

MARRIAGES

Dalbrow - Tomlinson. — Archer W. Dalbrow of Bridgeton, N. J., and Ella J. Tomlinson of Marlboro, N. J., were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on July 23, 1943. Pastor Herbert L. Cottrell officiating. Their new home will be at Marlboro, N. J.

Hurley - Hodge. — At the Baptist parsonage Adams Center, N. Y., on August 7, 1943, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. Flora W. Hodge of Adams Center were united in marriage. Officiating clergymen were Rev. Ray McCann and Rev. Paul S. Burdick.

Phelps - Stebbins. — At the Seventh Day Baptist church in Dodge Center, Minn., Mr. Walter Phelps of Wasioja was united in marriage to Miss La Von Stebbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stebbins of Dodge Center, at 10 a.m., Sunday, August 1, 1943, Pastor Charles W. Thorngate officiating.

OBITUARY

Chapman. — Clarence Earl Chapman, son of Guy and Ethel Greene Chapman, was born at Ladysmith, Wis., on December 16, 1925.

His entire life was spent in the vicinity of New Auburn. February 12, 1943, Earl enlisted in the navy, and was in training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, where his death occurred July 15, 1943.

Farewell services were held from the Seventh Day Baptist church July 19, 1943, conducted by his former pastor, C. B. Loofbourrow, assisted by Pastor Neal D. Mills. Interment was in the New Auburn cemetery, where the services were concluded by the usual three-volley salute by a firing squad from the local American Legion Post.

C. B. L.

Clarke. — William D. Clarke, son of Herbert M. and Elverette Austin Clarke, was born in Independence, N. Y., September 3, 1871, and died a few hours after a fatal injury by a hay fork which he was helping to change, July 28, 1943.

December 22, 1897, he married Miss Ethel Fulmer who survives him; also a son, Charles F., and his wife and a granddaughter Sally Jane, and a daughter Hilda, at home; three brothers: Robert A. of Independence, Howard of Rochester, N. Y., and Winfield W. of Little Genesee; and a number of nephews and nieces.

He united with the Independence Church May 26, 1894, and except for a time while living at Little Genesee has been a faithful member and attendant at the Independence church, and part of the time a valued trustee of the church.

Funeral services were held at his late home, July 31, 1943, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Walter L. Greene, and attended by a large com-

pany of friends and relatives. Interment in the Independence cemetery. W. L. G.

Kenyon. — Miss Ethel May Kenyon, daughter of George A. and Sarah Langworthy Kenyon, was born in the town of Hopkinton, R. I., January 30, 1881, and died in Westerly, August 1, 1943. She was an only child and her survivors are several cousins.

She was baptized by Elder L. F. Randolph July 20, 1901, and united with the Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church in which church she was vitally interested until her death. Three years ago she retired from her profession as music teacher. Miss Kenyon was a member of the Rebekah Lodge.

Farewell services were held at the Avery Funeral Home, Hope Valley, R. I., August 3, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, and burial was at Pine Grove Cemetery, Hope Valley.

T. R. S.

Smith. — T. Stuart Smith, son of George and Ann Revely Smith, was born March 29, 1880, and died July 23, 1943.

On September 18, 1906, he was married to Carrie Palmiter of Verona Station, by their pastor, Rev. Alva L. Davis, and to this union were born four children: Flora, Agnes, Anna, and Allison.

As a lad he united with the Lowell Methodist Church, and as a young man he joined the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, where he served faithfully. He was many years a trustee of the church, Sabbath school superintendent, and was a teacher in the Sabbath school and a deacon of the church at the time of his death. His judgment was always valued in church and other matters. He had been moderator of our Central Association at different times, for twelve years was chairman of the Verona Town Council of Religious Education, was master of the Westmoreland Grange, assistant steward of Pomona Grange, and committeeman of the G.L.F. at Rome.

Besides his widow, he leaves his three daughters: Mrs. Kenneth Babcock of Milton, Wis.; Agnes Smith and Mrs. George Davis at home; and S/Sgt. George Allison Smith, Fort Bragg, N. C.; three granddaughters, other relatives, and a host of friends as the unusually large attendance at the funeral showed.

Funeral services were conducted at the farm home on Monday afternoon, July 26, by his pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Polan, assisted by Rev. Alva L. Davis, and the burial was in the Verona Mills cemetery, with services conducted by the Westmoreland Grange and the two pastors. H. L. P.

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A BISHOP'S PRAYER

The Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker, presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, has written the following prayer which he suggests all Christians use for those who have lost loved ones in the war:

"Almighty God, who didst offer thine only Son to be made perfect through suffering, and to win our salvation by enduring the cross, sustain with thy healing power all those whose loved ones have given their lives in the service of our country. Redeem, we pray thee, the pain of their bereavement, that knowing their loss to be the price of our freedom, they may remember the gratitude of the nation for which they gave so costly a sacrifice. And grant, O Lord, that we may highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain, and that out of the agony of the present hour there may arise a new and better world in which thy will shall rule, to the honor of thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen."

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EDITORIALS

"SOME THINGS THAT WE FACE TOGETHER"

The "times" always demand the best within us. None more than the present, when subversive and selfish interests dominate so many souls. War always breeds such selfishness and offers opportunity for greed to blossom and fruit. Indifference to religion and the higher ideals always grows vigorously in such times and is worse than hostility, as the Christian Leader recently pointed out in an article under the above caption. That means that the church is faced with common problems and difficulties, no matter what its title is, Methodist or Seventh Day Baptist.

Not a few of the difficulties are hidden in what may be well-meaning but misled cults, organizations, and groups, such as the K.K.K., the Committee of One Hundred, America First Party, Jehovah's Witnesses, the Norris and Winrod people, soap box and basement exhorters—all of whom attract people by some over-stretched fact, interpretation, or self-interest. Such are warned against by the apostle Paul—who "will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things" (2 Timothy 4: 3-5a). Good warning to us all—as we again face a revival and growth of such fallacies as the Klan which carried many ministers, even, off their feet in the '20s.

Among other things which we face together in these wartimes are self-indulgence: cigarette smoking, cock-tail parties, visiting

road houses and tap rooms, dance halls — perhaps matters less wicked than stupid and foolish. Let us face these things realistically but with faith and courage to overcome.

"Wartime is upsetting to church work in small ways and great ways. It takes our boys away. It puts the girls into new lines of work." It lays long hours upon men at work and calls many housewives and mothers from home making. It leaves youngsters to look after themselves and places little children and babies in nurseries and make-shift homes. Church buildings must be used for service men and recreation halls. People depended upon for usual church work are now busier than ever, with little or no time to be spent in particularly religious work. All churches are affected alike—the work is hard.

In commenting upon such conditions the Christian Leader rings a hopeful note: "In the work of love and faith in wartime there is a *great lift*. It is the lift that comes from need. Nothing paralyzes us quicker than the doubt as to whether or not what we are doing counts. We know that love and faith count the most when needed the most. In providing bread for the hungry, clothing for the destitute, homes for the homeless, in uttering words of comfort to the sorrowing, in backing the chaplains and helping them to reach the boys, we express our faith. And we realize that in the last analysis it is the same faith."

