

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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WHAT WHERE TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

Winners of National Family Week Radio Citations selected in a nation-wide poll conducted through the religious press have been announced today by the Inter-Council Committee on Christian Family Life, according to Miss Pearl Rosser, director of radio education for the International Council of Religious Education, and chairman of the radio committee of the Inter-Council Committee.

Ten radio programs, chosen from one hundred ninety different programs receiving ballots, will be honored during the inter-faith observance of National Family Week, May 4-11, for the quality of their program. Listed in order of number of ballots received, the programs receiving top awards are: One Man's Family; Fibber McGee and Molly; the Aldrich Family; Ma Perkins; Pepper Young's Family; Mayor of the Town; the Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet; A Date with Judy; Life Can Be Beautiful; and the new program, the Greatest Story Ever Told.

Dr. R. W. Barstow, director of Church World Service, which co-ordinates relief action of thirty different denominations in the United States representing 25,000,000 members, stresses that between Christians the words "giving" and "receiving" seems inadequate, and ought to be replaced by the word "sharing."

The place of the church Bible school in the teaching of religion in America will be considered for four days, July 23 to 27, by some ten thousand volunteer church teachers and officers at the twenty-first quadrennial International Sunday School Convention at Des Moines, Iowa, under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education. The Coliseum and the Drake Stadium will house the convention. Presiding will be former Gov. Harold E. Stassen, head of the council, and J. L. Kraft, Chicago industrialist, who chairmans the convention committee. Speakers and leaders will include Dr. Roy L. Smith of Chicago, Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton of Adams, N. Y., Dr. Roy G. Ross of Chicago, General Omar N. Bradley, President Paul Hoh of Mount Airy, Pa., Mrs. Harper Sibley of Rochester, N. Y.; Dr. Mordecai Johnson of Washington, D. C., Attorney General Tom Clark, Dr. Ernest T. Thompson of Richmond, Va.

Soap is still a rare item in lands overseas, even though the American housewife is finding it much easier to get at the local grocery store. And the soap factory at Nappanee is still turning out a ton a day for relief. From all around the country Grease for Peace cans are coming in to the Indiana plant. For every pound of waste fat contributed, a pound of soap can be made. A five-gallon can holds enough for forty-five pounds of soap, or \$10.40 worth.

EDITORIALS

EUROPE'S DANGER ZONE

GUEST EDITORIAL

By Dr. Robbins W. Barstow*

Central Europe is in imminent danger of becoming either a volcano or a desert.

After a mission to Europe, where I traveled in seven countries and talked to many laymen and church leaders alike, I am convinced that the political and economic conditions in Austria and Germany are the key to all of Europe. These conditions will be determined by the terms of the peace treaties and by the assistance that can be rendered in restoring these two nations to self-support and a carefully safeguarded independence.

Other lands are slowly climbing back up the walls of the chasm civilization blasted out for its own entrapment. In varying degrees the nations are making gains in economic and social rehabilitation. But all nations, including the United States, would be involved in a collapse of the whole social structure of the continent; and unhappily, such a threat is not beyond the range of possibility.

Quite apart from Christian or humanitarian motives, in sheer self-interest and even in self-defense, the United States must assume a still larger share in supplying food and clothing for the destitute populations of Europe to prevent mass starvation and the global danger of epidemic disease. The U. S. must also take adequate measures to

*Dr. Barstow, executive director of service for Church World Service, returned April 3 from a six-week trip to Europe, where he visited seven countries and conferred at several interdenominational meetings with leaders from the World Council of Churches and the churches of Europe. This was his third trip to Europe since the end of the war.

restore production and trade and prevent economic chaos. Provision must be made for the uprooted millions, the displaced persons, the bombed-out city dwellers. Resettlement of displaced persons in other countries, including America, should be made possible. And for the larger numbers who must remain in desolated lands, homes and occupational opportunities must be made available.

The churches of Europe and America are taking a leading part in all measures for relief and reconstruction, but their resources are meager in relation to the need. The part they play is significant, however, in reviving morale and providing leadership in areas of life above the level of survival and subsistence.

Whether or not we wish it and welcome it, the tragic fact of world catastrophe has laid the responsibility of leadership upon the United States, the only nation with resources that can cope with the situation.

The first American newspaper I saw on my return to this country indicated the confusion in our domestic issues. It's evident that we must compose our own differences, restore and increase the full effectiveness of our own economy, and gear our efforts and our politics, not to a further catering to our own cravings for luxurious living, but to the recovery and progress of the whole world. America cannot be prosperous, nor healthy, nor safe until the other nations are well on the road to these same objectives.

The churches and Christian people of America must prepare themselves for an increased and long-term program of sharing both money and goods, and also for insisting that our government pursue policies that are consistent with the highest Christian idealism.

FELLOWSHIP IN FLORIDA

FORMER EDITOR MAKES
OBSERVATIONS FROM "PIER"

By Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn

Dr. J. Nelson Norwood introduced the writer, his guest at Rotary, as from Plainfield, N. J., but his local address—The Fishing Pier. Many pleasant hours throughout the Florida winter were spent on the "pier." Fishing offers unbounded opportunity for orienting one's "retired" self to new conditions. What more natural reaction of the apostle Peter after the death and resurrection of Jesus than that expressed in the declaration to his fellows, "I go a fishing"? It gave him opportunity to think through the fog of heartbreaking disappointment and the unbelievable experiences of seeing and hearing the risen Lord. His richest experience resulted from his "going fishing."

Easter morning some six thousand arose at the band shell on the shore to face the east and watch the sun come up out of the broad Atlantic. This sunrise here is of daily occurrence, a daily assurance of God's goodness, power, and love. One could feel it again as a symbol of "the Light of the World," risen to bless all humanity.

From the pier one observes many traits of human character, from the selfishness or friendly helpfulness of the fishers to the antics of a varied humanity in surf or on the sand.

On the pier one fishes with men of the medical profession, judges, and lawyers; with ex-firemen of New York City and noted ball players. A fine old Irish Catholic assures the fishermen: "Sure, and if I was the Pope, I'd make it easier for all of ye." Most of those one meets are friendly and companionable. An elderly lady accosted me one morning, and I learned she was brought up a Seventh Day Baptist and a member of the Waterford, Conn., Brooks family, a sister of Nancy, wife of Rev. Paul Burdick of Rockville, R. I. She loves fishing as her mother did before her. We have had many pleasant visits while waiting for the fish to bite.

