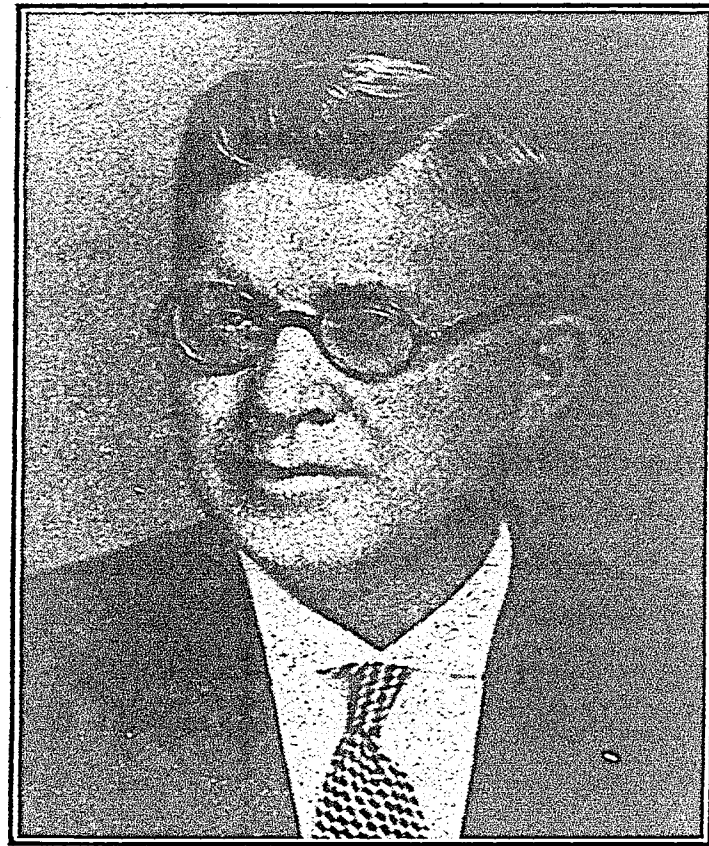


WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

FARINA, ILL. — The Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church closed the year with a Christmas program at the church, with gifts for the children and young people.

The annual dinner and church business meeting was held at the Parish House December 29, 1946, and reports were received



Rev. Claude L. Hill

Called for twenty-first time to be pastor of Farina, Ill., Church

from the auxiliary departments. These reports, with the report of the pastor, showed activities in the Union Week of Prayer, the Union Daily Vacation Bible School, and the Union Thanksgiving Service held this year at the Evangelical Church. Two contributions were made to the Second Century Fund. Clothing was sent to Pastor John Schmid and money was appropriated to help send the goods to Germany.

The church voted to participate in the Ministerial Retirement Plan and voted an order be drawn to pay the full yearly sum. The pastor was called unanimously for the twenty-first time to serve another year.

The God's Acre project netted the church about \$50. We enjoyed visits during the year from Rev. Carroll Hill, president of Milton College, and Rev. Marion Van Horn of Lost Creek, W. Va.

We lost during the year two members by death and received into membership two by baptism and one by letter. The treasurer's report pleased us in that church finances in all departments showed a balance and a disposition by the members to carry on.

At this business meeting \$100 was voted toward the Second Century Fund. Absent members received quarterly letters during the year and in these letters a little booklet, "The Upper Room," was included. Ten from the church attended the Conference at Milton.

We have been greatly interested in the work attempted in Indianapolis by Brother L. L. Wright, and we feel that the opportunity there warrants more interest and attention than now seems to be given it.

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for his blessings in the past, and we look into the future with increased faith and "a hope that maketh not ashamed."

—Correspondent.

MARLBORO, N. J. — During the last quarter the Marlboro young people and Sabbath school have bought a slide and filmstrip projector to use in visual education in the church work. The Junior C. E. Society has been studying the Bible by means of projected Bible stories, as suggested by Rev. Alton Wheeler at Conference. This experiment has paid dividends in much new and vital interest on the part of the children. The children have adopted the powdered milk plan as their project for the Christmas gift from the society, and with the money they collected, turned over enough to the church treasurer to buy nearly five hundred "glasses of milk."

Other organizations have sent clothing and money for aid to our German churches, helped to redeem the building so badly needed in Franklin City, Va., and have sent donations to the Jamaica field for mission work there.

