

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT GENERAL CONFERENCE

A request for amnesty and restoration of civil liberties and rights to conscientious objectors, a stand against calendar revision, and a plea for church people to educate and legislate against the liquor traffic were among resolutions adopted by the one hundred thirty-fourth session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference meeting in annual session at Milton, Wis., August 20-25, 1946.

Carrying a full program of both business and inspiration, the Conference of Sabbath-keeping Baptists was marked by the largest attendance of delegates in recent history with church members and leaders present from all parts of the nation. President of the Conference, P. B. Hurley, businessman from Riverside, Calif., presided at all of the meetings and emphasized throughout the theme for the gathering, "First Things First."

Notable among the undertakings authorized by the official body of the denomination was the doubling of the amount to be raised in a special fund designated for rehabilitation of missionary enterprises. Started one year ago as a two-year project, the undertaking has been called the Second Century Fund to commemorate the beginning in 1947 of the second hundred years of foreign mission work by the group. The goal has now been set at twice the figure originally named. Another outstanding feature financially was the over-subscription of the United Budget for the year, announced as an accomplishment seldom before realized in the history of the denomination.

Complete texts of the resolutions are as follows:

Whereas our belief in the freedom of the individual conscience leads to regret that during the recent war many were penalized by imprisonment or by commitment to Civilian Public Service as conscientious objectors without pay for their work and ineligible for the government's benefits to those who for conscience sake joined the military service, and whereas many of these men are still in prison and in Civilian Public Service while members of the armed forces are being rapidly released; therefore be it

Resolved, That we convey to President Harry S. Truman our earnest desire and hope that amnesty and restoration of civil liberties and rights be granted to the conscientious objectors now in prison, and that those now in Civilian Public Service be released when they have served a period

of time comparable to that of those drafted into the armed forces of the United States.

Whereas strong forces are advocating a calendar revision which would destroy the continuity of the days of the week, and are urging this change upon the government of the United States and upon the United Nations; and

Whereas the week has come down unchanged from time immemorial and millions of people hold religiously sacred either the first day or the seventh day of the week and the obliteration of these days would constitute the cruelest kind of religious persecution to all Christians and Jews who conscientiously observe a specific day of the week as a day of rest and worship; therefore be it.

Resolved, That we represent and declare our sincerest opposition to any change of the calendar, such as the so-called "World Calendar," which would destroy the continuity of the days of the week, and be it further resolved that we bring this resolution to the attention of the President and Congress of the United States and the proper officers of the United Nations, and that we urge our people to enlighten others concerning the dangers to religion and conscience inherent in this proposed "World Calendar."

Conscious of the fact that the legalized liquor traffic is responsible for much immorality, alcoholism, and irreligion and many of the traffic accidents in our country; be it

Resolved, That we will not neglect to teach our children the dangers of intoxicating liquor, and that we appeal to our young adults to use their influence against the practice of social drinking; and be it further

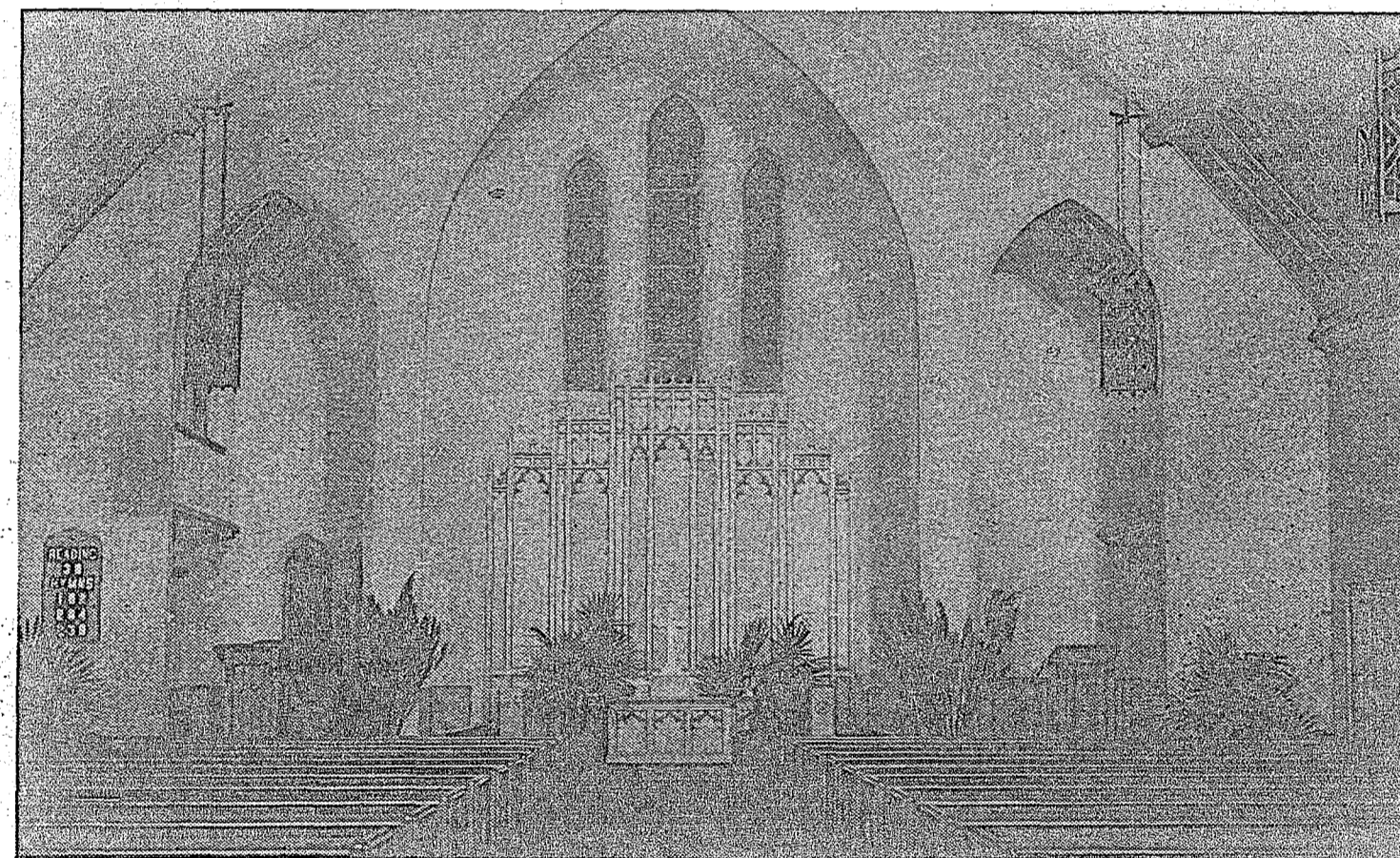
Resolved, That we call upon the members of all our churches to use every means possible under the laws of their several states to restrict the advertising and sale of alcoholic beverages.

