

# WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

WESTERLY, R. I. — The Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church for twelve weeks has been meeting in the Central Baptist Church, Elm Street. In this time our own



Rev Eli F. Loofboro

Offered Prayer of Dedication

church has been thoroughly renovated and redeccorated.

The annual business meeting and dinner was held in the vestry on Sunday evening, April 13, with a good attendance. The first use of the auditorium was Sabbath eve, April 18, when a large number were present for the service. Pastor Harold R. Crandall baptized twelve candidates, three girls and two boys of the Christian Endeavor society and seven adults. Sabbath morning these and one previously baptized were given the hand of fellowship. Four were received by letters on Easter Sabbath and one on April 26. Thus our membership has been increased by eighteen since April 1. We are encouraged and made happy by the addition of these new members.

A service of rededication on April 19 was attended by a large congregation. Pastor Crandall was assisted in the service by Rev. David S. Clarke, who read the Scripture and

offered prayer and by Rev. Eli F. Loofboro, who made the prayer of dedication. Karl G. Stillman, president, made the statement for the trustees. The text of the pastor's sermon was 1 Kings 8: 61. At the close of the sermon, pastor and people engaged in a responsive service of rededication.

The music of the service was inspiring. The choir sang the anthem, "I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me," by Lynes; Eugene T. Van Horn, tenor, sang "The Lord's Prayer," by Malotte, and Miss Margaret Gavitt, soprano, sang "Bless This House," by Brahe. Mrs. J. Gaynor MacIntyre is the organist and director of music.

We are looking forward with interest and enthusiasm to the coming of the General Conference in August. We trust that as we have made ready our meeting house we may also prepare our hearts through prayer. And may the Conference prove a blessing to all, an encouragement and a binding force in forwarding the work of the kingdom.

Correspondent.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — On the first Sabbath in February the Christian Endeavorers had entire charge of the morning worship and gave us a very dignified and worthwhile service, although some of the participants were quite young.

The Women's Missionary Society keeps very active, and at their last monthly meeting raised over \$15 on their "auction," which was the special project for that month.

At the Friday night prayer and Bible study, Pastor Verney Wilson is giving us very interesting studies in the Book of Revelation.

Our people joined with the Methodist, Christian, and Presbyterian Churches in a union concert on Sunday night, March 29.

Those from Nortonville who attended the ordination services at the Denver church, April 5, were Pastor Wilson and his wife, Claude Stephan and his wife (parents of Mrs. Francis Saunders), and Clifford Maxson and Alena Bond (brother and sister of Lyle Maxson). The ordination services for the three candidates—Francis Saunders to the gospel ministry, Mrs. Will Jeffrey as deaconess, and Lyle Maxson as deacon—were

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## WHAT WHERE

TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

Top-ranking churchmen from fourteen nations and every continent were recently in session at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., planning the details of organization of what will be the highest evangelical Christian authority in the world, and planning also for the first world assembly of the World Council of Churches in Holland in August of 1948. Representatives of the Greek and the Russian Orthodox churches also attended. The conference discussed the future of church-directed relief agencies to meet the desperate needs of Europe and of Asia; and the possibility of increasing the number of national church bodies that are already members of the World Council. At present it is composed of ninety-one church bodies from thirty-two different nations.

Ex-service men and women who are interested in pursuing college studies in China under the provisions of the G. I. Bill of Rights may now attend mission-supported Christian colleges in China. Among those recently approved by the Veterans Administration are the following: Yenching, Soochow, Cheeloo, West China Union, Fukien Christian, and Nanking universities; and Hwa Nan, and Ginling colleges.

As a recognition of the increasing importance of economic life to human welfare and religious and social progress, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has expanded the Industrial Relations Division of the Department of Christian Social Relations into a full department of the council. It will be known as the Department of the Church and Economic Life.

This new Department will assume and carry on "all the functions, responsibilities, program, and staff" of the old Industrial Division, including the Committee on the Church and Co-operatives. The new status of the entire program will give this department greater scope and opportunity to lead the churches in a major advance in this area of work.

Perhaps no missionary work has gained greater united support than the ministry to the world's 10 million victims of leprosy. Still an object of ignorance and fear, leprosy fails all too often to reach the attention even of the Christian public unless provoked by the sensational.

The Foretenth Anniversary Convention of the American Mission to Lepers is to be held in New York City, October 16-17. A highlight of the program will be the testimonial dinner honoring William Jay Schieffelin of New York, who completes forty years as president of the American Mission to Lepers.

MONEY AND SUPPLIES for relief to Seventh Day Baptists in Germany should be addressed to the pastor of the Irvington Church, John G. Schmid, 27 Otsego Rd., Verona, N. J.

## EDITORIALS

### BAPTISM WITHOUT RESERVATION

GUEST EDITORIAL

By E. Wendell Stephan  
Pastor at Waterford, Conn.

It is said that when the Goths were converted to Christianity, many mass baptisms took place. As is the case today, baptism then signified complete dedication of the life to God—the rebirth of the soul, the turning from the wrong way of life to the right, even a change of occupation, if need be. But here the story gets even better, for the occupation of the Goths was professional warfare; their livelihood was gained by raiding, pillaging, and killing. How could they possibly profess Christianity in any way consistent with that occupation, or must they change their occupation?

Their answer was simple in a rather unique way. They walked out into the water, holding their arms and weapons high aloft so that while their bodies were dedicated to God, assuring salvation, they could still use their arms to wield weapons of war with free consciences. This was baptism with reservations.

This story is not so strange, for it finds its counterpart in many homes today. Many professing Christians, even Seventh Day Baptists, have been—to all appearances—baptized in this manner. They have held their arms high aloft and in each hand have carried a cherished possession that has not been baptized.

Looking closely we see in one hand a billfold. "I will follow thee Lord; but while I give my all to thee, I cannot consecrate my money. Such a person often goes through life with an easy conscience, giving little or nothing to the work of the kingdom.

But what is the object in the other hand? Interestingly enough, we find in the other hand a watch. Yes, it too has not been baptized. Some people, when they give their all to God, hold back time as their own. "I am just too busy to pray, or to witness, or to support the work of the church, Lord. Perhaps later the demands on my time will grow fewer, and then I'll do thy work." And such a person goes through life with an easy conscience, doing all for himself and as little as possible for the work of the church.

Christians, it is time we sat down and examined these elements in our own lives. Are we pulling an old Gothic trick in a modern setting? Is it true that we are not doing all we should be doing? Have we failed to dedicate a fair portion of our time and our money to the kingdom of God? If so, it is time we let our minds carry us back to our baptismal experience and resolve that now we will make complete dedication of ourselves to the Lord, carrying our watches and billfolds "into the water" with us.

How can we give evidence of this new baptism? The Bible teaches that we should dedicate a definite portion of our money: "Bring your tithe and your offerings." A tenth plus! One suggestion, by a consecrated layman, is this: "If you work five days a week, then one-half day is spent in working especially for the Lord. I chose Monday morning for his work, and now every Monday morning is a real delight. I know the joy of working for God, and I know the added joy of giving regularly to the great causes of his kingdom." Why can't we each set apart a fixed portion of our time in which we can say, "This time belongs to God. I am working now for him."



## PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important."

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### Three Classes

You see all kinds of classifications of people such as shirkers, jerkers, and workers or wish-bones, jawbones, and backbones. But this classification by Charles Kingsley is striking and meaningful. He says the world is divided into three classes as follows:

1. Those who mean to do what is pleasant and most popular. (They are fools.)
2. Those who mean to do wrong and do it. (They are knaves.)
3. Those who mean to do right and do it. (They are the brave people.)

Thank God, we have this third group in every church and in every community. They are the "salt of the earth," the "light of the world," the hope of mankind. — Alabama Christian Advocate.

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"Some people are like some buttons—always popping off at the wrong time."

What then of time—other than that used in earning—to be dedicated to him? Of course, all of our time is his in a sense, but he asks that at least one-seventh be set apart, consecrated to him. He doesn't say that one or two hours out of the seventh day be devoted to him, but all of that day. After all that God has done for each of us, is this too much to do for him?

## "WORDS TO THE WISE"

By a Bystander

Statements of financial facts by the editor, in a recent Recorder, under the heading, "Words to the Wise," awakens in me a desire to see "something done about it!"

How wise are we when we let such conditions exist? There certainly is no wisdom in letting them continue. One of my pastors of yesteryears used to tell a story of a man who had an accident on the street. The large crowd which gathered felt regret for the man's condition. Many gave the man words of sympathy. Some expressed sorrow at his loss. One man finally stood out and said, "This is all very well, but how sorry are we? I am sorry (so many) dollars." The accident victim's loss was soon replaced by those standing about.

I am sorry our denominational finances are in such a condition. I am sorry \$100. I am giving that amount to our church treasurer with a request it be sent on the way to the Denominational Budget treasurer at once. How sorry are you?

## MINISTERS' CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS ANNOUNCED

THREE DAYS PLANNED OF INSPIRATION, STUDY, FELLOWSHIP

Plans are practically completed for the Seventh Day Baptist Ministers' Conference to be held May 26-28 at Battle Creek, Mich., according to a special news release to the Sabbath Recorder. The Battle Creek Church and its pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, will be host to the conference, which is sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education.

The program, which opens at 10 a.m., Monday, May 26, offers the ministers and theological students of the denomination three full days of inspiration, study, and fellowship, closing with a Communion service on Wednesday evening, May 28. All sessions will be held in the church with one exception on the last afternoon of the conference when the delegates will visit Camp Holston, the church's own camp, and join in a discussion of Christian camping methods. Mrs. Ellis C. Johanson is chairman of the hospitality committee, which is arranging entertainment for the ministers in the homes of church members. Women of the church are also planning to serve dinner to the ministers each day in the church dining room.

Highlights of the conference program include lectures by a professional psychiatrist, Bible studies led by Rev. Claude L. Hill of Farina, and Rev. O. W. Babcock of Milton Junction, a sermon by Rev. A. Clyde Ehret of North Loup, a book review by Rev. Kenneth Van Horn of Albion, and a discussion of denominational work led by the president of General Conference, Rev. Everett T. Harris. Board secretaries will have an opportunity to present their work, and one session will be given frankly to "shop talk."

The committee of the Board of Christian Education, which has arranged the program, consists of Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Rev. Harley Sutton, Dean A. J. C. Bond, and Professor H. O. Burdick. The conference has been held annually at the School of Theology at Alfred, except during the war, but this year it was deemed wise to hold it in Michigan for the benefit of ministers in the western parts of the country.

o "If we are going to serve Christ, he must be in the center of our lives."

## "Saved to Serve" Is Pacific Coast Theme

Dedication of Missionary Nurse Is Association Highlight

By Mrs. Nettie Stone

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Pacific Coast Association met with the Riverside Church, April 11, 12, and 13. The theme was "Saved to Serve."

Pastors and delegates representing all the Seventh Day Baptist Churches in California were in attendance, also visitors from several surrounding cities, and from as far away as New Jersey, New York, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Rev. Harley Sutton of Alfred, N. Y., represented the denominational Board of Christian Education and remained through the rest of the week to assist in plans for educational work for youth in the Sabbath school and Christian Endeavor.

Anthems and special music for the services were furnished by the Riverside and Los Angeles choirs. Much credit is due them for their lovely music, which is such an uplifting part of any worship service.

At the close of the preaching service Friday evening, Rev. E. S. Ballenger conducted the testimony meeting. This was a very good meeting and many availed themselves of this opportunity to speak of the goodness of their Lord and Master, and tell of the joy in being a child of the King.

Each meeting opened with a fine praise service. This was where the orchestra and young people's choir were of great help.

The sermons were by Rev. G. D. Hargis, Friday evening; Rev. L. M. Maltby, Sabbath morning; and Rev. Harley Sutton, Sunday morning. Each built a strong evangelistic sermon around the theme, "Saved to Serve."

The theme for the Sabbath afternoon session was "Saving Others Through Serving." Five speakers ably covered this subject, showing how one may impart the way of salvation to others while following his own vocation.

This was followed by a baptismal service, at which time nine persons were immersed, four from the Riverside Church and five from the Los Angeles Church. In the evening a pageant, "The Unshadowed Cross," was presented, picturing a young man named

Christian entering the new life, firmly believing in the cross of Christ and longing for its light to continue to be shed on his way. All goes well until Doubt, Fear, Pride, Sorrow, Unbelief, and Indifference begin to creep in, casting shadows over the cross and bringing despair into the young man's life. Once more he turns to the Bible. Then the Christian graces of Faith, Hope, Humility, Joy, Truth, Love, and Life appear, and one by one the shadows of the cross disappear, leaving it to shine forth in all its glory and restoring Christian's faith in the "Unshadowed Cross."

At the close of this came the dedication service of Miss Sarah Becker, who is being sent to China as a missionary nurse. Miss Becker came slowly up the aisle of the church bearing a lighted candle and took her place at the center of the platform. We were very happy to have Dr. Rosa Palmborg with us for this occasion. She has given over forty years of her life in medical missionary work among the Chinese people. Our hearts were touched as she went and stood by Sarah, and in her sweet way told a little of the work in China, and then offered a dedicatory prayer. One by one others went to the platform, each bearing an unlighted candle which they lit from Sarah's, and then formed a living cross around her. Her own family and other friends were at the foot of the cross.

A ladies' quartet sang, "My Prayer." Rev. G. D. Hargis offered the closing prayer, and the congregation sang, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." Every heart was touched and felt the deep spirituality of the evening's service.

A social hour for the young people followed; Rev. Harley Sutton conducted the games, and all reported a very pleasant time.

Sunday morning there was a fellowship breakfast at the park. The theme for this was "Faith Motivates Service." There were talks, music, and a social time.

