

WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — For two weeks the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church enjoyed services conducted by Rev. Earl Cruzan of Dodge Center, Minn. During the second week a series of meetings were con-



Rev. Earl Cruzan

ducted by him to familiarize us with the extensive missionary work done in other lands. Mr. Cruzan is a leader in missionary study and is sent out to the different churches by the Missionary Board.

The choir of the White Cloud Church is sponsoring the purchase of a Wurlitzer electric organ in the near future.

The semi-annual meeting was held May 31 and June 1 at Jackson Center, Ohio. Those attending from White Cloud were Rev. Robert Wing, Mrs. Nettie Fowler, Mr. and Mrs. Corneil Seims and son Earl, and Mrs. Bert Reefman and daughter Minnie.

Vacation Bible School in White Cloud will open June 16 and continue for two weeks. — Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The road signs planned some time ago by the trustees of the church have been placed, one at the corner by the Will Schultz home, one at the corner near the G. L. Hutchins home, and a large one with a blackboard at the church. All of the signs have been painted in large let-

ters, "Seventh Day Baptist Church," and the one at the church has in addition, "Rev. Clyde Ehret, pastor."

Mother's Day was observed with a special anthem, "I Am Wearing a Flower for You, Mother Dear," with the solo sung by Mrs. Edward Christensen. Pastor Ehret spoke from the theme, "Family Life."

Mrs. Ehret arranged a beautiful setting on the pulpit table with an open Bible, flowers, and candles. A large congregation was present.

ALBION, WIS. — Our pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, has returned home after seven weeks' absence. He has been serving with the pastors of the Brookfield and Verona Churches on the Missionary Board's visitation evangelism campaign; he also attended the Ministers' Conference at Battle Creek, Mich.

It has been good for us all to share in this enterprise. The church members have shown a fine spirit of co-operation and have demonstrated their ability to carry on in their pastor's absence. The Sabbath morning services have been conducted by Rev. John Felible of the Edgerton Congregational Church; Rev. W. F. Tomlinson of the Fulton Congregational Church; Don Sanford, a prospective theological student at Milton College; Rev. George Barber, retired Methodist minister of Busseyville, Wis.; and Mr. J. F. Whitford of Milton. Each week we have enjoyed the fine messages of these men.

May 10 was the highlight Sabbath, with the children of the primary department offering a special song in honor of Mother's Day. A fellowship dinner followed.

The first Sabbath of our pastor's absence was the date for the quarterly meeting at Milton Junction. Since three of the four pastors of this group were absent at that time, the laymen again demonstrated their capability by carrying on in an active, spirited manner.

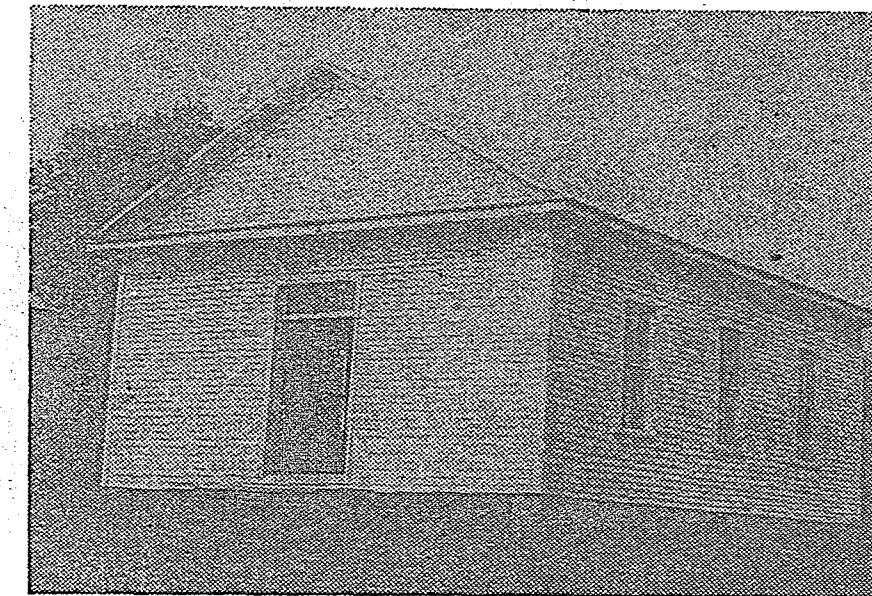
Vacation Bible School is to be held June 30 to July 18, and J. F. Whitford has consented to act as supervisor. We have already secured five teachers.

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Roanoke, W. Va.,

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Our Fathers*

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homes complemented by a rural church home built and maintained by the abiding faith and labors of our parents and grandparents that we, their children, might have an environment conducive to learning and living the teachings of the Master . . .

"The faith of our fathers seems to have been justified when we look at the results of their labors. Our church has contributed to the clergy, to the medical profession, to nursing, to teaching. Many of our young men and women of strong faith and character are teachers in our schools. Agriculture has claimed others, as has music and art, and many are makers of good homes where faith is kept with God. It is from this small church that our theological school gets its present dean. Our fathers 'rest from their labors and their works do follow them.'"

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WHAT WHERE

TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

"If another war is to be prevented, the religious forces of the world must overcome the sense of despair and doom which fills the minds of the peoples of the whole world—not merely those in the war-torn lands," says Dr. Paul Hutchinson, Chicago religious journalist, just returned from a study of conditions in Europe and Asia. "First of all, the religious forces must contend with the strong minorities who either do not see the peril in which they are living, or are actually reconciled to it. They say: 'Why rebuild anything?' The next war will destroy everything." Worse still, because harder to combat, is the complacency here in America. Yes, we shall all be wiped out, unless we do something really to rehabilitate the world."

China's postwar needs call for "rehabilitation rather than relief" and the opportunity for the Chinese people to "assume, as their strength permits, the burden of solving their own social problems," Madame Chiang Kai-shek declares in a statement praising the China Project of the American Mission to Lepers. The project's importance, Madame Chiang explains, "lies not only in rendering assistance to unfortunate victims but more in prevention."

American Protestants, by giving \$15,000,000 during the past year through Church World Service for war sufferers overseas, registered an achievement notable in several ways. During a year when more of the earth's people confronted the possibility of death by cold, hunger, and disease than in any previous year in human history, their action represented a heartening Christian response to human suffering. Compared with the agony of millions, what was given was not enough, but it made the difference between life and death of great numbers. Compared with anything the churches had done before, either unitedly or separately, it was an amazing and unequalled accomplishment. — The Christian Century.

Two letters were printed not long ago in newspapers in Czechoslovakia. They were from young girls, relating their experiences since 1938. These girls had done forced labor in German controlled factories during the war; they had seen their country's suffering under an army of occupation; they had watched their friends abandoning more and more their ideals, and indeed their faith in humanity.

"We are tired of politics," they wrote, "and of deception. What can we call real? We seek a meaning in life. If Christianity has the answer, tell us what it is."

The youth work of the World Council of Churches seeks to answer in concrete terms such questions. Its aid to various movements is carried on within the framework of daily life and modern experiences.