All of us, churches, ministers, of whatever faith or persuasion, are together facing the problems of securing a righteous and enduring peace. The problem involves nationality, racial prejudices, and selfish aggrandizement. If great care is not exercised and forethought and unselfish love of justice practiced we are

all in danger of losing more than has been gained by bloodshed and sacrifice. Matters cannot be left to chance or generals or politicians alone. There is commendable study of the underlying principles of a lasting peace, and people are being girded to meet the reactions that are bound to strike when the war is ended. Faced as we are with the enormity of our problems, we must declare against the things that resulted in the repudiation of Woodrow Wilson's fourteen points. As another has pointed out, it was not a repudiation of Wilson as a leader or a Democrat, "but because people were tired of thinking about the war or the problems of Europe and wanted to get back to normalcy. And what a 'normalcy' we achieved."

We are faced, indeed, with similar conditions today, with men anxious only to get out of uniform, of men wanting merely to get back into "the money," of all of us wanting plenty of gas and food supplies. But we must not forget for what we have been fighting, for the principles for which we have been brought to sacrifice. Yes, our problems, our hopes, and our faith are common to all.

CALL TO REPENTANCE

The British people were recently called upon to repent, by the Archbishop of Canterbury. After naming the great virtues of the British, exhibited so outstandingly during the present war, namely, "courage in danger, comradeship in service, perseverance in effort," the Archbishop went on to say, "The decline in honesty has been very sharp and very steep, and our standard of conduct in matters of sex is very lax." The Church does stand for high standards, and it's to the glory of one of our freedoms that criticism can be freely expressed by representatives of the Christian religion, high or low.

In America we do well to examine our own manner of life and take to heart for ourselves such a call to repentance. The editor of the Christian Advocate calls upon America to repent of "widespread disregard of the Sabbath, our shameless exhibition of nude women for purposes of entertainment, our superstitious turning to astrology, our mounting tide of profanity and obscenity, our vulgar wit and applause for the lewd and nasty, our flouting of decency in current fiction, our sodden drunkenness and frenzied gambling, our prodigality in the presence of the world's suffering, and the long list of failures which no man can name."

The editor of the Christian Leader in echoing these calls to repentance, adds others equally as deep, at least—"the American disposition to play politics with the most crucial matters of life and death for the nation."

To our own mind our call to repentance should take full cognizance of the liquor evil in our camps and environments, into which our men in war service must constantly be thrown. Truly, America as well as Britain needs to heed such a call.

On the other hand, there is much in the nation to be commended—as the American generosity that supports calls for relief, worldwide in nature. The unselfish, personal service countless individuals are rendering should not be overlooked, or the willingness of men to lay down their lives for the principles for which they fight.

While the things of which we should repent give us grave concern, we need not lose sight of the magnificent signs of a chastened people.

PEACE AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

Representing a united approach of Protestant churches to the Christian responsibility for a righteous and lasting peace, ninety-three cities in thirty-nine states and the District of Columbia will join in a nationwide mission this fall "to stimulate local study and action and development, now, of a body of public opinion to secure full American participation in establishing and maintaining world order."

This announcement, but recently made, comes from the co-operating staff of six Protestant agencies directing the organization of one-day missions which will be conducted by traveling teams of leading Christian clergymen and laymen as part of the Christian Mission on World Order.

The mission, says the announcement, will demonstrate the "church's concern that solid foundations—spiritual, moral, political, racial, and economic—will be laid now for the post-war world," will emphasize the bearing of the Christian gospel, and show how the faith of the Christian can be translated into his act as citizen.

The mission "will call the church to a scrutiny of its own program and practices as they relate to issues involved in a Christian world order, bring to general knowledge the studies of world order by Christian groups throughout the world, stimulate every church and community to inaugurate an effective program of study and action on these issues, and de-

velop local leadership for continuing the tasks of education and action in the church and community with respect to postwar problems."

Doctor Walter Van Kirk, secretary of the Committee to Study the Bases of a Just and Durable Peace, is the director of the Christian Mission.

AUTHOR NAMED

In the Sabbath Recorder of July 26 appeared a poem on Creation by a Negro poet, designated as "Author Unknown." Since publication, letters have been received from two interested friends furnishing the author's name, which we are very glad to give here for the benefit of others who are interested.

The author is James Weldon Johnson whose volume, "God's Trombones," is one of sermons in verse highly appreciated by many.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

"We have never had an active church boy, a Boy Scout, or a member of the junior police in real trouble in the juvenile court," Judge Philip B. Gilliam, of the Juvenile Court, Denver, Colo., told parents recently. "Children need adventure. They will get it in some form or another. War makes necessary some adjustments. Take—don't send—your children to church. There is a need to teach children simple things. They need to get close to earth. We must do something for our children now. We not only need to save the world for our children, but also to save the children for the world which will be theirs tomorrow."

—News in World of Religion.

Cold Beer — No Cold Water for Our Soldiers!
"Please forgive me, but I have begun drinking two bottles of beer a day. We have that much rationed to us each day. It is the only cold drink on the island." So writes a Methodist boy to his mother, from the South Pacific area. A second boy has written, "Boy, right now I would give \$5 for a glass of ice water. I had some about a week ago."

A Methodist pastor has furnished us with these excerpts from letters received by parents in his membership, and adds this pertinent inquiry: "How is it that the brewers get shipping space for their product to these distant places, when pure water or harmless soft drinks are not available? What about an army that forces a boy to drink an alcoholic beverage or perish of thirst?"

Is this the "solution" of the liquor problem, of which our military authorities have been talking?

—Christian Advocate.

Radio broadcasts in Japan, heard at listening posts in America, give the information that there are increasing demands in Japan for copies of the Bible. The Japan Bible Society ("Nippon Seisho Kyokwai"), to which the American Bible Society transferred its Bible house, plates, and stock of Scriptures in 1941, is said to be selling Bibles as fast as they can be printed. A revised version of the New Testament was printed in Japanese in 1917 jointly by the American Bible Society and the British and Foreign Bible Society. The Japan Bible Society is now reported to be well on its way on a revision of the Old Testament which was last translated in 1887.

—W. W. Reed, News of the World in Religion.

LOOKING FORWARD

It is hard to believe that there was no meeting of our General Conference this year. However, we can have much of the pleasure and satisfaction of participation in Conference. It has been suggested that those who had planned to attend Conference might make a gift equal to the amount of the expense involved. This provides an excellent opportunity to help the finances of the denomination. This privilege is not restricted. Any member and all churches may contribute through their church treasurers to the Denominational Budget.

