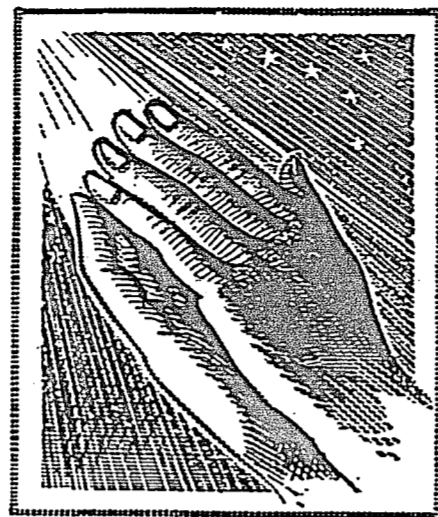


## Conference Young People and PRAYER

By Allen Bond



PROBABLY ONE of the greatest factors behind the success of our recent General Conference was the great volume of prayer sent to the Throne of Grace, asking for God's blessing. Even while Conference was going on, prayer was continuing to rise from individuals and from informal gatherings of those who felt a burden to pray. The presence of so many young people at the Conference meetings spoke hopefully for the future of our denomination, but the presence of many of these same young people at some of these prayer groups was perhaps even more significant.

One such prayer group was begun during the pre-Conference retreat, and although it met only two mornings, it did much to unite these young people in purpose and service, as well as in fellowship. This group would have continued throughout Conference if there had been a convenient time in the morning for meeting. These two half-hour periods may seem to be of minor importance, but to those who attended, these moments of vital contact with God will stand out as highlights.

Another prayer group was begun the second night of Conference, after the evening service. Only eleven attended that first night, but as others found out about this group, the attendance increased. Altogether, thirty or forty young people must have joined with this group at one time or another. Sunday night our last prayer group was held, and it was with real reluctance that we separated, knowing that we would not have another such opportunity until our next General Conference. Yet we are still united by a tie that distance can't sever, and as a group of young people we are united in the prayer that our denomination might be revived, that our churches might become enthusiastic, that our missionary enterprises might bear much fruit, that our pastors and leaders might become

more evangelistic in presenting the simple gospel, and that we might each one receive personal cleansing and spiritual power. We young people want the older folks to know that we feel a burden for our denominational needs. We need your prayers now, and we will need your backing when we are ready to go out on the home and foreign fields in the service of our Master.

### LIFE WORK DEDICATIONS

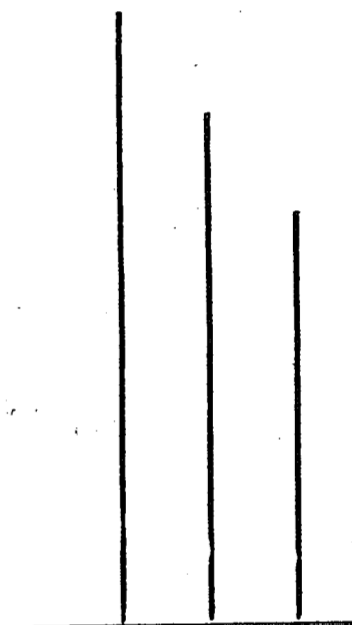
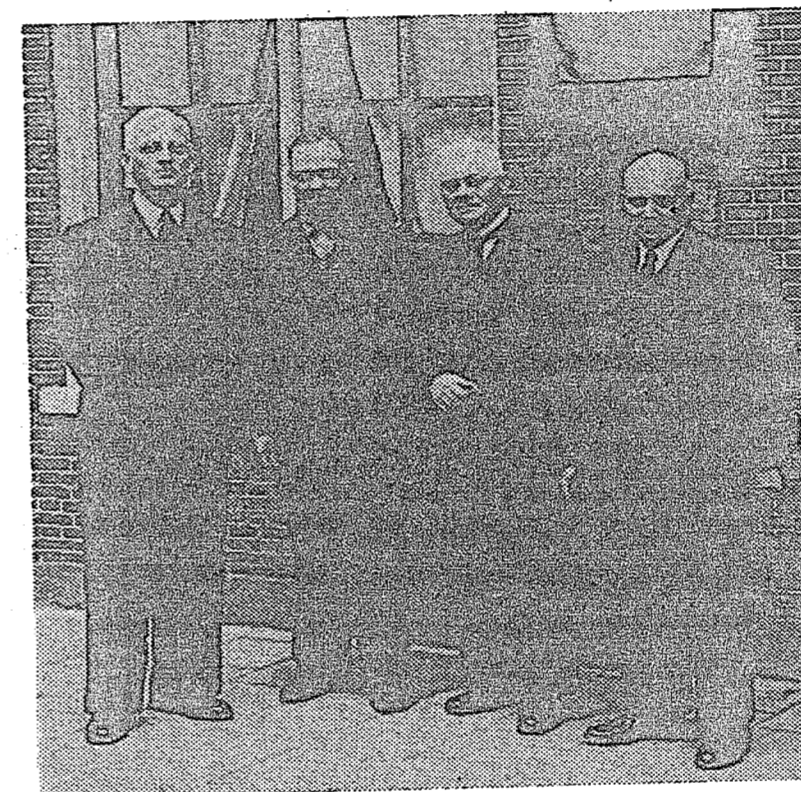
The following young people were in the dedication group Sabbath night of Conference, pledging themselves to full-time Christian service.

- Alois Randolph, Lost Creek, W. Va.
- Theodore Hibbard, Alfred, N. Y.
- Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bond, Chicago, Ill.
- Duane Davis, Verona, N. Y.
- Jeanne and Marion Coon, Richburg, N. Y.
- Oscar Burdick, Milton Junction, Wis.
- Don Sanford, Little Genesee, N. Y.
- Mr. and Mrs. Leland Davis, Shiloh, N. J.
- Carl Maxson, Alfred, N. Y.
- Alice Fatato, Schenectady, N. Y.
- Janet Bullock, Berlin, N. Y.
- Mr. and Mrs. Rex Burdick, Alfred, N. Y.
- Robert Lippincott, Battle Creek, Mich.
- Helen Ruth Greene, Milton, Wis.
- Stanley Harris, Alfred, N. Y.
- Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Wheeler, De Ruyter, N. Y.
- Mr. and Mrs. Francis Saunders, Marlboro, N. J.
- David Pearson, Amsterdam, N. Y.
- David Williams, Verona, N. Y.

"A number of young people have pledged themselves, with God's guidance, to give their lives in Christian service. . . . How well trained are YOU to be the hands, and feet, and voice—a living testimony—of Christ?"—Rev. Harley Sutton, speaking at General Conference.

## The Sabbath

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## Editorials

### A TURNING POINT

It is my firm conviction that 1946 and 1947 will mark the turning point in our denominational existence and that in future years it will be recalled that from this very year on, our denomination aggressively increased in membership and power.

In these words one Conference speaker characterized present denominational trends. Almost all of the other speakers in some way expressed the same hopeful attitude, and indications are that the declarations are more than mere wishful thinking. For one thing, church members as a whole seem ready and willing to work with deepening consecration on programs of advancement. For another, church leaders have presented a number of progressive goals toward which to aim. And finally, there is evidence of a renewed personal readiness for each one to yield himself more fully to God's will and accept more completely Christ's sacrifice.

