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Speaking of the Snow

This has been a winter of snow and cold in many sections of our country. More people than ever before enjoy the snow and thrill in the conquest of it on skis. The Bible has far more to say about snow than one would expect. Elihu says of God, "For he saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth" (Job 37:6). God says to Job, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" (Job 38:22). But David in the penitential Psalm strikes the dominant note of purity, "Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow."
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**New Recorder Dating**

It has been the policy of this publication to print the magazine on Wednesday or Thursday, mail it on Friday under a date of the following Monday. Because of the current lateness of second class mail, the board has decided to keep the same publishing and mailing schedule but to date the issue farther ahead — the following Sabbath. The reason for this is that with this issue which is dated Sabbath, February 13 instead of Monday, February 8.

Although we deeply regret the slow mail service giving rise to this unrealistic predating of a weekly, we believe that many of our subscribers will like it better. There may be an advantage in the Sabbath Recorder dated on the Sabbath and hopefully read by most people on the day it is dated.

Contributors sending in material for a given issue should remember to allow extra time. Copy cannot be included unless received more than two weeks before the publication date. For example, the type for the March 6 issue will be set February 19 and so that it can be made up, printed and mailed by February 26. News of things that have happened will seem more fresh, but announcements of things to come will need to be sent in earlier.

The editor, in behalf of the Advisory Committee

**Thought, Action, and Faith**

It would be futile and presumptuous to try to cover adequately the relation between thought, action, and faith in the space available on the editorial page, but perhaps we can stimulate ourselves to do better in this relationship than we would if we followed natural inclinations.

The other day there came to my desk a news release from a college operated by people of another faith. It quoted an old axiom which I had not previously pondered: "More people act their way into a new way of thinking than think their way into a new way of acting."

We would like to believe that this axiom applies only to non-Christian people. Perhaps this is something that fits a good many church people even ourselves. Even in the secular realm educated people like to claim that they think things out and adjust their actions according to their thoughts. An impartial judge would probably agree with them. Yet it doesn't always work that way.

The Christian knows that the axiom leaves out an important motivating force, faith, which is higher than thinking. What we do as followers of Christ is, ideally, to decide our course of action according to our faith rather than just plain reason, though faith and thought are almost inseparable. Charles M. Sheldon in his famous book *In His Steps* expressed it very simply, "What would Jesus do?"

We measure our Christianity, our devotion, by the degree to which we conform our action to the standards of faith set in the Bible. Let us go about to prove to our own satisfaction that we are not among those, "more people who act their way into a new way of thinking than think their way into a new way of acting."

**Sabbath Recorder Day**

This year the United States is, in effect, moving the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington to a convenient weekend to provide a longer holiday day. We need not comment on whether or not this brings greater honor to these noble Americans who served their country so well. But the new holiday may be better for the people.

**Sabbath Recorder Day, observed for the first time last year on the third Sabbath of February, is now on the Seventh Day Baptist calendar as one of our special days. February 20 is the time set for all of our churches to give special recognition to the reading of our denominational weekly that is such a vital part of our church life and ministry.**

It falls to each pastor and such committees as may be appointed to determine just how much emphasis is appropriate in the morning service, Sabbath School, or other meetings of the day. To call to mind the service of this very old but very fresh publication of Seventh Day Baptists, a four-page bulletin insert has been sent to all pastors for use in the churches. It is hoped that special effort will be made to get copies of it to non-resident members. With this it is hoped the weekly Sabbath Recorder is especially valuable to lone-Sabbathkeepers, some of whom may not be acquainted with it.

From time to time in recent years people have come up with possible plans for getting the Sabbath Recorder into every home. All these plans have had to be dropped for financial reasons. The Tract Board, which employs the editor and publishes our weekly with an ever-increasing subsidy (partly provided from OWM funds), feels that personal and gift subscriptions are still the best ways to get the Sabbath Recorder to the people who want it. A relatively high percentage of our people already have the Recorder on this basis. But we cannot subscribe with the number. Our Seventh Day Baptist work would grow much faster if every member and every prospective member were current. It is one of the reasons for setting aside a special day to consider the importance of the Sabbath Recorder and to promote a wider readership.

Let it be clearly understood that the Sabbath Recorder does not exist for itself or for any imagined glory to those who are responsible for its publication each week. Neither is it just a sentimental paper to make old friends feel good and well-satisfied. It is a paper with a purpose, the purpose to bring the word of God to Christ and furthering the mission of Seventh Day Baptists in the world. Because it has this important purpose it must have not only the support needed for its continuance, but a wider distribution.

**Our publication has no sales organization.** The Editor, as the only employee, and the part-time secretary, are the only paid persons who can spend their time sending out renewal notices. We must depend on loyal Seventh Day Baptists in every church to tell the new people about our informative, stimulating, and unifying denominational organ. You, the subscribers, are our much appreciated supporters.
volunteer agents. We hope you can do a little more.