The thought of a special gift brings up the question of regular giving. We learn that most of our expenses in everyday life have to be met at regular intervals. So do the church expenses. Those of us who do not have a definite plan for benevolences, should figure up what percentage of our income goes for God's work. If we are making only one contribution a quarter or a year, we may be surprised how little we are helping. A regular amount should be given every week or month, whether or not we are able to attend church. This plan may make it easier to be regular in attendance! The larger our income is, the greater percentage we should give to support the cause of righteousness. Let us give liberally and systematically, as we have been blessed, and receive the added blessing that will be ours.

Committee to Promote the Financial Program.

MISSIONS

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WHAT IS THE ANSWER?

Recently a group of missionary and evangelistic secretaries received a series of questions on evangelism. The questions were sent to us by the "General Commission on Evangelism of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," a denomination with over sixteen thousand churches and about one and a half million members. The questions are vital and set one to thinking seriously. This is seen from three questions taken from the list:

"What are the marks of an evangelistic church?"

"What constitutes an evangelistic pastor?"

"Can you designate outstanding examples of evangelistic churches and pastors in your denomination?"

These are questions which every church and every pastor may well consider. Doubtless there would be different opinions as to what constitutes an evangelistic church, and what are the marks of an evangelistic pastor; but they are searching questions and should be considered by all. Is the church to which I belong evangelistic? Am I as a pastor evangelistic? Am I as a layman evangelistic? What in truth is your answer?

W. L. B.

THE BELLIGERENT ATTITUDE

"It is not so much what you say as how you say it," is nowhere truer than in mission work; and it is equally true, that it is not so much what you do as the way you do it. Preachers and others speaking on religious subjects sometimes feel that they are not doing their duty unless they denounce real or imaginary evils and evildoers and in other ways assume a belligerent spirit. They are sometimes encouraged in this by the suggestion that they are not afraid to condemn evil. To criticize is, to say the least, the easiest and cheapest form of public discourse.

This is not all. When one assumes, or appears to assume, a belligerent attitude he weakens his cause. An evangelistic campaign was in progress. Two young men from prominent families in the community agreed between themselves that they would make a

public profession. The evangelist, however, in a sermon that night instead of entreating men to accept Christ, denounced those who did not. The result was that the young men did not make a profession at that time, and have not to this day. They are lost to themselves, to the church, and to the service of the Master because of the belligerent attitude of the evangelist.

Christ's invitation is an invitation of love, prompted by love. "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." Christ's attitude is the one that wins.

W. L. B.

MISSIONARY PASTORS DOING GOOD WORK

(Condensed from the last quarterly reports of missionary pastors)

Nortonville, Kan.

Our responsibility to the Denominational Budget has been kept before the people. The quarter has been a very full one, but very much enjoyed. Our quarterly communion service was observed April 3. On May 15, Sabbath Rally Day was given our consideration, but only a few could attend on account of the storm raging. Mother's Day, May 8, was given over to the ladies of the church and a beautiful service was presented. June 5 was "Student Honor Day," when we honored our students and especially those who have been in college. Last Sabbath was Children's Day, and was enjoyed by many.

Weeks of work 13; prayer meetings 13; average congregation 54; sermons and addresses 19; calls 31; pages of literature distributed 176.
Verney A. Wilson.

Boulder, Colo.

I am sorry this is late, but in the rush of things, camp, Bible school, etc., it slipped my mind. Vacation Bible School was held with enrollment of thirty-six, average attendance of thirty. We had a good school and a very good interest. There was not much done in the missionary field. I made one trip today and am making another tomorrow and will finish calling on most everyone in the field the week of the twenty-third.

Weeks of work 13; prayer meetings 13; average congregation 45; sermons, addresses, etc. 13.
Earl Cruzan.

New Auburn, Wis.

On Sabbath Rally Day we had an all-day meeting. Pastor Thorngate preached in the morning and there were several talks in the afternoon. The attendance was fifty-seven and a fine spirit was manifest. The semi-annual meeting was another splendid occasion, with sixteen delegates from Dodge Center and several others from away. Rev. H. C. Van Horn added much to the occasion. Eighty-five were present Sabbath morning and evening.

I have been collecting names and addresses of Seventh Day Baptists in this part of the state and hope to contact them by mail and perhaps call on them occasionally. I took Rev. H. C. Van Horn to Wisconsin Rapids on his way to Milton and called on Howard Stewart at Spencer, and Mr. and Mrs. Halladay at Stevens Point. While he was here we visited Earl Watts, Gordon Fowler, and John Thorngate at Exeland. I have also visited David Lawton's family and Mr. and Mrs. George Truman at Weyerhauser. On one Sabbath afternoon Mrs. Mills and I went to Colfax and held Sabbath school in the home of Mrs. Wesley Baldrige, daughter of C. W. Thorngate. We hope to do more such work in different homes in the future. We need lots of encouragement to adventure into larger service.

Weeks of work 12; C. E. meetings 9; average congregation 39; sermons and addresses 15; calls 50; pages of literature distributed 100; books loaned 4. Neal D. Mills.

Fouke and Little Prairie, Ark.

Rev. C. A. Beebe, missionary pastor.
See Missions Department in Sabbath Recorder of July 19.

Berea, W. Va.

An old-fashioned quarterly meeting was held at the regular quarterly communion time. The services began Friday and continued through Sunday night, including six sermons and addresses. A home coming service was held May 30. Wednesday night we hold a prayer meeting, and Sunday night a preaching service. These last two are held in the schoolhouse in the village.

I have made two trips to Arkansas and otherwise been all too busy for best results in field work.

Weeks of work 13; prayer meetings 10; average congregation 32; sermons and addresses 36; calls 95.

Marion C. Van Horn.

Salemville, Pa.

Our church year closed with encouraging reports of the various agencies of the church. Our average attendance for the year had increased over the year before. The amount subscribed for the church budget was nearly raised and in addition there had been contributed nearly fifty dollars to the Denominational Budget. Two families have moved back into the parish within the year, helping in the general support of the church.

Weeks of work 13; average congregation 49; sermons and addresses 13; calls 17.

Orville W. Babcock.

WORLD DOMINION

The Christian Church today needs more than anything else a new consciousness of its great vocation—an adventurous faith in the possibility of world conquest by the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the very universality of the Gospel that is its grand distinction.

In these days when such phrases as "A Christian Civilization," "A New Order" and "Universal Brotherhood" are becoming the fashion, it is well to bear in mind that Christianity is the great educator of mankind, casting down all artificial barriers between nation and nation and bridging over class distinctions and thus binding men in the true bonds of one common brotherhood.

A careful reader of the New Testament cannot fail to be impressed by the emphasis laid upon the world-wide task of the Christian Church. We cannot limit the last commission of our Lord to the needs of our own church or even of our own nation. We cannot talk about home and foreign missions as if they were divisible. The task is one, for "the field is the world."

—Taken from Mildmay Outlook.

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WOMAN'S WORK

Mrs. Okey W. Davis, Salem, W. Va.