SOME WHO ATTENDED

Alfred, N. Y.

Among the Alfred people attending the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, held at Milton, Wis., in August, were the following: Pastor and Mrs. Everett T. Harris and three sons; Dr. J. Nelson Norwood; Dr. and Mrs. Paul C. Saunders, Hannah, Stephen, and Philip; Dean and Mrs. A. E. Whitford; Dean and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond; Dean Dora Degen; Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Crandall; Mrs. Luella Straight; Rev. Edgar D. Van Horn; George Stillman; Charles Palmer; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Polan; Genevieve and Donald Polan; Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shaw; Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis; Rex Burdick; and Theodore Hibbard. — Alfred Sun.

The Sabbath Recorder



Interior of Milton, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church

"The main chapel of the Milton church . . . was full to capacity."

(See page 193 for summary report of General Conference.)

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Editorials

REPORTING BY LAY PEOPLE

A letter from one of our ministers came to the editor's desk a few weeks ago, a letter which carried the following significant paragraph:

I am trying to devise some way to get the reporting for the Recorder done by lay people. I have been trying, but not hard enough, for a year.

There is a basic statement—to get the reporting done by lay people. The lay people, as well as the pastors, should be contributing regularly to the Sabbath Recorder. If the Recorder is to serve its purpose to the fullest extent, all of its readers must contribute to it in some way. Possibly you can serve as official reporter for your church or church organization; volunteer to do so if your group does not now have a reporter. If you are asked to serve, do not refuse. While it does take time and effort, reporting is not difficult. Careful heed to a few fundamental rules of writing and preparing a manuscript is all that is necessary. The matter is discussed briefly, but adequately, in an editorial printed in the June 24 issue.

All of us, from time to time, have inspired thoughts that should be shared with Recorder readers. Perhaps a bit of poetry has given you special help, or a quotation from some great philosopher, teacher, or theologian has given significance to your thinking. Send it in for publication.

Unfortunately we are unable to print everything that comes to the office. Limitations in space and time often dictate against our desires to use material. But often what you contribute happens to be just what we need at the moment, or may meet a specific need at some future time. So, send in your contributions.

Please do not be too disappointed if what you send does not find its way into print immediately, but continue to contribute your ideas and thoughts, your letters and comments, your questions and clippings. Let us work together toward a better and better publication.

GRACE AT THE TABLE — WHAT DOES IT DO FOR YOU?

(Selected Editorial by Karl F. Westermann)

The blessings, before each meal, received for thanking God for the food one eats are so invisible that the persons who neglect this blessed privilege fail to realize what they are missing and to the persons who participate, they, too, have difficulty in proving in a tangible way to the thoughtless the value of this daily triple family approach to the throne of God.

Keeping in mind that the act in its execution is brief with the members of the entire family directing their thoughts in one direction toward the Giver of all good gifts, even for a moment, the Spirit does something to the guests which cannot be measured in one meal, but during one's lifetime this humble act of daily devotion does much to add to one's stature in a work-a-day world.

The blessing calms one's intellect, gives one confidence, cultivates good thoughts, makes for unity, strengthens one to say no, recognizes God's leadership, gives one a sense of God's hand on one's shoulder, strengthens one's humility, helps to steady one for his daily problems, a daily reminder of God's sovereignty. The words of grace are

the dynamo of our spiritual life that electrifies our feelings and sparks our association with others for good with its invisible current into the fibers of the family life.

If one is in a public dining room for a meal, the act of saying grace should be silent, to avoid ostentation. If at the morning meal, where the family often comes singly to the table, each one should remember this breath with God. With the family together, the head of the house should show his leadership, with small children repeating together their childhood thanksgiving verse.

The excuse that we have not time or in the event we have guests for a meal who are of a different faith, to ignore the saying of grace is as weak as it is repugnant, yet many, many homes pass by this simple and reverent approach to God in heaven. Jesus gave thanks before he fed the five thousand. Can we justify neglect in case of such irrefutable evidence?

Let us give thanks as we break bread consistently, repeatedly, and sincerely. The golden blessings accruing to the individuals participating may not be visible and cannot be heard, but surely become a part of one's being. — The Presbyterian.

GUEST EDITORIAL

EVERYDAY REMINDERS

How apt was the Master in making use of everyday reminders of things tending to point to God.

His work was largely among the class of people who lived close to nature. They were acquainted with the changes which took place in producing the green stalk and the ripened grain from a single kernel of wheat. They well knew the hindrances that might come to that little grain of wheat to prevent it from coming to the full development God intended for it. They could understand Christ's reference to the hard seedbed, the stony places, the thorns, etc. Because of their knowledge of these things, no doubt they were better prepared to apply this parable to their own spiritual condition.

Nicodemus was dumbfounded at the Lord's revelation to him of the new birth. Many people today seem to be just as doubtful as was Nicodemus. We are prone to look in

doubt upon the religious experiences of others if we have not had similar ones ourselves.

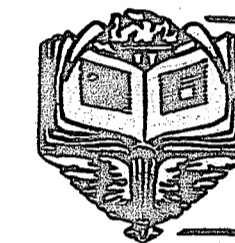
The frog lays its eggs in a proper place and the power of God works a miracle. The eggs are transformed into the polliwogs, the polliwogs into the fully developed frogs.

Our God whose power transformed the egg of the frog into a polliwog, and thence into the frog can and does, by the working of his Spirit, transform vile sinners into creatures of righteousness.

Paul, in speaking of this transformation in his own heart and life, says, "The things that I once loved, now I hate."

—C. B. Loofbourrow.

New Auburn, Wis.



**STUDY to show
thyslf approved
UNTO GOD**

THE EMBARRASSMENT OF SIN

By Rev. Edward M. Holston

Read John 3: 16-21

We hear of some daylight robberies, and some other evils that are so very bold that whether it be daylight or dark it doesn't matter. Even in such cases the culprits have to go at once into the dark places and stay hidden to avoid the embarrassment of facing judges and juries and prison cells, and perhaps the electric chair, for they are usually apprehended and suffer the consequences.

Sin is always an embarrassment, whether the sin be little or big, and it is strange how evildoers forget that thing when they are committing the evil in a dark corner, or at least in secret.

Sin has caused embarrassment even from the beginning. It is recorded that Adam and Eve hid themselves in the garden after their sin. The spirit of righteousness and the spirit of evil have always been in conflict in our world, and evil has always had to be ashamed and hide itself from the brilliance and purity of righteousness. The more righteousness asserts itself and lets its light shine, the more evil will have to hide in the dark and be ashamed and embarrassed.

Let's look at John 3: 19 again. "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil."