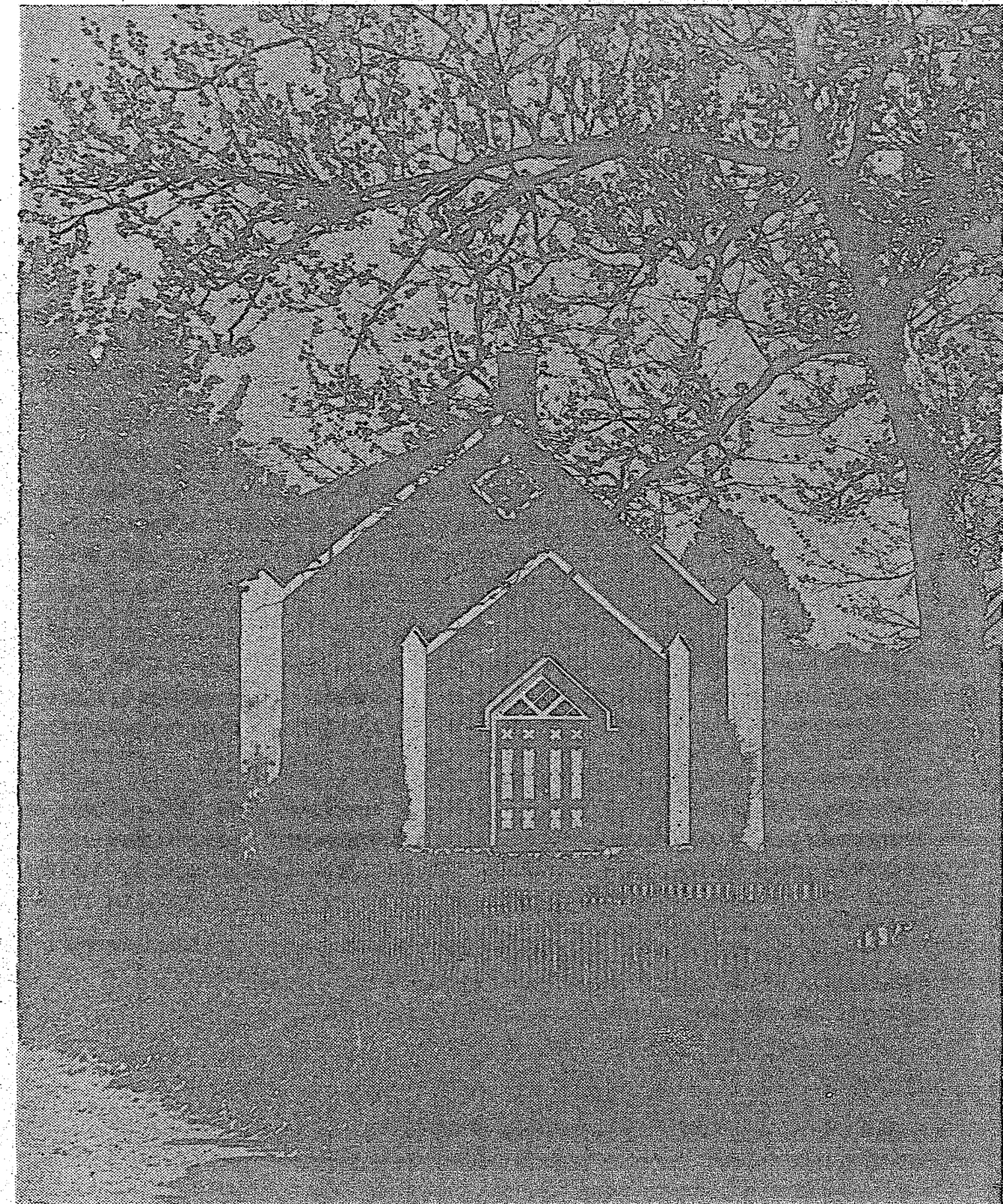
The Friday evening prayer and study groups have been following a study of God's seven great covenants. We are receiving

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WHAT WHERE

TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

During the summer of 1946, some sixty thousand Soviet citizens living within Russia were baptized into the Baptist faith, and are now part of some hundreds of thousands of Baptist evangelicals in that land, according to Dr. Louie D. Newton, of Atlanta, Ga., president of the Southern Baptist Conference, who recently visited the U.S.S.R. According to this informant, the Baptists, long established in Russia, together with the Evangelical Christian Church and the Pentecostal Church, have joined forces into one "mighty stream which flows all over the country." The Baptists in Russia are planning to open a theological school for the training of their ministry.

The moral damage in Europe is greater than the physical destruction, is the judgment of Howard Kershner, of the Society of Friends, who has just returned from a four-month tour of the continent.

Formation of a Bible Commission to co-ordinate and intensify Bible production and distribution in Germany has been announced by the Council of the Evangelical Church of that country. This commission will also establish and maintain relations with foreign Bible societies.—Gospel Messenger.

A survey of present conditions in Palestine will be undertaken by the American section of the Lutheran World Federation. A Lutheran official, who served as pilot for Lawrence of Arabia during World War I, is available for service in this effort.

Ten years ago the churches in the United States used to send hundreds of bicycles to China and India and Africa to help native pastors perform their parish visiting in less time than it would take to walk. Now the bicycles, when available, are being sent by the churches to Europe where pastors have, in many areas, no other means of transportation for visiting their church members. Church World Service is trying to keep a stream of such vehicles moving into the needy areas.

The grand jury of Jefferson County, N. Y., at the conclusion of its regular business, passed a resolution urging the people of that county to renew their faith and halt the "decay of religion."

The only printing in Dutch allowed by the Japanese during their occupation of Java was an edition of three thousand New Testaments, in a new Dutch translation, on paper supplied by the American Bible Society. As the book was printed during the Japanese regime, it carried the Japanese date "in the year of war 2603," which is the year corresponding with 1943 in our calendar.

The Testaments were distributed in concentration camps where all Europeans, men, women, and children, had been interned, and where there had been a great demand for the Testament. Japanese permission to reprint this edition was secured by the missionary consul and some of the missionaries who were still free. — American Bible Society.

EDITORIALS

WORK TO DO

Why stand ye here all the day idle?

—Matthew 20: 6.

Activity. Consecrated, productive activity in kingdom upbuilding! Throughout the denomination there has been a growing desire for such activity. In some places there has been actual preparation made. In a few localities real action has begun.

