

# WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

Berlin, N. Y.

The Berlin church is happy to announce that one of its members, Clifford Greene, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Greene, having completed his high school work by the middle of his senior year, has entered Salem College to begin his studies in preparation for the gospel ministry. A farewell party in his honor was held Monday evening, January 28, at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Paul L. Maxson. About thirty were present.

Sandwiches, cake, and coffee were served. Clifford was presented with a substantial purse in token of love and esteem.

We are enjoying our new Hammond electric organ and have begun a series of biweekly vesper services on Friday evening preceding the regular young people's meeting. Miss Janet Bullock plays the organ at these evening vespers.

A group of twenty-five or more, including young adults and their families, have been meeting once a month since last summer at various homes for a covered dish supper and social evening. It affords pleasant fellowship, especially for some who, because of distance from the church or young children in the family, have been compelled to drop out of regular participation in the young people's meetings.

—Frances W. Ellis.

New Auburn, Wis.

Because of bad weather our annual dinner and business meeting was not held until January 27 at the home of Ivar Pederson.

President C. B. Loofbourrow conducted the meeting. Election of officers brought the following results: pastor, Neal D. Mills; president, Mr. Loofbourrow; vice-president, Mrs. Arthur North; clerk, Clara Loofboro; trustee, Claude Haskins; organist, Mrs. Mills; chorister, Mrs. Wayne Rood; usher, Paul Pederson. All reports showed progress and the treasurer's report indicated a good balance on hand.

A group of women met at the parsonage January 31 to make and repair baby clothes to be sent to Europe. Our church is sending some clothing to the Church Committee for Overseas Relief. Also we are aiding in the collection for UNRRA.

Last fall the Ladies' Aid packed six Christmas boxes to go to the needy children in Europe. Fruit cakes were sent to our boys still overseas. — Correspondent.

Stonefort, Ill.

The Old Stone Fort Seventh Day Baptist Church held its annual meeting January 19, 1946. The following officers were elected: pastor, Addison Appel; moderator, Rev. Oliver Lewis; clerk, Mrs. Ralph Lewis; treasurer, Sallie Appel; pianist, Mrs. Addison Appel; chorister, Charles E. Lewis. The duties of corresponding secretary were assumed by the clerk and pastor. Our new pastor is not new to us as he has lived in the community all his life.

He is a young man, twenty-nine years old, married, and has two children. This is the first time he has served as pastor of a church. He was licensed June 17, 1944, being baptized two years before by Rev. C. L. Hill of Farina. Since being licensed, he has divided his appointments with the former pastor, Mr. Lewis. Liked in both the church and the community, our new pastor is well qualified.

The severe winter and bad roads in this section of the state have kept the attendance small, but we are hoping for better conditions before many weeks.

The program this year will include Sunday night meetings in addition to the regular Sabbath day services, and a revival in the spring, if the Lord is willing.

—Church Clerk.

Denver, Colo.

Although Denver has not been heard from recently, the church and its affiliated organizations have been (Continued on page 140)

## COME, LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER

"The seventh day is the sabbath."

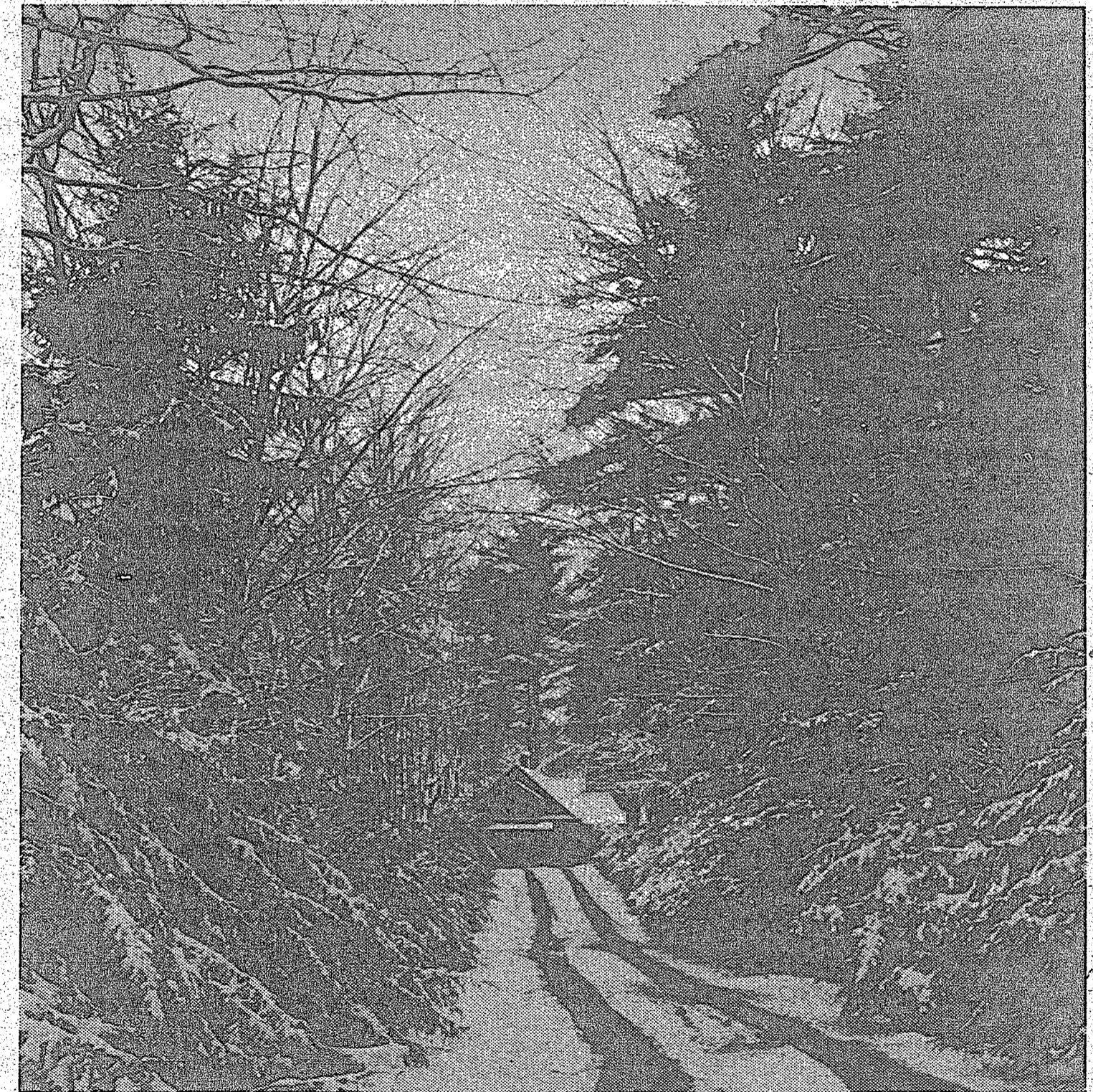
New York City — Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Washington Square, Foot of Fifth Ave., 11 a.m.

