

# ABOUT NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

May 5 to 12

## PARENTAL LOVE AND AUTHORITY MAKE GOOD CITIZENS

By J. Edgar Hoover

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice

Just as good homes give good citizens to society, broken homes frequently give society human derelicts and criminals. The love which binds the family together diffuses throughout the world and brings to fulfillment the ideal of the brotherhood of man. The selfishness and lack of love which destroy the home spread desolation among mankind. Parental love and parental authority are prime forces toward good citizenship, and we must cherish and preserve them.

## AMERICA'S FOUNDATION STONES LAID WITHIN HOME

By Ruth Mougey Worrell

Executive Secretary,  
United Council of Church Women

America is awakening—and none too soon—to the basic place of “the home” within “the house.” “Many a man who thinks to found a home discovers that he has merely opened a tavern for his friends,” says George Norman Douglas. Yet within the home, with its allegiance to God's moral laws, were America's foundation stones laid. Only as that foundation is kept pointed up and freed from destructive influences can the superstructure which becomes a community, a nation, a world, rise to enduring beauty in a setting of peace.

## FAMILY LOYALTY AND SPIRITUALITY MOST IMPORTANT

By Amos Alonzo Stagg

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Stockton, Calif.

We were seven children in our home, five girls and two boys. The house was a bit small for nine people. But what fun we had together, and not one of us left the family hearth until he or she became of age. We were taught to pray at our mother's knee and we were taught to be honest. Our home life developed unselfishness and co-

operation and loyalty. Our family economies demanded that each of us co-operate in the family chores which created self-reliance and ambition. Those parents are 100 per cent wise who center their efforts in developing family loyalty and spirituality.

## POSTWAR OBJECTIVES— BUILDING ENDURING FAMILY LIFE

By Katharine F. Lenroot

Chief, Children's Bureau,  
U. S. Department of Labor

Building family life upon an enduring basis should be one of our chief objectives in the postwar world. The impact of the war on families and children resulted in increased tensions and strains and deprived many children of normal home life. Sound employment policies, good housing, social security, and the efforts of churches and community agencies to strengthen the cultural and spiritual foundations of family life are essential if the home is to play its part in a free society.

## FORCES OF RELIGION MUST PROVIDE LEADERSHIP

By Walter H. Judd

Congressman, Fifth District, State of Minnesota

I feel strongly that all the political or economic devices we may construct for producing a better world will not and cannot work, no matter how sound they may be in themselves, unless we have men and women of higher character to operate those devices, to translate high principles into effective programs. If the forces of religion do not succeed through their educational and other activities in achieving that end—to whom, pray tell, can a stricken and distraught world look for adequate leadership?

## FAMILY UNIT FOUNDATION OF SOCIETY

By Philip Murray

President, Congress of Industrial Organizations

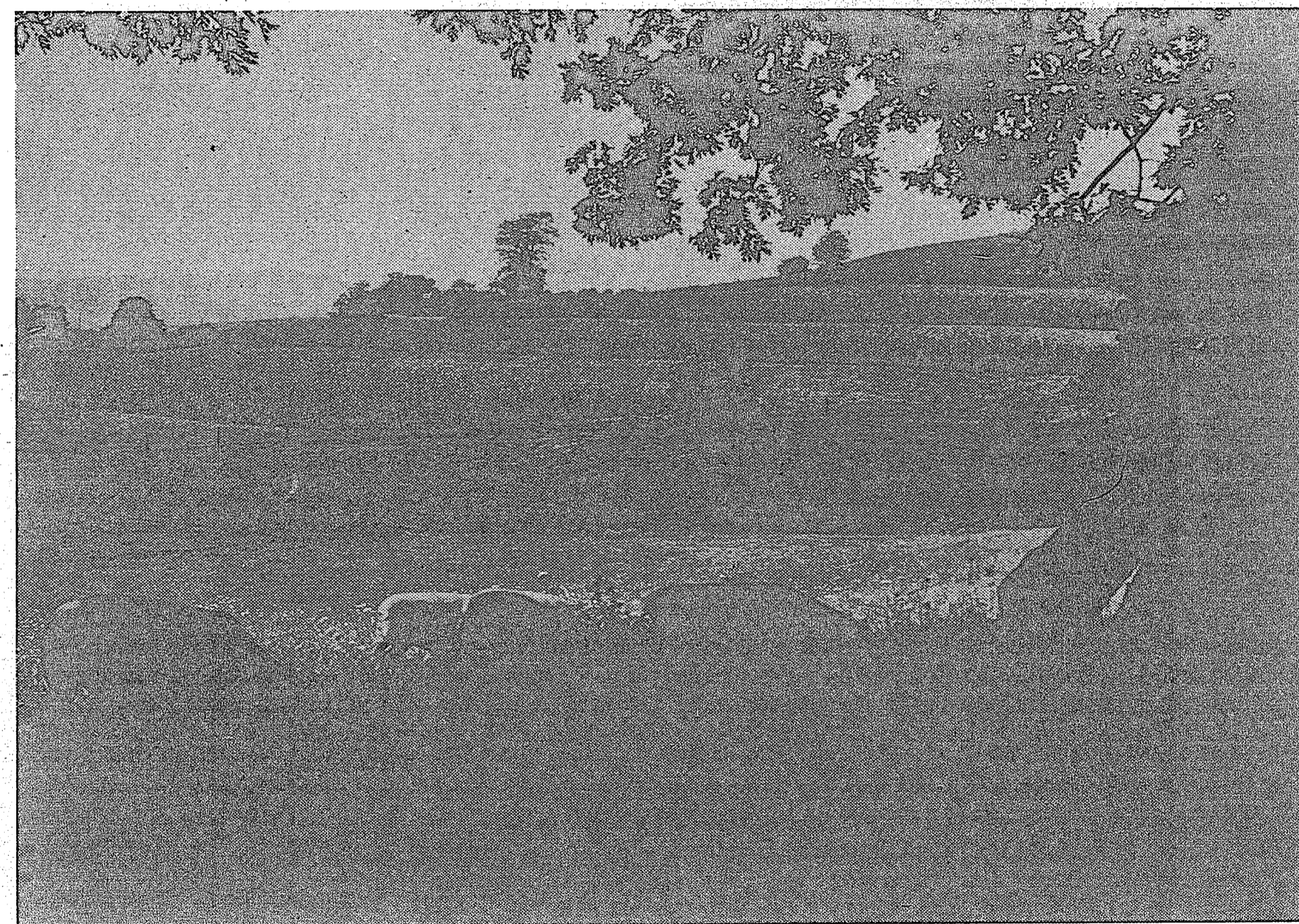
There can be no mightier objective on the part of religion, industry, labor, or any other

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These statements were written at the request of the International Council of Religious Education, Chicago, on behalf of the continent-wide, interfaith observance of National Family Week, May 5-12, in the United States and Canada. Seventh Day Baptists and thirty-nine other Protestant denominations as well as one hundred seventy-three state, city, and provincial interdenominational councils of churches and religious education are co-operating in this observance.

# The Sabbath Recorder

## “God's Back Pasture”



—Soil Conservation Service Photo.

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## Editorials

### FELLOWSHIP AND FOLLOWSHIP

An important part of our Christian experience is fellowship. Probably no one appreciates it as much as lone Sabbath keepers and others who are far removed from the advantages of a church and association with its people. Many people, living apart, steadfastly maintain their spiritual ties and stand staunchly by the faith of their fathers; others, so removed, find it easy to slip entirely out of contact with their home churches. To do something to check the latter tendency is imperative, not only for the welfare of the individuals involved but also for the good of the denomination.

A number of projects are currently being sponsored in a number of different places, all of them designed to help maintain and increase fellowship among our people.

#### Clearinghouse for Jobs

The Vocational Committee, with headquarters in Alfred, N. Y., is making an urgent appeal to the people of the denomination to use its facilities as a clearinghouse for jobs and business openings. Inside the back cover of this issue is an information blank which you are urgently requested to fill out and send immediately to the committee. It is imperative that the committee have complete information about employment on file.

Just recently, for example, a prospective employer telephoned half way across the country to Vocational Committee headquarters in an effort to fill a vacancy. Undoubtedly there is someone, somewhere in the denomination, who would have qualified for the job, but the information was not at hand. Consequently another good job is lost temporarily, at least, to Seventh Day Baptists. Such a circumstance is far from right. Won't you help make it right by sending in any information you may have?

#### Back-to-the-home-church Movement

A group of men in the Middle West are inaugurating a back-to-the-home-church movement, the idea being to help strengthen existing churches by making employment and business or farming opportunities available in communities where churches already exist. You will be hearing more about this effort in the near future.

