

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Lost Creek, W. Va.

Lost Creek Church is this year carrying out an experiment in what we have called Scripture-Prayer. It is a Bible practice designed to help strengthen the habit of prayer in daily life. A schedule of verses was chosen for each month in the year. Each Sabbath in the month the verses for that month are used as the Call to Worship in the Morning Service. Many of the people memorize the verses and use them in family devotions. The various groups in the church use them as the opening of their devotions at their regular meetings. We feel that their use has increased the spiritual unity of our people.

Two of our church groups, the Pastor's Advisory Council and the Tither's Storehouse Association have carried on studies in the accredited courses of leadership training. These studies have been made at the regular monthly meetings. One course was "The Program of My Church" and another was "Christian Stewardship." A third course given for a general group was "How the Bible Came to Be." Twenty-seven course credit cards were awarded recently at the Sabbath school hour to those receiving credit in the studies.

The two groups are continuing studies on church program and stewardship in accredited courses and other groups are planning studies along helpful lines.

Washington, D. C.

Chaplain Luther W. Crichlow is at his home on terminal leave and goes to inactive duty status as of June 6. Having been called to be pastor by the People's Seventh Day Baptist Church, he began his new work on June 1.

Plainfield, N. J.

Sabbath morning worship at Plainfield is again starting at 10:30 a.m. After Pastor Hurley S. Warren left for his duties as chaplain, church was held at another hour in order to make it possible for Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, pastor of the Piscataway Church, to serve at both services on Sabbath mornings.

At the annual church meeting in April it was voted to grant Melvin G. Nida—a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ of Plainfield who is preparing for

the gospel ministry—a "license to exercise his 'gifts' in preaching and otherwise as God gives him the opportunity."

A series of sunset vespers is being held at the church the first Sabbath evenings in June, July, and August. Following the worship period an informal get-together will be held in the social room.

THE CHURCH

**Persecution has not crushed it,
power has not beaten it back,
time has not abated its force, and,
what is most wonderful of all, the
abuses and treasons of its friends
have not shaken its stability.**

—Horace Bushnell.

The committee in charge of arrangements is Mrs. Hurley S. Warren, Ruth V. Hunting, and K. Duane Hurley.

Rev. A. J. C. Bond of Alfred, N. Y., delivered the Sabbath Rally Day message to the Plainfield congregation during their morning worship on May 18.

North Loup, Neb.

Practice for Children's Day has started. Mrs. Harlon Brennick, chairman, plans to have the program the second Sabbath in June.

It is gratifying to see the large number of babies and little folks in the congregation. In the Sabbath school a new class has been formed for the tiny ones. Mrs. Edgar Davis is teacher.

The members of the Sabbath school class taught by Mrs. J. A. Barber were her guests

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The Sabbath Recorder



Boulder, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church

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My church is where the Word of God is preached, the power of God is felt, the Spirit of God is manifested, the love of God revealed, and the unity of God is perceived. It is the home of my soul, the altar of my devotions, the hearth of my faith, the center of my affections, and the foretaste of heaven. I have united with it in solemn covenant, pledging myself to attend its services, to pray for its members, to give to its support, and to obey its laws. It claims the first place in my heart, the highest place in my mind, the principal place in my activities, and its unity, peace, and progress are ever my concern. — Selected.

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TAKING THE GOSPEL TO THE PEOPLE

Protestants are becoming news conscious. Recently the non-Roman churches have considered themselves on the short end of nation-wide news coverage, and much has been said and written about it. Several united church groups are considering ways and means of establishing publicity bureaus and news agencies. Many denominations are planning various propaganda efforts. There is a realization that in the modern day "advertising" pays.

It is well, I think, that circumstances have more or less forced Protestant church people to realize that, although their ordinary church activities usually lack the pomp and circumstance customarily associated with news, there are many features of the work of proclaiming the gospel that are news worthy. To make these things known to the world is a solemn obligation; to fail to meet that obligation might well mean losing out in the competition to win mankind for Christ and the Church.

Church activities should be effectively and efficiently revealed through the pages of newspapers and magazines and through the voice of radio. But the job cannot be done entirely by the proposed interchurch agencies. They are a step in the right direction, but the major part of the burden will ever remain with each individual church in its own sphere of influence. It is a damning indictment against individual churches that the need for immediate and drastic action is now so apparent. Many churches have failed to make themselves and their activities known — even in their own communities.

Human nature is such, it seems, that we feel that happenings which are near at hand certainly cannot be very interesting or important to others. We become so involved in the mechanics of our own affairs, and sometimes so wearied by the necessary work involved, that what we are doing seems not only uninteresting but dreary and drab. Chances are, however, that to others our activities are new and exciting. At least, it is our duty—personally, or through a duly appointed and active publicity committee—to submit write-ups about our church to the local news disseminating centers. Any church which is alive at all is making news.

Of course, not everything that is submitted to the newspaper office, or radio station, will be used. That is to be expected. Space or time limitations often dictate that certain stories be left out; the news editor sometimes decides that a certain item does not have wide enough appeal to be used. But at least he should have material from you and your church to reject—or use if opportunity arises. Realizing that only a small percentage of copy submitted will actually be printed or broadcast, we have a duty to send in as much as possible in as usable a form as possible. The little bit of information that trickles through will bring big results.

A writer considering this subject of getting your church in the news makes a significant observation:

Jesus preached in the market place, in the home, in the shop, in the synagogue, in the great out-of-doors. He preached where the people were. His first-century followers did the same, and he bids us use every legitimate channel for propagating his Word.

"Where the people were"—that is the heart of the matter. As much as it grieves us to admit it, the majority of people today are not in the churches. Yet our

tendency is to confine our gospel work within the walls of the church building, then lament because people outside are not more interested in what we are doing. Why should we not use the newspaper, which is read by a vastly greater number of people than ever find their way into our churches? Radio reaches an additional multitude. Should not we utilize its facilities also—all in an effort to take the Church and its message to where the people are!

Seventh Day Baptists have a greater responsibility than many church people for making themselves known. Literally millions of people do not even know that there is a Sabbath-keeping Baptist denomination—and many consecrated students of the Bible have been searching for just such a fellowship. What a pity it is when we cannot be found even by those who are looking for us!

The first step in proclaiming to the world our gospel is consistently and continuously to make the activities of our churches known. A few of our churches are undoubtedly doing an adequate job of publicity already. Some

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation. — Isaiah 52: 7.

are making a halfhearted effort to "break into print" or "get on the air." The rest have given up trying, or have never tried. Why not resolve right now (with whatever degree of resolve is necessary to get action in your group) to utilize every means of advertising available in your community?