General Conference, sensing the need for help in meeting the increasing publica-
tion costs, voted to ask the Tract Board to increase the subscription rate from
$4 to $5 per year — long overdue and in keeping with the wage-price inflation of
the times. Those needing the money, was reluctant to add a burden to the few elderly people whose finances
may be limited and therefore postponed the effective date of the increase until
April 1. For love of the cause it was also decided to encourage new subscrip-
tions and renewals at the old price until
April 1, almost three-quarters of a year
after Conference.

Sabbath Recorder Day is a time to con-
sider these things.

Jewish and Christian Students

It is often interesting to get the results of
surveys that are made of college stu-
dents, particularly in relation to their
religious convictions and their life goals.
The American Jewish Committee has re-
leased a study on how Jewish college
freshmen differ from or resemble their
Christian peers.

It was found that the goals differed
very little between the two groups. We can
only pick out samples from the four-page
questionnaire. It is interesting to note that four-fifths of both Jewish
and Christian groups credited their par-
ents with an interest in intellectual and
-cultural pursuits and in politics. The re-
sults are that four-fifths of the Jewish
students are businessmen, and only one-
fourth of the Christian students have
parents who are businessmen.

When it came to political preferences,
overwhelming majorities of both groups
proved to be moderate. However, the
Jews showed up a little more liberal than
the non-Jews in their political beliefs and in some other respects. This survey
would seem to show that the often heard
charge of Jews being linked with Com-
munism is unsubstantiated.

Rev. Carl R. Maxson

Word has been received of the un-
expected death on January 28 of Carl R.
Maxson who for a number of years has
been the Protestant chaplain of Kings
Park State Hospital on Long Island. He
was recovering from an accident in an
automobile accident last October. An
obituary will appear in a later issue.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:
1) Our brethren in Brazil as they seek to
implement the forward-looking actions
of their Conference just held in the sum-
mer month of January.

2) Romeo Storck, new president of
the Brazil Conference and for the Rev.
Antonio Barrera, who is being asked to
transfer from his Sao Paulo church to
the headship of Mission in Curitiba.
3) The Verona, N. Y., and the Paw-
catuck, R. I., churches installing new
pastors and the Dodge Center, Minn.,
and Lost Creek, W. Va., churches now
pastorless—and for all other churches
continuing to seek pastoral leadership.
4) The ministry of our home-front
evangelist, Myron Soper, in California
and the Pacific Northwest.

Secretary Wheeler Visits Malawi

The executive secretary of the Seventh
Day Baptist World Federation and gen-
eral secretary of the Seventh Day Bap-
tist General Conference, Pastor
Alton L. Wheeler, accompanied by his
wife, Mrs. Ethel Wheeler, came to Mal-
awi on December 30, 1970.

Pastor Wheeler on his ambassadorial
tour will interview with all groups in
the country for several reasons. First, he came to acquaint the
Central Africa Conference of Seventh
Day Baptists with what other Seventh
Day Baptists are doing around the world.
Second, he came to encourage the C.A.C.
to participate in the next Seventh Day
Baptist World Federation meeting, to be
held in England during the coming summer,
by sending two representatives. Third,
he came to conduct a week of a leader-
ship training institute for pastors and
preachers at Makapwa Mission Station.
And last, he came to confer with the
American missionaries in Malawi.

Immediately after his arrival at Chileka
Airport, the new Pastor Wheeler was
interviewed by the M.B.C. radio reporter.
In his interview with him, Pastor Wheeler
told the reporter the purpose of his com-
ing to Malawi and the office of S.D.B.
W.F. Asked how long he was going to
stay in the country, Pastor Wheeler said,
"We are going to stay in the country for
eleven days, and on January 10, 1971,
we shall fly to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia,
for a World Council of Churches meetings."
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World Council of Churches which meets once a year in different
countries. "Last year the committee met in Canter-
bury, England, he said.

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ing the developing nations, and other
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Western Association, including Pastor

MISSIONS—Loon R. Levton

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MEMORY TEXT

"Watch therefore: for ye know not
what hour your Lord doth come . . . ."
Therefore be ye also ready: for in such
an hour as ye think not the Son of man
comethe" (Matt. 24:42-44).

Shadreck Mzumwa who came from the
Northern Association because he is a member of the Board of Trustees. There
were seventeen pastors and preachers
who attended the classes. The courses
which Pastor Wheeler conducted were:
Bible Study based on Colossians, The
Church, Administration, and Students'
Participation. The most important thing
to note is that all the pastors were very
delighted with their participation.
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**World Council of Churches**

**Christ at the Center**

"The fellowship of churches which we are is centered in our common confession of faith in Jesus Christ." That was the affirmation of Dr. M. M. Thomas of Bangalore, chairman of the WCC Central Committee, in his opening major policy speech delivered at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, where that WCC decision-making committee was in session January 10-21.