One such point of concerted gospel work is Indianapolis, Ind. For some months Leo L. Wright, an enthusiastic convert to the Bible Sabbath, has carried on an extensive campaign of advertising for Seventh Day Baptists in that area. A wholesale hardware dealer, Mr. Wright is skilled in the art of selling and has been doing an effective job of "selling" for the denomination, using newspaper display ads and radio broadcasts, and making personal contacts. Denominational leaders, including Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, Rev. Claude L. Hill, and Secretary Victor W. Skaggs, have met with Mr. Wright from time to time, giving encouragement and advice and helping to formulate plans. It has been the fervent hope that the ultimate result would be the establishment of a church in Indianapolis.

Now that hope is one step nearer realization. The American Sabbath Tract Society at its regular bimonthly meeting, Sunday, January 12, officially voted to sponsor a series of meetings in Indianapolis, advancing the necessary financial outlay and giving other needed support. The meetings are scheduled to begin Sunday evening, February 16, at 7.30 p.m., Central Standard Time.

Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor of the Shiloh, N. J. Church, is to conduct the nightly services; it is anticipated that other ministers from near-by churches may be

called in to help with follow-up visitation and personal work. The Shiloh Church is backing this special undertaking in an admirably sacrificial way. The members have agreed to give their pastor a two or three months' leave of absence to carry on the other work, and they not only are continuing his salary but have granted him a cost of living bonus. In addition they are contracting for a substantial amount monthly to supply the pulpit and provide pastoral assistance while the pastor is away.

Mr. Wright, at his own expense, has arranged for the place of meeting, a church ideally located near the center of Indianapolis. Regular services will be held in the church for as long as seems advisable—perhaps a month—and Sabbath worship services will be conducted for the local group already vitally interested in becoming the nucleus of the new church organization.

It is the steadfast hope of Mr. Wright that the results of the meetings will be so startling that it will bring every Seventh Day Baptist to life, ready to work for the advancement of God's kingdom and the denomination in many new communities across the nation. If, however, the effort is not as successful as anticipated, he is ready to study critically the reasons, with the idea of perfecting a technique that will bring results.

"Each Seventh Day Baptist is to be complimented for standing staunchly by the denomination through the years," Mr. Wright told the members of the Tract Board. "But to stand by is not enough, as admirable as that may be, especially in the face of difficulties. While we should have faith that God will work matters out in his own way, and in his own time, nevertheless we must

PIN POINT EDITORIALS

Here is an old saying which one should remember when things look gloomy: "There is not enough darkness in all the world to put out the light of our small candle."

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Try It and See

The observance and practice of systematic giving through the church and denominational budget on the basis of tithing as a loving Christian privilege and duty will help each individual Christian in the following ways:

1. It will Scripturalize his duties.
2. It will organize his responsibilities.
3. It will systematize his privileges.
4. It will capitalize his resources.
5. It will stabilize his faithfulness.
6. It will magnetize his co-operation.
7. It will centralize his supplications.
8. It will immortalize his loyalty.
9. It will Christianize the world.
10. It will evangelize the lost.
11. It will educationalize the saved.
12. It will sanitize the sick.
13. It will stigmatize his penuriousness.
14. It will criminalize his stinginess.
15. It will democratize his spirit.
16. It will multiply his usefulness.
17. It will glorify his Master.
18. It will widen the four dimensions for Christ's kingdom.

—L. R. Scarborough.

* * *

"If God intended that we should talk more than we hear, he would have given us two mouths and one ear."

be working by every means possible to share with the world the truth entrusted to us!"

Dr. Lloyd Seager, member of the board from Oreland, Pa., echoed Mr. Wright's plea for awakening interest and increased effort. Dr. Seager spoke briefly of his hope that a church might be re-established in Philadelphia, the city where a plaque in the street near the place where the historic Liberty Bell hangs reminds passers-by that once Seventh Day Baptists had a church there. Discussion indicated that already some definite plans are being made to help "revive the spirit of the ancients in this great city."

The imminence of the Indianapolis project of course, overshadowed all other considerations. It was emphasized repeatedly that while the project is a part of the board's Sabbath promotion activity, the work is bigger than just the board; that it embraces the entire denomination in its scope of influence and interest. Mr. Wright, Mr. Os-

FIELD MISSIONARY BECOMES PASTOR AT DE RUYTER

Rev. Zack H. White of Nady, Ark., arrived Monday, December 30, to take up his work as pastor of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He comes to the pastorate from work as field missionary in the Southwestern Association. He succeeds Rev. C. H. Dickinson who resigned several months ago to accept work with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Ashaway, R. I.

The new pastor is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James V. White and was born on December 29, 1918, in Rolla, Mo. He was graduated from Rolla High School, Class of '37. He is a graduate of Salem College, Salem, W. Va., where he majored in social science and from Alfred University, School of Theology, Class of '45. He was student pastor at Independence, N. Y., while studying at Alfred.

Mr. White is married and has two children, Christopher, aged two, and Martha Lynn, aged eight months. Mrs. White was Miss Jean Edith Parkes. She is a graduate of Buffalo State Teachers' College where she majored in art. After graduation she taught at Metairie, La., and at Snyder, N. Y.

—De Ruyter Gleaner.

born, and the officials of the board all urged the co-operation and help of every church member.