Among the challenges presented last month at the Milton gathering or suggested by groups and individuals are the following:

To engage in an intensive, unified program of evangelism, with all churches, boards, denominational leaders, pastors, and parishioners co-operating and with Seventh Day Baptists contributing their share in interdenominational and world-wide soul winning endeavors.

To make every effort toward the establishment of at least one new church in every association during the coming year.

To strive for no less than one thousand new church members within the next twelve-month period. (Some churches have already started campaigns to double their membership in ten years.)

To pledge and raise the total amount of the doubled Second Century Fund—\$50,000—before next Conference time.

To contribute so liberally to church work that the enlarged Denominational Budget may again be oversubscribed and local church activities can be extended.

To spread the gospel and the message of Seventh Day Baptists more effectively and widely by joining the Tract-a-Month Club and in other ways distributing denominational literature.

To engage in more intensive programs of church advertising.

To promote the vocational interests of the denomination by co-operating fully with the Vocational Committee.

To do our share toward world-wide relief and rehabilitation.

To make our homes 100 per cent Victory Homes, in which every member is a Christian, every member attends the services of the church regularly, and every member participates in daily devotions.

To make daily living more meaningful through contacts with Christian Rural Fellowship and by giving attention to religious education and other worth-while Christian undertakings.

The challenges are large; the opportunities are many. What will we do about them? The ideal weather enjoyed during Conference week was—we sincerely pray—

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an auspicious omen of "clear sailing" ahead, with a spirit of mutual understanding and unqualified co-operation at the helm.

That the prayer room at Conference was almost constantly in use is heartening. There is every reason to believe that the same earnest dependence upon the Infinite will continue during the year. And projects which are entered upon with Divine leadership are destined to have God's blessing.

Seventh Day Baptist undertakings are receiving favorable notice from both the larger Christian fellowships and the secular world. The editor had an opportunity to help with newspaper publicity during the time the Commission was in session and on a number of occasions during Conference week. To see how information about denominational activities was received was inspiring. News releases were written for local papers in Wisconsin; some releases went to the major news services; others were submitted to papers in Seventh Day Baptist communities across the country; and a number of articles were submitted to religious publications. An unusually fine response was evident, resulting in wide publicity for the denomination. If we make news, there is no reason why the world should not hear about it.

Just a few people, with a common, consecrated purpose, can start great movements. It is not visionary dreaming to believe that Seventh Day Baptists could well give the initial impetus to a tremendous, heart-stirring, soul-satisfying campaign of betterment for mankind through Christ and the Church.

An insignificant, almost unnoticed remark at Conference might well take on a larger meaning and become the call to action during coming months. The comment was made just before an evening service. The prelude was being played on the organ. Choir members were standing in line ready to file into the choir loft and take their places. As the appropriate moment arrived, the choir director, who had been waiting at the door where the men of the choir enter, turned with sudden anticipation and remarked in quiet but challenging confidence, "All right, men. Let's go!"

All right. Let's go! That is the stirring command of the hour, and we feel sure the call comes from On High. "We are on the threshold of substantial achievements," a

Conference speaker told us. All right. Let's go. Let's step boldly, confidently, devotedly into the future.

### IT SEEMS TO ME

That Seventh Day Baptist churches should increase the usefulness of their Sabbath schools by inviting more outsiders to attend.

Statistics recently revealed for one of the smaller Sunday-keeping denominations show that nearly twice the total church membership regularly attend the weekend Bible school. Many of our churches are ideally located to render comparable service.

For the most part our Bible schools are well equipped and well staffed. What we teach is orthodox and sound, suitable for students of any faith or no faith. Our facilities are not being used to capacity, and in the immediate neighborhood of most of our churches are many, many children and adults who do not have the advantage of any Christian training. We are missing an opportunity—and an obligation—if we do not urge the people of our communities to become students in our Sabbath schools. Ours is a unique position, for we can provide this much needed service even to those non-Sabbath keepers who have come to consider Sunday the day for traveling, picnicking, boating, golfing, or loafing. They can have all this—and Bible teaching, too—if Seventh Day Baptists open their Sabbath schools to them.

### PIN POINT EDITORIALS

A wise man once said, "If someone has wronged you and you get revenge, you will be happy for an instant. If you forgive him, you will be happy forever." — Selected.

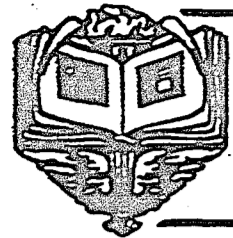
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### Begin in the Church

The church often fails because it follows the methods of the conqueror—a method in which the leader seeks to impose his will upon life and therefore he never escapes himself. The church becomes the living church of Christ when those who make it up are more than conquerors! Conquered by divine purpose, freed by the power of Christ to grow, glorying in the victor who has possessed the soul!

The church must become the church in the local unit and be bound together through the fellowship of love and common devotion to the service of men until divisions disappear, until the unity we would have in the world, we will have achieved in the church, of Christ all over the world.

—Roy A. Burkhart.



**STUDY to show  
thyself approved  
UNTO GOD**

**THE COMFORTER**

By Rev. Edward M. Holston

Read Isaiah 61

Is it not reassuring to know that today—every day, whenever temptations cast over us their power, when the tempests of life beat upon us, when we are pressed by the foe—we have a refuge to which we can flee, a place of safety for the harassed spirit, the Rock of Ages. "God is our refuge and strength."

Isaiah was a great prophet of God. We call him a major prophet because his prophecies were more numerous than others. But he was major in another sense; he, as God's mouthpiece, uttered some great prophecies.

There is uncertainty as to the interpretation of many prophecies of Scripture, but there is no uncertainty concerning this one. We are certain this refers to Jesus the Messiah, for Jesus himself quotes it in the synagogue in Nazareth, his home town, and he told his old neighbors there where he had grown up that this prophecy was fulfilled in himself. For our brief study let us look at that third verse.

"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion." The object there is understood. It is gladness and joy: "To appoint joy and gladness to them that mourn in Zion" ("To give unto them beauty for ashes"—truly an Oriental figure). In times of mourning the Jews put on sackcloth, or coarse and sordid raiment, and spread dust and ashes on their heads. But in times of joy and gladness they adorned themselves in beautiful garments and poured fragrant ointment on their heads.

This Messiah, said the prophet, was to substitute "the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness." Listen again—"that they might be called trees of righteousness." Literally in Hebrew it reads, "oaks of righteousness."

Few objects in Palestine are more striking than the great oaks, many of them live oaks which are a beautiful glossy green the year round. The oak has always been a symbol of strength, stability, and sturdiness—"The

planting of the Lord that he might be glorified."

Jesus Christ came to make that transformation in folks, and he is doing it in a wonderful manner today. If you are one who is not receiving such a blessing through the companionship of this Jesus, try it today. Let him give unto you beauty for ashes, oil of joy for mourning. Let the Lord plant you as an oak of righteousness.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON  
FOR OCTOBER 12, 1946**

**Paul Makes a New Start**

**Basic Scripture—Acts 8: 1-3; 9: 1-19a; 22: 4-16; 26: 9-18; 1 Corinthians 15: 8-10; Galatians 1: 11-16.  
Memory Selection—1 Timothy 1: 15**

*Conference President Says:*

**Saved to Serve**

It is now over a month since the inspiring sessions of General Conference at Milton came to a close. The theme, "First Things First," has been imprinted on our hearts and minds in a way that we shall never forget.

