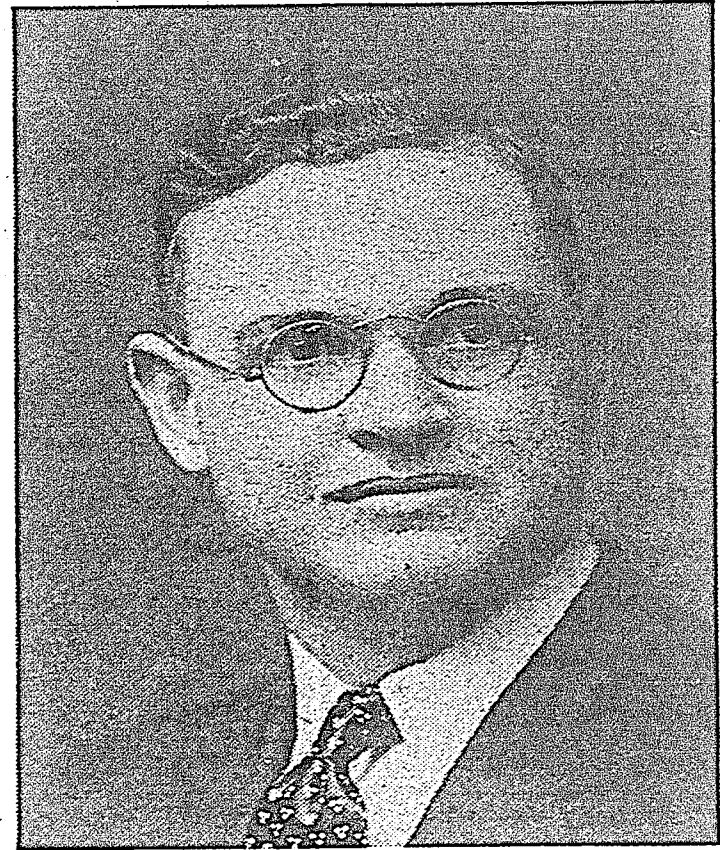


# WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

MILTON, WIS. — A motion picture, "The Kindled Flame," was shown at the Community Lenten service on Friday night, March 21, at 8 p.m., in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church.

This picture is "a vivid drama on the life of early Christians under Roman oppression." With its setting in the year 304 A.D.,



Rev. Orville W. Babcock

the power of Christianity is seen to triumph over pagan religion. During the devotional service led by Rev. Orville W. Babcock, the high school a cappella choir, directed by Kenneth A. Babcock, sang.

This is the fifth in this year's series of seven services for the season of Lent, sponsored by the Methodist and Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Milton and Milton Junction and the Congregational Church of Milton. — Courier.

NORTH LOUP. — The organ committee reports that among those who have been honored are John L. Ward and Cora Goodrich, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Timon Swensen, W. G. Rood, Deacon and Mrs. Wilson Babcock, Dr. Grace Crandall, Mrs. Mary S. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Black, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Horn. There have been several contributors.

Superintendent Clement of the Sabbath school announced the Vacation Bible School committee to be Mrs. Menzo Fuller, Mrs. Harlan Brennick, and Mrs. Myra T. Barber. Pastor Ehret will work with this committee. — Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — "Easter Tide," a sacred cantata by Gaston Borch, was sung by the Seventh Day Baptist choir at the regular morning service on Sabbath day, March 29. The choir was assisted by the following member soloists: Nellie B. Parry, soprano; Henry E. Pieters, tenor; Donald Hargis, baritone; and Wayne R. Rood, bass.

Dr. Ray W. Wingate was the director and organist. — Alfred Sun.

SHILOH, N. J. — The people of the Shiloh Church are at work at more than the usual jobs while their pastor is on leave. Committees on every phase of pastoral service have been and are assuming responsibility for Friday evening and Sabbath services, the weekly and quarterly bulletin, a monthly County Home meeting, special prayer meetings, a visitation program including calls on sick and shut-ins, publicity, social, welcoming those who attend church, having flowers there, and any other tasks which present themselves.

Friday evening services have been varied and most inspiring with Sabbath school classes and invited guests participating. Neighboring ministers, our acting pastor, Leland Davis, the young people, and both choirs have contributed to the Sabbath morning worship. The attendance is normally high at all services since the snow and illnesses have more or less abated.

Mrs. Ella Sheppard's class of young people prepared and presented the program at the County Home in March, with the assistance of Elizabeth Lupton since Mrs. Sheppard is ill. The Brotherhood of the Sabbath school performed this service in February.

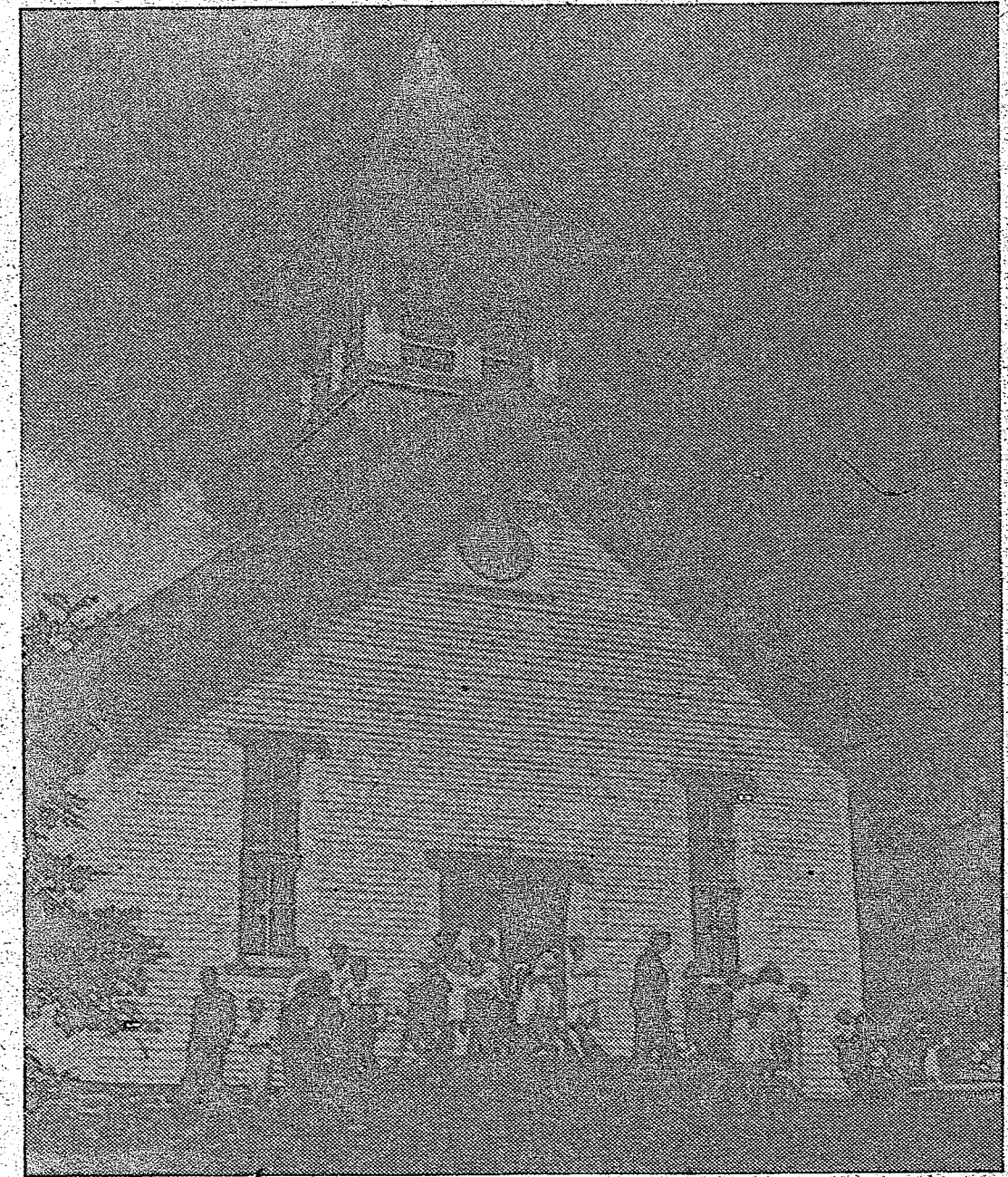
The bulletin committee of C. E. young people, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson, Jr., are doing a fine bit of work in editing and publishing the weekly church program. Auley Parvin is editor. Typists are Evelyn Trout and Marion Probasco. Lorraine Rainear cuts the stencils. All this