#### Planned Farming

Many individuals are vitally interested in the problem from a number of different points of view. H. N. Wheeler, for example, whose article on soil conservation appears in this issue, warns that rural churches especially are dependent directly upon maintaining the fertility of the soil which supports the families that support the church. Many churches once strong are now weak because haphazard farming methods left the surrounding farms depleted, and people were forced to move away. Seventh Day Baptists have always been rural minded, Mr. Wheeler points out.

#### Christian Rural Fellowship

This basic consideration was one of the prompting factors in the organization of a Seventh Day Baptist Christian Rural Fellowship. Just getting nicely under way, the rural fellowship is planned as a real service to pastors, laymen, churches, and denominational boards in helping to conserve and develop all true values of Christian rural life. An executive committee has been organized and has made progress to further important

plans, but the organization cannot serve unless you will let it serve. Why not write for specific information and help along this line to Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Lost Creek, W. Va.

#### Ten Commandments on Display

From the Pacific Coast comes another entirely different project. An active church member in California has offered to bear the expense of a project to place the Ten Commandments in every church and Sabbath school room across the country.

He feels, as others do, that we as a people need to have before us the commands which prompt our loyalty and devotion to the Church and the things for which it stands. To display God's laws might well help in the saving and adding to the church membership as a copy of the Ten Commandments saved our church building at Newport, R. I., in Revolutionary days.

The landing British troops were taking over every conceivable shelter as barracks for their soldiers and stables for their horses. It was their intention to take over the Seventh Day Baptist edifice also, until the commander noticed the Ten Commandments displayed in the front of the sanctuary.

"Any church which takes these laws as the basis of its faith is to be honored; we cannot desecrate the holiness of this place," he said, and he ordered his men to go elsewhere.

A small but attractive card, bearing simply God's laws including his Sabbath injunction, is being prepared. Pastors, Bible school teachers, and interested laymen may write to the editor placing their orders for the cards. There will be no expense to you; all you must agree to do is to hang the card in some classroom or other prominent place in the church and see that it stays there. If the project proves successful, larger, more elaborate posters will be undertaken in the future.

#### A Common Love — A Common Job

All of these various undertakings are evidence of a common love for God, an adoration of the Christ, and serving interest in his Church. They reflect concern and consecration in all parts of the denomination. But the effort to increase the worth of God's kingdom on earth must not cease with mere interest or talk. One venerable and long-time saint of the Church hits the nail on the

head when he sagely observes, "The trouble with these Seventh Day Baptists is that they are always having committee meetings but are never doing anything." Now is the time to do something. It is now or never!

Certainly each one of us can find some congenial outlet for our interests among the various projects now started. From every viewpoint the major concern for the present is to consolidate and strengthen existing churches—both rural and urban. There are many who also plan beyond the horizon, and long for the day when it will be impossible to branch out and expand.

Experience has taught, however, that usually real growth does not come when one or two families filled with zeal to establish an organization in a new community move away from the home church. The new situation, with its immediate interests, swallows up what good intentions the individuals may have had to hold forth God's truth.

Growth must come from concerted action, the whole denomination working together. There is a job for each one of us, wherever we are. But we must not get to thinking that our particular interest is more important than any other. A recent letter coming to the editor's desk in discussion of the various projects now mushrooming throughout the denomination sounds the proper note of hope and optimism: "I have reason to believe that all these plans, efforts, and ideas may be woven into a definite course of action by our denomination."

#### A Definite Course

A definite course of action! That's it! The specific action for you may be to write in about an employment opportunity, or revealing your own interest in employment in a Seventh Day Baptist community. Your duty may be to help foster the back-to-the-home-church movement, or move back to the home church. Perhaps your main interest is in helping to make Christian rural fellowship real by starting now to use more productive farming methods, or to do some helpful promotion work. Possibly you are the one to send for and display the Ten Commandments as a constant reminder of our obligation to the Almighty who has done and continues to do so much for us. Or whatever —? Act! Contribute in some worth-while way immediately and continue

to help in every way possible. Be always active, keeping your eye on the common goal: God's will be done!

In all and through all must be Divine guidance, or we strive in vain. Too often our activities are motivated by selfish, personal, monetary interests. A new and meaningful phrase recently came to the editor's attention.

It is just an epigrammatic sentence, but it carries the heart of the meaning of fellowship: "Fellowship with Christ means sound leadership." There can be no true, lasting fellowship without **fellowship!**

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### AN AMERICAN PROBLEM

Five serious health problems are alcohol, tuberculosis, venereal disease, cancer, and heart trouble. Alcohol is listed first as it is found to be connected, in many cases, with each of the others. It causes more deaths than any of thirty-one infectious diseases, and 20 per cent of mental patients in the United States are alcoholics.

We have called our enemies in war barbarous for many of their deeds. Yet we Americans have permitted the governments of most of our states to commit a crime as great as many of those of our enemies. This crime is the licensing (the giving permission) for the sale of alcoholic beverages—and beer is one of these. We not only permit its distribution but also permit criminal business firms to advertise lies to gain trade. We permit, without protest, some courts giving judgments against good citizens who dare to speak the truth against this great evil.

Trevah R. Sutton.

New Enterprise, Pa.

### PIN POINT EDITORIALS

Habit is a cable. We weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it.—Horace Mann.

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"Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord." A heartbroken farmer whose child was in serious trouble once lamented: "The trouble is, I gave great care to the growth and development of our horses, hogs, and cattle, but allowed my children to grow up just any old way!" This is a mistake that many parents make. — Selected.

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Liberty is the one thing you can't have unless you give it to others. — William Allen White.

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

#### Disappointed

Yes, I am disappointed, very much disappointed, that the budget money does not come in as it should. I am not discouraged, however, for my observation is that we are procrastinators. We want to wait till the last minute and hope to get our money "under the wire." I wish we could get the vision of giving early. Do it now; do it 100 per cent plus.



P. B. Hurley

I happened into a religious gathering recently where they were reporting progress on a money-raising project. The goal had been set at \$50,000. The time was not yet up. They were still working on it, and they had raised \$60,000. What do we lack?

There was a time when we set the budget goal much higher than the figure we actually expected to make, hoping that in trying to reach it a really sufficient sum would be raised. Not so today. The budget as presented is the amount needed to carry on. If it is not raised, the workers are made to get by with less than planned. We know they are often expected to get along with too little, even when the full amount is available.

I am disappointed, but . . . ! I just read this in the "Chaplain." "The days are rich, life is rich. And most of us fail not so much from lack of ability as from lack of imagination and FAITH. We are afraid to think in large enough terms, afraid to ask for enough."

In conversation with a friend this morning, we were commenting on the promises of God. We know God is all powerful. We like to quote his promises; but when it comes to expecting him to "supply all our needs," we often admit that we lack real faith. We have seen his care for missionaries of old. We know he cared for our forefathers. But can he care for us? Not unless we get a larger vision and turn our lack of faith into hope and expectation.

P. B. Hurley,  
Conference President.

"Opportunity never knocks at the door of a knocker."

o "We all appreciate that religious values are prominent in nature and in agriculture."

## Rural Churches Have a Special Genius

### — Their Importance Far Exceeds Numerical Strength

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers

"Our young preacher is certainly doing a fine work for us, but we can't hope to keep him long!" How often this remark is made in the rural churches, betraying the assumption that a city church, or one in one of our college towns, is either to be preferred by the preacher or can take whom it wishes from congregations paying a smaller salary. A growing number of young men in the ministry are choosing to serve in the rural



Albert N. Rogers

church.

Arthur Wentworth Hewitt called the rural church "God's back pasture." On most of the farms I know the back pasture is where the young stock is kept until it is grown, and the figure is apt because rural churches are the chief source of replenishing for city churches and for idealism in urban life in general. Their importance to the kingdom and to the nation far exceeds their numerical strength and it should not be forgotten that they are numerically the strongest agency in rural life.

"The rural church," wrote Charles J. Galpin, "has handed on to rural men, women, and children the precious inner life of the Christian centuries. It continues to impart the gentleness of love, but also the tough steel of endurance. It stands guard night and day over that delicate organ of race, the family."

#### Our Own Problem

To Seventh Day Baptists the rural church is of added importance because the Sabbath is more significant in the rural community than it can be where living is more complex. A large percentage of our people who move to cities become inactive, and the only strong city churches we have are but one generation away from the country. These are some of the reasons why our Board of Christian Education was asked to promote a Seventh Day Baptist Rural Fellowship, and

why our young people are being encouraged to make the most of the personal opportunities in rural life.

The reasons many rural churches are weak need not concern us so much as the ways to make them stronger. Some churches probably ought to die if they cannot be moved, but blessed is that church which is close to a productive section of land and able to minister to the people who dwell thereon. Churches located in villages have a double responsibility—to the villagers, and to all those who live in the country who are not ministered to by some other church. A church which cannot serve because it must fight to exist had better transfer its energies to another field.