The church fellowship at Daytona is a blessed one. As we begin to think of leaving for our various homes we realize more than ever how good it has been. People from at least seven different states have

been of this fellowship. Sabbath services have been well sustained. Rev. Herbert L. Cottrell "supplies" when some visiting speaker has not "occupied" the pulpit. Able and interesting teachers have taught the large adult class of the Sabbath school. The prayer meetings have been most helpful and uplifting. While people come for rest and recuperation, they evidently come with a willingness to serve. The local church people, though few, are courageous and nobly carry on when the visitors are not in Florida.

The new social hall has been about completed and is much in use. Great credit is due two or three, especially, who have borne the heavy responsibilities of building and equipping. But to mention some names and omit others might do injustice to those who have not been able to do so much. Faithful, untiring service has been appreciated. For them all and for all their services, the Lord be praised.

The most recent use of this hall was for a "shower" given a new bride, Geraldine Thorngate Leonard, at which time she and her husband, John, opened many packages of beautiful and useful gifts, which were evidences of the high esteem and love with which she is held by our people here. She is the younger daughter of Rev. Royal R. Thorngate of Oneida, N. Y., one time missionary to British Guiana, S. A.

At noon of the same day a beach party, sponsored by Dr. Josie Rogers and other local church members, was given in honor of some of the soon-departing winter visitors—an enjoyable and appreciated event.

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. — Emerson.

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"Straightway"

Our personal vocabularies are self-portraits in words. The true disciple is continually revising his vocabulary—adding new words, dropping others as obsolete. One of the first new words he must learn is Mark's "straightway." In any army a soldier's obedience must be instant and complete. A physician expects his directions to be obeyed exactly. So the disciple must obey "straightway" when his Master's command comes to his heart. Where in my life am I postponing obedience to some command of my Lord's? — Church Times.

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A man can fail many times, but he isn't a failure until he begins to blame somebody else.

—John Burroughs.

Work in Southwest Reviewed by Missionary Pastors

(Gleaned from Quarterly Reports dated March 30)

GENTRY, ARK.

At the annual church meeting it was voted to try to raise \$100 for pastor's salary during the year; during the quarter \$40 has been paid from Gentry and \$10 from Little Prairie. We have sent regular monthly offerings to the Missionary Society, also \$5 to the Milk Bottle Fund for European relief.

We co-operated with three other churches in a union revival meeting for two weeks at the City Hall. On one Sabbath we gave up our morning services to meet at the City Hall. I preached once at the Methodist church in preparation for the revival. On one Sabbath we gave up our services because of weather conditions; on one, I was unable to be present because of sickness. On Christian Endeavor Day our young folks had charge. One Sabbath I was at Little Prairie. My son, David, who has the ministry in view, has taken charge when I have been absent. Our prayer meetings have been discontinued, for the winter only; C. E. meetings, perhaps permanently because of lack of young folks.

Unless others move in, I know of nothing that can be done to build up the Gentry Church except just to hold on. We have one inactive member who we hope will return to activity; one other has already done so. As to nonresident members, we have been unable to get any word from those at Springfield. I hope to be able to go there before long. The first word we have had from Belzoni (just last week) indicates that there is only one Seventh Day Baptist left there. Two of our nonresident families are now living in Dallas, and with some Fouke nonresidents and others might form a nucleus for a church if some special work could be done there.

I have been at Little Prairie once and promised to go again in May, when we hope to have baptism and the Lord's Supper. I will go as often as possible.

The situation there seems more encouraging than for a long time. Since Brother White left, the church has been inactive, but we had a good all-day meeting at the church. The Sabbath School was reorga-

nized with considerable enthusiasm and good prospects of continuance; arrangements were made for reinstalling the electric meter in the church, and plans started for special evangelistic meetings in the summer. One of the members, recently discharged from the Army, is living in the parsonage and working enthusiastically to keep the church up. There is at least one candidate awaiting baptism when I am there for the Lord's Supper.

Since I am working four days a week (forty to forty-five hours) at Anderson, Mo., one of my biggest problems is to find time for work that needs to be done. However, the outside work, which is necessary to pay my debts, also enables me to advance the money for what limited traveling I have time to do. So I hope if possible to visit Springfield, Dallas, and Belzoni, as well as Little Prairie. How long it will be necessary, or possible, for me to keep up this schedule, I can't say at present. It of course leaves me very little time for study, sermon preparation, or pastoral visiting.

Clifford A. Beebe.

FOUKE, ARK.

I have made a house-to-house visit on one side of Fouke, inviting folks out to special services on Sabbath night, with only small results, although much interest has been shown.

The churches at Little Prairie, Ark., and Edinburg, Tex., are asking me to come to their churches and hold a few special evangelistic services, approximately two weeks each place. The Fouke Church is willing to loan their pastor for that work. I am willing and anxious to do this work, but there is no provision for transportation expenses at this date.

I am going to try to give you a true picture of the spiritual conditions here in the South, as they appear to me. The recent war did untold damage to the spiritual life of many individuals, thus weakening our churches. The opportunity to work at good pay has tempted many of our people to accept jobs where they were required to work on Sabbath day; and now I find many who

seem to think it is excusable if they are required to work Sabbath days. I rejoice that I have persuaded three of this church to discontinue such work.

Much evangelistic work is needed throughout this association to build up the spiritual strength of some who have grown cold and indifferent to the needs of the church. Many are faithful, but much has been lost. I preach, "Render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's, and unto God the things which are God's." I feel that the interests of the kingdom of God should be held high above all earthly interests, and God be allowed to manifest his love, power, and willingness to do for those who love and trust him. Too much "compromising with evil temptations" has been allowed within our ranks, and this can never build for the kingdom of God. In these trying times, when men's souls are tried and other souls are perishing, may we not neglect the duty and responsibility placed upon us.

Ralph M. Soper.

NEW EMPHASIS PLACED ON GREAT COMMISSION

(Reprinted from the Los Angeles Church bulletin.)

The new global maps bring a new emphasis to an old command. "Go ye into all the world," the Master said twenty centuries ago. Then, the world was an unknown sphere of unconquered distances. Travel was limited to the donkey, the camel, and the sailing ship.

Today, as the maps used by the airplane reveal, the whole world is a neighborhood. No spot in the inhabited world today is more than two days by plane from New York. "Only the stars are foreign."

