role as like a minister who happens to be working in a different culture.

"One of the concepts is that when God got ready to communicate with this world, he did not find it possible to do so by remote control," he said.

"He didn't broadcast from Mt. Sinai or send an emissary from Rome, but rather God wrapped around Himself humanity and walked among men, speaking their language, eating their bread, and in the modes of the contemporaries of Nazareth and Judea," Parks said.

"We believe that if we are to communicate with the world in which we live, like Jesus did, the same identity and the same kind of involvement," he said.

Parks added that some people want to be involved with high spiritual moments with God, but they don't want all the trials, frustrations, and troubles of mission involvement.

"We'd like to be involved if it can be done quickly, painlessly, spectacularly with God, but this kind of involvement passes like the lightning that passes across the sky, and doesn't illuminate the hearts of men long enough for them to read the truth of God."

Sabbaths in Chicago

The Chicago area fellowship will meet at 2 p.m. on November 22 and December 20 at 5213 W. Potomac. For further information call Dr. A. L. Burdick 637-1700.
Strange as it may seem, two quarterly meetings of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society have been held within six weeks. The explanation is simple. The regular quarterly meeting was held September 21 in connection with the annual meeting of the society as usual. Operations were resumed. But in order to conduct operations on a calendar-year basis it was necessary to change the quarterly meetings to January, April, July and October. Rather than go without a meeting from September to January the board started the new schedule with a full meeting on October 26. One reason was to get a full report and comparative figures from the treasurer, which had not been possible in September (quarter ends Sept. 30).

Members and officers have now been elected and all members assigned to committees. As of October 27 the board is up to its authorized strength of thirty members. The six new members are Miss Ruth Ellis of Berlin, N. Y.; Dale Rood of Chester, Pa., Miss Elizabeth Lupton, Mrs. Lora Harris, and William Fogg of Shiloh, N. J.; and Douglas Wheeler of Plainfield. There are also ten consultants chosen for special committees or to give representation to other boards and agencies.

Charles H. North continues as president of the society and board. Leon M. Maltby was employed again as corresponding secretary and editor of the Sabbath Recorder. Herbert E. Saunders is now first vice-president. Albert N. Rogers was elected recording secretary. John A. Conrod and Ethel Wheeler share the responsibility of the treasurer's office with important decisions being made. But in order to conduct operations on a calendar-year basis it was necessary to change the quarterly meetings to January, April, July and October. Rather than go without a meeting from September to January the board started the new schedule with a full meeting on October 26. One reason was to get a full report and comparative figures from the treasurer, which had not been possible in September (quarter ends Sept. 30).

The treasurer's budget and comparison report for the year ending September 30 showed $300 less income from sales of publications than budgeted. There was $500 less from Sabbath Recorder subscriptions than anticipated. The magazine's total income for the year was $4,600, also about $100 more expense on the magazine than anticipated. However, this budget deficit was just about cancelled by the favorable special issue account. Although a good number of Tracts were printed during the year some of the new publications and reprints were not completed. This resulted in not spending the full amount budgeted for the year. There was more income from Tract subscriptions than anticipated. The net result of higher receipts handled and lower expenditures was finishing the year in the black rather than in the red. In numerous previous years the work undertaken was greater than the income received.

The distribution of literature in recent months has been above budgetal. Some filmstrip supplies, others sometimes called for are out of stock. Reports showed that the filmstrip library has been unusually active. At the October 26 meeting it was voted to prepare a new catalog since so many new materials have been acquired since the present catalog was printed.

The Audio-Visual Services Committee, with special funds of nearly $2,500, reported most of the new equipment secured and detailed plans made for a recording capability. At the October meeting a recording unit will be contained in the Tract Board special emphasis issue of the Sabbath Recorder to appear December 1, according to action taken at the recent meeting of the board.

The board through its Committee on Publications is making plans for a new special observance day which is being added to the 1970 calendar of denominational-wide events. February 21 is set as Sabbath Recorder Day — a day to emphasize the place of our weekly publica-
**Women's Work—Mrs. Earl Crossen**

From Mission Fields to Former Missionary

(Letters shared by Mabel West)

From Guyana

We are getting a lovely breeze tonight, (Oct. 7) modifying the heat of the day. Outside during the day it is like walking about in a furnace. We do not know if we can stand it. I know you must have it like that for spells in Wisconsin. Picture it like that all the time here. You can see why on some days I have to take a rest in the afternoon.

Baby Valerie is coming along nicely, doing some standing, and sitting down again. She also loves to walk yet. Clifford fell on the concrete not long ago, and broke a corner off each of two front teeth at the top. Of course the dentist cannot put the pieces back: he could only file off the rough edge, which he did. Clifford was not hurt otherwise.