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## WHAT WHERE

### TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

The first American missionaries to return to Japan since the war have gone under the auspices of a commission of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, in which all major mission boards participate. One hundred missionaries have been approved (General MacArthur says he wants one thousand missionaries), and already forty-two are on the field. Last summer \$70,000 were sent out from mission boards in North America for the relief of Japanese pastors; and \$200,000 are now being secured for erecting temporary churches in strategic places. It is estimated that it will be possible to build thirty churches with this money. —W. W. Reid.

If they could only see firsthand the struggle of the people of Europe to rebuild a Christian continent from the ruins of war, Americans would double their sacrifices and their giving for united overseas church relief and reconstruction, according to Dr. R. W. Barstow, executive director of service for Church World Service. Dr. Barstow made this statement just prior to his embarkation for America. He was in Europe several weeks, surveying the needs of the people and conferring with European church leaders on future plans.

"The unavoidable fact is that the future of Europe, the very survival of Christianity rests upon a greatly increased response from the people of America," Dr. Barstow reported. "Ours is the only source to which suffering and heartsick men and women and children can look."

"The greatest contribution most of us can make to the United States is to be in our relationships, attitudes, judgments, and influences, the makers of peace, the bearers of a spirit of strong, informed, intelligent; resolute will for justice," says Rt. Rev. Angus Dun, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Washington, D. C. "A people which tolerates gross injustice and deprivation to a minority race at home is very ill equipped to maintain justice in the world abroad. It is very easy to tell other people what they ought to do about a minority race; but if we Americans are to be makers of peace we must learn to cross the barriers of race, class, and nation with the spirit of understanding."

"One World, One Book" is the theme that has been selected for the 1947 Worldwide Bible Reading Program, which covers the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas. The program is sponsored annually by the American Bible Society and according to its director, Dr. James V. Claypool, is the fourth consecutive year in which this plan of daily Bible readings will be promoted.

The cross of Christ is replacing the golden images of the Buddha in various temples of Hokkaido, Japan. This report comes from the newspaper Chugai Nippo, which is under Buddhist management and is often hostile to Christianity. —Gospel Messenger.

## EDITORIALS

### WORDS TO THE WISE

The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools.

Proverbs 3:35.

A word to the wise is sufficient—so the timeworn saying goes. Each one of us cherishes the idea of being wise. Certainly we all strive, as Christians, to seek God's guidance and live daily according to divine wisdom. A very important and integral part of the day by day routine is finances. Of course, many other considerations are vital; but inevitably monetary matters touch and effect most others. We wisely recognize the importance of money problems, not only for individuals but for organizations. So mere mention of some of these difficulties now facing us as a group (and concerning us as individuals) should be sufficient, although each problem is serious enough and important enough to be discussed at great length.

#### I.

Contributions to the Denominational Budget are lagging. Last year we tasted the satisfaction of oversubscribing the budget; apparently that moment of glory during Conference when the announcement was made has spread into hours of idle complacency. "See what we did!" We keep complimenting ourselves, while doing nothing—almost nothing—now! We cannot pay this year's bills on last year's achievement.

The work of each society, board, school, and other denominationally supported enterprise prospers in direct proportion to the funds received by, and consequently dispersed to the various organizations by, the budget treasurer. Take the present situation of the Tract Society as an example of the general condition in other fields of united endeavor. In the Denominational Budget

recommended by Commission at the beginning of this budget year, the Tract Society was allocated \$5,500. The society's budget actually called for \$8,402 from over-all church giving—that is, unless activities were to be curtailed.

During the first six months of the year, the Tract Society received only \$1,848. That means that so far only a little more than 33 per cent of the yearly total allowed by Commission has come in and less than 22 per cent of what is actually needed to carry on the work outlined for the year. All of which adds up to the fact that the working balance in the treasury is at very low ebb. In fact, unless additional money is received from some source right away, the first-of-the-month obligations cannot be met without borrowing. Other boards are in a similar position.

Something must be done—and done immediately—to increase giving through denominational channels, or the work of Seventh Day Baptists will suffer and all chance will be lost of raising the remaining portion of the total budget during the part of the year that is left. General Conference, to be held in Westerly, R. I., August 19-24, is little more than fifteen weeks away.

#### II.

At several times during the past months pastors' salaries have been mentioned. Grati- fyingly enough, most churches have at least attempted to adjust their ministers' salaries to compensate for higher costs of living. In many instances, unfortunately, the adjustment was made to a base pay that was already so low that the increase had long since been absorbed. Many pastors are in dire need; some are actually suffering. A recent letter coming to the editor's desk from one of our



ministers made this statement: "The time will soon come when I will have to seek outside employment to augment my income." What a tragedy! Neither that minister, nor any other, will complain to his church; but he has grounds for complaint. Ministering to a church is a full-time mission, especially if the church is to prosper and grow. No one realizes that more than the man who has been especially called by God to minister. But first of all, the minister must feed and clothe himself and his family.

We have not yet done all we should financially for our church employees—particularly the pastors. An increase in the regular pay check comes first, and there are other ways to help: pay the pastor's car expense; make an allowance for supplies, such as paper, ink, mimeographing materials, and other items needed in doing his job; grant cost-of-living bonuses from time to time; and find other ways of giving extra assistance appropriate to each situation and each locality.

### III.

Enthusiastically at Conference time last August the people voted to double the goal set for the Second Century Fund. That was a noble gesture and was undoubtedly inspired by winning motives. However, the time for completion of the campaign is running out and a great deal more is needed in pledges and cash donations to "go over the top." Shall we act in keeping with the inspired ideal, or shall we let that momentary inspiration take the place of persistent plugging? It takes hard work and sacrifice to accomplish most any worthy ambition. Here is a deserving cause. Let's be winners, with a 100 per cent score.