When Jesus came into the world evil had become pretty bold, but the perfectly pure life of the Christ was such a brilliant contrast that evil stood condemned and ashamed wherever he met it. In the presence of Christ at his own dinner table the embarrassment of Zacchaeus became so acute that he made a full confession and set himself and his family right before his God and his fellow townsmen.

Righteousness never needs to be ashamed or embarrassed. The more it is magnified and reflected, the farther back the darkness of evil will be pushed. In this very principle lie the winning tactics of the kingdom of God. Jesus said to his disciples in the beginning of his great sermon, "Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

In solving the problems of world peace these verses apply as urgently as at any time since they were written.

Righteousness and justice and truth do not need "iron curtains." In our personal lives they never need to be ashamed or embarrassed. In reflecting in our own lives the light that shone in the perfect character of Jesus Christ we can be bold; not unbecomingly bold, but modestly bold, courteously unashamed, never embarrassed to challenge evil and champion righteousness.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 1946

Jesus and the Law of Strangers

Basic Scripture—Exodus 22: 23; Deuteronomy 24: 14, 15, 17-22; 2 Chronicles 6: 32, 33; Matthew 25: 31-45; Galatians 3: 26-29; Hebrews 13: 2

Memory Selection—Matthew 25: 40

NEW DIRECTOR

Thomas A. Rymer, senior secretary of the Army and Navy Department of the YMCA, has been elected director of the General Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains, according to an announcement at the headquarters of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America.

In his new post Mr. Rymer succeeds Bishop Edwin F. Lee, who resigned at the end of last year to resume his work of the Methodist Church in the Far East. Mr. Rymer is a Presbyterian layman.



The United Budget of Conference is over the top! By \$600 or more, mind you!

What does that overflow require? First, a united people—united in desire and purpose, and one in consecration to Christ's kingdom. Second, a willing people—willing to be led into a worthy program. Third, money—not a moneyed people, please note! Then comes an overflow, and our denomination is able to go forward, putting first things first.

This united, willing, and giving people voted at the 1946 Conference to set \$50,000 as the minimum Second Century Fund goal, to replace the \$25,000 goal recommended previously. With \$24,000 — and more — pledged in the first year, we know this people will continue their support in this task which Seventh Day Baptists are endeavoring to accomplish for Christ.

David S. Clarke,
Secretary.

CAMPERS SEE MOTION PICTURES

Boys and girls and leaders of Lewis Camp this year were given an especially fine treat when moving pictures were shown in one of the camp buildings by Karl G. Stillman of Westerly, R. I.

Depicted on the screen were scenes of the Seventh Day Baptist annual conferences covering the past nine years. Familiar views were much enjoyed by the camp group. In addition to these pictures were beautiful scenes of New Hampshire shown in technicolor. — Westerly Sun.

END OF WORLD

"Our earth is degenerate in these latter days. There are signs that the world is coming to an end. Children no longer obey their parents. Everybody wants to write a book. The end of the world is near. . . ." No, this was not said by a religious educator of the 1946 postwar scene, but by an Egyptian priest in 4000 B.C. — W. W. Reid.

o "A thrilling conclusion . . . came when over twenty young men and women pledged themselves to full-time Christian service."

Milton Conference Declared Outstanding

—United Budget Oversubscribed; Special Mission Fund Doubled

THE MOST inspirational, the most encouraging, the most successful, the most largely attended—that is the way old-timers characterized the one hundred thirty-fourth annual General Conference of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination held in Milton, Wis., August 20-25, 1946. The opening session on Tuesday morning brought out the largest first session attendance in the memory of many present. The main chapel of the Milton church, where all of the general meetings were held, was full to capacity. The parlors at the rear were open and special bleachers were constructed in the balcony. Loud speakers carried the proceedings to an overflow audience in the basement of the church.

After congregational singing and special music, President Perley B. Hurley officially opened the Conference and reminded the delegates of the theme to pervade the gathering—"First Things First—Seek Ye First the Kingdom." The address of welcome was given by Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, pastor of the local church, and the response was made by O. B. Bond of Lost Creek, W. Va.

Following the appointment of committees and the presentation of numerous reports, Rev. Clyde A. Ehret of North Loup, Neb., read from the Scriptures and Rev. Erlo E. Sutton of Denver, Colo., offered prayer. The morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Trevah Sutton of Salemville, Pa., who took for his theme, "The Altar of Faith." The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton.

Tuesday afternoon's program consisted of an informal reception for women, a time for getting acquainted and renewing acquaintances, the meeting of committees, and a men's sing under the direction of Rev. Albert N. Rogers of Alfred Station, N. Y. The young people enjoyed a fellowship supper in the Milton Junction Methodist church.

Features of the first evening's session were a young people's sing directed by Kenneth A. Babcock of Milton, Wis.; a statement of Seventh Day Baptist needs by Mrs. Edna Wilkinson of Battle Creek, Mich.; reading of Scripture and prayer by Rev. Herbert L. Polan of Verona, N. Y.; an anthem, "Send Forth Thy Spirit," by the Conference choir; the sermon of the evening, "Taste and See," by Rev. Charles H. Bond of Little Genesee,

N. Y.; and the benediction by Rev. Edward M. Holston of Battle Creek, Mich.

Wednesday morning's general session began with congregational singing led by Kenneth A. Babcock. Rev. Ralph H. Coon of Richburg, N. Y., read Scripture and offered prayer. A dramatized devotional, "Seek Ye First," was presented by a cast of young people from Battle Creek, Mich. Christian Rural Fellowship was discussed by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn of Lost Creek, W. Va. Featured speaker of the hour was Dr. Aaron H. Rapping, professor at Hiwassee College, Madisonville, Tenn., and representative of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church. His message dealt with man's relationship to the demands of nature and the needs of society.

Christian Education

The afternoon session began with selections from the men's chorus. Rev. Albert Rogers, as president of the Board of Christian Education, had charge of the program which followed. Dean A. J. C. Bond of the Alfred School of Theology considered the matter of Seventh Day Baptists and higher education. Sabbath school was the topic discussed by Rev. Everett T. Harris of Alfred, N. Y., and Pastor Rex E. Zwiebel of Coudersport, Pa., spoke about youth fellowship. Enlistment and training for Christian service was presented by Rev. Harley H. Sutton, corresponding secretary of the education board.

With emphasis on Christian education in the local church, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson of Ashaway, R. I., took up the matter of leadership education; and Rev. Alton L. Wheeler of Battle Creek, Mich., explained audio-visual education. As a climax of the meeting, five first certificates of progress in leadership training were awarded by the International Council of Religious Education.

In the evening Dean Bond gave the Scripture and prayer, followed by the sermon, "Gospel Rest and the Sabbath," delivered by Rev. C. H. Dickinson.