Now, what shall we choose for a rallying theme which will carry on the fine spirit and will strengthen the high resolves of last year? Several suggestions have been brought to the president's attention, but the one that seems most meaningful is "Saved to Serve," and the Scriptural background for this theme might well be the words of the Master when he called Simon Peter and Andrew, his brother: "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men."

There are two parts to this text: first, the call of Jesus to follow him, in the doing of which we shall be saved; and, second, his promise to make us become something worth while in his kingdom. That is, the followers of Jesus are "Saved to Serve."

The term, **SAVED**, surely needs to be rethought and restated in words that tie into present day reality, and surely all the personal and social implications of what it means to **SERVE** are worthy of emphasis by our leaders and people during the coming year.

Will you think deeply on this theme and let me know your reaction and suggestions? The Conference president hopes to visit some of our churches, upon invitation, as a part of a correlated program worked out by the secretaries of our boards. The secretaries are planning to meet with me during the latter

° The Holy Spirit was truly "trying men's souls" during our meetings.

*Southwestern Association Meets at Fouke*  
— "A Shining Light for Jesus" Is Theme

By Mrs. Austa Coalwell

**WITH THE THEME**, "A Shining Light for Jesus," at its heart, the Southwestern Association meeting at Fouke, Ark., August 1-4, was inspired and led by the Holy Spirit from the opening address by the president, N. O. Monroe, to the welcoming of new followers of Jesus at its close. Brother Zack White brought a message from Isaiah 1 at the opening session, with the thought that we must "worship in the right spirit, with the heart," and in the afternoon Brother Ralph Soper added to that by his thought that "the nearer you live to Christ today, the less trouble you will have tomorrow."

Pictures of the life of Christ were shown in the evening with a talk by Brother Zack White. Many times pictures can speak to us when every other means fails. Brother Victor Skaggs brought to us that evening the fact that "Jesus' temptations were similar to our own" and that we "must worship the Lord our God, and serve him alone."

Sabbath morning Brother C. A. Beebe "woke us up" by his message on Matthew 25, with the thought that the "devil puts us to sleep by letting our lights go out." We fail to reach the Master when that happens, just as the virgins did when they fell asleep and their lights burned out.

Sabbath afternoon was highlighted by the song, "Open the Door for the Children," which Mrs. Lloyd Seager sang while the children, "the little people who will some day be our leaders," came onto the stage. Their rich childish voices in song, and their small but very sincere messages in verse, Scripture, and prayer, carried home to us, the adults, more than any sermon could have, the need of adult "shining lights" to lead the small ones to shine also. There was also great promise of future choir material in the

part of October, and together we will work out plans so that a strong unified denominational program may be presented to our people this year.

Will you pray with me that this theme, "Saved to Serve" may be challenging enough to unify our boards and people in one total program of progress in our Master's work?

Everett T. Harris.

sweet young voices. Brother Victor Skaggs brought a message to them on "Dead Flies." You could tell by the faces that each was taking it all personally.

The evening after the Sabbath was spent in the regular worship service with the message brought by Brother Soper, on Matthew 8: 28. One of his points was this: "If we slip on ice, we don't just lie there and give up, but try to rise again, so, if we slip as Christians, we needn't be discouraged, but with Christ's help can try again."

The supreme joy of our fellowship together came on Sunday afternoon in a baptism service at the creek, when one of our young men joined hands with Jesus Christ, praising the Saviour for accepting him, and again in the evening, when he, James Mitchell, and Brother Soper were extended the right hand of fellowship, and three others took the stand to become "Shining Lights for Jesus."

The young people had a prominent and very necessary place in our fellowship in furnishing music, leading praise services, and in their meeting Sunday afternoon, based on the theme, "Fishing." This meeting was led by Jeanette Fitz Randolph of the Fouke church, and the talks were closed by a message from Rev. Marvin Gardner, a visiting Methodist minister from Texas.

The business was conducted during several sessions, but was confined mostly to the Sunday morning regular business session.

The women took charge of the services on Friday afternoon with messages on the "Aims and Efforts of the Various Women's Organizations" brought by women from the Fouke and sister churches of the association. Mrs. C. A. Beebe was in charge as representative of the Women's Board. At the close of the meeting Jeanette Fitz Randolph spoke about

the women's work in Jamaica, stressing the work of Sister Smikle, whose watchword is "Glory Be to God." Following the women's part of the program, Brother Victor Skaggs brought us a message on "God's Method of Teaching the Sabbath by Picture," stressing that "God's church may totter, not because the foundation is poor but because the pillars (lay members) are weak."

The theme of the association was wonderfully expressed in the warm hospitality and fellowship shown visitors and delegates by all the members of the Fouke church, at the meals provided on the church grounds and in the homes, and in the fellowship at the homes where we "took our rest." That rest was indeed spiritual as well as physical.

The Holy Spirit was truly "trying men's souls" during our meetings, and a new consecration and determination grew which will go far toward "keeping the stream pure," as Brother Zack White urged in one of his messages; and toward making each one of us, as "A Shining Light for Jesus," burn with a steadier, brighter light.

#### NORTONVILLE CHURCH ENTERTAINS YEARLY MEETING

August 16-18 the Nortonville church entertained the Yearly Meeting of the Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas churches. Eight people came from Denver, one from Boulder, but at the last minute a telegram came from North Loup that the load who had planned to come from there could not do so. The theme of the meeting was "In touch with God" and the theme song was "Have Thine Own Way." In the opening service on Friday night Mrs. Alice Davis of Denver responded to the welcome extended by Curtis Stephan, the Nortonville moderator. Pastor V. A. Wilson led a service of worship and testimony, with prayer.

Sabbath morning the sermon was preached by Francis Saunders of Marlboro, N. J., followed by the Sabbath school. Bob Wheeler had charge of the young people's hour Sabbath afternoon. Three talks were given. Ed Johnson spoke for North Loup on "Why get in touch with God." Donna Davis of Denver spoke on "How get in touch with God." Mrs. Lila Saunders represented Boulder with a talk on "Results of getting in touch with God."

That evening, after a vesper service, we all went to the church basement for a time of Christian fellowship.

Sunday morning Leland Davis brought the message. In the afternoon we had a short business session; then Deacon Orsen Davis of Denver led us in an open forum on the theme, "In touch with God." He asked Mrs. Alice Davis, Gertrude Davis, Francis Saunders, and Nannie Greeley to speak on the subject, then threw the meeting open to all. All of the good thoughts and emotions of the whole meeting seemed to be summed up and crystallized in this session, and all present were stirred deeply. On a paper were signed the names of those who pledged themselves to pray earnestly for our denomination and its work, and especially for our growth in spirituality and in numbers. With hands clasped in a large circle, all joined in the Lord's prayer, followed by short, heartfelt individual prayers.

Many of those attending the Yearly Meeting started on for Conference at Milton soon after the close of the Sunday afternoon session. Pastor Wilson, with a carload of five, went early Monday morning. A number of Nortonville people had gone on to Milton earlier.