### IV.

Seventh Day Baptists in Germany are in desperate circumstances. Through the "shipping center" at Verona, N. J., boxes of food, clothing, and other essentials have been packed and shipped to help relieve the suffering over there. The people of the churches have responded gloriously, as Seventh Day Baptists always do to any worthy challenge. But the response has not been great enough, or consistent enough, to come anywhere near meeting the real need. Heart-stirring letters are being received almost daily from fellow Christians who have been lit-

### PIN POINT EDITORIALS

God doth change the bitter husks and mental suffering of adversity into honeyed food and sweet delights, when we faithfully yield ourselves to his sufficient grace. —Edwin Dummer.

I wish you . . . some new love of lovely things, and some new forgetfulness of the teasing things, and some higher pride in the praising things, and some sweeter peace from the hurrying things, and some closer fence from the worrying things. —John Ruskin.

Even though every door be slammed in our faces, still we must knock. — Charles A. Beard.

erally saved, just in the nick of time, by donations from America. But the same letters tell of others who are no longer able to be out of bed because their diet has so long been without the essentials for normal health.

Pastor John G. Schmid of the Irvington Church, which is heading the drive for German relief, made a special trip to Plainfield on April 8 to confer with denominational representatives and officials of the Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches. "I would not plead for myself," he admitted. "It is hard for me to ask for money. But we have no more funds with which to purchase or ship supplies. And every day members of the Irvington Church receive letters from Seventh Day Baptists in Germany, letters that—well, we can't sleep at night because the letters tell about such unbelievably sad conditions."

We all sense, at least to some extent, the great need in this field of relief and rehabilitation. Have we done the best we can? Total receipts from various churches and individuals during March were only \$186. The shipping costs for the same period were \$284.62, and food purchased amounted to \$437.46. The Irvington Church, from its own treasury, paid out \$536.08—the expenses above the amount received from the denomination. This they are willing to do, but they cannot be expected to continue doing such a disproportionate share. Since the inception of this relief project, the Irvington Church by itself has given more than \$1,700, a sum far in excess of all the other contributions put together. This amount, plus that given by the rest of us, still has barely begun to take care of the real need.

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## HEBRON CHURCH PROVIDES NEW HOME FOR PASTOR

By Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel

**M**ANY YEARS AGO — I suspect as early as when Clarke Crandall and Jesse M. Greenman of Alfred, N. Y., surveyed Crandall Hill as a possible place to start a Seventh Day Baptist community—the people of Hebron began to dream of building a home for a minister. The spot where the new parsonage now stands is included in a plot of a little over six acres purchased in 1854 and which was named immediately the "parsonage lot."

It is quite easy to imagine that the desire for a parsonage was strong when the First Hebron church was erected in 1899. Nearly forty-two years later when Rev. Charles Bond was pastor, a fund for parsonage building was started. The Lord's Acre idea was introduced and the proceeds were dedicated to that fund. It was then that a mere dream became a real vision. The members of the church, with a large amount of co-operation from the community at large, annually pledge several acres of potatoes under the Lord's Acre plan. Enough funds had been accumulated by 1945 that the church agreed that there was enough to start construction. The spark was given when the home that was

rented for the pastor was suddenly denied them.

Asking the Lord's help, the church went into action. A "bee" was organized to tear down the old horse sheds behind the church so that the lumber in them could be used. With prices going up, a committee was appointed to secure a loan from the Memorial Board. When this was granted, power to build was placed in the hands of the trustees. The trustees were Don Stearns, Earl Kenyon, and L. D. Pepperman. Oris O Stutler was called from Salem, W. Va., to take charge of construction. Additional financial aid was received from churches of the Western Association and from many individuals.

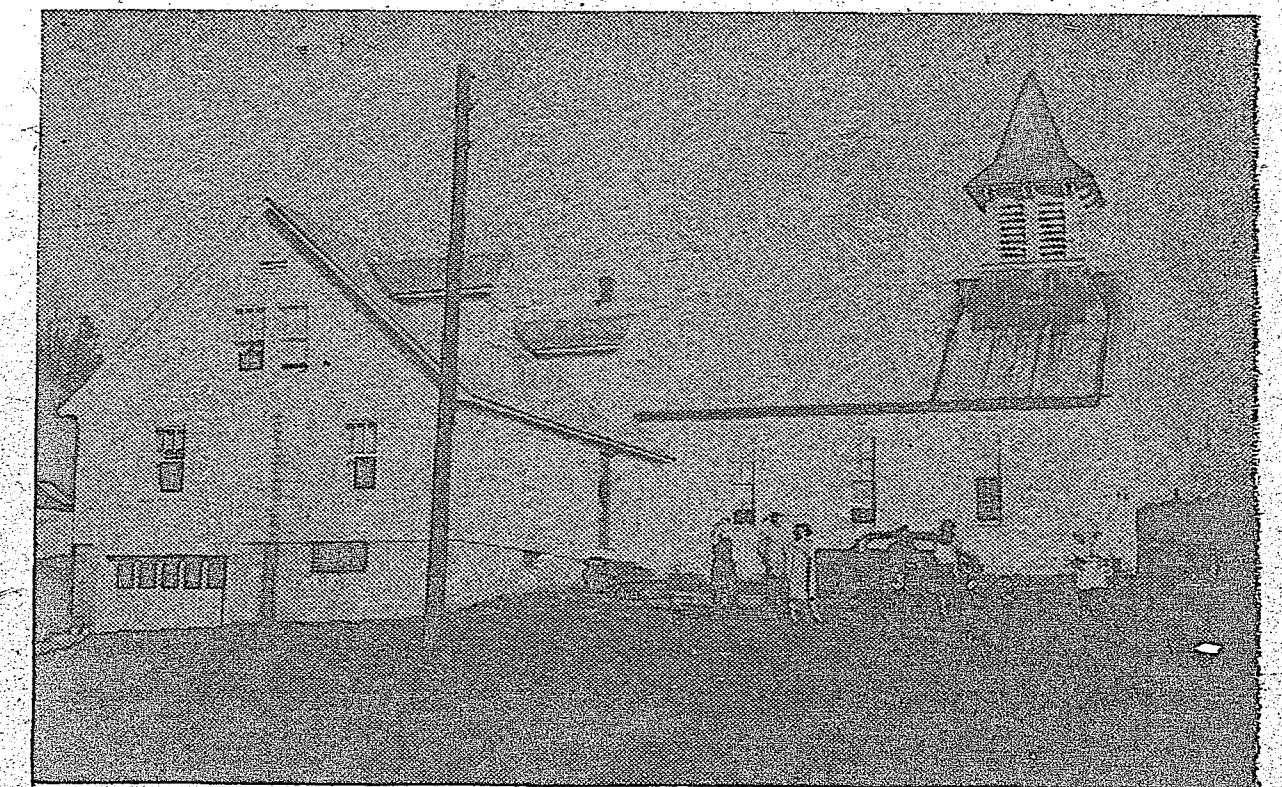
Much labor was given by the men and women of the community. The first nail was driven on October 1, 1945, and Pastor Zwiebel and family moved in on April 15, 1946. While there is a large amount of finishing to be done, the parsonage is very livable.

