

had charge of the afternoon service which consisted of vocal and instrumental music and stereopticon pictures of the old and new Palestine. Mr. Prati gave a brief description of each picture as it was thrown on the screen. Kenneth Babcock of Milton, Wis., was present and sang a solo with Mrs. Prati at the piano. There were one hundred forty present during the day.

There were over one hundred present at the quarterly convention of the Adult Verona Town Council of Religious Education held in the M. E. Church, Verona, July 18. The worship program was in charge of the Young People's Council. The program consisted of vocal and instrumental music and an address by Rev. Nathan Tyler on his work as a missionary in the Belgian Congo. Mrs. Howard Davis, president of the council, presided at the business session. Our church was awarded the attendance banner for having the largest percentage of membership present.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society held their annual meeting with Mrs. Henry Hamilton and Miss Susie Stark at the former's home in Rome. After the worship program, officers were elected for the year. The annual report showed a surplus in the treasury. Red Cross sewing was the work for the day.

Correspondent.

Jackson Center, Ohio

The semi-annual meeting of the Ohio-Michigan Seventh Day Baptist Churches was held June 16 to 18 at Jackson Center with the theme: Jesus Only. No delegates could come from White Cloud because of illness, but there was an average attendance of nearly 50 at the meetings. A carload came from Battle Creek.

The Sabbath evening services were conducted by Rev. Herbert L. Polan, after an organ vesper by Janet Snyder. Mrs. Frances Clarke sang a soprano solo following the devotionals, and Pastor Clarke spoke on: "Jesus Only for My Neighbors."

Sabbath morning, during the Sabbath school period, Rev. H. L. Polan, Dean A. J. C. Bond, and Mrs. Bond outlined the lesson. In the worship service, Janet Snyder sang a solo. Dean Bond read the Scripture lesson and preached the ordination sermon on the subject of "The Christian Message."

The ordination of Pastor Clarke occurred in the afternoon.

J. D. Jones led a praise service the evening after the Sabbath, and Dean Bond led the devotionals. Mrs. Clarke sang a solo, accompanied on the flute by Pastor Clarke. Rev. G. D. Hargis preached the sermon, and led a testimonial meeting during which many participated.

A Fellowship Breakfast at 8:00 o'clock Sunday morning was attended by nearly fifty people. The devotionals were in charge of Mrs. Clarke, after which the business meeting was opened by Third Vice-President Pauline Groves. Along with the other items of business the following resolutions were presented and favorably voted upon:

1. Resolved that the delegates and friends attending this semi-annual meeting express to the local Seventh Day Baptist church our thanks for their generous hospitality in entertainment and program.

2. Resolved that we recommend that it be our policy and our purpose to encourage such denomination-wide policy to give special care and prayers to smaller churches and young pastors.

3. Resolved that record be made of our sympathy to the family and lasting appreciation of the life of Clella Snyder, deceased. Her faithful ministry will be long remembered.

Sunday evening, Rev. W. L. Davis led devotionals following vespers by Janet Snyder and a praise service led by J. D. Jones. Rev. H. L. Polan gave the concluding sermon of the meetings. He and Mrs. Polan sang a duet, "He Has Led Us."

Correspondent.

Leonardsville, N. Y.

Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Bottoms have returned from West Point, Alabama, having been called there by the death of Mrs. Bottoms' mother, Mrs. H. M. Goodwin. They also visited Mr. Bottoms' parents at Athens, Alabama, and found them both enjoying good health at the age of 84 and 82 years.

—Brookfield Courier.

## Marriages

Sullivan - Stuart. — Mr. Charles Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan of South Stephentown, and Mrs. Helen Stuart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis of Stephentown, were united in marriage following the Sabbath morning sermon on June 24 in the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church. Rev. Paul Maxson was the officiating clergyman. The couple will reside in Stephentown, N. Y.

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## TO THINK

I fought for Prohibition, and I will do so again—not because I believe that people can be legislated into righteousness, but *because* I want to see liquor put as far out of reach of people as it can be put—and especially out of the reach and attention of young people.

They say we became lawless during prohibition days—it is no compliment to us that we did, in terms of a law that was calculated to effect a social good—but I would rather devote my influence to persuading people to *obey* that law than to accept the present debilitating alternative.—From an address, "The Tavern Is the Saloon," by Dr. Paul C. Johnston, Rochester, N. Y., in the Voice.

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## Editorials

### LIQUOR HOLIDAY?

If a liquor holiday meant a cessation from liquor manufacture and use we would at once declare in its favor. But the "liquor holiday" that we hear about and that is being allowed by the government is a far different proposition. By this plan the manufacturers of whisky and other spirituous liquors are allowed a holiday, or release, from their present useful activities in producing alcohol for the making of explosives, pain-alleviating drugs, and other war materials—this permits the manufacture of twenty-five million or more gallons of intoxicating beverages for the consumption of the thirsty. Liquor proponents loudly blame "liquor shortage" for about all of the "present-day evils." We are told that a twenty-one day liquor holiday from the one hundred per cent industrial alcohol program will kill the black market.

There are those of us who were assured that the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment would do away with bootlegging, hijacking, racketeering, and the old-time saloon. We remember, too, that all that was desired was beer and light wines; we were told that our taxes would be reduced, that drunkenness and drunken driving would be lessened, and youth would not be tempted to carry a bottle in its hip pocket, etc., etc.

What is the record? Repeal brought whisky, gin, brandy, and every other kind of distilled spirits as well as wine and beer; the saloon promptly returned with new and increasing evils in its train; crime increased

in ten years from a rate of 59 to 155 per cent; drunkenness upped in the same period 174 per cent; drunken driving, 97 per cent; and juvenile delinquency increased to a degree never before known in this country with drunkenness, prostitution, and other sex crimes leading the way.

Now we are told that all we need to do is to produce more whisky in order to get rid of typical present-day evils of restricted manufacture of alcoholic beverages. Liquor holiday means more liquor, greater consumption, more and greater crime, and increased moral delinquency. Rather than a liquor holiday an honest and sensible remedy should be proposed. This remedy would do away with all advertising of whisky and other intoxicants to hold in check the demand which is responsible for the shortage. "If we do not have enough whisky to go around, why in the world should we advertise it and try to make more drinkers and a greater consumption by those who already drink? The mere fact that the liquor industry is spending millions of dollars to increase consumption invalidates their plea for permission to manufacture more whisky to 'relieve the shortage.'"

But the sane way is not taken by our government that for nearly three full terms has befriended and coddled the liquor traffic.

Instead of kicking this infamous business out of existence it has told the whisky makers that they may turn the same one hundred forty distilleries into producing drinking whisky throughout August of this year—

thirty-one days of enlarged preparation for child neglect, juvenile delinquency, drunken driving, debauched people, and countless tragedies.

"O tempora! O mores!" or worse!

### BE SURE TO READ THIS

In his Capitol Comments in the Christian Advocate, August 4, 1944, Jacob Simpson Payton is more than reporting on national political conventions. He blasts at the deplorable action of government officials to let down the bars of liquor manufacture as follows:

If anyone appeared before the platform committee of either political party to obtain a plank that would protect America against the increasing destruction of the character, health, and general well-being of her citizens by distillers and brewers, we have not heard of such a plank. To how low an ebb temperance sentiment has fallen may be seen in the fact that an administration that wishes to continue itself in power should have dared almost on the eve of its national convention to announce that during August every distillery in the land would be allowed to pour forth the products that curse America with crime, misery, and poverty.