Thus, the great mission fields of Japan (65 million), Russia (193 million), India (352 million), and China (475 million) are no longer distant. This fact has led a great Christian statesman to say, "In the years ahead the nations of the world as we know them will either live together or they will die together. . . . Live or die, they will do it together."

But, for nations to live together as Christians, they must know Christ. Missions have become our "first line of defense." "For He is our peace who hath broken down the mid-

dle wall of partition . . . so making peace." Here is the only way to peace.

When, therefore, we as Christians render under God one tenth of our income to advance his kingdom throughout the world, we hasten the day when the whole world may live at peace. We must choose between the cost of war, with its mounting taxes, and the cost of peace. — The Tithe.

What Does It Matter?

Just one Chinese more or less—what does it matter, where floods and famines always scourge, and where there are always such a lot left? I do not wonder that at home sometimes the continual call for sacrificial giving for relief and medical missions in China raises the question in one's mind, for I was wondering the same thing myself this afternoon as we pushed through the throngs in the streets of Shanghai outside our gate.

Then I came in to look over the compositions which my English class had turned in on the subject, "My Earliest Memory." This boy's was the first one I opened:

MY EARLIEST MEMORY

By Waung S. Jau

If the human life is a play, I will tell you a tragedy in my life which is always in my earliest memory. My youngest sister was a lovely baby with brown hair, bright vivid eyes as the dew moving on the water lily. Oh, how beautiful her face was! If you ever saw an entirely ripened apple, then you could consider its beauty. But she was sick and died from typhus. I could say that she was killed by the ignorant medicine man. He let my sister take a fatal medicine which was mixed with barks, roots, and other kinds of wood. After taking these, my sister was caught by the death-ghost. I saw her struggling on the boundary between life and death, till she drew back her last breath. I cannot detail this tragedy, because it is my earliest memory, but I know it is the dark shadow which covered my heart for a long time.

One little Chinese child more or less—what does it matter?

Helen S. Thorngate.

OBSERVATIONS AND EXPERIENCES ON A WESTWARD TREK

By REV. HARLEY SUTTON

MILTON, WIS.

Constructive Activity Evident

On March 29 was the first class session in the Milton church for the study, "The Children We Teach." Twenty-one parents and Sabbath school teachers were enrolled in the class, ready and anxious to discover better ways of teaching children and of combining the efforts of church and home in this task.

(It was inspiring to work with this group. They took an active part in the discussion and were ready to plan for further study.)

Pastor's Class

Pastor Elmo F. Randolph for some time has been conducting a class of adults who are to become members of the Milton Church. In this class a study is being made of all the outstanding doctrines of the Seventh Day Baptist faith. Those in the class are saying that they think it would be a good thing for all the adult membership to have such a study. It is very thrilling to the pastor and the church to know that these adults, most of them young couples, are taking this matter very seriously. They are planning how to make their home life more Christian; they are planning to study the Bible more intensively, to give more time to home worship, and to be more careful in Sabbath observance.

(This type of adult class is one to be recommended to all of our churches. Here is the perfect combination of evangelism and Christian education.)

Union Services

The churches of the two Miltons have been working together in a very fine manner to bring the message of Christ to the communities through the union Lenten services which were held in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church.

(Real teaching is done by such fine co-operation among churches.)

New Movie Projector

A new sound movie projector has been purchased recently by the Milton Church. This means that many more things can now be done in the field of visual education.

(A real work of teaching can be done with a fine machine like this.)

It was stimulating to visit with the Randolphs and discuss with them the work of the church and the denomination.

President Hill talked about the present program of Milton College and how everything possible is being done to serve the very large student body. Plans for the future were discussed. He manifested his deep interest in the work of the Board of Christian Education, and its activities were considered.

DENVER, COLO.

Ordination Services Held

Sabbath day, April 5, was a great day at Denver.

Mrs. Will Jeffrey was ordained deaconess, and Lyle Maxson was ordained deacon, of the Denver Church.

Mrs. Jeffrey paid high tribute to her parents as she told how they gave her a deep reverence for the tenets of the denomination, a high concept of the dignity of labor, and the great need for a good education. Memories of singing hymns for her father are still her rich heritage. Mrs. Jeffrey is surely a good example of a high type of Seventh Day Baptist lay leadership, the strength of the denomination.

Lyle Maxson is in the same class and gave evidence of that fact in his fine statement, in which he spoke of his feeling of unworthiness for the office of deacon. He spoke of his willingness under God to do the best he could to serve the church in any way he is called.

Francis Saunders, pastor of the Denver Church, was ordained by a council which voted unanimously for his ordination. His statement of belief was given in a clear and enthusiastic manner. Many mentioned what a good experience it was to attend the service of ordination and receive a rich spiritual blessing.

Mr. Saunders has the confidence of the Denver people. He is planning to continue theological training in order to complete that work. There is in Denver a fine seminary under the Methodist denomination, which provides a fine opportunity for further study and is a school of high standing. Many are hoping that Pastor Saunders will feel led of God to take courses at this splendid school.

It was a real privilege to represent Dean A. J. C. Bond, of the School of Theology at Alfred, and Rev. Everett T. Harris of Alfred, the Conference President, at this service, and to be honored by being on the program for the ordination sermon, which was entitled, "The Fellowship of the Called."

Truly this was a mountaintop experience for the Denver Church and the people there ask that all pray for the blessing of God upon the church that it may go forward with Christ in its part of his kingdom work.

BOULDER, COLO.

Sabbath School Discussed

The Boulder Church met Sunday night, April 6, for a supper, which I was privileged to attend. Following the supper I spoke to the group on Sabbath school work, stressing especially the need for a stronger program of home and church co-operation. A good discussion followed in which many took part.

On Monday night there was a meeting of the Boulder Sabbath school teachers and officers and interested laymen. At that time more detailed problems and plans of the Sabbath school were discussed.

On Tuesday evening, April 8, a meeting of parents, Sabbath school teachers, officers, and interested laymen of the Denver Church met at the church social room to discuss the Sabbath school program. At this meeting, also, the need of home and church co-operation was presented. There was a fine discussion, with all present taking part. Much good was accomplished.

The definite feeling of being in the West came to me when the conductor shouted, "This way out for Denver."

It was a good experience to be with the Boulder and Denver people for these few days. They graciously entertained me, and I received many evidences of their thoughtfulness and goodness. I will always remember with pleasure these people and the work they are doing.