EDITORIALS

SABBATH RECORDER OBJECTIVES

By Rev. Hurley S. Warren, Editor-elect

From time to time editorials and articles will appear which will be an attempt to set forth and clarify the objectives of the Sabbath Recorder. Their chief source will be the Truth and our relationship to it. Special days and seasons, camps and conferences, associations and meetings, families and institutions, interests large and interests small—all these, we hope, will have coverage commensurate to the mission and purpose of our denominational organ. Yet, these will stem from and will be shaped in the Truth.

In addition to the overall mirroring of Seventh Day Baptist interests there is our witness abroad. This witness will become increasingly effective through—

Harmony in the Truth

Truth, interpreted in terms of a Christian magazine, means the gospel of Jesus Christ. And when we speak of the gospel of Jesus Christ it is well to remember that Jesus said in the Intercessory Prayer on behalf of his apostles: "Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me." John 17: 7, 8. The source of Jesus' life and teachings was his Father.

Harmony Through Accepting the Truth

We may vary in our interpretations. Yet, the least we can do as brothers and sisters in Christ is to open our entire lives to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth, that he may interpret the Truth according to our individual and collective needs.

Our capacity to understand the Truth increases as we become obedient to the spirit of Truth. Progressively we accept the Truth. There is little wonder that this "ism" and that "ism" creep in to displace the Truth if we conceive of Truth as being static, fixed, and final. Understand, I mean, our conception of Truth. Definitely, on God's side, insofar as our present revelation maintains, Truth is fixed and final, yet never static. To some it may be conceivable that God will make changes to suit the occasion when men catch up with his Truth. However, this and several generations to come will have a great deal to become and perform before reaching that point. We are convinced that God will grant a fresh revelation of his Truth as we have the capacity to receive and apply it.

Tolerance in Telling the Truth

We desperately need to exercise tolerance toward one another in telling the Truth. If anyone considers that he has all the Truth and the only right interpretation thereof, he is either beside himself or has reached perfection before the appointed time. The former is altogether unfortunate; the latter, totally unlikely.

The devil has a field day when there is dissension and division in the ranks. He fans the flames, sharpens his darts, and "whang!" Another victim goes down in defeat.

And who are the responsible ones that a single one should be lost from our ranks? We are! When one minute is spent in careless controversy instead of constructive conquest, we are less than Christian and bring reproach to the cause of Christ.

To all who accept Christ and dedicate their lives unreservedly to him, we would give every encouragement.

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

"A good many people have prayed for the gift of tongues who really needed the gift of silence."

A Napkin Talent

Is yours a napkin talent? You probably do have a talent of some kind, you know. Most people do. Also, most people keep them pretty well hidden—"buried in a napkin."

What kind of a napkin are you burying yours in? Is it indifference, possibly selfishness? Just not caring enough to develop it—be it the ability to play a musical instrument, to sing, to read well aloud, to bake a cake, to take care of children, to make friends, or any one of a dozen others, great or small.

Is it laziness? Are you really workly when it comes to making the most of that thing you can do well? Perhaps you fritter away your time in all sorts of little ways—doing things you don't really care about doing sometimes. They just fill in between this and that. How about planning your day so as to accomplish something worth while in the "between hours"?

Is it the napkin of fear? Not using your particular talent for fear you won't do it well, or as well as someone else?

We are to be called to account for the way we have used and increased our talents. So—better shake those napkins and get busy!

—Alice Marie Graves.

* * *

"Do your best today and then do better tomorrow."

To all who accept the Sabbath truth and would join forces with us in the kingdom task, we say most welcome.

Therefore, our channels of Christian witness must be kept open and clean so that the will of God and the work of Christ may be constantly, consistently done.

In other words, our chief business as Seventh Day Baptists is to grow more like Christ and win others to him; to observe the spirit and purpose of the Sabbath and witness to its value. To a Seventh Day Baptist Christian these two are inseparable. In order of priority, acceptance of Christ is first. Then, will truly follow a sincere and an unremitting search for the whole truth and acceptance of the Sabbath.

What if our lives are lacking? What if our witness is lagging?

The Holy Spirit moves among men his mission to perform! It is our part to be aggressively alert and actively obedient. O tremendous task! O glorious privilege!

Larger Circulation and Wider Distribution

Larger circulation and wider distribution of the Sabbath Recorder is of grave concern

to many Seventh Day Baptists. Building upon the good record already established, there will be frequent appeals to make this possible. I feel sure that readers and other friends will gladly respond as they are able to anything that is within reason.

Committee on the Sabbath Recorder

In the opinion of the editor-elect, one of the most practical and helpful actions of the Tract Board in the field of the Sabbath Recorder was the authorization of the appointment of a Committee on the Sabbath Recorder. It will be a genuine privilege to counsel with this group.

Editorial Aspirations

The editor-elect does not enter upon this task with many, if any, preconceived notions. With the help of department editors, other contributors, and readers he will earnestly strive to maintain, with the guidance and blessing of God, the present high quality of the Sabbath Recorder which has been achieved under Editor K. Duane Hurley. And, recalling the editorial spirit and purpose throughout Recorder history, he will endeavor to "build on the old foundations" that the growing structure may increasingly become a temple true and a beacon bright for the Truth.

Editing the Sabbath Recorder is not merely a job to be done. It is a job, all right, and it is to be done. There is real work in the undertaking. And there are scheduled deadlines to be met. Otherwise, your copy will not reach you on time. The timing of each issue is of utmost importance.

Yet, the Sabbath Recorder is much more than this. It is the life-chart of Seventh Day Baptists. Over the weeks and months of its visits to its readers there are clearly indicated the state and strength or weakness of Seventh Day Baptist faith and work. Consequently, the editing of our denominational paper is a sacred task and a most serious responsibility. As one approaches this privilege he is already "standing on holy ground." He is standing where saints and seers of the past have stood. He is walking in company with the prophets and peers of the present. He is looking into the future with anticipation and faith and hope.

As each issue rolls from the press and is placed in the mails, it will be with gratitude

o "The rural home and the rural church are the most effective combination for teaching the love of God."

A Tribute to My Church

—Memory of Roanoke Sabbath School Is Outstanding

By Ina Hevener Ford

THE VERY NICEST and most enjoyable thing I can remember during my growing years (outside of family life) was the Sabbath school in our little Roanoke church. Every phase of it was a pleasure—the preparation for Sabbath: setting the house in order, getting the work caught up, baking the big loaves of bread, the pies, the cookies, and the cake (to be ready when Sabbath day came so that cooking need be no problem even if some of the aunts, uncles, or cousins could be persuaded to spend the rest of the day with us after the Sabbath service).

Seeing all the folks each week was an anticipated pleasure. But the Sabbath school itself was the source of the real enjoyment. I liked the entire service—the prayers, the singing, the lesson—and I liked the teachers.