#### Rural Churches Are Different

What is the genius of the rural church? How is it different from the town or city church in philosophy and methods? The gospel is for all, but the Master always put the truths he taught in terms suited to the listeners.

Professor Rockwell C. Smith has pointed out that the social unit in the city is the individual but in the country it is the family. The rural church is a fellowship not only of persons—Christ calls us as individuals—but also of family groups. The physical conditions of living dictate this fact. Everyone comes to church when the family car leaves, or else he stays home. And more than that, because life is more stable in the country persons tend to think and behave as families to a larger extent than is characteristic of urban dwellers. We all appreciate that religious values are prominent in nature and in agriculture. Cultural differences between city and country are becoming less and less, but I believe the variations noted are true to life.

#### Rural People in Church

Public worship in the rural church must be kept simple and Biblical. This does not mean it need be devoid of beauty in the various acts of worship nor unimaginative in the sermon. Rural people can read and

follow an order of service as well as their city cousins, but they are less intrigued by novelty and more aware of tradition. Choirs, whether in rural or city churches, are only as good as their leaders and the regularity of their practice, but rehearsals will be governed by the daily schedules of the singers.

Observance of Rural Life Sabbath in May, when the local Grange is invited to attend in a body, helps to focus attention in spiritual values inherent in rural life. I feel too that God's blessing should be asked for fields and crops as well as for the labors of the congregation in general. This should be done as the seasons change during the year.

My judgment regarding Sabbath schools in rural churches is that while beginners, primary people, and juniors need graded materials the International Uniform Lessons should be generally used by all classes of intermediate age and older. I know many will disagree on this point, but it does make possible more family study and common family interest. There will be times when some class will need a more specialized study. Our Board of Christian Education can supply picture guides for use with the uniform lessons, and in many of our churches where there are only one or two rooms a simplified curriculum will prevent confusion. Teachers can exchange ideals in workers' meetings too, if this is done.

#### Special Methods

The Lord's Acre plan has been popularized as a method of rural church finance, and some of our churches raise a good deal that way. But where diversified farming is practiced people generally have cash for weekly purchases and their weekly offering should be the chief income of the church. Pledges made at the beginning of the fiscal year stabilize giving. Once a year I feel any church is justified in asking the community it serves for financial support.

Rural people expect the minister to call. Unless I am mistaken, they would just as soon visit with him in the kitchen as in the parlor. Most ministers prefer the kitchen too! It is possible to call on men at their work in the country much more than in the cities; and this is an advantage, for Christianity was never primarily a "leisure time activity." We find people are glad to receive copies of the church bulletin when they do not attend church, to help them keep

up on what is going on. My own church is most fortunate to have nearly all of its resident members served by two rural delivery routes. If the pastor cannot get them on the telephone, he writes them a postcard.

#### Relief from Routine

The social life in rural churches, like other phases of Christian fellowship, will center in family experiences such as showers for newly married couples, anniversaries, holiday gatherings, and seasonal get-togethers for threshing, butchering, or syruping off. Rural communities are often over-organized, but the church comes in for its share of people's time if good leadership is provided. Do we need to be reminded that many a society, club, or lodge would never have been started had the church been on its job?

The young people in rural churches, like those in every church, will want their own parties and athletic programs. Transportation may need to be furnished for them. If the pastor cannot spend a good deal of time with them the church should see that someone else does. Where boys work on farms, and girls are busy with canning, the camps and

#### MY FARM

By Tramp Starr

My farm, to me, is not just land  
Where bare, unpainted buildings stand—  
To me, my farm is nothing less  
Than all created loveliness.

My farm is not where I must soil  
My hands in endless, dreary toil—  
But where, through seed and swelling pod  
I've learned to walk, and talk, with God.

My farm to me is not a place  
Outmoded by a modern race;  
For here, I think I just see less  
Of evil, greed, and selfishness.

My farm's not lonely—for, all day  
I hear my children shout at play;  
And here, when age comes, free from fears,  
I'll live again, long, joyous years.

My farm's a haven—here dwells rest,  
Security, and happiness—  
Whate'er befalls the world outside  
Here faith, and home, and love abide.

And so my farm is not just land  
Where bare, unpainted buildings stand—  
To me, my farm is nothing less  
Than all God's hoarded loveliness.

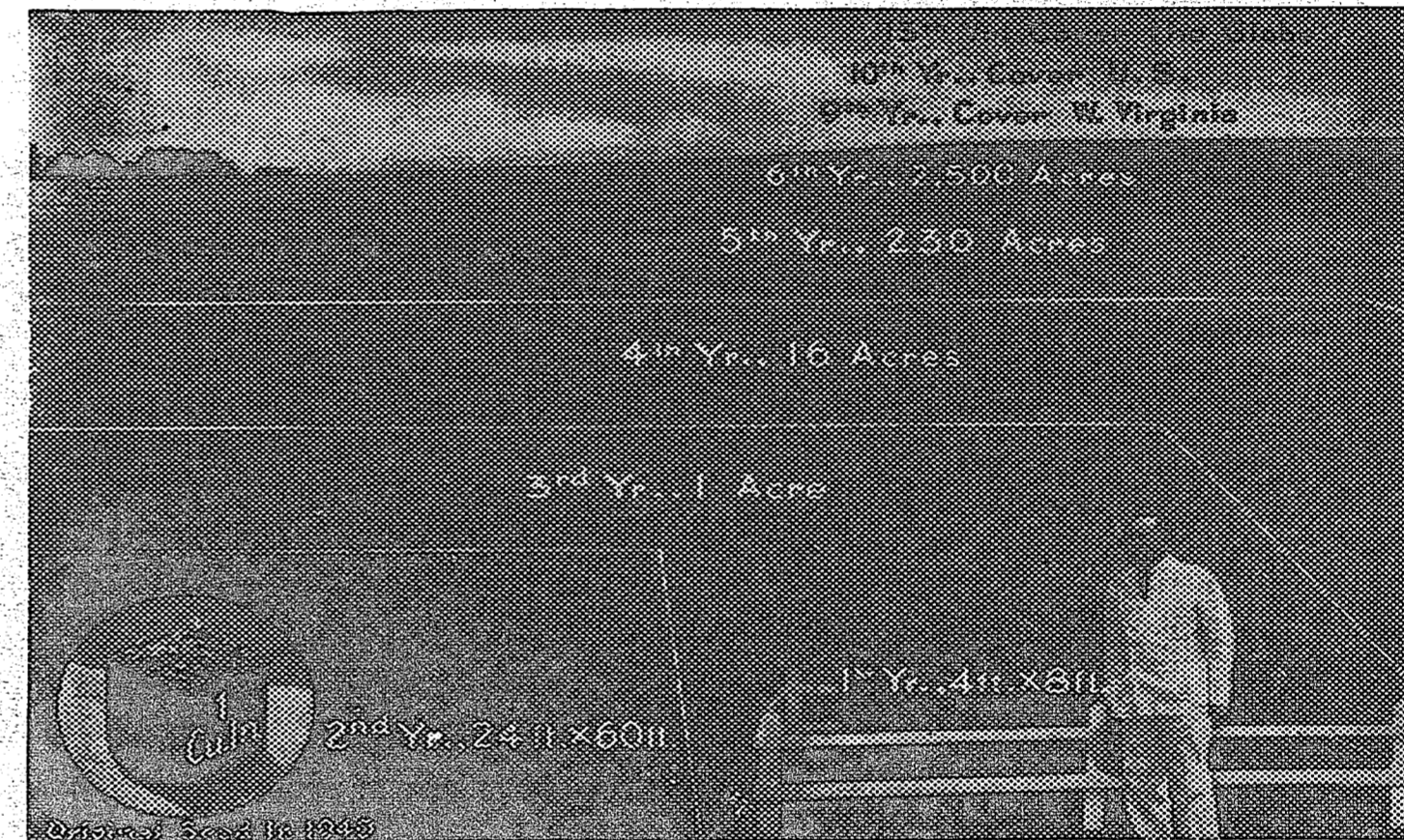
—Lost Creek Bulletin.

## ONE CUBIC INCH OF "BIBLICAL WHEAT" GROWS TO 2,500 ACRES IN SIX YEARS; WOULD COVER GLOBE IN THIRTEEN

Inspired by a sermon in his local Quaker church in 1940 Perry Hayden, a Quaker miller of Tecumseh, Mich., set out to illustrate some of the Bible lessons on "Tithing," "Rebirth," and "Returns on what we sow."

Hayden started with a cubic inch of wheat, which he planted in a patch 4 ft. by 8 ft. . . .

