Things That Don’t Need Changing

Any writer or speaker is well aware that both the first and the final draft of his message would be better with some changes. Not only could the thought be expressed better than our best, but time also calls for changes. What we write goes out-of-date so quickly as new knowledge comes or new situations arise. We would like to call back some of our sermons, articles and books in order to revise them. This is even more true in the secular than in the religious area. The ultimate in medicines, machines and technology soon becomes obsolete.

It is refreshing to note that there are a few things that do not grow old or out-of-date. The tides rise and fall as predictably as in the days of Jonah or Paul. We may know more ways to use the law of gravity than our ancestors did, but the law itself is constant. There are some unchangeable religious absolutes. The Ten Commandments may be irksome, but haven’t they always been a bit restrictive? The Decalogue hasn’t changed since the days of Moses and is not about to.

Charles Allen, pastor and author of some ten inspirational best sellers, says in the introduction to The Sermon on the Mount: that man’s hopes, fears, sorrows and happiness are the same now as in all centuries of human history. Perhaps it is for that reason that the Sermon on the Mount has never needed revision. This is the way he expresses the valuable thought:

“If Jesus lived today in the flesh, rode in jet airplanes, watched television, lived in an air-conditioned home, had all the information which scientists have gained in reference to outer space, and had access to all of today’s scientific knowledge, He still would not need to change one word of the Sermon on the Mount. The words which He spoke are eternal and apply equally to every age and to every generation. In fact, He Himself felt that His words were even more enduring than this universe. He said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away; but my words shall not pass away” (Mark 13:31). Therefore, when we study the Sermon on the Mount, we may be sure that it applies to our day and to each one of us.”

Arthur Glasser To Join Fuller Faculty

Arthur F. Glasser, noted missioner, lecturer and scholar, has been appointed associate dean and associate professor of missions in the Fuller Theological Seminary School of World Mission. He will join the faculty at Pasadena, Calif., in September.

His latest post has been as home director of the China Inland Mission-Overseas Missionary Fellowship, where he has served for the past fourteen years. He has played an important role in the Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association and the Evangelical Foreign Missions Association.

The Author of And Some Believed and co-author of Missions in Crisis, Glasser contributed chapters to Religions in a Changing World and Protestant Currents in Mission. He has written for numerous religious magazines on a variety of subjects including race relations, communism, ecumenics, mission strategy and exegetical problems.

Glasser joins the faculty of the School of World Mission which is composed of noted authors, missionaries, mission executives, anthropologists and linguists, headed by Dr. Donald A. McGavran, dean.
A Call for Volunteers
By Gladys Drake
President, Seventh Day Baptist Women's Board

Today there is a crying need for volunteers to assist in the services of charitable organizations. One such organization recently appeared not long ago in a local newspaper: "If you are a woman who wants to feel needed outside of your home or job, a newcomer in the area who is anxious to become an active part of the community; a woman who has finished with the rearing of her children and wants to turn her energies to other tasks; an older citizen who would like to become more useful, here is your chance to join one of the outstanding service organizations in our area."

God has showered women with many gifts such as education, personality, concerns, intelligence, varieties of talents—and especially His own love. These gifts were given to us so that we might give them away! There are many dedicated people who are devoting some of their spare time to volunteer services. They are putting their Christian love into deeds and making a real contribution, following the example of Jesus of Nazareth.

Health, employment, home responsibilities, and age all determine how much and in which areas a woman is able to participate in volunteer work. But every woman needs to search her own heart and mind to decide what her response can be to the needs of the transplanted Jesus urged believers to go the second mile. Society will see to it that some of the basic obligations of people are met, but Christians are not those who do what is expected but go farther. In times like these and in a land like this, volunteers have a chance to exercise religious concern in constructive ways. To paraphrase Barbara Streisand's song—"People who help people are the luckiest people in the world."

BEING A VOLUNTEER

The articles submitted for this issue of the Sabbath Recorder were written by women who have been participating in various areas of volunteer service. Their experiences may suggest activities which can be duplicated by other Seventh Day Baptist women in other parts of our country. There are keep multiplying areas and programs using volunteer help which could be explored by interested individuals or groups: Red Cross agency, Friendly Visitor, "Big Brother" or "Big Sister." Elementary Teachers' Assistants, Day Care Centers, Head Start, Meals on Wheels. The list could be extended indefinitely! Most cities have a Social Service Bureau or Volunteer Service Bureau where information can be obtained.