The specific request was made that at the hour of the initial meeting in Indianapolis prayer services be held throughout the country, and where individuals find it impossible to meet with others, they lift their solitary prayers, that a great and overwhelming petition may simultaneously reach the Throne of Grace.

Here is work to do. Those directly connected with the project have already given an infinite amount of energy, time, money, thought, and prayer. They have given themselves. But the job is large. Everyone must bear a part of the burden. We cannot afford to do less than the most we are individually able!

* * *

God gives us work and blesses with the giving: No labor done for Him is done in vain.

—Selected.

"Around 1880 the people of the church started a 'chicken-picking' for a special thank offering."

Marlboro Church Organized in 1811

— INCREASED MEMBERSHIP 125 PER CENT IN FIFTY YEARS

ON MARCH 25, 1811, twenty-six members of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, feeling that they should organize a separate church because they lived at a distance from Shiloh, organized the church now known as the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church. The original name given was "The Second Seventh Day Baptist Church in the Western Division of the State of New Jersey." This name was used until 1844 when it became known as the Salem or Salem County Church. Since that date it has been incorporated as the present body.

During its first year of existence, under the leadership of Rev. Jacob Ayars, its first pastor, the church gained eight new members, and in the next ten years that membership was doubled. By 1851 the membership was 135. In 1902 it had fallen to 88, but has risen again until at the present time the membership numbers 134.

Shortly after the organization of the Marlboro Church, a joint communion service was held with Shiloh, binding the two churches together, and this communion service is still held semiannually.

In 1813 the first meetinghouse was erected in Salem County, about six miles from Shiloh; the old burying ground still remains. This meetinghouse was later placed upon the site where the present church, built in 1855, now stands.

The Sabbath school was organized in 1840 and has been a constant help to the church since that time.

Around 1880 the people of the church started a "chicken-picking" for a special thank offering to the church. This special meeting of the church has continued, gradually turning into a weekend of special meetings now known as "Harvest Home."

On October 12, 1946, the annual Harvest Home was held in the church. Rev. David Clarke, representing the Second Century Fund Committee, was the guest speaker. His wife and children came to Marlboro with him.

On Friday evening the choir presented an inspirational pageant, "The Challenges of the Cross," which "preached" a very excellent sermon on humanity and faith. The work of the Second Century Fund was presented on Sabbath morning, and an open forum was held in the afternoon at which time a sizeable offering was made to the fund. The regular "thank offering" of the church, the outgrowth of the original "chicken-picking," was taken at the morning service.

To the Marlboro people, this special time of Thanksgiving, which belongs alone to them, is a very vital and personal part of the year's program in the church. It is a heartfelt tradition, carried down from the forefathers who organized the church.

THIS WEEK'S COVER

Reproduced on the cover is a recent photograph of the Marlboro Church. Pastor Francis D. Saunders, who prepared the accompanying report of church history and activities, begins a new pastorate at Denver, Colo., on February 1.

ALFRED PEOPLE PARTICIPATE IN SACRIFICIAL MEAL

ALFRED, N. Y. — After church services at the Seventh Day Baptist church on December 7, all who wished to do so ate together at the Parish House. Families were asked to bring a dish of creamed potatoes or cabbage salad to pass, and unbuttered bread for their own members. Table service, coffee, and cream were provided.

This was not a full meal, and was participated in with the spirit of experiencing in some slight measure the privations thousands of people are undergoing for long periods of time with tragic results. "As we share that discomfort," Pastor Everett Harris suggested, "let us share with them in money or usable warm clothing from our comparative abundance."

As usual, students attending church were cordially invited to remain for the meal without bringing their own food.

—Alfred Sun.

COMMISSION GIVES DETAILED STUDY TO DENOMINATIONAL MATTERS

Delegates Named to Conference on Church and Economic Life

Representation of Seventh Day Baptists at the National Conference on the Church and Economic Life to be held February 18-20 in Pittsburgh was approved by the Commission of General Conference at its midyear meeting in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., December 31 to January 3, and detailed study was given a number of matters of denominational finance.

The members of the Commission this year are Dr. Jay W. Crofoot, Brookfield, N. Y.; Kenneth A. Babcock, Milton, Wis.; P. B. Hurley, Riverside, Calif.; Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y.; Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, Battle Creek, Mich.; and Rev. Everett T. Harris, president of Conference and pastor of the Alfred, N. Y., Church. Courtland V. Davis was secretary and Mr. Rogers was chairman of the meeting.

The conference next month is being called by the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and will be similar to the national conference on peace aims held in Cleveland during the war. Those appointed as delegates include George B. Utter, Westerly, R. I., Franklin A. Langworthy, Plainfield, N. J., S. Curtis Groves, Jackson Center, Ohio, and Mr. Harris. All but Mr. Groves have already accepted to date.

Ministerial Retirement

Ministerial retirement plans received special attention and L. Harrison North, Dr. Stanton H. Davis, and Paul A. Whitford, representing the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, were invited to a session of the Commission meeting for a full discussion of the subject. Mr. North stated that benefits to retired ministers and their widows have been increased 14 per cent during the current year so that those with longest terms of service are now receiving \$40 per month. He said there will be a deficit in the Ministerial Retirement Fund by next July, however, unless increased support is received from the churches, from individual contributors, and from the Denominational Budget.