Using the geometrical term of a circle, Dr. Thomas further asserted that Christ is the center of all of the World Council's activity and the radii reaching out to the circumference express and define that center.

In another address titled "Towards One New Man in Christ," Canon D. Jenkins of Great Britain as director of Humanum Studies stated the hope that we shall discover and rediscover the true meaning of the truths of the Gospel and of our Christian tradition for and in the human problems we have to face.

"Drawing attention to the problems posed for communication and understanding by national and cultural differences, he contended that "we cannot remain ourselves." In calling attention to the persons we should aspire to becoming, he attested that "Jesus Christ is the future of mankind" to which all human living is being moved, can be moved, or must be moved.

"In Jesus Christ the reality who is human is the reality who is God." He further insisted that "Jesus Christ is not a God brought in from outside, nor a foreign intrusion dragged in to extinguish human problems. He is the embodiment of transcendence in the midst of human life; he is Emmanuel, God with us and for us and as us; He is God present in, and suffering with, human problems.

In conclusion, after calling attention to the multi-cultural and pluralistic society in which we live, he posed the question, "Can we allow one another to be authentically human as we are now, in all our variety, mutual strangeness, and particular forms of sinfulness, so that God can move us to a human consciousness and human reconciliation which is also divine? Shall we have the courage and the insights to move out towards the one new man in Jesus Christ?"

**WCC Central Committee**

**Hosted at Addis Ababa**

The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches was hosted at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, January 10-21 with Seventh Day Baptists represented by General Secretary Alton Wheeler attending as a member and Ethel Wheeler as a visitor.

Sessions of this committee elected by the WCC at Uppsala in 1968 were held in the Africa Hall, seat of the Organization of Africa Unity and the UN's Economic Commission for Africa. One hundred three participants attended, including thirteen youth advisors.

Mr. Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie I was among those who welcomed the committee members. In addressing the body of Christian leaders he appealed to the Christian organizations to direct their aid exclusively to the welfare of mankind and to the development of the standard of living of human beings and urged that all aid provided by any Christian organization be "free from any political motivation and from all contamination by ideological microbes."

A few of many items included on the agenda for consideration by this 120-member decision-making Central Committee were: living in a pluralistic society, having dialogue with men of other faiths, focusing on areas of concentration in Humanum Studies, and reexamining the theological basis and future structure of the WCC.

At the time of the submitting of this article, reports and recommendations from the four reference committees and study groups were being brought in plenary sessions, but final actions had not been taken.

—Alton L. Wheeler

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**A New Work in the Philippines**

It is now possible to introduce a new work in the populous Philippine Islands. There have been a few others on the main island of Luzon who have distributed literature and attempted to gather groups together in recent years without permanent results. Now at Cebu City on the 125-mile long island of Cebu (just west of Leyte) we have contact with a zealous worker, Eleazar Ferraren, who is pictured here with his wife, Bienvinda, but without their five attractive children.

Correspondence began only a few months ago when he told of his previous Sabbathkeeping church connections and indicated that he was strongly interested in the Seventh Day Baptist position. Literature was sent which resulted in his identifying himself with us and beginning to work toward establishing Seventh Day Baptist churches on Cebu.

Mr. Ferraren has been gathering people together and witnessing to individuals with the small amount of literature sent. He writes that on Friday afternoon, January 1, he and others held a public meet.

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**Description of a Minister**

By Samuel Stennett

"Hence we may frame an idea of the character and duty of a Christian minister. He ought to be well-skilled in divine knowledge, to have a competent acquaintance with the world and the human heart, to perceive clearly wherein the true interest of mankind consists, to have just apprehensions of the way of salvation, and to be rightly instructed in the various duties he has to inculcate. He should have an aptitude and ability to teach, and his bosom should burn with a flaming zeal for the glory of God, the honour of Christ, and the welfare of immortal souls. He should, in fine, be endowed with a benevolent, meek, patient, and persevering spirit."

—The Parable of the Sower, pp.72-73

(Submitted by Victor W. Skaggs)

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Brazilian Conference Holds
1971 Biennial Session
By Leo Floyd

The Brazilian Conference of Seventh Day Baptists held its 1971 biennial con-
ference session January 9-11 at Curitiba, Parana. The conference sessions were
preceded by a week of prayer January 2-8. During the week of prayer the Sev-
enth Day Baptist World Federation Week of Prayer readings were utilized
upon being translated into Portuguese by the Brazilian Conference. Prayers
were offered in accordance with the Week of Prayer program and, in addition, for
the success of the upcoming conference sessions.