A year later, he harvested the patch; deducted 10 per cent of the crop as a tithe to the church, and planted the balance again the following year. . . . The second, third, and fourth years he again deducted the tithe and replanted the entire balance of each crop. . . . Last year's crop, which was the fifth, had



Perry Hayden is shown standing in front of the first little plot of wheat grown from the cubic inch of grain shown in the insert, with the huge increase in the background.

summer conferences should be planned to avoid peak seasons, but chances to "get away" are needed quite as much by country youth as by anyone. I hope the young people in most of our churches are planning already to attend their association camp or General Conference at Milton, Wis., or both.

The rural church does not stand alone. There is a wide and useful literature available to them, and our denominational boards are ready to be of assistance. The genius of the rural church lies in its keeping close to its people where they live.

Alfred Station, N. Y.

grown from the original cubic inch to two hundred thirty acres and netted 5,555 bushels. The sixth and final year of the demonstration required 2,500 acres of land. If continued for nine years it would require all of the land in West Virginia, and in ten years it would cover the whole United States. It is estimated that the thirteenth year would cover the whole globe—all starting with a cubic inch of wheat, a little faith, and God's promises.

Land for the first five years was furnished by Henry Ford, but last fall's planting was so large that no single tract of land in Michigan could handle it; so the seed was parceled out

to about two hundred fifty farmers throughout the country, who have planted the genuine "Biblical Wheat" and will give the tithe to more than one hundred fifty different churches representing all faiths.

A representative field of the famous "Dynamic Kernels" has been planted inside the race track at the Adrian, Mich., Fair Grounds, where the final huge official celebration will be held during the harvest this summer. The wheat will be cut, threshed, ground into flour, baked into biscuits and fed to the multitudes in the grandstands, right before their very eyes.

"Now that the war is over, elaborate plans are being completed by Mr. Hayden, in cooperation with the Lenewee County Fair Board, to make this the most spectacular international human-interest story in the world," says Raymond J. Jeffreys, an Ohio publicist.

"The colorful parades, cutting and harvesting pageants, showing equipment used from the Biblical days down to the modern combines, and reports from the farmers throughout the country who are making possible the completion of this stupendous final year of the project, will make this great religious event a living demonstration of the Biblical truths regarding sowing, reaping, rebirth, and tithing," says the Quaker miller who founded the demonstration.

## CONSERVATION

### MANY ACRES OF FARM LANDS DESTROYED BY IMPROPER CULTIVATION

By H. N. Wheeler

Conservation is the proper use of our natural resources. This meaning of the word was given to it by President Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot, the then chief of the United States Forest Service.

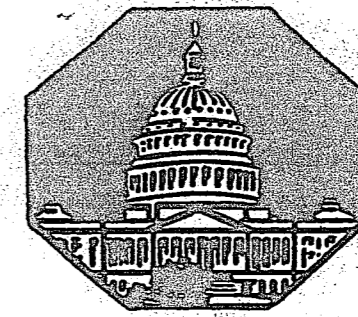
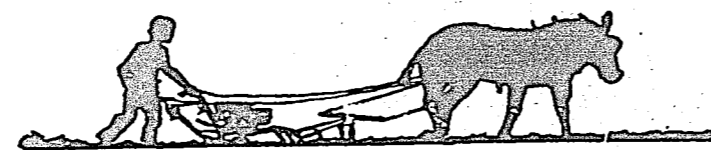
Our greatest natural resource is the soil. Methods of cultivation have resulted in great waste to such an extent that more than one hundred million acres of farm land are entirely ruined and another one hundred million are badly eroded.

Doctor Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service says only nine inches of

top soil now remain, on an average, on all our farm lands. His investigation of the rich farm lands of Iowa shows that land with a 3 per cent slope cultivated for seven years lost one inch of top soil. Where the land sloped eight feet in one hundred feet the one inch was gone in one year. Plowing in a straight line up hill and down hill has been the practice. The best farmer was the one who could make the straightest furrow, and plow the straightest row of corn. By this method of farming a billion tons of soil is washing into the Gulf of Mexico every year, leaving impoverished farms with bare clay, rocks, and gullies where once was rich top soil that required four hundred years to build one inch in depth. We are just now learning to contour plow, to strip farm, and to terrace.

During a period of some weeks studies were made by the United States Forest Service on the Yazoo River watershed in Mississippi. During that time 27 inches of rain fell. Measurements showed that 60 per cent of the water ran off of the surface of the cultivated areas and took 33 tons of earth to the acre along with it, while from the timbered lands .85 of 1 per cent of the rainfall flowed from the forested lands and not enough soil was washed to measure. Forests are the best conservers of soil and moisture. Heavy grass cover, not over grazed, is 90 per cent as good as timber in preventing soil wash.

The great 96,000,000 acre dust bowl was created by plowing up those wonderful grass lands. The grass roots were destroyed, the land dried out, an extra dry year came, nothing remained to hold the light soil in place and the winds carried away millions of tons and laid waste thousands of farms. In recent years more moisture has fallen, those lands are again being plowed, and dust is again in the air and abandonment of land on the way. Those lands should be put back into grass and never again be plowed except in small valley areas where semiarid crops could be produced to furnish winter food for livestock. Those areas supported millions of head of buffalo and later great



## RANDOLPH SPEAKING

From  
Washington, D. C.

[This is the first column in a new series from the nation's capital designed to keep Seventh Day Baptists informed about legislative happenings which have special significance for church people. Congressman Jennings Randolph, who will make these reports to the Recorder from time to time, has been in Congress for fourteen consecutive years representing the Second West Virginia District. He is a member of the Salem, W. Va., Church and is a trustee of Salem College.]

### PEACE ON EARTH

Mr. Speaker, India, a country of unrest, peopled by a vast population, is very much in the news these days. I received a letter from my nephew who has served in our armed forces during World War II. He pens these challenging thoughts:

Whenever writing to anyone for the first time from India I'm always troubled by the thought that perhaps they expect from me more than I can offer, the open sesame to India—a mirror that will capture her in reflection and give a solution to her problems. I hope you will let me pass with this one simple observation: that the inhabitants of this heathen land are good people like those I found in America, in Mexico, and North Africa, good as I suspect people all over the world are good.

I personally hope the good sense of some British leaders will prevail as per reports, and that India may be granted a freedom she does not now possess. I think those words, from a 21-year-old youth, could well be taken to heart by all of us during these troubled times.

—Congressional Record, March 18.

### CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The Central Association will convene with the First Brookfield Church at Leonardsville, N. Y., June 14-16, 1946. All are cordially invited to attend.

Bernice D. Rogers,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### OUR COVER

This issue's cover photograph has for its setting the same part of the country as the headquarters of the recently created Christian Rural Fellowship for Seventh Day Baptists — Lost Creek, W. Va. Taken in 1942, the picture shows Joe Bartlett, a young man employed as a page boy in the House of Representatives, who made it his practice during each summer to help look after his mother's farm.

herds of cattle and sheep. They will do it again if properly handled. Grazing lands are greatly needed. After careful study and survey those lands must be divided into areas so that a family can live comfortably by handling a band of sheep or a drove of cattle. This can be done under private ownership, or the lands can be publicly owned. The whole welfare of the nation is concerned about the proper handling of this great dust bowl.

Our rural communities are the backbone of the nation, physically, morally, and religiously. They can prosper and survive only if the soil is conserved and made to produce the crops for which it is suited.

In 1893, I worked on a farm in northeast Kansas. On seventy-five acres, corn was raised that went seventy-five bushels to the acre. It will not do that today. Heavy rains washed tons of the rich black top soil into the gullies that were scoured out deeper with each storm. Contour plowing and terracing will hold the soil, and cause more water to be taken into the ground. By this method of farming and the use of hybrid corn, all of our rolling farm land will come back and bring prosperity and happiness. No country can prosper, or even live after its natural resources are exhausted.

No one should be blamed for the condition of our lands, for we did not understand what was causing soil depletion nor how to stop it. Now we know the causes and what to do about it. The foresters are showing us how to handle our wooded areas and the Soil Conservation Service is demonstrating how to cultivate land properly. It is well to remember that our property is only loaned to us. We can't take it with us and it is of concern to our children, to the state, and community as to how we leave it, especially in what condition we leave the land. It should be more productive when we leave it than when we acquired it. It is not quite fair to skim the cream off of our soil and leave only impoverished land to those who come after.

We need strong self-supporting communities. Good soil is a basic need.

Every child born must start from scratch to learn to practice freedom. — Ralph W. Gwinn, Congressman, Washington, D. C.