"The Engrafted Word" was the sermon topic chosen for the Thursday morning session by Rev. A. L. Wheeler. The opening devotional period was conducted by Leland Davis, theological student from Shiloh, N. J.; and the Battle Creek young people presented another dramatized devotional on the Conference theme, "Seek Ye First." Rev. John Randolph of Berea, W. Va., began the service with prayer, and Rev. E. H. Bottoms of Leonardsville, N. Y., pronounced the benediction.

Tract Society

Interests of the American Sabbath Tract Society were given attention on Thursday afternoon. The president of the society, Franklin A. Langworthy of Plainfield, N. J., was introduced by Dr. H. C. Van Horn, who has just retired as corresponding secretary of the society and editor of the Sabbath Recorder after more than fifteen years of service. The new editor, K. Duane Hurley, led a symposium on Tract Society activities including writing, publishing, financing, and distributing tracts and other Christian literature. The value of publicity of this sort was emphasized by: L. H. North, manager of the publishing house, Plainfield, N. J.; Courtland V. Davis, recording secretary of the society, Plainfield; Pastor Wheeler from Battle Creek; and Rev. Harold E. Snide, pastor from Washington, D. C. The sermon for the afternoon was preached by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, corresponding secretary-elect. His subject was "Faith, Fields, and Future."

The evening service was led in Scripture and prayer by Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, Washington, D. C., followed by the sermon, "Ye Are the Temple of God," delivered by Chaplain Wayne R. Rood, who in September joins the faculty of the School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y.

Missionary Work

Missionary interests were spotlighted during the Friday morning meeting. The president of the Missionary Society, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Westerly, R. I., was in charge. Field work was discussed by Rev. David S. Clarke, assistant to the corresponding secretary of the society: Rev. Zack White, mis-

sionary pastor from Arkansas, considered home missionary work. Foreign work was presented by Dr. George Thorngate, for many years medical missionary to China, and more recently an officer in the Navy. Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I., treasurer of the Missionary Society, gave an encouraging report about the Second Century Fund, special money-raising campaign for rehabilitation of mission interest.

Highlight of the morning was a dramatization by a cast from Alfred, N. Y., of the story of an outstanding denominational missionary. Entitled "Susie Burdick Sets Her Face Toward China," the play was enacted by Mrs. Helen McFarland Thorngate, Russel Langworthy, George Thorngate, and Mrs. L. Ray Polan. Mrs. George Thorngate acted as narrator.

Scripture and prayer at the beginning of the session were given by Francis D. Saunders, pastor from Marlboro, N. J.

Women's Interests

Miss Mabel Head, official observer at sessions of the United Nations for the United Council of Church Women, was featured speaker during the Friday afternoon meeting, which was devoted to women's interests.

With the president of the Women's Board in charge, Mrs. James L. Skaggs of Salem, W. Va., the meeting centered around the theme of co-operation. "Co-operation in Operation" was the subject for Vivian B. Kimball, Walworth, Wis.; and Ottis Swiger, returned soldier from Salem, W. Va., discussed Christian responsibility for world peace. Mrs. Paul Maxson, Berlin, N. Y., conducted the opening devotional service. Inspiring moments of consecration in word and music closed the session, which was followed by a formal tea and reception for guests in the church basement.

The Sabbath eve service on Friday included a sermon by Rev. Claude L. Hill of Farina, Ill.; special music by the Conference choir and a male quartet; hymn singing by the young people; and an "after meeting" of testimony and consecration conducted by Rev. George B. Shaw, retired minister from Alfred, N. Y.

Sabbath sessions were given over entirely to regular worship services. A communion service was held at 9 a.m. in the Milton church, conducted by Rev. W. D. Burdick and Rev. Edwin B. Shaw, both of Milton.

Two morning worship services were held simultaneously, one in Milton and the other in Milton Junction, and both meeting places were filled to overflowing. Rev. Everett T. Harris and Dean Bond, both of Alfred, brought the sermons using the same subject, "Choose Ye This Day."

The afternoon worship program centered around a sermon by Rev. Hurley S. Warren, Plainfield, N. J., whose subject was "The More Abundant Life."

Special Music

Special music was a part of each service, the Conference choir, directed by Leman H. Stringer, providing the anthem and incidental music for the Milton services. Elizabeth Daland was organist. At Milton Junction, Gladys Fitz Randolph was guest organist, and the chorister was Ivan Fitz Randolph. The L'Aeolians, a women's ensemble from Los Angeles, Calif., directed by Lois Wells, also sang during the Sabbath service and were prominently featured throughout the Conference period.

The evening after the Sabbath was turned over to the young people, who reported on the various summer camps held this year. Their program, announced by Pastor Zwiebel, was replete with special numbers of music, both vocal and instrumental. As was the case each evening during Conference, the first several rows of seats in the auditorium were filled with young people who began the evening with ensemble singing of gospel songs led by Kenneth Babcock.

A thrilling conclusion for the formal part of the program came when over twenty young men and women pledged themselves to full-time Christian service as ministers or missionaries. After the regular service colored slides and motion pictures were shown.

Sunday activities began early in the morning with a fellowship breakfast attended by over one hundred eighty young people. A major portion of the general session of the morning was devoted to final business. A part of each morning and afternoon meeting was given over to such matters, with the entire delegation showing an unusual interest. One lady was heard to remark, "This is the first time I ever had to go early to a church business meeting in order to find a seat."

The sermons on Sunday were of a strong evangelistic nature, appropriately encouraging

the delegates to go back to their churches with a new vision for service. Rev. Gerald D. Hargis of Los Angeles, Calif., preached in the morning using as a theme, "Why Did Jesus Come?" Rev. Lester G. Osborn of Shiloh, N. J., spoke in the afternoon, using the challenging topic, "Seventh Day



Rev. Everett T. Harris
Newly-elected President of General Conference

Baptists Forward." Summing up the message of the entire Conference, Chaplain Leon Maltby of Fort Hood, Texas, brought the closing sermon on "That Margin of Power." During the closing meetings Scripture and prayer were given by Rev. Verney A. Wilson, Nortonville, Kan.; Theodore Hibbard, student of Alfred Theological Seminary; Rev. Burchard Loofbourrow, New Auburn, Wis.; Rev. James L. Skaggs, Salem, W. Va.; and Rev. Ralph Soper, Gentry, Ark.

New churches in Washington, D. C., and Putnam County, Fla., were welcomed in as members of General Conference by Mr. Osborn, acting in his capacity as vice-president of the group, and Mr. Harris, completing a term as vice-president, extended the right hand of fellowship to a number of ministers newly accredited by Conference: Kenneth Van Horn, Ralph Soper, Harold E. Snide, C. Harmon Dickinson, Victor Skaggs, Zack White, and Wardner Fitz Randolph.