CHURCH RESPONSIBILITY

Churches of any American community have a responsibility for relating the basic concepts of freedom and democracy to the ongoing process of community life. . . . The church is concerned with community life because there is need to resolve the tensions arising in social living which require a spiritual ministry for their resolution. — Dr. Paul H. Vieth, Yale University Divinity School.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF.

Lay People and Ministers Share Christian Experiences During Association Meetings

When the train had come down out of the mountains into the valley in California, I had the feeling of waking up in a new world. My preconceived ideas about the experience had not been extreme. My first visit to the Pacific Coast just cannot be described. People have to be here to know what it means!

Dr. Rosa Palmberg expressed how we felt about the sessions of the Pacific Coast Association when she said that sessions of the General Conference are not any better.

A visit to the churches out here is similar to visits in other churches in this respect: you meet folks who have come from Battle Creek, Brookfield, N. Y., and other places of the denomination. There is always the joy of sharing experiences with people who know folks who are either relatives or friends of ours.

Sermons by Pastors Hargis and Maltby were strong and inspiring. Contributions made by laymen were very valuable.

Miss Lois Wells of Los Angeles, who is a teacher, said that she would rather be listed as a teacher of **young people** than just a teacher of music. She said that if a teacher has the true spirit of Christianity that it will rub off on the students with whom she comes in contact. All students in her music classes are urged to serve their churches through their musical talents.

Miss Sarah Becker, who is to go to China as a missionary nurse, said that salvation through the ministry of serving depends first on daily consecration and living close to Christ. There must be that humbleness of spirit which says, "I'll go where you want me to go." Salvation can radiate from our faces only if it is in our hearts. We can go where he wants us to go only if we have faith. Service is based on principle, "Thy will be done."

Mrs. Gerald Hargis said she went to Jamaica with the love of God in her heart; and when she had worked there a while, she had an equally deep love in her heart for the Jamaican people. She made a strong appeal for all of us to write letters to the

missionaries. These letters, which assure them that we are praying and are interested, really give needed encouragement.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis of Marlboro, N. J., were visitors at the association. Mrs. Davis spoke on the theme, "The Challenge of Serving in the Ministry." She said that we want to follow a way that challenges. The Sabbath is like the dikes of Holland. It keeps back the waters of temptation, worldliness, etc. We are to bring whatever talents we have to Christ, and he will multiply them as he did the loaves and fishes brought by the little boy. Impulses come to us from God, just as there are important messages in the air which are brought to us by radio, but we must be in tune with God to get the messages.

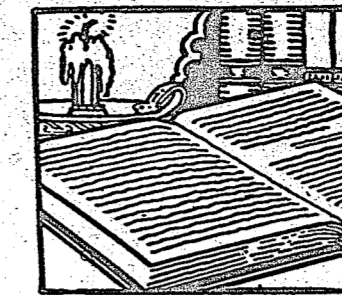
Byron Holgate, a talented young man who is a recent convert to the Sabbath, spoke of his missionary work with rural people. He will be a valuable man for our people.

Mrs. Ernestine Henry spoke feelingly and wisely about the need for a better work with young people. Mrs. Alta Grieshaber suggested many practical ways we can help distribute tracts. Elder E. S. Ballenger told us how better to keep the Sabbath and to promote it among people who have not yet accepted this truth of God.

Time and space is not sufficient for me to tell all that I would like to about this wonderful association meeting; so look for more in a later issue of the Recorder.

ISAAC WATTS' COMMEMORATION DESIGNATED BY HYMN SOCIETY

The Hymn Society of America, of which the noted composer-organist, Dr. T. Tertius Noble is president, has designated the year 1948 as "Watts Year" in church hymnody, in commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the death of Isaac Watts, one of the most prolific writers of modern hymns. According to Dr. Reginald L. McAll, executive secretary of the society, the anniversary year will be marked by interdenominational festivals of Watts' hymns throughout the United States, by special church services, and by radio programs. Only Charles Wesley exceeds Isaac Watts—an English Congregationalist—in the number of hymns appearing in hymnals of the leading Protestant churches of the English-speaking world, and they have been translated into scores of other tongues.



Moments of Meditation

By Rev. A. J. C. Bond

TRAVELING ON

Read Genesis 12: 7-9; Hebrews 11: 1-10.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. — Hebrews 11: 1.

A successful life is one in which aggressive action and contemplative quiet are mixed together in proper proportions. The mood of the times, or other external influences, may stimulate activity or lull to rest. But those who have "traveled on" and have carried the race of mankind forward have not yielded to the present mood, nor caught their inspiration from earth-bound sources.

Mankind's benefactors, like Abram of old, have "passed through the land," or have "moved on to the hill east of Bethel," or some other hill; or have "traveled on, still southward," or in some other fixed direction; but, like Abram also, they have paused sometimes to build an altar, and have waited expectantly and with unconquerable faith "for the City with fixed foundations."

Somewhere there is a sundial which has this inscription on its face: "It is later than you think." That is an excellent reminder of the flight of time. But someone has taken exception to that statement, and has declared, "It is earlier than you think." In view of the mood of our times and the urge to "hurry or you will miss something" I am ready to give the latter admonition some consideration. Be less feverish in your haste. It is earlier than you think.

Let us take time to know the thoughts of men; Time to know beauty; and time to feel again Calm and content of soul—the quiet power Of meditation through a gentle hour.

And when the goal has become clear, whatever dangers beset our way, let us proceed with zest born of confidence.

Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, calm our restless spirits, and allay our foolish fears. Help us to know that Thou art near, and that no harm can come to us, safe in Thy keeping. Help us to see, if but dimly, some goal of Thy choosing, towards which in Thy strength we may steadfastly travel on. Through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

DENVER LADIES' AID REPORTS ACTIVE YEAR

Projects Include Relief
To Churches in Germany

This is a report of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Ladies' Aid for eighteen months—July, 1945, to December, 1946.

Membership statistics are as follows: number of active members, 21; number of inactive members, 9; average monthly attendance, 16; total number of visitors, 56; total attendance for eighteen months, 275.

There were two members who missed one meeting only, Mrs. Mattie Burdick and Mrs. Mary Williams. Two new members were added, Mrs. Gertie Clark and Mrs. Mildred Stevenson.

