The Sabbath Recorder

HOME AND NATION

We pride ourselves in our ability to think in terms of national good and even the health and well-being of the world. We revere the past heroes of our country and pray for our present leaders. Let us evaluate carefully the warmth of God’s love in our homes in order to prove the sincerity of our prayers for the wider circle of our avowed interest.
Compassion Fatigue

You have heard of combat fatigue and have experienced several kinds of body fatigue for prolonged exertion. Some people have heart fatigue and their only hope of nearly normal life may be an electrical pacemaker to keep their heart muscles contracting in a steady rhythm. But there is another expression coined by W. Stanley Mooneyham, president of World Vision, compassion fatigue. This is a disease to which Christians are susceptible more than others simply because their compassion muscles are exercised so much more strenuously than those of people not committed to Christ. But if Christians, in the nature of the case, are more susceptible, they are also better fortified to resist compassion fatigue. That is the whole point of the reference in Mr. Mooneyham’s appeal in behalf of World Vision for the people of Bangladesh.

Organizations like this trying to meet mountainous needs are aware (as denominational leaders are also) that repeated appeals have a tendency to desensitize people. We must remember that the world needs do not come at a uniform rate; they come as something unpredictable emergencies. In Bangladesh none could predict the 1970 cyclone and tidal wave that devastated much of the coastal area and took 500,000 lives. The flight of ten million to the wake of the killer in 1972 was a problem of great magnitude does not draw a line between the legitimate and the illegitimate in the use of contraceptives. If a Christian church would encourage a normal sexual relation between husband and wife with the Lord Jesus Christ, and the use of contraceptives and pregnancy terminations. The church would encourage a normal sexual relation between husband and wife. The Washington, D.C., Department of Human Resources reports that in 1969 more than seventy percent of all births to teen-agers in the city were of unmarried mothers. The same office predicts that by 1973 half of all the births in the Nation’s Capital will be out of wedlock. The rate of increase of unmarried mothers is so rapid that contraception itself is widely recognized as the cause of the problem of great magnitude does exist, to be sure. The Washington, D.C., Department of Human Resources reports that in 1969 more than seventy percent of all births to teen-agers in the city were of unmarried mothers. The same office predicts that by 1973 half of all the births in the Nation’s Capital will be out of wedlock. The rate of increase of unmarried mothers is so rapid that contraception itself is widely recognized as the cause of the problem of great magnitude does exist, to be sure. The Washington, D.C., Department of Human Resources reports that in 1969 more than seventy percent of all births to teen-agers in the city were of unmarried mothers. The same office predicts that by 1973 half of all the births in the Nation’s Capital will be out of wedlock. The rate of increase of unmarried mothers is so rapid that contraception itself is widely recognized as the cause of the problem.
Improving Christian-Jewish Relations

It is a fact that Jewish-Christian relations are improving. It is high time. Too long and too often anti-Semitism has raised its ugly head in most Protestant and Catholic churches. More and more churches are now coming out strongly against anti-Semitism and are engaging in dialogue with Jewish leaders. Various groups have joined with the American Jewish Congress in appealing to the Soviet Republic to grant human rights and religious rights to its Jewish citizens.

On the other hand, the gospel still has not been made available to public and private health insurance. This type of reasoning is responsible for the increase of sexual relations and promiscuity, which among nineteen-year-olds, has reportedly reached a proportion that we so abhorred under Hitler and Stalin.

Pacific Coast Field Pastor

The Pacific Coast Association, as previously noted, has the services this summer of a Pacific Coast field pastor with special emphasis on the campus work. A church bulletin announces that the Rev. John Conrod has accepted the call of the association to become the field pastor, beginning October 1. Mr. Conrod is returning with his family to the United States in July after several years of mission work in Malawi, Africa. He is familiar with the Pacific Coast work, having spent several years there in his student days.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 17, 1972
MEETING GOD THROUGH PRAYER
Lesson Scripture: Matt. 6:5-15.