"Publish the news," rightly urges one church leader, "about what God's people in your sector are doing, not for man's glory, but for the glory of Christ and for the extension of his kingdom."

GUEST EDITORIAL

THERE ARE NO LITTLE CHURCHES

By A. L. Goodrich

A recent visitor in talking about his church constantly referred to it as our "little" church.

There are no little churches. Every church looms large in the sight of God.

Jesus made the same award to the two-talent man that he did to the five-talent man.

It was a so-called little church that sent forth Dr. George W. Truett. The same is true of Dr. M. E. Dodd. Charles Spurgeon was converted in a little church.

Any church has great possibilities and the word little may describe the size of the church building or the number of members, but not the Church.

And it is poor psychology to say, "Our little church." Prospective members will not be attracted by such talk. A better term would be "Our Church."—Baptist Record.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

Ask, Expect, Receive

Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive." Why then do we ask and not receive? I have been asking, with the Budget Committee, that this year's Budget be raised in full—plus.



P. B. Hurley

The Budget never has been raised in full. Why then hope that it might be raised this year? My fear is that that is the way I have been asking. Why do I ask, doubting, when there is so much to fill me with faith, hope, and expectancy?

At a call business meeting of the Riverside Church recently it was voted to add a good round sum to the amount already given to the Budget. The Dorcas Society met a few days later and added another good amount—all this and still time to be counted on this year's budget.

The appeal came to help the starving. Acting Pastor Ballenger has made it a practice of his ministry never to ask for money from the pulpit. When we came to Bible school, however, he asked that all received from Bible school collections for the next four weeks be given. Our average collection is seven or eight dollars. He expressed the hope that this amount exceed one hundred dollars. The time has not yet elapsed so the total may be given, but the amount received that first Sabbath was well over the one hundred dollars. The next two were splendid. We can give. We love to give. Let us give to the Budget. Do it now so the money will get into this year's contributions.

I am asking again that the Budget be raised in full—plus.

If it takes a church business meeting, please ask for a "called" meeting at once and let us "put it over." We can do it.

P. B. Hurley,
Conference President.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

Dear Editor:

Greetings in Jesus' Name!

I read the article by Adrian Taylor on "Spiritual Revival," and I believe he almost "hit the nail on the head"! He also referred to the Conference president emphasizing the fact that this is laymen's year.

As a lay evangelist, I would like to say that what Mr. Taylor says in the last paragraph of his article is absolutely true! "When the laymen and ministers of our denomination are really filled with the Spirit of God, the door will then be opened to both home and foreign fields."

In September, 1944, the Lord called me out of the General Electric Company, where I had been employed since 1929, to preach

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

St. Francis of Assisi said: "There is no use to go out to preach unless you preach as you go."

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Ten Reasons Why I Swear

These reasons for swearing, sarcastically stated, appeared in a church bulletin, the product of alert thinking on the part of the pastor:

1. It pleases mother so much.
2. It is a fine mark of manliness.
3. It proves I have self-control.
4. It indicates how clearly my mind operates.
5. It makes my conversation so pleasing to everybody.
6. It leaves no doubt in anyone's mind as to my good breeding.
7. It impresses people that I have more than ordinary education.
8. It is an unmistakable sign of culture and refinement.
9. It makes me a very desirable personality among women and children and in respectable society.
10. It is my way of honoring God, who said, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." —Religious Telescope.

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Remember that mud thrown is ground lost!
—Wingspread.

the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is the power of God unto salvation; and praise the Lord, I've been preaching ever since—in some places, at the rate of twice a week, without the regular revival campaigns in which the Lord has so graciously used me and given me souls for his glory!

The present-day leaders are at fault, because of the lack of revival spirit, as well as the average church member who permits Satan to put them to sleep spiritually. When we sleep too long, the fire goes out and we get chilly. Even so, the Holy Spirit leaves us, and where are we? In the valley of dry bones about which the Prophet Ezekiel spoke. It is time to wake up, put off the old man, the flesh, and let the Lord have his way!

There seems to be a feeling among our Seventh Day Baptist churches that unless a man has been to college or seminary, he cannot, or is not fit to preach the gospel. What has college or seminary to do with the pure, unadulterated, rugged gospel of the Lord Jesus? Don't misunderstand me—I'm not against training in a spiritual seminary, but the average seminary does not turn out true, Spirit-filled ministers of the gospel. I had rather spend time in prayer, talking and listening to the Voice of my Lord, than to sit for a half hour or forty-five minutes and hear a sermon read from a pulpit by the average minister of today! There is no power behind it! (Romans 1: 16.)

You and I cannot save souls—that is the Holy Spirit's work (John 16: 7-11). In order to have him work in us and through us, we must first be made alive (Romans 8: 11). Last evening I was asked to bring a message at a cottage prayer meeting. One elderly lady wept under conviction, and after the meeting there were many tear-wet eyes, praise the Lord!

One trouble with our leaders is that they want to send out whom they want and whom they please. Another trouble is that our churches call whom they want and whom they please, and whether you believe it or not, and whether you like it or not, in taking such an attitude, we do the thinking, the calling, and the sending, instead of God! Men know so much more than God, it seems! Jesus picked Philip to preach, but the church thought it best to have him take

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o "A pin oak is especially noted for its beauty in the fall. . . . Many stop to admire the color of its foliage."

Boulder Church Organized in 1893

—MANY MEMBERS ARE LONE SABBATH KEEPERS

By Rev. Earl Cruzan
Pastor, Boulder, Colo., Church

The Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized under the direction of the Missionary Board. In reply to repeated requests from T. H. Tucker, Rev. S. R. Wheeler was sent to this field as a missionary pastor. On May 20, 1893, the church was organized with fifteen members. At the present time there is a membership of one hundred twenty-eight with over half being nonresident members.

Throughout the intervening years there have been Sabbath-keeping groups in eastern Colorado, western Kansas, and in Oklahoma as well as many lone Sabbath keepers scattered over the state of Colorado. The Missionary Board considered Boulder a good place for a missionary pastor and the work of the minister in Boulder has reached out into surrounding territory. The pastor has been supported by both the church and the Missionary Board. Out of this work there came the Denver Church, at first served by the same pastor, but in recent years by a pastor of its own. There are still many lone Sabbath keepers in the state, one group meeting for a Sabbath school each week in Montrose. With the ever-growing program of the Boulder Church taking more and more time from field work the church voted to assume the full responsibility of the pastor's salary beginning the first of this year—and yet release their pastor for the time necessary to call upon the lone Sabbath keepers in the state.