Yet such an order has been given by Chief Donald Nelson of the War Production Board. Many secular papers hail the action as good news, describing it "as relief from a threatened drought." And so during August another 50,000,000 gallons will be siphoned into the reservoirs already containing 275,000,000 gallons of liquor, under pretext of giving relief to Americans faced with famishing for want of strong drink.

It is stated that this extra supply will avert the sufferings from thirst for another six months. This is either false propaganda originating within the evil and noisome precincts of the distilleries themselves, or it describes the true hold that intoxicants have upon the appetites of Americans.

If the latter is true, these same distillers have created the situation which warrants the declaration that it would be calamitous not to increase the supply by 50,000,000 gallons during August. They have produced enough craving appetites and converts to social drinking to threaten that black marketers, bootleggers, and moon-shiners will usher in a reign of lawlessness unless the government yields.

During August the War Production Board will connote a meaning which its remarkable record ill deserves. For, by its sanction, it will be aiding a war effort by distillers against sobriety, thrift, law observance, domestic happiness, and health. It will be giving aid to an enemy that has inflicted upon America more sorrow, sin, and death than have all her hostile armies.

### SHOP TALK

How many of our folks have read the series of leaflets on "Seventh Day Baptists," pamphlets telling of our history, polity, be-

liefs, relationships, and methods of work? Or has someone, on seeing one with the picture of the Seventh Day Baptist Building on the front page, thought the other eleven were the same and has not examined the group any further? This has happened; but a moment of observation is all that is needed to correct any such false impression.

There is a still later series of six gospel tracts on important, vital subjects—stimulating and appealing. Also late Sabbath tracts: "Facts," and "An Entering Wedge."

Some reprints of valuable material are just off the press in very attractive form—"Her Wedding Ring," "Lovest Thou Me," "God's Holy Sabbath Day," "What Is Your Decision?"

All these tracts are free to you; they are interesting, challenging, and are easy to hand to a friend, a neighbor, or to slip into an envelope when writing a letter. Look for these in your church tract rack, ask your pastor for them, or write the corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.

Some printing is being done for boosting Recorder subscriptions at Conference time. Included in some special printing is a new church bulletin cover, usable in any Seventh Day Baptist church; the inside pages are left blank for local worship program and announcements. We will send free on request of any pastor enough of these bulletins for one Sabbath's need. More can be had at a moderate price. If these prove helpful and are in sufficient demand we will attempt a special one for Christmas.

Have you received your copy of Dr. Rosa Palmberg's "China Letters"? It can be had for \$2 postpaid. You will not want to wait till the edition is exhausted.

Watch for full display of our publications and materials at Conference. Plan to buy a book or two to take home, to give to your pastor, or to hand to a friend.

### CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To the pastors and leaders of our churches:

Since we wrote you last week we are glad to report increase of infantile paralysis has abated. No cases have developed in the immediate vicinity of Alfred. Of course the quarantine still holds for children under sixteen.

We are passing along to you information concerning the program of Conference and preparations for entertainment.

We are quite hopeful that one of our chaplains may be present to give the Sabbath morning sermon. The theme is to be "The Church of Christ in the World Crisis." A report of the bipartisan committee on relations with the Federal Council is on the agenda for Wednesday morning and is of course of considerable interest. The new executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education will be installed in a special service Wednesday evening. The program of the Women's Board will include a religious film, "The Power of God," which will be presented Thursday evening. The Sabbath evening service will be arranged by the Committee on War Relief around the theme of "Sacrifice" and the Sabbath afternoon session by the Committee to Promote the Financial Program with the theme "Service." The first evening will be occupied with a panel discussion (new style) of matters of major interest. Other matters of equal importance with those mentioned above will be discussed.

Delegates arriving before Tuesday morning, August 22, will please stop for assignments at the Alfred Loan Association office, 44 North Main Street, phone 17. After that, Greene Hall will be headquarters.

We are sending you a copy of the menu for Thursday. The breakfast menu will be the same each morning. The others will be varied from day to day. The Thursday menu is typical.

Come to Conference, August 22-27. Last call!

### MENUS

Thursday, August 24, 1944

#### Morning

25 Cents

Juice  
Toast and Jam  
Coffee or Milk

30 Cents

Juice  
Dry or Cooked Cereal  
Toast and Jam  
Coffee or Milk

35 Cents

Juice  
Toast and Jam  
One Egg, any style  
Coffee or Milk

40 Cents

Juice  
Dry or Cooked Cereal  
Toast and Jam  
One Egg, any style  
Coffee or Milk  
Extra Egg 10 cents

Noon

40 Cents

Cream of Corn Soup  
Baked Pork and Beans  
Cabbage Salad  
Brown Bread  
Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea, or Milk

30 Cents

Cream of Corn Soup  
Liver Sausage Sandwich  
Sweet Pickle Garnish  
Coffee, Tea, Ice Tea, or Milk  
Dessert 10c extra  
Homemade Lemon Meringue Pie

Night

65 Cents

Watermelon Cup  
Roast Lamb, Marmalade  
Mashed Potatoes  
Buttered Peas  
Cottage Cheese and Peach Salad  
Corn Sticks  
Vanilla Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce

45 Cents

Same as above, omitting two of the following:  
Watermelon Cup, Salad, Ice Cream.

After Jack Starr-Hunt, English editor of "Excelsior" of Mexico City, had left the office, the Mexican proofreader called him to ask whether the word landslide in an election story was correct. Jack said that it was. A few minutes later, the proofreader, whose knowledge of English was limited, called again and said: "You are wrong. I looked up landslide in the dictionary and it says, 'A portion of a mountain that slips or slides down.'"—Editor and Publisher.

## Missions

Rev. William L. Burdick, D.D., Ashaway, R. I.

Correspondence should be addressed to Rev. William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I.  
Checks and money orders should be drawn to the order of Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.

### THE ANNUAL REPORT

This week we begin the publication of the annual report of the board of managers for the year ending June 30. This is done because people have a right to know what their servants are doing, and furthermore, facts are the fuel which kindles the fires of missions. Printed copies of the report will be distributed at Conference, but only a small percentage of those interested will be able to attend.

The annual report is in two parts: first, a statement by the corresponding secretary setting forth the work done, conditions and needs; and second, the treasurers' annual report audited by certified accountants. Some of these facts have been given in the Missions Department during the year, but in the annual report the activities of the entire year are presented.

W. L. B.

### ONE HUNDRED SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

The board of managers herewith presents its one hundred second annual report to the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, and through it to the General Conference and the churches.

Although the year has been a markedly difficult one, the board desires first of all to acknowledge the goodness of God in giving us as a people a part in the colossal task of transforming men, society, institutions, and all races through world-wide evangelism and to express sincere gratitude to the Father for his blessing upon the work and his care of the workers, especially those serving in the war-stricken countries.