At nine o'clock the annual business meeting of the association was held, at the close



## On Becoming "Many Tract Minded"

A talk given during the recent Pacific Coast Association meetings by MRS. WILL GRIESHABER, a member of the Riverside, Calif., Church.

THE TRACT COMMITTEE of the Pacific Coast Association is anxious to have each Seventh Day Baptist on the Pacific Coast become "tract minded." We do not mean a "one tract mind" but a "many tract mind." In fact, the more tracts the better. Our denomination has a Tract-a-Month Club. Just one tract a month seems altogether too small a goal for anyone who is really anxious to spread the gospel of Christ and the Sabbath truth.

Tracts can go anywhere. They can go places we cannot go. They know no fear and never tire. They stick to their story and tell it over and over again. They can travel at little or no expense. They can tell their story in kitchen, shop, factory, or office. They take no note of scoffs and jeers. They never lose their temper. A tract can

of which there was a short worship service. The afternoon was given over to short talks on the theme, "Objectives for Service on the Coast." Different speakers discussed this subject under the heads of "Tract Distribution," "Young People's Work," and "Sabbath Keeping." The meeting closed with a discussion of denominational work led by Mr. Sutton.

A few thoughts presented in association sermons were these: "We are saved to serve the Lord Jesus Christ." "If we are going to serve Christ, he must be in the center of our lives." "Thy will, not mine, be done." "The Christ we do not share we cannot keep."

New officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Paul Crandall, president; Don Watkins, vice-president; Alma Bond, recording secretary; Marian Hargis, corresponding secretary; Merle Ashcraft, treasurer; and P. B. Hurley, special Sabbath school worker.

We went to our homes after the association feeling we had attended a spiritual feast, thankful for the fellowship with Christian friends, and with joy in our hearts for the privilege of dwelling together in God's house to worship him.

reach a mansion or enter the home of the poor. There it can stay for weeks, months, or years and turn up again to deliver its true and faithful message.

Methods of tract distribution are many. Door-to-door distribution has often been effective. You might say to the person answering your ring, "Good morning. I wonder if you will accept this little leaflet. It is free." It is often possible to enter into conversation with the person. Sometimes the tract may be refused, but do not become discouraged. The sowing of the seed is our job; giving the harvest is God's job. Let us pray earnestly that these little messengers may speak to many hearts and bring them to know and love our Lord and his Sabbath.

Tracts can be wrapped in red cellophane, three to five in a roll, twisting the ends to make an attractive package resembling a large firecracker. These can be thrown from traveling cars at rural mail boxes, or tossed near pedestrians or into yards of rural homes. Such procedure is not permissible in some cities, but can be done in country sections. Some of these tract rolls were thrown from cars as people traveled to Conference last year.

Those who use the bus or other public transportation system should carry tracts with them and leave a gospel tract and a Sabbath tract in the seat when they reach their destination.

Other methods of distributing tracts have been suggested, including the following:

- Place them in books or magazines.
- Put tracts in the letters you write.
- Leave a tract on the table when you eat in a restaurant.
- Give a tract to the service station attendant who serves you.
- Hand tracts to the delivery boy.
- The person with a cleaning and pressing business can place a tract in the pocket of each pair of trousers or each coat he handles.
- The tailor can do likewise.
- A box maker can place a tract in each box he makes.
- A farmer's wife can place tracts in every crate of eggs that goes to market.

Those who have their own place of business can place a tract rack on the wall and keep it filled with suitable tracts. I believe our denomi-

nation will be glad to supply you with such a tract rack free of charge.

The driver of a delivery wagon has an excellent opportunity to leave a tract with his package.

One man watches the obituary notices in the newspapers and sends the bereaved a tract adapted to their needs.

Others have regular mailing lists of invalids, shut-ins, and the unconverted.

Others take names from a telephone or city directory and send literature to them.

Be sure to have the name and address of your church or your own name and address stamped on each tract so that the person receiving it will know where to write for further information should be interested.

It is estimated that Oswald Fasold of Villa Park, Ill., distributed 2½ million tracts during his lifetime. Who can say how many souls were saved through his efforts?

Rev. J. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, was led to Christ by a tract.

John Lindsay, writer of some of the finest tracts I have ever read, was himself led to Christ by a tract. He has been spreading the gospel ever since by means of tracts and booklets, which he sends to more than forty different countries.

Shall we not, as Christian people, rouse from our apathy and make a united and determined effort to spread the gospel of Christ so that souls may be saved before it is too late? Will you not help in the harvest of souls for Christ's kingdom?

### YOUTH TAKE ACTIVE PART IN ASSOCIATION MEETING

Just as in every association meeting I have attended, there was a place on the program for young people at the Riverside session of the Pacific Coast Association.

It was my privilege to speak to a room full of fine young folks on Sabbath morning during the Sabbath school hour. At that time the need of having convictions of our own was stressed so that we are not depending on the religion of our parents. It was also stressed that we need to know how to decide quickly, wisely, and well what are the most important things in life and follow the high way instead of the low.

After the Sabbath night program there was a social hour in the church basement. There were games and songs, which pro-

vided fun and fellowship. Then after the refreshments there was a brief devotional service, and all joined hands to sing the young people's Rally Song.

On Sunday morning there was a fellowship breakfast at the park. In true outdoor style everyone ate a lot, and everyone enjoyed the friendly time around the table.

The following took part in the program which followed the breakfast: Lucille Maltby, Bill Dalby, Dale Curtis, Miss Berry, and Don Richards. These young people did a fine job with their part in the program.

The matter of organizing an association fellowship was presented; it was decided to have such an organization. The following officers were elected: Miss Alma Bond, president; Dale Curtis, Riverside representative; Bill Dalby, Los Angeles; and Miss Bertha Becker, Dinuba. These officers are in charge of making plans for future activities of the Pacific Coast Association Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship.

Young people have vision, and with proper training they will do good work for Christ and his kingdom. It was a real thrill to meet the Pacific Coast young people and find that they, as all of our young people, are anxious to do their part.

### LOS ANGELES PEOPLE REVEAL DEEP INTEREST IN CHURCH WORK

By Rev. Harley Sutton

For many years I have heard about the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Los Angeles. In Sabbath school reports there were such names as Monroe, Davis, Hills, Becker, and others. When it was my privilege to visit the group, a dream had come true; names became real people.

On Wednesday night, April 30, the pastor called a meeting of the church to give me an opportunity to speak about the Sabbath school program. The importance of every member of the church feeling a responsibility for the program of the Sabbath school was stressed. Every layman should become better trained for the service he is supposed to render to his church.

During the discussion which followed the message, some very good suggestions were made, and questions were asked which revealed deep interest in the work.



On Thursday and Friday, Pastor Hargis and I made a number of calls on folks in the city.

Sabbath day is really church day in Los Angeles. There was a very interesting Sabbath school session at 10 a.m. Three classes for the children are offered, with Mrs. Hargis in charge of the department and Mrs. Crouse and Mrs. Ashcraft as teachers. Pastor Hargis teaches the young people who had a very stimulating discussion. There are three adult classes held in the main room of the church. The folks are all looking forward to the time when they can have a new church building which will adequately house the group.