Mr. Harris was elected president of General Conference for the coming year with the 1947 session to be held at Westerly, R. I. Chosen to serve on the Commission

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Christian Education

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

Sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

Young People Have Extensive Activities at Conference

About One Hundred Eighty Are Present to Participate

It was most encouraging to see about one hundred eighty young people at Conference. Kenneth Babcock led the retreat class in singing which was a preparation for the youth sing each night of Conference. It was a real thrill to hear them sing. Those who came in for Conference joined the retreat youth and made a large youth choir.

Young people helped with dramatized devotions, the Conference choir, held early morning prayer and evening prayer groups, had a special supper two nights, had a fun night on Thursday after the night program, and there were one hundred eighty out for the six o'clock breakfast on Sunday.

The Conference youth program was Saturday night when the camps were reported by youth and a few pastors. As part of the retreat report those who are in school for the ministry and all the young people who have committed themselves to full-time service came to the front of the church and stood facing the congregation as all were asked to pray for the blessing and guidance of God for their lives. It was an impressive sight. There were twenty five young people in the group.

BACK FROM CONFERENCE

Now we are back from Conference. Will we carry on in the spirit of enthusiasm and consecration in which we left Milton?

You pastors and Sabbath school officers must put the young folks to work so that their inspiration will not be lost. Use them in worship services so ideas gathered at the retreat can be put into action. Use them as teams to go out to homes of shut-ins, or orphan homes, county homes, etc., to conduct services, send them out as evangelistic teams to win other youth for Christ, the Sabbath, and the Church.

You adults, get into the harness of conducting leadership training classes and other definite programs in the Church.

Mrs. Arlie Davis of Phoenix, Ariz., led a meeting each afternoon for younger boys and girls and they gave a short program on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Davis made an appeal for more of a planned program for boys and girls at future Conferences.

Mrs. Curtis of Riverside, Calif., conducted meetings for the older boys and girls. It was my pleasure to help at one of these meetings and also a party on Sunday. Mrs. Gerald Hargis, Rev. Lester Osborn, Chaplain and Mrs. Maltby, Rev. Luther Crichlow also helped with these meetings; Lola Sutton and Clayton Stearns helped with the music.

There is need for more planned services for youth who are in the grades and high school as part of the Conference program. This was the common feeling of many.

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT IS WELL ATTENDED

Young people responded to the call for a pre-Conference retreat in a very encouraging way. There were forty-eight present, for all the program, and two for part, making a total of 50.

The Verona, N. Y., Church really deserved the banner for number and distance traveled. There were seven: Alden Vierow, Mayola and Dave Williams, Muriel Sholtz, William Arthur, Duane Davis, and Warren Stone.

Representing Battle Creek were Bob Fetherston, Dick Maxson, Evelyn Wilkinson, and Arthur Millar. From California came Dale Curtis of the Riverside Church. Sydney Davis and Rollesa Godfrey were from Hammond, La. The Lost Creek, W. Va., Church sent Lenora Williams, May and Alois Randolph, and Tom Bond. Irene Baldwin was from the Leonardsville Church. Alfreda Maltby was from the Adams Center Church; Lloyd, Jeane, and Marion Coon from Richburg, N. Y.; Clayton Stearns from Hebron, Pa.; Mary Jane Ormsby and Stanley Harris of Alfred; Elizabeth Ann Ormsby of Alfred

Religious Education Week

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

June 18, 1946.

Dear Dr. Ross:

I am glad to note that the sixteenth observance of Religious Education Week under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education will be held September 29 to October 6, 1946. It is my earnest hope that this observance will serve to emphasize the basic importance for democracy of religious education.

Since I wrote to you a year ago our last Axis foe has surrendered. I fear, however, that our task is not half finished. We are learning day by day that peace imposes responsibilities not less arduous than the tasks of active warfare.

Of one thing we are certain and that is that we cannot build an enduring peace structure unless we build it upon Christian principles. Religious instruction inculcates belief in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

These basic religious concepts are not intuitive; they must be learned; to be learned they must be taught. Unless they are learned the structure of democracy will crumble for want of moral cement; progress of democracy will halt for lack of spiritual dynamic. Democracy dare not neglect the religious nurture of its children, youth, and adults.

Very sincerely yours,
Harry S. Truman.

Rev. Dr. Roy G. Ross,
General Secretary,
The International Council of
Religious Education,
203 North Wabash Avenue,
Chicago 1, Ill.

Religious Education Week will be observed by 225,000 Protestant churches of forty denominations in the United States and Canada, as well as 173 state, provincial, and city councils of churches and religious education, according to Dr. Ross. Governmental, educational, and civic agencies will also have a part in many communities in an effort to give further emphasis to Christian teaching, he stated.

Station, N. Y.; Verna Mae, Wilma, and Alice Stephan of Nortonville, Kan.; Paul and Marilyn Sholtz from Chicago, Ill.; Jean Bailey and Jean Davis from Plainfield, N. J.; Arden Pederson and Warren North from New Auburn, Wis. From Milton were Marjorie Burdick, Jerry Davis, George Hurley, Beverly Burdick, Margaret Coon, Gene Michel, Helen Ruth Green, Edwin Shaw, Douglas Hulett, Dorothy Heinig. From Milton Junction there were Oscar and May Burdick. Ned Crandall of Hammond and Rex Brewer of Riverside were there part of the time.

There is much to say about the fine way these young people responded to the call for work and co-operation. It was a wholehearted response and certainly much was accomplished because of this response.

Rev. David Clarke led the group in a presentation of the missionary program of the denomination. My class was a study of youth work in the local church with emphasis on plans for the full year and special work on planning and conducting worship services.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bond and Mrs. Harriet Babcock were counsellors; Rev. Orville W. Babcock and Pastor Rex Zwiebel were co-directors; Rev. Kenneth Van Horn and Rev. Elmo F. Randolph were in charge of recreation; and Mr. Kenneth Babcock led the music class.

At a special service of dedication a number of young folks came out for full-time Christian service, some for the first public declaration.

From both young people and staff members came statements regarding the value received from the retreat. It will be hard to measure the results.

DATES SET FOR CONVENTION ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

July 23-27, 1947, are dates set for the Twenty-first International Convention on Christian Education which will bring together an estimated ten thousand volunteer Bible school teachers, superintendents, and officers, according to Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education. Sponsored by the Council, whose president is the Hon. Harold E. Stassen, the convention will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, he stated.

Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

United Council of Church Women to Meet

The third biennial assembly of the United Council of Church Women will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., from November 11 to 15, according to announcement made by Mrs. Harper Sibley, president, and Mrs. Ruth Mougey Worrell, executive secretary. Two thousand women, representing sixty-eight Protestant denominations included in the council's membership, are expected to attend. Representatives from fourteen countries have accepted invitations to attend, and others are expected. Delegates now registered are from Wales, England, Holland, Italy, Belgium, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Chile, Japan, China, India, Philippines, Canada, and probably Korea.