#### In Memoriam

The board of managers has suffered the loss of two members during the year, Deacon James A. Saunders and Deacon John H. Austin, both of Westerly, R. I.

Deacon Saunders had been a member of the board since 1910, and Deacon Austin since 1902. Mr. Austin was chairman of the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee, and Mr. Saunders was a member of the American

Tropics Committee. Throughout their many years of service in the board, both had been exceptionally faithful, consecrated to the work of missions, wise in their judgments, and present at all meetings of the board if possible. As was stated in a tribute passed by the board following their departure, "Both for many years had constantly attended our meetings and faithfully acted for us on our committees. Always cheerful and with unstinted faith, their fellowship gave real strength to the rest of us. Their memory will help in carrying forward the work assigned us."

#### China

The past year has been an eventful one for missions and missionaries in China. At the time of the last annual report Seventh Day Baptist missionaries in China were Dr. George Thorngate, Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, and Miss Mabel L. West in Shanghai; and Dr. Grace I. Crandall and her daughter, Dr. Esther Pan, in Changtsun, Lichwan, Kiangsi Province. Besides these, two other Seventh Day Baptists who have been associated with our mission were in China one year past, namely, Miss Ruth L. Phillips and Mrs. Nettie M. West. Miss Phillips was tutor in the family of a Chinese official, in Chungking; and Mrs. West was with her daughter, Miss Mabel West. Dr. Thorngate and Mr. and Mrs. Davis were in concentration camps. Miss West and her mother had not been taken to a concentration camp because of her mother's advanced age; but they were interned by the Japanese and carefully watched, as were all foreigners.

The Federal government arranged with the Japanese government for the exchange of nationals, and Dr. Thorngate and Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis had for several months been booked to return to the homeland. It was arranged that a Japanese steamer bring United States citizens and other repatriates to Mormugao, in Goa, Portuguese India (a town 250 miles south of Bombay); and that from there the M. S. Gripsholm, a Swedish steamer, chartered by the Federal government, bring them to

America by way of South Africa. This journey took about three months, and the Seventh Day Baptist missionaries with some fifteen hundred other passengers arrived in New York December 1. Miss Phillips had returned to America with her pupil during the autumn.

For some time before the return of the missionaries, the board on account of the war had been unable to send funds to our missionaries; and the Federal government had arranged with representatives of the Swiss government, a neutral power, to furnish funds to missionaries. Last fall the Federal government notified our board that our missionaries had asked it to become responsible for their passage home; the Federal government requested the board to pay the bill, which was about twice the usual fare. This item had not been included in the budget for the year, and the board asked the people for funds to meet the emergency. To this request the people responded quickly and liberally.

Soon after arriving in America, Dr. Thorngate arranged to practice medicine in Milton, Wis.; but upon request of the board of managers, he first spent two months visiting the churches. Completing this service, he was entered as a missionary on the "inactive list," with the understanding that he will take up the work in China when the war ceases. Dr. Thorngate practiced in Milton this spring and has now entered the navy as a physician.

Owing to the condition of his health, Rev. H. Eugene Davis was not asked to do deputation work and was given a retirement allowance, together with a special gift to be applied on personal losses. Mr. and Mrs. Davis have visited several of the churches since returning.

Miss Mabel L. West and her mother did not wish to return home last year, but there are indications that they would return now if opportunity offered. The Federal government stands ready to finance their return on the same conditions it has other missionaries, and both the Missionary Board and the Lottie Baldwin Association which finances Miss West as a missionary, stand ready to reimburse the Federal government. Miss West has done much work in our Shanghai Church and some in the schools; but the Japanese control the schools and do not allow foreigners to teach in them.

The schools under the principalship of Prof. T. M. Chang are reported to be doing good work, and the attendance is reported to have increased to twelve hundred.

Dr. Grace I. Crandall is still in unoccupied China. She reports that her health has improved during the year and that her daughter is leading in carrying on the medical work. It was thought by the board that she might be willing to return home, but she has written the secretary she does not think it best.

(To be continued)

#### TOGETHER

Entrance into the kingdom depends upon neither riches nor poverty: one may be rich or poor and yet lack the "one thing." Jesus taught that salvation is not bought, neither is one saved because he has nothing.

Refusal to associate with others more effectively to carry forward Christian ideals does not free one from individual responsibility and accountability.

Transgression of God's law for all of us is yet sin for anyone of us, whether enlisted with the Church of Jesus Christ, its founder, or living in self-chosen isolation.

It is almost as easy to build as to tear down; why should not all Christians pull together? United effort brings results in this world.

No, your neighbor is not perfect, but don't let us waste time looking for tares when we should be cultivating wheat. A. S. B.

#### PROUD OF WHOSE BOYS?

By Richard A. Zinn

(Director of Public Relations,  
Institute for American Democracy, Inc.)

Too many people today are prone to form opinions and ideas about their neighbors because of the names they bear. Too many people today shrink when they hear that the new neighbor has a foreign sounding name. Too many people today are prone to do themselves, their community, and their country a distinct disservice by spreading malicious gossip and slander about neighbors who do not have the same kind of a name as they have. This is done simply because they have failed to understand the fact that our names have nothing at all to do with our beliefs in the democratic way of living.

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## Woman's Work

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

#### FAITH

I know not what the future hath  
Of marvel or surprise,  
Assured alone that life and death  
His mercy underlies.

And if my heart and flesh are weak  
To bear an untried pain,  
The bruised reed he will not break,  
But strengthen and sustain.

And so, beside the silent sea  
I wait with muffled oar;  
No harm from him can come to me  
On ocean or on shore.

I know not where his islands lift  
Their fringed palms in air;  
I only know I cannot drift  
Beyond his love and care.

—Whittier.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS

Woman's Aid Society of Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church for the Year Ending April 4, 1944

Our Woman's Aid Society has held ten regular meetings; one meeting was omitted on account of weather conditions. The average attendance was nineteen. We met throughout the summer at the church to sew for the Red Cross. In July, Mrs. Lewis

And so today there are Americans fighting for us on all the fronts of the world who are bound together with one common ideal and one common purpose—but whose patriotism far transcends any sly innuendoes against the name they happen to bear, the church to which they go, or the country from which they or their parents have come. We are all tremendously proud of the way in which our men in the service are conducting themselves in their fight to protect our country and our ideals.

But of whose boys are we proud? In any front line dispatch, you may find such names as Schultz, Bianchi, Cohen, Smith, and dozens of others. Are all these boys our boys? The Nazis would claim that Schultz is of German origin and therefore he can't be American. The Fascists could not understand how a man named Bianchi could fight for the United States. Many bigots would rule out Cohen immediately—just because

Green entertained the society at a picnic in her garden.

Our first regular meeting was October 5. At all of our meetings we have worked for the Christmas sale and the Red Cross. We have made one hundred six pieces for the Red Cross besides the Red Cross work done at home by members. We are now making bed quilts for the mission churches.

The canteen unit of the church has been called to serve on several occasions.

On November 2, we served our annual harvest supper which was very successful.

On December 7, we held our annual Christmas sale and tea; March 7, our annual green-back tea; and March 21, our mite boxes were opened. The proceeds from all the foregoing activities were added to our treasury.