We lost four active members: Mrs. Blanche Sutton, who moved to Boulder, Colo.; Mrs. Grace White, who moved to Ford Town, Tenn.; Mrs. Mabel Leath, who moved to the East; and Mrs. Margaret Davis, who has finally settled in Silverton, Colo.

Religious studies were brought to us by Mrs. Esther Stanton, who invited guest speakers. They spoke to us on the racial problem. The discussions were varied and interesting. We had also our own missionary, Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, who told us of the very grave Chinese problem.

Mrs. Maude Davis, our key worker, gave us monthly reports from the Women's Society.

The Sunshine Committee purchased many wedding and baby gifts; they also distributed fruit baskets at Christmas and sent flowers and cards to the ill.

TIMELY ADVICE

If you are impatient, sit down quietly and talk with Job.
If you are just a little strongheaded, go and see Moses.
If you are getting weak-kneed, take a good look at Elijah.
If there is no song in your heart, listen to David.
If you are a policy man, read Daniel.
If you are getting sordid, spend a while with Isaiah.
If you feel chilly, get the beloved disciple to put his arm around you.
If your faith is below par, read Paul.
If you are getting lazy, watch James.
If you are losing sight of the future, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

—Selected.

Mrs. Blanche Sutton was our social service worker. We made many garments for overseas babies, and six boxes of clothing were sent to the Seventh Day Baptist Churches in Germany. A Penny March for China relief amounted to \$12.57.

Our projects have included three rummage sales, two bazaars and silver teas, a dinner for the Odd Fellows, the sale of Christmas and everyday cards, the selling of "Dolly Duz-it's," two Thanksgiving offerings, and a birthday luncheon served by the officers of the society.

We have contributed \$50 to the Woman's Society, and increased our own church pledge to \$15. We gave \$25 toward the neon light for our church, \$25 to the trailer fund for the evangelistic worker, \$25 toward the purchase of a typewriter for use in preparing church bulletins, and paid \$25 toward the expenses of our representative, Mrs. Hooker, to General Conference. We furnished treats for the children in our Vacation Bible School.

We give thanks to God for sparing our members and for being with us in our undertakings. We thank him for making it possible to have such a bountiful eighteen months. May we ever bear in mind that through him all things are possible. May God continue to guide us and give us the privilege of continuing his work in helping others.

Elois Burdick,
Secretary.

WORSHIP PROGRAM

By Alberta D. Batson

A SPRING MEDITATION

"Let us kneel before the Lord our maker."

Hymn: I Will Sing the Wondrous Story.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

The Easter season has passed and with it has come again—and it seems to me, in even more glorious assurance—the realization of what Jesus has done for us. The season of Easter is a sad and serious time, and it is also a time of rejoicing for it is then that we once more have presented to us our blessed redemption. If we at any time feel that we are not important in the eyes of

God; if our lives seem to count for little, then the Easter season is doubly reassuring.

There can be no doubt that each and every one of us is important in the sight of God. And we can be sure he will not forsake his own.

Jonathan M. Dow has written a poem about the experience of Paul and Silas and how their faith sustained them in their hardships, for they had not been forsaken. He says:

Seized, and beaten, and imprisoned to appease a
cruel throng,
In the darkness bleeding, praying for the ones
who did the wrong,
Trusting him who hears his children and whose
help is sure and strong,
Paul and Silas praised the Lord, to whom the
praise and trust belong.
On their feet were heavy fetters; on their lips,
courageous song.

What a faith! And what an answer made God's
presence widely known,
Opening doors, releasing prisoners, shaking walls
and hearts of stone!
What a lesson when a Christian work seems almost
overthrown!
Ways to answer are the Father's; times and seasons,
his alone;
But the prayer of faith he answers. He will not
forsake his own.

The coming of spring is always a time for renewing our faith in God. Can anyone see the bursting buds, the greening of the grass, the flitting of birds from tree to tree, and "smell" spring in the air and not know that God is everywhere?

On every hand we see his handiwork and know that all is well if we have faith and trust in him.

Hearts should be lighter
As the skies are brighter;
As the grass gets green,
Gayer spirits should be seen.
When again the song birds sing,
Happiness to others we should bring.
Yes, this is a glorious season,
And we should be true for many a reason.
God wants us to be faithful and true,
For he has much for us to do.

Scripture reading: Psalm 121.

Prayer: Father in heaven, we know that often we do not do the things that are pleasing in thy sight. Keep us ever near thee. Help us to know that if we put our trust in thee and are guided by thee that all will be well. We know that God never forsakes

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

wedding gift from members of the Schenectady Mission, and were cordially welcomed into our number as co-workers with God.

Following a business meeting and election of officers, the program committee, under the direction of Nicholas Fatato, presented a program of worship, which included Scripture and meditation by Mrs. Arlie Greene, and musical numbers, both vocal and instrumental, by the Pearson boys, Louis, Anna, and Eugene Fatato, Mrs. Joseph Bullock, and Mrs. Harold Pearson. — Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Ehret, Mrs. R. O. Babcock, Mrs. W. G. Johnson, and Mrs. Harlan Brennick recently made arrangements for the purchase of an electric organ for the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

The organ committee reports that \$358 is still needed for the organ. In recent weeks sums of money have been donated in honor of the following: Judson and Esther Davis, Arthur Hutchins, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Babcock, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Davis, Rev. and Mrs. Claude Hill, Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Hemphill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rood, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Babcock, Grace Hutchins, and Esther Babcock.

Rev. Elmo Randolph of Milton, Wis., has arrived to conduct a series of personal evangelistic services, which began on Friday night, April 11. He also spoke in the Sabbath morning service and again the evening after the Sabbath. It is planned that he will remain in North Loup for three weekends.

Appropriate services ushered in the Easter season in the village when a cantata, "The Cross Triumphant," was presented in the Seventh Day Baptist church. The service was opened by the prelude played by Mrs. Ava Johnson and Mrs. Louise Brennick, who also played the offertory. Soloists were Neva Brannon, Russell Barber, Richard Babcock, Phyllis Babcock, and Claire Barber. Mrs. Gladys Christensen sang the obligato, and

his own, that each and every one of us is precious in his sight. Make us truly worthy of thy great love, and teach us to know and do thy will. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Donna Babcock, Richard Babcock, and Darrell Barber formed a trio. The cantata was directed by the choir leader, Dell Barber. Following the music, a communion service was observed. — Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — On the last Sabbath of March, after the regular morning service of the Alfred Church, there was a "Meal of Sharing" in the Parish House. This was the fourth and perhaps the last such meal for the present.