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Summer Christian Service Corps
By Lucile Todd

Very soon some of our college-age young people will be starting a summer of dedicated service. They have been studying three books: The How of Vacation School, The Art of Personal Witnessing, and Setting Men Free. Eight of the nineteen youth who applied have had their request approved, either last summer or before. We hope that each may be used in one of our church projects this summer.

Surely the training session at North Loup, Nebraska, will be an especially fine one under the excellent direction of the Rev. Leon R. Lawton of the Missionary Board. Assisting him will be the Rev. Rex Zwiebel of the Board of Christian Education, the Rev. Myron Soper who has been serving our denomination in evangelistic work, and Miss Florence Bowden, retired teacher of Shiloh, N. Dakota.

Funds are beginning to come in from some of our church groups and interested individuals but we are far short of the amount needed for the SCSC teams and teaching staff this summer. The contributions now in the treasury are enough to get the teams to North Loup! Costs will be higher this year. Student stand-by plane rates, which in former years allowed those under twenty-two to travel half-fare, have now risen to sixty percent. Some will travel by train and probably by car or bus where feasible.

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Mental Health Programs

By Mrs. Arthur Anderson*

What can the woman volunteer do in the area of mental health today? Such a question can be asked and can be answered in every section of our country. The type and structure of the local and state mental health agencies and mental hospitals determine the kinds of services in which the volunteer becomes involved, but generally speaking there is a never-ending need for people who care about someone else.

Many volunteers today are giving of their time in serving the mentally ill under care in mental hospitals. In one such hospital setting, volunteers work either in groups or individually in serving the patients in various areas of entertainment, recreation, occupational therapy and self-improvement. It does not require much of a volunteer to join with a few others once a month to put on a simple birthday party for these patients who may have been hospitalized for years and who have little, if any, contact with the outside world.

Some patients enjoy playing games or cards. Some enjoy reading and need to be kept in touch with the reality of ongoing events outside the hospital. Volunteers working in small groups, helping the individual to read and discuss, are contributing to his recovery. In the summer-time or good weather, car riding or even walking is usually a welcomed interlude from the routine of hospitalization.

Occupational therapy is an important part of the program and volunteers with a wide variety of interests in crafts (knitting, crocheting, art, ceramics) can be friendly encouragement guide and teacher. Music therapy offers opportunities for those volunteers who are emotionally disturbed; clients; health agencies; and special handicapped agencies—all are seeking help from the volunteers.

When one views the cost of mental illness today in terms of lives and money, it is a real challenge to the volunteer to "reach out" and be someone who cares.

Family Care Program

Taking Retarded Children into the Home

By Edna Ruth Richards

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me (Matt. 25:40).

I was a wife and mother of four children. I liked it that way, and found more than enough of the necessary, and then some, to keep busy and happy. It was a challenge to my time. There were household activities and pleasures; there were church-related interests; there were community activities. I felt "fulfilled" and challenged in this life.

But the time came when I felt it was important that I help with the family in need. I preferred being at home with my family, and felt it was important, so we planned to include the job-seeking and that we would be sensitive to His guidance. There were no baby-sitting opportunities in our area that we knew about and we didn't have a door for many years. We had been inspired by several friends who so lovingly and wisely cared for welfare children, preadoptive babies, and un­wanted children. We thought there were no real financial gain in being foster parents, we thought we would investigate the possibility; this door was slow in opening, if not really shut to us. Some time before one of our friends had told us about a program at the State School for Retarded Children whereby families are paid to care for patients. We had had a keen interest in retarded children for some time, and all our family loved little children, so we felt it right to knock on this door.

I wish I could tell you the exciting story of the "Family Care Program," who care and really activated the program in our area; of the church bus which picks up the former patients and takes them to church-sponsored parties and picnics; of the very young family who is taking trainable young women and within the first year had a turnover of nine women who had jobs and were financially independent; of the personal stories of "blossomed" individuals. Our hearts and imaginations were certainly opened. We thanked God, and felt this was a real way to serve Him through loving and serving these "least of these my brethren." And God opened the door for four more to have this opportunity—and with a very good income.