Oldest Camp

The Boulder-Denver Churches believe they can claim the oldest continuous young people's camp in the denomination. There has been a camp held annually since 1931. Now a permanent camp site with three cabins is being used for this purpose. It is located on Lee Hill on property belonging to Paul Hummel. A rather difficult road leaves the campers on a spot in the foothills where they get a panorama of Boulder Valley and eastern

Colorado. A short hike to Sunset Rocks gives one a view of the snow-capped peaks of the Continental Divide. And from the top of the hill back of camp one looks down upon the town of Sunshine and the road leading to Gold Hill, historic mining towns of Colorado.

We also have the oldest continuous Daily Vacation Bible School in this city. As we are one of the city's smaller churches, this record is one to which we look with a certain amount of pride. It is also one of the ways that our religious education program reaches out to the citizens of the community.

Grounds Landscaped

When the new church was dedicated in 1928, Darwin Andrews, a long-time member of the church and owner of a local nursery, gave the shrubbery for the landscaping of the grounds. A few years later Herbert N. Wheeler had two trees planted on the church grounds: a birch in memory of his mother and an oak in memory of his father. A disease took practically all the birch trees in Boulder, and the one on the church grounds was no exception. Another tree planted in its place suffered a like fate. The oak has grown steadily and now rises straight and tall above the roof of the church. Being a pin oak it is especially noted for its beauty in the fall of the year. Many stop to admire the color of its foliage as many look back to admire the untiring efforts of Rev. S. R. Wheeler in founding the church in Boulder.

GOD KEEPS

By Pearl Halladay

Is the sun shining where you are today?
God keep you.
Are dark clouds and rain drops over your way?
God keep you.
In sunshine or shadow,
O'er mountain or plain,
In health and in gladness,
In sorrow or pain—
The way may be steep
Or the way may be smooth—
You're always surrounded by Infinite Love!
He'll keep you.
Stevens Point, Wis.

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.

MISSIONARY PASTORS REPORT VARIED ACTIVITIES

For Quarter from December to March

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

The semiannual meeting was held in Los Angeles on October 13. About one hundred fifty were present with delegations from Riverside and Dinuba. Robert Hargis preached the Sabbath sermon.

On December 1 we visited the Dinuba Church. Two carloads went up and services were held on Friday night, Sabbath morning, afternoon, and evening. The girls sang many specials, and I preached at all services. Brother Ballenger filled the pulpit in Los Angeles in my absence.

The young people have held three home vespers and fellowships.

The Women's Society have met and packed and sent boxes to our people in Holland. Projects by Bible classes have been completed. The Mackintosh Engineers gave us thirty-six folding chairs. Thanks for the support of the board.

G. D. Hargis,
Missionary Pastor.

BOULDER, COLO.

(Beginning January 1, 1946, Boulder voluntarily undertook the entire support of its pastor. W.L.B.)

During the past quarter I spent two weeks in the western part of Colorado. There I made seventeen calls, preached one Sabbath in Montrose and helped with the Sabbath school. I went from Montrose to Cedaredge and Grand Junction, then on to Rifle and Gypsum. While in Montrose we secured the baptistry of the Baptist church. I administered the sacrament of baptism to Miss Anna Byerrum who also requested membership in the Boulder church.

Earl Cruzan,
Missionary Pastor.

NORTONVILLE, KAN.

The Budget has been emphasized. The reading of the Bible has been stressed. I was away three Sabbaths on vacation. However, arrangements were made with a local minister for the church services.

On October 6 we observed World Wide Communion. We had an Armistice Day service on Sabbath before Armistice Day; and on the following Sabbath, November 17, a Thanksgiving service was held. A Christmas program was planned for Christmas, but had to be postponed on account of a blowing blizzard and road hazards caused by it. Owing to the condition of our heating plant, some of our prayer meetings have been postponed. A new furnace is expected to be delivered at any time now, as an order for one has been placed for quite a while.

A chairman of a committee has been appointed to sponsor the Second Century Fund here in the church.

In the prayer meeting we have been studying the growth of Seventh Day Baptists in a historical sense which has been quite interesting and helpful. Plans have been made for a Daily Vacation Bible school. We united with the community in the World Day of Prayer.

Verney A. Wilson,
Missionary Pastor.

NEW AUBURN, WIS.

On Sabbath afternoon, November 3, a few of us went to Weyerhouser and held a service in the home of Joe Singer. I think more such services can be held when the weather and roads get better. Possibly one can be held in Eau Claire. Winter weather makes church attendance small and discourages any attempt at evening meetings.

Our treasury showed a balance of \$876.86 at the end of the year, somewhat larger balance than last year. The pastor has been paid \$50 a month salary since July and \$180 for the garage built last fall. The church steeple has been reshingled.

I preached in United Brethren Church Sunday, February 17; spoke in the high school on Lincoln's birthday; joined with community in World Day of Prayer service in United Brethren Church, March 8; and

am preaching a series of sermons on the Lord's Prayer. I wonder if David Clarke will be in this section during the next three months. Some special meetings and conferences might be helpful.

Neal D. Mills,
Missionary Pastor.

GENTRY, ARK.

Having had to go to Little Prairie on business matters, I spent the first Sabbath of the quarter there, and at the request of Pastor White, helped conduct prayer meetings in the homes of the pastor and Brother John McKay.

I spent two days the last of March in Dallas, Tex., visiting scattered Sabbath keepers in the city. I succeeded in getting them acquainted with one another (each family thought it was the only one in the city); and it is not impossible that a Seventh Day Baptist Church could be built up in Dallas if someone could spend some time there; as most of the people are permanent residents.

I also visited Sabbath keepers in Rockdale and Austin, Tex.; a colored minister who is wanting fellowship with us; and an independent Sabbath-keeping minister (white) who is interested in Seventh Day Baptists.

Clifford A. Beebe,
Missionary Pastor.

LITTLE PRAIRIE AND THE SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

In the winter time the crying need is roads and other ways to get around. I am going to see the county judge and get others to do the same. People just can't get out in the winter time.

I do not consider that my efforts have been lost here. To my knowledge over \$50 has been given to religious purposes by various people, and that for poor people is sacrifice.

Brays Chapple is an empty schoolhouse where the missionary Baptists hold their meetings. Their minister comes only once a month, so I have been preaching there every Sunday night that their minister doesn't preach. Mrs. Hegler, in DeWitt, wants to start a mission there and we are waiting now to find a place to hold meetings.

Little Prairie is strictly a field for evangelism. The existing members are all tied

up so that they cannot help in the religious services. I expect change, and with God's help there will be.

Zack H. White,
Missionary Pastor.

JACKSON CENTER, OHIO

At the last business meeting of the church held in October I noted that there was a total balance of over \$1,000 in three treasuries: Church, Sabbath school, Ladies' Aid. The properties of the Ladies' Aid were enhanced by special efforts these months—re-decoration of their hall by papering and painting of woodwork.