Literally, "sweat, blood, and tears" with much sacrifice made such an adventure possible. Often those things that count for the most cost the most. The few whose faith made this project possible ask no personal credit, knowing full well that the building stands as a testimony of their desire that the "kingdom of God" be built "on earth as it is in heaven."

### NEW PARSONAGE

Hebron, Pa.

This home, completed just one year ago this month, is the realization of a long cherished "dream."





## "BEHOLD, I STAND AT THE DOOR AND KNOCK"

It daily becomes more apparent that God's respect for the freedom of our affections, thoughts, and purposes is complete. It is part of that respect for our freedom that he never forces upon us his own gifts. He offers them, but unless we actively accept them, they remain ineffective as far as we are concerned.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock"—that is always the relation of God our Redeemer to our souls. He has paid the whole price; he has suffered the atoning death; yet still he waits till we open the door of our hearts to let in his love which will call our love out. He never breaks down that door. He stands and knocks.

And this is true not only of his first demand for admission to the mansion of the soul; it is true also of every room within that mansion. There are many of us who have opened the front door to him, but have only let him into the corridors and staircases; all the rooms where we work or amuse ourselves are still closed against him. There are still greater multitudes who have welcomed him to some rooms, and hope he will not ask what goes on behind the doors of others. But sooner or later he asks; and if we do not at once take him to see, he leaves the room where we were so comfortable with him, and stands knocking at the closed door.

And then we can never again have the joy of his presence in the first room until we open the door at which he is now knocking. We can only have him with us in the room that we choose for him, if we really make him free of all the house. — William Temple, *Personal Religion and the Life of Fellowship*.

### What Have We to Contribute?

When General Marshall took the oath of office as secretary of state he said: "I will do my best." This is an example for us all and we may well ask, "What have we to contribute to the world's good?"

Every person has some worth-while contribution which he can make. If he will study himself in his surroundings, this will

be apparent. Also every church should ask itself, "What contribution can this church make to the local community and to the world?" Every denomination should ask itself, "What contribution can this organization of churches make to the good of humanity?" If there was ever a time when Seventh Day Baptists ought to ask themselves what contribution they can make to the kingdom of Christ, it is now. Have we anything the world needs which other denominations do not have? If we have, we should by all means give it in the fullest measure.

This leads to another question which should be pressed at this time, namely, "Are we willing to make our contributions freely and fully?" Perhaps one of the reasons why the cause which we hold dear has not been more prosperous is that we have not been more faithful in the stewardship committed to us as a people. When we proclaim half-heartedly and haltingly the truth which has made us a peculiar people, our lukewarmness is taken as an evidence of our insincerity in regard to the things which we profess to believe. There is no better way to show we really believe that which we profess than to support to the utmost the boards to whom we have entrusted our work.

Do we as a people really believe that we have a contribution to make to the colossal task of the world's redemption? Do we believe that we have something which is needed in the United States, West Indies, South America, China, Holland, and all the world? We do! Then let us push our work as those who are in earnest. W. L. B.

### PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The church began with lay workers: a commercial fisherman preached the first sermon, a preaching deacon was the first martyr, a tent-maker was the first missionary. . . . The successful ongoing of the church in these times depends upon the arousing of laymen and lay women to their personal responsibility and to the need for better undergirding, guiding, and helping our ministers and other professional Christian workers.

—I. O. Royse.

One Important Task Is to Understand —

## THE UNITED NATIONS

By MRS. JOHN F. RANDOLPH

(Meditations on peace gleaned from the booklet, "The United Nations," by Allen W. Dulles and Beatrice Pitney Lamb.)

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS which followed World War I did not prevent the outbreak of World War II. It would be a mistake, however, to overlook the influence of that organization. It helped to bring nations closer together through cooperation in regard to common problems in the field of health, economic activities, traffic in narcotic drugs, etc.

The United Nations Charter has many features that the league covenant did not contain. The charter is probably a more workmanlike document, but our main hope for success of the United Nations must be based upon an awakened sense of the necessity for international solidarity as the only alternative to the horrors of atomic warfare.

Fortunately the United Nations has two great advantages over the League of Nations in that all the great powers of the world are members of it, and it is not the first organization of its kind. If it receives full support and we proceed with faith and patience, it may succeed where the league failed.

The machinery for a United Nations has been created. We have begun to use it. There has been full public discussion between the conclusion of the Dumbarton Oaks conversation and the end of the San Francisco conference.

We knew the dangers and difficulties and disagreements we would meet in bringing about peace among the people of the world. We find ourselves shocked and discouraged by these same dangers, difficulties, and disagreements. We should not be. Misunderstandings have been in the world for centuries. The important thing to remember is that we have begun trying to adjust and to meet them by democratic and peaceful means through the United Nations.

Each one of us is a part of this great peace project and should become well acquainted with its working plan.

The United Nations is made up of one body called the General Assembly, consist-

ing of fifty-one countries (as of August 1, 1946). The General Assembly has one delegate from each member nation.

The Security Council, with its eleven members, is entrusted with the "primary responsibility for the maintenance of international peace and security." The main duties of the council in relation to peace fall under two headings: first, the pacific settlement of disputes, and second, enforcement action to prevent a breach of the peace. There are four divisions entrusted to this council: Atomic Energy Commission, Military Staff Committee, International Armed Forces, and Regional Security Agencies.

The Economic and Social Council has eighteen members, elected by the Assembly. Progress made toward the improvement of economic and social conditions in the member countries tends to develop an atmosphere more favorable to peace. The experience of working together to solve our international problems is important to our mutual understanding.

The Trusteeship Council has not yet been established and cannot be for some time. There must be trusteeship agreements before there can be a council. So far the reaching of agreements has been delayed by arguments.

The Secretariat is to comprise a secretary-general and such staff as the organization may require. The secretary-general is appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council. He is the chief administrative officer of the organization and is to act in that capacity at all meetings of the General Assembly, the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, and the Trusteeship Council; he also has other important duties. There are eight departments under the Secretariat, each in charge of an assistant secretary-general. When these departments are fully constituted it is expected the Secretariat will number over two thousand.

The International Court has fifteen judges, elected jointly by the Assembly and Security Council. The court is declared to be the principal judicial organ of the United Nations.



There are suggested amendments to the original charter. One is that the delegates be chosen directly by the people of the world through elections, participated in by all the voters qualified to elect members of the national parliament in their own countries.

"We cannot wait for years to develop a new organization to deal with the immediate complex problems confronting us—including the control of atomic energy. Today we have only one organization, and that is the United Nations. We may be able to reform and strengthen it in time; we can possibly amend its charter and cure its defects over the years. We cannot substitute for it—today, tomorrow, or for many weary

years—another and possibly more perfect organization. Today more than ever there is the need to grapple directly with the problems and difficulties of the organization which we have at hand.