A WORD ABOUT CAMP

Parents, what do we expect of our children, religiously? Are we more concerned about their financial success when they are grown, or are we using every effort to stimulate the spiritual development of our boys and girls? The denomination and the different churches are interested enough in their young members and potential members to set aside several dollars in the course of the year to be used in building Christian youth. Shouldn't we be even more interested in the Christian development of our own children?

Last week it was my privilege to spend seven days with twenty-eight children and four other staff members in the S. D. B. Camp held at the Middle Island church, in the Southeastern Association. Under the direction of Rev. Harley Sutton these days were full of inspirations for all of us. The athletic and swimming events took up the afternoons of each day except Sabbath. The mornings were spent in the study of Bible stories and Bible history for the younger campers, and a preparation leadership course for the older ones. Each evening, until Sabbath eve, a council circle was formed around a campfire. The campers made challenges, did stunts, and last they had a worship program planned by a different tribe each evening.

The Sabbath eve vespers service was held on a hill facing the setting sun. There was not one word spoken from the time we left the camp until the sun had set behind the hill. Then the campers sang:

"Day is done,
Gone the sun,
From the lake,
From the hill,
From the sky.
All is well!
Safely rest,
God is nigh!"

The whole service was so impressive that as we silently left the hillside many eyes were dimmed with tears.

Sabbath morning the older campers conducted the morning service of the Middle Island Church; Pastor Sutton gave a very helpful sermon, which could be understood by the youngest of the campers.

If we want our children to be loyal Seventh Day Baptists, I think we should see that

they have a chance to go to our church vacation schools and our church camps. Through these opportunities, they meet and learn to appreciate other Seventh Day Baptist young people; they learn about the different churches and ministers of our denomination; they learn that we are Seventh Day Baptists, not only because our parents were, but because we have Bible foundation for our belief.

The boys and girls always love the idea of going to camp; but so many times the parents feel they cannot use the money to pay for the week at camp, or, maybe, they feel they cannot spare the boy or girl from home; therefore, he or she is deprived of what seems to me one of the most helpful and impressive opportunities possible to have just at the impressionable age. One fifteen-year-old camper said following the Sabbath eve vespers, "No matter where I go or what I become, tonight will never be forgotten."

Are we parents robbing our children of the chance to build Christlike lives? Or are we seizing every opportunity to promote that growth? It was suggested at camp that the campers from each church start a "Camp Club" and earn money through the year to pay their expenses during the next camp. Or help the child to start a "piggy bank" for camp so he can say, "Of course, I am going to camp, next year!"

Let us invest our money and our ambitions in the spiritual development of our children and it will all come back to us a hundred-fold.

Mrs. Harley D. Bond.

Salem, W. Va.

TO THINK ABOUT

"Behold I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door I will come in to him." A large part of Christian living consists in the ability to receive the reinvigorating resources of God. We are like bays open to the sea where the tides come in from the great deep. Our part is to keep the channels open so that God's sustaining power may flow steadily in to us.

—Thomas Guthrie Speers.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 1943

Israel Called to Be a Holy People. Scripture—
The Book of Leviticus.

Golden Text—1 Peter 1: 16.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

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**THOUGHTS FOR SEPTEMBER
CONSECRATION MEETINGS**

Consecration

By Pearle Halladay

The definition of consecration is setting apart for sacred use; to dedicate or hallow.

Usually when we think of consecrated lives we call to mind people who are outstanding, like our missionaries in foreign lands and in the home field. We think of Doctor Thorngate, the Wests and Davises, Dr. Grace Crandall, and of others who have gone to their final rest. Truly their lives have been consecrated to God. They have heard that call to go and preach and teach. They have been given talent and strength to carry out God's plan for them in a way that shines forth for all the world to see.

Many persons, both young and those of added years, have sung earnestly, "I'll go where you want me to go; I'll be what you want me to be," and have tried to make their lives tell for the advancement of the kingdom of God on earth. They have made many sacrifices and gone on from one service to another. They have lived full lives—truly the abundant life. Other lives seem commonplace—just lives in the background. What of them? Are they of lesser value in the service of their Master? Many times we see only the doing of lives and forget that being is every bit as important. We forget that being must really be first, else there would be no doing. Before we can consecrate our lives to Jesus we must know him; must know what he did and why he did it.

The foundation stone of a consecrated life is *love*—that Christlike love which is patient, understanding, and forgiving. With that love in our hearts there will follow *service*. Will it mean going or staying? Will it be great activity or quietly waiting? It must be whatever he wants us to do. Possibilities and responsibilities are individual. It may be working with a group or it may be standing alone. Wherever we are we must be our best and do our best. Consecration does not mean second best.

Perhaps we have earnestly desired to do a certain task or go a certain way. The task may

have been given to another and the way barred to us. What shall we do about "closed doors"? Often we think only of our own "closed doors," and forget that others have doors that have been closed to them. One of the sweetest Christian women I ever knew was badly crippled and never took a natural step after she was two years old. As I look back now over the years of our friendship I see more clearly the consecrated life and understand how hard it must have been for her to face her "closed door."

Dear young people—with all of your hopes and plans, your longings and earnest striving, if a door should close for you, if your way should be barred, do not get discouraged or afraid. Some door will open for you and some path will be shown to you that will lead you at last to the highway of our God.

There is a place for each one in the kingdom of the Master. You may not be the "door," but no door can open properly without a well-fitted and oiled hinge. Do not let the door be kept closed because you do not want to be a hinge. One day the hinge workers who have been faithful will receive the rewards they have earned, and how gladly they will hear the "well done, faithful servant."

Consecration means faithfulness in little things. It sometimes means receiving as well as giving. We must receive graciously as well as give graciously. Consecration means obedience to God's laws; it means courage and steadfastness. It means faith to walk when the light is dim and to receive all things as from our Father's hand, knowing he will surely guide us all life's journey through.

Suggested questions for discussion are as follows: What talent has God given me? How can I use it for him? In what way am I responsible for those around me? What does it mean to be a friend? To have a friend? What did Jesus mean when he told the disciples to "watch"? What does it mean to let your light shine?

Stevens Point, Wisc.

MAN MUST MASTER MACHINES

By Pfc. Loren Osborn, M. T. O.

Standard Christian Endeavor Topic for
September 4, 1943

In the past two hundred years man has achieved a wonderful power over the natural resources of the world through his developing knowledge of science and mechanics. Es-

pecially during the past fifty years has this power reached terrifying proportions.

Man hauls terrific loads behind steam or Diesel-powered engines; he drives where he will in powerful (nearly fool-proof) automobiles; in the air men have traveled at speeds greater than sound, and live to tell it; his voice reaches round the world in radio waves—and all this is merely the threshold of a great universe to explore.

However, men are not content to dominate space and time alone. There are those who seek to control the actions, to regiment the very thought processes of the people who live in their time.

Because of such men and ideas as these, science has turned its mighty intellect to destruction. One group of regimented thinkers must destroy the other group, to whom freedom is as necessary as air. In retaliation—free people must produce machines of war, or be destroyed.