"Till we attain to the unity of faith" is the assembly theme. Plenary sessions will be held in the mornings and five luncheons will be held each day, when the theme of the day will be discussed under the leadership of outstanding speakers. In the afternoons the group will be divided according to the size of the cities from which delegates attend in order that discussions may be held in

terms of practical plans and methods of work. The World Church, Christian Social Relations, and Christian World Relations are among the themes to be discussed.

Evening sessions will feature speakers on pertinent themes. On November 11 a reception will be held by the Michigan women in the Pantlind Hotel for everyone attending the meeting.

Headquarters for the meetings will be in the Fountain Street Baptist Church, where all sessions will be held with the exception of the closing evening session, to be held in the Civic Auditorium. Plans are being made for representatives of each of the United Nations to be present and participate in the program.

Further details of the meeting may be secured by writing to the United Council of Church Women, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

DE RUYTER SOCIETY IS ACTIVE DURING CONFERENCE YEAR

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church have held twelve meetings during the Conference year. The total attendance at these meetings was ninety members and thirteen visitors, with the average attendance of a fraction over seven attending each meeting.

During the year two large quilts were pieced and tied which were given to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Burdick and Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Way (formerly Madalin Burdick). Several small baby quilts were also pieced and tied which were included in the packages of clothing sent for European relief.

The ladies of the society helped in the collection and packing of this clothing which totaled 230 pounds, 70 pounds of this being baby clothes. Six boxes were packed and sent to European refugees with Christmas gifts to help bring a little cheer to some discouraged hearts; thirteen Christmas boxes were packed and delivered to shut-ins here in our community.

THE MAN WITH THE CONSECRATED CAR

He couldn't speak before a crowd,
He couldn't teach a class
But when he came to Bible school
He brought the folks "en masse."

He couldn't sing to save his life,
In public, couldn't pray,
But always his "jalopy" was
Just crammed on each Lord's Day.

He'd round up all the neighbors' kids
From haunts where sins besmirch,
And give them training in C. E.
"For Christ and for the church."

And though he could not sing nor speak,
Nor teach, nor lead in prayer,
He listened well, he had a smile,
And he was always there—

With all the others whom he brought,
Who lived both near and far—
And God's work prospered, for he had
A consecrated car.

—Edith Williams.

As a small token of our appreciation of the inspiration and help that the Dickinsons had given us, we presented them with an all-wool rose colored blanket for their Christmas gift.

In April the ladies met to clean the church and York room, and the May activities included the giving of a stork shower for Mrs. Wendell Burdick and a farewell party for Rev. and Mrs. Dickinson and Alfred who left this pastorate May 28 to take up their new duties in Ashaway, R. I. During the course of the party, which incidentally was a community affair, a very lovely maple end table was presented to the Dickinsons as a farewell gift from the church. Four sunshine boxes have been reported sent to shut-ins, and a gift subscription to the new magazine "The Christian Life and Times" has been sent to Mr. Asa Cooper who has been confined to his home with heart trouble for a number of months.

The final event of the year was the June meeting in which the parsonage was cleaned to get it in readiness for the student pastor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler who have come to help us out this summer. They have expressed their grateful appreciation of the work of the Ladies' Aid.

Virginia Burdick,
Secretary.

MILTON CONFERENCE OUTSTANDING

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were Rev. Albert Rogers, chairman; and Kenneth Babcock, Rev. Alton Wheeler, Dr. Jay W. Crofoot, and P. B. Hurley.

Outstanding among the accomplishments of the Milton Conference was the over-subscription of the United Budget and the decision to double the Second Century Fund, making the goal \$50,000 to be raised by 1947 to help in the rebuilding of mission interests.

A variety of important activities was carried on in addition to the regular Conference program and committee meetings. Each morning two class periods were scheduled, particularly for young people. Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, Chicago, Ill., conducted a Personal Workers class, and Albyn Mackintosh, Los Angeles, Calif., presided over a Living What You Believe class. Each afternoon a Junior Conference was held for first to fourth graders, with Mrs. Arlie Davis, Phoenix,

Ariz., in charge. The group of little folks gave a demonstration for the larger Conference group Sunday afternoon. Numerous young people's get-togethers of various kinds were held. Every week-day mealtime was given over to special group meetings in a private room at the college cafeteria. Conference music was outstanding, with many special numbers heard in addition to the regular choir and ensemble selections.

Final tabulation listed at least 576 delegates from out of town, and Milton did an exceedingly efficient job of entertaining. The local steering committee was as follows: T. G. Lippincott, general chairman; D. N. Inglis, Rev. Elmo Randolph, Rev. O. W. Babcock, Rev. Greene, Carl Gray, and Mrs. Arthur Drake.

The committee chairmen were Miss Marjorie Burdick, registration and entertainment; Carroll L. Hill, meals; F. B. Coon, transportation and publicity; E. J. Rood, section and committee rooms; Mrs. T. H. Ochs, rest rooms; T. H. Ochs, ushers; Dr. G. E. Crosley, health and sanitation; and Mrs. R. S. Howard, decorations.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

of which he became a deacon nearly a year ago. He has a very pleasing tenor voice and takes an important place in the church choir.

Mr. Pieters' new partner is Burton P. Werts, son of Mrs. George McDonough of Olean. In 1936 he was graduated from the U. S. Navy Cooks' and Bakers' School at San Diego, to which he later returned as an instructor. He had experience in his trade aboard ten different ships; the ones he served on most recently being the Hornet and the Lexington.

Mr. Werts, with his wife, formerly Miss Jeannette Rogers of Jamestown, came to Alfred in February to take a course in the Ag-Tech Institute. He soon became acquainted with Mr. Pieters and interested in the bakery. Their decision to go into partnership is welcome news to Alfred people, who will realize that such a combination of partners can hardly be surpassed.

—Alfred Sun.

"You never whitewash yourself by smearing somebody else."

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 SOCIETY REVEALS VARIED ACTIVITIES

(A continuation of the One Hundred Fourth Annual Report of the Board of Managers)

IV. Germany

Nothing has come directly to the board during the year from our churches in Germany; but Brother Heinrich Bruhn of Hamburg, treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in Germany, wrote Dr. Corliss F. Randolph April 1, 1946. Dr. Randolph kindly shared this letter with the Missionary Board and it is given below.

Hamburg 39, den 1 April 1946
Alsterdorferstrasse 345

Dear Brother Randolph:

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

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

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

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

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

Faithfully yours,

Heinrich Bruhn.

The committee to promote the Second Century Fund plans to send a representative to Germany for the purpose of learning their needs and encouraging them.

V. Holland and Java

At the time of the last annual report, very little was known about conditions in Holland and Java. This was because, on account of the war, communication had been impossible. But during the year several letters have been received from Brother G. Zijlstra and Pastor Pieter Taekema. From these letters we learn that our brethren in Holland have suffered severely from the war, but are carrying on with enthusiasm. The mission in Java, which the Seventh Day Baptist churches in Holland were fostering, has fared worse. Some Sev-

enth Day Baptists lost their lives during the war, and others have returned to Holland.