The Ohio-Michigan semiannuals were entertained at our Church, October 12-14. Thirty guests from Battle Creek were entertained in homes. Brother Norman Harley, Jamaican, was transported from Huron, Ohio, for the meetings, and delivered a fine sermon, showing practical Scriptural knowledge and application. His presence was largely responsible for the generous offering given for the Second Century Fund, and the sum appropriated from semiannual missionary funds for Jamaica.

The pastor went to Columbus, November 15, to investigate rural co-operatives. The State Farm Bureau building was toured and valuable information and resources received.

David S. Clarke,
Missionary Pastor.

(Now assistant secretary of the
Missionary Board.)

SALEMVILLE, PA.

I have already reported our gospel meetings in October. Special events have been the community Thanksgiving service at our church, and the Christmas services of our Sabbath school and church.

I am teaching the intermediate class in Sabbath school and am working with the junior society of children in the afternoons. I am making a study of plans for some type of youth fellowship for the few older young people we have. During the quarter I have made nineteen official calls, not counting the many times I drop in for various matters in some homes.

This quarter we had the pleasure of having the assistant missionary secretary, David Clarke, with us. During his visit we had a missions conference and a missionary study

course, and feel both were very helpful. His presentation was splendid and created much interest. His use of colored pictures enables people to visualize the board members, location, and activities. I hope the board will continue to collect colored slides of activities of Seventh Day Baptist missions for the field worker to use. For this, the board should own a long range focus projector. If collection of movie film increases there should also be a movie projector as not all churches are able to secure the use of one from the schools, as we did.

Trevah R. Sutton,
Missionary Pastor.

BEREA, W. VA.

The Lord's Acre plan is used to pay off the debt on the church building. Two hundred dollars was raised and paid on the debt this year. The church building was painted.

I delivered a sermon on stewardship. David S. Clarke visited our church, presented the Second Century Plan, preached, and visited most of our people in their homes. We all enjoyed his visit.

We plan evangelistic meetings in April.

John F. Randolph,
Missionary Pastor.

HEBRON, PA.

The Second Century Fund has been introduced. Preliminary effort to start services again at Hebron Center are being made. Christian Endeavor meetings are held every Friday night in different homes. I preached at a Sunday night service at Little Genesee, N. Y. I have averaged thirty hours manual labor a week on the parsonage which we expect to occupy next week. It is far from finished, however.

When services were discontinued at Hebron Center, it left a very definite hole in my income. Consequently, when I was offered a job driving a school bus, I accepted. That job will end in June and I hope to have services going at Hebron Center before then.

I worked on a community news sheet which was published by the young people's class of First Hebron. Two meetings of the Young People's Committee of the Board of Christian Education have been attended, also the quarterly meeting of the board.

Rex E. Zwiebel,
Missionary Pastor.



Did you ever take a watch apart with no more knowledge of its working than John Jones' six-year-old? You found it full of "energy" which "sprang" into action. This is just the revelation that has come to us in looking into activities of the Second Century Fund in this church and that. Growing energy and strength have sprung into a united effort to renew Seventh Day Baptists' pledges of allegiance to God and fellow man.

We need more data on local work and plans in order to carry out our plans better. Second Century Fund committees, take note.

We know definitely of the selection of ten Fund committees for local canvass and activity. Some churches have used existing finance workers for this purpose; others have felt the two-year campaign demanded a special committee.

Special offerings and projects are being sponsored in a variety of ways among our churches and Sabbath schools. Denver Sabbath school has a quarterly mission program with Fund offerings. March 30 they had "an informal dialogue dealing with the Jamaica mission." Other Sabbath schools have voted substantial gifts from treasuries. The rewards of labor are being turned in by a group of Alfred youth according to Carol Crandall's "one hour a week" plan. About \$35 has come in within four to five weeks. The fruit of the earth is being turned back directly into God's work through Lord's Acre projects. The Second Century Fund will receive one-fourth of the Alfred Station Lord's Acre proceeds. One leader elsewhere proposed farming vacant village lots and putting the proceeds into the Fund.

Leaders have done well in publicizing the Fund in their church bulletins and monthlies. One pastor, also selected Fund chairman, sent a descriptive letter on the Second Century Fund to all his membership, promoting a Fund offering at the church's eightieth anniversary service.

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Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

THERE'S A REASON

If you find a church with the windows out
And the hinges are off the door;
If the old roof leaks, and the old floor squeaks,
And the organ won't play any more;
If the preacher's children look half starved
'Cause the preacher is poorly paid;
It won't take long to guess what's wrong—
They haven't a Ladies' Aid!

—Denver Seventh Day Baptist Ladies' Aid.

EVANGELIST BEGINS SERVICE IN NEW FIELDS

Trailer House Finally Ready for Use
After Long Delay

By Rev. Leslie O. Greene
Promoter of Evangelism

Upon our return from Washington we were finally able to move our trailer after waiting six months or more for tires. The trailer had been standing in Lost Creek since the Women's Board purchased it last fall. With the assistance of Pastor John Randolph we took it to Berea where it received initiation into its new duties of housing us in our work as we proceed on our way henceforth. It was my first experience in pulling a trailer, and the hills and winding roads did not lessen the anxiety on the initial trip. However, no difficulties were encountered, and we came down the last long hill into Berea and turned up the lane to Aunt Sarah Randolph's; we pulled into her front yard and hooked up to the electric current and began housekeeping. The "three-room apartment" seems rather small; but, with all the built-in furniture, the floor space available makes it possible to get about in fine shape. Electric lights, ice box, water storage and sink, three-burner gasoline hot plate, oil burning heater, bed, convertible sofa, folding dining table and chairs, and plenty of closets and cupboards give us nearly all the comforts of the city no matter where we may stop to camp.

The problem of finding accommodations for living quarters is over. Waiting in line for meals at cafes en route is now only a dream. Lugging suitcases and waiting for trains and standing in aisles will cease. We can go where we please, when we please,

and be at home anywhere when night overtakes us. Our future work will carry us into new fields among strangers, but when our citizenship has been established, we can set up housekeeping at once and become a part of any community. We are ready for active work within an hour after we arrive. The gospel is needed in so many places that our chief problem will be to decide in what direction to go and where to stop. Until after Conference, we plan to be in the North, then we hope to go South and cover as much territory as possible during the winter months.