Each person or family provides a dish to pass, either scalloped potatoes or salad, and plain bread. Coffee and cream are furnished.

The sharing is in three ways: First, one shares in an unbalanced meal with fellow human beings in other countries, who have known only such meals for months or even years. Second, one shares with his hungering neighbor across the sea, by contributing at least the cost of such a meal as he would have at home. Third, one shares the fellowship of friends and neighbors in Alfred, eating together, united not only by their own friendship but by their common interest in their faraway neighbors in need.

—Alfred Sun.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Plans and preparations continue for the summer months—June, July, and the first part of August—when our assistant pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Davis, come to share the direction of the kingdom's work here.

The second floor of the parsonage has been insulated, and the Ladies' Aid Society has appointed a committee, of which Hazel Langworthy is chairman, to see that the upstairs is made "homey" for the Davises.

Leland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis D. Davis and grandson of Ezekiel Davis, was born near Jackson Center, Ohio. He went to Salem College during the fall of 1942. In July, 1943, under the Navy V-12 program, he was sent to Bethany College, W. Va., as a chaplain trainee. Having graduated from there with a B.A. degree, he was

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Southwestern Association will hold its 1947 sessions in the Hammond, La., church from July 31 to August 3. We hope many will make plans to attend.

—Corresponding Secretary.

sent by the Navy to Yale Divinity School. After eight months, he was released and began his studies at Faith Theological Seminary, Wilmington, Del., where he is now a student.

Tentative plans are for him to preach the Sabbath of June 14, to direct the Daily Vacation Bible School, to direct one of the camps in July, and to assist with prayer services, calling, and other pastoral work.

—The Friendly Guest.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET Statement of the Treasurer, March 31, 1947

	Receipts	March	Total for 9 months
Adams Center			\$ 114.00
Albion		47.75	267.74
Alfred, First		163.15	1,705.67
Alfred, Second			535.36
Associations and groups			1,731.69
Battle Creek		495.59	2,136.74
Berlin			105.85
Boulder			207.00
Brookfield, First		44.50	131.30
Brookfield, Second		19.72	140.40
Chicago		25.00	246.90
Daytona Beach		86.50	269.50
Denver		41.32	593.92
De Ruyter			260.35
Des Moines		5.00	15.00
Dinuba			106.11
Dodge Center			57.70
Edinburg		10.00	71.16
Farina		20.65	396.96
Fouke		6.52	109.94
Friendship		12.35	105.90
Gentry		5.18	29.50
Hammond		15.00	85.05
Healdsburg-Ukiah		9.60	14.95
Hebron Center			10.00
Hebron, First		8.09	64.65
Hopkinton, First		91.30	205.15
Hopkinton, Second		6.50	8.50
Independence		61.00	231.00
Individuals		6.00	2,661.89
Irvington			150.00
Jackson Center			10.00
Little Genesee		35.75	381.84
Little Prairie			10.50
Los Angeles			188.00
Los Angeles, Christ's		10.00	25.00
Lost Creek		175.56	496.31
Marlboro		161.00	640.70
Middle Island		21.60	99.39
Milton		408.19	3,227.65
Milton Junction		113.83	585.97
New Auburn		4.00	205.08
New York		93.43	610.16
North Loup			560.27
Nortonville			113.68
Pawcatuck		406.33	2,506.58
Piscataway		21.00	118.50
Plainfield		282.45	1,774.47
Richburg		24.00	180.25

Ritchie	2.50	70.95
Riverside		2,088.74
Roanoke		21.00
Rockville	17.12	132.45
Salem	47.30	413.30
Salemville	9.50	20.16
Schenectady		20.00
Shiloh	137.00	1,403.65
Stone Fort		5.00
Syracuse		15.00
Verona		237.31
Walworth		76.50
Washington, Evangelical		100.00
Washington, People's		23.00
Waterford	10.00	122.00
White Cloud	7.30	181.60

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 818.57	\$ 437.27
Tract Society	450.11	2.00
Board of Christian Education	491.05	
Women's Society	16.33	75.00
Historical Society	36.80	
Ministerial Retirement	204.70	65.48
S. D. B. Building	61.41	
General Conference	184.23	
World Fellowship and Service	36.80	
Conference Committee on Relief Appeals		*394.31

*Includes \$268.31 for German S.D.B. Relief.

Comparative Figures

	1947	1946
Receipts for March:		
Budget	\$2,294.52	\$1,790.86
Specials	874.06	723.68
Receipts for 9 months:		
Budget	18,906.04	15,644.74
Specials	10,429.85	8,664.70

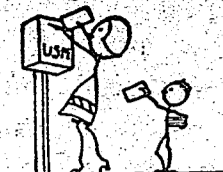
At the end of six months, total receipts toward the 1947 budget amounted to \$10,615.38. That means that in half the time allotted only 37.78 per cent of the \$28,100 budget had been raised. Last year at the halfway mark \$11,365.76 had been contributed, or 47.33 per cent of the total \$24,000 budget.

L. M. Van Horn,
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

THINK IT OVER

God made the sun—it gives; God made the moon—it gives; God made the stars—they give; God made the air—it gives; God made the clouds—they give; God made the earth—it gives; God made the sea—it gives; God made the trees—they give; God made the grass—it gives; God made the flowers—they give; God made the bees—they give; God made the fowls—they give; God made the fish—they give; God made the beasts—they give; God made the plan—he gives; God made man—he ? —Selected.



OUR CHILDREN'S
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MORE ADVENTURES IN ENGLAND

By Venita Vincent

Our last full day in England (July 11) was filled with sight-seeing, packing, bidding old friends goodbye and meeting new ones. While Uncle Joe arranged for the tickets and attended to business in the morning, Aunt Dorothy, Timmy, and I went sight-seeing. Westminster Abbey was possibly the most interesting and best known place we visited. Now, an abbey is a church or place where monks live and work, but Westminster Abbey seemed to me to be a sanctuary for the dead, for all along the walls are entombed famous people and others not so famous. The floor plan is in the form of a cross. If you have seen a picture of it, you will understand when I say we entered at the west door between the two big towers. In the first large hall is located the tomb of England's unknown warrior. He means to them what our Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery at Washington means to us.