As a small child I tried to memorize the "golden texts" of the lessons. My father would help me to learn these before I could read. . . . When older I liked to familiarize myself with the Sabbath school lesson and to wonder what my teacher and the superintendent would have to say about it. Still later when I myself was asked to take a class, I continued to wonder what was going to be said about the lesson.

We, the children for whom this church was organized and built, had a wonderful heritage, a heritage of rural Christian homes complemented by a rural church home built and maintained by the abiding faith and labors of our parents and grandparents that we, their children, might have an environment conducive to learning and living the teachings of the Master.

to God that, through the co-operative effort of so many, another clear, definite, dynamic witness to his Truth goes forth.

"Now unto him that is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

—Jude 24, 25, adapted.

In my opinion, children could have no greater heritage than this. It is my growing conviction that the rural home and rural church are the most effective combination for teaching the love of God and his purpose for his children. In the country we see his handiwork wherever we look. We are more conscious of his presence. The beauty of his creation reminds us of him. . . .

It is fitting that we pay tribute to friends, many of them from other churches and denominations, who helped us with contribu-

Last June—just a year ago—the Roanoke Seventh Day Baptist Church celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding. Present for the occasion were a number of visitors from both near-by and far-away places. Dean A. J. C. Bond of the Alfred School of Theology, whose first experiences in Christian leadership were in the Roanoke Church which he joined at the age of ten, preached the sermon; Communion was administered by Rev. Marion Van Horn and Rev. Charles Bond. The article from which the statement on this week's cover and the accompanying paragraphs are taken was read as a part of the celebration. — K. D. H.

tions of labor and money to build this structure. In an old ledger kept by my father I find a page with this caption: "Cooling Springs Church." This was the name first agreed upon and one which seems beautiful and appropriate when we remember the cool spring of water that flowed from among the rocks near by on Uncle "Sammy" Bond's farm.

Under this caption is another which reads: "Given by First-Day Friends." Then follows a long list of names of these friends who had given of their means to help us build our church. In this list are six Conrads, five Rohrboughs, four Watsons, two Smiths, two Odens, two Duvalls, and the following names: Crowell, Cook, Brinkley, Bird, Corley, Garret, Myers, Morrison, Harris, Owens, Sheifer, Allman, Jennings, and Swecker. These, with possibly one or two exceptions, were all of our neighbors for miles around.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAMP AMONG FIRST

THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN Seventh Day Baptist Teen-age Camp was among the first to be started by our people, possibly only one other being older. It seems that the first camp was held at a cottage camp at Cedar Cove, in Big Thompson Canyon, some thirty miles northwest of Boulder. We are not quite certain from the records we have as to the exact time. However, it was when such men as Dr. Keith Davis, Elna Davis, and Rev. Francis Saunders were lads in their teens. This camp left a lasting impression on the minds of some of those who were present, as they often state, as camps have ever since.

Later camps were held at a lodge in Boulder Canyon, seven miles northwest of Boulder. This was a large building that housed the entire camp, boys and girls using separate parts of the building, except for classes and meals. That was ten years ago, when Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, pastor then at Denver, now pastor at Boulder, aided in the work. Some of those who attended this camp are now married and have families of their own, and children of those who were members of the first camps are now among those attending.

Paul Hummel, who has a ranch twenty miles northwest of Boulder, offered the churches of Colorado and surrounding states a permanent site for a camp. This offer was accepted. There was a cabin of two rooms on the ranch; so the first year it was used by girls, and the boys lived in tents some distance away. Finding the site quite ideal, the Colorado churches, aided financially by friends of Pastor Sutton among our churches in the East, two more buildings were erected of native lumber, the outsides being finished with slabs, which gives a rustic appearance to the buildings. They are "bunk cabins" and can take care of about sixteen each. Later a basement was made to house the lighting plant over which a room with a folding bed is being built for the supervisor. It will serve both as a sleeping room and office.

It has been the policy of those directing the work to let other young people in this section, who are not members of our

churches, attend when the camp has not been full, providing certain requirements are met. Among these is that they understand that it is a Seventh Day Baptist camp and that the beliefs of the denomination will be taught, that no cigarettes or profane language be used, and that all camp rules be obeyed.

The food question has been a serious one for the past few years, but now there is plenty, though rather high in price. The fee for the ten-day camp has been five dollars, with transportation provided. But this year it has been found necessary to raise the price, which will also include health and accident insurance, which we are making mandatory for all.

The churches have in mind the building of another larger building—with a large fireplace—to be used as a dining room and chapel. Such a building is badly needed, as "Old Rusty" is not large enough when the camp is filled.

The camp is situated about 7,500 feet above sea level, and on clear days many cities of the plains can be seen, including the city of Denver. When the night is clear, one can see—by going a few rods east of the buildings—almost the entire city, some forty miles away.

The only drawback to our camp is the climb by auto to reach it, but to those used to driving on rough, mountain roads that is not too bad, and the view on a clear day or night is worth the climb. — Contributed.

ENLIST FOR CHRIST IN WINNING SOULS

By Arlene Swing
Shiloh, N. J.

Read Romans 12: 1-12. By presenting our bodies holy acceptable unto God is the only way to be soul winners. In Mark 16: 15 we read: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Yes, the duty of winning souls is given to every Christian by God. If we fail to do this duty, we are condemned in the worldly people's eyes as well as in God's.

If you were to see a man drunk, your first thought would be "Isn't that too bad." But did you ever think that you could help him?

What if that man were your father, husband, or brother? To God this man's soul is just as precious as the man's physical condition would be to you. If a soul dies without Christ, he goes to eternal separation from God and heaven. This may happen because some Christian has failed in his duty. Christ hated sin but loved the sinner. Love triumphs over all. If we really love Christ, we will find real joy in giving others the joy we have in worshiping him.

In a prayer meeting a young lady was asked, "What is the first thing we must be able to do in order to win souls?" She answered, "We must live holy ourselves; we must be converted and live as Jesus would have us live." Worldly habits influence our success as soul winners.

A young lady, once a society belle fond of worldly amusements, consecrated her life to God. In a rescue mission she was asked to speak to a poor wreck of a man who had been a gambler. He looked at her suspiciously as he asked, "Do you drink, smoke, dance, play cards, or go to the theater?"

"No, not now," she replied.

He said, "All right, then, you may talk to me, but I won't listen to any of you fine folks who on a small scale are doing the very same things that brought us poor wretches to where we are now."

The pleasure of soul winning should mean much more to any Christian than any worldly pleasure.

A thorough knowledge of the Word is essential to soul winning. We must know the Scriptures in order to be able to win others. Prayer is also essential to soul winning. In James 5: 16 we read, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Faith is another essential to soul winning. Faith gives us courage for personal work and helps us to seek to save souls for the Saviour.

To be able to win souls we must have sincerity of heart, and we must be earnest to win our friends and loved ones from eternal death as well as physical suffering. Christians must watch for opportunities to talk to people about their souls.

Then Jesus said to his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. Matt. 16: 24, 25.