"There is the need to work steadily and courageously within the frame work of the United Nations, neither hoping for impossible utopias nor giving up too soon the admittedly difficult attempts to achieve international co-operation, even with our present imperfect institutions and our equally imperfect human nature."

Hence one of the important tasks for all of us, if we are to be of real help, is to understand the work of the United Nations.

Berea, W. Va.

## UNITED NATIONS QUESTION BOX

How many answers would you be able to give correctly?

(This questionnaire was used by the Lost Creek Ladies' Aid as part of a program on the theme of peace. The chairman of the peace committee, Mrs. Marion Van Horn of Lost Creek, W. Va., would welcome similar material and suggestions for study prepared and used by other societies.—F. D.)

1. When was the recent meeting of the United Nations Assembly?

Answer—October 23 to December 15. It was the second part of the first session.

2. Who acted as president of this session?

Answer—Paul-Henry Spaak, foreign minister of Belgium.

3. How many countries were represented?

Answer—Fifty-five.

4. How many countries had women delegates?

Answer—Four: United States, India, New Zealand, and the Dominican Republic.

5. Who was the U. S. woman delegate?

Answer—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

6. How many languages are spoken by the United Nations?

Answer—Twenty languages. The UN, however, has five official languages: French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, and English. Chinese is spoken by the most people; almost

458 million speak Chinese, while about 212 million speak English.

7. Where is the capital of the UN to be built?

Answer—A skyscraper headquarters is to be built in New York City, made possible by a generous gift by John D. Rockefeller.

8. What requirements does the charter of the UN make for admission of new members?

Answer—The charter provides that membership is open to peace-loving states which accept the obligations of the charter and in the judgment of the UN are able and willing to carry out these obligations. The General Assembly, upon recommendation of the Security Council, acts on applications.

9. What disarmament resolution was adopted by the General Assembly?

Answer—It provides that the Security Council shall work out a plan for general reduction of armaments, inspection, and control, with particular emphasis on the elimination of weapons of mass destruction such as atomic bombs. The resolution instructs the Security Council to formulate disarmament plans in the form of an international convention which, when passed by the General Assembly, would be sent on to the member states for ratification.

## NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

### "CHRISTIAN LIVING BEGINS AT HOME" IS THEME

OUR HOPES AND DESPAIR root in the home, whether we think in terms of recruiting strength for the church of tomorrow, rearing a generation of young Christians, or of achieving a brotherly world, according to Dr. T. T. Swearingen, director of adult work and family education of the International Council of Religious Education.

Expressing his belief that Christian living in the home is more imperative today than ever before, Dr. Swearingen announced in a personal statement that 1947 National Family Week will be observed May 4-11 by Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths using the theme, "Christian Living Begins at Home," giving recognition to the tremendous importance and influence of family life.

An interfaith committee has been making plans for the continent-wide observance in churches and synagogues; and includes Rabbi Ahron Opher, New York City, assistant to the president of the Synagogue Council of America; Rev. Edgar Schmiedeler of Washington, D. C., director of the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference; and Dr. Swearingen, who is secretary of the committee.

"The home is where children acquire their sense of life values," Dr. Swearingen declared. "Whether we wish it or not, learning constantly takes place within the family circle. It never ceases. Ideas are fashioned and the emotional quality of the family relationship transforms ideas into prejudices, ideals, and purposes."

"Therefore," he continued, "the matter of teaching in the home is not an optional matter. The church must face the fact that it cannot decide whether or not learning takes place in the home, but it can affect what is learned. The church can help to determine the kind of attitudes which develop there."

"Christian parents, therefore, must become the teachers of religion as they are already the teachers of growing children," he pointed out. "Our first job is to grow genuine Christians, and if the home is the most powerful agency for achieving this purpose, then our first job is to help the home effectively to discharge this duty."

Methods suggested by Dr. Swearingen include premarital counselling as couples are establishing their Christian homes and anticipate the rearing of children within the Christian tradition; creation of special literature for reading in the home; giving attention to the effect of community forces on family life, such as housing problems, need for recreation facilities, creating correct standards of success; and developing a realization of "the Christian religious significance in growing life of every thought, every word, every act, and every relationship, which makes religion a spirit and direction giving meaning and value to every life experience."

## SECOND HOPKINTON CHURCH HAS HOME-COMING

On Sabbath afternoon, February 15, 1947, the Second Hopkinton church, the little church by the side of the road, was the scene of a special Home-Coming. The program was given particularly for the young people of the church and surrounding community. The pastor, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, and Lewis F. Randolph, a deacon and superintendent of the Sabbath school, worked together for several weeks preparing for the occasion.

The name for the gathering, "Home-Coming," was suggested by the pastor. The church was well filled with friends from Ashaway, Westerly, Rockville, and the local village.

Papers were read regarding the history of the church, the Christian Endeavor society, and the Sabbath school. Some of the essays are being published with this report. A poem, "Second Hopkinton," by Kenneth Kenyon, a member of the church, received many compliments. A sketch of the church done in India ink and water colors by Stanley Burdick, a son of Pastor Burdick, added much to the program and was greatly appreciated. Many thanks are due to all those who participated in the program or helped in its preparation.

Letters from the following former pastors were read: Rev. E. A. Witter, Rev. W. D. Burdick, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, and Rev.



Wayne R. Rood. Mrs. Rood also wrote a note to the church. An interesting letter was received and read from Mrs. Ellen Cole, a member of the first day Baptist Church at Hopkinton. Mrs. Cole is ninety-two; Rev. Witter is ninety-four. All of these letters brought much cheer and encouragement to the church organization.

Mention should also be made of the paper, "Deacons That I Remember," by Mrs. Annette K. Mills, and also the remarks given by Deacon Walter D. Kenyon on "Ministers That I Remember." Rev. Harold R. Crandall and Rev. Harmon Dickinson added to the program with very appropriate remarks. Rev. Eli F. Loofboro also brought a message of encouragement.

Our church organization at Second Hopkinton has much for which to be thankful, and we are praying and trusting that with divine help we can continue being prosperous as a church, and that the heavenly Father will bless and guide each member so that we will have shown progress at the end of 1947. "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever." Psalm 125: 1.

L. F. Randolph,  
Corresponding Secretary.

#### SECOND HOPKINTON SABBATH SCHOOL

By Edwin James, Jr.

The Second Hopkinton Sabbath school was organized on April 4, 1835, a few months after the organization of the church. The first school had one class, with about fifty-one scholars. It is supposed that the school was first divided into classes around May 25, 1837.

Among the past enterprises of the school are the library and the Union Concerts. The library was started in 1841, with the purchase of some books, and exchanges of books were made with the Rockville and Clarks Falls schools. By 1852 there were 165 books in the library, and although it has not been in use for many years, some of the books are still on the shelves.

In the early eighties, Sabbath school and church concerts were held in conjunction with the first day church, which were known as "Union Concerts."

The school has changed much during the last few years. I remember when I entered

the primary class it was the only class besides the adult class. As the school grew, two more classes, the intermediate and junior, were organized.