During the war we were unable to send the usual appropriation to support the work in Holland and the churches took care of the work financially. The past year they have concluded they are able to continue this, and have notified the board to that effect, expressing their gratitude for the help in years past.

VI. Jamaica, British West Indies

Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph has continued as representative of the board in Jamaica, and from all reports it has been a prosperous year.

Pastors N. H. Grant and C. S. Lyons and Mrs. Emily Smikle have continued as pastors throughout the year, and others have been engaged in the work part of the year. Among others mentioned in reports are Vernon Burke, A. S. Finn, and R. Henriques.

During the year the board bought property adjoining the church owned by the board in Kingston. This property is now being used as a parsonage and for church purposes, and can be used as a school, if a school should be located in Kingston.

The board plans to send a representative to Jamaica this fall for the purpose of encouraging the workers and advising regarding the work. Also the board is arranging to bring a student to Alfred this fall who is preparing for the Christian ministry.

VII. British Guiana, South America

For a number of years, Seventh Day Baptists in British Guiana, under the leadership of William A. Berry, carried forward the work without financial help. Churches were organized, and after a time our Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, England, gave substantial aid to the workers. After the war broke out, the London Church was unable to send them help and the Missionary Board made a small appropriation to aid Pastor William A. Berry to continue the work. The churches increased till there were

about 200 members; but last winter (January 15, 1946) Brother Berry passed away after a lingering illness and the work was left in uncertainty and confusion. It is hoped, now that the war is over, the London Church will again be able to direct the work in British Guiana.

VIII. Home Field

When our forefathers, one hundred four years past, founded the Missionary Society, they organized it to promote both home and foreign missions. This plan has its advantages, but it lays double tasks on the members of the board and is different from the plan followed by most denominations.

As usually conducted by the board, home missions include organization of churches, aiding small churches to support their pastors, assigning ministers as general missionaries over certain sections, employing evangelists, sending out evangelistic literature, conducting the Missions Department of the Sabbath Recorder, and promoting the kingdom of Christ in the home field by every means possible. About one fourth of our churches are aided by the board in supporting their pastors and all receive the help of the Missions Department of the Sabbath Recorder and evangelistic literature sent to the pastors. Pastors whom the board helps support are called missionary pastors.

The work on the home field extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to the Gulf, and it is helpful in reporting to consider the work by associations, of which there are seven—the Eastern, Central, Western, Southeastern, Southwestern, Northwestern, and Pacific Coast.

Eastern and Central Associations

The Eastern and Central Associations, which include the churches in New England, New Jersey, and eastern New York, have not received much help during the year; but a request has come from one of them for help in the support of its pastor. The board has continued to help pay the traveling expense of Rev. Herbert L. Polan, Verona, N. Y., that he may visit our church in Syracuse, N. Y., regularly and act as its pastor.

Western Association

The Western Association is composed of the churches in western New York and northwestern Pennsylvania. Only two churches have received help in the support of pastors

during the year, and these are the First and Second Hebron churches, both located in Pennsylvania. At the time of the last annual report, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel had become pastor of these churches and the board was aiding in his support. This plan has been continued during the year. Neither of these churches had a parsonage and the housing problem became acute. To solve the problem the First Hebron Church built a parsonage. It is located near the church on land owned by it and also on which there is a commodious community house. In order to build the parsonage, the church borrowed money from the Memorial Board, and will endeavor to make yearly payments.

Southeastern Association

The Southeastern Association comprises the churches of southwestern Pennsylvania, West Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. There has been an appropriation for three of these churches, but only two have received help during the year.

Rev. Trevah R. Sutton has served the church at Salemville, Pa., as missionary pastor throughout the year. Rev. John F. Randolph has continued as missionary pastor of the church in Berea, W. Va.

Rev. James L. Skaggs, pastor at Salem, W. Va., has had regular appointments in Middle Island, W. Va., and has been recognized as pastor of that church; but to date the board has not aided in his support.

Southwestern Association

The Southwestern Association is composed of churches south of the Ohio River, west of Georgia, and east of the Rocky Mountains.

At the time of the last report, Rev. Clifford A. Beebe was serving as missionary pastor at Fouke and Little Prairie, Ark. During the year he accepted the call of the church at Gentry, Ark., and moved his family there. He has done some field work in addition to his pastoral work. The Fouke Church has employed Brother Ralph M. Soper and is endeavoring to support him.

Rev. Zack H. White has continued as general missionary in the Southwest throughout the entire year, and has done considerable field work besides serving the church at Nady, Ark., as missionary pastor.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church in Hammond, La., is still without a pastor, but faith-

ful members are keeping up the work the best they can.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church at Edinburg, Tex., which was without a pastor one year past, has been unable to secure one.

Northwestern Association

The Northwestern Association comprises churches in the states west of Pennsylvania, north of the Ohio River, and east of the Rocky Mountains.

During the year the church at Boulder, Colo., which has been receiving help in supporting its pastor, decided to undertake the entire support of its pastor.

Rev. Neal D. Mills has continued as missionary pastor of the church in New Auburn, Wis.

Rev. David S. Clarke, who was serving the church at Jackson Center, Ohio, became assistant to the corresponding secretary and field worker in December, and that church has not succeeded in securing another pastor.

Rev. Verney A. Wilson has continued as missionary pastor of our church in Nortonville, Kan.

Pacific Coast Association

The Pacific Coast Association includes the churches on the Pacific Coast.

During the year the board has aided only one church in the Pacific Coast Association and that church is Los Angeles, Calif. Rev. Gerald D. Hargis has served the church as missionary pastor throughout the year.

(To be concluded in the next issue.)

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

Children's Page



OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Tuesday, June 4. What a strange feeling to leave my country, if only for a day or two. We passed Canadian inspection at the border of Maine and New Brunswick and from St. John took a boat, Princess Helene, in order to cross the Bay of Fundy. We couldn't cross that night but slept on the boat until morning, because the tide in this bay is seventy feet—very dangerous and the highest in the world. Next morning we sailed and in a few hours landed in Nova Scotia. We drove to Halifax, the city where Aunt Dorothy was born and lived when she was a little girl. It is colder in Halifax and they were just planting their flowers in June. This is the land of Evangeline—a story of the French and Indian War, written in poetry by the New England writer—Longfellow.

Sabbath, June 8. On our return from Halifax to New York City we came along the Atlantic Coast where we could see the ocean most of the time. We came through Bangor and Portland, Me.; Gloucester, Mass., famous for its fishing; Salem, Mass., where long ago people were burned at the stake for witchcraft; back to Cambridge to get our mail, and I received eleven letters from

home; then we returned to New Bedford to Aunt Dorothy's stepmother's to rest and make ready for our long voyage. Here I got to talk to my home folks over the telephone. It was grand to hear their voices.