LOST CREEK FELLOWSHIP PRESENTS PLAY

By Lenora Williams

The Youth Fellowship met at the parsonage on February 15 for a Valentine party.

On Sabbath afternoon, March 22, under the direction of Rev. David S. Clarke, the young people presented, "Susie Burdick Sets Her Face Toward China." The cast was as follows: narrator, Miss Velma Davis; William Burdick, Thomas C. Bond; Amanda Burdick, Lenora Williams; Susie Burdick, Dorothea Bond; and Sherman Burdick, S. Thomas Bond.

At the close of the play everyone stood and sang "Into My Heart." An offering was taken to help with the Second Century Fund. The amount received was \$29.

On April 5 the Jane Lew Junior High School Glee Club presented an Easter Cantata in the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist church. A colored film, "An Easter Story," was shown by Pastor Marion C. Van Horn.

We are having a course, "Introduction to the Bible," supplemented by colored slides of the Bible. The pictures were loaned for the classes by Rev. Earl Cruzan.

We are collecting scrap paper to sell as a money-making project.

SPECIAL FUND COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Second Century Fund Committee has been engaged in advising and in supplying funds for the home field Efficiency for Evangelism program, for Dr. Ben Crandall's survey of Jamaican education, and for Dr. Corliss Randolph's projected visit to Europe. Preparation of another general circular among Seventh Day Baptists appealing for the Second Century Fund and renewed activity is under way.

Publicity on work of home and foreign fields, and appeals have been supplied.

The committee would recommend that an amount not to exceed \$500 of the \$949.16 former Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Fund be allocated to Pastor John G. Schmid for shipping relief supplies to German Seventh Day Baptists.

Total pledges to this fund have now reached \$31,412.47.

(For a summary of expenditures see page 420.)

Ministers Meet in Battle Creek

MANY PASTORAL PROBLEMS DISCUSSED IN THREE-DAY CONFERENCE

With a larger attendance than for several years, the annual conference of Seventh Day Baptist ministers was held in Battle Creek, Mich., May 26, 27, 28. Nearly forty ordained pastors of the denomination were present. Also attending were the theological students, several especially invited guests including the editor of the Sabbath Recorder, and a number of the wives of the ministers.

Highlight of the conference was an all-day study of pastoral counseling, particularly as it relates to people's mental and emotional disorders. Consulting expert for the Tuesday meetings was Dr. F. O. Meister, Battle Creek psychiatrist, widely recognized authority in the highly specialized field and noted for his wartime service with Army personnel.

Dr. Meister spent the morning meeting period lecturing to the ministers, giving them an insight into the technical and historic aspects of the subject. He listed and explained some of the reasons for mental and emotional upsets, citing many practical examples and indicating that the mind and body are closely "intertwined." Personality he defined as all that a person is, all that he was, and all that he hopes to be. Emphasizing the importance of the science of psychiatry, the doctor reported that a large percentage of wartime casualties were mental and emotional cases and that a greater number of civilian problems fall into this category than is generally realized. Yet there is a desperate nation-wide shortage of experts to handle such cases. He expressed the hope that ministers and psychiatrists might work together more and more in mutually helpful ways.

During the afternoon a seminar on "Pastoral Psychiatry in My Church" was conducted, with Rev. Hurley S. Warren as leader and Dr. Meister as resource consultant. Specific instances where psychiatric treatment is needed were suggested and considered; methods of procedure were analyzed. The psychiatrist mentioned several do's and don't's in psychiatry, including the following:

1. Consider emotional disorder as a disease.
2. Be sympathetic.
3. Listen carefully and say very little when interviewing.

4. Watch the patient carefully for indications of the real conflict—for gestures, flushed face, emphasis, stumbling over words.

5. Do not "lay down the law."

6. Do not assume a position of authority, or the individual may be able to blame you.

7. Don't show emotion—be emotionally neutral.

8. Don't register distress or hopelessness; most problems are already related to fear.

9. Don't interrupt.

10. Realize that, as in other fields of specialization, there are limitations.

11. Become acquainted with agencies in your community which can handle special problems, so you can send the patient directly to the right place and person. Otherwise, he may become discouraged and give up.

Many of the ministers considered the Tuesday meetings especially helpful and hope that an expert in some field of specialization related to pastoral work may be included in each year's program.

"Shop Talk"

Time was provided at Battle Creek for the ministers to "talk shop" together, asking questions and discussing problems of mutual interest and concern. Such opportunity was provided on Monday morning at the beginning of the conference, and several important matters were presented, including the preparation and duplicating of church bulletins, the use of audio-visual aids in the church program, and the establishment of a lending library of religious books. Present throughout the gathering, with a display of books for sale, was Gerald Bond, Seventh Day Baptist proprietor of "The Sower" bookstore in Madison, Wis.

Beginning at two o'clock on Monday afternoon, General Conference and Commission matters were slated for consideration. Hazel Langworthy, secretary of the denominational committee (located in Battle Creek) on budget promotion, opened the session by making a report on finances. She revealed that over \$16,000 was yet to be raised if the Denominational Budget is completed by the last of August. "Pastors will have to push and the laymen will have to pull," she indicated, "to raise the budget in time and in full."

Speaking of the denomination's Second Century Fund, Rev. David Clarke made a

plea for a new level of stewardship among the church people, making contributions for the special fund sacrificial gifts—gifts beyond the regular donations to the work of the church and denomination.

General Conference

Rev. Everett T. Harris, president of General Conference, spoke informally regarding the program—and related activities—for the Westerly Conference in August. He indicated that unusual recreational and excursion features are being scheduled, including an outing at the seashore and a visit to the historic Newport, R. I., church. There will be especially planned worship and recreation for youth and children, and indications are that the young people will take an active part in the general program. Particularly emphasized were the plans for prayer services, a special room to be provided for that purpose. "I'd like this Conference to be a high spiritual experience," the president concluded.

Following a general discussion of ordination, accreditation, and retirement of ministers, reports from board secretaries were a part of the Monday afternoon agenda. Mr. Clarke, speaking particularly about the field program of the Missionary Society, explained that it is designed to help the lay and ordained leadership work together in making the church "an evangelistic tool." Rev. Victor Skaggs reviewed the activities of the Tract Society in printing and distribution of literature and in Sabbath promotion. He mentioned the revision of tracts now in progress to make them more appealing to the eye. Rev. Marion Van Horn summarized the activities of the Christian Rural Fellowship, which is attempting to awaken interest in rural churches and stimulate religious thought and action in rural families. One of the chief enterprises of the organization is the fostering of the Lord's Acre Plan. Rev. Harley Sutton expressed the hope that all churches would consider, and initiate if possible, more complete summer programs of Christian Education.