You will want to know how we spent the $50 sent us. I am glad to tell you that I bought a 6-foot-tall steel storage cabinet with shelves for the mission office, and the cabinet actually cost about $80, but I found a way to get the other $30 needed. Thank the Women’s Board for this very fine addition to my study and mission office. It will become a permanent part of the mission equipment.

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**Christian Education—Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel**

**What S. D. B. Youth Did in 1969**

By Steven Crouch

A recent survey of our youth fellowships has shown the following activities to be popular.

In the area of spiritual development: retreats, taking part in church service, singing, pilgrimage to denominational headquarters or historic church, attending evangelistic service such as Billy Graham Youth Night, Christmas caroling, operating a fair booth, working as camp counselors or junior counselors, and visitation for the church.

Fun and fellowship are enjoyed in the following ways: hayrides, ice cream or box socials, ice-skating and tobogganing in the winter, progressive dinners, parties of all kinds, and retreats.

Projects are made in these ways: rummage sale, socials, dinners (spaghetti, pancake, etc.), bake sale, slave auction, food stand, door-to-door selling, car wash, and sometimes retreats.

Service projects include: working with children at a community center, work bees (at church, camp, etc.), publishing church newspaper, conducting services in retirement homes, and holding Hallowen or Christmas parties for children.

**Primary Conference**

The various stages in the life of Jesus provided the basis for our studies, songs, and activities at Primary Conference 1969.

To help the Scriptures speak more clearly to the younger child, the theme for this year's English Version was utilized. Each of the twenty-six children who attended sometime during the week was presented a New Testament of the Good News for Modern Man. The interest and pride shown, even by those yet unable to read, was an inspiration to see. The average daily attendance was twenty.

Our worship service was a high point of each day. A mini-version was presented to General Conference Sabbath afternoon, using some of the music, Scriptures, prayer, and the memory work of the week. Ms. Hiram Barber III gave generously of her special talents each day, a chalk talk nicely executed that cleverly illustrating a lesson for our own lives. She also assisted with crafts, games, and walks around the shaded grounds of Nyack Missionary College.

Because recreational opportunities were limited, several teen-agers rallied to the rescue and organized themselves to effectively serve us during the long, hot afternoons. They assisted in games and singing, and the director wishes to take this opportunity to publicly thank them for their dedication. Working with these youngsters was a real blessing to me.

—Marion M. Brannon, director

**Workers’ Meetings**

Rex Zwiebel

The Sabbath School that has the most forward-looking program is the one where the officers and teachers meet regularly to plan together the entire program. They get together once a month, once every two months, or even once in three months.

When an education leader takes seriously his position as a leader in the total program of the church, he will do everything in his power to be a worthy worker in the vineyard of the Lord. He will be a Bible student, a person of prayer, and a constant seeker after the truth. Finding new ideas, new expressions, he will want to share them with his fellow workers. This sharing can best be done in workers’ conferences.

No Christian is an isolationist, so why not take the time to meet with those of like occupation in Christian endeavor? Yes, it takes time, but what is more important than training minds and directing hearts in the Christian way of life? What
better way is there to show your class the unity of the fellowship than to have true fellowship with your co-workers?

Just as the worker discovers new material to share so he will receive the findings of others in the workers' meetings. Improvement is bound to be the result.

When each person does his share in preparing for the meetings, and comes with an open mind, then inspiration is there for the taking. The Spirit of God will direct to new understanding of truth.

Our churches need more inspired, willing leaders who are willing to invest their lives in the teaching of others.

Good, knowledgeable teachers attract leaders who are willing to invest their lives.

Be attractive!!!

College Students Receive Memorial Fund Grants

Tuition grants to students from Seventh Day Baptist churches who are attending Alfred University, Milton College and Salem College were mailed from the office of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund the last week of October. The students are charged for the fees and are sent on recommendation of an advisory committee located near each of the colleges.

David S. Clarke, Alfred, N. Y., Rev. Earl Cruzan, Milton, Wis., and Evert Pearcy, Salem, W. Va., are chairmen of the three advisory groups. The present plan was adopted some years ago when it was found that conditions of trust funds benefiting the three institutions no longer were obtained and the Board of Trustees of the Memorial Fund decided to distribute income from these funds directly to students attending the institutions.

The Rev. Erlo E. Sutton Memorial Fund is growing steadily and gifts for it have been received recently from the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church, from Mrs. Lena C. Coon, Milton, Wis.; and from Clive Sutton, Parkersburg, W. Va. This fund will benefit the audiovisual program of the Colorado Baptist Board of Christian Education, for which Mr. Sutton worked many years.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTH LOUP, NEBR.—Our church was represented by ten delegates at Conference in August. One of the guest speakers during the absence of our pastor was Rev. Ernest R. D. Bridgeport, N. J., and Diane Ruth Ferguson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin R. Bridgeport, N. Y., uniting in marriage on June 5, 1969, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shilo, with the bride's pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating.