#### Lesson Quiz

Keith Ashcraft is the superintendent. He opened the Sabbath school and then conducted a short quiz on the lesson of the previous week, the men contesting against the women. The men came out on the losing side, but the quiz helped us all to remember the highlights of the lesson of the week before.

Pastor Hargis conducted the church service, and it was my part to give the children's sermon on the subject, "I Want to Buy a Miracle," and the sermon of the morning. The subject used was, "A Seeking Man Meets a Seeking God."

There were about sixty people present, and the church was just about filled. It was truly a spiritual uplift to me to worship with these people on a Sabbath day, to meet them, and to know how deeply they are interested in kingdom work and how enthusiastically they are looking forward to greater things.

Dinner was served in the church, and there was a bountiful supply of food—surely an evidence of the fine spirit of sharing and fellowship of the church.

There was an afternoon service during which I was given time to complete the message about the work of the Board of Christian Education and to discuss specifically the youth work and Sabbath school work in the church at Los Angeles.

Clifford Burdick, who is a real scientist especially in geology, showed many beautiful slides and gave a talk on how geology backs up the truths found in the Bible.

Pastor Hargis, his family, and several friends took me with them to the county Christian Endeavor program which was held in conjunction with the Youth for Christ program at the Church of the Open Door in the city. There were more than four thousand people present. Several young people from the county C. E. group took part on the program, and the choir of one hundred members sang some very beautiful numbers.

The message was given by a young minister from Canada who was truly a "machine-gun" speaker, putting a lot of preaching into a short time. He stressed very much the need for a deep compassion for the welfare of others in the spiritual life. When the call was given for young people to come forward for an opportunity to pray and to make decisions for Christ, about one hundred responded and came to the front of the church and later went to another room for further prayer.

The annual Church Meeting was held Sunday afternoon, with Mrs. Joan Dalby, the moderator, in charge. Very interesting reports were made; a number of important matters were considered, and plans for the future were made. It was announced that the building fund is nearing the \$1,000 mark, which is an encouraging sign. It is remarkable that the group here during the past year contributed considerably over \$3,000 to the work. It was also very gratifying to have the church vote to increase the amount to be paid to the pastor. It was a real pleasure to attend this meeting and realize that this church is truly on the job for Christ, the Sabbath, and his Church.

The pastor's home was the scene of a very happy social time Sunday evening. A large number enjoyed the fine meal served outdoors. Games were played, and there was much visiting, giving me a chance to better know the people of the group.

It has been a real blessing to me to live for a week with Pastor Hargis and his family, and to be so royally entertained by them. Their kindness to me will always be appreciated and remembered with much pleasure. They truly spared nothing to make me feel at home and comfortable. The work they are doing in this church is appreciated much by the members, and now I know from experience they are doing a fine job. May God bless them and the church.

## A Glimpse into the Past

### BEGINNINGS OF MISSION WORK IN CHINA

(The following paragraphs are taken from the biography of Elder Solomon Carpenter, written by President William C. Whitford and found in the Conference minutes of 1892. This is the one hundredth anniversary of the starting of mission work in China by Elders Carpenter and Wardner and their wives, and this statement is of particular interest. Being a biography, it deals with the activities of Elder Carpenter more particularly. Elder Wardner and the wives were equally efficiently active. W. L. B.)

The thoughts of the denomination having been favorably directed toward China, some seaport city in that empire was finally chosen, and the designation of the particular one was left largely to the judgment of the missionaries. Eld. Carpenter and his wife and Eld. Wardner and his wife were solemnly set apart for this field at Plainfield, N. J., December 31, 1846, and on the fifth of the following month they sailed from New York for Canton, China.

It is worthy of special notice that Eld. Carpenter was invited, on this voyage, to preach several times to the crew and passengers, and particularly at the funeral service of a sailor who was drowned by falling overboard. He also held an open discussion on board the ship with a first day Baptist missionary on the question whether the time of observing the Sabbath had been changed by divine authority. Hong Kong, China, was reached April 25, 1847, and here the missionaries disembarked, instead of proceeding farther up the estuary of the river to Canton, as first intended.

On the information which they here obtained they decided, according to the instructions given them, to ascertain, by personal investigation, whether Shanghai, near the seacoast, did not offer the best opening for their work. The indications of Providence seemed to direct them to that city. Without sufficient funds on hand to meet the expenses of continuing the voyage and renting a suitable dwelling for themselves, they were generously loaned all the money they needed by the American consul at Hong Kong. Eld. Carpenter was enabled to sail alone soon afterward to Shanghai, which he entered June 10 following; and after a most careful examination of the advantages presented, he concluded to locate the mission there.

The second of August following, he was joined by the three other missionaries, who had been most mercifully preserved by the hand of God in a terrific ocean storm which they encountered on the way, and which engulfed, in mid-sea, a larger ship with all on board, which had sailed from the same port. They were all soon settled in their own hired house within the city walls, and began, through competent teachers, the laborious study of the Chinese language and customs.

#### Learning the Language

Two years from the time of leaving America formed the limit, they thought, of acquiring the ability to conduct regular services on the Sabbath among this heathen people. The progress which Eld. Carpenter made in learning both the spoken and the written words of that difficult tongue was rapid and truly surprising. Within two months after his arrival he was able so to converse with his Chinese cook as to impart to him an intelligible account of the creation and the Sabbath. By October of the same year he reports having gained considerable proficiency in using the colloquial dialect.

His heart was deeply stirred by "the sight of the city given up to idolatry," and of the multitudes of men and women "going down to their graves with all their sins upon them." He was burdened with the desire to tell them the news of salvation. January 29, 1848, he addressed, as he says, "in a stammering way," a company of people who had gathered in a house which he was accustomed to visit. He was listened to respectfully as he presented "the elements of the Christian doctrine," such as the creation, the Sabbath, man's depravity, God's holiness, mercy through Christ, the resurrection, and future rewards and punishments."

In the following month he held conversations with those he met in the streets and at their homes, and spoke to groups of them in public places of the city. By July of that year he had translated, by request, the Ten Commandments, for a Chinese version of the Scriptures; by October 25 he had fully explained to his teacher the reasons why he



kept the Sabbath, and by December 7 he had completed a tract in the language which, he remarked, "I understood as I read it." In this last month he began family worship in Chinese.

During that year he conducted a lengthy correspondence with an Episcopal missionary on the design of the Sabbath, and whether there is any authority from God to change the day of its observance. He also held a written discussion with other missionaries in regard to the proper Chinese term to stand for the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath, and the Chinese name preferred by him to designate Deity.