## 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.

### REPORT RECEIVED FROM CHURCH WORKER IN HAMBURG

Most Seventh Day Baptists in Germany Have Lost All Possessions;  
Many Died During War Years

For a long time we received no word from our brethren and churches in Germany, except that we learned through Brother Zijlstra, Haarlem, Holland, that it was reported Pastor Losch had been killed. This lack of correspondence was not on account of unfriendliness, but because of government restrictions. No longer ago than last February, this statement appeared in the daily papers: "Civilian mail service has been re-established to every European country except Germany." Now it appears that the government is allowing censored letters to pass; and it is difficult to express the satisfaction which came to many of us when Dr. Corliss F. Randolph received the following letter from Brother Bruhn:

Dear Brother Randolph:

As it is possible to have correspondence again with foreign countries, it shall be the first to do, to write a little letter to you and give a sign of life.

Since a short time again I have connection with a number of our brothers, sisters, and churches in Germany. It is very sorry I hear from them. The most have lost all goods and chattels, a great number their lives. We feel that we live here in a world of sorrow (2 Peter 3: 13). But we are still alive and praise the Lord for his merciful help which he kindly gave us (Romans 12: 12).

This might do for today. I hope to hear soon from you next.

I send my kindest regards and sympathy to you and Sr. Randolph and to all the good friends.

In all of this my wife, my son Lorenz, our preacher, Brother Bahlke, and Sr. Anna Sass join me.

Faithfully yours,  
Heinrich Bruhn.

Hamburg 39, den 1,  
Alsterdorferstrasse 345,  
April, 1946.

Regarding Brother Bruhn's letter Dr. Randolph wrote:

"The enclosed letter from Heinrich Bruhn of Hamburg came this morning (April 23)—two weeks on the way. It is the first communication I have had from Germany. The letter had been opened by the censors.

"When we were in Hamburg, Mr. Bruhn, who is a fine looking man, was the engineer in charge of the public utilities of Hamburg. His wife, who is an equally fine looking woman, is an accomplished musician. The son was a shy boy of some ten or twelve years. We were entertained in their home. Mr. Bruhn was Dr. Conradi's right-hand man in all his church activities. Miss Anna Sass was Dr. Conradi's very efficient housekeeper. The minister—Bahlke—I don't remember quite so well."

Dr. Randolph (for many years president of the Tract Society and now president emeritus) and the missionary secretary worked together in encouraging and advising Dr. Conradi when he started the Seventh Day Baptist work in Germany; and as Dr. Randolph's letter indicates, he and Mrs. Randolph visited Germany when on trips to Europe.

Dr. Conradi started the work in the fall of 1931. At first he had no financial help from our boards; but after five years, the Missionary Board began appropriating a small sum annually. Under the leadership of Dr. Conradi and his faithful German helpers, the work advanced rapidly. Dr. Conradi died in the fall of 1939, just before the European war started, and at that time there were twenty-eight Seventh Day Baptist churches with a membership of 533. Now the Master is asking us to restore these churches as far as possible and organize new ones. We must not fail him, his children, and his churches.

W. L. B.

### SOCIETY EMPLOYEES RECEIVE THIRD PAY INCREASE

Eighty Per Cent for Pastors

By G. B. Utter, Recording Secretary

A third increase in salaries since January 1, 1945—amounting to over 80 per cent in the case of missionary pastors—for employees of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary So-

ciety on the home field was made at the quarterly meeting held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly on April 21. The treasurer reported it was possible to do this, and that the increased cost of living made it very advisable.

The salaries of all employees of the board have been raised \$100 per year, and the monthly allowance for the work at Syracuse, cared for by Rev. Herbert L. Polan, was increased to \$25 a month. The increase in salaries also includes an increase for Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph in Jamaica.

The purchase in Westerly of the so-called Maxson property, which is south of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and has two hundred feet frontage on Main Street, was recommended at a total cost of \$12,000. The Pawcatuck Church has voted to pay \$1,500 of this total covering sixty-six feet frontage for the protection of its own property. The property was recently owned by C. Clarence Maxson, and it was there Miss Jessie Utter lived for so many years after she left Plainfield, N. J., to make Westerly her home. It can be broken up into four apartments, and will be a paying venture. It is expected that part of the building will be used by the secretaries of the board as their residences.

An interesting report from the Little Prairie Church was presented by Dr. Edwin Whitford, chairman of the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee. The report came from Rev. Zack White. Mr. White is considering organizing a quartet to assist him in the work in the field.

Word came from Middle Island, W. Va., that the church had called Rev. James L. Skaggs as missionary pastor and that it needed help in his support.

It was announced that the society is seeking a man who will accept a call to go to Jamaica to help establish the school there and act as its head. A man experienced in education is desired. Only recently the society purchased property adjoining the Kingston church where the school can be located. A reserve of \$2,900 which has accumulated during the war years for Holland has been released as not being needed there. Of this \$2,400 was set aside to replace permanent funds used for the purchase of the new school property in Jamaica.

The balance of \$500 of the \$2,900 released from Holland is to be used in the purchase of a multigraph machine. The society finds that there is a demand for a greater amount of printed reports and letters to workers in the field.

In connection with the report of the \$2,900 which was released by the Holland people, it was noted that the Memorial Board is about to loan the Haarlem Church of Holland funds to repair or replace their church property destroyed by war action. The people of Holland will carry this burden themselves. The loan was endorsed by this board at its meeting on Sunday.

Elston H. Van Horn, assistant recording secretary, acted in the absence of George B. Utter, who was attending a meeting of the Committee on East Asia of the Foreign Missions Conference in New York City.

Members of the board present were: Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Dr. Edwin Whitford, Karl G. Stillman, Dr. Anne L. Waite, Rev. William L. Burdick, Mrs. Alexander P. Austin, Walter D. Kenyon, Elston H. Van Horn, Lloyd B. Langworthy, Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, Mrs. James G. Waite, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, and Rev. David S. Clarke.

### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT

As corresponding secretary I would report that, though I have not been out on the field during the quarter, that part of the work has been well cared for by the assistant secretary and field worker, Mr. Clarke, who will report on that subject and his other activities.

The correspondence has been unusually heavy again this quarter, and it would be a long story if I should attempt an outline of the problems which come through correspondence with people in all parts of the world. Many of these problems are the result of the war just closed, but some come from other causes.

The World Wide Fellowship of Prayer during the six weeks before Easter has been promoted. Considerable time has been given to the work of the committees of the board. An unusual amount of time has been given to the Committee on Ministerial Relations of the General Conference.

Working on matters for the Committee on Ministerial Relations has forced home as

## Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

### ACTION, PLEASE!

"While half the world starves, we Americans are stuffing ourselves." If we are really Christians, that statement ought to prick our consciences to the point of action. And action is what is needed. We must not allow hunger and privation to become the first steps toward unrest, chaos, and further war. It is our positive Christian duty to do our utmost to feed the hungry.

What can we do?

1. Accept limitations of wheat and other foods cheerfully and willingly in support of government measures.
2. Encourage voluntary rationing among our families. Discourage excessive preparations for special occasions.
3. Write to your senators and representatives and other responsible government agents expressing approval and support of steps toward enforcement of wheatless days, further reduction of the use of grain for alcoholic beverages, and other helpful measures.
4. Make sacrificial contributions for relief through your church treasurer to the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

Remember that a hungry world cannot be a peaceful world.

Irma Van Horn, Chairman,  
Committee on Peace and  
World Co-operation.

### DIRECTOR OF RELIEF CENTER REPORTS ON PROGRESS

By John D. Metzler  
Director, United Church Service Center

Since you have sent relief materials to the United Church Service Center at New Windsor, we conclude that you are interested in the progress of the program.

never before the need of more workers. Many churches are pastorless. Fully 20 per cent of our ministers are on the retired list. The situation is an injury to missions and all denominational work and something should be done.

Respectfully submitted,  
William L. Burdick,  
Corresponding Secretary.

Since October 1, 1945, a total of more than 1,700,000 pounds of relief goods have been received. More than 1,400,000 pounds have been shipped to many countries of Europe and Asia. Excellent letters are coming back from foreign countries describing the joy of the recipients upon the distribution of supplies.

Clothing needs in Europe will continue for at least one more year, for no factories are in operation there now; there are no materials to be used in the building of factories, and no materials to be spun and woven if factories were ready to operate. Needs in Asia are probably greater, for the Asiatic standard of living had not nearly reached the standard of Europe in peace times, and war's destruction has been terrific in Asia.

Church people in America are ready and eager to give supplies for relief. You have found that great joy came from your participation in this work. Many tell us that assistance in a material aid program has been the means of a revitalization in the total life of their churches. In Europe we are told that "the Samaritan and evangelist must be one and the same person."