In addition to the recent growth, I think that the school is looking forward to progress and improvement in the future.

#### HOME-COMING ADDRESS OF WELCOME

By LeRoy Burdick

For more than one hundred years our church at Hopkinton has been a force for good; a powerhouse sending a divine impulse into men's lives; a beacon, guiding them into channels of right; a fountain, sending the pure, clear water of life into souls thirsty and parched by sin.

Today's program is prepared as an effort to give honor to the men and women who have, down through the years, given much to build up and preserve this church. May we be inspired today to give wholeheartedly of our time, effort, and prayers, that God may use our little group today as he used our forefathers of the faith in years that are passed.

#### NEW AUBURN CHURCH REPORTS

##### VARIOUS YOUTH ACTIVITIES

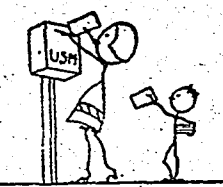
Mrs. Neal D. Mills writes from New Auburn, Wis.: "We had a Valentine party for the Junior, Primary, and Beginner classes of the Sabbath school. The teachers gave prizes to the one in each class bringing the nicest homemade valentine. The afternoon was spent playing games and contests, and the party ended with a big supper."

This church was the first to write for books to be used in Vacation Church School, which will probably be held early in June, Mrs. Mills reports.

"The children enjoy and look forward to getting the Seventh Day Baptist Boys and Girls papers," Mrs. Mills said.

#### WORD OF GOD TODAY

Men and women and children need the Word of God today and in the years ahead, as never before. If people everywhere, and in all conditions of life, can read and understand, and will obey that Word, a new birth of freedom for all mankind is possible in our time. — Dr. Luther A. Weigle.



#### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mizpah S. Greene  
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am Evelyn Gleora Kershaw. I am eight years old. I have no brothers or sisters. I am in the third grade.

Since we have no church here, Grandma and I sing several hymns, and we have committed several verses to memory from our Bibles. We try to do this every Sabbath day. We wish we were close to one of our churches so we could go to Sabbath school.

I will be looking for this letter in the Sabbath Recorder.

Love from your new friend,

Welton, Iowa. Evelyn G. Kershaw.

Dear Evelyn:

I'm grateful to both you and your grandma for this nice letter, and am sorry I could not get it into the Sabbath Recorder before. But I receive many letters and of course have to have the first ones published first.

I believe it was some weeks ago that I first heard that the Welton church had been sold. That is what happened to our Scio church not far from here, so that the Sabbath keepers there have become lone Sabbath keepers.

I, too, used to learn Bible verses at my grandmother's knee, and how I loved to do it. I had a story hour with her every day, and on the Sabbath she told me Bible stories, which she made most interesting of all. When I grew older, I walked to Walworth to attend church two and one half miles away.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It is Sabbath morning, and how beautiful it is! The sun is shining so brightly. How is the weather over there?

Today is my daddy's birthday. He is now forty-six years old. My mother bought him a big birthday cake with roses and leaves on it. It is very nicely decorated.

Last night we had Bible study at our house; the lesson was on the prophecies, showing that we are living in the last days before the soon coming of our Lord.

A week ago last Sabbath there was a Youth Conference held in Schenectady, and children from all the churches in the city were invited to attend. We also enjoyed having with us our brothers and sisters in the Lord who came from the Verona Church. We love them very much.

This will be all for now, and may God bless you.

Your Recorder friend,  
Esther N. Fatato.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

Pastor Greene and I are both a little under the weather with spring colds, which we hope will not stay with us long. However we are in style, for many Andover residents have colds or grip. I believe over a hundred children were out of school because of colds before the beginning of Easter vacation, which began last Wednesday. I think we were having stormy weather when your letter came, but today is bright and sunny, though a heavy wind is blowing. Yesterday we had quite a thunder storm. The storms God sends us have their value; and when we have a pleasant day, we appreciate it all the more by contrast. "Into each life some rain must fall, some days be dark and dreary."

Youth conferences are being held in this part of the state, also, and furnish a very worth-while experience for our young people. May God bless you every one.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is my second letter to the Recorder. I guess I haven't been writing much at all. I didn't go to school this morning. I had a cold and my mother did not dare send me.

I have two sisters and three brothers. My big sister is married, and her husband is in the Army. My other sister and my oldest brother are in college in West Virginia. My next brother is in high school, and my last brother and I go to grade school a mile from our house.

It has been a beautiful day here. The snow is coming down as though it didn't care if it ever reached the ground. Land! How the time does fly! I must quit and help my mother get dinner.

Love,  
Coudersport, Pa. Maralee Stearns.



## TWENTY-ONE PEOPLE ENROLLED IN INDIANAPOLIS FELLOWSHIP

At the end of two months of intensive effort twenty-one people have been enrolled in the Indianapolis Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists. Of this number seventeen have never had any connection with our denomination. Some have never before professed Christ as Saviour and Lord, and some are converts to the Sabbath. Most of them are not at present affiliated with any church; so we are not robbing any other group. Six are candidates for baptism, which will be administered the last Sabbath in April. The celebration of the Lord's Supper will take place on the following Sabbath.

To get our name before the people, announce our services, and present a Sabbath-promotion message, we run ads on the church page of the daily papers. This is costly, but it gets results. Nineteen of our twenty-one members have been reached through the newspapers. So it pays! We send postal cards announcing our services each week to a selected list of prospects, and this month we have had a card printed announcing the topics for the month.

Contacts are made at the services and followed up by personal calls and Bible studies in the homes. In the city, mileage is no small matter since the people are so scattered. But the follow-up by visitation and personal dealing is what brings the decision; so the traveling is worth the cost. In two months we have driven nearly fifteen hundred miles going to services and making calls. Some of this is due to the fact that we live out so far.

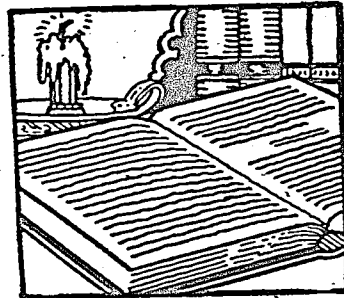
Our experience in Indianapolis makes us confident that what is being done here can be done other places, with similar results. If as much time and energy, money and prayer were put into another city, especially one where we have a church to form a nucleus of attendance, the same measure of success would be attained.

Your servants in the Lord,  
Rev. and Mrs. Lester G. Osborn.

Dear Maralee:

My page is more than full; so I must wait until next week to answer your letter.

Mizpah S. Greene.



## Moments of Meditation

### ABIDING WITH HIM

Read John 1: 35-51.

He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day; for it was about the tenth hour. — John 1: 39.

At the very beginning of the public ministry of Jesus certain of John's disciples asked Jesus where he lived. Jesus said, "Come and see." The disciples accepted his invitation and went with him, "and abode with him that day."

From that simple incident, about which there is nothing startling or unusual, has flowed unmeasured blessing to mankind. It was the beginning of that personal fellowship with Jesus Christ, which has brought peace and abiding joy to men in all generations since.