With some fear and much happy anticipation we welcomed our three-year-old Tina, who came to us through the "Family Care Program" of the church. Tina was an adorable, loving, tiny four-year-old (the same age as Kathy), and half the size who was tense and strongly independent. Tina provided encouragement with which she had been surrounded at her home a short while before.

Today, the girls are both five-and-a-half. They are precious children who help each other button their sweaters; who help with the dusting, setting the table, and clearing the table. They have been challenged by the Sabbath School and sing "Jesus Loves Me"; who giggle as they change lunch boxes while they wait for their bus to take them to the Care Center for Retarded Children; who recognize and use their numbers to "four"; who talk enough to communicate to their teacher that Tina has a birthday cake at home; who help it when she had a cheering section of from four to ten who literally clapped their hands and shouted "yeah" at her slightest accomplishment. I think probably the sequence of the words she learned to say tells our story. First there was "uh oh," then "meow," and finally "Mama," and she was a part of the family.

A little over a year later, Kathy came to live with us. She was an adorable, loving, tiny four-year-old (the same age as Tina), and half the size who was tense and strongly independent. Tina provided encouragement with which she didn’t need to compete, and we could see her growing in her own way. I felt it was a real challenge to the volunteer to receive her, but strongly independent. Tina provided encouragement with which she had been surrounded at her home a short while before.

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This issue of the Sabbath Recorder is dealing with volunteer services, and I have been challenged by the thought of many volunteer services that are rendered by people "on the job." I think of the "city" people who care for the mentally ill, and I think of the personal, active concern shown for fellow-employees and employers; I think of the "heart" I pour into baby-sitting, nursing, teaching, etc.

Perhaps this part of the poem "Kitchen Prayer," by an unknown author, expresses your feelings, as it does mine:

"Accept this service that I do—
I do it unto Thee."

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Hospital Volunteer Services
By Dorcas Van Horn

"Service Is Our Business" is the motto of the hospital volunteer. If one has some free time and wants to make it count, there are many hospital work where it can be utilized.

Several years ago in the Westerly Hospital a Hospitality Shop was opened where visitors could enjoy a cup of coffee, a toasted bun and friendly service, while waiting word of new babies or results of operations. This service was performed solely by volunteers. Today the facet of service has grown until we now serve lunches, and require the services of two paid cooks, a paid manager and a paid cashier. There is still needed for table and counter service, and we still offer a sympathetic ear and a cheery word to those who seem to need it. Today there is also an extensive gift shop where nearly every item a patient might need, but had forgotten, can be acquired. This is also run by a paid manager but staffed by volunteers.

Several women from our Women's Society go regularly to fold linen at the hospital. This is a great help as is the service of taking mail and flowers to the rooms. These latter two services are part of the duties a courier performs. Courier services also aid in dismissing patients, in taking them to X-ray or therapy. Couriers are "delivery boys" for any of the nursing stations that need drugs or anything that can be carried in a basket. This service relieves the nurses from being taken from the duties which can only be performed by the trained.

There is a social committee of volunteers that puts on a staff party for all the hospital workers—usually given in February. This group shows its appreciation to those who have our care in their hands. A music committee of volunteers sees to it that special music is presented in and throughout the hospital and every child patient in the hospital.

There is a group who are volunteer drivers, taking cancer patients to and from the city hospitals where they receive radium or cobalt treatment. Another group is responsible for seeing that fresh flowers are placed in the chapel weekly; some of these are in memoriam. The hospital committees are all part of an organization called the Hospital Aid Association which is a national organization.

I have enjoyed being involved in most of the above services at some time in my career but perhaps none of the aforementioned have as much value as the volunteer service now being done by our pastor and his wife as they aid many other volunteers including the Wheelers of Ashaway in performing a service called "patterning." In Ashaway there is a child who requires a team of five, four times a day, to put her through the pattern of crawling — a process of learning from the infant stage. Progress has been made and the patterning has gone on for two or three years. There are many supplies needed for this child as for a baby and the women in our society have been most generous in helping keep these supplies going. Pam's disease is the result of brain damage caused by some strange malady when she was about eight, and a normal child.