For instance, the American Lutherans stated, "It should be underscored that negative consequences are the aim of such conversations." To this other Protestants can readily agree, but Rabbi Tanenbaum probably pushes this advantage further than the Lutherans intended. His comments imply not only that conversion of the Jews should not be attempted at interfaith dialogues, but that it should not be attempted even by Jews at any time. His concluding paragraph is as follows:

"These repudiations of conversion, Rabbi Tanenbaum declared, "assume particular importance in view of the intensified nation-wide evangelism campaigns of so-called 'Hebrew-Christian' groups and other 'Jews for Jesus' drives that will be centered around Explo '72 in Dallas in June of this year and in Key '73 next year, which have raised serious concerns in the Jewish community."

Here is where Christians must draw the line. We must, indeed, rid ourselves of all vestiges of anti-Semitism, and we must respect the convictions of those Jews who have religious convictions, but to place the burden on the Jew is to press the gospel of Christ to the Jews is asking too much. It is in fact asking us not to be Christians, not to follow the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19-20. Going into all the world preaching the gospel to include Jews, our fellow citizens in the West, we "know that the gospel is not worth sharing with anyone who has religious beliefs." Here is where Christians must draw the line. We must respect the convictions of the Jews but not the convictions of the anti-Semites.

Association Moderator John Bevis
Sends Message to Churches

Ours is a glorious day. We (Southwestern Association) are celebrating 100 years as an organized association. God is working among our youth and through our camping program. We trust that this centennial year is just a beginning for Seventh Day Baptists in this association as we work together to share the gospel of Christ in our part of the world. The 1972 theme "To Know Him, To Make Him Known" is a great theme because it contains a real message for each one of us. It asks us to reexamine our own lives to see if really do "know Him." We must be sure that we do before we attempt to communicate this wonderful gospel "To Make Him Known" to others.

The most powerful weapon in God's hand is the dedicated woman. In His sovereignty He has chosen people as channels of His blessing to the world. Jacob was a real scoundrel in many ways, but at Joppah he stopped fighting and put away lying and deceit, and wrestled all night long until the voice of God changed his name, his status, and his life (Genesis 32:28). Here is the real reason why influence people we must have influence with God. Never is it more true than in this area of the truth, "it is not what you know but whom you know that counts." In the year ahead let us address ourselves to the task of bridging the gap between God and man. Laying aside every weight, rid ourselves of false values, utterly depending upon Him and absolutely trusting in Him, may we as Sabbathkeeping Baptists go forth because we "know Him" to share our knowledge with others. Our Lord Jesus Christ asks each one of us to do his part—to stretch out as far as we can. He will guide us and we and our strength will be multiplied.
Allegheny Association Holds Annual Session at Little Genesee

"God is moving and we should get in step."

Moderator John Reynolds was speaking of a movie, "New Wind Blowing," showing on television, but he could have made the same comment at several points during the program of the association held at Little Genesee, N. Y., May 12-14.

The featured speaker was the Rev. Paul B. Osborn of Nortonville, Kans., president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Around 200 people were there on Sabbath morning to worship. The sermon was based on the Conference theme, "To God Be the Glory."

In the afternoon President Paul gave an illustrated talk on the building of the College in Denver, Colo., where sessions will be held August 6-12.

All the activities of Conference, its boards and agencies, are for one purpose — that God may be glorified in Jesus Christ, His Son.

Music enriched the program of the association at all the meetings of the weekend. On Friday evening a group of young ladies led by Miss Lisa Cudahy sang selections from "Natural High." Choir anthems and organ music on Sabbath morning were uplifting. Mrs. Thomas L. Burrows, native son now living in Madras, Oregon, and Mrs. Don Stearns, treasurer, were singing in the Tabernacle. Later the two groups joined to view the movie mentioned before.

Pastor Harold King of the host church presided Sabbath morning. He and his wife Kathi will soon leave for a new pastorate in Kansas City. They will be missed in Allegheny Association. Pastor King was vice-moderator this year and Kathi served as assistant secretary. Both have been active in the "out-of-doors" and on committees. Special mention should be made of their contribution to the revised Constitution and Bylaws adopted at this session.

The Sabbath eve service was led by Mrs. Francis Bucher, the organizational chairman for adult work. Delegates from Central New York Association, the Rev. and Mrs. N. M. Mills of Brookfield, told the history of their association's churches and showed slides. Pastor King also gave some of the history of the Little Genesee church and the forming of Western Association, now known as Allegheny Association.

For worship on Sabbath afternoon, Chris Mattison representing the Youth Fellowship, read verses from Revelation and emphasized the presence of the living, risen Christ. Sunday morning worship thoughts were given by Pastor Sutton preceding the business session.