A carload of Los Angeles people stopped here on their way to Milton, and the sixteen-year-old boy had the misfortune to have a tree limb give way with him as he was climbing with the Wells children. He fell, breaking both wrists and one elbow. He was taken to a hospital in Topeka, where he was cared for, and on Sunday the doctors allowed him to continue on his trip with the others to Milton, where he expected to meet his mother. — Correspondent.

#### CHURCH CHOIRS REHEARSE FOR PUBLIC CONCERT

A rehearsal of church choirs was held Sunday afternoon, September 15, in the Alfred church under the auspices of the Southern Tier Chapter of the National Association of Choir Directors. This rehearsal was held in preparation for a public concert to be presented on the evening of October 12, here in the church, with Dr. Noble Cain of Chicago as director. Choirs attended from Wellsville, Andover, Almond, Arkport, Little Genesee, Canisteo, and Alfred.—Alfred Sun.

## Christian Education

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

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### LEADERSHIP EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

By Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson

(Conference address given during Board of Christian Education program)

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH has a twofold task: evangelism and teaching. This is clear from the Great Commission of Matthew 28: 19, 20 where it says, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The Church is to baptize and teach. Baptism is the result of evangelism. The gospel message must be presented to and received by the candidate before he is baptized and received into the Church of Christ. After one becomes a child of God, he must still be taught that he may grow in the faith of Christ. Not only does the Church have a responsibility to teach its members "to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," but it must train evangelists, pastors, teachers, and leaders to carry out Christ's program of evangelism and teaching.

#### De Ruyter Training Courses

Secretary Sutton asked for a report on the leadership education program in the church at De Ruyter, N. Y., when the writer was pastor there. Leadership training courses were offered at De Ruyter because of a feeling that the exhortation of Paul to Timothy should be followed: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2: 15.

Three courses were given to qualify partly for the First Series Courses of the First Certificate of Progress. Among other requirements, four ten-hour courses of study must be taken to earn the First Certificate of Progress. Each ten-hour course can be given by ten hours of class instruction or by five hours of class instruction plus five hours of home study.

The first course was in evangelism with emphasis given to the subject in the Sabbath morning messages and in cottage prayer meetings held Friday evenings. One month's sermon topics were as follows: "A Life that Reflects," "The Assurance of Salvation," "An Unrest for Souls," and "Helpful Facts

for Soul Winners." Instruction at prayer meetings on "How to Become a More Efficient Soul Winner" lasted over a period of ten weeks, averaging one-half hour of instruction each night. Assignments for home study were given, and several gave reports on reading material during the meetings. Thirteen received credit for this instruction.

Two other courses were given, one entitled, "A Brief Survey of the Old Testament," and the other, "A Brief Survey of the New Testament." Instruction was given for one hour on one evening during the week for five weeks, allowing five hours to be made up from home study. These survey courses gave attention to the Bible as the Word of God; the background, customs, and languages of the Bible; the physical make-up, and a brief survey of the contents of the Bible. About ten received credit for each of these two courses.

To complete the series, a special course needs to be given in a specific field. The aim would be to give instruction in the department of the church where one is most interested to train himself to be a better leader or teacher. The teaching in the Sabbath school and leadership in the church must be improved.

The results of such a program would be hard to enumerate. The general interest in the classes was good. Most of those attending were either teachers or leaders in the church; three leaders came from De Ruyter's other church to take one course. Two others who had little previous experience in teaching taught in this year's Summer Bible School. Remember:

You cannot teach what you do not know;  
You cannot lead where you will not go.

## YOUTH AND TOMORROW

(Conference address given during Board of Christian Education program by Pastor Rex Zwiebel, Hebron, Pa.)

By young people starting out, life sometimes is judged in the same way six blind men of Hindustan sized up an elephant. They thought that the whole elephant was like the part where they first chanced to take hold.

While we may often be more right than wrong in our judgments, yet we are denied the ability to see the whole of life from the beginning. But that which life is depends to a very real extent upon where we grab hold. All of us have blind spots and need someone to take us to the various parts of the "elephant" that we may feel and understand that there is more to this largest of animals than merely a ropelike tail or a snakelike trunk.

For a year and a half I have been chairman of the Committee on Young People's Work of the Board of Christian Education. If I were to say that the job compared to the size of the elephant, it would be a drastic understatement; and to say that I have discovered all the various characteristics of the "beast" would be untrue. But this much I have discovered: This job of young people's work is tremendously important and very stimulating, and presents a stirring challenge to the best that any leader or worker can give.

The committee has tried to carry on activities, under God's direction, that will help to unite—and cause to grow—the youth fellowship. The problem of a bigger and better and more religious fellowship is our elephant, and its vital parts are the activities that we sponsor; but unlike the blind men's decisions, I would like every part to be typical of the total body.

Camping, it seems to me, is one of the most healthful and most gratifying parts of the program. It is encouraged by the board and has been taken up by several associations and churches. This past year there have been eight camps and one pre-Conference retreat. The camps were as follows: Lewis for the Eastern Association; Holston for the Battle Creek area; Camp Potato for the Western Association; Camp Harmony for the Central; Camp Caesar for the South-eastern; Camp Riverview for Wisconsin and

Chicago; Rocky Mountain for the Colorado churches; and Pacific Pines for the California churches.

The retreat, which started on Friday before Conference opened, was sponsored by the Committee on Young People's Work and has been declared a success by many who were in position to judge. I will take this opportunity to express my gratitude for the fine co-operation of the staff. Special thanks go to Rev. Orville Babcock as director; to Harley Sutton as the dean; to the counselors, the group leaders, the cooks, and helpers; to Milton College and the people who made it possible for the youth to come; and to the good folk of Milton and Milton Junction who entertained. Co-operation was the finest. There was not a shirker in the bunch.

You need have no fear for the future of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. Every person at the retreat has agreed to try to be loyal to the cause of Christ, and several pledged themselves to full time service. (To be continued.)

### SPECIAL BROADCASTS

Life stories of pioneer leaders in religious education of the nation will be sketched in radio dramas during the sixteenth annual observance of Religious Education Week, September 29-October 6, it was announced by Rev. John B. Ketcham, director of Field Administration and International Quadrennial Convention of the International Council of Religious Education, sponsors of the observance. They will be heard on the daily broadcasts of "Victorious Living" during the week, he stated.

Among lives of leaders in the Bible school movement to be dramatized are those of John Wanamaker, Presbyterian; E. H. Nichols, Methodist; George Washington Watts, Presbyterian, U. S.; Benjamin Franklin Jacobs, Northern Baptist; Russell Colgate, Northern Baptist; E. K. Warren, Congregational Christian; Henry J. Heinz, Presbyterian, U. S. A.; and Bishop John H. Vincent, Methodist.

Religious Education Week is being observed in 90 per cent of the Protestant churches of the United States and Canada. Efforts are made during the week to increase Sabbath school enrollment and church attendance, and the week serves as a rallying-point for the work of the church year.

## Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

### CO-OPERATION IN OPERATION

#### A WAY TO BRING CHEER TO SHUT-INS

By Vivian B. Kimball

(One of the messages heard at General Conference in Milton during the Women's Society Program.)