Many of our group belong to FISH. Pastor Kenneth Davis is the local chairman. Their slogan is "Love Thy Neighbor" and members are always ready to give any help at any time. This group has furnished meals to families where the mother was suddenly taken ill and stands ready to help in other emergencies.

I have thought some lately of trying to have a Senior Citizen Tea Day one afternoon a month since there are several in this category who might be able to walk to my home for a bit of conversation and a spot of tea — just something different to look forward to rather than just the four walls. Maybe women in other areas would find that they could do something similar.

The times have made it so that the church is no longer the whole center of our social life. We have much more leisure time than ever before. Let's make it count!

CANDYSTRIPEPERS
By Deborah Davis*

Most of our candystriper volunteer as waitresses in the Hospitality Shop at the Westerly Hospital, although some work as "delivery boys" for any of the duties a courier performs. Still other girls work as nurses' aides. Their duties consist of filling ice water jugs, offering soft drinks or fruit juices to the patients, helping in the making of beds, giving backrubs and cheerfully doing numerous other small jobs requested by the patient or nurse. Each girl works one day a week on a voluntary basis. My major job at present is working as a nurses' aide.

There seem to be many calls for volunteer service. This past winter I was called to sit with an elderly lady who had broken a leg. (A request from the Westerly-Pawcatuck FISH organization.) Last summer we transported four blind children to the Rhode Island Association for the Blind in Providence. Although my main job was transportation, which was approximately one hour a day for four weeks, I did help with them during recreation periods. The mileage on the car was paid for by the association, but the rest was voluntary.

I find volunteer work very rewarding.

* (Deborah is a daughter of the Rev. Kenneth Davis)

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for June 13

WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH

Lesson Scripture: 1 Cor. 11:23-26;
1 Cor. 14:23-26, 40

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Adopt a Family for Christmas
By Linda Hays

Our daughter was eighteen months old a curly-haired toddler whose blue eyes sparkled with delight at the tinsel and baubles of Christmas. A shopping trip with her was a discovery tour of wonderland. She would have a merry Christmas in red dress and patent leather slippers—presents under the tree stacked as high as she stood—plenty of food in the freezer for a real family Christmas feast. Last year, her first Christmas, she was really too young to know much about it. But we were looking forward to Christmas with her now.

The thought seemed to hit both my husband and me at the same time: what if we couldn't give our princess a merry Christmas? What if there were no new clothes nor toys, no Christmas tree, no turkey? What if Jack had been laid off, or sick, or hurt? What if we just plain didn't have enough money for the extras? How would we then feel about Christmas?

Then we began to realize that for hundreds, perhaps thousands, of children in this city, December 25 would be just another day. For them there would be no toys, no clothes, no fancy food. What about them? What could we do for them?

We couldn't help everyone, but we knew we had to do something for someone. And perhaps, we thought, there were others who felt as we did and who would be willing to share their blessings with a less fortunate family. The adopt-a-family idea began to take shape. It was more than taking a basket of food to the poor. It was a "helping" family meeting a "needing" family — seeing their homes, looking into their faces, learning about their lives. If we helped, could we talk to each other rich to poor, black to white, suburban housewife to welfare mother—if people could see each other as people with common needs, hopes and desires, then just maybe some of society's problems could begin to be diminished.

The idea was advertised with the help of local newspapers and TV stations.
Families wanting to participate on either the giving or receiving end were asked to phone the information line.

Those requesting aid were asked to give a reference—a neighbor, pastor, school or other—who could verify theirs as a legitimate need. We made two sets of cards: one of “helpers” listing name, address and phone number; one of “needers” listing name, address, number and nature of need and any special needs. (No requests were accepted after December 12.) Then the cards were matched by proximity of addresses and each “helper” was sent the information of the “needers” assigned to him. From there on it was up to each helper to make contact and do as much as he felt led to do.

Was the program a success? We know that more than one hundred children had new clothes and toys and a good Christmas dinner who might otherwise have been forgotten. We know that some thirty helpers found a special blessing in putting lights in some hungry young eyes.

And what about Christmas? To be truthful, I don’t remember much about it. One night, about a week before Christmas, we left our supper to get cold groceries to a family of seven children whose father was sick and out of work.

Christmas was all about—people food in the cupboard, and their father had a new job.