New officers elected include the moderator, Don Pierce, of Alfred Station. Vice-moderator is Pastor Russell Johnson of Alfred. Mrs. Harold Snyder, Alfred Station, will be assistant recording secretary. Miss Oonella Saunders of Richburg begins her duties as corresponding secretary, replacing Mrs. Harry Wilson who has served in that office several years. Others reelected are Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, recording secretary, and Mrs. Don Stearns, treasurer.

C. Robert Stohr was reelected chairman of the Camp Planning Committee. In his report of last season it was noted that a new dormitory has been built at Camp Harley Sutton near Alfred Station. A service of dedication and naming of buildings was held, and camps held during the summer of 1971 served primary, junior, and senior youth as well as family groups. Plans have been made to welcome campers and staff next season from Central Association for a cooperative camping venture.

Continuing the Seventh Day Baptist witness at the Allegany County Fair at Angelica, N. Y., in July, was discussed. Two booths will be set up and money funds from the Tract Society so that for a second year a children's attraction can be offered in addition to the booth with literature available for adults. It was announced that an SCSC team will be on hand to help at the fair, as well as at camp and in the various churches of Allegheny Association during the summer.

Meals always were an enjoyable part of the fellowship. The women of Little Genesee had more to do this year because all meetings were held in one location instead of having the Friday night dessert and meeting at the opposite end of the association as in other years. It was hoped that some would remain for an additional meeting on the night after the Sabbath, and many did. Adults and children ate soup and sandwiches at the Andy Burrows, pastor of the Alfred Station church. Then the youth group picnicked in the T. L. Burdick backyard.

All seven churches of Allegheny Association were represented at the sessions. Phil Burrows, native son now living in Kansas City, was present and brought greetings from the Mid-Continent Association in which he is the secretary.

A feeling of love and rejoicing in the Lord prevailed throughout. To God be the glory!

—Ethel Dickinson

JUNE 10, 1972

Hundreds Baptized at Our India Conference

The annual conference (they call it convention) of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of India was held this year at Madras, a large city about ninety miles south of Nellore, the headquarters city, May 3-10.

The purpose of the convention was more in line with souls than to transact business. The following information about the methods and the success of the effort is gleaned from a letter from the Rev. B. John V. Rao, corresponding secretary, under date of May 15. Previous letters had told of their plan to hold the meetings in Madras where there had been relatively little organized Seventh Day Baptist work prior to this time. They had announced a goal of 500 conversions.

Many "big persons" attended the convention "just to get spiritual food." Some of these important people must have assisted in the preparations, since a large number of people picnicked in the T. L. Burdick backyard. Later the two groups joined to view the movie mentioned before.

Large crowds attended evening meetings at which Evangelist Rao preached on "Prince of Peace and Healer." The same subject was used by other pastors at morning meetings. The speakers were able to reach the large crowds with the help of eight loudspeakers. Meetings were held from 8-10 a.m., and from 6-10 p.m. Some 20,000 Christians and non-Christians heard the Word of God.

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The early church is often held up as an ideal toward which the modern church should strive. The December 4, 1971, Sabbath School lesson in the Helping Hand says this about the early Christian Church:

The early church burned like a fire and spread rapidly because of the contagious experience of its people. They had found a risen Christ and they were excited about it. They said, "He is the Son of God." They were and by what they did and by what they said. The first century Christians got their faith over to others. Wherever they went—in the pagan world, in their daily life, meeting martyrdom—they went with a radiant faith in their living Lord. The Rev. Duane Davis, editor

In Acts 2, there is a picture of the first-century church. We find that the believers all joined together in fellowship with each other. They studied God's Word and listened to the teachings of those who had been with Jesus. They ate together. They prayed together. God's power was manifest in their midst. They lived together to being owned by Christ, change in their lives. Ezekiel talks about a change—"a new beginning"—in Ezekiel 36. He points out that Israel has profaned the Lord by her complete disobedience. But in order that His name be glorified, God would bring Israel back to their land and bless them. However, in doing so, God promises to transform them—"to change them—from disobedient people to obedient, and the transformations will not be merely skin deep. First there will be a complete cleansing; the old filthiness will be washed away.