All this leads to a temporary "Dark Age" before the light can again be turned on and the truly great achievements be pursued again.

Everyone must admit that erasing a city, as the Allies have erased Hamburg, is great. But the greatness of the deed is swallowed up in the fact that it destroys. When a city as vast can be built in the same length of time, can it be called "a great accomplishment"?

But God created our whole material universe in six days, perfect. Man builds slowly, and his greatest masterpiece, civilization, is marked by imperfection. Man with God can use machines for the construction of hitherto undreamed of worlds, for the opening of fantastic treasures to common use. Men and machines without God can only go on destroying and being destroyed in a dark conflict which leaves its hideous mark forever on the world.

**WHO'S WHO AMONG SEVENTH DAY
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE?**

Loren Osborn

Pfc. Loren Osborn is a member of the Motor Transfer Co., (Prov.), at Camp Hill, Newport News, Va. His home address is Shiloh, N. J., and his birthday is January 17. Loren was graduated from Nortonville (Kan.) High School as valedictorian in 1939, and entered Salem College, taking the liberal arts course in 1940. At the end of his freshman year he received the laudat award. In addition to being treasurer of the sophomore class

he was active in other college and church activities. In June, 1943, Loren was married to Helen June Meek of Salem, W. Va. Loren's main interests and hobbies are travel, journalism, printing, and reading.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLANS FOR
"CONFERENCE SABBATH"**

We have just recently been informed that, due to misunderstanding, material for the use of young people's societies in the observance of "Conference Sabbath" has not been worked out. The Conference president regrets the necessity of making this announcement.

However, under the circumstances, he would urge leaders and committees responsible for young people's programs to employ their own initiative, originality, and resourcefulness so that the observance will be well-planned and effective.

As you will doubtless recall, the theme for the General Conference was to have been, "Christ at the Center."

With a prayer that you will be blessed graciously of God,

Yours "For Christ and the Church,"

Hurley S. Warren, President,
S. D. B. General Conference.

TRY THIS WITH YOUR JUNIORS

For a Bible drill that is different, give the leader a watch with a second hand. He gives a Scripture reference and as the juniors find the reference they stand quietly. After thirty seconds all those standing read the passage in unison.

Geo.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Mr. W. E. Haver,
The Recorder Press,
510 Watchung Ave.,
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Mr. Haver,

Your kind consideration of me yesterday is certainly appreciated. It was a genuine pleasure to visit your plant and meet some more of your folks.

Mr. North and you can certainly be proud of your plant and your organization, and of the superb work you produce as well. I cannot resist saying that, if the esprit de corps which I noted in your plant yesterday were

more general in American industry, many of the grave problems which threaten us today would not even exist.

Thank you again for a genuinely pleasant and instructive afternoon.

Sincerely,

H. O. Locher,

Secretary-Treasurer the National Association
of River and Harbor Contractors.

New York, N. Y.,
August 4, 1943.

YOUTH'S DRINKING WASTEFUL

Millions of high school young people have suddenly become a part of the vast American resources in time of war. Our nation needs their courage and vigor, their fitness and skill, in winning freedom's fight.

Boys of eighteen will give a stronger pulse to our fighting forces. Their younger brothers prepare in school and leisure time, programs for similar tasks. American girls at seventeen and eighteen are performing home, industrial, and farm duties.

These millions of young people vitally need facts and guidance in meeting the drinking problem of today. They will be urged to drink. Their new-found maturity as trainees and fighters and workers will induce many to take up this popular fad.

At present there are two excellent reasons why America's high school youth should not drift into drinking. First: for many young people, alcoholic indulgence will prove a handicap in attaining fitness and efficiency needed in winning freedom's fight. Second: for many young people, such indulgence will set a pattern or habit of being less than their best for a whole lifetime to come.

In short, youth's drinking is wasteful and handicapping.

Allied Youth Posts now reach thousands of high school young people with facts regarding alcohol-free living and wholesome choices. This national movement, Allied Youth, has proved its ability to win the interest and response of young people, their teachers and leaders. It is serving a large cross section of high school student bodies in a most appealing way—as a school club, officially recognized by high schools and counseled by popular and successful teachers.

From Allied Youth, Inc.—

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THE SABBATH RECORDER
Plainfield, N. J.

TRACT BOARD MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, New Jersey, on Sunday, July 11, 1943, with Lavern C. Bassett presiding, and the following members present: Lavern C. Bassett, Hurley S. Warren, Courtland V. Davis, Mrs. Frank E. Lobaugh, Mrs. William M. Stillman, Asa F. Randolph, Irving A. Hunting, Ahva J. C. Bond, George R. Crandall, Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn, Albert N. Rogers, Luther S. Davis, and L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house. Visitors were Victor W. Skaggs and Mrs. Ahva J. C. Bond.

The board was led in prayer by Victor W. Skaggs.

The following report of Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn was read by Mrs. Van Horn:

The week following the May Tract Board meeting was spent in final preparation for the northwestern field work, including matters relating to the Sabbath Recorder in the editor's absence. Disappointment was experienced in the withdrawal of Rev. Leslie O. Greene from the contemplated trip.

Sabbath, May 15, I spoke in the interest of Sabbath Rally in the Plainfield church at its regular service; in the afternoon I gave a brief address before the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church on the occasion of its tenth anniversary. Sunday, the sixteenth, a sermon was delivered at the Plainfield Trinity Reformed church.

The trip into the West began Monday, May 17, and is being continued at the time of this report, which is written July 4, at Barrhead, a village of eight hundred people eighty-five miles north of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Visits and calls have been made in Peoria and Henry, Ill.; Des Moines and Garwin, Iowa; Dodge Center, Havana, Owatonna, Minneapolis, Stacy, North Branch, and Chisago, Minn.; New Auburn, Exeland, Spencer, Stevens Point, Milton Junction, Milton, and Albion, Wis.; Edmonton, Barrhead, and Stony Plain, Alberta, Canada.

In Des Moines, Iowa, four sermons were delivered before as many Sabbath-keeping groups, one being Seventh Day Baptist. Careful effort is being made here for the building up of a Seventh Day Baptist Church. A Sabbath school is regularly held in which Rev. Riley G. Davis, one of our retired ministers, is particularly interested and working. Mr. Elmer M. Juhl, a gifted, well-prepared, and consecrated man in the prime of life, is earnestly promoting this interest. There is a very promising and hopeful situation here which should be encouraged and fostered by us in every way possible.

A Sabbath and several days were spent with the faithful remnant of the Garwin Church. There are still loyal people here and with encouragement and faithful work this church could be made a strategic center for Seventh Day Baptist teaching

and influence. Waterloo, forty miles to the north, has interested, promising people that could be easily contacted from Garwin, and a new center be developed.