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**Conords Arrive in Malawi To Begin Ministry**

—as seen from three perspectives

1. F. F. Makatanje, journalist, Central Africa Conference of SDB’s

A new Seventh Day Baptist missionary, the Rev. John A. Conrad and his family arrived in Chilozi, Central Africa Conference of SDB’s, America, April 28, 1970. The Rev. Mr. Conrad, who will take over from Dr. Victor H. Burdick as treasurer of the Central Africa Conference will stay in the country for four years.

Dr. Burdick, who has served the Central Africa Conference as the medical officer of Makapwa Station Hospital since February 1957, and as treasurer since 1959, is due to leave Malawi for United States of America on May 12, 1970.

Pastor Conrad and his family will be staying at Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist Station near Sandama in Cholo District while in the country. He and his wife Joyce, and their two sons, Michael and Philip, were very happy to land at Chileka and Breathe. Just for their first time in Malawi and as Africa in a whole, it was surprising that Mr. Conrad was able to say more Chichewa words. Greeting the people who went to meet him at the airport, he said, “Moni, moni.” Asked how he was, which is “Muli bwanji,” he replied, “Siku Laya inu,” meaning “I am quite well and how are you, too.” Showing the picture he took in the plane when it was just landing at Chileka, he said, “dizko labwino!” meaning “a good land.”

At the airport the Rev. and Mrs. Conrad were met by Dr. V. H. Burdick and family, the Rev. D. C. Pearson and family, the Rev. K. O. B. Manani and family, the Rev. L. M. Vumah of Rhodesia who was in Malawi for a two week course at the Pearsons, the Rev. W. Mataki, Pastor C. Nangazi, Pastor L. Munongi, and Mr. F. F. Makatanje. Thereafter the Conords and all who met them were taken to Nampalivy, and Mrs. Pearson’s house in Blantyre where all had a wonderful welcome dinner.

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have come to work for our Savior in Malawi.

A few days before the designated date, a cablegram had been received which said there was a flight change. Upon inquiry at the Air Malawi office here, we were told that the arrival time would be 7:55 a.m., April 28. When the day actually came, only a few of the welcoming party were there to see the BOAC Aircraft come in. The plane was thirty minutes early. The others were present, however, to greet them when they had completed the arrival details.

On a plane coming east, one meets the sun a few hours early each morning. Two such brief nights, and many hours on the plane, left our new missionaries exhausted. However, they were somewhat refreshed after a bit of rest at the Blantyre home and lunch together with friends, old and new. In the afternoon they went on to Makapwa, where a full schedule awaited them as Missionary Conrod learns the many details of his assignment.

The Burdicks will only be here one month, so Pastor Conrad and Miss Becker to the outstation clinic and Miss Becker to the outstation clinic. The day following their arrival, we had an opportunity to meet the newcomers. The day following their arrival at Logan Airport, Boston, welcoming them for a much needed period of rest following many years of service in Malawi. While rest is needed and planned, there is also opportunity for them to share their experiences. On Friday evening, May 15, they spoke at the Waterford church and on Sabbath, the 16th, at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, Westerly, in which several other New England churches joined. They are also planning to be at the Eastern Association meetings in Plainfield May 22-24.

Lasting Impressions

By Joyce Conrod

These are just some of my thoughts and feelings as a mother, wife, and, above all, a Christian, of my training to go to Malawi.

First impressions? Most likely these are second or even third ones as time swiftly passes. But to give you an idea of what I remember as being the most lasting impressions I would start with the Christian Service Corps Missionary Training School where we spent ten weeks. After living eight years as an individual family unit, it was a refreshing challenge to live with those who loved Jesus inspired all of us.

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For us, it was sometimes a bit difficult to speak with an interpreter although it will be odd to hear someone else start speaking every time I finish a sentence. The Burdicks will only be here one month, so we began immediately with a trip to the bank to sign up as the new treasurer of the Central African Conference and then to the Pearson’s home in time for a trustees meeting. Toward evening, we finally headed to Makapwa turning off the paved Cholo road onto one of the back roads while the congregation gave them a warm and friendly welcome and farewell. Pastors Conrod and Miss Becker to the outstation clinic Thembire home and lunch together with friends, old and new. In the afternoon they went on to Makapwa, where a full schedule awaited them as Missionary Conrod learns the many details of his assignment.