The conference was instituted Sab-
bath, January 9, with Sabbath School
and church services Sabbath morning.
The first session was convened Sabbath
afternoon followed by the first of a
week's evangelistic meetings that were
held in conjunction with the conference.
Conference sessions were continued
throughout the next two days with both
morning and afternoon sessions being
held ending the afternoon of January 11.
The public worship services were
blessed with a choral and an instrumental
group from the Porto Uniao, Santa Cata-
rina, church which added many moments
of spiritual uplift and delight to these
services. Also assisting with special mu-
ciical arrangements were Gedeo Martins
and his wife Hildegard of the Curitiba
curch. Gedeo is the director of the
Curitiba Symphony Orchestra.

A new Directory was selected and in-
stalled by the Brazilian Conference. This
new Directory, which will lead Brazilian
Seventh Day Baptists during the next
two years, is composed of the following:
President: Romeo Storek, Curitiba, Pa-
rama
First Secretary: Antonio Barrera, Sao
Paulo, Sao Paulo
Substitute Secretary: Jose Gugelmin, Cu-
ritiba, Parana
Treasurer: Dr. Silas Nisio, Curitiba, Pa-
rama
General Supervisor, Southern Region:
Rodolpho Brandt, Porto Uniao, San-
ta Catarina

In addition to the above constituted
Directory, Pastor Nivaldo Schunemann
was appointed Secretary of National Mis-
sions (National Evangelist). This latter
office is not considered as being a part
of the Directory.

Upon selecting the new Directory, the
conference acted upon the following.

---Approved Pastor Antonio Barrera
as pastor of the Curitiba church moving
him to Curitiba from Sao Paulo.

---Approved a national evangelistic
campaign to increase contributions to
the cause of evangelism and to improve
the church's evangelistic outreach. As
a part of this program, each member of
the church is to be encouraged to contribute
at least 5 cruzeiros (1 dollar) per month
to the increased effort, with the first
Sabbath of May being set aside for a
special offering which will also be utilized
in this evangelistic campaign. All pastors
and leaders of groups were instructed to
emphasize to their members the impor-
tance of payment of the tithe in support
of the church's work.

---Approved the appointment of a Na-
tional Missions Secretary who will carry
this new campaign into new sections of the state
where Seventh Day Baptists do not pres-
ently have churches. This effort is an at-
tempt to increase the outreach of the
church into areas not previously entered
into by Seventh Day Baptists, establishing
new churches and groups in these areas.

---Initiated a program whereby two
ministers from the Curitiba church will
visit periodically churches and groups
throughout the conference for the pur-
pose of holding weekly evangelistic meet-
ings.

---Approved the establishment of a
program of study for ministers. The basis
for this program is to be a correspond-
ence course offered to younger ministers
in service, and a resident course of study
at Curitiba for those ministers who hold
positions as pastors.

---Appointed a Literature Committee
to be composed of Pastor Antonio Bar-
erra and Eng. Ruben Nisio. This com-
mittee will study new literature, selecting
for church publication doctrinal and evan-
elistic literature that will aid the church
in its increased evangelistic effort.

---Approved a comprehensive plan for
church advancement which includes the
establishment of a publishing house. The
conference instructed the new Directory
to appoint a planning committee to study
ways of implementing the plan. This
committee will also serve as the church's
national planning committee which will
study and implement new plans for future
development of church work throughout
the denomination.

---Selected the Itarare, Sao Paulo,
church as the meeting site for the next
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
session scheduled to be held during the

The program approved at this session of
the General Conference is very ambitious
and progressive. Brazilian Seventh Day
Baptists are confident that God will
lead them in the program. They are
praying that as a result of these
efforts many souls will be led to a sav-
ing knowledge of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ and to the Sabbath truth.

School Prayer

At Leyden, Mass., a superior court ruled that
students may pray as long as teachers do not
participate.

"Judge Not . . . ."

By Eugene Lincoln*

It couldn't be, but it was.

The district attorney was supporting
his mother, a respected church woman,
as she walked unsteadily out of a beer
tavern. Just a few moments before, she
had been seated at a table near a window,
held in hand.

Here (in an incident which actually
happened several years ago in a small
midwestern town) was the material which
could be used for some choice bits of
gossip.

The evidence was as plain as day . . .
or was it?

What a passerby noticing this scene
might not have known is that the lady
had business to conduct in this tavern
with the owner; she had tried to con-
tact him at home, but had no suc-
ceeded. Just as she was leaving, she
turned her ankle and fell to the floor. A
bartender rushed to her aid and helped
her to her feet. Because of the pain, she
was unable to walk, so he seated her
at the nearest table while he called her son
to come after her and take her home.

A break of the possible results if this
story — without the explanatory back-
ground — had spread in the community!

A short story by Guy de Maupassant
tells of a poor French peasant who was
driven to insanity because he had picked
up a piece of string from the village
square. A witness testified that he had
heard a man shouting and a woman
crying. No one would believe the story of the
accused, even after the lost pocketbook was
returned by another man.

Judges are usually men of high char-
acter who have been trained for years
in the laws of evidence. Yet there are
many "amateur judges" who feel qualified
to judge another one guilty of some mis-
deal from fragmentary evidence.