Washington, D. C. — Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, 900 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., 10:30 a.m.

Chicago, Ill. — Du Paw University Building, 64 East Lake St., 2:30 p.m.

Los Angeles, Calif. — Seventh Day Baptist Church, 264 West 42nd St. 11 a.m.

# The Sabbath Recorder



—Photo by U. S. Forest Service.

"How sweet on a clear Sabbath morning,  
To list to the clear ringing bell;  
Its tones so sweetly are calling,  
Oh, come to the church in the vale."

# The Sabbath Recorder

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## Editorials

### A REAL LUMINARY

In recent Sabbath Recorders appeared an article by Rev. T. J. Van Horn entitled, "Today's World Needs God's Message." The manuscript for that article had been on the editor's desk for several weeks, waiting the time when an issue would have space enough to carry the message in its entirety. There was such an important challenge in the words, however, that it was decided to divide its publication into two parts and print it immediately. The last section went out to Recorder readers on February 4.

Later that same week came this telegram from Florida: "Rev. T. J. Van Horn died at Orlando Thursday night (February 7). Funeral and burial at Daytona Beach Sabbath, February 9, 4 p.m."

The great loss to the denomination will be hard to comprehend fully. While this is not the occasion for a review of Pastor Van Horn's life (that will come at another time), the editor feels impelled to at least hint at the sentiments held in the hearts of all of us who knew him—sentiments of love, esteem, and veneration.

He was a modest man, "Uncle T. J." Even as his last article was still on the editor's desk, he wrote a note of helpful encouragement to the editor—in the same spirit of helpfulness he showed toward everyone. Among other things he said, "As long as the Recorder can be filled with the fine material that has been appearing, don't use my article."

But his message did appear, with the other fine contributions, and it carries a special impact because it is his last message to Recorder readers. "Perhaps we have not taken seriously as we ought," he warned, "what Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'Ye must be born again.'" That was his admonition to each of us individually. To us as a denomination he reminded, "God has honored us by assigning to us this difficult matter of a change from wrong to right." To this reminder he added the assurance, "Go . . . Be strong. . . I am with you!"

One of Mr. Van Horn's striking comments keeps coming repeatedly to mind. He said, "It will be something surpassing imagination when every nominal church member becomes a real luminary." And we cannot help but add—"as Rev. T. J. Van Horn himself was."

### BEAUTY AND WORSHIP

The worshipful atmosphere created by a church building may well be limited by the attractiveness of the building—inside and outside. No matter what type of building is used for worship, no matter what the architectural design may be, a church can be enhanced by cleaning and redecorating the interior, by retouching the exterior painted surfaces, and by landscaping the grounds. Thus the church can more completely serve its purpose as the House of God.

An article on church beautification appears elsewhere in this issue. It is written by Herbert N. Wheeler, who has spent many years in government forest and conservation service and knows whereof he speaks.

He has suggested, as an incentive for churches to do something about this matter, that we offer prizes to the groups making greatest improvement in church appearance. We like the idea—and we need recent photographs of the churches of the denomination to build up our file of pictures.

So, here is the plan. Have someone in your church made responsible for taking, and sending to the Recorder office, a snapshot (or several snapshots) of your church, picturing it in its most attractive aspects. Large size glossy prints are most suitable for our purposes. It is better not to include automobiles or people in your pictures, since these "date" them.

Then, those of you who recognize the need for launching a church beautification program, may do so. It is probable that during the spring and summer you will do the necessary constructing, painting, and planting. Next fall the transformation should be complete, and the church be ready for photographing again.

From pictures in our files showing your church building "before and after," a decision can be made as to which church has shown the greatest improvement in outside appearance. To the winning church we will gladly send five extra copies of the Recorder for one year, to be used by the church for any special purposes the church group may decide. As second prize we will offer two one-year subscriptions.

Whether you enter the contest or not, please send us a picture of your church, as it appears today—and give thought to the appearance of your house of worship. "Blessed be the Lord God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the Lord." Ezra 7: 27.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

#### JUNIOR PARTNERS IN THE LORD'S WORK

"Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

A great concern of many faithful church people today is how to appeal to the young people of our churches and how to hold their interest in the Lord's work.

Let us look at the problem squarely. As young persons we were full of physical and some mental energy. Our ideals were un-

tarnished and we lacked cynicism. We were certain that we could overcome almost any difficulty. Yet did the older members of the church make any serious effort to encourage such exuberant youth? An inspired Sabbath school teacher and probably the pastor, in general terms, encouraged the youth. Still youth felt itself on the side lines in church work. It did not perceive nor understand the mechanics or administration of the church program and work. Gradually outside interests beckoned more enticingly and more strongly, and our youth slipped away from attendance at church and from the work of the church. The choir and young people's organizations held the interest of some of the young people, but the field of interest was too limited.

Then almost like a bombshell, some older member resigns from some key position as church treasurer or clerk or trustee or other important office. Brows are furrowed in contemplation concerning whom to approach to fill such a vacancy. We should have some young person, is the thought and recommendation. But there are few young persons from whom to choose for such an important position. Moreover, such a young person, if happily he be found, does not generally know much about the office in which he is requested to serve.

To alleviate this obvious and serious problem in our church administration, why do we not have junior partners in the Lord's work? Select some younger person who is willing to assist the church clerk, the treasurer, the trustees—yes, even the deacons. It may well be that a rotation of such junior partners in the Lord's work in the various offices would give young people a more comprehensive understanding of the over-all work of the church and its problems. Second, such a junior partner could decide for himself or herself what office he or she would prefer to fill because of innate abilities and capacities.

Knowledge develops interest, and interest results in retaining an active membership in the church. Just as Jesus has said according to Luke's account: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business," we need to tap and channel that youthful energy so that our churches can and will remain strong and vigorous as a beacon light in this world so perplexed and confused.

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, . . . whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4: 8.

Plainfield, N. J. Frederik J. Bakker.

### EDITORIAL FROM THE PAST

The diamond is precious as a gem, and of great value in commerce. But none of us would like to be a diamond. It has no growth. It always remains the same. Even charcoal, which is of the same essential nature, carbon, is really more useful than the diamond.

The human soul is better represented by the seed which has in it the possibility of growth, development, expansion. The diamond is lustrous, beautiful. The seed has the germ of life, and that life may be indefinitely propagated. The only Christian life is myriad-seeded. Its possibilities are incalculable.

Rev. L. E. Livermore.

April 12, 1894.



### STUDY to show thyself approved UNTO GOD

#### THE CHRISTIAN WATCHMAN

By Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell

One of the most important phases of the Christian life is watchfulness. The Christian should not forget that he is always a watchman. In watchfulness lies his spiritual safety.

It is necessary to be on guard at all times because of the deceitfulness and treachery of Satan, for he, "as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5: 8. He is always on the job. We may be taken unawares.

As Jesus said, "If the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up." Matthew 24: 43. It is up to us to watch our step. "See then that ye

walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5: 15, 16. We need to watch, for we "know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matthew 25: 13.