Obituaries

BABCOCK.—Jesse Wardner, son of Wilbur and Laura Babcock, was born March 22, 1887, in Humboldt, Nebr., and died at his home in Milton, Wis., June 3, 1969.

Mr. Babcock, a deacon for many years in the Milton Junction church, was born in a sod house. He was active in church work until he became bedfast by stroke three and a half years before his death.

He was baptized at the age of 12, joining the Auburn, Nebr., Seventh Day Baptist Church. On June 16, 1914 he was married to Nina Duncan by the Rev. James Hurley at New Auburn, Wis., where the family made their home prior to moving to Milton in 1928. He was a farmer and carpenter. After retirement he did much laze work as a hobby, making windmills and other novelties. He went back to New Auburn to help in the construction of the present church. His boat that placed him first in the church division of the parade.

Sabbath School promotion was held Sept. 27.

A membership training class meets at the church once a week with Pastor Davis as instructor.

Services are held each week in Valley County Hospital, LeBouw Home for Senior Citizens, and Parkview Village in Ord, sponsored by ministers in the area. Pastor Davis takes his turn.

Floyd and Judy Zabel, staff members of "Campus Crusade for Christ," were in North Loup October 16 and showed the film "Come and Help North Loup." Thirty children attended "Campus Crusade for Christ," and expressed interest in the program.

The Job's Daughters were guests of our church Sabbath morning, October 18, worshiping with their queen, Maris Cox, who is a member of our church. The girls had an impressive service of benediction singing "Nearer, my God, to Thee" and "Onward Christian Soldiers."

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Marriage

Cruzen - Ferguson.—Daniel Charles Cruzen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cruzen of R.F.D. Bridgeport, N. J., and Diane Ruth Ferguson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin R. Bridgeport, N. Y., uniting in marriage on June 5, 1969, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shilo, with the bride's pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating.

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The Sabbath—Get It Straight

If we are to effectively communicate with each other, we must come to some agreement on the meaning of the words we use. Take the word Sabbath, for instance. It refers to a day of the week; it has had that meaning all the way back to creation. As a matter of fact, it is a never translated word, being the same in Hebrew and Greek as in English and in most of the principal languages of the world.

In the past several hundred years, a considerable number of people have been inconsistent in their use of the word Sabbath. Some have used it interchangeably with Sunday. Many states have “Sabbath” laws on their books. Others have Sunday laws. In both cases, they refer to the first day of the week, rather than the day called the Sabbath throughout the Bible—the seventh day of the week. The custom of referring to Sunday as Sabbath seems to be on the decrease, as well it should be because of the confusion it causes in communication.

The confusion about Sabbath-Sunday does still persist in spite of attempts of some clear-thinking religious leaders to clear it up. Bishop Clyde W. Meadows, president and general secretary of the World’s Christian Endeavor Union, has recently relinquished that position due to age. He has taken another position as director of the newly formed Department of Evangelism for the Pennsylvania State Sabbath School Association. Now what day is meant by this name? Seventh Day Baptists with churches dating back to 1671 in this country might have many state Sabbath School Associations. Jews, with their age-long continuous history of Sabbathkeeping might think Clyde Mead was working for them if they didn’t know his church affiliation.

For clarity and honest Biblical interpretation we should abandon the residue of the transference theory which makes the Sabbath regulations of the Bible refer to Sunday. The Sabbath of the Bible, which we all profess to take as our rule of faith and practice, is the seventh day of the week (Saturday), never the first day of the week (Sunday).

We might well say, “What God hath put asunder let no man join together.”

—L. M. M.

Bible Society Appointees

The American Bible Society has announced from its New York office a number of new appointees to carry forward its expanding work.

Philip C. Stine, linguistic specialist, has been appointed as a translations consultant for West Africa. He has just completed his work for a Ph.D. degree in linguistics at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Harold W. Fehrman, a career missionary of the Mennonite Brethren Church has joined the A.B.S. staff as a translations consultant. He will be coordinating the translation of Scripture into six West Africa languages.

Rev. Thomas S. Johnson of Chicago has been named distributions secretary for special ministries in the Central Region of the U.S. His work will be with hospitals, rest homes, correctional institutions, settlement houses and Indian reservations.

Eugene Cameron of Ridgewood, N.J., has been named personnel director to replace Dr. Howard Seymour.

For the Glory of God and the Good of Man

Since the beginning of time the earth has produced at the hand of God all the beauty and bounty that redound to the glory of God. Mountain and sea, field and forest, yield their increase. Let us thankfully appreciate the blessings that are ours to enjoy and to share.