The Commission took two steps designed to increase the Ministerial Retirement Fund. Rev. Alton L. Wheeler was requested to

make a survey among the ministers of the denomination as to their participation in the retirement plan and attitudes toward it in general. Plans were also projected for building up the fund through legacies and special gifts.

Procedures of the Committee on Aid to Young Men Preparing for the Ministry were also discussed with the representatives of the Memorial Fund, and a plan for handling applications for student aid was considered. The Commission asked that the board announce the time after which applications cannot be considered in connection with each term's study in order that all applicants may receive fair consideration.

Budget Year

In response to a letter from L. Milton Van Horn, treasurer of the Denominational Budget, pointing out the conflict of his report year with the budget year adopted by General Conference in 1939, the Commission directed Mr. Van Horn to make his report to the next Conference for the period July 1 to September 30, 1946, adding a partial report on receipts and disbursements from October 1, 1946, to Conference time, and at succeeding Conferences report on the budget year ending September 30. It was felt this process would implement the intention of the Conference and also clear up confusion in the churches.

Financial support of the Alfred School of Theology was discussed at length at the request of Dean A. J. C. Bond, and plans were laid for informing the denomination of the work now being done at the school. Due to the fact that support of the Denominational Budget has not been as strong during recent months as was expected, the employment of Professor Wayne R. Rood on a full-time basis places particular stress on the school's treasury. Appreciation was expressed for the co-operation of Alfred University's administration at this time.

A subcommittee of the Commission was appointed to draw up a letter to the churches calling attention to the need for reconsideration of pastors' salaries. The Commission

feels that while the stated salary of the pastor should be kept in line with average incomes in the parish he serves, bonuses should be granted to meet exceptionally high living costs.

Karl G. Stillman, treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, reported by letter on recent developments in connection with the Second Century Fund, Seventh Day

CONFERENCE PRESIDENT



Rev. Everett T. Harris

Baptists' plan for postwar reconstruction. The Commission approved heartily of the work of Mr. Stillman and his associates and urged a wider circulation of their publication, *The Missionary Reporter*.

Victor W. Skaggs, corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, asked for the privilege of discussing that society's interests in the Indianapolis field with the Commission. The Commission was much interested in the developments there which have arisen from the work of Leo L. Wright.

Upon invitation from Corliss F. Randolph, president of the Historical Society, the Commission visited the society's rooms in the Seventh Day Baptist Building on the afternoon of New Year's Day. Guests on the occasion included J. Leland Skaggs, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, K. Duane Hurley, Franklin A. Langworthy, and Mrs. Albert N.

Rogers. Coffee and cakes were served by the assistant librarian, Miss Evalois St. John.

Plans for Conference

The president of the General Conference outlined his plans for the next session of Conference to be held at Westerly, R. I., August 19-24. He stated that the chief emphasis will be looking toward the opening of the denomination's second century of missionary work in China, climaxing in a historical pageant, depicting one hundred years of work in China, to be presented on the closing day of the Conference. Assignment of time on the program to denominational boards and agencies was discussed, and particular attention was given to the spiritual experience it is hoped the delegates may receive.

Mr. Harris reported on a meeting of the secretaries and representatives of boards and agencies doing field work held at the suggestion of last year's Commission. The Co-ordinated Calendar of denominational activities was the result of this meeting. The efforts of Mr. Harris in this direction seemed very useful to the Commission, and it was suggested that the work in other years be conducted in a similar way.

Upon inquiry as to the failure of the 1946 Year Book to appear, it was learned from L. Harrison North, manager of the Publishing House, that the volume may be expected in February. Steps were taken by the Commission to speed up the handling of Year Book copy following the next Conference.

Some of the Commission members called on Pastor John Schmid, of the Irvington Church, to observe his work in forwarding relief packages to Seventh Day Baptists in Germany. Sabbath services in the Plainfield and Irvington, N. J., and New York City churches were also attended.

OLD-TIMER
S E Z . . .



"I got a interest in schools, an' churches, an' denominations. I'd hate to live in this here country without 'em. So, I reckon I'm bound to give 'em both spirichual and finanshul support. It's a investment."

EVE "SHE LED INTO SIN THE ONE WHOM SHE WAS CREATED TO HELP."

Let us study the women of the Bible and discover the lessons that they have for us today.

We may think of the first woman, Eve, as a failure. Yet failures wisely considered become stepping stones to nobler living. Eve's mission was to be a helpmeet to man; but when the subtle serpent made his appearance, she led into sin the one whom she was created to help and brought a curse upon her people for generations to come.

As women today, let us frankly face our great opportunities and responsibilities as helpers. Whatever task we have to do, Satan is constantly trying to get us to hedge

SEED SOWING

By Irene Post Hulett

If with some fine tract you're through,
Pass it on.

To the impulse good be true;
Pass it on.

It may be a bit of leaven
That will lead someone to heaven,
Lead him to seek sins forgiven—
Pass it on.

When with magazines you're through,
Pass them on.

They may brighten many hours;
Pass them on.

Folks there are who ne'er peruse
Other than the daily news.
It will widen their horizons—
Pass them on.

If this idea's good to you,
Pass it on.

Urging Christian to this work;
Pass it on.

Let not pages good turn yellow,
Give them to the other fellow.
It will make your own heart mellow—
Pass it on.

And the harvest? No one knows.
Leave to God.

Scatter seeds, but leave the growing
To our God.