A week was spent in Dodge Center and vicinity with many old friends, former parishioners, visited, including some at Havana and Owatonna. Brother Thorngate is doing a noble work at Dodge Center, and a fine group of young people and children are found here, enthusiastically carrying on under the leadership of this consecrated minister and his wife. A sermon by the secretary was delivered in this church Sabbath morning, and an informal address in the afternoon on the Tract Board's field work. Much interest was evidenced by questions asked, and a good contribution voted by the Christian Endeavor Society, augmented largely by three individuals. It was hoped by the contributors that this money would encourage the secretary to make the Canadian trip. Two days were spent at a hotel in Minneapolis, writing, making calls and special contacts. Expenses of hotel were paid by an interested friend and former parishioner, who also carried me about the city in his car.

At Stacy, Minn., a Sabbath was spent and people visited in two nearby towns. Two sermons were delivered in the Sylvester Moore home at Stacy, and baptism administered to the two young people of the family. They with the parents will be finding membership soon with one of our northern churches. Your secretary visited these people some years ago. The family took me on Sunday to New Auburn for my next appointment.

At New Auburn the semi-annual meeting of the Minnesota and northern Wisconsin churches was held June 18-20. Two sermons were preached by your secretary, Sabbath morning and Sunday night, an address on Tract Board work made Sabbath afternoon, and an address given at the young people's fellowship breakfast on Sunday morning at Long Lake.

Pastor Neal D. Mills and his wife are rapidly making a large place for themselves in the hearts of folks in their new pastorate at New Auburn. Here is a fine field with the large group of young people and children. Mr. Mills took the secretary to make calls at Exeland, and on his way to southern Wisconsin made calls at Spencer and Stevens Point on interested and consecrated lone Sabbath keepers.

A few days were spent at Milton and Milton Junction and on Sabbath, June 26, a sermon was delivered at Albion.

On Monday, June 28, we launched out toward Canada, the first step being taken with the help of Kenneth Babcock who carried us to Watertown, where we boarded the renowned "Hiawatha" train for St. Paul. The secretary's companion and fellow worker on this part of the northwestern trip is Rev. John F. Randolph, pastor at Milton Junction, whose expenses are paid by a life-long friend and promoter of our interests, Dr. Lester M. Babcock, who, though urged to do so, was not able to go himself. Brother Randolph was a very helpful and congenial companion. At a service at Barrhead, eighty-five miles north of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, he brought a helpful message on Sabbath afternoon, while the secretary spoke on the history and polity of Seventh Day Baptists and of the work of the Tract Society. This meeting

was held in the home of Brother and Sister C. L. Price, who have been our cordial hosts and at whose invitation we came.

Invitation has been extended by Pastor J. Graham for us to speak in the United Church of Canada tonight, July 4. Arrangements are made for Brother Randolph to speak about our work, while I shall deliver the gospel message. Return toward the States will likely begin tomorrow. Some contacts will be made in Edmonton, and if roads permit, at Stony Plain, the farm home of our hosts. This home is twenty-seven miles west of Edmonton. The Prices have resided at Barrhead merely during the school year, a son being a teacher here.

Results of work here as well as elsewhere must be left in the hands of God, who has commanded us to sow beside all waters. Mention should be made herewith of a generous contribution toward our travel expenses by these friends who were so anxious for this visit to be made.

In closing this report, I want to acknowledge the extra work carried in the office by Mrs. Langworthy and of the help of Mrs. Van Horn, who has given a day each week to office work of the secretary in his absence. Also I want to acknowledge the goodness and blessing of God in his care, and in giving me needed health and strength for the strains incident to these weeks upon the field.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert C. Van Horn,
Corresponding Secretary.

The report was received with great appreciation.

Ahva J. C. Bond, representative in Ecumenical Sabbath Promotion, reported informally concerning his work.

The quarterly report of the treasurer was presented by Mrs. William M. Stillman. It was voted that the report be adopted.

Through its chairman, Hurley S. Warren, the Committee on Distribution of Literature reported informally.

The following letter was presented:

Mr. L. H. North,
American Sabbath Tract Society,
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Brother North:

The Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath school of Des Moines, Iowa, in session on Sabbath, June 5, at the home of Brother and Sister Obie Dray, voted a "Card of Thanks" to the American Sabbath Tract Society of Plainfield, N. J., for sending to us Brother Herbert C. Van Horn. The Christian fellowship and spiritual counsel we have enjoyed during his visit here have laid the foundation, we believe, for an active Seventh Day Baptist Church in this city.

Your brother in Christ,

E. Marvin Juhl.

Mrs. William M. Stillman reported receipt of the following gifts and bequests. (This report will appear in the printed annual report of the board and is therefore omitted here.)

It was voted that two hundred copies of the annual report to the society be printed for distribution to the churches, unless an arrangement is made for early distribution of the reports in Year Book form.

The annual reports of the corresponding secretary, the treasurer, and the manager of the publishing house, together with proposed preamble to the report of the board to the society, were presented and adopted as part of the board's Annual Report to the American Sabbath Tract Society and Statement to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

It was voted that the annual report of the representative in Ecumenical Sabbath Promotion be included when prepared as a part of the Annual Report to the Society and Statement to Conference.

The manager of the publishing house was directed to take up with the Board of Christian Education an increase in the subscription price of the Helping Hand, to cover the deficit now appearing in the cost of publishing.

Courtland V. Davis,
Recording Secretary.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Mrs. Walter L. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

The last time I wrote to you I forgot to put my last name, so I will try to remember this time.

I am going to win a prize for taking my Bible to Christian Endeavor every week.

Last week we had a nice picnic down on the church lawn. We had a nice time. We took our lunch and stayed until four o'clock. We played games and sang our songs and everybody was happy. We are not going to have a Sabbath school picnic this year, so we are having a good time at home.

My birthday is August 15, and I will be ten years old.

Yours truly,

Shiloh, N. J., Everett Newkirk, Jr.
August 8, 1943.

Dear Everett:

I was glad indeed to hear from you again and at last to learn the rest of your name. Next time I'll not have to guess your last name, even if you only sign your letter "Ev-

rett." And here I am writing to you on your birthday and I sincerely hope it was a very happy one.

A good many people are having their good times at home nowadays and really find that home is the very best place for a happy time. Last summer our Andover Vacation Bible School had their picnic on the lawn back of the church, and I never saw children have a happier time, and I can say the same for the teachers. We should all be very glad that we live in America, a free land and a Christian land.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Andover, N. Y.,
August 15, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you feeling? I have not written to you for a long, long time, so I thought I had better write today.

I have a dog. My dog's name is Sandy. Sandy is sleeping, my grandmother is reading the paper, and my father is at the desk.

The weather is very dry here but we had rain today and yesterday.

My mother is away now, and my brother is in the service. He is down in Alabama; that's pretty far. He has been in Massachusetts and lots of other places that I do not know about.

I will have to close my letter now, with lots of love to you from

Gillette Dunham.

122 Church St.,
Dunellen, N. J.

Dear Gillette:

I am so glad you have written to me again. I am always glad to hear from the boys and girls in Dunellen for, as perhaps you know, that was my home for about a year. We still have the Santa Claus suit I made for Pastor Greene when he acted as Santa Claus in the Christmas exercises at the New Market Church. One tiny boy cried out, "If I didn't know that was Santa Claus, I'd think it was Mr. Greene."