Second, there will be a new heart. The old, unfeeling hearts of stone will be taken out and thrown away. New hearts of flesh will be given in their place, new hearts ready to love, new hearts malleable to God's leading and to Christ's leadership. There must have been some new beginning someplace at some time with these people. With a contrast so radical, there must have been some new beginning somewhere.

Ezekiel talks about a change—a new beginning if you please—in Ezekiel 36. It's not a case of "how it all began" but rather of "how it all change." This is the beginning of the Christian Church. But this beginning was not for that time only. This is not a case of "how it all began" but rather of "how it all change." This is the beginning of the Christian Church.

Now the watchword for these "beginnings" is change: change from old ways to new ways, change from sin to forgiveness of sin, change from being one's own to being owned by Christ, change in one's self. In Ephesians, chapter 2, we find the old and the new contrasted. Here the Gentiles are being spoken to, and the point is made that in their old condition they were utterly separated from Christ. They were lost. They were without help, having to make their own way. They were without God. But now their new condition is a very sharp contrast to this. Now they belong to Christ Jesus. No longer are they far away, but are now brought near. No longer are they strangers and foreigners, but now are members of God's family. Now as such peoples, including the Gentile Ephesians, can share in the peace which only Christ Jesus brings. Oh, praise the Lord! This passage seems to explode with joy! With a contrast so radical, there must have been a radical change that took place at some time with these people. There must have been some new beginning somewhere.
ness; 2) baptism: coming under God’s ownership, letting Him give you a new heart promised in Ezekiel. All you have to do is ask God to forgive you, and He will. He’s promised that He will.

Then to really live the abundant life, let God fill you with His Spirit, the Holy Spirit can impart into your life a community of mature believers. This community can make in your life until it has actually happened to you. When it does, you’ll just never want to stop praising God.

Program and Progress of Eastern Association

Eastern Association, covering the relatively small geographic area from Rhode Island to New Jersey but with more churches and pastors than other associations, held its annual session at Westerly, R. I., Friday to Sunday, May 19-21.

Fairly large delegations came from the New Jersey and other churches for the vesper service Sabbath Eve and for the larger meetings the next day. Even the Sunday business meeting was well attended by the delegates from Delaware and the Eastern Association.

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The program of meetings, but the rainy weather did not seem to be holding the transport costs of the choir. Housing costs were met by the host church.

The third highlight of the association program came on May 18, the close of the business meetings. The meeting was a sermon by Secretary Alton L. Wheeler that summed up the challenges presented to the church by the Berlin, N. Y., church: Howard Ellis, president; Paul Greene, vice-president; Paul Cushman, treasurer.

The program of meetings centered around the experiences and thoughts of the guest speaker, John Noble of Pennsylvania, who had been unjustly imprisoned in slave labor camps in the Soviet Union for many years following World War II. Part of his story was told by way of introduction in an earlier issue.

Mr. Noble’s message in the morning and his elaboration of the subject in the afternoon could not be classed as entertaining or enjoyable, but certainly was unforgettable. He testified that in his early life when he had every material advantage and a consuming interest in manufacturing he had no time for Christ. The righteousness made this to God and eventually find a faith that kept him alive while non-Christians were dying. Out of his experiences and his firsthand knowledge of the Christian system he speaks about the importance of faith in Christ and the dangers of the socialism that he sees engulfing our nation.

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Based on several passages of Scripture, the speaker fortified it with many of his recent worldwide experiences of facing with others the issues of the day in relation to our common faith.

President Denison Barber presided over the lengthy business meeting Sunday morning which took up the reports of the delegates and committees and formulated work for the future. It was voted to continue support of Schenectady as part of the evangelistic outreach and to help in the financing of our own fair booths this summer. After discussion of the financial situation, it was voted to contribute $500 to the SCSC program to help meet the greater-than-usual need. The association work is financed by a $1.00 per member assessment by the churches, which will probably yield enough to support the budget needs. Upon vote it was decided to pay the guest speaker’s stipend from the treasury rather than from the Sabbath morning offering, leaving the offering free to go to Our World Mission as usual.