Andrew and John and the others did not look like men who were to initiate the spiritual conquest of the world. But they had found the Messiah. Jesus had been pointed out to them as the one "of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write." All their lives they had been taught about the Messiah, and now they took all their religious teachings and knowledge and went to spend the day with Jesus. They found him to be all that they had learned that he would be, and they determined not to part from him again.

The only way to make a good world is through the contagion of a good life. Only Jesus Christ, living in men, can heal the world of its sorrow. Apart from Christ this world has no meaning and life no purpose. With him struggle is grand and even defeat is victory.

#### Prayer

O great and gracious Son of Man,  
Most glorious Thou of all I see,  
Most potent Thou of all who can—  
I give up all to follow Thee. Amen.

Ahva J. C. Bond, Dean, School of Theology,  
Alfred, N. Y.

## WORDS TO THE WISE EDITORIAL

(Continued from page 260)

Indeed, the monetary demands of the day sometimes seem almost beyond reason. Money is asked for this cause; donations are expected for that organization; such and such a club is raising funds; a special budget-raising campaign is scheduled for some other group. And so it goes, until we are sick and tired of so much "begging." True, many of the askings are legitimate; that we have to admit. To many causes we would like to be able to give, but —

Everything considered, we as a people give generously. A special appeal is made from the pulpit: we give! A representative from some organization visits the church; we give! The community in which we live sponsors a welfare drive of some sort: we give! Whenever the collection plate is passed, we give! But how many of us give thoughtfully and systematically? How many of our dollars go to activities and organizations *outside* the church and denomination? To be sure, the other undertaking may be worthy, and we want to take as much part as possible in broad, interfaith, community, national, and world-wide projects. It would seem wise, however, to consider carefully *first* the needs of our own churches and denominational enterprises. No one else is going to finance our endeavors. It is safe to assume that our own boards and churches would be much more adequately supported if *all* of our resources went to their care. By "all" we mean what is given to outside causes, plus what we do give to the support of our own affairs, plus what we could and should give in addition, if we were to use a regular plan such as the tithe. Our all is none too much.

There would seem to be a special lesson in the allegorical statements made in Proverbs 30: 24-28:

There are four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise:  
The ants are a people not strong yet they prepare their meat in the summer;  
The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the rocks;  
The locusts have no king, yet go they forth all of them by bands;  
The spider taketh hold with the hands, and is in kings' palaces.

With a little stretch of the imagination, this passage can be paraphrased (legitimately and logically) to carry a great deal of meaning for us:

Seventh Day Baptists are not strong in numbers, but they prepare for the future while funds are available.

Our church members are not wealthy, but they invest what funds they have in worthwhile, lasting church and denominational projects.

Church policies and personal beliefs are not dictated by anyone, yet all the people work together on the common undertakings.

Whenever there is a job—even lowly or difficult—we pitch in and do it, and the rewards are rich and satisfying.

Would that all these statements might be said in complete reflection of actual conditions. All of us desire to be among the wise—mentioned in the opening quotation from Proverbs—who shall inherit glory: the immediate glory of seeing our denomination grow, our churches prosper, our missionary enterprises furthered, and our relief undertakings become more effective, as well as the glory by and by of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." For a certainty—as the proverb suggests—we will be put to the shame of fools if we allow our interests to crumble because of the lack of financial support.

### CHURCHES URGED TO KEEP CONTACT WITH SERVICE PERSONNEL

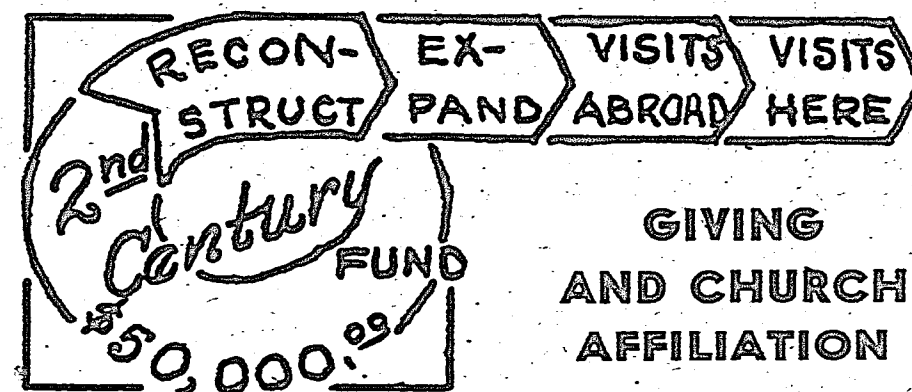
Said Secretary of War Patterson recently: "The canteens are closed. The recreation centers are dark. The civic groups and churches turn to other activities. The flow of letters overseas dwindles. The American people are not callous or indifferent. I am certain that if the proper impetus is applied there will be a reawakened, personalized interest in our soldiers at home and abroad." It is being urged that ministers notify the nearest church of members who are now in service; that church people welcome uniformed men at their services; and that writing by churches to soldiers be continued. — W. W. Reid.

## OLD-TIMER SEZ



"The Bible sez there ain't no chastenin' that a feller enjoys when he is agettin' it. But it sez, too, that a dad chastens a youngun because he loves it and wants it to go right. We gotta be beat up sum in this world to keep us goin' right!"





In making payments to the Second Century Fund, either on pledges or separate investments or gifts, make sure your name is attached to the presentation. And just as important is attaching the affiliation you have with your church; that is, giving us the name of the church to which you belong. This is important for us, for your church, and for the denomination as a whole.

Next week the figures for giving to the Second Century Fund will again appear. We want to give credit where credit is due—credit for solicitations, and generosity, and ability in the churches where such credit is due.

May God prosper and bless you as we look toward a second century in world missions for Christ. Share with others the speeches, sermons, special programs you may have used on Second Century Sabbath by writing them to us; we shall see that they are shared by publication.

David S. Clarke.

#### UNIVERSAL NEED SHOWN FOR NEW EVANGELISM

There is urgent need for a new type of evangelism—an evangelism that will reach families, and tribes, and communities in America and across the world—says a committee under the chairmanship of Dr. Kenneth S. Latourette, of Yale, recently reporting to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. "In countries which have escaped the actual sufferings of war, self-love, and insistence upon personal gain and comfort without regard to the welfare of others seem to be the prevailing moods," says the report. "Crime and juvenile delinquency are reaching unprecedented proportions. Man has become possessed of the greatest destructive power in history and is fearful lest he use it to bring about the suicide of civilization. In almost all countries where foreign mission work is carried on, the immensely greater numbers in the general population mean that there are more non-Christians today than there were half a century ago."

## You, Too, Can Be a Nervous Wreck

By John E. Wood

It isn't hard to be a nervous wreck. All that is really required is to put your mind to it. The most successful ones find that it helps to do this between the hours of 2 and 4.30 a.m. Then, when the alarm goes off they find that they are automatically off on the wrong track. You see, it is always the wrong track that leads to the best wrecks.

At first it may seem that those hours are a bit difficult to keep. With this in mind the more accomplished of the jittered brethren have developed certain rules.

1. Never read any meditational literature, poetry, or Scripture before retiring. You'll never be a successful wreck if this rule is violated.