Berea Work Ends

Our work at Berea has now closed. The three weeks spent there gave us an opportunity to get better acquainted with the many we had slightly known in Ritchie County. This church was organized in 1870; at one time had a much larger membership; has had a number of strong leaders, and though the number of active workers today is getting smaller, we still find it has a membership of 101. Most of the young people have been away the past few years and may not return; several of the leading families have recently moved to other places. This is discouraging. Physical infirmity, bad roads during the winter months, and long distances without proper means of conveyance reduce the usual attendance to a small number. A deep concern is expressed by those who are not able to attend; it is hoped that younger people with families may be induced to move into the community to help build up the church.

We greatly enjoyed the two weeks of meetings. The first few sessions were given over to prayer and plans for personal visitation. Preaching services extended over two weekends. The attendance was small during the week, but everyone made a special effort to get out over the three Sabbaths. An all-day meeting was held at the church with dinner in the basement the last Sabbath. An informal discussion of local problems followed the dinner. The closing session on Sunday night was given over to the presentation of pictures on the last scenes of our Lord's life before his death and resurrection.

Christian Education

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

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

A WORD TO GRADUATES

It is hard to give a word to Seventh Day Baptist young people who are graduating from college this year without saying the same things which have been said every year.



Harley Sutton

One of the old familiar words is congratulations! With new meaning to this old word, the Board of Christian Education says to all of you, "Congratulations."

Surely there are calls from many angles of the denomination for all of you to assume places of leadership.

Ministers of the gospel are sorely needed. A number of our churches are without pastors. A number of the pastors now serving will retire in a few years. There is no higher calling than the gospel ministry.

Sabbath schools are needing teachers. What can bring greater spiritual satisfaction than the opportunity of helping to mould young people into true Christians?

Missionaries of various kinds are going to be needed in many parts of the field where Seventh Day Baptists are at work.

Whatever God calls you to do he calls you first—to be Christian; second—to be a Seventh Day Baptist Christian; and third—to be farmer, teacher, housewife, doctor, lawyer, or whatever.

Truly Christ is the hope of the world, but as Paul says in Colossians 1: 27, "Christ in you, the hope of glory." Yes, Christ is not like a beautiful painting to be admired, he is God in us directing, strengthening, and beautifying our lives.

COLLEGE GRADUATES — may God bless you and use you in the building of his kingdom!

BATTLE CREEK HOLDS LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASSES

Five sessions of leadership training classes were held from February 19 to March 19 on Old Testament Prophets, Palestinian Historical Geography, and slide lectures on

LAYMEN TAKE PART IN SPECIAL PROGRAM HELD ON RURAL LIFE SABBATH

Sabbath day, May 25, was Rural Life Sabbath.

At the Second Alfred Church, Alfred Station, N. Y., the pastor had asked a number of laymen to participate in a special recognition of the day.

Mr. Elwood Ormsby came to the communion table with a small dish of seed and said:

This seed is symbolic of the various types of seed that shall be planted in this community. When sown it shall bring forth fruit, food, and fiber, so that little children may eat and become strong, so that men and women shall be nurtured and nourished, so that the wheels of industry may turn, and so that life may be maintained among both man and beast. This seed is holy, for it contains life, and all seed shall be counted as holy in the sight of God. It shall be planted in a spirit of reverence and that which comes of it shall be cultivated and harvested in a true spirit of recognition and thankfulness, we being fully mindful of its high origin and destiny.

Mrs. Lloyd Pierce came to the communion table with a small dish of soil and said:

This soil is symbolic of the earth of this community in which seed shall be planted in hope and from which the harvest shall be anticipated with joy. This soil, this earth, is the result of the creative activity of God. It was created by God for man and beast. It contains the minerals, salts, and fertilizers necessary to nourish the seed and bring forth sturdy plants capable of producing food for both man and beast. This soil will be watered by the rains of God. It will be warmed by the sunshine of God. It will be as a home to the seed so that plants may develop and bring forth an abundant harvest. This soil is holy earth and shall be cultivated and cared for as a gift of God.

After these statements were made the seed and soil were placed on the communion table.

pointers for teaching. There were eighteen enrolled.

It is hoped that an inter-church Leadership Training School may be held next year.

—"The Friendly Guest."

PASTOR BABCOCK TO DIRECT PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

Pastor Orville W. Babcock has consented to be director of the retreat to be held just before Conference at Milton, Wis. Pastor Babcock will be a busy man with all his regular work and looking out for suitable location and equipment for the retreat. His willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

More detailed plans will be coming out soon for the retreat. All the young people who finished ninth grade in school this school year should begin to plan to attend. It will be an intensive leadership training retreat with a lot of good fun and fellowship.

NORTONVILLE SCHEDULES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Miss Nannie Greeley writes that a six day Vacation Bible School will be held at Nortonville beginning June 2. Classes will run through till 2 p.m. The women of the church are to serve a lunch on each of the six days, two women going to the church each day to prepare the meal and do the dishes.

For the music one of the younger married women will come for an hour each day. She is very enthusiastic and capable.

Miss Greeley says that she cannot recall any time when there has been such wholehearted and united support in any undertaking as there has been for the vacation school this year.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES PLANNED

At the Eastern Association there will be a period for the young people when Rev. Harmon Dickinson and Rev. Harley Sutton will speak. There will be also a Fellowship Breakfast.

At the Western Association plans are made for a Fellowship Breakfast with Don Sanford in charge.

Rev. Trevah Sutton is in charge of youth plans in the Southeastern Association and announces there will be a Fellowship Breakfast there.

Guard well your spare moments. They are like uncut diamonds. Discard them and their value will never be known; improve them and they will become the brightest gems in a useful life.

—Emerson.

Pastor Rogers led in a prayer of dedication of the seed and soil.

Mrs. Madge Sutton, chairman of the Lord's Acre committee, read the names of those who have decided what shall be their Lord's Acre projects. All these people stood while Pastor Rogers led in a prayer of dedication.

Later in the service a litany of dedication entitled, "An act of commitment for all those who till the soil," was recited by the pastor and congregation. It was taken from an order of the dedication of seed, soil, and sowers, by James William Sells, and from "Rural Life Prayers" compiled by Mark Rich.

Will all who observed this rural life day send in a report, please.

SPECIAL SABBATH SCHOOL MEETINGS RECOMMENDED

Extra Gatherings Make Possible Greater Co-operation Among Workers, Parents

Recently a letter was sent to all pastors by the executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. In this letter it was suggested that Sabbath schools should have, as a minimum, two meetings a quarter besides the regular Sabbath session: one of these to be for teachers and workers at which time business and special plans for improvement of the school would be discussed; the other would be a meeting of parents and the Sabbath school teachers for the purpose of discussing how the home and the Church can better cooperate, and also to consider the children being taught by both and how better to teach the Christian religion.

One pastor took the letter seriously and went to see the Sabbath school superintendent about plans for making that a definite part of the Sabbath school program of their church.