Perhaps the words of the Master al-
most two thousand years ago are still
good advice: "Judge not, that ye be not
judged."

*Readers of The Upper Room may have
noticed that the meditation for January 20, 1971
was written by Eugene Lincoln, who is editor of
The Sabbath Sentinel.

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Christian Education—Sec. David S. Clarke
Legislative Communication Guide

As state and national legislative bodies get back into full swing across the country it is high time for Christians to sharpen their wits and their pencils for informing their respective legislators of opinions which seek to express Christian purposes.

New York State's Council of Churches of Christ has a Legislative Commission of rather well-known expertise and influence. One of their most helpful services is the "Legislative Communication Guide," a multi-fold leaflet suggesting "What can one Christian citizen do?" by way of affecting the law-making process in state and nation. This leaflet accompanies their 24-page "Statement of Legislative Principles, 1971," which expresses broad guides for Christian action in relation to the government to the individual, the family, the public order, and social responsibilities. Five to eight subheadings under each major topic make these principles quite useful in family or group discussion of social issues where the search for Christian purpose is real and committed.

The Seventh Day Baptist State Council (N. Y. S.) is proud of the service rendered on the Legislative Commission of the Ninth Baptist Church by Rev. Paul Maxson of Berlin. His church has supported him in this work, and he has spent countless hours and dollars to participate in this high purpose. These weekly sessions provide current information on proposed legislation for churches throughout the state, and the weekly bulletins are also used by many legislators in forming their stand.

As our Conference enters the "Era of Action" under the guidance of our Christian Social Action Committee, we of the Christian education department join in urging a thoughtful commitment to getting the mind of Christ into the affairs of state and nation, as well as parish and immediate community. Although the Statement of Legislative Principles and Legislative Communication Guide are

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Matt. 7:21-27; Matt. 21:28-32

aimed at New York State residents, there are many helpful suggestions for non-New Yorkers. Copies will be sent from the office on request. On the other hand, perhaps your state's Christian forces have published resources in the area of Christian citizenship directed at law-making processes. We believe you ought to share these with the Conference Committee on Christian Social Action headed by Jared Van Horn of Milton, Wis.

Meanwhile back at home, you and I need to keep Christian opinion (as best we can discover it) flowing to our lawmakers. And Christian purpose flowing through all community life!

Christian Concern for Prisoners
To all Seventh Day Baptist families:

The Family Life Committee of the Board of Christian Education urges every family to "spend twenty minutes and twenty cents" (for a stamp) to write a letter showing your concern about prisoners of war in North Vietnam. To ask for clarification of who is held prisoner so that anxious families may not suffer that gnawing distress of uncertain knowledge. It is as simple as that to let the North Vietnam government know we are concerned about the welfare of their citizens. Write your letter: North Vietnam Embassy, Paris, France.

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In His name, for mature responsibility,
The Family Life Committee

Lonely
Repentance is a lonely piece of business. Sin isolates from God and from one's fellows also. Repentance is an entering into the sense of this isolation and feeling its gravity.

—Max I. Rich in The Messianic Witness

MISSIONS—Loen R. Leavitt

Jesus Christ—the Revolutionary
By Peter Morris*

Urbana was no doubt one of the most thrilling and meaningful experiences that I have ever had — it was certainly one of the keys to my Christian growth pattern thus far. Imagine 12,000 young people, Christians, praying together, listening together, studying the Bible together, and witnessing together. How do you add to this already hospitable environment a series of speakers from all over the world who really had something to say you've got the ingredients for a meaningful and lasting experience for everyone involved.

Many things came to my mind during this week, undiluted apprehension from the speakers as well as from my 11,999 fellow Christians. But what I'm trying to tell you about is the nature of Jesus Christ as conveyed to me by these people and by the Holy Spirit. Most of us know Jesus was the Son of God. He died for our sins, he was perfect. OK. Fine. But what does this mean? From Skinner, an eloquent evangelist from New York City, seemed to crystallize what everybody was saving when he spoke of Jesus Christ as revolutionary. The figure of revolution is radical of His time, and a man with revolutionary relevance for our time.

Jesus was a revolutionary because He was an individual in His own time. He was able to change the system of values. The system of doing things. The system of explanation is needed. However, the system of values is change. While another revolutionary figure of that day, Barabbas, was burned by the people and they chose to set free the King of the Jews. Jesus was the Messiah, the King of the Jews. He was the King, the Messiah, the Lamb of God.

Peter Morris, a member of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, was one of the young people in the Summer Christian Service Corps (SCSC) last summer.

Protestant Work in Greece Very Small

While the Southern Baptist minister is invited to preach regularly in Athens, it is news, for there is only one Baptist group in all of Greece. A word of explanation is needed, however. The Rev. Clyde R. Campbell has not been invited to preach to Greeks but to an organized fellowship of some twenty-five to thirty United States military personnel and their families. Most of those who attend are Southern Baptists.