We need to watch our words. How many times would we have liked to take back those hasty words, uttered in a moment of anger or thoughtlessness, but how impossible! They are words which have left an indelible imprint on some one soul forever. Let us pray with the psalmist, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth: keep the door of my lips." Psalm 141: 3.

"Angry words! O let them never  
From my tongue unbridled slip;  
May the hearts best impulse ever  
Check them ere they soil the lip."

We need to watch for opportunities for service. Some opportunities are so small that we hardly recognize them: speaking a kind word or giving a drink unto "one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple." Matthew 10: 42. Some opportunities may never knock at our door but once.

Seizing an opportunity at the right time may spell the difference between success and failure. "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." John 9: 4. Will we be compelled, some day, to lament, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Jeremiah 8: 20.

How should we watch? "With all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Ephesians 6: 18. No matter with what alertness and intelligence we watch, it is difficult for man to cope alone successfully with Satan. Prayer brings us into touch with God and his limitless power, and makes us spiritual conquerors, through him. But we need to pray steadfastly, perseveringly, and at all times.

We should watch, trusting completely in God to keep us from falling, with no shadow of doubt dimming our souls, standing fast in the faith.

We should quit ourselves like men, preparing ourselves to meet temptation by putting on the whole armor of God.

Let us then "not sleep as do others," but awake to our duties and possibilities, and watch.

### VOCATIONAL COMMITTEE OFFERS TO BECOME JOB CLEARING HOUSE

Asks That Helpful Information Be Forwarded  
to Chairman

It has long been an earnest desire on the part of the Vocational Committee to make this organization a real clearing house for business and professional and employable members of our denomination.

Scattered as we are, there must of necessity be some organization and medium through which desirable information may be cleared to the aid of buyer and seller, employer and employee, and the purchase or establishment of professional practice and teaching positions.

With so many of our fine young men and women returning from service, we feel an especial obligation as well as privilege to be of service to them. Won't you help by sending information that might be of help to them to the chairman of the Vocational Committee?

With the financial support which the government is giving to encourage these young people to continue their education, it would seem most appropriate that opportunities for further training in our denominational colleges and schools be brought to their attention. To this end a series of articles will appear in the Recorder.

One of our greatest needs is additional, capable, consecrated young men for the ministry. Dean Bond will present this topic in an article on the Alfred University School of Theology. This will be followed by articles presenting Salem College, Milton College, and Alfred University with its College of Letters and Science, College of Ceramics, and Agricultural and Technical Institute.

If you know of a desirable position, farm or business, for those who are not interested in attending college, please let us know. Editor Hurley has kindly offered space in the Recorder to assist in this "clearing house."

Ben R. Crandall,  
Alfred, N. Y. Chairman.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR MARCH 9, 1946

A People in Confusion

Basic Scripture—Book of Judges  
Memory Selection—Hebrews 13: 6

### FIRST THINGS FIRST

More Furnished Parsonages

One of the privileges it seems mine to enjoy these days is being taken into the confidence of some pastors. Not all of them are living in a "bed of roses."



P. B. Hurley

One of the more recent situations related is after this fashion. He had just received a call to another church. He was not yet ready to leave the problems at hand. Some situations he thought needed correction.

Among the attractions held out by the new company was a "furnished" parsonage to help make up for a too low salary. Recently they had come from a church where the parsonage was furnished to this place where it was not furnished. They had had, for once, the real pleasure of choosing for themselves the furniture they would use. The thought of leaving these things which had become dear to them and go to another place and accept, sight unseen, what the parishioners (in some places at least) had not wanted in their own homes, was not pleasing.

Since we expect our pastors to move quite frequently, why do we not establish denominationally a furnished parsonage policy? Furnished with good electric refrigerator, good stoves, good beds, tables, and such other heavy essentials. Then why not wait until the new occupants come and give them money to buy drapes and such other light things which are so dear to the heart of the woman?

We need more pastors. We need more young men giving their lives to the service. Why not make the job more attractive?

P. B. Hurley,  
Conference President.

#### RULE OF MY LIFE

The rule that governs my life is this: Anything that dims my vision of Christ, or takes away my taste for Bible study, or cramps my prayer life, or makes Christian work difficult, it is wrong for me, and I must, as a Christian, turn away from it. This simple rule may help you find a safe road for your feet along life's road.

—J. Wilbur Chapman.

◦ "The comparison between those grounds before improvements and afterwards was most striking."

## Enhancing the Beauty of Churches

### LANDSCAPING OF GROUNDS RECOMMENDED

By H. N. Wheeler

For Thirty-eight Years in the  
U. S. Forest Service

Churches and cathedrals are decorated and adorned both inside and outside quite universally, from the building of Solomon's Temple down to this present time. This is as it should be, for no place is too beautiful in which to worship God. Money and labor have been spent lavishly in wood carvings, in sculpture, in paintings, and in covering altars with leaf or beaten gold. This is true, even in the rather dilapidated cathedrals of Mexico.

The outside appearance of churches is not always of the best. This is especially true of the grounds. Some churches are crowded onto small lots, so there is little opportunity to plant shrubs and trees, or even grass or ivy. Other grounds are spacious, and in some localities have been landscaped most attractively. This is the case here in Washington at the National Cathedral grounds, where English boxwood is arranged in beautiful hedge formation. The grounds at the Franciscan Monastery are decorated in a most elaborate and beautiful fashion with shrubs and trees and flowers, especially roses.