Camping

The ministers had a unique opportunity to consider—in a camp setting—camping among Seventh Day Baptists. On Wednesday noon the entire delegation journeyed to Camp Holston, summer property owned by the Battle Creek church, where a meal was

served by the ladies of the entertaining church and the men spent the afternoon around the fireplace in the lodge discussing various practical aspects of choosing a camp site, providing proper facilities, and carrying out a church camping program. Leaders in the seminar were Rev. Harley Sutton and Rev. Rex Zwiebel. Mr. Zwiebel is chairman of the committee on camping of the Board of Christian Education, of which Mr. Sutton is secretary. Particular stress was placed upon the importance of each church starting and maintaining some suitable camping program from which every member of every family will benefit. Camping, it was pointed out, should be tied in with the total church program, providing another vital outlet for activities related to the church.

Mission Fields

Bringing firsthand accounts of their own countries and Seventh Day Baptist enterprises there, Socrates Thompson from Jamaica, B. W. I., and Benjamin Berry from British Guiana spoke on Tuesday evening. Both young men are students in the Alfred School of Theology, and Professor Wayne R. Rood of the school made the introductions.

Mr. Berry gave a brief description of his native land, indicating that it is about 92,000 square miles in area and has a population of about 400,000 people. Transportation is inadequate; the standard of education is low; the chief occupation is farming. Many denominations are represented in the country, according to the theological student, and the first step toward forwarding Seventh Day Baptist work there is to re-establish a recognized headquarters in Georgetown, the capital city. "We need adequate and permanent missionary leadership there," the speaker asserted, "to be respected in the country." Many scattered groups of Seventh Day Baptists are still organized; a few own buildings for worship and several are licensed by the government to perform marriages. "The people are willing and eager to work," Mr. Berry concluded.

Mr. Thompson reviewed the early missionary endeavors on the island of Jamaica, recalling the time when twenty-three were baptized in one day. The work still grows steadily, the speaker enthusiastically reported, listing the ten churches which already have places of worship and nineteen or so

other groups now affiliated with the denomination. Graphically the Jamaican told how the fund for a school was started by one of the church women who put a shilling on the table and challenged others to give. "It was the fastest growing fund of all," he concluded, speaking about the great need to be met in establishing of the school. At the conclusion of his remarks, the speaker had pictures projected on the screen; they were taken by Dr. Ben Crandall during his recent trip to the island.

Sermons and Bible Studies

Sermons and Bible studies during the Ministers' Conference were outstanding. The first message was brought by Rev. A. Clyde Ehret of North Loup, Neb., on Monday evening. "Jesus judges people individually," he reminded, "not in the mass." Continuing he pointed out that preaching is not the task only of the pulpit, but that all Christians "preach," consciously or unconsciously, to friends and strangers, and that all are accountable for their preaching. "God is watching us," he warned, "against one of the most desperate hours of history. We must reveal the Christ-life, not just a good life."

Scripture reading and prayer on Monday evening were given by Dean A. J. C. Bond of the School of Theology. Bible study on Tuesday morning was led by Rev. Claude L. Hill, Farina, Ill. Reviewing a portion of the Sermon on the Mount, he reminded the ministers that they have to live and know a sermon before they can preach it. "Seeing is believing; feeling is finding out," it was suggested. Continuing the consideration of the Sermon on the Mount, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, Milton Junction, Wis., conducted the Bible study on Wednesday morning, emphasizing that this sermon gives a positive approach to life, an approach that is needed today.

A helpful feature of Wednesday morning's program was a book review by Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, Albion, Wis. From "The Layman Looks at the Minister" he listed thought-provoking questions regarding the acceptability of a preacher—in the pulpit, in the community, in home visitation, in personal appearance, in characteristics of conduct, and other pertinent considerations.

The spiritual tone of the gathering was heightened by male chorus singing for a half hour before each evening service. Dr. Ben Johanson, leader of the local choir, directed the singing pastors (who completely filled the choir loft) in favorites from "Town-er's" and other male chorus collections. Particularly effective was "The Old Wayside Cross," with Ronald Hargis, student in the Alfred seminary, taking the solo parts.

The conference was concluded on Wednesday evening with a Communion Service led by Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, pastor of the local church, and Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Westerly, R. I. Mr. Crandall effectively outlined the Lord's Supper as a "feast" of commemoration, anticipation, and victory. Mr. Wheeler called for "telegram" testimonies, and many of those present responded with brief, sincere expressions of personal commitment.

All sessions, except the seminar on camping, were held in the Seventh Day Baptist church auditorium, and the meals (prepared by the entertaining church women) were served gratis in the church basement. Mrs. Audrey Cornish and Mrs. Mary Johanson served as chairmen of the church committee providing hospitality. The entire gathering was under the sponsorship of the Board of Christian Education, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers, president, presided. The board's committee for the conference consisted of Mr. Rogers, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Bond, and H. O. Burdick, of Alfred, N. Y., assisted by Mr. Wheeler.

TRIBUTE TO ROANOKE CHURCH

(Continued from page 413)

On another page listing our own families of this community are also the names of members of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church who helped us with contributions of cash. Among these names are Uncle Sammy Davis, our first and only pastor for many years; Orlando and other Davises, Brumfield, Booth, and other Bonds, William and Austin Van Horn, William and J. M. Batten, and William and Scott Kennedy.

Father's ledger further states that "this church, built in 1871, cost the sum of seven hundred and thirty-eight dollars and seventy-seven cents."

WHY? A MEDITATION THAT BECOMES A PERSONAL CHALLENGE

By MRS. HUGO SCHUESSLER

Chairman, UCCW World Missions Committee

WHY—a few short months ago did wives, mothers, sisters, and friends listen regularly to radioed war news?

WHY—did strange, far away places with unpronounceable names suddenly become neighboring communities and a part of our daily conversation?

WHY—did the world seem to grow smaller?

WHY? Because loved ones were involved. Our sons, husbands, and brothers were the focal points and any small contact was literally hugged to our breasts.

We became interested in the people whom they met, their habits and customs—and Christians joyfully responded when they learned of a bit of missionary work bearing fruit.

Most of our men have returned home. The far away places with unpronounceable names and the people are still there. Is our interest in them as keen as it was a few short months ago? The Christian's love for God's people should be so alive that today, more than ever before, the desire to reach out in understanding and good will should receive paramount consideration.

In Matthew 28: 19, 20 is recorded Christ's great command, "Go ye and teach all nations." To every confessing Christian this becomes a personal challenge to tell the good news—that there is a way of life for all men to dwell in peace and unity—news for which a chaotic world is hungry. Some of us may help to carry out the command by gifts. All of us must help by telling it to our neighbors just around the corner, across the street, in the apartment, or down the road.

Master,

Give us this day hard work to do—
Work that will tax us and strain us,
Work that will stretch our muscles
and engross our minds,
Work that will employ all our powers
of body and intellect and heart,
Work, above all, that will further
Thy cause in the world.

—J. S. Hoyland, in
"Church Woman."

Today we read of a seventy-nine hour globe-circling plane trip breaking all records. Surely the world is a neighborhood and we live in it with the privilege of sharing the gospel of "Good News."

CAUSE OF PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD

(Benjamin Cohen, Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations for Public Information, made the following statements in a ceremony commemorating the second anniversary of the opening San Francisco Conference.)