Several courtesy resolutions prepared by the committee were enthusiastically passed. A peace resolution given to the committee was debated but was not found to be in a form that was acceptable to the majority. The following resolution was passed: Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Collings, Sr., were adopted:

Narcotics—Because today there are nine million people in our country who are alcoholics; And because alcohol is an addictive habit-forming drug creating more harm than LSD, marijuana and heroin combined; Because there are four times as many high school students who drink as those who smoke marijuana; Therefore we urge all Christian church leaders to set an example and take a firm stand against the sale and use of all narcotics;

And that we promote an educational program in our schools and churches, starting with the young children, to teach the dangers in the use of all narcotic drugs.

The 1973 session of Eastern Association will be held with the Berlin, N. Y., church. The major portion of the Executive Committee elected is from that church: Howard Ellis, president; Paul Greene, vice-president; Paul Cushman, treasurer. 134 Mountain Drive, Pittsfield, Mass., corresponding secretary; and George Burdick, recording secretary. Charles F. Haring of Shiloh was named 1973 delegate to the Southeastern Association and Robert Illis of Berlin delegate to the Central New York Association.

MEMORY TEXT

“If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head” (Prov. 25:21, 22).
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Rev. David S. Clemo

Sabbath School Check-Up

One Sabbath School superintendent recently gave the following evaluation to her teachers for their self-analysis and her planning with them:

1—Have you covered the following Christian basics in your course this year?

The Ten Commandments
Salvation through Christ
The Resurrection

2—In what ways have the above been presented?

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3—What special methods (drama, puppets, etc.) have been used?

4—What tools do you need to accomplish more effective presentation?

5—General comments:

The Bible and the Devotional Life

The Uniform Series of Bible Lessons in Christian Education for June-August 1972 uses the above theme. Dr. Glenn Asquith has written a book entitled “Living in the Presence of God” directly related to this quarter’s Bible lessons. We recommend its use by older youth and adults as they seek to appreciate the Bible’s devotional nature.

Living in the Presence of God is just off the press this month from Judson Press at Valley Forge, Pa., and is available at $1.45. Judson editors have this to say about the book: “Too often devotions receive casual treatment from choice chairmen, heads of families, or others. But within the devotion lies a power that can come only from close communion with God. In this book a noted author recognizes that potential.”

“Dr. Asquith begins with a search for the ways toward spiritual strength. Bible study, prayer, faith and confession are only some of these ways. Then the author considers how to release the power that comes from a devotional life — through prayer, service, or witness.”

“The Bible is an invaluable book that encourages readers to make the most of those moments when they are alone, in the congregation, or with their family. Written in the very readable style for which the author is noted, the book is complete with suggested prayers and Scripture readings.”

“Well-known to many readers of his five books and over 1,200 articles, Glenn H. Asquith presently is retired and doing interim pastoral work. For several years he was executive director of Christian publications for the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication. In addition, he has served churches in five states and was executive secretary of the New York State Baptist Convention and of the Philadelphia Baptist Association.”

Westerly folk know him as pastor of an American Baptist Church there in the 1940’s. Whether or not you buy Dr. Asquith’s book personally may not be as important as getting a copy to share in the Helping Hand adult study of the Bible and devotional source book in June-August 1972.

Travel Companion Desired

Mrs. Loren Crouse of the Seattle church would like someone to travel with her during her month in India, June 27. Enroute to the field they will stay in Madras, India. Mrs. Crouse is now planning to visit South Day Baptist friends and leaders of the work in Korea, Burma, and India. She prefers a retired couple — a woman, someone who could help handle a movie camera and a tape recorder. Anyone interested and able to make such a trip may write to Mrs. Crouse at 29225 W. Valley Hwy., Auburn, Wash. 98002.

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MISSIONS—Dean R. Lawton

Mission News and Notes

KEY ‘73
An informative filmstrip with “record script” was shared with pastors at the recent Area Spiritual Retreats, giving general plans for emphasis during KEY ‘73. Several of our churches have purchased a copy for use in their own area, and to others local churches.

Two copies have been purchased by the Missionary Board for loan. One is in the hands of Evangelist Mynor G. Soper and the second can be borrowed from the board office. The latter copy can be requested with cassette tape sound instead of the disc recording to facilitate mailing, if so desired. We would encourage all churches to view this prior to their next planning session, or by the fall of 1972.