From the earliest known records of human existence, idols and imaginary gods and

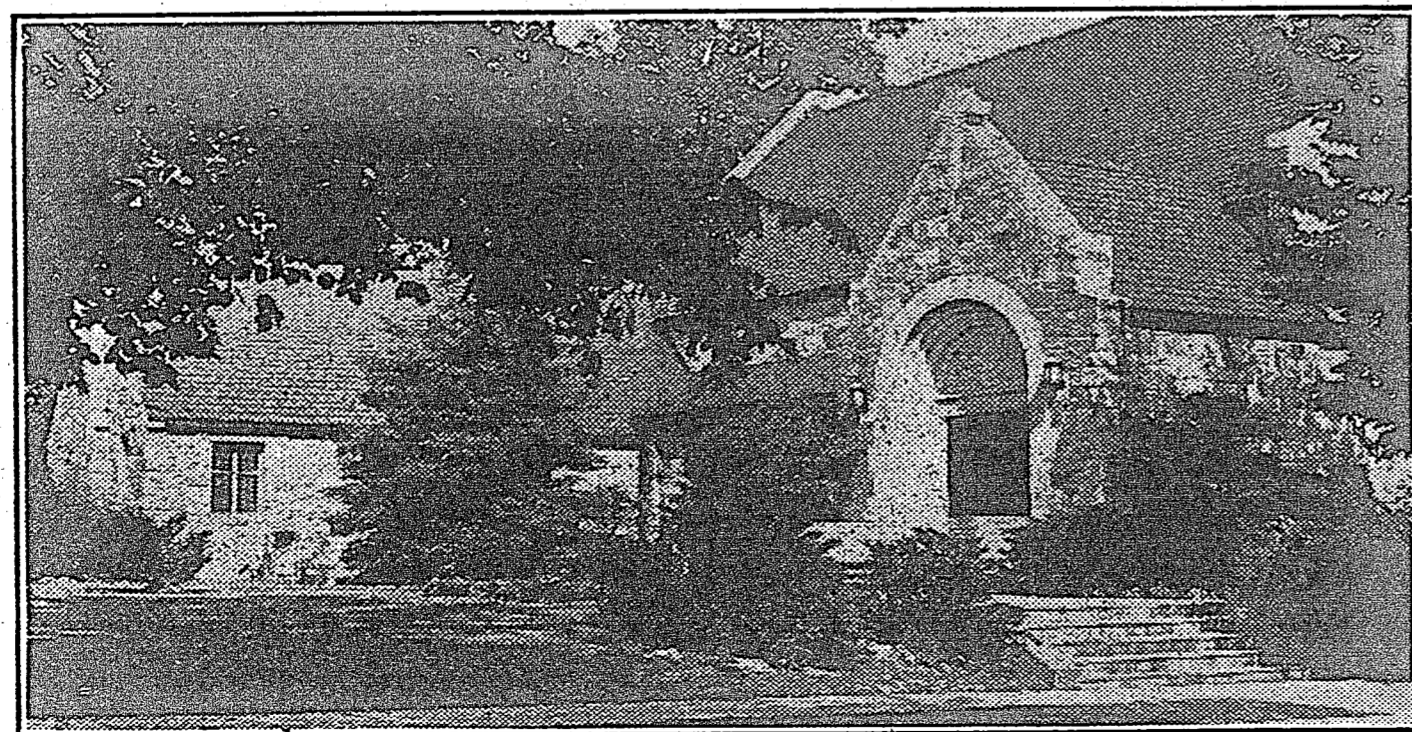
Jehovah himself have been worshiped in forests and groves, and sometimes under individual trees. In ancient days the gods were supposed to dwell on mountain tops, notably on Mount Olympus in Greece. Beautiful forests, like the Redwoods of California, make us feel that God is present or very near. Here individuals and groups of people have felt a great urge to worship and have kneeled in prayer.

At Mount Hermon, Calif., in 1944, three hundred thousand people came to pray and enjoy Bible studies, lectures, and seminars under the redwoods. In the early days, a sawmill was the only activity here and thieves and other bad men abounded. Ike Graham, a preacher, rode horseback into the place, held revival meetings, and eventually the place became the great religious center it is today. Every year, under the great trees, thousands find Christ here.

We are not all situated so we can go to such localities, but in most places we can have shrubs and trees about our church edifices. These enhance the beauty of such places and appeal to us to enter in reverent mood. Is there anything more appealing than a small country church in a setting of trees, shrubs, and flowers? People select such spots for worship and for weddings.

#### A Well-Landscaped Church

Mr. Wheeler submits this church (Christ Lutheran, Washington, D. C.) as an example of an attractively landscaped edifice. It was placed in the outstanding class by the Washington Architectural Committee, and the Washington Board of Trade gave it a certificate and special mention for the beautification of its grounds.



### SABBATH RALLY DAY

May 18, 1946

For many years Sabbath rallies have been held—and to good purpose—sponsored by the American Sabbath Tract Society. This year Sabbath Rally Day is May 18. Inspirational material and helpful suggestions will be published in the Recorder of April 22.

We are urging pastors to prepare a special Sabbath message and that prayer meetings and young people's groups give consideration to some phase of Sabbath belief, observance, or spread of the Sabbath truth. Helpful material pertinent to the subject is solicited from our societies and boards.

Early in May pastors will receive fresh, up-to-date items of information from the office of the society that may be helpful to pastors in preparing for the rally.

The Sabbath was given for man's good; for closer fellowship with him who declared himself to be its Lord. May all find it a delight.

Herbert C. Van Horn,  
Corresponding Secretary,  
American Sabbath Tract Society.



These churches have sent in membership lists since those in last week's Recorder:

Irvington	Milton Junction
Second Brookfield	Salemville
Verona	Waterford
Syracuse	Alfred Station
Riverside	Nortonville

The Tract Society has also furnished us names of lone Sabbath keepers.

Again, may we emphasize the need for names of friends of our mission work. And don't be last with your list!

David S. Clarke, Secretary,  
Second Century Fund Committee.

this season of the year. It helps to emphasize the fact that the surroundings of a church add to, or detract from, its attractiveness and appeal. The photo also serves to call attention to the special article by H. N. Wheeler and the editorial on church beautification. Be sure to read both of them in this issue.

I well recall how the congregation at Marlboro, N. J., landscaped the grounds of that church after the first World War, planting trees and shrubs in memory of lost loved ones, and of a former pastor. The comparison between those grounds before improvement and afterwards was most striking. Some plantings can be made in the fall, but spring is the best time to set out most shrubbery.

Most people decorate their home grounds, but should we not be even more interested in the places where we meet to commune with the Creator of all things, the One who holds our destiny in his hands?

Washington, D. C.

COMING SOON: An article by H. N. Wheeler on community and church forests.

#### CHAPLAIN MALTBY BEGINS DUTY AT RHOADS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Chaplain Leon Maltby, recently returned from service in Japan, has been reassigned to duty at Rhoads General Hospital, Utica, N. Y.

"This is a wonderful set-up for a Protestant chaplain," he wrote after his first chapel service February 3. "The five miles of corridors make it possible to walk anywhere without coat or hat. We have a choir with paid civilian director, and printed programs."

Incidental to listing other commendable features about his new post, the chaplain described the hospital as once having about 60 per cent orthopedic cases. "That type of case has declined since the close of the war," he explained, "so that the medical patients are more numerous than the surgical. There are at present perhaps 2,200 patients most of whom are ambulatory. All such patients get weekend passes, which of course affects the chapel attendance. This morning the attendance was about eighty, with the vast majority being women."

Preaching to women is a new Army experience, Chaplain Maltby asserted, recalling that during his entire service overseas he had only one or two girls in his congregations.

#### OUR COVER

Shown on this week's cover is an attractive little church picturesquely nestled among the trees at the end of a snow-clad drive. The church, located at Bear Creek, Pa., is surrounded by a forest of boxwood, hemlock, and white pine trees. The picture is more than just appropriate for

## Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

# YOU Can Help Win the PEACE

Suggestions from Social Action Clinic  
JACKSON'S MILL, APRIL 11-13, 1945

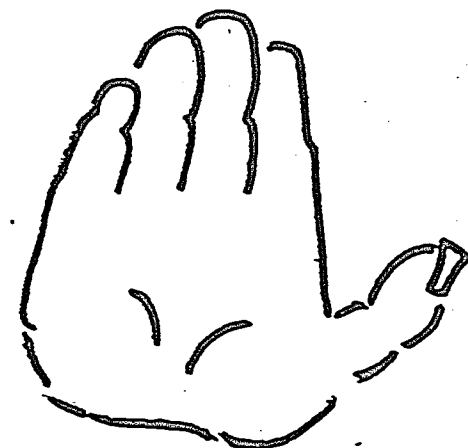
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FIVE FINGER DRILL

FIVE PATHS TO PEACE



1. Be a friend to all.
2. Turn enemies into friends.
3. Seek to understand other peoples.
4. Accept all races as equal.
5. Live as a citizen of the world.