The Alfred scholarship was given this year to Eastie Lewis of Ashaway.

We have contributed to the following: Denominational Budget, \$300; Ministers' Retirement Fund, \$100; Red Cross, \$50; United War Fund Drive, \$25; filling bags for Russian Home Relief, \$7.80; and numerous personal gifts.

The society presented an American flag to the Sabbath school.

his name is Cohen. In other words—a man by the name of Smith might be the only "real American" from our enemies' viewpoint.

But it is only if we ourselves understand America, if we ourselves understand that what we all have together is bigger than the sound of a name—bigger even than the fact that Schultz may be a Protestant; Bianchi, a Catholic; or Cohen, a Jew; and Smith, of any race or faith—that we can do our part in pulling together and in demonstrating to the world our undying fealty to our country and its future. Anyone who encourages antagonisms because of a different name, a different faith, or a different country or origin is trying to sabotage our war effort by dividing us from our neighbors and boring from within to cause disruption and havoc.

Let us do our part and give such people the lie!

The sunshine committee has sent two hundred forty cards.

We have taken in one new member, Mrs. Fred Young. Our membership is now sixty-three active members. We have lost two active members by death: Mrs. Adele Coon and Mrs. La Clede Woodmansee; and one associate member, Mr. John Austin. We have just closed one of the most satisfactory and successful years under the splendid leadership of our president, Mrs. Merton Chapman, and with the untiring work of our members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna E. Saunders,  
Secretary.

Westerly, R. I.

Dorcas Society of Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church — 1943-1944

This past year, as in recent years, we have found the group division very satisfactory. We have a membership of fifty-six of which about thirty-five are active. Our average attendance is sixteen. We have welcomed two new members and have lost two by death.

Six special afternoon prayer meetings were held in November and December in accordance with the plan of the Commission.

The regular business meetings were usually preceded by an official board meeting.

The work of the groups has varied somewhat; one group sewed for a bazaar put on before Christmas; generally we sewed for the British Relief organization, making some garments, but for the most part we made baby quilts—from eighty-six to ninety in number.

Our money has been raised by the bazaar, by tying comforters, and by assessments.

Our financial report is as follows: Denominational Budget, \$100; church debt fund, \$80; pastor's salary, \$60; Woman's Board evangelism, \$36; one war bond, \$18.75; and amount reserved from which to pay summer monthly pledges, \$40.25. This makes a total of \$335.

Officers elected for coming year are: president, Mrs. Ethlyn Copeland; vice-president, Mrs. Margaret Coon; secretary, Mrs. Polly Hurley; and treasurer, Mrs. Effie Houston.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ethlyn Copeland.

3290 Cridge Street,  
Riverside, Calif.

JULY MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, July 9, 1944, with Lavern C. Bassett presiding and the following members present: Lavern C. Bassett; Herbert C. Van Horn; Courtland V. Davis; Mrs. Frank Lobaugh; Asa F. Randolph; Irving A. Hunting; George R. Crandall; Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn; Victor W. Skaggs; and L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house. Visitor: Miss Jeanett B. Dickinson.

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

Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn's report was accepted. It is summarized as follows:

He attended the Eastern Association and presented the interests of the board with the assistance of Victor W. Skaggs and Rev. James L. Skaggs. Victor Skaggs represented the board's interest at Middle Island, W. Va., at the South-eastern Association.

Letters were written and mailed to three hundred eighteen men and women in war service.

A seventy-two page paper with a four page children's supplement was published June 12, 1944, as a centennial of the Sabbath Recorder. Provision was made to meet the demands for extra copies.

Tracts, "Pin-up" envelopes, Recorders, calendars, Helping Hands, and other literature have been sent to New Zealand and Africa.

Miss Jeanett B. Dickinson has been secured to take the place of Mrs. Franklin A. Langworthy, retired, and will give half her time as assistant to the secretary.

The annual report with statement for presentation to General Conference has been prepared.

He then submitted his annual report and proposed introduction to the annual statement and report of the Board.

It was voted that the report and introduction be adopted as parts of the board's annual statement to Conference and report to the Tract Society, together with such corrections and additions he may wish to make.

The quarterly report of the treasurer was presented for Mrs. William M. Stillman by L. Harrison North as follows:

REPORT OF TRACT SOCIETY TREASURER  
For the Quarter Ending June 30, 1944  
(Condensed Report)

J. Leland Skaggs, Treasurer,  
In account with the  
American Sabbath Tract Society  
Dr.  
To balance on hand, March 31, 1944: \$5,843.17  
General Fund  
Reserve for binding "S.D.B.'s in Europe and America" 28.29

Denominational Building Fund—  
Historical Society Rooms ..... 30.89  
Maintenance Fund ..... 53.87  
\$ 5,956.22

To cash received since as follows:

GENERAL FUND  
Contributions:  
Individuals and churches ..... \$ 18.25  
Denominational Budget ..... 676.28  
Special for work in Putnam Co., Fla. 10.00  
Special for Sabbath Recorder ..... 110.00  
Income from invested funds:  
Through A.S.T.S. .... 1,406.90  
Through Memorial Board ..... 794.78  
Receipts from "Sabbath Recorder" ..... 620.20  
Receipts from "Helping Hand" ..... 434.38  
General printing and distribution of literature ..... 33.38  
A. D. Tompkins: account taxes ..... 61.38  
Maintenance Fund: account 3 mos. taxes ..... 150.00  
Receipts from real estate ..... 405.00  
4,720.55

MAINTENANCE FUND  
Rent from publishing house ..... \$ 300.00  
Income from D. B. Endowment Fund ..... 45.95  
Transfer of funds from savings account ..... 42.74  
388.69

PERMANENT FUND  
Account principal of mortgage:  
Trippe ..... \$ 50.00  
Loizeaux ..... 50.00  
North ..... 129.84  
Schweighardt ..... 500.00  
Tompkins ..... 60.23  
Hughes, mortgage paid in full ..... 2,800.00  
Hummel, mortgage paid in full ..... 1,000.00  
Transferred from savings account for investment ..... 409.93  
5,000.00  
\$ 16,065.46

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By cash paid out as follows:  
GENERAL FUND  
Sabbath Promotion Work:  
Salary of leader ..... \$ 18.00  
Salary tax paid ..... 4.50  
Expenses of "Sabbath Recorder" ..... 2,042.05  
Expense of "Helping Hand" ..... 734.75  
General printing and distribution of literature ..... 278.40  
Letters to service men ..... 6.25  
Corresponding secretary:  
Salary ..... 423.19  
Salary tax paid ..... 8.31  
Travel expense ..... 92.07  
Office supplies ..... 32.40  
Office assistant salary (tax withheld) ..... 22.40  
Additional field work:  
Contribution for work in Putnam County, Fla. .... 10.00  
Sabbath Rally Day Supplement of Sabbath Recorder ..... 15.00  
Assistance—Florida field ..... 100.00  
Recording secretary expense ..... 16.75  
Treasurer's expense:  
Auditing report ..... 5.00  
Clerical assistance ..... 53.00  
Salary tax paid ..... 12.00  
Office supplies ..... 2.75  
Surety bond ..... 50.00  
Account real estate and investments:  
Fee of special agent ..... 78.00  
Salary tax paid ..... 12.00  
John C. Dilts, collector:  
2nd quarter, 1944, printshop taxes ..... 238.50  
2nd quarter, 1944, taxes - Tompkins ..... 51.50  
Files of denominational literature ..... 16.66  
Retirement Fund ..... 27.20  
Janitor and electric service—board and officers' rooms ..... 187.50  
"S.D.B.'s in Europe and America"—expense ..... 75.42  
Centennial issue of Sabbath Recorder expense ..... 25.00  
Share 1943 Year Book Supplement ..... 19.20