JAMAICA

June 11 will be an important day in Kingston, Jamaica. This is the date set for the formal dedication of the new classroom building at Crandall High School. Government education officials, leaders in the Kingston Private Schools Association, Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference officers, past students, and friends will participate in this joyous event.

Let us join with our brethren in Jamaica in praise to God for this, another vital milestone in our ministry for Christ through Crandall High School.

Mrs. Courtland W. (Frankie) Rethy has continued to serve the Lord and the needs of the work in Jamaica for several years since “retirement.” She is now planning to return to the United States in mid-July and, we understand, will be entering a new phase of dedicated service with the Battle Creek, Mich. church.

MALAWI

Missionary David C. Pearson completed his course and received a Master in Missions degree from Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, May 21. With his family they are now visiting family and friends and taking care of last minute necessities prior to leaving for their fourth term of service in Malawi, Africa, on June 27. Enroute to the field they will meet with brethren in Holland. Your con.

PRAYER FOR CONSISTENCY

Gracious Father, Thou who art always willing to use us in spite of our faults and failures, we confess that while we have been chosen to be men’s servants we have tried to be their masters. Our Lord has given us the pattern of poured-out life, but in our self-interest we devote our time to oiling the machinery of our own organizations and pet projects. We pretend we are exceptions to humanity and hide behind excuses. We have closed our ears to the prophetic signs of our times. We lack the conscience that should accompany our Christian profession.

“Forgive us, O Lord, and deliver us from our living death. Give us the courage to accept the pain of new birth that we may be renewed and healed from all our brokenness.”

“In Christ's name we plead—Amen.

—From the 1972 Easter service at the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:

1. The more than 300 new converts recently baptized in Madras, India.

2. The leaders of the Philippine work in Cebu and Leyte, that they may be sensitive to the leading of the Spirit in their plans.

3. The beginning of the ministry of the SCSC workers going to the far corners of our country.

4. The evangelistic thrust of the evening meetings of General Conference at Denver in August.

continued prayer support is asked as David, Bettie, and Joanna return to Africa and Deborah remains for school in this country.
SALEM COLLEGE CONIFERS DEGREES

At the eighty-fourth annual commencement of Salem College, Salem, W. Va., this four-year liberal arts college started by Seventh Day Baptists and now under the forward-looking presidency of Dr. K. Duane Hurley, a former editor of the "Sabbath Recorder," awarded 220 undergraduate and two doctor's degrees.

The Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, the commencement speaker, was presented by Senator Jennings Randolph for the degree of Doctor of Divinity, conferred by President Hurley.

Mr. Wheeler, a graduate of Salem College, is the general secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference; has been a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches; is vice-president-at-large of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA and a member of its General Board; and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and the North America Baptist Fellowship.

— from a Salem news release

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTH LOUP, NEBR.—Our youth group, "The Galileans," presented "Life," a musical by Ots Skilling, at the First Baptist Church at Grand Island on February 26 and at the Adventist Academy in Lincoln, April 15.

Our youth "took over" during the month of March. By prearrangement with the church officials they held their offices for the month. They conducted the Sabbath morning worship services March 18. Their anthem was "He's Everything to Me." The children's message was given by Richard Wheeler. The three-part testimonial message "What Christ Means to Me" was given by Jim Goodrich, Jerry Van Horn, and Ruth Soper. It was a heart-warming service.

Lenten breakfasts were held once a week, with men of the United Methodist Church and our men participating twice at each church. On March 28 our women were breakfast guests of the United Methodist women.

Mid-Continent Youth Spring Retreat was held in Denver, Easter weekend. About thirty attended this national Easter Sunrise Service on "Happy Jack" at the Chalk Hills with breakfast at the Mira Valley United Methodist Church.

The week of March 25, Mynor Soper, Steve Crouch, Phillip Osborn, Richard Wheeler and Bernard Keown went to Daytona Beach for a special world-proving with students. They were joined by Chris Pederson, New Auburn, Wis.; Ruth Burdick, DeRuiter, N. Y.; and Karen Osborn, Nortonville, Kans. Reports of their experiences were given at the Sabbath morning service, May 6, in "Sharing Christ in Daytona Beach" by Steve Crouch and Bernard Keown.

The kitchen class has added thirty books to the church library with more on the way. They take up extra offerings to finance this project. This class and the class above contributed to the Cerebral Palsy Telethon sponsored by a television station in Lincoln. More than $30,000 was raised by the telethon.