Dear Jim (Somewhere in the Philippines):

Betty, Jack, Pop, Aunt Mary, and I have all learned the five paths to peace.

You win the war. We work for peace. Even little sister's hand is up for victory.

We are going to have them at school today. Teacher wants us all to help just as we have in the war.

Love,  
Bob.

### WORSHIP PROGRAM

By Alberta D. Batson

Keeping Our Feet on the Ground

Hymn: Just as I Am.

In this day of uncertainty and unrest it is easy for us to fail to look into our individual lives and habits. It seems that so many other things keep us constantly busy. But, just where do we stand? Are we letting down? Are we being changed by all these events and unsettling happenings? We must keep on an even keel; we must keep our feet on the ground; we must check ourselves often to see that we are not allowing all these things around us to upset our stability. One of the best ways to do this checking is to find ourselves often alone

with our thoughts, our Bible, and our God—and in the church of God communing with him and contacting his children who are there for the same purpose. One of the best ways to keep ourselves on the right track is by spending much time communing with God and associating with his people.

Many people are lax in their church attendance, but how many of them would say that we should do away with the church? Many people seldom read the Bible—perhaps pick it up, if there is one lying around, just to dust it occasionally. But how many of them would say we do not need the Bible? If it is important to have churches, to have the Bible, how important it is, then, to have some real personal contact with both.

### HERE ARE SOME TOOLS

Speakers bureau, making speakers available as wanted.  
Forums and discussion groups.  
Clinics.  
Literature and drama.  
Literary contests.  
Music and art (posters) contests.  
Youth conferences.  
Pulpit presentations.  
Use of newspapers, magazines, trade journals, and other publications.  
Church schools.  
Use of visual aids including motion pictures.  
Radio programs.  
Five Finger Drills on Fundamentals.  
Direct political contacts with one's own senators and representatives and with peace conferees.  
—From Peace Committee.

### MORE PEACE DRILLS

#### My Code

1. I BELIEVE in the Fatherhood of God.
2. I BELIEVE in the Brotherhood of Man.
3. I WILL refuse to harbor or spread distrust of my fellow men.
4. I WILL be loyal to our family of nations.
5. I WILL labor for freedom and justice for all.

#### Peace Prayer

1. Permanent peace is our prayer, O God,
2. Enable us to achieve it;
3. Assist us in our international responsibility;
4. Confer on us increased understanding;
5. Emancipate us from ignorance and selfishness.

### ELECTED ASSOCIATE SECRETARY



Rev. Cameron Hall

The election of Rev. Cameron Hall of Philadelphia as associate executive secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations of the Federal Council of Churches and as co-secretary with Rev. James Myers of the Industrial Relations Division has been announced by Dr. Beverly M. Boyd, executive secretary of the Department of Christian Social Relations.

Mr. Hall has resigned his position as director of the Department of Social Education and Action of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., to begin his new connection with the Federal Council on February 1. He has been a member of the Industrial Relations Division since 1926.

Born in Pelham Manor, N. Y., Mr. Hall was educated at Williams College, Williams-town, Mass.; New College, Edinburgh, Scotland; Mansfield College, Oxford, England; and Union Theological Seminary, New York. He was ordained by the Presbytery of New York in 1925.

From 1926 to 1935 he was pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church on West 36th Street in New York City in the heart of

of the year. Mrs. Floyd Clarke was elected chairman for this year.

Mrs. Robert A. Clarke.

Church friends and church relationships always seem true, and dependable, and assuring. Even when we are in towns where we do not have the church of our denomination, it is very important to make contacts with some church in order to have a church home. One can do this and still keep his own beliefs. In any event, he definitely needs church contacts. There is truly a stabilizing effect upon anyone who has some touch with a church and is on daily "speaking terms" with the Bible.

Scripture reading: Psalm 23.

Prayer:

Father, from whom all things good are sure, make us see our need of thee, and our need of close contact with thy word, and thy people. So many things we take for granted; so often we are inclined to be careless about this relationship. Help us to be conscious of that which we know we cannot have a complete life without. Open our eyes, that we may see; guide us in the paths of righteousness. Teach us to know thy will and to follow in thy footsteps. We thank thee for thy patience in our faltering steps; and for thy willingness to uphold us in all our walks of life that we may be guided by thee at all times, if we but put our trust in thee. Amen.

Hymn: Near the Cross.

### INDEPENDENCE LADIES' AID

#### REPORTS PROFITABLE YEAR

Our Ladies' Aid business meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Cleon Clarke Monday afternoon, January 14; because of sickness and the weather, only six members attended.

We have had quite a profitable year. There have not been many suppers served because of the meat and sugar shortages. We served meals during the Western Association which was held at Independence last year. Our total balance for the year was \$268.77. Mrs. Grace Spicer was retained as keyworker. We voted \$15 for the work of Promoter of Evangelism Rev. Mr. Greene; \$15 for the helpers' fund; and \$50 to the Denominational Budget. Because of the death of one member and the removal of several other members, we regrouped our divisions, leaving three. These divisions will serve suppers or dinners nine months

## 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.

### FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER

Easter Season Calls Attention to Christ's  
Sacrificial Death, Glorious Resurrection

The winter is rapidly passing and spring will soon be here. Every season of the year brings its outstanding events, whose anniversaries it is well to keep in mind. For instance: in the summer, we have Independence Day; in the fall, Thanksgiving Day; in the winter, Christmas; in the spring, Easter; and there are other marked days during the year.

Two of these events, Easter and Christmas, because they have to do primarily with Christ's birth and resurrection, stand out as the greatest events in human history. He came to earth, lived, and died a cruel death that we might have eternal life and be glorified with him. Eight weeks past we celebrated his birth by observing Christmas, and are now approaching the Lenten season and Easter. The season begins March 6, and Easter is April 21. Because the Easter season calls attention to Christ's sacrificial death and glorious resurrection, most churches look forward to it as a time of reconsecration and soul winning.

As many readers of the Sabbath Recorder know, carefully prepared booklets are provided to help in the united observance of this season. These booklets give Scripture reading, a prayer, and comments for each day. They may be secured by addressing the Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y. The price is two cents per copy. W. L. B.

the garment manufacturing center. In 1928 he won the gratitude of the Dressmakers' Union, then in the process of organizing to abolish the sweat shops, by letting his church be used for union meetings.

He has traveled extensively in Europe, the Near East, and Mexico. For the last few years, in addition to his work with the Presbyterian Board, Mr. Hall has served as part-time director of social education for the International Council of Religious Education.