Does your brother ever get home on leave since he has been in the army? Our son had a fifteen day leave in January and spent nearly a week of it with us. Now he is somewhere on the other side of the Pacific Ocean; that's pretty far, too, isn't it?

Your true friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

The occasional absence of letters on your Children's Page is excusable, I suppose, while busy hands and active feet are helping with vacation-time duties of berry picking, victory gardens, home canning, and what not. I always read the page, though it is some time since I left the grammar grades. There will be much material for interesting letters when summer is over.

I take for granted many of your young friends are acquainted with many of the interesting things in God's beautiful out-of-doors—the trees, the birds, the flowers. And while feet and hands and mind are all busy with summer duties there is opportunity to listen to the bird songs and to see the shy beauty of the flowers. Oftentimes the rarest treats come to one when so occupied, as it did to me last week when I was thinning a long row of carrots on hands and knees. It was a gorgeous red-headed woodpecker that came to a half dead apple tree near the garden. He basked in the early morning sunshine and flitted about for some time. For several days he returned each morning. Although some of your children live where these woodpeckers are quite common, in Massachusetts they are considered a rare sight and their appearance occasion for comment among bird lovers.

Sincerely yours,

Mary A. Fay.

Princeton, Mass.

(Continued next week)

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Christchurch, New Zealand

A second Seventh Day Baptist Church in New Zealand was organized June 12, 1943, according to a recent letter to Secretary Van Horn. The letter relates that the meeting was called by Ronald H. F. Barrar, who has been conducting a Seventh Day Baptist mission in the city of Christchurch for the past nine or ten months, for the purpose of organizing a Seventh Day Baptist Church. Such an organization was effected in the regular manner, with Pastor Rev. F. S. Johnson of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Zealand, and his wife, present as representatives from that church.

Brother Barrar was elected pastor, and other officers were elected. A Mr. J. Smith was elected and ordained deacon. The church has asked for membership in our General Con-

ference, and for recognition of Brother Bar-rar, the pastor, as a minister of the gospel.

"We thank God, our heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ our Savior for the many blessings that have come to us since we opened our little chapel some nine months ago. During that time more than forty different strangers have visited our Sabbath services. Praise God! May he water the seed sown by his divine Spirit. We do also praise and glorify his name in making it possible for us to organize and thus place the work on a firmer foundation for the days to come."

We congratulate our good brethren for this successful work.

Editor.

Adams Center, N. Y.

On Sabbath morning, July 10, a Children's Day program was given in the church. The Scripture was read by one of the older girls, and was followed by five recitations by the younger children. A play, "The Prodigal Son," was given in which the younger boys acted the parts in pantomime on the platform, while the older young people spoke the dialogue. The girls sang "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," and Stanley Burdick read the words to the song, "The Prodigal Son," to musical accompaniment. Rev. E. A. Witter closed the service with a prayer in which he spoke especially of the children and their part in the world.

Sunday afternoon, July 18, occurred the dedication of the new U. S. Army Observation Post, which is located on the high school grounds in Adams Center. An impressive dedicatory program was conducted by Area Supervisors of Ground Observation and of the Signal Corps. Our pastor and church choir participated in these services.

Miss Bertha Williams has recently presented the church with two beautiful flags in memory of her sister, Miss Arlouine Williams. These flags are the U. S. flag, and the Christian flag, with gold fringe and standards all complete. The Loyal Class has also placed in the church a service flag with twelve stars for our service men, and one star for our girl who is serving in the Army Signal Corps. These flags will be properly dedicated at a special service soon, as well as the fine new hymn board given by Mrs. Eva Jones.

Although it has been some time since you have heard from us through the Recorder columns, we have been faithfully carrying on as best we may, with the regular appointments

of the church, Sabbath school, and Ladies' Aid, and holding an all-day session the first Sabbath in the month at the church—this because of shortage of gas for too frequent assembling together.

S. K. W., Correspondent.

Little Genesee, N. Y.

The ordination service for Charles Bond, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Little Genesee, was held the Sabbath of August 7. Nature favored us with one of her most beautiful days of summer—the kind in which one wants to open the doors and windows and sing unto the Lord, and so we did.

The church was well filled with interested members from the various churches of the association. As the bell stopped tolling, the robed choir of sixteen voices came up the aisle singing, "Holy, Holy, Holy." A very impressive worship service, in charge of Rev. Alton Wheeler, included a solo, "Come Unto Me," by Handel, sung by Mrs. Dean Thompson, also an anthem by the choir, "Hear My Prayer." After a short business meeting, Pastor Charles Bond presented a most comprehensive statement of his belief, which showed the result of much thought and study.

Everyone rejoiced that the weather was truly in our favor, since the hall, opposite the church, was destroyed by fire last spring, leaving us with no convenient place in which to entertain our guests. However, a tureen lunch was served quickly and conveniently on the lawn at the side of the church, and as it was such a beautiful day all lingered to visit until the bell summoned us to the afternoon service.

During the worship service, the anthem, "Bow Down Thine Ear," was sung by the choir. After the sermon by Rev. James L. Skaggs of Salem, W. Va., father-in-law of Pastor Bond, the Ordination Prayer was given by Dr. George Shaw; Charge to the Candidate, by Rev. Everett Harris; Charge to the Church, by Dean A. J. C. Bond, and Welcome to the Ministry, by Dr. Edgar Van Horn. Special music of the afternoon consisted of a solo by Mrs. Leta De Groff and a duet by Mrs. De Groff and Professor Victor Burdick. The benediction by Rev. Charles H. Bond brought to an end a day of pleasant memories, including the happy tidings that a son had been born early that morning at the General Hospital in Olean, to Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bond.

Correspondent.

Battle Creek, Mich.

The Battle Creek Church has been very active this past year and the results have been truly encouraging, both spiritually and otherwise. Twelve have been baptized, with eight becoming members. Those not joining comprised one who is waiting until his parents receive their letters so he can join with them; and Mrs. Howard Bond and two daughters, now living in Napoleon, Ohio, who came to Battle Creek for baptism. Mr. Bond is a member of the Farina Church. The average attendance for the Sabbath services has been about 150, and has gone up to 191.

The semi-annual meeting was held in Battle Creek, May 29, with Rev. E. M. Holston as moderator. Brother Leon Maltby spoke Sabbath morning; the young people had charge of the afternoon services; and a social time was had in the evening. A letter was read from Miss Florence Emery, who helped organize the Adrian, Mich., mission. She is now a member of the WAACs stationed in Virginia. Speaking of the Adrian mission, in recent weeks it has been nearly self-supporting. Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Holston have made frequent trips there to assist in the work. He has been allowed extra gas by the rationing board for seven or eight trips per year. Fifteen dollars was voted to this work by the semi-annual meeting. New officers elected for the coming year were: moderator, Mr. Clifford Branch; vice-presidents, Miss Pauline Groves of Jackson Center, Pastor Leon Maltby of White Cloud, and Mr. Elvan Clarke of Battle Creek; secretary-treasurer, Miss Minnie Reefman, White Cloud.