Express ..... 1.32  
Real estate expenses: 612 W. 7th St. ... 149.14  
\$ 4,808.26

MAINTENANCE FUND  
Coal ..... \$ 120.26  
Janitor ..... 33.00  
Removal of ashes ..... 10.80  
Account 3 months' taxes ..... 150.00  
Printshop repairs ..... 82.55  
Board of Trustees, S.D.B. Gen. Conf.:  
Income from D. B. Endowment ..... 45.95  
442.56

PERMANENT FUND  
U. S. Treasury Bonds, 2%, 1952-54 ..... 5,000.00  
\$ 10,250.82

By balance on hand, June 30, 1944:  
General Fund ..... \$5,708.04  
Reserve for binding "S.D.B.'s in Europe and America" ..... 2.87  
Reserve for files of denominational literature ..... 72.84  
Denominational Building Fund:  
Reserve for Historical Society Rooms ..... 30.89  
5,814.64  
\$ 16,065.46

Ethel T. Stillman,  
Assistant Treasurer.

Plainfield, N. J.,  
June 30, 1944.

Examined, compared with books and vouchers, and found correct.

J. W. Hiebeler,  
Auditor.

Plainfield, N. J.,  
July 5, 1944.

The report was adopted.  
The annual report of the treasurer was presented and adopted as part of the board's annual statement to Conference and report to the society.

Through its secretary, Victor W. Skaggs, the Committee on Distribution of Literature reported as follows:

Report of the Committee on Distribution of Literature

We recommend that No. 6, Their Place in History, of the Seventh Day Baptist Series be reprinted to the number of five thousand.

Respectfully submitted,  
Committee on Distribution,  
Victor W. Skaggs, Secretary.

The report with its recommendation was adopted.

L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house reported as follows for the Supervisory Committee:

Since the rent being paid by the publishing house does not meet the expense of maintaining the shop building, the Supervisory Committee recommends that the amount be increased from \$100 to \$125 per month, beginning July 1, 1944.

It was voted that the report be adopted.

The annual report of the publishing house was presented by L. Harrison North.

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# Christian Education

Rev. Harley Sutton, Alfred Station, N. Y.

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

Religious education forces of Protestant churches in the United States and Canada will seek to give further impetus to programs of Christian teaching in the fourteenth annual observance of Religious Education Week, September 24 to October 1; it has been announced by Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, sponsor of the week.

"Power for These Times" has been selected as the theme for Religious Education Week, which will open in many churches with the observance of Rally Day or Promotion Day, and close with nation-wide participation in World Communion Sunday to emphasize "the unifying power of world Christian fellowship."

"The churches of the nation and the dominion will attempt to remarshal the missionary spirit in the educational work during the eight-day observance," Dr. Ross declared in making the announcement. "These chaotic times demand that increased efforts be made to reach the more than fifteen million children of school age who have had no religious training of any kind."

It was voted that the report be adopted as part of the board's annual statement to Conference and report to the society, subject to necessary revision following audit.

The committee on Conference program presented the following proposed program:

Tract Board Hour at General Conference  
Alfred, N. Y.

Friday, August 25, 2 - 4.30 p.m.

Hymn—All Hail the Power of Jesus Name  
Prayer

Annual Report presented: Attention called to highlights—Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn

President's Address Dr. Lavern C. Bassett  
Forum and Discussion  
Led by the president

1. Publications and the Publishing House  
L. Harrison North (Discussion)
2. Work of Distribution  
Courtland V. Davis (Discussion)
3. Romance of Finance  
Ethel T. Stillman (Discussion)
4. Wide-open Doors  
Herbert C. Van Horn (Discussion)

Community programs in which churches of all denominations will participate will feature the observance of Religious Education Week in many localities. Home visitation to every family will be one of the joint efforts of Protestant churches in many communities. Increased co-operation between the home and the church will be the aim of one phase of the programs of observance.

Denominational programs and activities are being prepared by general boards of education of the forty-two participating denominations. The one hundred eighty-two state, provincial, and city councils of churches and religious education also are developing co-operative programs for Religious Education Week and will provide part of the leadership.—Council Release, August 1.

## VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS (Continued)

Children of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church (W. Va.) came both morning and afternoon for six days, May 28 - June 3 for their Vacation School. There were thirty-five enrolled. A committee of the Sabbath school with the superintendent made the plans. Mr. and Mrs. Wendall Stephan and

### Special Music

Address: Sabbath Observance and Promotion, a Church Responsibility—Rev. Erlo E. Sutton

Hymn—Lead On, O King Eternal

### Benediction

Herbert C. Van Horn,  
Courtland V. Davis,  
Victor W. Skaggs,  
Committee.

Miss Jeanett B. Dickinson, assistant to the editor and corresponding secretary, was presented to the board.

It was voted that the annual report of the representative in Ecumenical Sabbath Promotion, when received, be included as a part of the annual statement to Conference and report to the society.

The minutes were read and approved.

### Adjournment.

Lavern C. Bassett,  
President,  
Courtland V. Davis,  
Recording Secretary.

other college young people assisted the pastor with the classes, handwork, and play periods. Money to finance the school was raised by special gifts and from the church. The young people who helped with the school were paid for their work.

The Rockville Church (R. I.) joined with other churches of the community in a school held at the Hope Valley Baptist Church June 26 - July 7. Total enrollment was about seventy. Of this number eleven were from the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Two special missionary offerings were received. Pastor Trevah Sutton was one of the teachers.

Twenty children attended the school held at the Middle Island Church (W. Va.) July 5-15. The New Milton Methodist Church co-operated. Rev. and Mrs. James L. Skaggs of Salem, Miss Greta Randolph, and Mrs. S. L. McClain were the teachers. Mr. Skaggs conducted the worship services each morning and told character stories. Money brought each morning by the children was given to the Middle Island Church to help purchase a United States flag. The older girls made a Christian flag for the church.

At New Auburn, Wis., the school was held June 26 - July 14. Thirty-five were enrolled and there were four visitors who were under four years of age. Worship services were held each morning. All the songs used were memorized. The classes had a period for memorizing Scripture, and either the entire school or the upper and lower classes met separately for memorization of songs and Scripture. An offering was taken at the closing program. The Junior class made seats from orange crates for little folks and presented them to the Tillinghast Church. The intermediates made a relief map of Palestine. A short play was written by the Intermediate class and presented by help of the juniors at the closing program. Pastor Neal Mills and Mrs. Mills were in charge and had the help of some part-time teachers.