His the increase, ours the sowing.
His the sun and rain bestowing;
His the wisdom, sure, all-knowing—
Leave results to God.

Milton, Wis.

just a little. He is still taking the very word of God and making it appear to mean something different from what God said, constantly maintaining that it will all work out to our advantage if we will only follow his, the tempter's, suggestions. Notice his argument with Eve: (1) Your eyes shall be opened. (2) You shall be as gods knowing good from evil. (3) The fruit of the tree is good for food. (4) It is pleasant to the eyes.

Good and Evil

We may often wonder why God did not want man to know the difference between good and evil. But as Margaret Apple-garth has wisely said, "It is too dangerous to know what God knows without being what God is." Our scientists know something about the good and evil of the atomic bomb, but they are afraid to share these secrets. What mother would give her two-year-old child a stick of dynamite and try to teach the child the good and evil uses of it? Even the Bible itself would not be put into the hands of a little infant, whose only satisfaction in handling things is to put them in its mouth or tear them up.

Let us, as women, be obedient unto God and help others be loyal to him. As we mature as Christians we will realize that "eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Truly many, many wonderful things will be revealed to us by God, here and now, as we prove our devotion to him. As Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples, indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

In a subsequent study we will think of Mary, the greatest of all Bible women and the mother of Jesus through whom all may be saved from sin.

WOMAN'S WORK

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

PAUL'S SABBATH ACTIVITIES**BROADCAST REVEALED KEEN SEARCH FOR TRUTH**

[Rev. Elizabeth Randolph, soon after her arrival in Columbus, Miss., to help in evangelistic work there, heard a radio message about the Sabbath. She wrote the following open letter, published December 15, to the editor of the local newspaper.]

As a new arrival in this beautiful city, I was much interested in the radio broadcast by Rev. C. W. Brannon about Paul's activities on the Sabbath day, as recorded in the thirteenth chapter of Acts. It revealed a keen search for truth. Mr. Brannon called attention to the fact that the Sabbath was the seventh day of the week, commonly called Saturday. He made it very clear that it is incorrect to call the first day of the week the Sabbath, for in no place in the Bible is Sunday or the first day of the week called the Sabbath.

In his address Mr. Brannon asked if Christian people meet for worship on Saturday today because it is the Sabbath. There may not be many here in Columbus who meet for worship on Saturday because it is the Sabbath, but in other communities they do. In the town where I was born and raised, the only Christian church in the community held its worship services on Saturday, the seventh day of the week, as the Sabbath day. All places of business were closed on Saturday and opened on Sunday as on any other day of the week.

These people believe that Jesus expects all his followers to rest and worship on this seventh day of the week as God's holy Sabbath day because:

1. Jesus as his custom was went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. Luke 4: 16.
2. Jesus expected the disciples to keep the Sabbath after his resurrection, for he told them to pray that their flight be not in the winter neither on the Sabbath day. Matthew 24: 20.
3. Paul followed the custom of going into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he was able to say near the close of his life, "I have committed nothing against the people or the custom of our fathers."

Anyone who is interested in the Seventh Day Sabbath may address Sabbath Keepers, P. O. Box 132, Columbus, Miss.

Word has been received of the death January 5 of Okey W. Davis. He has many friends among Recorder readers whose sympathy goes out to his bereaved family.

CENSUS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES TO BE TAKEN SOON

The Director of the Census is authorized by Congress to take a Census of the Religious Bodies in the United States every ten years, the first census in this decennial series having been taken in 1906. The information is collected through the use of a simple schedule or questionnaire, which is mailed to the individual churches, filled out by the pastor or clerk, and returned to the Census Bureau for tabulation. This census provides the only official government figures with respect to membership in the various religious denominations or organizations.

Preparations are now being made for the 1946 Census, and the schedules will be mailed to the churches early in 1947. This is a most important inquiry, and for its success it is vital that the Bureau of the Census have the utmost co-operation from the pastors or clerks of the churches, as well as from all religious leaders and officials. The schedule for this census includes a question on the number of members of each local church, with a supplementary question on the number under thirteen years of age. The second question on membership will facilitate comparison among denominations having different provisions for inclusion of young children as church members. There are also questions on church expenditures, Bible schools, etc.

If the statistics of religious organizations are to be of maximum value, it is essential that the returns be accurate and complete, and cover, as nearly as possible, every church or religious organization in the United States. The census can be completed promptly only if each pastor will participate wholeheartedly in the work by filling out the schedule for his church and returning it promptly to the Bureau of the Census. It is a tremendous task to obtain returns from the more than two hundred fifty thousand churches scattered throughout the United States, but it can be done; and it is hoped that the church leaders will realize the importance of the census and will do everything in their power to help the Census Bureau secure prompt reports from all the churches.

Calm minds cannot be frightened or perplexed—they go on in fortune or misfortune at their own private pace, like a clock during a thunderstorm. — R. L. Stevenson.

REACHING OUT IN THOUGHTFUL PRAYER

"Our arms are so short and so feeble, but the arm of the Lord is not shortened that it cannot save."

[Three years ago Rev. Leon M. Maltby was entering upon an adventure in Christian service as chaplain in the United States Army. Now he has become pastor of the Riverside, Calif., Church, near where his military career began; and he writes in a revealing way about what he anticipates now that he is back in a pastorate.]