IT IS DIFFICULT to know where to begin, in such a brief time, to tell you about my work with the shut-in and physically handicapped, and about the little paper issued for them each month. The paper itself is very tiny, but it is the idea behind it that is important—the shut-ins, their needs, and what we are able to do for them.

Several years ago a Chicago newspaper printed in its travel section each week a list of shut-ins, and invited travelers to send them cards. I wasn't traveling, but the list interested me, and one rainy afternoon I picked one of the names and wrote that shut-in a letter.

Within two days I had an answer. It was from a little Italian woman who lives in Chicago. Both her legs were broken a few years before in an accident. The bones didn't knit! She sits in her wheel chair day in and day out—year after year. She gets very lonely and was so grateful for just a letter. She asked please, wouldn't I write to her again?

I did, and wrote to several of the others whose names were listed. Suddenly this seemed about the most fascinating business in the world.

I found seventeen year old Nancy Bordwell, who lies flat on her back with every joint in her body locked by arthritis—except her neck. She can turn her head, but otherwise her body is rigid. Her crippled mother gets around on crutches to take care of her.

I found Bernice Fine, whose arms are paralyzed. She writes with her feet, by holding the pen with her toes.

I found John Sides, a spastic, who writes by holding a pencil in his teeth and using the eraser end to tap the keys of his typewriter.

And there is Obert Boss, also bedfast with arthritis. Obert is an artist, but his fingers

### SERVICE OF GOOD WILL

Mrs. Kimball, whose home is at Walworth, Wis., began a few years ago to write encouraging, cheerful letters to shut-ins. This service of good will has now grown to such an extent that she publishes a monthly paper, "Along the Way," dedicated to shut-ins and the physically handicapped.

She says, "Our sole purpose is to bring a bit of cheer and brightness, a bit of encouragement and diversion into the lives of those who need it most." The accompanying article gives an account of the project.

are locked. He can move one thumb on one hand. His canvases are supported by a mechanical device over his bed. He paints beautiful pictures, by having his brush tied to his one good thumb.

And I would like to mention Paul Campbell, one of our own Seventh Day Baptist boys, from Hammond. He is bedfast with arthritis. Many of you know him. His aunt, I believe, and one of his nieces, are here in the Conference.

These are only a few, but I found that all shut-ins have one thing in common: they are almost pathetically grateful for letters, and a little attention. Letters are, to many of them, their only contact with the outside world.

I kept on writing, and finally the list grew until I could no longer write to all of them, and yet there was a compelling urge to reach more and more.

So I planned a printed letter that could go to each of them once a month. With the letter I printed, also, little stories of other shut-ins and how they were overcoming their handicaps and living above them.

Leonard and I saved our tithe over a period of time to have that first issue printed; and we decided that if the work was meant to be continued, there would be funds provided to carry on. It is significant that always since that time there has been enough to meet our needs, without using our tithe.

Requests began to come in for extra copies of the paper to be sent to friends. Now it goes to every state in the Union, to Canada, Alaska, and England. It goes not only to shut-ins but to well folks—the walk-about, we call them—who are interested in our work.

Even so, we are reaching but few. In September, 1941, official sources estimated that there were approximately 23,000,000 shut-in and physically handicapped Americans. Since then approximately 2,000,000 more have been added, by reason of military and industrial injuries, a total of 25,000,000, or one person in every five of our entire population.

So often we hear people say, "Oh, if I only had money, I could do so much for those who need help."

Money would help, if one had it of course. There is always a great need for wheel chairs, hospital beds, radios, and the smaller items such as books, magazines, and the dozens of other little things that make living more pleasant for shut-ins.

But this is a service of love in which anyone can have a part, **without money**, except for the cost of a few stamps.

It doesn't cost so very much  
To send a word of cheer  
To lonely folks whose heads are bowed  
With grief, or pain, or fear.  
To make them feel that someone cares  
And wants to lend a hand—  
By word or deed, to show that someone  
Tries to understand.

#### WORSHIP PROGRAM

##### SMILE!

By Alberta D. Batson

**Hymn:** Help Somebody Today

**Scripture reading:** Psalm 37

Sometimes we need to check ourselves and ask, "Am I doing my part, be it ever so small?" Recently a minister made a statement in his sermon which struck a chord in the hearts of many people. He said, "Even the smallest light penetrates far in the darkness." Everyone knows that is true, but have we stopped to think just how it applies to us?

The seemingly small things that we do so often have far-reaching results and effects. That is, of course, true with thoughtless, unkind things as well as with the pleasant, thoughtful things we do. We should remember that.

Perhaps we are not what might be called important enough to get our names in the papers, for instance; but all of us are important enough to imprint our little acts and deeds on the minds and hearts of those around us. And, after all, that is more

important in the long run than any newspaper publicity.

Someone has said that the only thing on earth that can really smile is a person. Do you smile as much as you should? B. B. McKinney wrote the words to a song that says something like this:

Smile when your heart is all troubled,  
Smile when you're weary and blue.  
Smile, for the Saviour is guiding;  
Smile, for the Saviour is true.

Smile when the tempest is raging,  
Smile in your battle with sin.  
Smile and your courage will strengthen;  
Smiling will help you to win.

Smile when your burdens are heavy,  
Smile when you're longing for rest.  
Never give up in the conflict;  
Smiling is always the best.

Smile and give others your sunshine,  
Smile as you meet with the throng;  
Smile and the world will smile with you,  
Greet you with gladness and song.

Smile, smile, smile, and the world will grow brighter.  
Sorrow and sighing you beguile:  
Smile, smile—burdens of life will grow lighter,  
If you trust Jesus and smile, smile, smile.

**Prayer:** Our Father who art in heaven, help us to smile. Help us to realize that in the small things that we can do for those about us grow the truly worth while things in life. Keep us ever conscious of the importance of the small things that count for thee and of our responsibility to others. And keep us conscious of the fact that in serving others we are serving thee and that we ourselves are graciously blessed. Amen.

#### MORTON OLSON FAMILY REUNION

Joining with several Milton families at the annual Morton Olson family reunion, Sunday, August 18, were several South Dakota, Nebraska, Michigan, Illinois, and Indiana relatives. About one hundred persons gathered in the north park at Milton and dinner was served in the social rooms of the Seventh Day Baptist church.

Mrs. Byron Rood, Milton, president, presided at the annual business meeting during which it was decided that the 1947 reunion would be held at Dell Rapids, S. D.

Dr. Ben Johanson, Battle Creek, Mich., again recorded by movie camera, the events of the day and obtained pictures of the entire delegation.

—Milton Junction Telephone.

## 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.

### Self-Analysis or Inferiority Complex

(Continuing the address given by Karl G. Stillman at General Conference)

IT HAS BEEN A SOURCE of great concern to me to find so many Seventh Day Baptists adopting a defeatist attitude. I even heard one person express the thought that maybe we should ask our pastors to look after us as a sort of "Last Man Club" giving spiritual aid and comfort to each one of our present membership as we die off one by one. It resembles a physician's advice to make his patient as comfortable as possible since he is going to die anyway. Personally I have no sympathy whatsoever for any such position, and I know our present Missionary Board is composed of alert, optimistic, and aggressive people who are determined that Seventh Day Baptists shall go ahead and occupy a position of greater importance and influence in God's kingdom.