We the peoples in the United Nations, who have come from the remotest corners of the world to serve you the peoples of the United Nations — whatever your national allegiance — cannot serve you well in the cause of peace and brotherhood, or carry out the promises of the Charter of San Francisco, unless we have you behind us. . . .

We may disagree many more times, but those of us who have visited many countries in recent months know that there is not a single government, not one individual, who is desirous of breaking the peace, of endangering international security. I ask you to be with us, to have faith—because only upon hope, faith, and optimism can we build peace.

I ask you to be patient and to be demanding, and to think that peace for the future is as much your personal responsibility as it is that of us who, working in your behalf, serve you as international civil servants in the United Nations. — Weekly Bulletin of the United Nations.

DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TO MEET

Directors of religious education, from hundreds of churches of all denominations in the United States and Canada, will confer on local church problems in their field, at Lake Forest College, Ill., August 15 to 22, under the auspices of the International Council of Religious Education. Dr. Frank Grebe, of Buffalo, N. Y., will be dean of the "worship and conference"; and other instructors will include: Dr. Wesner Fallaw, of Newton Center, Mass.; Dr. Harry C. Monroe, of Chicago; Dr. Clarence Seidenspinner, of Racine, Wis.; Miss Dorothy B. Fritz, of Philadelphia; and Miss Louise C. Drew, of Hawaii. — W. W. Reid.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

SECOND CENTURY FUND

Quarter Ending March 31, 1947

	Germany	China	Jamaica	Home	Admin- istrative	Total
Totals December 31, 1946		\$ 434.97	\$1,739.11	\$ 542.47	\$1,953.89	\$4,670.44
Duty Jamaica car			500.00			500.00
Corliss F Randolph, Expense to Westerly	9.14					9.14
Liuho Clinic		500.00				500.00
Chinese pastor's home		1,400.00				1,400.00
Cables60	16.20		.68	17.48
Pledge cards and supplies					69.50	69.50
Bibles	63.30					63.30
Dr. Ben Crandall, expenses			223.96			223.96
Repairs buildings		400.00				400.00
Refunded gifts					39.75	39.75
Rev. Rex Zwiebel, De Ruyter work				54.98		54.98
Insurance Jamaica car			39.10			39.10

\$ 72.44 \$2,735.57 \$2,518.37 \$ 597.45 \$2,063.82 \$7,987.65

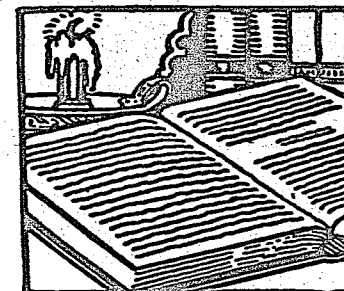
Cash balance on hand March 31, 1947

Respectfully submitted,
Karl G. Stillman,
Chairman.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, April 30, 1947

Receipts			Total for April 10 Months		Individuals	
Adams Center		\$ 114.00			27.78	2,689.67
Albion	34.85	302.59				150.00
Alfred, First	156.04	1,861.71			50.00	60.00
Alfred, Second		535.36			104.11	485.95
Associations and groups		1,731.69			45.00	55.50
Battle Creek	203.95	2,340.69			40.00	228.00
Berlin		105.85				25.00
Boulder	67.05	274.05				496.31
Brookfield, First		131.30			80.00	720.70
Brookfield, Second	24.00	164.40			4.85	104.24
Chicago		246.90			484.45	3,712.10
Daytona Beach	15.00	284.50			57.31	643.28
Denver	116.82	710.74				205.08
De Ruyter	52.00	312.35				610.16
Des Moines		15.00				560.27
Dinuba		106.11			62.40	176.08
Dodge Center	13.00	70.70				2,506.58
Edinburg	7.00	78.16				118.50
Farina	15.00	411.96			125.00	1,899.47
Fouke	25.00	35.94				180.25
Friendship		105.90				70.95
Gentry		29.50			116.50	2,205.24
Hammond		85.05				21.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah		14.95			67.07	199.52
Hebron Center		10.00			48.25	461.55
Hebron, First	19.03	83.68				20.16
Hopkinton, First		205.15			219.45	1,623.10
Hopkinton, Second	1.50	10.00				5.00
Independence		231.00				15.00
						237.31
						76.50
						100.00
						23.00
					10.00	132.00
					21.60	203.20



Moments of Meditation

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HAGGAI

By Rev. Orville W. Babcock,
Pastor, Milton Junction, Wis.

Those who take the time to read this short study on the prophecy of Haggai will of course want to read or reread this book, which while containing only two short chapters, has a message far out of proportion to its size.

First of all it is to be noted that the book was written at a time of great change and upheaval. The old Babylonian Empire had been superseded by that of the Persians. Many of the restrictions upon the people of Judah were removed, and with hope in their hearts they set out to rebuild their land. But the hope of a more nearly normal life seemed doomed, for they met reversal after reversal. Crops were so poor that at times they hardly received as much seed as they had planted. And along with the dry years, as is usually

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 427.08	\$ 690.63
Tract Society	234.84	
Board of Christian Education	256.20	
Women's Society	8.52	31.60
Historical Society	19.20	
Ministerial Retirement	106.80	118.60
S. D. B. Building	32.04	
General Conference	96.12	
World Fellowship and Service	19.20	
Bank of Milton, service charge	1.05	
Committee on Relief Appeals		*225.26

* Includes for German S. D. B. Relief \$150.19.

Comparative Figures

	1947	1946
Receipts for April:		
Budget	\$1,247.92	\$1,506.04
Specials	1,066.09	1,023.44
Receipts for 10 months:		
Budget	20,153.96	17,150.78
Specials	11,495.94	9,688.14
Receipts (Budget) in 7 months of current budget year	11,863.30	5,409.16

L. M. Van Horn,
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

the case, a drought was produced in the hearts of the people as well. Furthermore as so often follows the adversity of drought, inflation had cut the value of their labors and prices had soared so high that it seemed as though their money was being dropped through holes in their pockets.

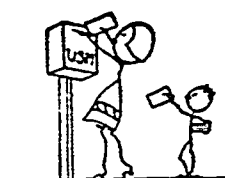
But Haggai had analyzed the situation and speaking in the name of God, he pointed to the temple lying in ruins since the occupation. "It is the will of God that it be rebuilt," he proclaimed. The people replied, "Look at our poverty, the crop failures. The time surely is not right to rebuild."

Undaunted by their hesitancy Haggai again and again reiterated the command to rebuild the temple. At first thought we might question the importance he attached to a house in the religious life of a people and conclude that it was probably as an external symbol of the presence of God, much as was the Ark of the Covenant in earlier years. At any rate Haggai felt that with the temple restored the people would be more aware of God and his commands for them.

For a moment let us examine the way Haggai met the excuse of the people for not rebuilding the temple. In true prophetic fashion he said in substance: "There is a connection between your poor condition and the temple lying in ruins. Here you live in houses with the luxury of paneling (wainscoting) and are so concerned for your own comfort you neglect God's house. This is why you are poor."