#### Beginning of Public Services

A chapel was fitted up on the first floor of the house which they had occupied from the beginning. Public services were commenced in it the first Sabbath of January, 1849, and Eld. Carpenter explained the True God's Book to about thirty Chinamen present, mostly grown persons, and some of the literary class. Thereafter, for some time, meetings were held here regularly upon the Sabbath, and usually at other times in the week. The sixteenth of April of that year the missionaries heard their first convert from heathenism expressing his desire to become a Christian. Their hearts were deeply moved by his simple and earnest prayer to the heavenly Father for the pardon of his sins through the merits of Christ, his Son. By July 13 the "hopeful converts" numbered four—one a female. Eld. Carpenter wrote that his joy was like that of an angel over a sinner who repents. October 20 his cook submitted to the ordinance of baptism, and the administrator felt his soul full to overflowing with gratitude.

To him the year 1850 was one of great activity. He engaged in preaching sometimes daily in the tea shops of the city and in the small hamlets in the country. He gave, in the chapel, a series of lectures on astronomy, illustrated by lantern views, which greatly interested his Chinese audiences. He issued thousands of single sheet tracts on "The One Thing Needful," and "The Periods of the Rest-day." He also prepared and published a catechism of about thirty-four pages to be distributed among the Chinese. His spare moments were devoted to studying portions of the nine classics of that country.

For constant reference he hung up before his study table a large-sized sheet, on which were mounted four thousand characters of that language, the sound, tone, and definition of them all written out by himself. July 7 of that year a church of seven members was organized in Shanghai, and the nineteenth of that month a convert of "high literary attainments" was added to it by baptism, and subsequently became a teacher in one of the families. In reporting this event, Eld. Carpenter said: "Somebody must be praying. The arm of the Lord is revealed for salvation in these ends of the earth."

In the year 1851 he gave a large portion of his time and thoughts to the erection of this new chapel. All this work he superintended constantly, sometimes working till one o'clock at night, after being exceedingly busy through the day. The upper rooms of the three-story edifice were occupied by his family for some months. The lowest floor was assigned to the chapel, which was opened for divine worship on Sabbath day, November 22, with an audience of two hundred.

#### ROTTERDAM, HOLLAND, CHURCH RECONSTITUTED

By G. Zijlstra

(Excerpts from a letter written April 13 in Rotterdam, Holland)

A few months ago I sent you a copy of the last tract by Bro. K. van Es: "Steunt de Zondagviering op Bijbelsche gronden?" (Is Sunday keeping based on Biblical teachings?) All the money for this tract (together about f. 1300) has been paid in.

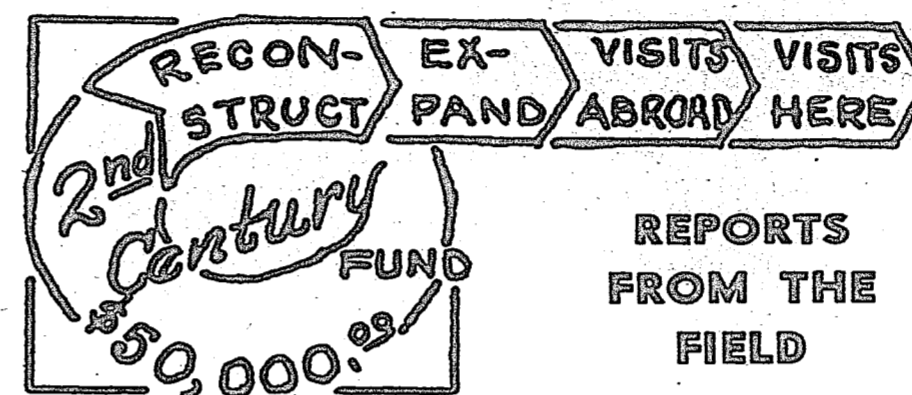
You will remember the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Leeuwarden. We have always entertained friendly relations with this church. In September of last year, the Sabbath-keeping youth held a meeting at Leeuwarden, and this has apparently given the last push for its decision to join our association.

At Rotterdam there has been an unsatisfactory situation since 1933. In November the Seventh Day Baptists at Rotterdam united and reconstituted the Rotterdam Church with fourteen members, of which I became the secretary.

On April 5 we held an all-day meeting with thirteen members and friends of the

Hague Church and celebrated the Lord's Supper.

At the occasion of the British Industries Fair in London (May 5-16) I shall probably have the opportunity to go to London and visit our people there. Bro. McGeachy intends to pass his holidays in Holland with his family and to attend our conference, which will probably be held on July 25. Bro. and Mrs. Gelleff of London also wish to pass their holidays in Holland.



From our field workers' places of operation:

"The people here liked . . . very much and appreciate the work the board is doing in sending men onto the field to help stir up the churches. . . . We covered our territory almost 100 per cent. Of course, we could have revisited some homes and people, but that will fall on me to do later. A number acknowledged their indifference and lack of interest, and promised to do better. There will be some baptisms and admissions to the church. . . . We now have a number of teams who are going out and following up the work we began."

"Church attendance since Easter has kept up and increased above even the March average."

"Would like to give a picture of our church to the Missionary Society for inclusion in the slide set." (Slides enthusiastically received.)

Pray and plan for the increase of Seventh Day Baptist effectiveness in American life. America needs it. Christ demands it of us!

#### WITH BENDED HEART AND KNEE

By Marguerite S. Whitford

Let me not grieve for things I've failed to do,  
But let me strive again, when morning comes anew;  
Let me be patient, kind, and always true to Thee.  
Dear Lord, these things I ask with bended heart  
and knee.

Let me not have the things I want, but do not need.  
Teach me to love and value homely, simple things.  
Always we need Thy gracious care and love.  
On deeds of mercy let us speed on swiftest wings.  
West Edmeston, N. Y.

#### PAWCATUCK WOMAN'S SOCIETY REPORTS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Many Projects Sponsored  
In Addition to Usual Activities

The Woman's Aid Society of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church has held twelve all-day meetings with an average attendance of twenty-two members. At the meetings we have sewed for the Christmas Sale, the Westerly Hospital, and the Red Cross.

In July Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Ayers, assisted by Mrs. Seiden Young and Mrs. I. E. Burdick, entertained the society at an all-day picnic at their summer home. A shower was held to buy kitchen equipment, and a goodly sum was realized.

The first regular meeting of the society was held on October 1, 1946, and meetings were held biweekly thereafter until April 1, 1947, carrying on our usual activities: the annual Harvest Supper on November 5, the annual Christmas Sale December 3, Greenback Luncheon February 18, and opening of the Mite Boxes March 18. The proceeds of the foregoing events added substantially to our treasury.

We have contributed to the following projects:

Subscriptions for the Sabbath Recorder, \$10; Community Chest, \$10; German Relief, \$20; Christmas flowers, \$10; Denominational Budget, \$300; Ministerial Retirement Fund, \$100; Redecorating church, \$250; Red Cross, \$15; also numerous personal gifts.

The society took charge of serving the meals at the meetings of the Eastern Association, June 7 and 8, assisted by the S. D. B. Society and the Z. Y. W. Class.

The society took charge of the Church Family Get-together on the evening of January 18. Miss Carrie Saunders of the Sunshine Committee has sent 141 cards throughout the year. The Alfred Scholarship was given to Esther Lewis for the fourth year.