General plans of the committee call for eleven United Church Service Centers in the United States. Five are now in operation. Plans are ready to open centers in several other locations. In some, the committees are waiting approval before completing the plans. In others, plans are complete even to the space in which to operate. But approval cannot be given because funds are insufficient to care for present centers and also to open new ones. Each new center will mean more material for relief and more people participating in the program. Will you and your church help to make possible the meeting of physical needs overseas and the enrichment of spiritual life in America and overseas?

Send contributions of money through your denominational headquarters; send relief materials prepaid to the United Church Service Center, indicating that they come from Seventh Day Baptists.

New Windsor, Md.,  
March 27, 1946.

### EXPRESSIONS OF REAL GRATITUDE

The following are excerpts taken from "thank you" letters received from various countries to which your food and clothing have been sent.

"At first I will thank you for the surprise that we have received. It was a very nice blanket for our bed. My wife was very glad with it. Our house is no more, it was bombed. From March, 1945, we are back in Oostburg in another house. Not so good but it goes. . . . This is but a little letter, but I hope that you can read it and that you will write back, and also we finish this letter with the best wishes for you and yours.

"D. Holleman and wife, Holland."

"Out of the hands of the Interchurch Bureau, The Hague, mother and I, being war victims, received several useful and indispensable articles from you, as: a beautiful woolen blanket, three fine sheets and pillow slips, four towels, six handkerchiefs, and a nice bedspread.

"I am not able to tell you what kind of painful sensation it is to find yourself staying here completely as a beggar, possessing nothing in the world except the clothing you wear! We have been helped by our friends in a most generous way, but in those days it was very, very painful to be one's guest, for the food rations were then per person per week 0.4 kg. of bread, 3 kg. of sugar beets (no human food at all). Since March 3, 1945, the only things mother and I could buy in a legal way were a night dress, one pair of stockings, one set of underwear, one cotton frock. You can perhaps understand how we long to get clothes, stockings, and underwear, shoes, and lots of other desirable things. . . . I cannot tell you how delighted we were in getting these things we wanted so very, very much. We thank you wholeheartedly for this rich gift, which means to us more than I can say."

"Magda Osewoudt, The Hague."



We hope with all of you that "patience hath her perfect work" in your awaiting the arrival of the Second Century Fund circulars. Time has been afforded you to anticipate uses to which your personal circular may be put in spreading the news and needs of the fund campaign. Be sure your circular is used to the fullest extent!

David Clarke, Secretary.

### EMERSON WINFIELD AYARS

Emerson W. Ayars was born at Dodge Center, Minn., and was educated in that town and Walworth, Wis. He taught school in Minnesota, New York, and New Jersey. He was graduated from



Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., 1891, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., in 1895. His first practice was at Richburg, N. Y., where he spent ten years. For thirteen years he practiced at Alfred, N. Y., and also served as coroner of Allegany County, N. Y., for thirteen years, being elected five times to that office. In 1919 he began practice at Coconut Grove, Fla., and continued there and in Miami, Fla., until his death. He was city commissioner of Coconut Grove and instigated the erection of the first treated drinking water plant in South Florida at that place. He was more than a physician; he was a citizen with an unusually broad interest in public affairs. His church membership was in the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y.

Close survivors are his widow, Florence Green Ayars, to whom he was married nearly fifty-five years; a daughter, Alice A. Ayars; two sons, Erling E. and Lister S.; and a sister, Mrs. Annie I. Churchward. E. E. A.

### GETHSEMANE

All those who journey, soon or late,  
Must pass within the garden's gate;  
Must kneel alone in darkness there,  
And battle with some fierce despair.  
God pity those who cannot say:  
"Not mine but thine"; who only pray:  
"Let this cup pass," and cannot see  
The purpose of Gethsemane.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

# Christian Education

Rev. Harloy Sutton, Alford Station, N. Y.

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

## The Finest Tribute



Yesterday was Mother's Day. The finest tribute we could give mothers would be to do more, much more, as children to build our homes into truly Christian homes.

The Quaker poet, Whittier, wrote:

To worship rightly is to love each other,  
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

These things we can do to have our homes more Christian:

1. **A SPECIAL PLACE.** Have a place set apart as a "holy place," dedicated to prayer and meditation. This place set apart might be around the piano or the dining room buffet, a place made lovely by candles, a religious picture, or a bowl of flowers. Some families gather for worship in one of the bedrooms where there is a table bearing an open Bible, a globe, and a book in which may be found prayers and meditations. A beautiful religious picture hung above the table would help to focus attention and create the mood of worship. The place and arrangement may differ, but this "holy place" should always be characterized by beauty, dignity, and a spirit of reverence.

2. **A TIME SET APART.** Blessed is the family which finds time for family worship. It may be in the morning, or after the evening meal, or just before bedtime as the events of the day are reviewed in a spirit of quiet thoughtfulness. The time will depend upon the age of the children and the family routine, but the selection of a definite period each day will help to establish worship as a family custom. The worship hour whenever it comes, should be a leisurely time when pressures are relaxed and the members of the family are truly ready to speak with God and to let his Spirit speak with them.

3. **SHARING.** If family worship is genuine, one inevitable outgrowth will be Christian sharing with God's other children, millions of whom are in dire need of the bare necessities of life. Just now we are all asked to save food by eating less and by being very careful to waste no food. This is a definite way the whole family can participate in this world-wide sharing experience.

4. **ENTERTAINING GUESTS.** Children dearly love to "have company." Such occasions provide rare opportunities for the practice of Christian kindness, courtesy, self-forgetfulness, and the sacrifice of one's own preferences in order to provide for the enjoyment of others.

The Sabbath school teacher and the public school teacher should be invited to the home. Try to have exceptional guests such as a child from a children's home or members of other races. It is a real experience for children to have the chance in their own home to visit with pastors of our churches and those who work in denominational positions.

5. **READING.** Enriched is the family whose members have entered into the joy of good reading. It is doubtful if a family can achieve any greater happiness than that which comes from reading together stories of Old Testament heroes, the Psalms, the life and teachings of Jesus, great poetry from all ages, myths, legends, nature lore, nonsense rhymes, and biography. The child who grows up in a home where books are loved by all members of the family has a priceless heritage which nothing can take from him.

6. **PLAYING.** Happy is the family that knows how to play! Having fun together is an important phase of Christian living in the family.

7. **CELEBRATING FESTIVALS.** Blessed is the family which makes a red letter day out of some of the festivals and holidays. Such observance will enliven Christian family living, adding the qualities of spice and zest.

8. **PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH.** Attending church as a family and working for projects of the

church as a family are fine contributions to the Christian home as well as to the church.

Credit is given for ideas in the above material to the "News Sheet," May, 1946, which is a mimeographed paper sent out from the children's division of the New York State Council of Churches. Those interested may order a copy from my office.  
H. S.

## "REALLY VICTORIOUS THINGS ARE INSIDE THE MAN"

### Easter Weekend with Jackson Center People

Curtis Groves took me under his wing—and under his roof—and most graciously looked after me while I was at Jackson Center.

On Friday night I had the pleasure of conducting a prayer meeting Bible study on the theme, "The Cross." Many took part in Bible reading, discussion, and prayer.

Sabbath school comes before the church service at Jackson Center. The young people asked me to teach their class, and they co-operated splendidly by taking part in class discussion. It was interesting to watch Doyle Zwiebel conduct his class of children, about nine in number, to their class meeting place; much evidence was given of his ability to keep them quiet and busy.

In the sermon I told the Easter story, emphasizing the victory of the spiritual over the physical. The really big things of life, the victorious things, are inside the man and not outside.

An informal service designed to give everyone a better idea of our denomination, was held Sabbath night. I showed slides of Seventh Day Baptist church buildings and asked the people to name the church and pastor. Each picture was discussed.

Sabbath afternoon and Sunday were spent in calling in the homes, and a special interview was arranged with Mrs. Elva Lawhead, who is superintendent of the Sabbath school.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Miars and Mrs. Lawhead contributed a great deal as did Mr. Groves, to my physical well-being, inviting me to partake of several sumptuous meals. Miss Hou Miars is in Milton College this year.

These visits were most enjoyable and, I trust, were as helpful to others as to me. Mrs. Clara Davis Ferguson, who was in Salem College when I was a student there,

## LOVE WHICH BINDS

Just as good homes give citizens to society, broken homes frequently give society human derelicts and criminals. The love which binds the family together diffuses throughout the world and brings to fulfillment the ideal of the brotherhood of man. The selfishness and lack of love which destroy the home spread desolation among mankind.

Parental love and parental authority are prime forces toward good citizenship and we must cherish and preserve them. — J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

was visiting her father, Mr. L. B. Davis. It was good to see her.