The Ashaway Seventh Day Baptist Church (R. I.) was host to the Community School held July 3-21. The First and Second Hopkinton Churches and the Potter Hill Sunday School co-operated. There were seventy-eight enrolled. Worship services were held in the classes as suggested by the texts. There was an assembly and a worship and inspira-

tional program. One special hymn was memorized. The Sabbath schools were the sponsors. Teachers had experience in Sabbath school teaching and some had received previous experience in Vacation School. There were four classes: the Beginners, Primary, Juniors, and Intermediates. A program was given the closing night of the school.

A community school was held at North Loup, Neb., May 22 - June 9, with sixty-nine enrolled. A committee representing the co-operating churches made the plans. The school stressed hymns, prayer, learning more of the present day Indians, learning to see the beauty of the Bible as well as to know the Bible stories, learning how to be tolerant and how to respect the religious beliefs of others, learning to know Jesus better, and learning that all Bible characters were real people. The supervisor, Myra Thorngate Barber, says that the school was a success.

Eleven churches were represented in the community school at Shiloh, N. J., held June 19-30. There were seventy enrolled. Of this number thirty-five were Seventh Day Baptist children from Shiloh and Marlboro. There were forty-three who had perfect attendance. Offerings amounting to \$5.13 were received and sent to Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph for the purchase of supplies for boys and girls in the Florida field. The sessions were held from 1:15 - 3:45 p.m. A program was given by the children at the assembly hour of the last day. One girl who had been in the school since her kindergarten days graduated from the eighth grade and received a diploma from the school. Rev. Lester G. Osborn was the supervisor, Lila Saunders was music director, and Mrs. Martie Hitchner was accompanist. Teachers were: Mrs. Grace Osborn, Mrs. Matilda I. Corson, Mrs. Mildred Harris, Mrs. Mary C. Ayars, Miss Gertrude Dickinson, Mrs. Sara Nieu-kirk, Miss Eleanor Dickinson, and Miss Hannah Scull.

The Boulder Church (Colo.) held its school June 5-16 with twenty-one enrolled. There were three classes: Beginners, Primary, and Junior. The Religious Education Committee of the Church was in charge. Members of this committee are elected with other officers of the church. Money for the school was raised by an offering received at the program the night of the last day.

## Young People's Work

Jeanett B. Dickinson, Editor

Please send all material and suggestions to 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

### SHIPS IN THE NIGHT

By Alice Annette Larkin

#### The Story Thus Far

Linda Sherman, a consecrated Christian, is now at Hilltop Farm helping to care for her Aunt Penny who is seriously ill. Living with Aunt Penny are two young children, Lucy and Peter, who are grateful to her for taking them into her home. Her son, Donald, left home several years ago when his mother spoke unkind words about his bride-to-be. No one in the family has heard from him since, but he and Frances are happily married and living on a tenant farm. Frances has been earnestly praying that Donald would accept Christ as his personal Saviour; she has recently done so and is extremely happy.

#### Chapter XIII

"Dear Bob," wrote Linda one afternoon late in February. "If you receive a letter every time I think of you, I'm afraid you wouldn't have a great deal of time to spend on your patients. And, oh, how they must need you. Your letter came yesterday, and I've been carrying it around with me ever since then. You never could guess how many times I've read it. Lucy says I must love you an awful lot, and Lucy usually gets things right. I wish you could see her and Peter coasting down our long hill. I've been down a few times myself, and that amuses Aunt Penny. She really is getting better, but the doctor says she isn't to work in her gardens more than one hour a day this summer and that worries her terribly. So there's a problem that must be solved.

"Ted declares that he is coming up here for the long vacation and Phyllis says he can't come without her. Having them here would mean more cooking and washing, and they might get tired and decide to leave right in the busiest part of the season if I shouldn't be here. They think their experience with the victory garden at home last year has fitted them for life on a farm, but there'll be hundreds of little chickens to take care of in addition to the gardens. Their only experience with chickens has been when they were served on our dining room table. But

I suppose they could help in many ways if I were here to oversee them, though my knowledge is quite limited.

"Bob, I wonder if I should stay. I had hoped to do something altogether different and the idea of training for a nurse, if you are to be away long, is still prominent in my thoughts. But Aunt Penny is going to need someone desperately, and she can't get help anywhere. She is doing her part in the war effort, so are Lucy and Peter, though they are only youngsters. Bob, do you know I can almost hear you say, 'Linda, dear, God has led you so far, and he will make the road ahead clear to you in due time.' I know that is true, so I'm not going to worry about it. I couldn't leave Aunt Penny yet, even if the finest position I can think of came begging me to accept it.

"We don't feel quite so far out of the world since the radio came. I guess I told you the folks sent us the battery set from the cottage and Mr. La Pietra from one of the little farms down in the valley came up and got it working for us. Aunt Penny didn't really want us to ask him because she had never even spoken to him and he'd think it queer if we came to him for favors, but he was so nice about it. Actually, he and Mrs. La Pietra seemed to think we were doing them the favor. They haven't lived on the farm very long, and they haven't made many acquaintances. I noticed a gold star in one of their windows when I went to the house, and Mrs. La Pietra told me their oldest son had been killed in Italy. I feel so sorry for them. They had heard that Aunt Penny was ill and Mrs. La Pietra said when I came away, 'I wanted so much to send her a little something to show her we felt bad she was sick—maybe a bit of ice cream like I make sometimes or a wee cake; but I was afraid she mightn't understand, her not knowing us.'

"Yesterday she did stop Peter, when he came past the house on his way from school, and gave him a big bunch of pussy willows. The buds were just beginning to open, and she thought Aunt Penny might like to watch the pussies come out. Aunt Penny was quite touched and very grateful.

"Oh, Bob, sometimes I wish we might some day settle in a part of the country where the people are lonely and sad and the children have no opportunities to attend church, Sabbath school, or Christian Endeavor and try to make their lives a little bit richer and happier. You, with your medicines and the skill God has given you, would minister to their physical needs, and Sabbath days we'd have a little service somewhere with a message to keep them through the coming week. We'd sing all the favorite songs—songs we've loved since we were about so high. Maybe only nine or ten would come at first, but we'd keep trying to interest them. Why, Bob, right here within a mile of where I'm sitting there are boys and girls who don't know what the Bible looks like inside, and they couldn't find the easiest verse if you asked them to. I don't know how many there are beyond the ten miles. It isn't just in the big places the children need helping and saving. A nine-year-old youngster ran away not long ago because of conditions at home. After many hours, he was found in a garage—dazed, cold, and hungry. That wasn't far from here.

"But what can I do about any of these things? I can't furnish a church or a pastor, I can't meet any of these needs, but this gives us something to think about later, doesn't it? I am going to try one little thing. Lucy and Peter and I have been studying the Sabbath school lessons Sabbath afternoons and last week Aunt Penny joined our class. We had the nicest time. She was a Sabbath school teacher for several years before she was married, and it's going to mean a lot having her with us. The other day Lucy and Peter were telling the children they lived with, before coming here, about our class and they said they wished they could belong to it. Aunt Penny said to invite them, so they're coming next Sabbath. Their father will take them home when he comes from his weekly trip to town, but they'll have to walk here and that means three miles on foot. Isn't that courage?