We are ending a most successful year under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Merton Chapman, and with splendid co-operation of our members.

Edna Saunders,  
Secretary.



## LITERACY - LITERATURE OBSERVER REPORTS TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

INSIGHT GIVEN INTO CONDITIONS  
IN LEBANON AND SYRIA

By Dr. Frank Laubach

We are now making the tour through Lebanon and Syria. We had wonderful meetings in Tripoli. On the way north to Latakia we ate lunch along the blue Mediterranean, and threw stones to see who could skip them on the water the most times. Latakia used to be called Laodicia, same name as the city in the Bible that was neither hot nor cold and was therefore spewed out of the mouth of the Lord. But this was not the same Laodicia, and it was hot for literacy. There was a mass meeting in their new library, the first time anybody had been permitted to speak in that city in public since the war. I felt that the enthusiasm was as great as it had been in Tripoli. . . .

Our next stop was Idlib. . . . Idlib is building many new houses of this wonderful Syrian stone, the finest building stone on earth, and the city looks like a new white hat just taken out of the hat box. This stone is soft when it comes from the earth but gets hard in the sun and becomes harder every century. Idlib will be here in the year 3000. I suspect that the reason we see traces of civilization back to Abraham and a thousand years before is because the stone in this section keeps getting harder every year after it is put in place, and because there is stone, stone, mile after mile after mile.

. . . Now we are in Aleppo, the wonderful city of 350 thousand people. We are at the American University of Aleppo, made of stone that would cost a million dollars in America. They have five hundred students, all men. The interest at the chapel when I told them of literacy was electric. They asked me to come to the class on comparative

\* Dr. Laubach is special counselor and representative of the Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. Printed here are excerpts from an informal report sent to the American people while the author was visiting Lebanon and Syria late in February.

religion to talk to them; so I told them the story of my co-operation with the Moros in the Philippines. Then they asked me to tell them my own belief about Jesus Christ. I told them that God came down as Holy Spirit to Mary, and as Holy Spirit to Jesus when he was baptized, and that the same Holy Spirit came upon the disciples at Pentecost. I never tried that on Moslems before and asked them what they thought about it. They said Moslems could accept that. Perhaps Pentecost is the place of connection between Islam and Christianity. There is nothing to make you find out what you really believe like a crowd of Moslem students!

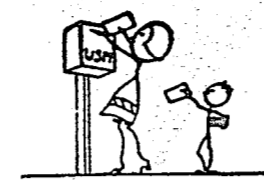
### VENEZUELA COMBATS ILLITERACY WITH VOLUNTEER TEACHERS

An article by Edna H. Evans in The American Girl (February) tells of the exciting literacy campaign to lower the 68 per cent literacy rate in Venezuela. They hope to teach 15,000 adults, using volunteer teachers with teen-agers and normal school students doing much of the work. The government is supplying charts and lesson books, and promotes the campaign through advertisements on billboards and gigantic roadside literacy charts. Telegram blanks show drawings of a nurse, a teacher, a housewife, a farmer, a professional man, and a laborer with the note, "You should teach others. Collaborate in the national campaign against illiteracy."

### PRINTING PRESS IS CONSIDERED POWERFUL "WEAPON"

Bishop Arthur J. Moore writes in "The Church Cradled in Conflict" of the great opportunity for promoting Christian ideals in Korea through Christian literature.

In promoting the Kingdom of God on the earth the church has a powerful offensive weapon in the printing press. Many of the intellectual and spiritual revivals which have characterized its life have come from the printed page. For years the Korean people have been denied access to the books, magazines, and periodicals of the church. Today they are mind-hungry and will find some sort of intellectual food. If the church provides legitimate food they will turn to it eagerly. If the church fails, they will turn to the literature of other ideologies which leave no room for Christian idealism.



### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you feeling? Yesterday my mamma didn't feel very well, but she feels much better today.

We missed our Pastor Maxson yesterday in church, because Mrs. Maxson's mother passed away at her home in West Virginia; so they had to go to attend her funeral.

Yesterday Brother Harold Pearson delivered a message to us, and we enjoyed it very much.

I was very happy when I read my two letters in the Sabbath Recorder, and I thank you very much.

I am always studying the Bible, and my daddy helps me with it.

This is Sabbath morning, and the weather is very beautiful. The wind is blowing, but it's a very warm wind and the sun is shining. In a little while my girl friend Mary and I are going to take a nice walk with my daddy before church. We are taking this walk on our way to church because we love to see the beautiful scenery which God has created. Mary is also coming to church with us. When our services are over here, she is going with us to the Berlin church where they are having a supper and after that a business meeting. I am glad that my friend is coming with me.

Last night we held a prayer meeting at my Uncle Nick's house.

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

Your Recorder friend,  
Esther N. Fatato.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

I find that to date I have four letters from you. That's why I'm putting two of them in this week.

Most of our family have been having hard colds or bronchitis, myself among the number, but most of us have recovered; that, too, includes me. We are having a rather late spring with almost daily rain and a cold

wind, but of course warm weather is just around the corner. I pass the home of one of my neighbors nearly every morning and enjoy the beautiful daffodils, hyacinths, and other blossoms bordering her flower garden. I, too, have daffodils to enjoy and plenty of green grass. Whatever the season or the weather, God's beauty and blessing is always with us.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

You have never heard from me before, but I enjoy reading the Children's Page; so I thought I would write to you. Herbert, my brother, and I have fun playing ball. He lets me be first, and he always lets me have more outs than he gives himself.

I am a girl eight years old—almost nine. I am in the third grade. My daddy preaches in the church here at Fouke. I have six brothers and two sisters.

I have two long, round braids, and my hair has never been cut. I like to go to school. I was born in New York State and lived there all my life till last spring, when we moved to Nebraska and lived there till September when we moved to Arkansas.

Your little friend,  
Adeline Soper.

P. S.—Martha helped me with this letter.  
Fouke, Ark.

Dear Adeline:

Thank you and Martha for your good letter, and I hope I'll receive many more letters from you. I rejoice over every new correspondent. Is Martha your sister?

You must have a very kind brother because he is so generous in his ball playing. I found a funny big ball in our drug store April 2, the day before my little granddaughter Gretchen's seventh birthday, and she and Joyce have fun playing with it. On one half it has a red cap and on the other a cunning boy's face.

I'm sorry to be so late in getting your letter in the Recorder, but you see there were others letters ahead of yours, and I send them in the order in which they come.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.



## SECOND PHASE OF INDIANAPOLIS WORK COMPLETED

By Leo L. Wright

The second phase of the Indianapolis work is practically completed and Rev. Lester G. Osborn and his wife return to Shiloh on May 4.

The first phase of the Indianapolis work consisted of tract distribution, newspaper advertising, and two radio broadcasts. This was accomplished at but little expense to the Tract Board, since the board was required to furnish only tracts and to care for the making of the one double-sided radio record, a cost of \$5 or \$6.