2. If sleep approaches, recall at once the latest murder and think of those to whom you wish it had happened. Devise improvements upon the method used.

3. Recall the day's conversations and search them diligently for all insidious or suspicious meanings. For instance, if some one has said, "You are looking well," think how you must have appeared at your previous meeting. With a little practice you will become so expert you will never have a happy moment.

4. Remember the last time you went to church. Every one so friendly—what did they think I was, a prodigal? Then there was that other time when so few spoke to me you would have thought I was a nobody that didn't count.

5. Remember anyone can criticize some of the things that go on in the world. Only an expert can criticize everything. Try your skill on your better half. After all you don't want to be the only wreck.

6. Get a good worry going. The best worriers usually pick something they can't do anything about.

If you think this is the wrong track for you—and I hope you do—throw the switch and try another one. To begin with, reverse all directions. — The Christian Leader.

## DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

In addition, Dean Drake announces, there will be an inter-session period of three weeks covering the interval between the close of the spring semester and the opening of the regular session of the Summer School.

Alfred University and the New York State College of Ceramics are synonymous with ceramic art education in the minds of most people who know anything about the field. While during the regular sessions of the college year most students come from New York State, the summer registration is drawn from a much wider geographical area and students come from all over the United States and from foreign countries. Already registered for this summer are people from California, Colorado, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Alabama, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, in addition to New York State. Students are also registered from Norway and Canada.

The graduate program in Education leading to the master's degree has also come to be an outstanding feature of summer work at Alfred.

A possibility that temporary buildings may be obtained from the U. S. Government for use as sorely needed additions to Clawson Infirmary has become evident.

Business Manager E. K. Lebohner revealed that application for seven new temporary buildings has been filed with the U. S. Office of Education, one of which would be used to augment the twelve-bed infirmary, now overtaxed by the all-time record enrollment of more than 1,400 students at the university and Ag-Tech.

Services of a full-time physician are also being sought by the university, to augment services rendered now by Dr. R. O. Hitchcock, university physician on a part-time basis, and Dr. Ellen Sutton, also on a part-time basis.

An attempt is also being made to acquire an eight-bed hospital from the War Assets Administration.

The six other buildings requested on the U.S.O.E. would be used by the College of Ceramics and the Liberal Arts College as classrooms and laboratories. — Alfred Sun.

## Marriages

**Leonard - Thorngate.** — John Paul Leonard and Geraldine Hope Thorngate, both of Daytona Beach, Fla., were united in marriage in the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist church at high noon, Easter Sabbath, April 5, 1947, following the Sabbath school service. The bride is the younger daughter of our former missionary to South America, Rev. Royal R. Thorngate, now retired at Oneida, N. Y.

Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, boyhood and life-time friend of the bride's father, officiated, using a shortened form of the double-ring service. Their new home will be in Daytona Beach.

## Obituaries

**Davis.** — Uri Pearl, son of Thomas C. and Eliza L. Babcock Davis, was born at North Loup, Neb., February 21, 1878, and died in the local hospital at Gainesville, Fla., February 9, 1947.

He was a graduate of Milton College, Milton, Wis., and received his master's degree in the University of Florida. He was well known throughout Florida educational circles, having recently retired as teacher of Mathematics in the University of Florida, on account of ill health. He had held the university position for seventeen years.

His first wife, Edna LaRue Davis, died in 1927. His second wife, Lora Taylor Davis, survives him, together with a brother, Bert Davis of Elmira, N. Y., a sister, Mrs. Alfred I. Maxson of Stuart, Fla., also a sister, Mrs. Howard G. Davis of Oneida, N. Y., two foster daughters, and many other relatives and friends.

Early in life he became a member of the Grand Junction, Iowa, Seventh Day Baptist Church and afterward the church of the same faith in Nortonville, Kan. At Gainesville, through many years, he was an active and valued worker in the Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted by the Masonic Order. H. C. V. H.

**Ebersole.** — Harvey Ebersole, son of Henry and Sally Ebersole, was born at New Enterprise, Pa., October 10, 1881, and died at Newry, Pa., February 5, 1947.

He is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Marvin Kagarise of Newry, Mrs. Paul Boring of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. Bus Wilman of Duncansville, Pa.; and by one sister and two brothers.

Mr. Ebersole in youth united with the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which he was a member until death. During the last year he was associated with a church in the community in which he resided. Farewell services were held at Newry on Sabbath morning, February 8, conducted by Rev. L. J. Karshner of Newry, assisted by Pastor T. R. Sutton. Interment was in the Salemville Cemetery. T. R. S.



# WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

ASHAWAY, R. I. — In the interest of strengthening church ministry and church efficiency, special services were conducted in the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist church for three weekends. Services were



Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson

held on Sunday nights, March 30 and April 6, in addition to the regular services of the church.

Rev. David S. Clarke of Westerly, representative of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, spoke at these services, the general topic being, "Look Up, Look In, and Look Out." Pastor the church, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, also had a part in the meeting.

During the week Mr. Clarke met with church groups, and calls were made on members and friends of the church.

On Good Friday evening, April 4, the service included the rendition of the Easter cantata, "Christ Victorious," Nolte, by the combined Senior and Junior choirs, Mrs. Florence Wells, director. — Westerly Sun.

MILTON, WIS. — A community Communion service was held on Good Friday evening, April 4, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church, bringing to a close this year's series of community Lenten services.

Rev. Carroll L. Hill, president of Milton College, gave the meditation, and special music was presented by the choir of the host church. Rev. Orville W. Babcock presided at the devotional service, and the four pastors officiated at the communion table.

This brought to an end the third year of union services during the Lenten season, in which the Methodist and Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Milton and Milton Junction and the Congregational Church of Milton have participated. — Courier.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Plans are being made for a Recorder drive in an effort to have the denominational magazine in every Seventh Day Baptist home in the community, as well as in other homes. Mrs. Myra Barber is in charge of the drive.

A series of special meetings are being held in our church beginning the Friday after Easter. The speaker is Rev. Elmo Randolph of the Milton Church. Services are to be held on Friday night, Sabbath morning, and the evening after the Sabbath for three weeks. There will also be visitation services during the time.

The teachers and officers of the Sabbath school had a conference meeting one Sabbath afternoon recently. Several important matters were discussed, among them that of visual aid for the school.

The regular all-church social was held on Sunday evening, March 9. The kitchen arrangements were handled by Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Babcock. The program was arranged by the Junior society.

The young folks gave a Chinese program, with music, recitations, talks, and a little play. Following the program a collection was taken, the proceeds of which are to be sent to Shanghai, China, for a bed for the hospital which is being rebuilt.

Nearly \$40 was raised at a Dr. Grace Missionary Society box supper. The proceeds went to the camp fund. — Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The 1947 session of Alfred University Summer School will begin on July 7, and continue for six weeks, until August 15, according to Dean M. Ellis Drake, director of Summer School.

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APRIL 28, 1947

The Sabbath

# Recorder

"The local church people are  
courageous and nobly carry on . . ."

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Seventh Day Baptist Church of Daytona Beach, Fla.