Then in chapter 1, verse 8, he says, "Go up into the hill country and bring wood and build the house of God." He concludes, "Then will you glorify God and prosper again." Often the project lagged, but with Haggai's prodding as their enthusiasm lagged it finally was brought to completion.

Let us note a few amazing similarities between this prophecy and the situation in which many people find themselves today. Perhaps we are reminded first of the effects of inflation upon the stability of a secure life and with apprehension look back a few years to see what widespread suffering can result. Secondly, while it is not thought that the neglect of the church buildings can be blamed exclusively for the adversity of these days, it is a truism that the suffering and hardships through which the world has gone



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Recorder Children:

The following letter, written by ten-year-old Ronnie Randolph of Jamaica to his sister, was sent me by the sister, Mrs. Lura Mae Craw. I'm sure you will find it interesting just as I have; so here it is.

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I would have written before if I had had the time, but I am "sitting" for a music examination. I would like you to send some balloons, some comics, and one model airplane. Jimmie broke my balloon that Ruth Joy sent me.

We all went to Font Hill last Sunday. We took some members of the choir with us. Brother Burke preached, and Dad read the Scripture. Mother said the prayer, the singers sang, and Brother Burke preached one hour and forty minutes. What I was able to stay awake to hear was real good. His subject was, "Why I Am a Seventh Day Baptist." The leader there gave us some coconuts, breadfruit, butter beans, and eggs.

I think that Jim will go with Dad to the country Sunday. I plan to go with Charlotte to sing for the Governor. At least she hopes the Governor will be there. Mr. and

these past years, and through which it is passing now, are due to the neglect of the things which are God's. Individuals have been too much concerned about their own comforts and luxuries to take time to labor for and to support the Church. Nations have been—and seemingly continue to be—so engrossed with the immediate needs that they neglect the greater goals of building a society dependent upon the essential brotherhood of all men.

These are a few of the lessons which may be drawn from the prophecy of Haggai. To all who will read and contemplate on the thoughts which it expresses there will come other lessons pointing the way to an understanding of the will of God for his people.

Mrs. Hamilton will go, too. Mother will be at home alone. I think some of you should come over to see her. Of course, if you do, I should want you to stay until I come home.

We are having a lot of rain lately. We did not go to school Friday. I read some and looked at comics, then put on my raincoat and went to the store for Dad and Mother. I like to go up there because they let me look at their comics and read all I want to, if I am careful, because they sell them when I am through with them.

We have not heard from Dr. Ben Crandall yet. I hope he got home safely. Mrs. Hargis is coming to visit. She is coming because she wants her little girl to know Jamaica, she says. There are many white friends here that would love to have her stay with them, but she wants to board with us and stay with us, if possible. We think it will be fun. The girl, Gerry, will come, of course. Charlotte said she would let Gerry and me eat at a table by ourselves. I am sure we will like that. Gerry is eleven.

The next time I get a stamped envelope I will try to write to you again. Ask Evelyn if she likes Ruth as much as me. I don't think she could, since Ruth is only a cousin and I am an uncle. I am real glad to be three uncles now.

I have two slack suits which Dr. Ben brought, also a beanie and a raincoat. He gave Jim his nice gold wrist watch. Would I like to have been him about then! He didn't get anything else though. So he deserved it.

One of my pigeons is gone. I am afraid it ate a poisoned rat. We have been getting rid of rats. My teacher says we may as well face the facts. The young one is big and all white. You should see my little donkey pin. It is a second anniversary present. That makes two reasons for being glad.

We all went to the sea the other day and locked the keys in the car. We sent the servant back home for it, and a car came along and knocked him down. He was lucky because he was only scatched up instead of being killed. He helps keep the car clean and is always following Dad around. Jim stayed at home to work on the model plane you sent. If I had a plane, I would work on it when there is nothing else to do. But I would not miss going to the sea. In

a way Jim is funny. I guess it is because swimming hurts his ears.

Jim is going to sit for exams, too. This government makes you pay for every exam; then it is sent to England to be graded. Maybe you hear in six months if you passed.

Mother is reading a book to me about wild horses out West. It is a real good story.

Take good care of Ruth, Lura. When I come home, I can take her riding on my bicycle handlebar. I am a pretty good stunt rider now. They sent the bicycle out to Brother Burke to use; so I don't get much practice any more.

Good luck to all.

Your brother,
Ronnie.

29 Charles St.,
Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.

Dear Ronnie:

I was very glad to have your sister send me your interesting letter. But I hope you will write to me again yourself, for the Recorder, as you did some months ago.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Obituaries

Thomas. — Sylvia Coon, daughter of Lorenzo and Emeline Saunders Coon, was born August 9, 1853, in Albion, Wis., and died in Battle Creek, Mich., April 29, 1947, at the advanced age of ninety-three years.

The daughter of parents who took up government land in Wisconsin as pioneer settlers in the 1840's, Sylvia Coon grew up in Albion, Wis., where she attended Albion Academy and was wedded to Randolph B. Thomas, also of Albion, on December 31, 1873. After making their first home in Albion, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas moved to Milton where they lived and served until the death of Mr. Thomas in July, 1919. In her later years Mrs. Thomas has lived in Battle Creek, Mich., with her only surviving daughter, Mrs. B. F. Johanson.

Mrs. Thomas was a long-time member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church where, during her years in Milton, she was respected and loved for her activity, faithfulness, and service in kingdom work and neighborliness.

Two children, Florence and Harry, preceded her in death. In addition to her daughter she is

survived by three granddaughters, one grandson, and two great-granddaughters.

A farewell service was conducted by Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph. Burial was made in the Milton Cemetery. E. F. R.

Davis. — Oscar Azel, son of Enoch and Fannie Hill Davis, was born September 4, 1878, at Fountaine, Ohio, and died in Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis., April 29, 1947, following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. Davis spent his early years in Ohio, Colorado, and Iowa. On December 31, 1901, he was married to Rachel Van Horn at Welton, Iowa. To them five children were born, all of whom survive their father. He is also survived by his wife; one brother, Albino, of Riverside, Calif.; fourteen grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. His children are Mrs. Rex Bowers, Milton, Wis.; Wilmer, Spokane, Wash.; Arlie, Phoenix, Ariz.; Duane, Portsmouth, Va.; and Wesley, of Delmar, Iowa.

For the past twenty-two years Mr. Davis had lived in Milton, Wis. He was held in high esteem as a worthy citizen of his community, having served as town marshal for several years until his health broke.

He was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and was known for his constant loyalty and interest in the life and work of the church.

A funeral service was conducted in the Milton church on Sabbath afternoon, May 3, with Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. E. F. R.

Davis. — Flora Hyde, daughter of Orville Williams and Margaret Senn Williams, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George W. Stone, Canastota, N. Y., May 1, 1947, after a few months' illness.

She was born in the town of Verona, N. Y., January 10, 1864. She attended Oneida High School and Alfred University and was a very successful school teacher for several years. Mrs. Davis was married twice. The first marriage was to William D. Hyde of Nile, N. Y., who died in 1900. In 1902 she married Henry E. Davis of Verona who passed away in 1920.