I am grateful to all who had a part in the first phase of the work in the Indianapolis area: to the Tract Board for their co-operation in supplying tracts and the radio record, to Rev. Loyal F. Hurley for his kindness in preparing the radio record, and to my own pastor, Rev. Claude Hill, for his interest and advice.

In a like manner I am very grateful to all who had a part in the second phase of the work in the Indianapolis area: to the Tract Board for their co-operation in supplying tracts and books and for their spiritual and financial support of the campaign, to Rev. Lester G. Osborn and his wife for their splendid personal work in this community and their keen interest and their personal sacrifices, to Rev. Claude Hill for his attendance and assistance and moral support at the opening of the campaign, to Duane Hurley for his support through the pages of the Sabbath Recorder, to the good people of the Shiloh Church for their Christian attitude and their financial support, to C. W. Wilson of Cheltenham, Pa., for his financial help and well wishes, to the young people's class of the Marlboro Church for their financial help and well wishes, and to all the Christian folk who have been praying for the success of this campaign.

We now have enrolled a total of twenty-two persons in the Indianapolis Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists, and there is a possibility of enrolling five or more additional persons soon, out of which we expect to organize a Seventh Day Baptist Church late in 1947, at which time we hope to have a total of thirty-five or more persons enrolled in the fellowship. Once a church

is actually established, the possibilities for rapid growth will increase.

The work has not been easy, since we were required to start from scratch and without a church building of our own. We did not secure the attendance that was expected, but the attendance is growing and the interest also. We have had some growing pains, some heartaches, some disappointments, some things that were not at all pleasant; but, out of it all, with God's help and our own steadfastness in a worthy cause, will come a Seventh Day Baptist Church that will thrive and grow.

It now is our Christian duty to dedicate ourselves to the unfinished task before us and continue to plan and work and pray and lend a hand. To this end let us unitedly strive to hold the line and keep the Indianapolis Fellowship intact, biding the time when a church will actually be established. In the interim we must plan for the third phase of the work.

As you know, Rev. Lester G. Osborn was practically hand-picked and insisted upon by me to head the campaign in Indianapolis, which he reluctantly accepted. As you know, the Shiloh Church made this possible, although at a sacrifice upon their part, which was somewhat compensated for by the splendid assistance from Leland Davis, who has been acting pastor of the Shiloh Church during this campaign in Indianapolis. The Shiloh Church and the Tract Board joined wholeheartedly in the arrangements, and in all of this the Holy Spirit of God was surely leading.

It soon will become necessary to select a minister to come to Indianapolis on a permanent basis actually to organize a church and continue on as pastor. This is in the lap of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination and its various boards, and it must be accomplished in a manner that is acceptable to them and agreeable to the Indianapolis Fellowship, who stand ready to co-operate and help in any way possible, but who are helpless to proceed alone. Furthermore, it must be accomplished without crippling any of our churches that are already established. It is a large order, but we cannot dodge it if we are to have a live, virile, and growing church in this city, dedicated to Seventh Day Baptist beliefs and principles and to Christian fellowship and service.

## DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

**BROOKFIELD, N. Y.** — Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, Albion, Wis., who is sent out by the Missionary Society, is spending three Sabbaths working here with Pastor Crofoot, especially in Visitation Evangelism.

On April 18, the eve of the Sabbath, there was held a meeting for prayer and planning at the prayer meeting room of the church. Many who are interested in the success of this campaign attended and joined in the prayers and the planning.

On Sabbath morning, April 19, Mr. Van Horn preached the sermon.

—Brookfield Courier.

**MILTON, WIS.** — At the annual business meeting held at the church on January 5 our pastor, Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, received a unanimous vote to serve the church as pastor for the coming year and was given a substantial increase in salary to meet the increase in living costs.

On Thursday evening, April 3, a service of baptism was conducted at the church, when the following were baptized: Mrs. A. L. Blomgren, Wilma Bowers, Mrs. Forrest Branch, Nancy Davis, Mrs. William Heinig, Sr., Mrs. William Heinig, Jr., Gilbert Hudlow, Lucy Hudlow, Mrs. Kenneth Ochs, and Mrs. Walter Sayre. On Easter Sabbath these were received into the church along with the following by letter and testimony: William Arthur, Dr. Forrest Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Maxson, Kenneth Ochs, Mr. and Mrs. William Prentice, Mrs. Gertrude Sanford, Walter Sayre, Professor and Mrs. Leland Skaggs, and James Stillman, Jr., of Houston, Tex.

The church voted to pay the pastor's salary and pulpit supply while the pastor participated in the visitation evangelism campaign sponsored by the Missionary Society. In the absence of the pastor, Sabbath vesper worship services were led by Rev. Willard D. Burdick and Rev. Edwin Ben Shaw. Sabbath morning worship services were conducted by Rev. John Felible of the Edgerton Congregational Church and Rev. Peter Retzlaff of the Juda Evangelical United Brethren Church. — Correspondent.

## Marriages

**Arnold - Cooke.** — On February 22, 1947, Harold Elliott Arnold and Dorothy Elizabeth Cooke, both of Ashaway, R. I., were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist church at Ashaway, with Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are now residing at 45 Granite Street, Westerly, R. I.

## Obituaries

**Davis.** — Mary Fogg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Fogg, was born in Shiloh, N. J., March 4, 1891, and passed away at her home in Marlboro, March 17, 1947.

She has been a life long member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church, active as long as her health permitted.

She was married to Frank G. Davis of Marlboro February 17, 1912. Besides her husband and mother she is survived by one son, Rollo, two grandchildren, two sisters, and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted from her late home by her pastor, C. Rex Burdick. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery. C. R. B.

**Holberton.** — William Gardiner, was born April 23, 1861, and died in his home outside of Ashaway, R. I., March 18, 1947, after a long illness.

Mr. Holberton was married to Miss Annie Louise Stillman nearly forty years ago. Soon after his marriage Mr. Holberton was baptized and joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton. He began keeping the Sabbath and found his place of service in the church down through the years.

The funeral service was conducted in the Buckler Funeral Home, Westerly, R. I., by his pastor, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson. Interment was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery. C. H. D.

**Van Horn.** — Merrill Warren, was born at North Loup, Neb., June 23, 1888, and died March 13, 1947, at his home near Garwin, Iowa. He was the son of E. B. and Lottie Davis Van Horn.

He was married to Mary Alice White December 27, 1910. To this union were born three sons: Donald, now in Honolulu, Hawaii; Irvin of Marshalltown, Iowa; and a son who died in infancy.

Mr. Van Horn was engaged in farming at North Loup until coming to Garwin in 1940, where he resided on the D. V. Shrader farm until his death following a short illness.

In his late teens he was baptized and became a member of the North Loup Church, keeping his membership there until his death. He lived a consistent Christian life, loved by those who knew him best, and respected by all. He is survived by his widow, two sons, and two granddaughters, also three brothers and five sisters.

Funeral services were held Sabbath afternoon, March 16, at the Miller Funeral Home in Garwin, conducted by Mr. H. C. Hurd, pastor of the local Christian Church. Burial was in the Riverside Cemetery in Marshalltown, Iowa. Mrs. S. G. B.



# WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

## SALEM CHURCH FIRE STARTED IN UPPER CORNICE

ROOF AND LOFT BURNED;  
INTERIOR DAMAGED BY WATER

SALEM, W. VA. — Fire, which broke out in the upper cornice of the building, seriously damaged the Salem Seventh Day Baptist church at about 10 a.m. Sunday morning, May 4. Damage as estimated by Fire Chief Winston Davis was set at \$8,000 to \$10,000, being mostly to the burned roof and loft, and water and smoke damage to the interior and floor.

Volunteers braved a collapsing roof to cover the organ with salvage covers to protect it from water. When the fire was extinguished it was found that the ceiling had collapsed and left the charred rafters and beams exposed under the burned roof.

Much credit is due to the quick and efficient work of volunteers who carried all pews, carpets, and all movable fixtures from the church in such a short time that they were largely out of harm's way by the time firemen were able to get water into the building, thus saving them from great damage.

The Salem Seventh Day Baptist church was considered a landmark since it was established in Salem by its early members in 1792. The present structure has been in use since its dedication in 1901. There have been three previous church buildings on the same site. The first was a log building which was built in 1795 and was later destroyed by fire. The second church was finished in 1801 and served as a meeting place for the congregation until just before the Civil War. It was replaced by a frame building which was in use until 1900. The present brick structure followed that building.

A meeting of the church members Sunday night revealed invitations from at least three churches to use their buildings for worship until such time as the church could be restored to use. They decided to accept the Baptists' offer for the first few weeks. Over \$1,300 was subscribed at the meeting to complement the small sum of insurance that was carried. This fund is being augmented by citizens of Salem who are interested in

the landmark building and desire to see it restored to its former condition. — Salem Herald.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. — Another historic day for our denomination—April 26. That Sabbath was the date of the first baptismal service in Indiana conducted by Seventh Day Baptists. In the presence of most of the members of the Indianapolis Fellowship and several visitors, Rev. Lester G. Osborn administered this sacrament to six candidates, two women and four men. The service was held in the Broadway Baptist Church, since the present meeting place has no baptistry.

The attendance at this meeting was the largest of any since Sabbath services were begun on February 22. Only thirty-three, but this is three times the number who were at that first service. The attendance has shown a steady increase during the past two months.

After the evening service the fellowship had a business meeting and elected president, secretary, and treasurer, appointed two men to help with the communion service the following Sabbath, and talked over the work of the summer months, including a permanent place of meeting.

Anyone passing through Indianapolis should stop over on the Sabbath and meet with this earnest, enthusiastic group. Services are held every Sabbath at 2.30 and 7.30 p.m. in the church at Thirteenth Street and Carrollton Avenue. Call Leo L. Wright, County 2704, for information.

### ASSOCIATION NOTICES

The Central Association will convene with the De Ruyter Church June 13-15, 1947.  
Corresponding Secretary.

The Eastern Association meets with the Berlin Church June 6-8. Those expecting to attend are requested to send their names, by May 25, to W. Robert Bentley, Berlin, N. Y.  
Entertainment Committee.

The time and place for the Minnesota and Wisconsin Semiannual Meetings have been set—June 6, 7, and 8 at New Auburn, Wis.  
Corresponding Secretary.

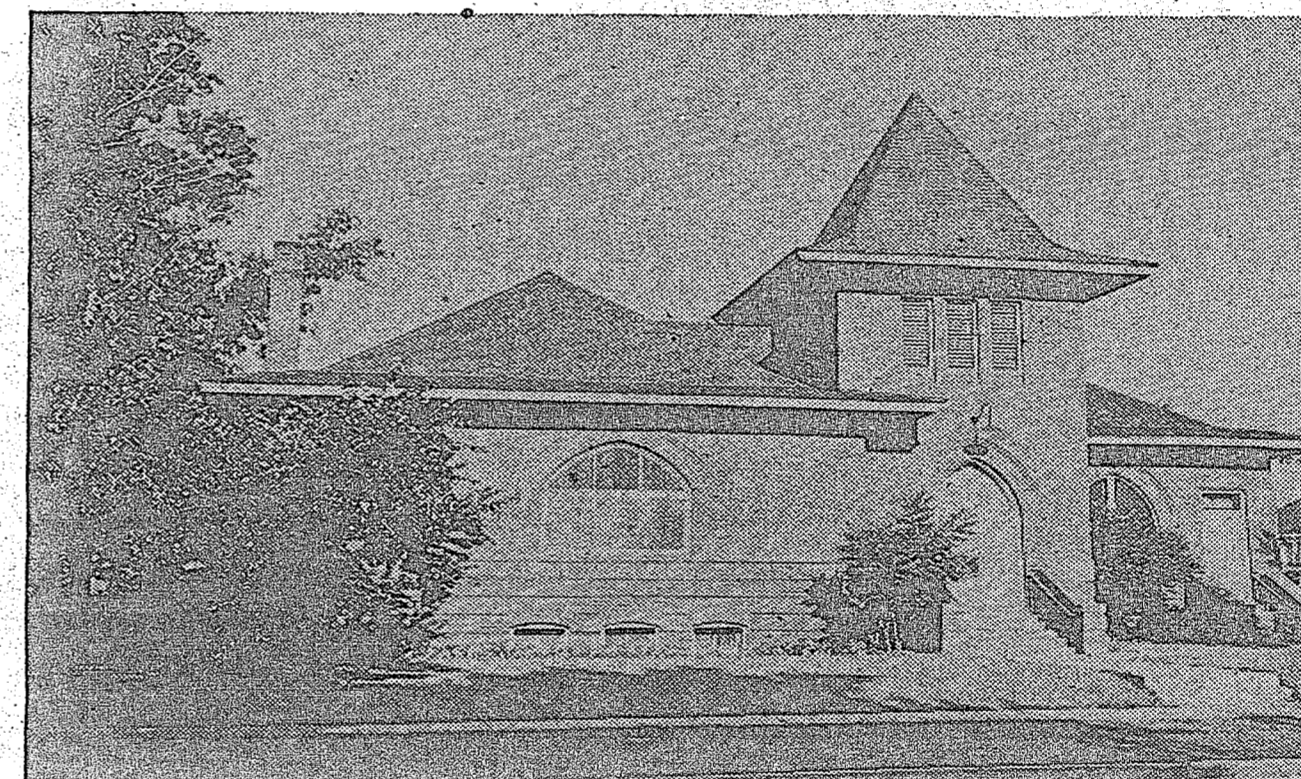
(More "Hook-up" inside on page 339)

MAY 26, 1947

The Sabbath

# Recorder

## SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH OF DENVER, COLO.



Special ordination service held here April 5.

"The ordaining of the candidates was most impressive, with beautiful floral decorations banking the platform and the sunshine pouring into the auditorium of the church." (See Denominational "Hook-up" on the back cover, and statements on page 345.)