The Christmastide has swung around again on those fleet wings of time which bring us all our annual joys and blessings. Speaking of the wings of time reminds me that there have been many changes of circumstances, events, and relationships in the three years since I first became acquainted with the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church. On that eve of Christmas the dimmed-out streets were crowded with soldiers; the skies reverberated with the heavy drone of formations of Liberator bombers; and I was a visitor in this friendly church just beginning my work as a chaplain. Now the lights are on again, in our part of the world at least; uniforms of homesick soldiers are seldom seen; even the sky seems clearer with only the swish and whir of the fleetest wings ever designed by man. And we have now become one of you, thrilling in the love and the responsibility of the relation of pastor and people.

So in this our first little letter sent out to resident and nonresident members, friends, and would-be friends, we as a family send the glad greetings of the season in the name of Christ. God has always sought to be known as a Father. The coming of Christ to earth became the means by which he came into human relationship to man. The incarnation paved the way for the redeeming work on the cross and for our spiritual adoption into the family of God and for the banding together of his followers into the Church of the living Christ. We too must stress human relationships. Our love for God and our love for those for whom Christ died must be expressed in human ways. The loving Son of God voiced it when, with tears in his eyes, he spoke of longing to gather Jerusalem together as a hen would gather her flock under her wings. So we too should reach out in thoughtful prayer.

As this greeting comes to your home, we long to strengthen the ties that bind us to God and together. Our arms are so short and so feeble, but the arm of the Lord is not shortened that it cannot save. May we let him enfold us and sustain us with the everlasting arms! Thus we as individuals and as a church may look forward to that which we wish for all of you, a Happy New Year. May God bless you all!

WORK IN LONDON

PASTOR McGEACHY WRITES OF PRESENT ACTIVITIES

Dear Brother Burdick:

Thanks very much for your encouraging letter of December 9, telling me the good news that the Tract Society has definitely agreed to make an appropriation of the same amount as that agreed to by the Seventh Day Missionary Society. Please convey our heartfelt thanks to the brethren of America who have so kindly decided to do this.

I am glad to say we have not been unduly pressed for cash, as I had something saved from the work I was doing at the aircraft office, and we have always tried to be careful. But we appreciate your having it in mind that we might be. Probably it will be some little while also before the bank negotiates the draft with the company in America. I received the \$65 from Brother Stillman Friday.

We rejoice to know that Dr. Thorngate and his family are able to get back to China once again. They will have many problems to face in rebuilding the medical work there. We will remember them in our prayers.

We had a good attendance yesterday for our Christmas Sabbath service in spite of the severe frost we have had this weekend. This morning we were awakened by a burst

MISSIONS

Rev. William L. Burdick, Ashaway, R. I.
Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer, Westerly, R. I.

pipe and the water coming through the roof of one of the bedrooms.

I have recently got in touch with another independent Sabbatarian on the south coast of England. Occasionally he attends the Adventist services, but his other views apart from the Sabbath correspond more with those of another sect we have here, known as the Christadelphians. I do not know if this sect has members in America. I got in touch with him through correspondence connected with Jerusalem, magazine of the Jewish Christian Community.

I have not yet had the proofs of the next number of the Sabbath Observer from the printers. I expect they are busy with other orders for Christmas. Recently all the printing charges have been increased 10 per cent owing to a new agreement between masters and employees increasing wages and shortening hours. This is the second such increase within the last year or eighteen months. I see you have many similar difficulties in America with strikes and other labor troubles.

You will be interested to know that owing to the recent deaths of the former chairman and clerk of the Joseph Davis' Charity, from which "Mill Yard" benefits along with two other Baptist bodies, and the retirement on health and age grounds of two or three others quite a number of new trustees have been appointed, and they have made me the new clerk. They will allow me £10 a year for expenses. It involves a bit of correspondence and signing checks, calling the meetings of trustees, etc.

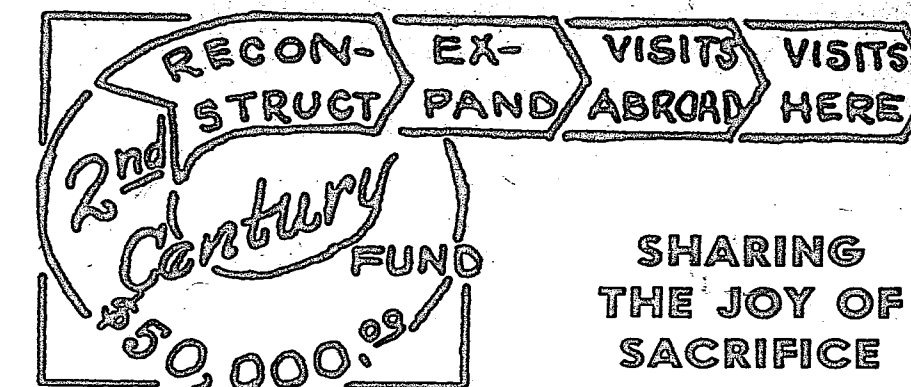
We also collected various items of food from the various members of "Mill Yard" and sent two parcels to Hamburg, to Rev. Johannes Bahlke and Elder Bruhn. I see you are doing the same through the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Wishing you much blessing and prosperity in the New Year.

Your sincere brother,
James McGeachy.

17 Higham Road,
Tottenham, London, N. 17,
December 22, 1946.

Victories in racial and religious tolerance have been on the community and state level. Nationwide legislation is still much in the formative stage.