It is one thing to be aware of our weaknesses and to study ways of overcoming them but entirely illogical to give ourselves over to abject pessimism as to our future development. I deplore the tendency of our people to talk down Seventh Day Baptist beliefs, although perhaps some honestly hope by so doing to stimulate our denomination into constructive activity. Healthful skepticism or self-analysis regarding our own shortcomings is a wholesome thing, but let's quit talking it to the point of inferiority complex.

#### Struggle Ahead

Seventh Day Baptists have a struggle ahead to make the gains we should. Our environment many times seems hostile, but it is an economic fact that the greatest progress is made where the environment seemingly is most unfavorable. People in temperate zones are more progressive than those in torrid zones. In the former a struggle is necessary to keep warm, to raise food crops in short seasons, and to live a comfortable, well-rounded life; in the latter, foodstuffs are produced without effort and living is simple and uncomplicated, but progress is slow and even arrested. Haven't we Seventh Day Baptists been coasting along—even sleeping along—the way looking for the bargains of life?

Thomas Beecher, the least known of the famous family of that name, frequently used

simple and homely incidents of everyday life as material for his sermons. The following, to me, is one of the most delightfully appealing of these incidents.

Coming down the street on a hot summer day he stopped before a lemonade stand whose proprietor was a very small boy. Beecher bought a glass of the cool drink and paid the charge of three cents.

Farther down the street he came to a second stand presided over by another small boy. On a sign near the stand was printed, "Lemonade — Five Cents."

"How do you expect to compete with your rival down the street whose lemonade is only three cents?" inquired the preacher.

"Oh, but a puppy fell into his!" declared the boy.

Beecher paid the five cents.

This story he used for one of his famous sermons, "Beware of the Bargains of Life," in which he pointed out that in many cases investigation of a bargain will show that a pup has fallen into it.

#### Seeking Bargains

I wonder if Seventh Day Baptists haven't been seeking the bargains of life particularly in this last generation. Haven't some of us forsaken the Sabbath because we felt we must earn the greater wage or salary offered for overtime work on that day? Haven't we been careless in church attendance perhaps saying to our conscience that we were worshiping God while picnicking in the mountains or at the lake or seashore on the Sabbath? Haven't we been seeking a bargain when faithfulness to our religious obligations would have richly rewarded us with stronger characters with which to meet life's problems.

Edgar Guest had this to say about church attendance:

To say I don't need the Church is mere bravado. I needed it when my baby was born. I needed it when my father died. I needed it when we were married, and I shall need it again sooner or later, and need it badly. I am in good health now and I could, I suppose, get along for a time without a clergyman, or choir, or even prayer; but what sort of man is he who scorns and neglects and despises his best friend until his hour of tribulation? If the Sabbath finds you not among those who are gathered together to worship God and return thanks, how will you dare to presume upon Him in time of stress and trouble and sorrow? The church will never refuse to help you. She calls! Do you dare refuse her? See you in church!

We are on the threshold of substantial achievements, and our Second Century Fund is the starting point. As I have said several times during this campaign, I recognize the fact that the future of Seventh Day Baptist missions—and, in fact, of our denomination—is a critical problem; and I am fully aware of the gravity of our situation. However, as I appear before you today, I feel that once again I am privileged to call the roll, not of Seventh Day Baptist churches but of Seventh Day Baptists as individuals. I hope and pray that what I have said will encourage the sending of a veritable barrage of gifts, and that from all over the world will echo and re-echo the words: "Here I am! Count me in! I am a loyal Seventh Day Baptist!"

It is up to us to choose the path over which we shall travel.

Some paths wander through shady woods,  
Following winding creeks,  
Seeking beauty of verdant plains  
And wilds of mountain peaks;

While others creep through gloomy swamps,  
Reeking with damp decay,  
With never a gleam of sunshine  
To light the dreary day.

And thus it is that each of us  
Shall have a choice to make,  
And we must plan most carefully  
Which of the paths to take.

For as we travel life's long road,  
Our dreams of great success  
Will come to us if we but work  
With faith and eagerness.

The way we play our part in life,  
And why we win or lose,  
Depends to quite a large extent  
Upon the path we choose.

May God grant us the desire, the wisdom, and the ability to meet our obligations as Seventh Day Baptists to our churches, to the Denominational Budget, and to the Second Century Fund.



\$25,000.00  
Plus \$25,000.00  
\$50,000.00

"Going the second mile" is just the action Seventh Day Baptists took at Milton in going double the financial "distance" in missions reconstruction and expansion! Editor Hurley spoke this summer of giving the "second cent" to the Second Century Fund. We have voted to go double in helping Christ's mission. Now, we must do it through giving. With a \$28,000 Denominational Budget for 1947 and a \$50,000 missions fund to complete, Seventh Day Baptists are challenged to a noteworthy increase in per capita giving.

This \$50,000 Second Century Fund cannot be subscribed by those who are wrapped up in their own problems. Characteristic of the spirit and action at the Milton Conference was collective and individual perception of the power of God and the opportunities before Seventh Day Baptists.

The 1947 Conference in Westerly, R. I., will not see the Second Century Fund over-subscribed unless our hearts and minds are filled with the richness of Christ and his compassion for men everywhere. You will soon receive a second Second Century Fund letter by which to gauge your future giving to the fund. Fund chairmen of local churches and treasurers will receive lists of those who have already given (as we have recorded such gifts). Chairmen and treasurers are asked to help us bring these lists up-to-date, and to make them accurate—and then to go out and add many new names of givers. Also, always include source of gifts sent in, whether individual or group gifts.

David S. Clarke,  
Secretary.

## Children's Page

### STORY TIME

Dear Recorder Children:

Since another week is here with not even one letter for me to answer, I have a little fable for you which I used to tell my school children in Chicago a good many years ago. They liked it; so I think you will.

But say! Please write soon!

#### THE OAK TREE AND THE WOODBINE

The oak tree that grew on a wooded hillside felt very sad, one bright fall morning, to see all the maple trees about it putting on the lovely red and yellow with which their leaves gleamed every fall. The poor oak tree had no color for its leaves at all—except a dull brown.

"Oh," sighed the oak tree, "if only my leaves would grow so brilliant in color! How happy I should be! Then I, too, could be a bright piece of the woods like the maples."

The oak tree was so full of its trouble that it did not notice a sturdy woodbine that was growing up its trunk; it did not hear its soft whisper. "Don't feel badly, dear oak tree," it said. "I will help you."

The bright leaves soon began to fall in rainbow showers and wither on the ground, leaving the maple branches bare and desolate. Still the brown leaves of the oak tree kept fast hold on their little twigs.

"Well," said the oak tree, "my plain brown dress lasts well, at least. It is a comfort these cold days to have your leaves cling to you so faithfully. I am sorry, now, that I was so dissatisfied last fall, wishing for the bright leaves of the maples; I will try hereafter to be more grateful for the blessings I have."

Time passed, and the woodbine grew and grew. The oak tree was never heard again to envy the maples their bright leaves, though it always enjoyed seeing their beauty each fall.

One pleasant fall day a party of young people were walking through the woods. Suddenly as they came in sight of the oak tree, one of them exclaimed, "Oh, see that lovely red tree!"

"Isn't it wonderful!" said another. "Its tips are green, but its whole heart seems a glowing red. How beautiful it is!"