The junior class is still a member of "Bible-a-Month Club" of the American Bible Society in which Bibles are given in memory of the deceased. They have been members since 1964. It is their way of doing missionary work.

Dr. Grace Missionary Society has had several projects. Treasure chests with quilts, sheets, pillows, towels, etc., have been filled and given to two families who had home fires. One home was completely burned down. A third chest is being filled to have it ready for an emergency. A penny project — using small chests — raised funds for SCSC youth. Three of our overal projects. Treasure chests with pennies have added up! May baskets were filled at the Dr. Grace meeting in May and taken to the elderly, sick and shut-ins of the village.

Work at Camp Riverview is progressing. A new kitchen is being added and the road leading to the camp site is being improved. A busy summer is anticipated.

—Correspondent

MARLBORO, N. J.—About one hundred people were very happy to welcome the David Pearsons, our missionaries from Malawi, Africa, at a service on Sabbath morning, March 4. He based the message, "I Will Build My Church," on Matthew 16:13-20. A covered dish dinner was served following Sabbath School. Slides were shown in the afternoon showing their work in Africa.

The Senior Citizen's Dinner was held March 5 with forty-three present in the program. The program was enjoyed by all.

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BATTLE CREEK, MICH.—The May issue of "The Friendly Guest" is designated as the camp issue and urges all members and friends to become involved in the camp program in attendance, leadership, or support. The editor of the mimeographed publication announces:

"The Rev. Paul Maxson of Berlin, N. Y., is to be our guest minister and he will be primarily in charge of the camps. He plans to arrive June 23. Presently he is busy planning camp programs and attending a class to become a water safety instructor."

Mr. Maxson is listed as director of Day Camp, June 26 to 30; Young Adult Retreat, June 30 to July 4; Primary Camp, July 6 to 9; Intermediate Camp, July 16 to 23; and Adult Retreat, July 28 to 30.

The annual church picnic is announced for July 4 at Camel Holston.

One of the camp improvements scheduled for completion before the summer program at the twenty-one-acre well-developed camp on Coeur d'Alene six miles from Battle Creek is a multipurpose paved recreation court funded primarily from the Rev. Eugene Fatao Memorial Fund. Other major improvements are planned but not yet assured.

Marriages

Rudolph — Rogers, Miss Cynthia Rogers, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Albert N. Rogers of Plainfield, N. J., and Steven Rudolph, son of Arthur Rudolph, East Weymouth, Mass., and the late Mrs. Rudolph, were united in marriage on May 14, 1972, at the East Weymouth Congregational Church, the bride's father and the groom's pastor officiating.

The couple spent in West Germany where he was director of Bad Kissinger Service Club and she was on duty with the U. S. Army. They will make their home at 152 Cedar Street, East Weymouth.

Births

Pierce — Twin daughters, Karen Marie and Kimberly Anne, to Fred and Ann Pierce of Corning, N. Y., on May 17, 1972.
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Thoughts on China

Dr. Arthur F. Glasser, now dean of the School of Missions at Fuller Theological Seminary, was one of the last five or six missionaries to leave China two years after the Communists took over. He stayed there at the end of World War II after serving as a Navy chaplain in the Orient. His comments about the future of missions in China should carry some weight. He notes that "actually, a good part of the mass public education that you see in China today was built on the base of missionaries' pioneering education." He doesn't think there is as much resentment built up against Americans as some other nations who treated the Chinese badly.

Dr. Glasser scoffs at those zealous evangelists who in the wake of the Ping-Pong matches spoke about preparing to crash back into China and pick up where the effort left off. Things have changed. He does hold out hope for some kind of work sometime:

"But we need long-range, thoughtful concepts about Christian work in China, not false hopes. The hard reality is that Communist countries are not letting missionaries in. Oh, there are some exceptions, in Poland, for instance, where they have an interest in anything that might weaken the Roman Catholic Church. And Yugoslavia is different. Communist countries are not uniform. That old day is gone."

Pre-Con and General Conference sessions will be held this year amid the stupendous Rocky Mountains in the vicinity of Denver. To look out upon lofty, snow-clad peaks, virgin evergreens, and tumbling streams in deep canyons will add inspiration to Spirit-filled meetings.