"I wish you might see this house, Bob. I think you'd want it for a hospital or a place where little undernourished children could come to be made strong—it is so big. It stands high on the hill and folks can see it from far down in the valley. Wouldn't it be a lovely place for a church! When the

sun shines on some of the windows late in the afternoon, they look as if they were afire. But inside the house it's lonesome. It has lived such a lonely life so long. It needs to come alive.

"Now I must stop dreaming and see about supper. Wouldn't I like to be getting it for you! Some day I shall be.

"All my best love always and forever.

"Linda."

(To be continued)

### WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?

(Sent by one of the classes at Lewis Camp, Ashaway, R. I., August, 1944.)

We, the class of Christian Service, have debated the question and have come to this conclusion: A Christian is one who believes on Christ and accepts him as his personal Saviour and is born into the family of God. He lets Christ enter his heart, worships and follows him, and makes his body a living sacrifice. He prays and reads his Bible daily, obeys the commandments of God, helps others to find God, helps those who are in need, does as God asks him to do, and lets Christ help him.

### SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Southwestern Association will meet for its fifty-fourth annual session with the Edinburg, Tex., Seventh Day Baptist Church, September 15-17, 1944.

Nathan O. Monroe.

Fouke, Ark.

### AN APPRECIATION

Whereas our heavenly Father has called our sister and friend, Mrs. Ermina Burch, to her rest, we wish to express to her family our sympathy in their loss.

We have appreciated her cheerful and unassuming life which has been an inspiration to us for many years.

In behalf of the Women's Missionary Aid Society of Brookfield, N. Y.,

Florence C. Camenga,  
Maud E. Curtis.

## Children's Page

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

### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I haven't written to you for so long that I must write to you now. Since I have no brother or sister to play with, I have five pets: four cats and a dog.

I am going to write a little prayer this time.

#### Our Pleasant Home

Our home is such a pleasant place—

Cool flowers placed near a mirrored wall,  
And rugs on the shiny parlor floor,

A grandfather's clock in a corner tall.  
Mother and Dad have helped us love all  
Kinds of things that are clean and fair,  
They make a place for God to be

At home with us and all we share.  
Isn't that a nice prayer?

Sincerely yours,  
Denise Kagarise.

New Enterprise, Pa.

Dear Denise:

Please tell your dear mother that I am glad she told me that I knew her as Julia Thorngate, daughter of Rev. R. R. Thorngate. I do remember her, and because I do I feel that I really know you.

It's fun to write on the typewriter, isn't it? I do believe I can think faster when I am using the typewriter to write my letters. How about you? You are pretty skillful in your use of the typewriter, and every word was spelled correctly—even the long ones.

Yes, indeed, this is a lovely poem from your prayer book, and besides, I'm pretty sure it describes your own home.

Cats and dogs make fine playfellows. Our Joyce now has a kitten as well as a dog, but she has had to take it back to its original owner until the mother cat can teach it to feed its own self which it is still too young to do.

Your true friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

You don't know me, for I have never written to you before, but when I tell you I am spending the summer with my grandfather and grandmother at Waterford, Conn., you may figure out who I am. My home is in West Union, W. Va.

I have lots of fun at the beach only a little way from our house. Scampie, our dog, is very happy when he sees us in our bathing suits for he always goes in, too. We see lots of submarines, large freighters, destroyers, besides small boats and a few lovely sail boats. We also see two beacons and hear the fog horns.

Billy and Pamella are my little sister and brother back home. I can hardly wait to see my family, but I am not homesick. I am seven years old and will be in second grade. I love school. My mother will be surprised to see my letter in the Sabbath Recorder.

Sincerely,  
Judy Dawson.

Waterford, Conn.

Dear Judy:

Yes, I think I can figure out just about who you are, for I'm pretty sure your grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Eli F. Loofboro, our good friends; but I'm not sure which of their daughters your mother is, so please tell me in your next letter to save my guessing.

I think most dogs love to go into the water as well as many people do, especially boys and girls. One summer when we were on the beach at Ocean City, N. J., I had fun watching a frisky black dog swim out with his master; he did seem to be having such a wonderful time. The deeper the water was and the higher the waves, the more he seemed to enjoy it. It must be interesting to see so many kinds of boats. You surely have a fine place to spend your summer vacation. I don't believe we'll be able to get to Ocean City this summer but we may get to Bridgeton again after Conference.

Sincerely your friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I should have written a letter sooner, but I've kept putting it off. It is interesting to read the letters on the Children's Page, so I thought I had better write one.

I didn't tell anything about how old I am or what grade I am in in my first letter, so I will tell it now. I am twelve years old and going to the eighth grade this coming fall.

We have four baby kittens.

We have got our wheat combined and while doing it a man lost \$50. I think that is quite a lot to lose at one time, don't you? I think I will close now.

Your friend,  
Wilfred Barber.

Adrian, Mich.

### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Alfred Station, N. Y.

It has been a year since Pastor Elmo F. Randolph and wife left for Boy Scout work in Auburn, Me. Much has taken place during this year. We were supplied by Rev. E. D. Van Horn, seminary students, and ministers of other denominations until January, 1944, when Rev. Albert N. Rogers of New York City accepted a call as pastor of our church. The Second Alfred Church is very glad to have him and his family come to live in our midst.

At our annual meeting good reports were given by our church for the year. Some of our finance came from the Lord's Acre Project, a community work well responded to by all. One day and one evening of sales of food, candy, fruit, vegetables, fancy work, rummage, and free movies following a cafeteria supper cleared us \$219; this is to be used to paint the church. Mrs. Mae Whitford acted as chairman after Pastor Randolph went away.

Our Sabbath school (Mrs. Bertha Willard, superintendent); the Union Industrial Society (Mrs. Carlton Green, president); and the W. C. T. U. (Mrs. Nettie Brague, president) helped to sustain our church.

Our church entertained the Western Association. This was a very fine and interesting meeting. Mrs. Luther Crichlow spoke at our Sabbath morning session.

Our Vacation Religious Day School was held two weeks in July with Mrs. Harold Allen as supervisor. Over forty children attended.

The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference is soon to be held in Alfred with Pastor Albert N. Rogers as its president. It will bring many of our denomination together. Let us regard this great work worthy of our consideration and help and pray that a spiritual uplift may be felt from its influence.

Correspondent.

Battle Creek, Mich.

Pastor Gerald D. Hargis resigned the pastorate here Sabbath, July 22, to take effect December 1, 1944.

Four adults were baptized July 16, and a class of seven or more is being prepared for baptism.

Church attendance July 22 was one hundred eighty-seven.

Summer camp for girls has been held with eighteen in attendance and Miss Alma Bond supervising. The camp for boys follows with seventeen enrolled under the same supervision as that of the girls. A cottage on a beautiful near-by lake in a quiet place is the scene of camp operations.

We have not had camp for some time; but plans were reinitiated by the Good Will Sabbath School Class and fostered by the church committee on religious education. A fund has been started by the class above mentioned for a permanent camp.—From private correspondence.

Boulder, Colo.

Our Vacation Bible School which was held in June with a total enrollment of twenty-one was very successful under the leadership and guidance of Pastor Cruzan and the various teachers.