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

The oak tree didn't know what to make of such strange words—spoken, too, about itself—till it looked down, and then it understood. The woodbine had kept its promise. It had climbed and spread over all the oak tree's branches, and now its leaves, turning while the tree's were still green, gave the curious and beautiful effect so admired by the young people.

"Why, you blessed vine," exclaimed the tree. "How can I ever repay you for what you have done for me?"

"You more than pay me by holding out your strong arms for me to cling to," replied the woodbine. "Without you I should be groveling in the dust. You are the means of my being a tall, spreading vine, while I am the means of gratifying the wish you felt so deeply and overcame so bravely. We are both blessed in blessing each other."

—Adapted.

How true this is, dear boys and girls. We can get along so much better in this world if we all help each other. I'll never forget a dear little girl I once had in my school room. She was always doing something to help others; helping a slower child with her lessons; sharing her lunch with a poor friend; loaning her pencils; comforting a child who was hurt; thinking more of others than she did of herself. One day I asked her why she always thought of others, and she answered, "Why, my mother always tells me that God put us in the world to help others."

Her mother was a poor widow who earned her living by taking in washings, but she was bringing up her children to keep God's commandments:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself.

Your Christian friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

#### ACCEPTS HISTORY PROFESSORSHIP

Evert Percy, for the past two years the popular and efficient director of physical education and athletic coach of Canisteo Central School, is leaving Canisteo to accept an assistant professorship in history, at Mansfield State Teachers College, Mansfield, Pa.

—Canisteo Times.

## MEMBERS AND GUESTS AT HOLLAND CONFERENCE



On July 19-21 the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Holland held a conference. The picture above and the one on the cover were taken at that time. Mr. Zijlstra, who forwarded the pictures to this country, identifies the people in the first row back of the children as follows (from left to right): E. v. Tuijl (Rotterdam), Mrs. van Tuijl, J. Westerdal (Amsterdam), J.v.d. Werf (Rotterdam), O. Fieten, Mrs. Fieten, K.v. Es (The Hague), Mrs. Mol (from Java), Rev. P. Taekema, Mrs. Taekema, Mrs. Velthuysen, Mrs. Graafstal (from Java), Mrs. Lammens, Mrs. Witteveen, Mrs. de Jong, and Mrs. Bosch. The names of others have not been given, since there are no exact rows formed.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES NAMED

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Alton L. Wheeler, Battle Creek, Mich.; and Everett T. Harris, Alfred, N. Y.

Trustees of the General Conference: For one year—Lloyd B. Langworthy, Ashaway, R. I.; Ralph H. Coon, Richburg, N. Y.; Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I. For two years—Howard M. Barber, Westerly, R. I.; Eli F. Looftboro, Westerly, R. I.; George V. Crandall, Wakefield, R. I. For three years—Asa F. Randolph, Plainfield, N. J.; George B. Utter, Westerly, R. I.; Elston H. Van Horn, Westerly, R. I.

Officers of the Historical Society: President—Corliss F. Randolph, Maplewood, N. J.; first vice-president—Esle F. Randolph, Fairmont, W. Va.; second vice-president—J. Nelson Norwood, Alfred, N. Y.; third vice-president—Nathan E. Lewis, Plainfield, N. J.; secretary—Asa F. Randolph, Plainfield, N. J.; treasurer—Mrs. William M. Stillman, Plainfield, N. J.

Member of the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society: Harley H. Sutton, Alfred Station, N. Y.

Member of the American Committee for the World Council of Churches: Victor W. Skaggs, Dunellen, N. J. Alternate: Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. I.

Delegates to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America: Ahva J. C. Bond, Alfred, N. Y.; Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y.; Mrs. William M. Stillman, Plainfield, N. J. Alternates: Mr. and Mrs. Perley B. Hurley, Riverside, Calif.

Committee on Budget Promotion: William Millar, Battle Creek, Mich.; Stephan Lawton, Battle Creek, Mich.; Herbert Lippincott, Battle Creek, Mich.; Nida Siedhoff, Battle Creek, Mich.; Hazel Langworthy, Battle Creek, Mich.

Committee on Ministerial Retirement: L. Harrison North, Plainfield, N. J. chairman; Edward S. Ballenger, Riverside, Calif.; George M. Ellis, Madison, Wis.; Morton R. Swinney, Niantic, Conn.; Alva L. Davis, Salem, W. Va.; Ferris S. Whitford, Little Genesee, N. Y.; Harley D. Bond, Salem, W. Va.

Committee on Ministerial Relations: William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I., chairman; Karl G. Still-

man, Westerly, R. I.; H. C. Van Horn, Plainfield, N. J.

Advisory members: Central—LaVerne Davis, Verona, N. Y.; Western—Edgar D. Van Horn, Alfred, N. Y.; Southeastern—L. Main Bond, Roanoke, W. Va.; Northwestern—D. Nelson Inglis, Milton, Wis.; Southwestern—Wardner F. Randolph, Kingston, Jamaica; Pacific Coast—R. C. Brewer, Riverside, Calif.

Vocational Committee: Clark Todd, Milton, Wis., chairman; Dr. George E. Crosley, Milton, Wis.; Elston E. Shaw, Milton, Wis.; Donald Gray, Milton, Wis.; Rev. Orville W. Babcock, Milton Junction, Wis.; Robert Greene, Milton Junction, Wis.; Charles Williams, Albion, Wis.; Charles Saunders, Albion, Wis.; Ben R. Crandall, Alfred, N. Y.

Committee on Obituaries: Leland C. Shaw, Milton, Wis., chairman; Eli F. Looftboro, Westerly, R. I.; Loyal F. Hurley, Hinsdale, Ill.; Charles F. Harris, Shiloh, N. J.

Named to the Lottie Baldwin Association were the following, all from Milton or Milton Junction, Wis.: For one year—Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Milton; for two years—Charles C. Burdick, Milton Junction; for three years—George E. Coon, Milton Junction; for four years—Dr. George E. Crosley, Milton, and for five years—James H. Coon, Milton.

### YEARLY MEETING TO BE HELD OCTOBER 11-12 IN BERLIN

The Yearly Meeting of the Eastern New York and New Jersey Seventh Day Baptist churches will be held in Berlin, N. Y., beginning Friday evening, October 11, and closing with a session on the night after the Sabbath, October 12.

"We are looking forward to a good meeting," says Pastor Paul L. Maxson of the Berlin church, "and have selected an early date to insure weather that is not prohibitive."

If you are planning to be in Berlin for this meeting, please see that your name is sent in so that arrangements can be made for your entertainment. All correspondence about entertainment should be addressed to Mr. Arlie C. Bentley, Berlin, N. Y.

### ANNUAL MEETING BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The annual meeting of members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., a membership corporation formed by the consolidation of the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society and the Sabbath School Board of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference under Certificate of Consolidation filed with the secretary of State of New York, June 12, 1940, will be held, according to the by-laws of the corporation, on Sunday, October 13, at two o'clock in the afternoon in the Gothic, Alfred, N. Y., for election of directors and such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Members of this corporation consist of all persons who are now life members of the Seventh Day Baptist Education Society, and all persons who are members of a Seventh Day Baptist church. The only members entitled to vote at said meeting are those who were accredited delegates to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference at its last session.