Halfway back through the cathedral is another big hall branching off at a right angle, known as the poet's corner. In this part are buried famous poets and writers of England—such as Chaucer, Tennyson, Browning, Shakespeare, Dickens, and Thackeray. There is also a motley collection of monuments and statues around the walls, honoring other poets not buried there and some not English either. In many of the walls in other parts of the building are buried the kings and queens and royal family members of England.

The coronation chair is located in the abbey, and in this chair (since Edward I, who died in 1307) all the royal heads of England have been crowned.

St. Peter is supposed to have traveled from Rome to England and in person consecrated the abbey. Of course, this particular cathedral as it looks now was not the one St. Peter consecrated, but some kind of a building on this very spot; some of the remains of the original abbey are still to be seen. Peter is supposed to have ordered the

boatman who brought him across the River Thames to pay a yearly tithe of salmon. The boatman's reward on that day was an unusual catch of fine fish. It is known that such a tithe was paid annually until the end of the fourteenth century.

On the day of our visit to the abbey workmen were just beginning to put back the famous Rose Window, which for the duration of the war had been stored somewhere in the country for safekeeping. I'm sorry I didn't see it.

We passed the chapel where during the war four hundred British soldiers were at prayer when a bomb fell and demolished it.

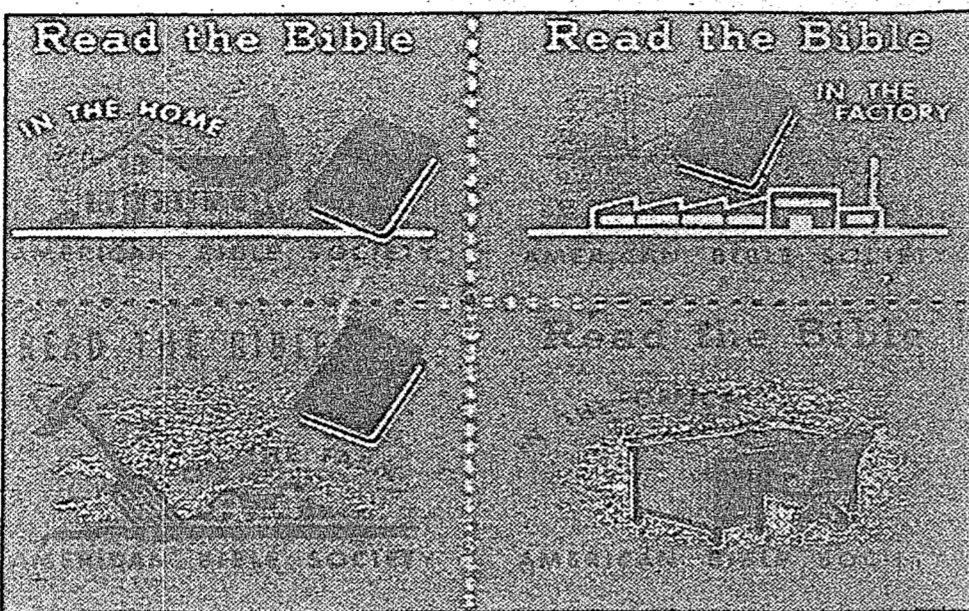
We returned to the places we had been the day before to take some pictures. On the way back to the hotel we saw a most interesting ceremony, the changing of the guards at Whitehall. We peeped through the barred iron gates in order to see this. Whitehall is the British Government building, and the changing of the guards is an ancient custom taking almost an hour. On this day the guards were dressed in khaki, but Aunt Dorothy says that before the war they dressed in flashy uniforms with tall tasseled and plumed hats. The guards rode the most beautiful black horses, kept under perfect control; neither horse nor man moved a muscle when standing at attention—and they would remain motionless for minutes at a time.

The bugler gave a signal and about fifteen or twenty mounted guards, with a leader on a white horse, marched and formed a line. Another group rode in and faced the first group. Then the two white mounted leaders rode to the center and apparently conversed for awhile. It took so long we couldn't stay to the finish. That afternoon we had to go to Southampton to get our luggage through customs, for we were to leave for France by way of Dover.

We returned to the hotel, ate lunch, and dashed for the train. We just made it, and in an hour and a half we were at the United States Lines office. While we waited for the baggage, I wandered over to the magazine rack, which contained only one magazine, Time. Leafing through it I found the

"READ THE BIBLE" IS SLOGAN FOR SEAL CAMPAIGN

This year one million people will receive in the mail a sheet of Bible seals from the American Bible Society, in its promotion of the ninth annual Bible Seal Campaign. An intensified program has been inaugurated



this year necessitated by the need for funds to meet the many calls for Scriptures that press the society from all parts of the world.

"Read the Bible" is the slogan adopted for the 1947 seals. On the brown background four different designs are shown, the reading of the Bible on the farm, in the home, in the factory, and in the office. The sheets of one hundred seals are supplied at one dollar each. And what are some of the needs?

From the Belgian Congo in Africa come words of thanks for the printing of the Gospel of St. Luke in Commercial Kikongo.

Our appreciation is inexpressible indeed. It has been practically impossible to get Scriptures in any language whatever during the past year. We will ever be grateful to you for this assistance in getting the gospel out and in evangelizing and winning these peoples to Christ.

name and address of an American soldier on a page of advertising. The last name was Sellers, the same as my high school principal's, and the address was Clarksburg, Well, Clarksburg is our shopping center and county seat, just twelve miles from Salem. It was like a message from home. I think it was a very unique circumstance.

(To be continued.)

A pastor writes from Germany:

In my parish there are more than five thousand members who have been expelled from their native place, Pommern, by the Polish authorities and are robbed in their departure of their last goods and chattels. They are being sheltered in iron barracks; they have neither a chair nor table; many people have arrived, without shoes and stockings, who used to be farmers in good circumstances before they were driven out. But many of them come to me with the lament that their greatest grief is the loss of their Bibles and prayer books to the Poles or the Russians. I am thankful that through your present gift I can give at least to some of these friends the Book of Books.

The secretary of the Bremen Evangelical Church, located in the British Zone, writes:

Success of our endeavor in reconstruction depends largely upon the possibility of bringing the gospel back into the homes of our population. Therefore every Bible has an inestimable value.

"Possibilities unlimited" is the way a chaplain described the opportunities for the Bible Society in Japan. To meet this challenge, the Bible Society is in the process of publishing 1,500,000 Japanese New Testaments and 100,000 whole Bibles, thousands of which have already reached Japan. It is expected that during this year, the original request for 2,500,000 Testaments will be met and exceeded.