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After leaving Boston on Sunday night we arrived the next morning at London airport without much time to tour London. While the bus got to London it was past time to go back to the airport. (I didn’t realize how far the airport was from London.) So we stayed on the bus driving back, just barely making it in time to catch our next plane. After landing at Zurich, Switzerland, and Uganda, Africa, we arrived the next Monday morning to be greeted at Blantyre by the Burdick’s, Pearsons, Sarah Becker and several of the African pastors. Work began immediately with a trip to the bank to sign up as the new treasurer of the Central African Conference and then to the Pearson’s home in time for a trustees meeting. Toward evening, we finally headed to Makapwa turning off the paved Cholo road onto one of the back roads while the congregation gave them a warm and friendly welcome and farewell. Pastors Conrod and Miss Becker to the outstation clinic Thembire home and lunch together with friends, old and new. In the afternoon they went on to Makapwa, where a full schedule awaited them as Missionary Conrod learns the many details of his assignment.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON, WIS.—The biggest item in camp development is the construction of a second dormitory which will begin soon. Don Drake will be the builder. This dorm built last spring was much appreciated during the camping season. This was made possible by gifts from various organizations, memorials, and persons. Alan Crouch will be assistant to the pastor this summer, hopefully arriving by June 21. He and his family will live in the Stillman Cottage at Camp Wakonda. He will help with the summer camping programs and with the church work until the last of August.

A Ten Second Sermon
Heart Trouble

"We have met the enemy, and he is us" was emphasized on a poster in the corridor of a university building which I visited a few weeks ago. It's a clever quote aptly describing the problem of our flesh and reminding me of Scripture's words:

"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. Who can understand it?" (Jeremiah 17:9)

From within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, to steal, to commit murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these things come from within, and they defile a man." (Matthew 15:18-19)

THE SABBATH RECORDER

June 1, 1970

Minister of Christian social action, Elder Reuben Simons; Sabbath School superintendents, Mr. Doug Wheeler; Fellowship Mrs. Ettie O'Conner; treasurer, Mrs. Jeannette Duryea. Committee chairmen are: Evangelism, Mrs. Barbara Saunders; Disciples, Mrs. Douglas Wheeler; Fellowship, Mrs. Doretha Paquette and Mrs. Betty North; Christian Social Action, Charles North; Music, Mrs. Peggy Van How.

Pastor Herbert Saunders' report showed numerous activities under the headings of preaching, teaching, administration, cooperation, and calling. Included were eleven sermons for Shiloh's preaching mission. Assistant Pastor Robert Babcock's report also indicated a variety of activities. Senator Victor Skaggs submitted a job analysis for the work of our student pastors.

The church voted a budget of $19,190 for church expenses, $5,200 for OWM, and $5,200 for special projects (the last two depending on designated contributions). It was voted to have a special cooperation plan for the 1971 camp for church renovations. It was also voted to become a charter member of the Plainfield Association of Religious Organizations, which our delegates had helped organize.

A delicious spaghetti dinner, served by the Youth Fellowship as a fund-raising project, netted $25.

Homecoming Sabbath, April 11, was a success with eighty-three at church, including Elder and Mrs. E. Wendell Stephan from Hartford, Conn., and several other visitors. All seven elders were present. Pastor Saunders preached a challenging sermon on "The Incendiary Fellowship." Sabbath School was followed by a covered-dish dinner.

On Youth Sabbath, March 21, all our young people participated in conducting the morning worship service. Pastor Saunders' sermon, "The In Crowd," was an appeal to young people to take the road to real happiness through loyalty to Christ. Our Youth Fellowship has met frequently, usually on Sabbath evening.

On March 14, Evangelist Mynor Soper preached on the power of the Holy Spirit in witnessing. After a fellowship dinner, Mr. Schofield continued his program for learning to witness more effectively.

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Obituaries

COON.—Mrs. Charlotte, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. John Coon, who was born in Red Cloud, Nebr., Oct. 20, 1882, and died April 29, 1970, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Vinton Wardner of Little Genesee, N. Y., after a long illness. In November 1910, she was married to Adelbert Coon, who died in 1936. Mrs. Coon was a member of the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Blanche Wardner of Little Genesee and Mrs. Christine Hughes of Bolivar; eight grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held at the Schaffner Funeral Home, Bolivar, N. Y., conducted by her pastor. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery in Little Genesee.