Four children survive her: Orville W. Hyde of Verona; Mrs. Lynn Langworthy of Alfred; Mrs. George W. Stone of Canastota; and LaVerne Davis of Verona. Also surviving are three stepdaughters: Mrs. Royal Thorngate of Oneida, N. Y.; Mrs. Will Robinson of Lowville, N. Y.; and Miss Ellen Davis of Oneida; eighteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren; one brother, Irving J. Williams of New London, N. Y.; and several nephews and nieces.

She was a faithful, conscientious member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church and was always interested and ready to help in all church activities.

Funeral services were held May 4 at 2 p.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George W. Stone at Canastota and at the Verona Seventh Day Baptist church at 3 p.m., conducted by her pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Polan, assisted by Rev. Charles L. Hess of Canastota. Burial was at the Rathbunville Union Cemetery at Verona Mills. H. L. P.

WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING (DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS. — The Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Churches met with the Milton Junction Church on Friday and Sabbath, April 18 and 19.

At the opening session the choir of the local church conducted a vesper service under the direction of Ivan F. Randolph. Speaking upon the subject, "The Call of the Crowd," Allen Bond, a student in a Chicago seminary brought the message of the evening. Professor D. Nelson Inglis preached the sermon at the service Sabbath morning.

In the afternoon there was a symposium on the subject, "The Work of the Layman in the Church," with the following people taking part: Miss Beverly Burdick, Stephen Thorngate, Mrs. Loyal Todd, and Kenneth A. Babcock. — Courier.

SALEM, W. VA. — A "shoe party" for the benefit of Church World Service was given recently by the T.E.L. and Fidelity Sabbath school classes.

Twenty pairs of good shoes and seventy-five pieces of children and men's clothing were taken to the party to send to needy persons overseas. More will be added before the boxes are prepared for shipment.

Another benefit activity, a food sale, was conducted Friday, May 23, by the Sabbath school classes of the church, the proceeds from which go to the building fund.

There have been voluntary membership pledges of approximately \$2,500, also several voluntary gifts. Anle Hutson, of Salem, was the first to give.

It is impossible to determine at this time if damages to the church, which was gutted by fire May 4, can be satisfactorily repaired, or whether it must be rebuilt.

—Salem Herald.

MILTON, WIS. — Mr. and Mrs. Willard D. Burdick celebrated their fifty-fifth wedding anniversary Friday, April 18. The following evening open house was held in their home. In spite of inclement weather seventy-five friends and relatives gathered to visit with the couple, and the evening was spent in recalling happy memories.

During the course of the evening Mr. and Mrs. Burdick were requested to sing a song which they had sung on several former

occasions. Mrs. Burdick at the piano played the accompaniment while she and Mr. Burdick sang as a duet, "Friends of Long Ago," and "Twilight Is Stealing."

Willard D. Burdick, Milton, and I. Genette West were married in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William B. West, at what is now 422 E. Madison Avenue, Milton Junction, on April 18, 1892.

For a part of their first year they lived in Chicago while Mr. Burdick was completing his theological course in the University of Chicago. Later their chosen work caused them to make their home in several different states, serving churches in Ohio, New York, Illinois, New Jersey, and Rhode Island.

In April, 1938, they retired from active service, and with their daughter, Miss Marjorie J. Burdick, then a teacher in Ohio, established a home in Milton, that they might be near their two sons, Professor William D. Burdick and Russell W. Burdick and their families. — Courier.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The intermediate department of the Sabbath school has contracted to sponsor two needy European girls, through arrangement with the "Save the Children Federation." The department sends money, clothing, food, and linens to the girls, one of whom lives in France and the other in Finland. It is hoped that correspondence and the exchange of good will may bring about a better understanding between these young people. — Alfred Sun.

NYASALAND, AFRICA. — I am very pleased to have heard that some of you will help us to pray to Him. We at the Shiloh Mission are doing very well in the Lord's service. I am eighty-eight years old, a work of God. I began gospel work here in 1909, and I am very pleased to see a white man come again (Rev. Ronald H. F. Barrar) to help us. Please do not forget us; send another missionary. There is plenty of work here, more than for one man. — Pastor Alexander Makwinja.

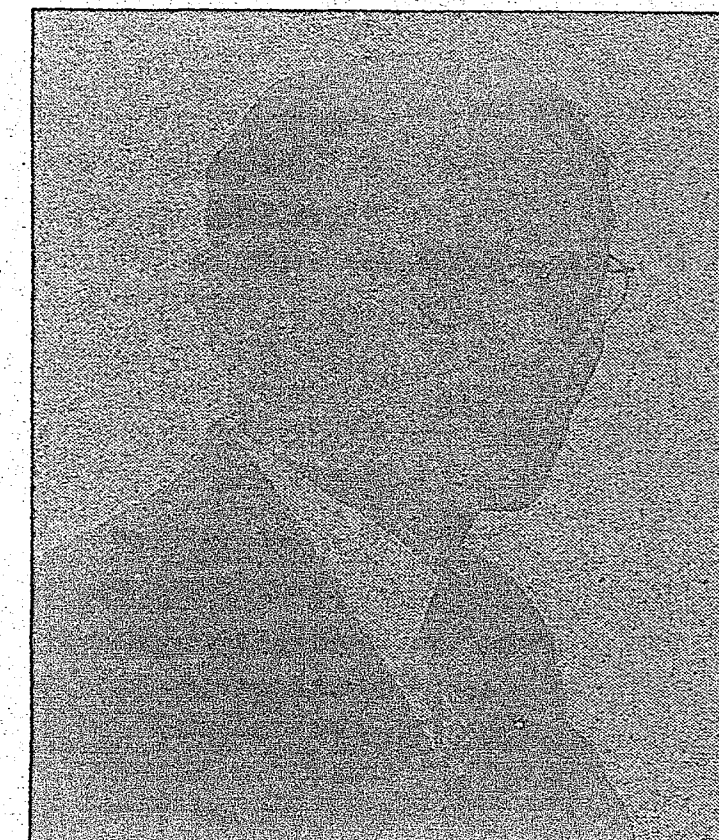
SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Southwestern Association will meet with the Hammond, La., Church July 31 to August 3, 1947. The theme will be "Christ in the Heart."

JUNE 30, 1947

The Sabbath

Recorder



Dr. Hurley S. Warren

Editor of the Sabbath Recorder
beginning July 1, 1947.

THE SABBATH RECORDER is . . . the life-chart of Seventh Day Baptists. Over the weeks and months of its visits to its readers there are clearly indicated the state and strength or weakness of Seventh Day Baptist faith and work. Consequently, the editing of our denominational paper is a sacred task and a most serious responsibility. As one approaches this privilege he is already "standing on holy ground." He is standing where saints and seers of the past have stood. He is walking in company with the prophets and peers of the present. He is looking into the future with anticipation and faith and hope.