The official church of Greece is Greek Orthodox, and members have limitations and restrictions on Protestant work in that country. There have been unsuccessful attempts to start a Baptist church in Greece. The number of evangelical Christians in Greece is estimated at 10,000 in a total population of 9,000,000. They are mostly in two denominations: Greek Orthodox and Free Greek Evangelical, which has a Brethren background.

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Paul Victor Beebe was born in Nady, Ark., Sept. 7, 1931. He entered this world along with a twin brother and found waiting a father, mother, and sister. Paul grew up in Pennsylvania, Virginia, and Arkansas. As a boy and throughout his life he was active in scouting and in the Seventh Day Baptist churches. For him God and nature were together.

Paul served his country as a peaceable man, driving an ambulance in Korea. He completed Srite College, U.S.A., and among other expressions of God's calling for him, served as pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Fouke, Ark. He was ordained to the Seventh Day Baptist gospel ministry in June 1969, at Paint Rock, Ala. He died in a highway accident near his home in Forsyth, Ga., Jan. 13, 1971.

Paul leaves behind him his wife, Mary Kimbrough Beebe, and six children: Mary Gladys, Mark Victor, Lily Anna, Betty Lorin, and twins, Paul Timothy and Lydia Melinda. He also leaves his parents, Pastor Clifford and Clara Beebe, his sister, Mrs. Anne Trede, and his twin brother, Chaplain David Beebe, as well as several nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Leaves behind him too the legacy of his life, which is embodied in countless other human lives and in the love of God's good earth.

Paul kept a journal of the days of his life, and in this journal left windows into life. Here are some of the entries in that journal for the year of our Lord 1968:

May 4—Oh Lord, teach us to number our days. A thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday. 5 cedar waxwings sitting on the peak of our tree. Went to watch this Sabbath morning. Then out swooped 3 chimney sweeps.

Sept. 20—Those glorious moments 'tween darkness and light. 'Sunup' when the shades of gray are giving way to rays of light. The birds awaken with their hearts bursting...

Sept. 21—'Tis glorious to take time out in the eve (this was Sabbath Day) to listen to the thrill of the birds and the talking of the wind in the trees...

'Tis glorious to know that God is on His throne and to feel Him as He guides and directs those who will but wait on Him.

Nov. 25—So wonderful to feel full of life and health. To be able to enjoy God's world. To watch the fleecy clouds gather to form storm clouds and see the streaks of golden red rays gleam through... and know— that God is over all.

Nov. 27—Unto Us a Child is born. He is quickened, until our lives become vital, active recipients and transmitters of God's love and spirit we are but as "sounding brass and tinkling cymbals."—1 Cor. 13:1.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."—Psalm 116:15

What is a Free Church?

The designation of a denomination as a free church does not mean much to the average church member in the United States, but it has considerable meaning in Scandinavia and Western Europe.

In several countries the Lutheran Church thinks of itself as the state church. This means not only that most of the people are Lutheran but also that the church is supported and, in a sense, controlled by the state. The other churches are "free," which means, among other things, free from state control. Generally speaking, then, a state church and an other church, a "free church" are considered to be free from certain restrictions and not necessarily considered "free churches." There are exceptions to this.

Ours is a "free church" in the full meaning of the term though we have certain hardships due to our Bible-based convictions, let us give thanks that we are not dependent on the government for support or regulated by it. We are free to live and proclaim the truth as we understand it. We are also free as congregations—free to run our own affairs and to join with others in missionary work as we feel led.

Timely Filmstrips

"The Bible and the Presidents" is a series of four filmstrips with records particularly suitable for February use since there are programs on Washington and Lincoln as well as Jefferson and Roosevelt. This is but one of the many filmstrips on the origin and missionary use of the Bible produced by the American Bible Society and available free from the filmstrip library of the American Sabbath Tract Society at Plainfield, N. J.

There are a number of filmstrips that could be used to supplement teaching materials in the March and April Sabbath School lessons, particularly the Passion and Resurrection lessons in April. Consult the Stori-Strip and Show "Tell" sections of the catalogue for suggestions on the parables for use with children.
DENVER, COLO.—In the fall a new tradition “for purposes of remembering, of being thankful and giving peace of mind for days ahead” was praysed into existence Inspired by Psalm 75, “We give Thee thanks, O God,” a sort of a nostal- gic church family reunion, a Harvest Homecoming, took place on November 26-28, as follows:

Thanksgiving day a special service at 9:30 a.m.; Friday evening a concert of special music by the Boulder church Bell Ringers led by Mrs. Madeline Randolph, a testimony and communion service with letters from former pastors and absent members. Saturday, the ‘Proclamation’ by our Dr. Kenneth Smith, entitled “Surprised by His Presence.” Here are a few thoughts from his master-piece: “We are all wanderers walking the road to Emmaus . . . The story of Jacob is to tell us about ourselves . . . We are any Jacob . . . Life is that moment when we remember where and who we are . . . Life is a going away and a coming home . . . God, break through the coldness ‘Proclamation’ by our Dr. Kenneth Smith, followed at the parsonage, “Open House” followed at the parsonage, with Mrs. Virginia Steele. A happy “Open House” followed at the parsonage, with Mrs. Virginia Steele and daughters hosting with the pastor.”