During the month of May, the young people under the leadership of George Parris, president of C. E., sponsored a Church Debt Drive, and the goal, which was first set at \$500, reached the grand sum of \$2,013.55, with more substantial funds coming in June!

Social activities during the past three months comprised a bridal shower by the Ladies' Aid for Maxine Putnam, who married Lt. George Bottoms July 3; a church social for the L. S. Hurley family, who were leaving for Kent, Wash., and were presented with a purse in recognition of our esteem; and another church social in honor of Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, who was presented with a music case and a book of organ music in appreciation of her splendid work as church organist.

A handy, pocket-size directory of the Battle Creek members and officials has been pub-

lished. Special mention should be made of the careful checking of names and addresses by Mrs. B. F. Johanson.

The church has voted to release the pastor for special evangelical work for thirty days during the coming year. He has also been granted a three weeks' leave of absence for spiritual refreshment and inspiration to attend the Interdenominational Winona Assembly held in Indiana. Others attending are Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Hargis, pastor of a church in Brea, Calif.; the Misses Virginia and Marilyn Moulton and Alberta Seims of White Cloud. The latter and Mrs. Hargis will attend the famous Rodeheaver School of Music there.

The Ladies' Aid elected new officers, and those taking office at the July meeting were: Mrs. Leroy Maxson, president; Mrs. Paul Crandall, vice-president; Mrs. Ernest Thorn-gate, secretary; and Mrs. W. B. Lewis, treasurer.

The annual report showed that the women had raised nearly \$1,000. The society's gifts, after giving its tithe, included \$450 towards the church debt, \$244 for decorating the church social room and kitchen, and substantial help to various missionary endeavors. The ladies presented Mrs. T. J. Mosley with a gift for her splendid work as past president.

May God continue to bless the work done here.

Correspondent.

New Auburn, Wis.

The New Auburn Church is enjoying the leadership of their new pastor, Rev. Neal D. Mills. He has given us some splendid sermons, and is doing good work among us. Mr. Mills and his family seem very much a part of our little church now.

Our semi-annual meetings were held the third week-end in June, and were very well attended. Mention has been made in the Recorder concerning some of the splendid meetings. We appreciated having Rev. H. C. Van Horn with us at that time, and hope that some of his enthusiasm and vision will bear fruit in our own individual lives and church activities.

July 19, Sgt. Victor Pederson returned to San Antonio, Tex., after spending twelve days at home. Sabbath night, July 17, twenty-seven young people met at the parsonage in his honor. Everyone enjoyed a splendid evening of games and fellowship. Generous dishes of ice cream were served.

O B I T U A R Y

Our church and community were deeply moved by the death of Clarence Earl Chapman (known to most of us as Sonny) on July 15, at the Great Lakes Training Station, Ill. The funeral was held in our church and the unusually large crowd and beautiful display of flowers expressed in part the sympathy of the entire community.

Pastor Mills attended the Christian Ashram at Green Lake, Wis., the last week in July. We all enjoyed the report Pastor Mills gave, and know it was a week well spent in acquiring knowledge and gaining new inspiration.

Vila Churchward and Helen Pederson attended a camp at Holcomb, Wis., the last week in July. This camp is held every year and is sponsored by the Wisconsin Rural Missions. The girls had a fine time and reported some worth-while meetings.

Pvt. Wynan Loofboro of Camp White, Ore., arrived home August 4, on a few days' furlough.

Plans are in order for a Vacation Bible School to be held next week at Pine Grove School. The teachers will be Pastor and Mrs. Mills and Helen Pederson.

Correspondent.

A SONG OF THE SOUTHLAND

By Rev. S. S. Powell

Through the aisles of woodlands, majestic and wide,
Of Southland where pines ever sigh,
Mid the odors of balm and the far sounding tide
Of murmuring branches on high,
I wandered enchanted and heard then a song
That thrilled in my heart, and it lingered there long.

Through the murmuring echoes of mountainous dell,
Where waterfalls dash from above,
Where fountains upmurmur and streams ever swell
With cadence that whispers God's love,
There I heard the sweet songs that for ages along
To poets and minstrels their music prolong.

Through the mingling of murmurs, like humming
of bees,
Of the waters and winds intermixt,
As the echoes reverberate up through the leaves
Of trees that shelter betwixt
The cool shady glen and the clear sky of blue,
I heard my sweet song—'twas the song that I knew.

Oh! the thrilling delight of that rapturous song,
Like to fire that gleams in the night,
Like to gold, bright and shining all metals among,
Like an orb of the day, streaming light,
Let the song rise and fall; let its melodies swell,
All its treasures outpour, and its mysteries tell.

Davis. — Norman E. Davis, son of Edward J. and Elizabeth Davis, was born May 28, 1892, and died August 3, 1943.

He was one of four brothers. He lived at Shiloh when he was a boy until he was seven years old. He later lived at Cape May and Camden, N. J. He was married in Camden on April 25, 1943, to Miss Leona Gaynor. To this union were born one son, Edward, who is now in the service of the United States in the southwest Pacific, and one daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Davis, of Hialeah, Fla. For the last sixteen years, he has worked as an engineer at the Anchor Hocking Glass Works of Salem, N. J., living for the last fourteen years at Shiloh, N. J.

He was baptized and united with the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church on February 22, 1935.

Besides his son and daughter, Mr. Davis is survived by his wife and a host of friends who mourn his passing.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell, were held from the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist church, August 6, 1943. Interment was in the Shiloh cemetery. H. L. C.

Growden. — Mrs. Nellie May Growden, wife of Frank D. Growden of Salemville, Pa., died at the Mercy Hospital, Altoona, Pa., March 4, 1943.

She was a life-long member of the Salemville German Seventh Day Baptist Church, always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed. She will be greatly missed in her home church and community.

Surviving, besides her husband, are her daughter, Mrs. Roy Como of Salemville, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Frank R. King, assisted by Rev. Orville W. Babcock.

H. F.

A CORDIAL INVITATION

The following cordial words should interest any Seventh Day Baptist service men in or near Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Davis, lone Sabbath keepers of Phoenix, cordially extend an invitation to men in service to visit them at 1046 West Taylor Street, at any time: "Come to meals, or stay over night at any time, or as long as you have leave from camp."

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of the Milton (Wisconsin) Seventh Day Baptist Church, but have been residents of Phoenix for nearly seven years. They would appreciate letters from other lone Sabbath keepers.

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A Labor Day Prayer

WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, for those men and women of privileged class, or race, or nation who by Thy grace have risen above the imprisoning walls of self-interest, have escaped from the confining conventions of thought and spirit separating them from the wider family of Thy children, and have come forth into larger places as champions of justice for all mankind. Amen.

—James Myers.