These are but a few of the important tasks on which the Bible Society is working. Every letter that carries a little, brown, Bible seal, put there by someone who believes, not only in the reading of the Bible, but is sharing it also, brings the goal of the Bible Society that much nearer completion.—American Bible Society (Bible House, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y.)

THE SCARLET STAIR

By John Gray Rhind

God set a plus sign on a hilltop! There
He pledged His solemn word in crimson ink
That more of life is found than cowards think
In losing life: Love climbed the scarlet stair.

Christ signalled more abundant life; His cross
Stood silent witness to the power of love
To shape a death and by its splendour prove
That dying is the door to life—not loss!

More joy in giving, life the perfect gift;
Love's blood, the sacrament to pledge the trust!
More zest in living! O Thou bleeding Christ,
Reach from Thy throne with wounded hands to lift!
—Selected.

Marriages

Guyer - Kagarise. — At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman R. Kagarise, New Enterprise, Pa., their daughter, Carol Louise, was married to Axthle Shaffer Guyer, March 26, 1947, at 8 p.m. Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, pastor of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, performed the ceremony. After the first of June the new home will be established near Plainfield, N. J.

Bakker - Siems. — On March 29, 1947, at the Seventh Day Baptist church, Salem, W. Va., Harold Bakker and Miss Alberta Siems were united in marriage, Rev. James L. Skaggs officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Bakker are both senior students at Salem College.

Pearson - Beer. — Harold Pearson and Miss Esther Beer, both of Amsterdam, N. Y., were united in marriage in Boston, Mass., by Walter F. Palmer, on March 24, 1947. P. L. M.

Obituaries

Maxson. — Lola Davis, widow of Alfred I. Maxson, passed away at the local hospital at Stuart, Fla., March 18, 1947. She was born at Humboldt, Neb., June 10, 1876, and was the daughter of Thomas C. and Eliza L. Babcock Davis.

She and her husband settled at Stuart in 1916. Mr. Maxson passed away in 1938. She was a loyal member of the Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church. While known as a loyal Seventh Day Baptist she was an active worker, loved and highly respected, in the Stuart Baptist Church and society. She was a charter member of the Stuart Garden Club and was district president of the W.C.T.U.

She is survived by a daughter, Velma, of Cheboygan, Mich., and a son, Leon, of Washington, D. C.; by a brother and sister, Bert C. Davis of Elmira, N. Y., and Mrs. Howard G. Davis of Oneida, N. Y.; and three grandchildren, besides many other near relatives and devoted friends. For many years she has been a great but patient and cheerful sufferer with arthritis.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Phil Maxwell, pastor of the local Baptist church, and her lifelong friend, Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn. Interment was made in the Stuart Cemetery. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for their works do follow them." — H. C. V. H.

Bee. — Lillie Estella Bond, daughter of Richard and Anna E. Crowel Bond, was born at Roanoke, W. Va., January 27, 1863, and died at Turner, W. Va., March 17, 1947.

She was a lifelong Seventh Day Baptist and a member of the Roanoke Church. She was united in marriage to Ezekiel G. Bee on March 9, 1887, and is survived by one sister, four sons, and two daughters.

Services were conducted at the home and at the church by Pastor Marion C. Van Horn, and burial was in the Hevener Cemetery at Roanoke. M. C. V. H.

WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

BROOKFIELD, N. Y. — At the annual meeting of the Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church, Dr. Jay W. Crofoot was re-elected for the seventh time as pastor for the ensuing year. On account of the



Dr. Jay W. Crofoot

present high cost of living, he was voted a substantial increase in salary.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. Robert Langworthy, pianist; Albert L. Rogers, chorister; Kenneth M. Palmer and Raymond Whitford, ushers.

Francis W. Palmer and Mrs. Herman J. Palmer were re-elected trustees to serve three years, and H. A. Fitch was chosen to succeed the late Clark Stillman. The trustees whose terms expire in 1948 are C. W. Camenga, L. P. Curtis, and Mrs. Alice Bacon. Those whose terms expire in 1949 are C. L. Curtis, D. J. Frair, and Mrs. Ruth Davis.

The moderator, C. W. Camenga, presided at the meeting, and the treasurer, F. W. Palmer, gave his report. Mrs. Ruth Davis is the church clerk.

The report of the treasurer and that of the investment committee of the trustees, which were presented by D. J. Frair, showed that while the finances of the church are in a healthy condition, more liberal giving will

be required this year if the church is to fulfill its obligations, both locally and to the denominational program. An "Every Member Canvass" is now under way, to put the needs before the membership of the church.

Mrs. Ruth Palmer's report, as secretary of the Women's Missionary Aid Society, showed that excellent work has been done by that organization, including the raising of over \$325.

The Sabbath school report was read by Mrs. J. W. Crofoot, the retiring secretary. The officers of the Sabbath school for 1947 are: superintendent, F. W. Palmer; assistant superintendent, Robert Langworthy; secretary-treasurer, Kenneth M. Palmer; pianist, Mrs. Wilma Langworthy; chorister, Mrs. Minnie Sawner; primary superintendent, Mrs. Herman Palmer; Home Department superintendent, Mrs. Florence Camenga.

—Brookfield Courier.

WESTERLY, R. I. — The annual meeting of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church was held in the church vestry April 13 following the annual church dinner which was served at 6:30 o'clock. The business included the reading of the reports and election of officers, and was presided over by Karl G. Stillman, president of the organization.

This occasion afforded many members of the congregation their first opportunity to see the redecoration of the church which have been underway since January 20 and which had been completed during the previous week. The church was used for the Sabbath morning service for the first time on April 19. — Westerly Sun.

BERLIN, N. Y. — The young people's fellowship group, which meets once a month at the various homes for supper and an evening program, has increased in size during the past year to include all from Berlin and Schenectady who wish to attend.

The April meeting was held at the church with fifty-three in attendance. A covered dish supper was enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearson of Amsterdam, N. Y., were presented with a handsome bedspread, as a

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The Sabbath

Recorder

^I
Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

^{II}
Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me: and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

^{III}
Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

^{IV}
Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor

thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and hallowed it.

^V
Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

^{VI}
Thou shalt not kill.

^{VII}
Thou shalt not commit adultery.

^{VIII}
Thou shalt not steal.

^{IX}
Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

^X
Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

If ye love me, keep my commandments