We are to begin an intensive study of the book The Acts of the Apostles by William Barclay. God gives us vision and dedication for this new year, 1971. —Correspondent

DODGE CENTER, MIND.—The Dodge Center church has had a very busy winter. We appreciated some interesting church history we gained from two of our nonresident members, and want to be read during our roll call Sabbath.

Mrs. Guy Hardie of Kalispell, Mont., told us that the “Battle Hymn of the Re- public” was composed by Julia Ward Howe in 1862. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick. Even today the Rhode Island area is considered the “cradle of our denomination.”

Mrs. G. H. Furman from Leadville, Colo., has some of her findings on church history. Stephen Mumford, an English evangelist to America, had his first convert to the Sabbath on board ship. It was Robert Ayars.

“In 1703, Restore Lippincott sold Robert Ayars of Rhode Island, Gentle- man, 600 acres more land in this same area. He said he sold it to the Seventh Day Baptist Church. It was Robert Ayars that founded the church.”

“Mr. Furman continues in her letter to tell us that Robert Ayars is a distant relative (she being the eighth genera- tion).”

We, of the Dodge Center church, have also experienced a great increase in the moving of our pastor and family to the Verona, N. Y., parish. The ladies of the church gave them an open house on Sunday, January 10, when Pastor then gave his farewell sermon on January 16. We do, however, wish God’s richest blessings on Pastor Wayne Babcock and family.

Our new slate of officers elected at our annual business meeting includes:

President, Mrs. Arden Crane; clerk, Mrs. Claston Bond; treasurer, Mrs. Bob Klopstein; chorister, Faye Bond; new trustee, Bob Austin; senior trustee, Bill Tichnell; deacon, Bob Shadle, and vocations chairman and committees were also chosen.

Obituaries


Presented to Christ in his youth, he was an active member of several Seventh Day Baptist churches during his life and was serving as the librarian of the Portland, Maine, church which called him to ordination in June 1969. He attended the General Conference at Milton, Wis., in August 1970.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. William Hoyt (of Berry College) and the Rev. Leon L. Lowen assisted by the Rev. Kenneth V. Williams and Rev. Joe Welch in the Paint Rock, Ala., Seventh Day Baptist Church. January 15. Burial was in the Paint Rock Cemetery.

FLORIDA.—L. R. (? ) (See obituary elsewhere in this issue.)

BRANCH.—Nathan E., son of Mortimer and Alice Branch, was born Feb. 22, 1873, and died Dec. 22, 1970, in a Traverse City, Mich., hospital.

Note: as he was called, had been for some time White Cloud’s oldest citizen. At the age of nine, he, with his parents and other members of the Branch family, moved from rural Hartford to the White Cloud area. He was the surviving charter member of the church they organized, Seventh Day Church of God, which they called “The Seventh Day Baptist denomination.”

Surviving are three sons with their families, Wayne Q., of Lansing, Ted M., of White Cloud, and Wells L., of Las Vegas, N. Mex. He always active in church and community mat- ters for as long as his health permitted. He used a strong Christian influence wherever he was.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Charles Swing of the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church, in the White Cloud Cemetery.

GAVITT.—Bessie May, daughter of William J. and Susie (Mabry) Gavitt, was born May 29, 1893, at Westerly, R. I., and died Dec. 27, 1970, at her home on William Street, Westerly.

She had retired in 1959 after forty-five years as head bookkeeper for the Utter Publishing Company. She had a faithful member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at Schilde Funeral Home, with the Rev. Everett T. Harris officiating. Burial was at Riverbend Cemetery, Westerly.

MATSON.—Elma, daughter of the Rev. O. S. and Mrs. William Matson, was born July 18, 1899 at Dodge Center, Minn., and died May 8, 1971 at Guther Memorial Hospital, Fremont, Mich.

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Farewell services conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Charles D. Swing, were held in the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church where she was a faithful member. Burial was in the White Cloud Cemetery. Surviving are: a brother, the Rev. O. S. Matson, of Brookfield, N. Y.; two daughters, Mrs. Donald (Norma) Ringers of Rio Grande, and Mrs. John (Joan) Richards of East Lansing, Mich.; and five grandchildren.

—C. D. S.

MAXSON.—Mary Starr, daughter of George Herbert and Elizabeth Brown Utter, was born Feb. 21, 1890, in Westerly, R. I., and died Dec. 25, 1970, at the Westerly Nursing Home, after an extended illness.