### LETTER REPORTS DEATH OF BRITISH GUIANA MISSIONARY

A letter received February 10 from Brother George A. Berry, Maria Johanna, Wakenaam, British Guiana, announces the death of his father, Rev. William A. Berry. The letter says:

"It is my duty, although coupled with sadness, to inform you that my father died on January 16, 1946, in the public hospital, Georgetown; but was carried to Wakenaam for burial. He spent two months and four days in the hospital and underwent three operations."

Pastor William A. Berry has been our missionary in Wakenaam for fifteen or twenty years. He was faithful and efficient. For a long time he carried on, organizing Seventh Day Baptist churches, without any support from the board. I met him in 1925, my second trip to British Guiana, and was favorably impressed. When it was necessary for the Missionary Board to retrench and it withdrew its support from that field, I pled with him to carry on as the workers did in apostolic days. This he did, except when aided by our church in London, until the Missionary Board was again in position to aid in the work. Brother Berry's death necessitates finding another leader for the work in British Guiana. W. L. B.

### RAPID CHANGE OF CONDITIONS IN SHANGHAI REPORTED

Dear Secretary Burdick:

Your letter dated December 19 reached here December 31. If this letter I am now writing should travel at the same speed, I believe it will have reached you by February 10. At the same time, I trust that you have by now received my second letter which was mailed here December 17, or thereabout.

Since my last writing, there has not been much change in the general conditions prevailing here in Shanghai. But I am glad to report that in the matter of teachers' relief mentioned in my second letter, we did get some from three different sources. First, through the kindness of Professor John Barr

of Medhurst College, we got a sum of \$514,800, which came, I suppose, from the United China Relief. Then, we got another amount of \$500,000 from our School Board. And finally, our student body also raised \$400,000 by giving three performances of a play just before the final examinations. Of course, all the above figures are in Chinese national currency.

The school closed January 23 for the winter vacation. Yesterday we had our first entrance examination, and there were more than four hundred applicants taking it. I don't know how many of them we can take in, but I suppose it cannot be any more than twenty or thirty per cent. It is rather hard to refuse admission to so many who are so eager to come.

During this winter vacation we are returning the last batch of classroom furniture that has been stored with us by another mission school in the neighborhood. That would make us short of nearly one hundred pieces of furniture which must be replaced, or one hundred of our students will have no accommodation next term. With the prices on things so high, and with practically nothing on hand at present, I really don't know what we can do, just now. But I am sure our good Lord will show us the way, and there will be no difficulty in getting the problem solved, eventually.

I am glad to learn that my plans are being favorably considered by the board. I hope that you would kindly let me know of the final result as soon as a decision is reached.

Sincerely yours,

T. M. Chang.

23 Route de Zikawei,  
Shanghai, China,  
January 28, 1946.

### NEW JAMAICA SCHOOL TAKES MUCH STUDY, TIME, PRAYER

My routine duties seem to occupy too much of my time, but I am devoting considerable time to the school problem. It presents angles and special problems which require much study, time, and prayer. The acquisition of 29 Charles Street property calls for a reconsideration of plans for the school by the School Committee. I will send in a plan for the school, with estimates of costs of remodeling the tenement house

for school purposes, equipment, teachers, etc., in a later communication.

I am handicapped by lack of a car, but feel that I am doing fairly well without one, and am keeping down the expense account by riding the bus.

I think that the greatest problem is the jealousy among the leaders in the churches. Too much time and energy is spent working for first place at the wedding feast. They forget that Jesus said, "If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all." They must learn to give more thought to service and less to position.

I wish to thank the Missionary Society for the way it has stood behind me and upheld my hand in every way possible. I feel that I am inexperienced and the responsibility placed upon me fills me with humility, and compels me to pray to God for guidance and strength and courage; and to ask the board for its forbearance and support.

Wardner T. Fitz Randolph.

January 1, 1946.

## THUMBNAIL SKETCHES

About Seventh Day Baptists and Their Activities

With over two hundred religious denominations in the United States, it is no wonder that each generation needs to be told "who is who" among denominations. Many are inquiring about Seventh Day Baptists; for those of that group who happen to read the Sabbath Recorder, we will print each week in this column a few facts about Seventh Day Baptists.

### Concerning the Church

The Scriptures distinguish between the Universal Church and the individual church in which the Church Universal takes local form. The local church is a company of believers who in any given community unite voluntarily, in accordance with Christ's teachings, for the purpose of securing the complete establishment of the will of God in their own lives and in the whole world. Christian faith and beliefs, by linking the soul to Christ, bring Christians into a living fellowship with one another. The outward organization symbolizes and expresses this inward union of spirit to Christ and one another. Since a Christian recognizes in every other Christian a brother or sister in Christ, the several members of a local church are upon a footing of absolute equality.

# Christian Education

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

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## PRAYER

### A Necessity in Everyday Life

(Willard Burdick, a member of the De Ruyter, N. Y., Church, is in the Army, stationed at Pine Camp, N. Y. He is a brother of Rex Burdick now at Alfred.)

Prayer is a necessity in everyday life. It is a connecting link between us and God. We cannot afford to live without it.

There are times when we feel lonely and feel that friends have left us; times when the way gets dark, and we are tempted beyond our physical endurance. There is one friend who will always be with us. If we ask him, he will brighten the way and supply us with the needed strength to overcome the tempting power.

We have all had griefs and pains, but have we all asked Jesus to comfort us? Jesus will bear all our heartaches when we go to him in prayer.

When you get discouraged and are just about ready to give up, take it to the Lord in prayer. When business is not progressing and things look bad, do you ask the Saviour's help? Let him help you solve your financial problems.

You do not have to wait until something is bothering you to talk to God. He gives us innumerable blessings each and every day, and we should give thanks to him for these blessings.

"What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!"

### SHILOH COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS HAS LARGE ENROLLMENT

On September 17 the second community Bible class was started in Shiloh under the leadership of Pastor Lester G. Osborn, with Ruth Davis as secretary. The class, with students of all ages, met in the Grange Hall every Monday night for fifteen consecutive weeks and was open to anyone in the community who cared to enroll. Thirty-six were

in attendance on the opening night, with about twenty completing the course. A few people came as auditors, but almost everyone completed the examinations and were awarded certificates.

The course studied was entitled "Panorama of the Ages" from Moody Bible Institute. This provided a very interesting study as was evidenced by the rapt attention given it and the eager questions asked by the members. At the completion, all felt they had a much better understanding of the divine revelations of God. It was truly a worthwhile project, and we are looking forward to another class being formed next year.

—Mrs. Percy Fogg.

**NEXT WEEK:** Look for a report of Christian Endeavor Day at North Loup. Also reported will be the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education held at Columbus, Ohio. H. S.

## FOUR FRONTS for PEACE

### THE INNER FRONT

By Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam  
President, Federal Council of Churches

[The Commission on a Just and Durable Peace was instituted in 1941 by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to study the bases of a lasting world order. This is one of a series of articles appearing in the Sabbath Recorder that deals with Christian Action on Four Fronts for Peace, the Commission's outline of a general strategy for the postwar period.]