—H. D. K.

GREEN.—Ralph L., son of Fred L. and Minnie Clement Green, was born at North Loup, Nebr., in 1898, and died at Cashmere, Wash., March 29, 1970. He was married to Mary L. in 1921, and has three children: Mrs. Alice May Weaver of Council Bluffs, Iowa; surviving a son, Fred L. of Okanogan, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. Kenny Waugh of Cashmere; and Mrs. Kinkie Marsh of Wenatchee, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. Kerwin of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. Louisa Turner of Los Angeles, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

Burial was in Cashmere Cemetery.

—D. L. D.

TRAVER.—Archie L., son of William and Clara Maid Traver, was born Dec. 8, 1905, in Little Genesee, N. Y., and died May 6, 1970, at the St. Francis Hospital in Olean, following a brief illness.

On October 18, 1937, he married Vivian Martha Nichols, of Bolivar. In addition to his widow, he is survived by his father of Portville, N. Y.; four sons, Sgt. Douglas Traver of San Antonio, Tex., and three daughters, Mrs. Harry (Nina) of Cashmere, Wash.; Mrs. Ray (Clyde) King of Little Genesee and Miss Linda Traver and Jean Traver, both at home; four daughters, Mrs. Harry (Nina) of Cashmere, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. Alice Coon of Enterprise, N. Y., Mrs. Margaret (Virginia) Lawton of Perry, N. Y.; and Mrs. Earl (Opal) Jones of Little Genesee; and two grandchildren.

He was a member of the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church, and was also a member of the Odd Fellows, where a service was held at the Schaffner Funeral Home in Bolivar, N. Y., conducted by his pastor. Burial was in the Wells Cemetery at Little Genesee.

—H. D. K.
CONSTITUTIONAL PRAYER AMENDMENT

With the death of Senator Dirksen his prayer amendment (which did not get much support) died also until it was revived recently with slight changes by Senator Hugh Scott (R, Pa.).

With the addition of nine new words the Scott Amendment is the same as the Dirksen Amendment. The new revised proposal reads:

"Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public school or other public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate voluntarily in nondenominational prayer or meditation."

The new words added to the Dirksen amendment are: "in any public school or other," "voluntarily," and "or meditation."

W. Barry Garrett, writing for Baptist Public Affairs, maintains that there is nothing essentially new in it and that it gives no guarantees not already covered by the “free exercise of religion” clause in the First Amendment. Voluntary prayer in public schools is permissible; required prayer is not.

The Baptist writer contends that the proposed amendment "continues to make a political, partisan football out of the sacredness of prayer."

"To be for God, mother, and the flag is always a popular political strategy. For a politician to appear to be against these is unthinkable. This makes it most difficult for those who choose to stand on the solid ground of basic principles in the school prayer controversy," he adds. The proposal limits a person’s rights to “non-denominational prayer or meditation.”

Would this mean that if a group of Baptist students got together at lunch in a public school to pray, the location of their prayer would determine that it had to be “nondenominational?” What about the theology and prayer convictions of other groups who pray in certain specific ways? Would their “voluntary” prayers be ruled out?

Mr. Garrett concludes that although the Scott Amendment is relatively harmless, compared to other proposed constitutional prayer amendments, there is no need at this time for a constitutional prayer amendment.

College Faculty Members Drop Denominational Ties

Faculty members in American colleges and universities have a tendency to shed their religious commitment as they enter their professional careers according to a survey of the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education.

A summary of the survey has been published in The Chronicle of Higher Education with editorial offices in Baltimore, Md., in an article by Malcolm G. Scully. The survey included 60,447 faculty members of all ranks and all types of institutions and in all disciplines.

On the subject of religion the faculty members were asked, "In what religion were you raised and what is your present religion?"

Of the 64 per cent that were raised Protestant only 45.3 per cent remain in that faith. Catholics also slipped from their faith—15.5 per cent were raised Catholics, but only 11.8 per cent remain so. Ten per cent of the faculty members were raised Jews but only 6.7 per cent have continued in the Jewish religion.

Of the 60,447 faculty members surveyed 24.6 per cent reported that they now have no religion.