One of our superintendents took seriously the roll of messages sent to him by the executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education and made it the basis for discussion at one of the monthly meetings of teachers and workers held by his Sabbath school. In this way the teachers were sure to consider the material in this message, and there would be new ideas coming from the discussion by the group. This is a good idea to pass on to the superintendents.

Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

Dear Recorder Children:

So far I have received no children's letters this week. In the meantime I have a little story for you which I'll entitle—

THE WANDERER RETURNS

Our story is about a manly little boy, Paul Rogers, and his collie dog, Dusky.

When Paul was ten years old and Dusky just a puppy, Paul's father placed the little fellow in the boy's arms and said, "This is the little dog you have wanted so much and so long. If you will take care of him



"One day the circus came to town."

and be kind to him, he will be your very own."

Paul shouted with delight. Cuddling the little dog in his arms, he cried, "Of course I'll be kind to him, and I'll take good care of him if you will show me how."

He did indeed take good care of Dusky, who grew into a fine big dog. Often he gave him a bone to gnaw and a nice chunk of meat from the butcher's. In fact he gave him the kind of food a healthy dog should have and was always kind to him.

Every morning Dusky trotted to school with his little master and was always on hand to go home with him at night. Of course he couldn't stay at school while it was in session, for they say dogs can't learn their a, b, c's. Paul tried to teach them to him and thought he knew o, and i, and s, but no one but Paul seemed to understand him when he tried to say them.

Paul soon learned that a dog knows how to take care of a boy. Dusky protected him when some big boys tried to pitch on him,

and once he saved his little master from drowning, for he could swim and Paul couldn't. He caught hold of his coat and brought him safely out. 'Twas a good thing his coat didn't tear. He was a proud dog in those days and wore a shining collar with his name on it. Paul used to shine it up every week. Everybody who saw him knew he was a well-kept dog.

One day a circus came to town, and Paul went, taking Dusky with him. When he got ready to go home he could not find his dog anywhere. Almost broken hearted, he had to leave without him.

Nearly a year after, Paul heard a dog whining at the door and when he opened it, there was Dusky, shivering in the cold and snow. Now he wore no shining collar. But oh, how happy Paul was to see him!

"Dusky, Dusky, where have you been all this time?" he cried.

Dusky tried his best to tell him by loud barking and tail shaking, but no one was a bit wiser. But the circus was again in town and when it had finished a week's performance and had gone, Paul learned where the dog had been. A boy who had been dismissed from the circus told him. He said the circus people had taken Dusky away with them and that he had been forced to travel with them ever since. He was taught to perform, and all the people used to laugh and clap their hands when they would see him count money and fire off a gun. A circus man took off his collar and threw it away because he was afraid Paul might come to the circus some day and know him by his collar. He would have found his way home long before, but he could not get away. He was kept shut up when he was not performing. His keeper said he was worth a good deal of money to him.

When the circus came back to the town where the dog used to live, he must have known it by the old schoolhouse where he had gone so often. The boy was sorry for him and succeeded in leaving the door to his kennel open; and so, in the night the dog ran away. He hid under a house until the circus was gone.

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"Then," said the boy, "he came to the house where he used to live, your house. That's why I lost my job with the circus, for the dog's keeper found out that I had let him out. Just the same, I'm glad I helped your dog come back to you. He was such an unhappy dog that I just had to help him to get back to his home."

"But how did the circus people get hold of Dusky, when I was right there at the circus with him?" asked Paul.

"Well, you see, he made friends with a circus dog and wandered away with him. That's why it was easy to shut him in the kennel of a dog who had just died," was the answer. "I guess Dusky found out by a hard experience that it doesn't pay to get in bad company."

"That's a good lesson for us boys to learn, too," said Paul.

"Yes," was the answer, and the boy flushed. "I wish I had been a contented boy and stayed at home where I belonged. Not all circus people are bad by any means, but I'm glad I don't have to work any longer for people who would steal a dog. I'm going home where I belong."

Then with a cordial handshake with Paul and a friendly pat for Dusky, he hurried to catch the train for home.

Mizpah S. Greene.

LEARNING TO DO GOD'S WILL

A Little Sermon for Little Folks

By Rev. Loyal F. Hurley

"Teach me to do thy will; Thou art my God: guide me by thy good spirit on a straight road."

—Psalm 143: 10 (Moffatt).

Have you ever heard the story of Peter, the boy hero of Holland? His mother sent him late one afternoon to carry some cakes to a blind man who lived a mile and a half from the city. "If you do not stop to play, you will get home before dark," she said.

Peter ran with the cakes to the blind man's home. How happy he was when he saw the pleasure on the blind man's face, and heard him express his thanks. With a light heart he started for home. As he hurried along he noticed a little stream of water trickling through the dike that kept the sea from flooding the country. You know most

of Holland is below sea level, and has been made by building a great dike across the sea at some distance from the land and then pumping out the water.

Peter did not wait. He knew what he ought to do, and he did it. As fast as he could he ran to the little hole in the dike and thrust in his chubby finger and fist. Then he shouted for help, for he knew if the water kept running it would make a large hole, then larger and larger until the city would be under water soon.

But no one came. It grew dark and Peter was hungry. Then it grew cold and his arm and hand ached and then grew numb and stiff. But still he held his hand in the hole to keep the water back. All night long he kept watch while others were in their nice warm beds. In the morning he was found, and then everybody knew that Peter had saved the city. He did his duty.

Our verse for today is one of the best in the Bible. "Teach me to do thy will; Thou art my God: guide me by thy good spirit on a straight road." Let us look at it backward.

No one can travel a straight road unless the spirit of God leads him along it. We can't walk a straight path alone. "Thou art my God." If that is true then it means much. He is not only God, but my God—the One I have chosen to worship and obey. Wise enough to see all the way ahead; loving enough to guide me only in the way that is best; powerful enough to guard and protect me always. Surely we can trust him with our lives!

"Teach me to do thy will." That is the test of life. Not just to understand the Bible, but to obey it. Not to know how to be kind, but to be kind. Not to know how to pray, but to pray. There are too many people who understand things all right, but they do not do them.

Jesus' disciples asked him, "Lord, teach us to pray." Not "how" to pray, or "when" to pray, or "where" to pray, but "to pray."

Peter, the hero of Holland, not only knew what ought to be done, and when and where, but he did it. That's why we honor his memory. That's why he is a hero.

You boys and girls know how to be kind, but are you kind? Do you do it? You know how to pray, but do you pray? Do you do it? You know how to give your

hearts to Jesus, but have you done it? Knowing how or understanding why is of no value unless we do what we know.

"Teach me to do thy will; Thou art my God: guide me by thy good spirit on a straight road."

SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

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care of the widows. But God permitted the devil to do a little persecuting around, and we see young Saul of Tarsus making havoc of the church! I wonder where the church leaders were at the time? Anyway, we see Philip, glory be to Jesus, going down to Samaria, and what a revival God gave him! Then, when they heard of it, they sent Peter and John! I say, Lord, send a persecution, if that's the only way to awaken the churches!

I am glad and thankful to Jesus that he called me to be a layman, one of the noblest and greatest callings for service. The Apostle Paul, according to the Holy Word, was the first real layman for God. Read his own testimonial in Galatians 1: 11, 12, 16, 17; 2: 1-6.

In closing, I wish to quote a few pertinent paragraphs from an article by Charles Finney:

Why So Few Revivals?

I rejoice to hear the inquiry, Why are there not more revivals? and What can be done to promote revivals of a desirable and permanent type?

I have no doubt that there are many causes, but this is the first, the greatest, the most God-dishonoring of all—that the ministers today are not in the work, that the shepherds have in a measure forsaken their flocks, that they are not leading them into the green pastures and beside the still waters, that they are not themselves so anointed and so full of faith and power as to be instrumental in leading the church into the field for the promotion of revivals.

Among the conventions of the present day I have thought that one of a different character might be greatly useful. If we could have a ministerial convention when ministers would gather for prayer, for confessing our faults one to another, for getting into a revival spirit, and devising the best ways and means for the universal promotion of revivals throughout the length and breadth of the land, I should rejoice in it. It has seemed to me that of all the conventions of the day, one of this kind might be the most useful.

What shall we say, brethren? Are we not greatly in fault? Has not the ministry, to a great extent, lost the spirit of revivals? Is there not a great lack of unction and power among us? If so,

shall we not return? Shall we not see our fault, confess it to our churches, and in the name of the Lord lift up our banner?

Unless there is a spirit of revival in the ministry, it is vain to expect it in the church. The proper place for the shepherd is before or in advance of the sheep. The sheep will follow him wherever he goes; but if he attempt to drive them before him he will scatter them in every direction. If the shepherd falls away from a revival spirit, the sheep will naturally decline, also. If he advances in the work of the Lord, they will follow him.

When we ourselves are thoroughly in a revival spirit, our call to the churches to arise and engage in the general promotion of revivals will be responded to immediately. Let any minister in the land only come out in the true spirit of revivals, and I doubt whether he can preach for three weeks to his church, in the Spirit, without finding the spirit of revival waking up in the church. Let this experiment once be tried; let us wake up to the importance of this subject, confess and forsake our own sins, and cry aloud to the church, sparing not; let us lift up our voice like a trumpet and rally the hosts of God's elect; and if they are deaf to the call, then let us inquire most earnestly what is next to be done. But until we are anointed to the work, let us not tempt the Lord or abuse the church by looking away from ourselves for the cause of decline in revivals.

Raymond Prati.

Schenectady, N. Y.

SECOND CENTURY FUND

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Several churches have imposed quotas upon themselves, and are striving hard to break their own records. Let us know your plans and hopes, and we'll rejoice in your out-doing yourselves.

Everywhere, we see springlike energy expressing itself in the desire to give above-normal gifts to church activity. **Everyone** can give **something** to the Master's work. In this critical time, **everyone** can give **something extra**—above denominational and local budgets. Our Second Century Fund expresses Seventh Day Baptist faith in God's opening providence.

Your local Second Century Fund committee has promised time and energy (and money, of course) to this work. If they have not already done so, they will undoubtedly approach you for a pledge soon. Have you made a decision? Will you help?

David S. Clarke, Secretary,
Second Century Fund.

21 Greenman Ave.,
Westerly, R. I.

FOR THE SCRAPBOOK

THE TREASURE SHIP

By Frank Pollock

I wait through the days dark-hearted
Till my ship of desire comes home,
That I sent on a course uncharted
Through a long, unfurrowed foam—

To the shores of my boyhood's pleasure
And the ultimate isles of truth,
Where I buried a lordly treasure,
In the richness of my youth.

Pale pearls and rubies' rapture,
Amber and spice and gold—
The cargo of every capture
That I made on the seas of old.

And I sailed away unknowing
I would come that way no more.
But my ship shall find it glowing
In the sand of the secret shore.

They will lift and load the plunder,
Till my ship shall glimmer bright
With the wealth of my old-time wonder,
And the dream of my old delight.

—Contributed by S. S. Powell.
Daytona Beach, Fla.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JUNE 22, 1946

Strengthening Bonds of Fellowship

Basic Scripture—Luke 22: 14-27; John 15: 9-18; 17

Memory Selection—John 13: 34

Marriages

Mackintosh - Jeffrey. — Albyn Mackintosh and Miss Alice Virginia Jeffrey, both of Los Angeles, Calif., were united in marriage at Ventura, Calif., on January 14, 1946.

Obituaries

Burdick. — Emma Estella, was born July 21, 1856, at Walworth, Wis., and passed away on May 16, 1946, at the home of her daughter at Cedar Cove, Colo.

Her husband, Dr. Franklin O. Burdick, was the second pastor of the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church, serving the church in this capacity for six years while carrying on his medical practice. Since his death on May 18, 1922, Mrs. Burdick has continued as a resident of Boulder, making her home in recent years with her son Linn. Mrs. Burdick was always active in church and welfare work.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Earl Cruzan at the Howe Mortuary in Boulder. Interment was at Green Mountain Cemetery. E. C.

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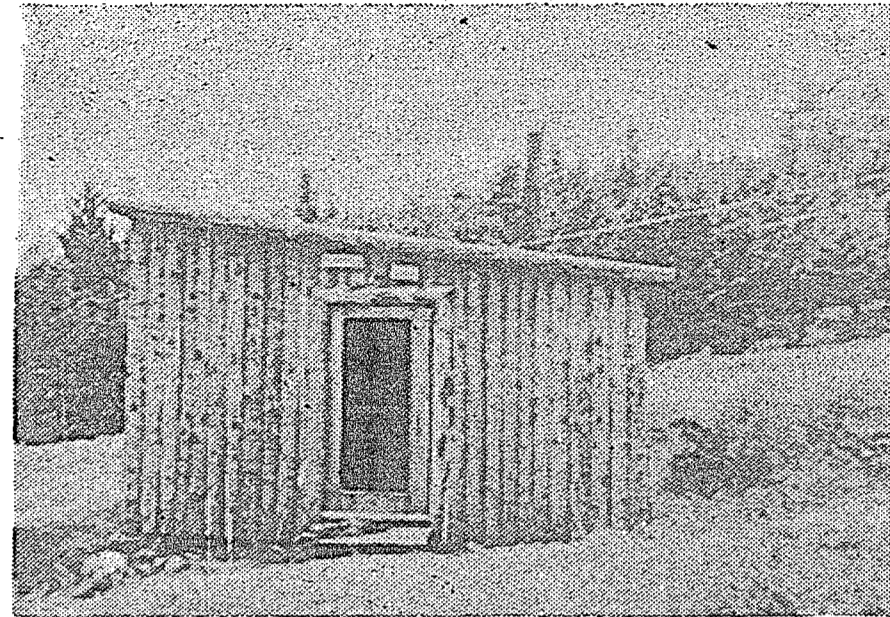
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SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST SUMMER CAMPS



One of the Buildings at Lee Hill Camp

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAMP

Near Boulder, Colo.