Something must happen to the hearts of men if world order is to be established.

When Augustine left Africa, his friend Marcianus who knew that the sensual and the spiritual were struggling for the mastery of Augustine's soul said, "This day that brings another life to thee, demands that thou another man must be."

The new world needs new men. The command of Christ, "Ye must be born again," takes on new and compelling significance. Man seeks to create the institutions that will bring power under democratic control. He seeks likewise to establish justice by democratic process. But a new spirit

must rule the individual if a new spirit is to infuse society.

It was Hitler who said, "I want to see the gleam of the beast of prey in the eyes of my youth." In the terrible necessity of destroying the beast of prey, men whose normal instincts have called for brotherhood, were themselves forced to kill and to destroy, and in the heat of battle hatred entered many hearts. The shocking and revolting necessities of bombing and blockade became impersonal routine in the life and death struggle. Something did happen to the hearts of men. Victory has come, and something more must happen to the human heart.

It must be cleansed of all hatred and the spirit of revenge. The good will that leaps from love and expresses itself in the acts of brotherhood must rule the heart. A man can hate and drive a bayonet into an enemy. A man cannot hate and build a brotherly world. It is a property of hate to destroy the object hated. But the day of destruction has passed. It is rebuilding that confronts us, and the attitude of brotherhood is prerequisite to construction.

A Nazi victory would have meant the enslavement of democratic peoples. Our vic-

tory must not mean the enslavement of the vanquished. Justice by all means; a Nuremberg trial, the de-Nazification of Germany, yes. But not the hunger and suffering of women and children if we can prevent it. Long-term policies must be determined by reason and the practice of the moral law. With justice must go forgiveness, not that the criminal shall escape penalty, but that the victor shall not be contaminated by the spirit of the defeated.

We must become new men in Christ Jesus. Brotherhood must come alive first in such great relief endeavors as UNRRA, but also in the relief of our former enemies. "If thine enemy hunger, feed him." Brotherhood must live in the United Nations organizations in such fashion that the family of God may be protected from the unbrotherly whose greed threatens the peace. But it cannot live in the common life unless it lives in the hearts of the individual. "This day that brings another life to thee, demands that thou another man must be."

"Ye must be born again," said Jesus.

"Treat one another with the same spirit you experience in Christ Jesus," said the Apostle Paul.

## Children's Page

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

### OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We have been asking Mommy to write to you for a long time, but she said she was busy. We enjoy having her read the letters to us when the Sabbath Recorder comes. It has been a long time since our last letter to you.

We are planning to go to Grandma and Grandpa Nelson's next week to stay for awhile.

Skippy (Walter) is a big boy now. He can run all over and climbs up on chairs and gets into things. He has never had his hair cut, and it curls all over his head and hangs down his neck so that everyone thinks he is a girl, too. Mommy will be glad when she can take him to the barber shop! But he will not sit still long enough now.

Your little friends,  
Maxine and Ginger Basler.

P.S.—I must tell you about a laugh I had at Ginger last week. She was "writing" a letter to Grandma and then re-read it to me. She said, "Skippy gets into things in the kitchen when Mommy is in here and into things here when she is in the kitchen. She can't keep her eyes on him all the time unless she has two long eyes."

Clara Basler.

R. D. 3, Cuba Rd.,  
Barrington, Ill.

Dear Maxine and Ginger:

Your Mommy is more anxious to get Skippy to the barber's than I was to have my little boy taken there on his fourth birthday. Pastor Greene took him down to Wellsville that day and had his hair cut short after he had his picture taken with his curls. He didn't look like himself at first with that short hair and, don't tell anyone, I'm afraid I shed some tears when I saw him,

for he didn't look like my baby. Now that boy of ours is a grown man and was a doctor in the army for three and a half years. While he was overseas his little girl used to kiss his grown up picture good night every night, and then that four-year-old picture, which she called "My boy Daddy." She, too, has a baby brother, Kristie, who can get into as much mischief as little Skippy, I'm pretty sure.

Please thank your dear Mommy for me for writing your letter for you and for her P. S. which gave me a good laugh.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

Shiloh, N. J.

The Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church is in its fifth year of radio ministry.

Between forty and fifty different people have helped in the music, singing or playing, during the past year. Two musical numbers and a brief message make up each week's program.

"We have no way of telling how many people are being reached by this ministry," the pastor reports, "but often we hear remarks from unexpected sources to the effect that the programs have been heard and enjoyed."

The programs are broadcast over Station WSNJ, Bridgeton, N. J., every Sabbath afternoon at 5 o'clock. The church expects to continue on the air until the money to pay for the time stops coming in.

—Shiloh Bulletin Extra.

Waterford, Conn.

The annual meeting of the Waterford Church was held after Sabbath school the first Sabbath in January. We elected our usual officers with an addition of a sunshine committee. At this time we made plans to call a new pastor.

Work is being done at the parsonage in preparation for a clean and comfortable home for a new pastor.

On February 2 a farewell party was given for Pastor Loofboro and family in appreciation of their loving, faithful service while with us. A joyous evening of games, stories, and singing was enjoyed by friends and church neighbors. The table was beautifully decorated with candles and cut flowers for a buffet supper. The flowers were pre-

sented to Mrs. Loofboro and a purse of money to Pastor Loofboro.

Rev. David Clarke of Westerly gave a missionary sermon, "Context of the Old and New Testament," at the Sabbath morning service on February 9. Special music, "Come, All Ye Disconsolate," was presented by Ellen Swinney, pianist; Mary Brooks, organist; and Eleanor Brooks, soloist.

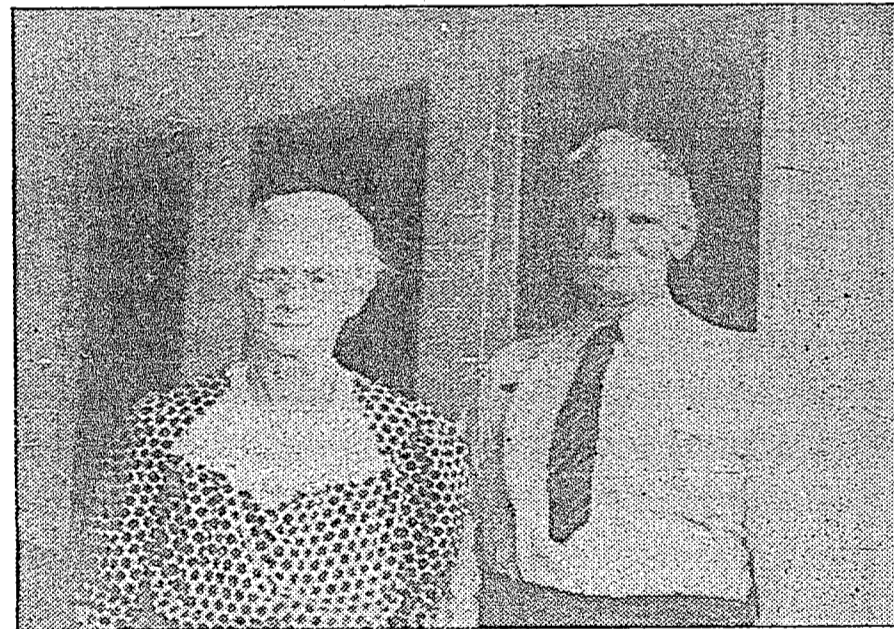
Our Friday evening prayer meetings are being held in the homes of church members for the remainder of the winter. We are now studying the Gospel of Matthew.