She was married in 1916 to Edgar P. Maxson who preceded her in death in 1950. She was an active member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church as long as health permitted.

Surviving are: three sons, William P. of Needham, Mass.; Henry W., of Warwick, R. I.; and Edgar; three daughters, Mrs. Robert Utter, of Flurham Park, N. J.; two brothers, Dr. Henry E. Utter of Providence, R. I., and Wilfrid B. Utter of Westerly; fourteen grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in the Paw- catuck church by the Rev. Everett T. Harris, with burial at Riverbend Cemetery, Westerly.

—E. T. H.

OBERMANN.—Anon, son of Anon and Amanda Obermann, was born Jan. 14, 1893, in New Haven, Conn., and died Jan. 14, 1971, in West Palm Beach, Fla., as the result of a highway accident.

He was married to Marion Buck in 1927. After living in Westerly, R. I., for about thirty-six years, they established their home in the Doby’s Cove area. In 1963 they followed a two year tour of the United States. In 1965 they moved to the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church by baptism in 1947, and was a member of the church choir and superintendent of the Sabbath School.

He is survived by: his wife; a son, Anon, Jr., of Westerly; two daughters, Florence Mahy of Hebron, Conn., and Mrs. Beryl Stephens of Landsdowne, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. May Rockefeller and Mrs. Anne Benson, of Westerly; four nieces, and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Paw- catuck Church on Jan. 15, with the Rev. Everett T. Harris officiating. Burial was at Riverbend Cemetery, Westerly.

—E. T. H.

CORRECTION

The editor was in error in adding to the Tichnell-Welch marriage announcement in the January 11 issue that the marriage was performed by the bride’s father in church. The couple was married in Cumberland, Md., Sorry!
Keeping the Sabbath

The Late Dr. H. C. Morrison

The Sabbath Day, with all it is and all it means, is one of the greatest blessings God ever bestowed upon man. The breaking up of time, with its toil, nervous strain and accumulating responsibilities into weeks — periods of seven days — with the seventh day for rest, is an inexpressible benediction and blessing to mankind.

The coming of the Sabbath day is a constant reminder of God's existence, and His right to rule His intelligent creatures is one of His wisest provisions of His government. Those who keep the Sabbath cannot forget God, nor are they at all likely to drift far in disobedience of any of His laws. To keep the Sabbath in the true spirit of the Sabbath is to become a reverential and obedient Christian.

It would be difficult to enumerate the many benefits and blessings that come to us through the institution of this day of rest and worship. The rest to the tired body, the relaxation of mind and nerve, the bath, the better clothing, the cheerful Sabbath dinner, the family reunion, the sanctuary, with song and sermon, the social intercourse, the spirit of reverence and devotion that come to us through the holy Sabbath cannot possibly be estimated.

It has been proven over and again that this law of the Sabbath is not only written in the Bible, but in our natures also. Men, animals, and machinery will do more and better work, will last longer and keep in better repair, if they have rest every seventh day. It has been said to those who claim to have demonstrated the fact, that the seventh for rest is the proper proportion. If it were the fifth or sixth day, the time of labor would be too short. If it were the tenth or eleventh day the time of labor between rests would be too long. The mind of God is infinite. He knows exactly what we need, and has done all things well . . .

Those persons who violate God's law with reference to the Sabbath will certainly trample upon His commandments with reference to other things. The violation of the Sabbath law hardens the heart, deadens the conscience, and prepares one for rebellion against God with reference to all other commandments. The Sabbath violator is, or will become, an all-round sinner. No man who infringes against this law will have a tender conscience on any other law. Those who do not remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy will inevitably trample upon any and all commandments that stand in the way of the gratification of their desires and whims . . . .—The Sunday Guardian

"What a wonderful thing it has been for Christians to give of their money, frequently sacrificially, for a mission to be performed in their behalf in far places throughout the world. Christians are still doing that but there is a new dimension. They are giving of their money as they always have, but more and more they are giving of themselves to go personally to ghettos and other places of need in behalf of their church."

—M. Parker Burroughs, Cleveland

We Worship Thee

By Eva Millar

We worship Thee, O God most high,
Whose glory fills the earth and sky;
'Tis chanted by the restless waves
And answered in the echoing caves.

The fruits of all the earth are Thine,
The treasures of the sea and mine;
May we Thy gifts, Lord, so employ,
That they shall bless and not destroy.

Each child of Thine Thou lendest skill,
A tool wherewith to do Thy will;
So may we, Lord, fill all our days
With deeds of love and songs of praise.

Ourselves and all that we possess
We pray Thee to accept and bless,
Till with the true and living bread
The multitudes of earth are fed.

Till want and fear and hate shall cease,
And love bring in Thy reign of peace;
Till all mankind receive Thy word,
And worship Christ, the living Word.

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