Pastor Cruzan and family spent ten days in June visiting lone Sabbath keepers in western and southern parts of the state.

Our Teen-age Camp held every year on Lee Hill high in the Rockies has just ended. We were very happy to have in camp this year six young people from North Loup, Neb., two from Montrose, one from Olathe, one from Denver, and seven from Boulder, Colo. Two Boulder young people who could not attend during the week spent the weekend with the campers, and Paul Hummel took his truck up Sabbath afternoon which provided an opportunity for several others to be there for the afternoon and evening services and for campfire at night.

Sabbath day, July 22, the Denver congregation met with the Boulder church for quarterly meeting. There were over one hundred in attendance at the morning service when Rev. Erlo E. Sutton delivered the message. Following the sermon a baptismal service was held in which LaVonne Webb, Raymond Hard, and Harold Wright, who had attended camp, were baptized. (Four persons have expressed their desire to join the



church and the right hand of fellowship will be extended to them in the near future.) An appetizing covered dish dinner was served in the church basement immediately after the baptism. Those who had been at camp were in Boulder for the Sabbath services and provided the afternoon program of music and camp reports. In the evening the Women's Missionary Society entertained at a social for all who were able to attend.

Correspondent.

#### Brookfield, N. Y.

On Sabbath morning, July 29, was held a special service, largely musical, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Prati of Schenectady, who are members of our church in Berlin, N. Y. The First Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church joined us in this service, and we were invited to join them in a meeting at Leonardsville on Sunday night, when Mr. and Mrs. Prati plan to show lantern slides as well as give a short musical program.—Brookfield Courier.

#### Shiloh, N. J.

Our Gospel Team is five months old now. Eight young men, with Charles Swing as director, are banded together to hold forth the word of life in any way that the Lord leads. The other members of the team are Charles Harris, Oscar Newkirk, Oliver and Everett Dickinson, Francis Saunders, David Davis, and Paul Osborn. A quartet has been organized which gives good music. Others have assisted in the work, both men and women.

The main project has been gospel meetings at the migrant camp at Seabrooks Farms, which began February 26, and have continued every Sunday night since. Usually the message is brought by the pastor, with members of the team substituting when he is unable to attend. Harmon Dickinson, Francis Saunders, and Charles Harris have assisted in this way.

The meetings consist of congregational singing, testimonies, special musical numbers, Bible reading and prayer, and a gospel message. There have been several conversions. During the service, members of the team do personal work in the lobby and game rooms and distribute tracts.

We have passed out several hundred tracts and several hundred Gospels of John, besides a number of New Testaments. We aim to

get a copy of the Gospel of John into the hands of each person at the dormitories.

Attendance of migrants has run as high as one hundred sixty; Jamaicans, Bahamans, southern negroes, Japanese, besides many southern whites from different sections attend. Usually there are from twelve to twenty of our own church people who attend.

Pray for this ministry at the migrant camp. It is a wonderful opportunity the Lord has given us, and a fertile field of service. Naturally we cannot be there to follow up the contacts during the week.

Our monthly meeting at the county home continues.

Shiloh entertained the Eastern Association June 9-11. There were some forty-five delegates besides those from Marlboro. Meals were served at cost by the ladies. The meetings were well attended, around three hundred being present Sabbath morning.

Rev. Judson H. Stafford of Boston, a minister who has recently joined our church at Plainfield, was at Shiloh on Sabbath, July 1. He brought stirring sermons in the morning and evening. Brother Stafford is a fine addition to our ministry, being an evangelist of twenty years experience.

Nine new members have been welcomed into our fellowship during this last quarter: Mrs. Charles Wendell and Mrs. John Smith by testimony; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Saunders, Mrs. Lona Rankin, and Miss Isabel Prati by letter; and Marvin Davis, Richard Rankin, and James Burlingame by baptism.

The Joint Communion service was held at Marlboro June 24 with a record attendance. This was Pastor Cottrell's last service with us.

There have been special services on Friday nights, too. The Navajo Trio, from Faith Theological Seminary who are now working in Arizona with the Navajo Indians, conducted one service. The Dickinson-Saunders Theological quartet conducted another service for us. One Sabbath eve we went to Rhoda Lake for a baptismal service.

—The Shiloh Bulletin Extra.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR AUGUST 26, 1944

Israel's First King

Scripture—1 Samuel, Chapters 9-11.

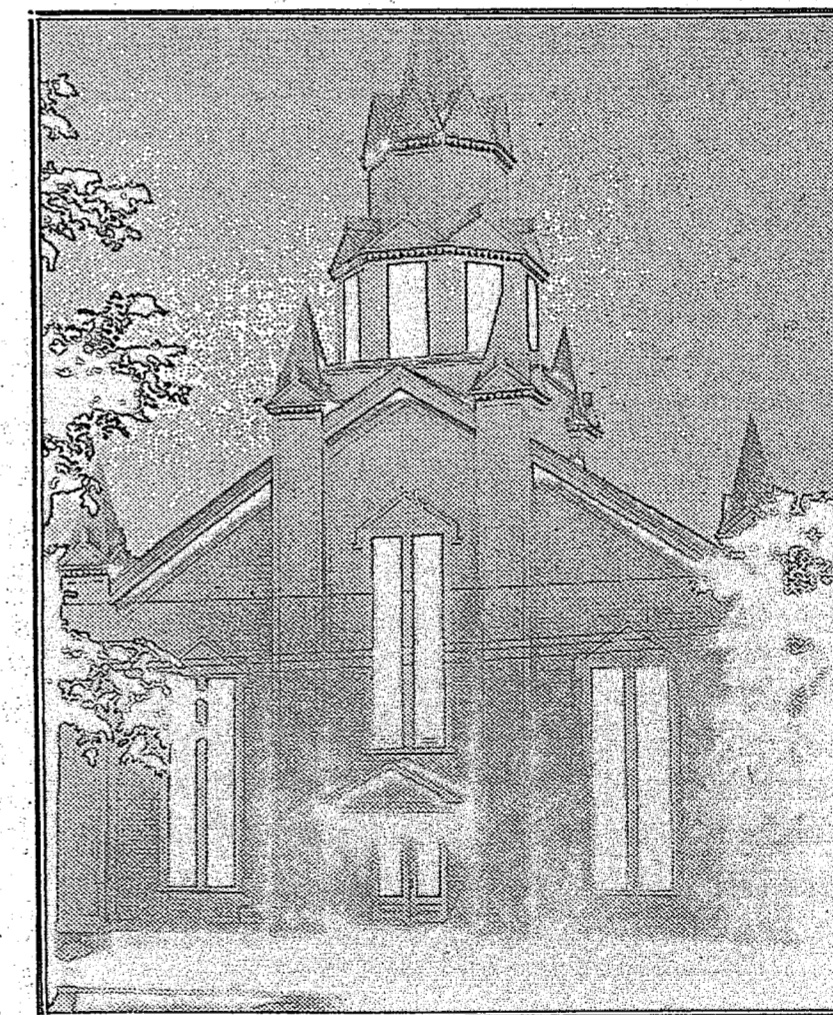
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