All those visited were concerned about the future of the church there and are all hoping that a pastor can be found soon. Many fine tributes were paid to former pastor, David Clarke, and his good wife.

Jackson Center is not a small church. A good number of young people and consecrated older laymen make it still a great church. There are no small churches if the people in them are connected with God who is all Power. Pray for the people at Jackson Center.  
H. S.

## PROBLEMS OF CHURCH SCHOOL

### ADMINISTRATION COME BEFORE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL GROUP

A committee of the International Council of Religious Education has for its work the problems and plans of church school administration. The council has appointed me on this committee, and I attended a two day meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, April 23 and 24.

Some of the matters discussed were as follows:

1. How can promotional material of a denominational nature be worked into the Sabbath school classes without upsetting the lessons being taught? One suggestion was that extra sessions of the classes could be used. Most denominations have in the lesson helps definite studies on such subjects as missions.

2. There is definite need for a system of teacher training which would be similar to one required for a public school teacher.

3. What kind of worship service should the Sabbath school hold? This problem varies in our Sabbath schools depending



upon the time it is held, whether before or after church and whether there are many who attend Sabbath school who do not attend church.

4. There is great need for training conferences for all teachers in an association, for example, where the teachers of different age groups could get together to discuss plans and problems.

5. The relation of the pastor to the Sabbath school was considered. Along with this topic was a discussion about the church planning for its total program of Christian education. A need was recognized for every church to have a special committee to guide in the planning of the total program. Also it was stressed that the schools of theology should give more courses in Sabbath school work.

6. The small church was discussed and suggestions made for materials which could be secured. It was stressed that one of the strongest teaching forces in any church, large or small is, "the fellowship." The small church can have a family type of fellowship which draws men to Christ and his Church.

7. There was much discussion of buildings and equipment for Sabbath schools. Any church planning to build should consider carefully the recommendations made by Dr. Conover, who is at the head of the Interdenominational Bureau of Church Architecture.

H. S.

#### DON SANFORD WINS SECOND PLACE IN CONTEST

Don Sanford of Little Genesee, N. Y., won second place for boys in New York State in the Youth Week contest sponsored by the United Christian Youth Movement. The winner of the national award will be selected by a special committee appointed through the United Christian Youth Movement.

We will be anxious to see how Don makes out in the national award.

H. S.

Religious education that once more becomes a passion among Christian peoples can conquer the morally destructive forces in the world. — Dr. George A. Buttrick, Minister, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York.

#### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Salem, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Stephan and little daughter, Wendelyn Marie, of Alfred, N. Y., spent a weekend as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Stutler and visited with friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Stephan are members of last year's graduating class at Salem College. Mr. Stephan is now a theological student at Alfred.

Rev. J. L. Skaggs has been granted a two months' leave of absence from his duties as pastor of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. — Salem Herald.

On April 10, 1946, the young men of the West Virginia Seventh Day Baptist Churches gathered at the Salem church for a dinner given by the ladies of that church. Dean A. J. C. Bond of the theological seminary at Alfred, N. Y., made an appeal for full-time religious service as a life work.

Alfred, N. Y.

Private Theodore Hibbard from Camp Devens, Mass., recently spent two weeks with his family in their home at the former Irish cottage. The Hibbards are an interesting family of newcomers to Alfred. Mrs. Hibbard and their four children arrived at Alfred a few weeks ago, having sailed from Hawaii on board a hospital ship. Private Hibbard expects to enter the theological seminary as soon as he is released from the Army.

At a recent meeting of the Twentieth Century Club, Professor H. O. Burdick, who has just returned from Red Cross work in India, was speaker of the evening. He told some of his experiences and showed slides of the country and people. — Alfred Sun.

Lost Creek, W. Va.

Tuesday night prayer meetings are being held as a part of our program of evangelism. In these services we are making a special effort to prepare ourselves more adequately for the Lord's work which we are attempting to do. Our revival meeting will be conducted by our pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn. Preaching services will be held each evening April 14 to 20. Pastor Van Horn is also doing evangelistic work with the Roanoke Church when it is possible to be with them. — Lost Creek Bulletin.

## Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

#### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It was lovely of you to answer my letter and give a story besides. I like kittens, too. We had one named Toscanini. He belonged to Wendell and Audrey Stephan, who were staying at the Music Hall while they attended Salem College. (The Stephans are now at Alfred.) His name was appropriate because he was both bushy and lived at the Music Hall. (The cat I mean.) When school was over, they did not know what to do with Tosky. They finally let me have him. He grew enormously large. My cat's tale has a sad ending. He was accidentally poisoned.

Right now I have fifty-two baby chickens just three days old—but maybe you'll be most interested in an adventure.

In my last letter I told you that my Daddy was still on Okinawa. I have thought it would be wonderful to go to see him there; but it would take a fairy godfather or godmother to make that adventure come true. There are such things as fairies, because next month I sail from New York on the Grips-holm, the ship on which Dr. Thorngate returned from China during the war. The trip will last about nine months, because I am going to go to see Daddy by the longest way, clear around the world!

Aunt Frances (Mrs. Okey Davis) thought I should write and tell you. Some of the boys and girls might like to follow me on their geography maps, if I write back my adventures to the Recorder.

Wish me bon voyage and a "she lived happily ever after" ending to my great adventure.

Sincerely,

Venita Vincent.

Salem, W. Va.

Dear Venita:

I think it is wonderful that you are to have such an interesting trip, and I am very glad you are thinking of writing back your adventures to the Recorder. I'm sure the boys and girls will enjoy your letters of adventure. I do wish you "bon voyage" and

a very pleasant trip in every way. I can imagine just how pleased your father will be to see you. It will be the next thing to being home with his family.

Just across the street from us is a young returned soldier who is very happy to be at home with his wife and baby, and many of our Andover boys have already been discharged from the Army or Navy, and all seem happy to be at home with their loved ones.

Your Christian friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am eleven years old now and in the sixth grade.

I have a new sister named Katherine Elaine. She is seven weeks old today. Today and yesterday, under Mother's direction, I gave her her bath.

We have a black cocker spaniel named Topsy that loves to chase cats.

I am living in a trailer now because we had a fire at Christmas. My brother is staying at my aunt's until our house is replaced.

Truly yours,  
Mary Lou Fogg.

Shiloh, N. J.

Dear Mary Lou:

I congratulate you on the arrival of that dear little baby sister. I know you must be very proud of her and happy to be able to help your mother in caring for her.

No doubt you have heard the old saying, "Dogs and cats do quarrel and fight; it is their nature to. But children should never let their angry passions rise," and it seems dog nature to chase cats. A black cocker spaniel often passes our house and he used to chase our cat Skeezics up on the porch. One day, however, he came clear up on the porch, but Skeezics fought back so furiously that Mr. Dog was glad to get away. After that he never tried to bother Skeezics again.

It might be fun to live in a trailer for a time but not for long. So I hope your house will soon be rebuilt.

Your Christian friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

That was a very good story in the April 15 Sabbath Recorder, called "A Boy's Choice." I think it should appeal to a great many boys and girls. The poem was very good, too.

We moved to Gentry, Ark., about two months ago. I like it here very much. Our school will be out May 17; so we don't have much longer to go.

There are a pair of screech owls living in a silver maple tree out in front of our house.

We are having an egg contest in school to see what class brings the most eggs. There is going to be a prize for the class that brings the most; or rather, one for grades one to six and another for grades seven to twelve.

Sincerely yours,  
Paul Beebe.

Gentry, Ark.

Dear Paul:

You surely are to have an early vacation. New York state schools do not close until the last of June.

When I was a little girl living on the farm in Wisconsin, a lady from Chicago came to board with us. One evening she was driving to town with us when suddenly we heard a screech owl close by. Our boarder got down under the buggy seat and hid her head. She was so frightened that we had to drive back to the house with her. They do make a frightening noise, do they not?