Friday, June 21. Today we drove two hundred miles, from New Bedford to New York City and saw our ship, the S.S. Argentina, dock. It is a beautiful big ship and I'll try to find out more to tell you about it.

Tuesday, June 25. This is a red letter day—the beginning of my first ocean voyage; we sail at 3 p.m. on the S.S. Argentina for Eire (old Ireland).

The Argentina we learn was formerly a luxury liner on the South American run, as her name would indicate. She has been carrying troops, two thousand at a time, during the war. This is her first strictly civilian crossing since the war, hence many things remain, such as the iron bunks three in a tier even in the de luxe cabin, and the signs which glow at night, such as "Emergency panel — kick in," "Abandon ship," etc. Sleeping in a bunk makes you have sympathy for the dishes on the cupboard shelf.

The Argentina has her entire front hold filled with rock and poured solid with cement, so that if she hits a mine the damage will be slight. It is also exciting to learn that all the crew are receiving \$2.50 per day bonus after the third day out at sea for being in dangerous waters.

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of felt like crying and I looked up and saw tears on Uncle Joe's face, too. We left the Argentina exactly seven days to the hour of the time we sailed. My next letter will be from Ireland. Sincerely,

Venita Vincent.

Dear Venita:

Just a line to let you know that I'm enjoying your letters and am looking forward to your next one. Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Uncle Joe is very clever and interested in seeing, doing, and knowing many things; so we got to go to the captain's bridge—that is the high part of the ship from which the ones in charge of the ship can see best. In the bridge we saw by radar another ship twelve miles away and learned that this instrument can pick up the image of a small buoy floating eighty miles away. Isn't that almost unbelievable? Up here also is an instrument for detecting torpedoes. It gives a screeching sound and the ship turns to meet the torpedo head on so that no damage is done. It was only invented in the last year of the war.

My seven days aboard the Argentina were full of fun and pleasure. Since the ship was not equipped for amusement, we made our own fun which is often best after all. On the second day out all the children were called together and any who would take part in a program of singing, dancing, or entertainment were asked to help out. Thus we started practice for the gang review. In that way we became acquainted and had lots of fun. We had a parade the day of the show and since I had my baton along to practice with, I got the privilege of leading the parade. It was silly—nobody could march very well; but we had lots of fun trying, and the adults had fun laughing at us. One night we had a movie, another an "Irish get-together" at which both children and adults played games such as "musical chairs," sang songs, had spelling contests, etc.

We must have headed into the North Atlantic for almost all of the twenty-four hours was daylight it seemed to me. We had three days of warm smooth sailing, then rough and stormy till the last day. But we didn't get seasick.

The passengers were mostly English and Irish going home for the first time since the war. Among them were eight Catholic priests, one of whom bestowed his blessing on us at parting at Uncle Joe's request even though we were Presbyterian and Seventh Day Baptist. I discovered when we went to church on ship board that only about 10 to 15 per cent were Protestant—the remaining were Catholic and Jewish. Out of five hundred passengers, three hundred got off at Ireland where we did. As we disembarked we sang "Old Lang Syne"—I sort

WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

De Ruyter, N. Y.

Lyman A. Coon, well known and highly respected proprietor of our local I. G. A. store, after thirty-six years of service to the buying public, has decided to retire from the business.

When asked what he intended to do now, Mr. Coon replied that he was going to enjoy a much needed vacation for a time at least. All who have traded with or known Mr. Coon personally, regret to see him retire from business. We all wish him luck in whatever new venture he may undertake.
—De Ruyter Gleaner.

Salemville, Pa.

The annual church business meeting was held the evening of July 14. The usual day meeting preceded by dinner was waived this year due to the nearness to the association. Election of officers was as follows: moderator, Jerome Boyd; clerk, Sherman Kagarise; treasurer, Albert Blough; pianist, Mrs. Mildred Robinette, and assistant, Mrs. Mary Blough; chorister, Miss Carol Kagarise, and assistant, Warren Lippincott; junior superintendent, Pastor Sutton, and assistant, Mrs. Sutton; church correspondent, Mrs. Mary Blough; trustee for three years, John Kagarise; and solicitor, Jerome Boyd.

The Junior Fellowship elected officers for six months as follows: president, Shirley Boyd; vice-president, Floyd Robinette; secretary, Denise Kagarise; assistant secretary, Lois Kagarise; treasurer, Albert Ranker; assistant treasurer, Dennis Mellott. Mrs. Sutton will act as cashier.

The union Sabbath school picnic of the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist groups was held at Bortz's Woods Sunday, August 11. Although the day was cool a fair number gathered for this fellowship.

The young people's camp sponsored by the Southeastern Association of Seventh Day Baptist churches was held August 4-9, 1946, at 4-H Camp Caesar ten miles southwest of Webster Springs, W. Va. The five staff members were Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Lost Creek, W. Va.; Miss Greta F. Randolph, Middle Island (New Milton, W. Va.); Rev. Charles H. Bond, Little Genesee, N. Y.; Miss Carol Kagarise and Pastor Sutton, Salemville (New Enterprise, Pa.). There were forty-seven campers of which eleven were from Salemville churches, ten from ours and one from the German Seventh Day Baptist church.

During the week following the association Rev. Leslie O. Greene of Salem, W. Va., visited several homes and spoke at services during the weekend of July 5-7. Mr. Greene is promoter of evangelism and his work is sponsored by the Women's Board. He emphasized personal Christian work.

—Church Echo.

Alfred, N. Y.

Henry E. Pieters, local baker since 1915, is about to take a partner in his business. Mr. Pieters came to Alfred from Haarlem, Holland, in 1907. He came here because he was a Seventh Day Baptist and because friends from Holland had preceded him here. After he had been here a year and a half, he went to Shiloh, N. J., where he started a bakery. There he remained for six years, during which time he was married.

In 1915, he came back to Alfred and since then the Pieters Bakery has been continuously an important part of the business of Alfred. The superiority of his baked goods has won him a wide reputation. . . .

Henry Pieters has long been a member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church

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FAITH is the keynote, **TRUST** is the foundation, and **CONSECRATION** is the way of service for Seventh Day Baptist churches, people, and boards that by the guidance and power of God Almighty the cross of Christian warfare may become the crown of peace, and our victory shall be the victory of faith. — Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, speaking during the Tract Society hour at General Conference.

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FIRST THINGS FIRST

Seek Ye First the KINGDOM

Feed on the WORD

Systematically Memorize the SCRIPTURES

Make Positive, Permanent Connection with the Power Plant of Heaven.

PRAYER IS POWER

(The above are items from the cover of the printed programs of Conference.)