—Mary Brooks.

### CANSADA STALNAKER SUTTON

Our community was saddened Sabbath afternoon, January 5, by the death of Mrs. Cansada Sutton, wife of Deacon Francis Sutton of Berea, W. Va.

When she was very young her parents moved to Lost Creek, and later to the neighborhood of Berea. She made a profession of religion when she was eight years old and was baptized by Rev. Charles Burdick. She united with the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist



Deacon and Mrs. Francis Sutton

Church; later she was a member of the Pine Grove Church which later united with the Ritchie Church. She was a faithful member of the latter church at the time of her death.

On June 6, 1878, she was united in marriage with Francis Marion Sutton by Rev. Elisha Hall. They began housekeeping in a log house with homemade doors and glassless windows, where wooden pins served as nails. This home was located at the head of Sutton Run on Otter Slide. Land was cleared. Two other houses in succession

became their home on this same farm. The farm is still in the family possession though Frank and Cansada in their declining years retired to the village of Berea. Here they celebrated their sixty-seventh wedding anniversary last June 6.

To them were born eight children. Three have preceded their mother: Dora, Sheldon, and Andrew. The children surviving are Rev. Erlo E. Sutton of Denver, Colo.; Deacon Corlis Sutton and Grace Sutton of Berea; Shirley Sutton of Steubenville, Ohio; and Hollie Sutton of Buckhannon, W. Va. She is also survived by her husband; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Randolph of Berea and Mrs. Mattie Jett of Boulder, Colo.; one brother, Samuel Stalnaker of Orma, W. Va.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Eighty-five years of mingled joy and sorrow was her portion: the pleasures and hardships of pioneer days; the usual cares and blessings of rearing a large family; then more hardships than would seem her share, caring for a dependent daughter. Through all she revealed her quiet, patient character to the whole community.

Farewell services were conducted at her home church, in charge of her pastor, Rev. John Fitz Randolph, assisted by Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, grandson of the deceased. Interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

"Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her." Proverbs 31: 28.

J. F. R.

### Marriages

**Lewis - Bonham.** — Philip Hardin Lewis of Shiloh, N. J. (formerly of Stonefort, Ill.), and Jean Harris Bonham of Shiloh, were united in marriage at the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church on January 27, 1946. The ceremony was performed by the uncle of the bride, Rev. E. T. Harris, assisted by Pastor Lester Osborn. The newlyweds are residing at Salem, W. Va.

**Lewis - Hayes.** — Harold Maxson Lewis of Hopkinton, R. I., and Lena Dorothy Hayes of Mystic, Conn., were united in marriage on February 3, 1946, at Ashaway, R. I. The service was performed by Rev. Paul S. Burdick.

**Morse - Burdick.** — Kenneth G. Morse and Margaret E. Burdick, both of Brookfield, N. Y., were united in marriage February 9, 1946, at the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist church by Pastor Herbert L. Polan of Verona, N. Y., assisted by Pastor Jay W. Crofoot of Brookfield. Their home will be at 305 Rutger St., Utica, N. Y.

**Widman - Williams.** — Donald Widman and Miss Doris Mae Williams, both of Denver, Colo., were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist church of Denver on January 26, 1946, by Pastor Erlo E. Sutton.

### Obituary

**Boss.** — Erwin Greene, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., March 1, 1865, and died at Hope Valley February 3, 1946.

He was the son of Ashiel G. and Miranda Burdick Boss. He was baptized by Rev. James R. Irish and joined the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church February 26, 1881. He was married first to Mary Rathbun. After her death he was married to Mrs. Emma Wright, who also preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, and burial followed in Pine Grove Cemetery. P. S. B.

**Sutton.** — Amanda Cansada Stalnaker, daughter of Levi and Darinda Davis Stalnaker, was born August 31, 1860, at the head of Greenbriar Run, W. Va., and died at her home in Berea, W. Va., January 5, 1946. A more extended account of her life appears elsewhere in this issue.

### RECORDER WANT ADVERTISEMENTS

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## From Seventh Day Baptist Church Bulletins

The items on this page have been selected at random from the weekly church bulletins which come to the Sabbath Recorder office.

### TIME FOR PRAYER

Billy Sunday tells the story of a minister who was making calls. When he rang the bell of a certain home a little girl opened the door. He asked for her mother; and she asked, "Are you sick?" He said that he wasn't; she asked, "Are you hurt?" Again he said, "No." Then she asked if he knew of anyone sick or injured. When he replied that he did not, she said, "Then you can't see mama, for she prays from nine to ten o'clock." It was then twenty minutes after nine, but he sat down and waited forty minutes to see her.

At ten o'clock she came in with the light of glory on her face; and he knew why that home was so bright, he knew why her two sons were in the theological seminary and her girl was a missionary.

"All hell cannot tear a boy or girl away from a mother like that," comments Mr. Sunday. — Selected.

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I long to accomplish great and noble tasks, but it is my chief duty and joy to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble.

—Helen Keller.

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"I can't do everything, but I can do something; what I can do I ought to do; and what I ought to do, by the grace of God, I will do."

### "IF"

If you have God's promise for a thing, isn't that enough?

If you cannot give a good reason for what you are doing, there may be a good reason why you should not do it.

If God had no more mercy on us than we have on one another, the world would have been burned up a long while ago.

If some people would be a little more careful about where they step, those who follow them wouldn't stumble so much.

If God's light is shining in you, it will be sure to be seen by somebody who is traveling in the dark.

If we are faithful, God will look after our success.

If we do not rejoice in the Lord, the world will not believe that we know him.

—Selected.

### SECRET OF LIVING

Sanda Singh was traveling with a friend in a snowstorm. Nearly frozen with cold, they went on, and presently saw a dark object lying in the snow, which they knew to be the form of a man. The Sadhu stopped, but the other hurried on, saying, "We shall both perish if we stop."

Sanda picked up the almost dead man, and holding him close to himself, staggered on. He found that the heat from his own body revived the exhausted man, while he was glowing with warmth caused by his own exertion.

As they entered a village, a form could be seen lying in the path; it proved to be the frozen body of the friend who had hurried on to save his own life.

"He who would save his life shall lose it, and he who would lose his life shall save it." — Selected.

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"The godly man's prayers are his best biography, his most exact portrait."

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I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to what light I have. I must stand with anybody who stands right and part with him when he goes wrong.

—Abraham Lincoln.

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"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Matthew 25: 40.

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