I must close as I have already run over my page. Here is hoping your class wins in the egg contest:

Your Christian friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Chicago .....	70.15	310.85
Daytona Beach .....	69.83	245.33
Denver .....	51.00	412.20
De Ruyter .....	19.75	295.06
Dinuba .....		50.00
Dodge Center .....		51.26
Edinburg .....	10.00	90.00
Farina .....	15.00	175.00
Fouke .....	9.23	80.90
Friendship .....		67.15
Gentry .....	6.00	50.50
Hammond .....		65.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah .....		11.25
Hebron, First .....		59.28
Hebron, Second .....		5.25
Hopkinton, First .....		318.24
Hopkinton, Second .....		15.55
Independence .....	15.00	144.00
Individuals .....	4.00	2,563.90
Irvington .....	150.00	320.00
Jackson Center .....		30.90
Little Genesee .....	36.75	253.05
Little Prairie .....	5.00	20.00
Los Angeles .....		164.00
Los Angeles, Christ's .....		13.00
Lost Creek .....	196.49	398.80
Marlboro .....	55.00	612.55
Middle Island .....	7.71	70.69
Milton .....	210.00	2,050.90
Milton Junction .....	53.59	570.55
New Auburn .....		169.00
New York .....	18.83	552.60
North Loup .....	187.73	585.68
Nortonville .....		168.55
Pawcatuck .....	253.66	2,405.49
Piscataway .....	28.00	189.57
Plainfield .....	259.19	1,621.69
Richburg .....		104.10
Riverside .....		742.92
Roanoke .....		26.00
Rockville .....	8.00	81.45
Salem .....	45.53	554.08
Salemville .....		48.37
Shiloh .....	142.45	1,434.86
Stone Fort .....		10.00
Verona .....	57.50	348.64
Walworth .....		155.00
Waterford .....	26.00	123.85
White Cloud .....	9.88	212.80

Disbursements

Missionary Society .....	\$ 615.06	\$ 430.03
Tract Society .....	262.44	15.00
Board of Christian Education .....	431.28	5.00
Women's Society .....	14.94	65.00
Historical Society .....	41.22	
Ministerial Retirement .....	187.56	163.50
S. D. B. Building .....	48.78	
General Conference .....	156.24	9.15
World Fellowship .....	42.48	
S. D. B. Committee on Relief Appeals .....		36.00

Comparative Figures

	1946	1945
Budget receipts		
For March .....	\$1,790.86	\$1,153.94
For 9 months .....	15,644.74	14,693.62

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, March 31, 1946

Receipts

	March	Total for 9 months
Adams Center .....	\$ 26.00	\$ 155.50
Albion .....	11.05	125.07
Alfred, First .....	91.60	1,966.99
Alfred, Second .....		582.55
Andover .....		33.00
Associations and groups .....		240.41
Battle Creek .....	171.40	1,258.35
Berlin .....	11.60	110.90
Boulder .....	74.22	374.95
Brookfield, First .....	31.50	175.45
Brookfield, Second .....	75.90	236.46

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Box 843, Alfred, N. Y.

If interested in employing or in being employed or in buying or selling a property, please clip this blank and fill in the desired information.

The following opportunity is open (or will be) in our community: .....

I wish employment or a business in the following line: .....

Name ..... Address .....

Special receipts:		
For March .....	723.68	443.65
For 9 months .....	8,664.70	4,004.96

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 25, 1946

Finding a New Sense of Values

Basic Scripture—Luke 12; 18: 24-30; 19: 1-10;

1 Timothy 6: 17

Memory Selection—Romans 14: 17

"The reward of a good deed is to have done it."

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Obituary

Ayars. — Emerson Winfield, son of Eli Bailey and Rebecca Jane Ayres Ayars, was born August 21, 1866, and died at Miami, Fla., April 2, 1946. An extended obituary appears elsewhere in this Recorder.

Bond. — Erere Fitz Randolph, daughter of Franklin and Mary Elizabeth Fox Fitz Randolph, was born October 1, 1870, at New Milton, W. Va., and died April 18, 1946, after an extended illness.

She married Emry Herbert Bond on May 24, 1893. He died in 1937. Mrs. Bond had been a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1893.

Close survivors are two sons, Burl Randolph and Carroll Arnold, and four brothers: Corliss, Iseus, Esle, and Roy.

The funeral service was held at the Lost Creek church and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn. Burial was in a grave beside that of her husband in the church cemetery.

C. F. R.

Stillman. — Clark Rogers, son of George and Sophia Rogers Stillman, was born in Brookfield, N. Y., August 20, 1871, and died there February 11, 1946.

He was a loyal member of the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church for more than fifty-three years, and had served as a trustee for several years. He was married December 30, 1896, to Genevieve Whitford; she died April 5, 1910. On February 10, 1920, he married Mrs. Susie Daley. His death was very sudden. He passed peacefully to his beloved Lord and Master while resting in a chair.

Close survivors are his wife and his brother Clarence.

Funeral services were in charge of his pastor, Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, assisted at the grave by the I. O. O. F. J. W. C.

Shopping Companion For The Next 90 Days

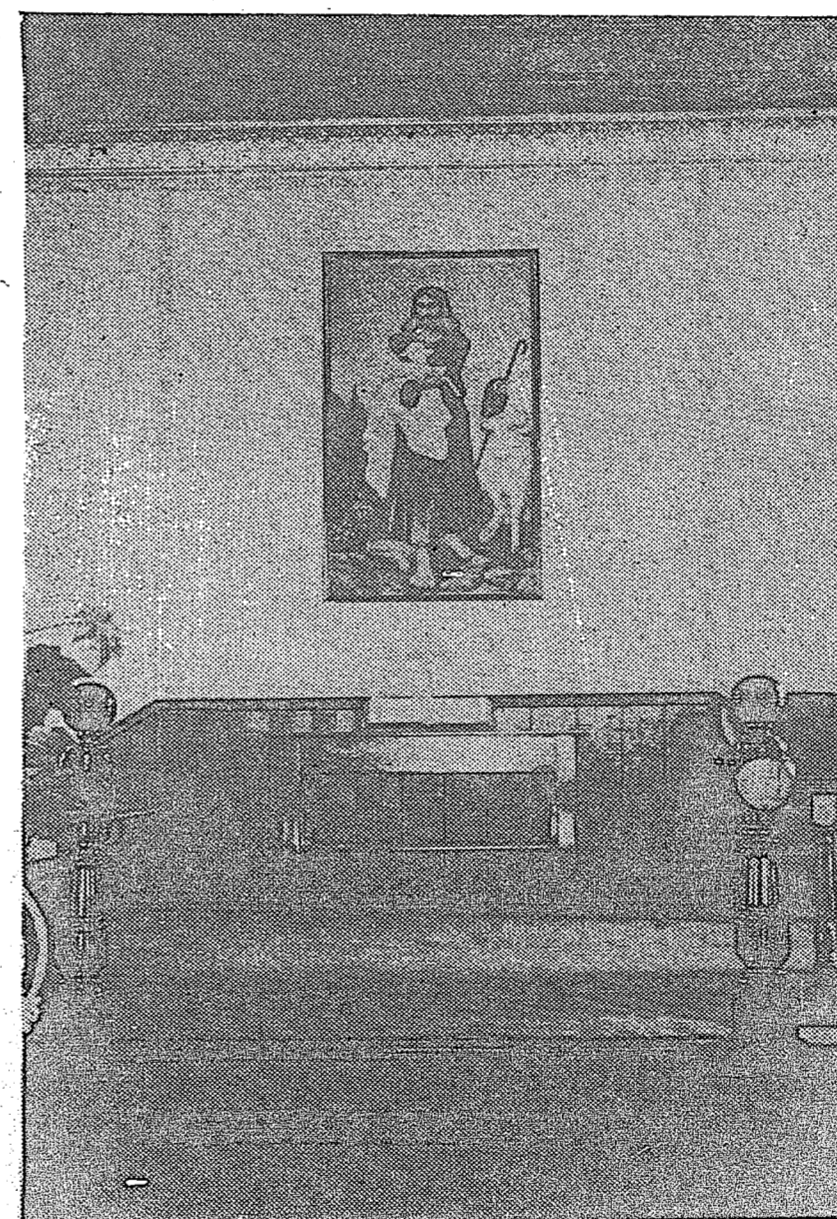


Spring weather in the United States has created an unwarranted and alarming drop in receipt of relief items for overseas shipment at the United Church Service Centers throughout the country, according to Dr. Leslie B. Moss, Executive Director of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

So whatsoever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.  
Matthew 7: 12 (Revised Standard Version)

A number of new Protestant service centers have been set up to facilitate the handling of relief goods. Contributions may now be sent through the United Service Center nearest you at the following places: 236 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.; 101 Pine St., Dayton, Ohio; 20 Warren St., New York 7, N. Y.; 1735 S. Vandeventer Ave., St. Louis, Mo.; 2247 East Marginal Way, Seattle 4, Wash.; 7110 Compton Ave., Los Angeles 1, Calif.; or the original centers, New Windsor, Md., and Modesto, Calif. Most of these centers are operated under various denominational auspices, with the facilities made available to all groups. All the new centers handle clothing primarily, it is understood, and for the present New Windsor is the only center with extensive facilities for handling food. Food in glass containers is not acceptable. Cash contributions should be made through the General Conference Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, chairman, 425 Center St., Dunellen, N. J.

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Interior of Salemville, Pa.,  
Seventh Day Baptist Church

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## THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23: 1.

He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Isaiah 40: 11.

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

John 10: 14.