Teen-age Camp — July 2-11

We invite you — you who have never shared an experience with us in camp before as well as you whom we can welcome back as old comrades at the Lee Hill Camp. We invite you to spend ten glorious days of fellowship and inspiration in a Seventh Day Baptist Camp.

FELLOWSHIP, FUN, WORSHIP are in store for YOU

Rev. Earl Cruzan will be supervisor again this year and director of recreation. Hiking, softball, horseshoes, and other types of recreation will be available.

Rev. Erlo E. Sutton will be dean of camp in charge of classes assisted by other pastors and adult leaders. All pastors present will be available for counseling.

FEATURES OF CAMP: Early morning quiet hour; alone hour; sunset vespers; campfire; Bible study—missions, Sabbath, Paul.

Mrs. Mable Wright will cook for us this year. A house mother and other staff members will be added.

Address communications to Mr. Cruzan, 1658 9th St., Boulder, Colo.

PACIFIC PINES CAMP

Crestline, Calif.

Young People's Camp — June 23-30

Children's Camp — June 30-July 7

Adult Camp — July 4-7

Dear Camper:

It is only a short while—then your calendar date will be for that good time we are going to spend in the mountains together with God. We believe that our joys in Christian living begin right here, and in these days we want to learn to put into practice the rules of the Christ life.

We want a group of spiritually conscious, consecrated young people ready to imitate Christ and seek the Jesus way of life.

From the time you get up in the morning until you fall asleep at night the measuring stick of all you do or wish to do, lives or dies under the searching question, "What would Jesus do?" From the heart comes the answer, and you act upon it.

By means of prayer periods, questions and answers, out-of-door worship, silent meditation, classes, songs of thanksgiving and praise, talks by leaders and special speakers, rubbing shoulders with your fellows, you'll learn to make your faith a way of life.

Let us learn to look at life through the eyes of Christ, to evaluate things by his standards, to know the Bible—"For this is life, that we might know thee, the only true God and Jesus whom thou hast sent."

Pray now—on the way—and a mountain-top experience awaits you.

G. D. Hargis,
Religious Supervisor.

5203 Mt. Helena Ave.,
Los Angeles 41, Calif.

CAMP POTATO, near Coudersport, Pa., will be held the last two weeks of July.

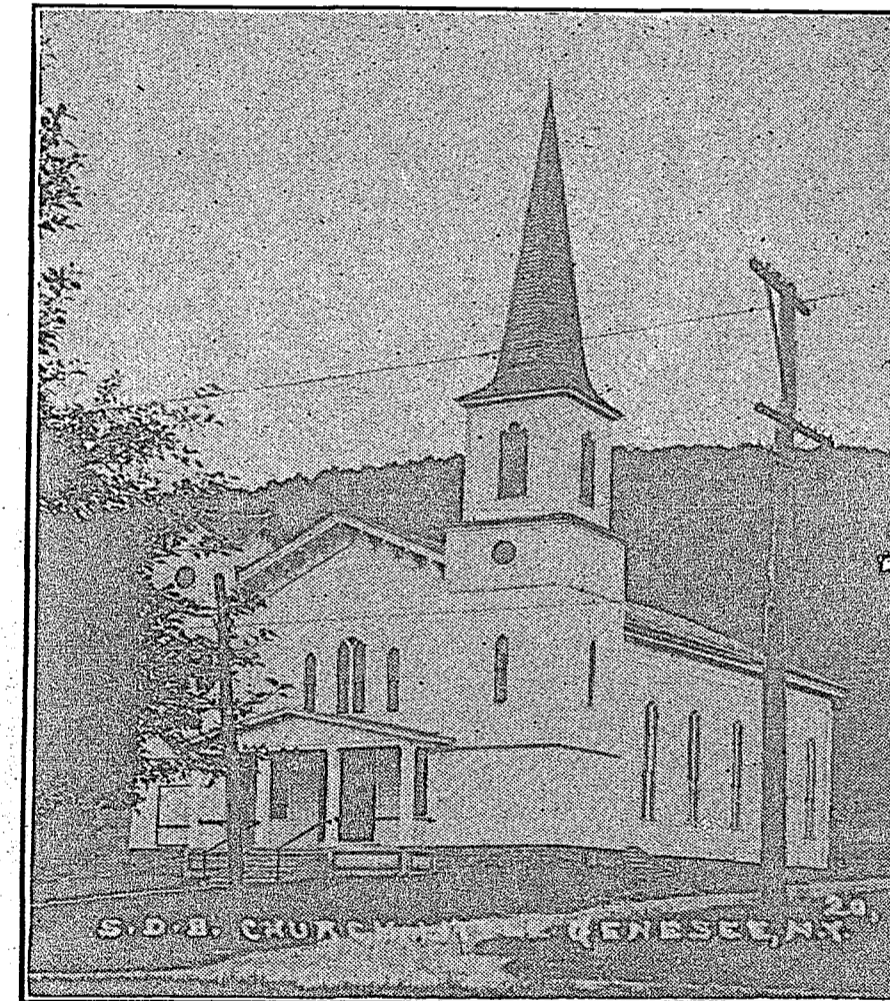
IN WISCONSIN a youth camp is planned, sponsored by the Quarterly Meeting of the Wisconsin and Chicago churches. The third week in July has been set as a tentative date.

WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS about other camps to be held this summer.

GOD MEETS ME IN THE MOUNTAINS

Where pines reach up the mountains and the mountains up the blue,
And, tense with some expectancy, the lifting ledges frown,
The high desire of the hills is my desire too,
For there my spirit laughs to fling its worldly duffle down
And, shaking free exultantly, calls to its great companion!
God meets me in the canyon when I miss him in the town.
—Badger Clark.

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A CHURCH
WITH A VISION
FOR SERVICE

"We wanted to build so as to serve the needs of every group in the community—truly a Community Center. . . . The plot of land across from the church was purchased and also the old barn that stood on the side of the lot."

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