Albert N. Rogers, President,  
Board of Directors.

### Marriages

**Albert - White.**—At the Church in the Highlands, White Plains, N. Y., on Sabbath afternoon, September 7, 1946, Henry William Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno A. Albert of New York City, and Miss Wilma Harriet White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. White of White Plains, were united in marriage, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, Plainfield, N. J., officiating. The new home is at 140 Westminster Drive, Syracuse, N. Y.

### Obituaries

**West.**—Sarah Diantha Tickner, was born at Amboy, N. Y., February 19, 1852, and died at the Los Angeles, Calif., General Hospital during the last week of August, 1946.

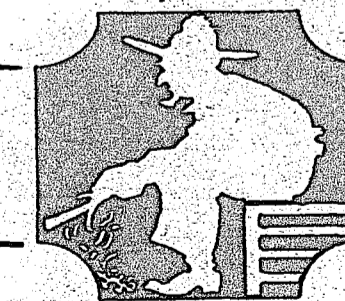
She was married, in Milton, Wis., to Dr. Clement H. West. Dr. West practiced dentistry at several places in Wisconsin. Then they moved to Farina, Ill., where they could have the privilege of associating with a Seventh Day Baptist group. In 1910 they moved to Riverside, Calif., which was their last home. Dr. West passed away in 1933.

Mrs. West enjoyed good health and strength until a few days before she "fell asleep." In reaching for some article while sitting at the table, she fell and broke her femur bone. The doctor set the broken bone, but her age was so advanced that she was not able to rally from the operation.

The Riverside church never had a more faithful spiritual member than Mrs. West. She loved the house of God and was always in her place. She was ever ready to help in any line of religious or community service. To know Sister West was to be her friend.

She is survived by one daughter, Mary W. Moore, and one grandson, Neil Moore, both living in California. Farewell services were conducted on Sabbath, August 31, by Rev. E. S. Ballenger, and interment was in the Riverside Cemetery. E. S. B.

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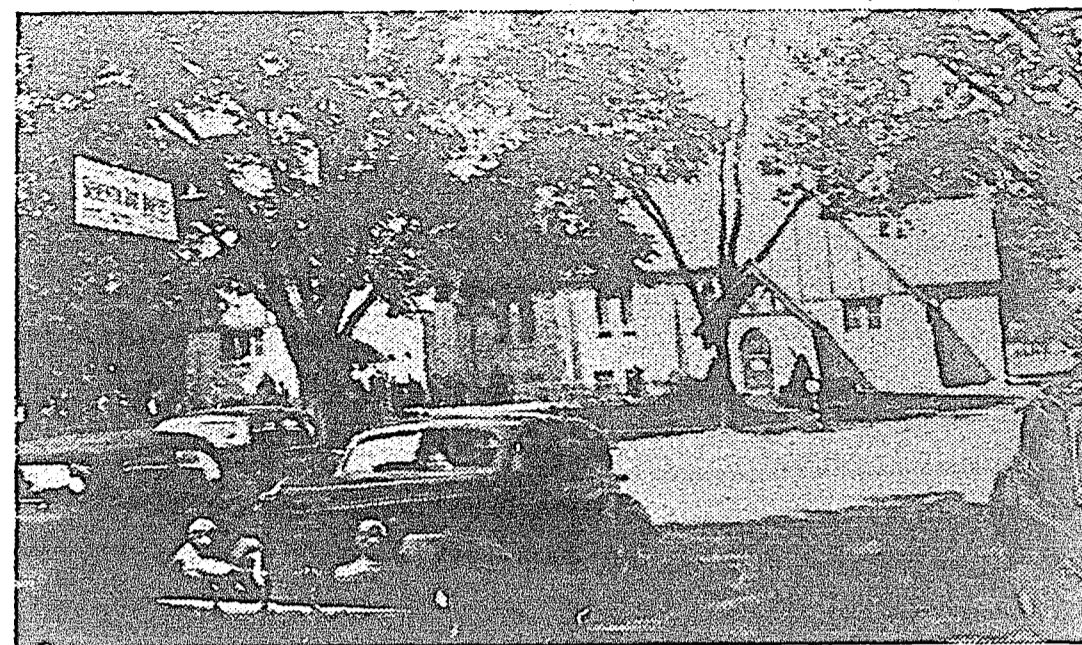
"Sum folks has to have a speshul inspirashun before they kin do any Christian work. It'd be nice if I could run a cattel outfit thet way—but it don't work!"



## A PEACEFUL INVASION

**B**UT FOR THE FAMILIAR store fronts and the friendly shade trees and some of the village's mild-tempered dogs that stop to drink from the community water fountain . . . we swear we wouldn't have known Milton last week. Wherever we chose to go, for a soda, for a postage stamp, or for a five-pound sack of sugar—we would confront some strange face, some new garb, a different accent, a strange license plate, but always that same sincere, friendly smile.

We don't know a great deal about creeds, doctrines, ideologies, and such things, but we do know that the delegates and guests to the recent Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, held in Milton, brought with them a kindred spirit of friendliness, of faith, and of sincerity. We only hope that they spared enough of these qualities that some of that same good American spirit will remain. — F. A. Bowen, editor of the Milton Junction Telephone.



### STRANGE LICENSE PLATES

Parked around Conference headquarters during one of the sessions of the recent gathering at Milton were cars bearing license plates from the following states: California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, New York, New Jersey, Georgia, Michigan, Colorado, West Virginia, Kansas, Nebraska, Rhode Island, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES NAMED

To carry on the projects and business of the denomination during the coming year, the following officers and committee men were named at the General Conference held at Milton in August.

Everett T. Harris, Alfred, N. Y., president of General Conference; Carroll L. Hill, Milton, first vice-president; Lester G. Osborn, Shiloh, N. J., second vice-president; Loyal F. Hurley, Hinsdale,

Ill., third vice-president; Paul C. Saunders, Alfred, N. Y., recording secretary; Neal D. Mills, New Auburn, Wis., assistant recording secretary; Courtland V. Davis, Plainfield, N. J., corresponding secretary; James H. Coon, Milton, treasurer; and L. Milton Van Horn, Milton, treasurer Denominational Budget.

Commission of the General Conference: For one year—Jay W. Crofoot, Brookfield, N. Y.; Kenneth A. Babcock, Milton. For two years—Perley B. Hurley, Riverside, Calif.; Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y. For three years—

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### SPIRITUAL UPLIFT AND INSPIRATION

The addresses and sermons of this Conference were unusually strong and full of spiritual uplift and inspiration. The music throughout all sessions was of a high standard with the local choir, the Los Angeles L'Aeolians, a men's chorus, and a young people's chorus of over a hundred voices, quartets, soloists, giving variety and inspiration to the programs.

☞ The L'Aeolians



OCTOBER 7, 1946

The Sabbath

# Recorder



Morant Bay, Jamaica, B. W. I.

“FOR MANY MILES there were mountains on one side and the sea on the other. . . . The grace and beauty of the coconut palms make this drive one of the most interesting, varied, and beautiful one could take. . . . The bus was full of delegates coming from mountaintop experiences.”

## OBSERVATIONS AT A JAMAICAN CONFERENCE

(See page 265.)