To philosophize a little with the Old-Timer, it looks from where I stand as though the present donors to the Second Century Fund have been very sacrificial—gifts of \$250, \$100, \$50, and even \$5 coming from individuals or families who are not well able to part with that much according to Better Business Bureau statistics, I suspect.

From where the Missionary Society stands, many more Seventh Day Baptists ought to be sharing the joy of sacrifice in endeavoring a great expansion for Christ at the opening of our second century of organized world missions. Many more ought to be a part of the home and foreign expansion program through their prayers and gifts.

If you sacrifice some of your personal pleasures or wants, you will have a larger pleasure in being able to say: "Some of my money helped send Dr. Ben Crandall to Jamaica for planning our school there," or "Our investment in the Second Century Fund is already beginning to pay off in a more effective work of Seventh Day Baptist churches in American villages and cities."

David S. Clarke.

ROCHESTER GROUP HOLDS CHRISTMAS MEETING

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — The December monthly meeting of Seventh Day Baptists in Rochester was held at the newly acquired Fred Brooks home on Titus Street. There were twenty-one present, including three young children.

After the worship service which centered in the Christmas theme, all remained for a tureen supper. Gifts were exchanged and a fine evening of fellowship was enjoyed. Pastor and Mrs. Everett Harris were remembered with "something special" as an expression of appreciation on the part of the group because of his monthly journey to Rochester from Alfred.

YOUTH WEEK - An Awakening to Spiritual Needs

CHRISTIANITY CAN MAKE WORLD PEACE A PERMANENT REALITY

By Chase Going Woodhouse
Former Congresswoman from Connecticut

Fate has assigned to this country of ours the task of leading the nations of the world to peace. This calls for more than scientific knowledge, more than our great engineering skill which enables us to produce goods in such great volume, more than our ability for democratic self-government.

What the people of this country, and especially the youth, must have is a deep spiritual drive to peace, willingness not only to share our plenty with the peoples of the world in order that they may be in a position to help themselves, but a determination to make the tenets of Christianity so strong a force that world peace will become a permanent reality.

YOUTH NEEDS STRONG SPIRITUAL UNDERGIRDING

By Judge John Rogers
Tulsa, Okla.

The home is no longer the spiritual training ground it once was in America. The speed with which we live keeps the family from being the unit it formerly was. The father, if he is interested in religious, cultural, or civic affairs, must necessarily be away from home many evenings. If the mother is either employed or interested in her husband's work or profession, she too will be away from her family much of the time. Meals are not leisurely and dignified as they once were. The blessing has for the most part been eliminated. Conversation has been curtailed because everyone is in a hurry to get to his or her appointment or work.

With this accelerated living, very little spiritual training is given or practiced in the home. There is an increasing percentage of divorces and broken homes. We can live only by the spirit. The predominance of the market-place mind today can be overcome only by a renewed emphasis on spiritual values. To do this, the church must supply the spiritual education and training that once was centered in the home, and must provide sponsored, alcohol-free recreation as well as training for service to one's God and one's country.

The above statements, written at the request of the International Council of Religious Education endorsing the observance of Youth Week, show that a real awakening to the deep spiritual needs of our world is taking place in the hearts of men. This includes a realization of the truth that the only hope for a better world is for better people, and better people come from leading children and older young people to accept

Christ and training them in the ways of following him.

We Seventh Day Baptists can do more in this way to help build a Christian world.
H. S.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Young People in Church Services
- Western Association Rally
- Pre-Conference Camp

January 26 to February 2 has been designated as the time for observance of Youth Week this year. This is not just a time to honor youth but a chance for the church to use young people and serve them in ways which will build for them stronger spiritual lives.

Churches are urged to have the young people conduct the Sabbath morning services one of the Sabbath days of Youth Week, which really begins January 25 for our denomination. Several of the churches have been doing this for a number of years.

The young people of the Western Association will have a rally at Alfred January 26. (The rally was originally planned for and announced to be December 15.) This is another type of program which can be planned by churches for youth.

Conference President Everett Harris says that the Commission at the midyear meeting discussed plans for young people at Conference this coming August. Please send your suggestions for this part of the Conference program to Rev. Rex Zwiebel, Rt. 2, Coudersport, Pa. He is chairman of the Committee on Young People's Work and will have much to do with plans for young people at Conference.

Pastors Harold R. Crandall, Paul S. Burdick, Harmon Dickinson, and Wendell Stephan are busy making plans for this year's pre-Conference retreat which will very likely be held at Lewis Camp. Young people should start now making plans to attend.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Churches should consider placing in the regular budget a large item to help pay the expenses of young people to the retreat and to Conference.

The local church as a whole can do much to build a strong Youth Fellowship. It is imperative to help young people feel the value of a fellowship, even if there are but few young people. Many things can be done to help them see their relation to the other young people of the denomination. H. S.

MILTON YOUNG PEOPLE PUT OUT DECEMBER BEACON

Milton young people have published the December issue of the Beacon and will have responsibility for the January and February issues. They will appreciate very much the help folks can give by sending in news items, especially if your church has not been heard from in some time. Support the Beacon. If you know of lone Sabbath-keeping young people who are not getting it, send the names and addresses to the editor, Don Sanford.

STILL TIME TO ENTER CONTEST

There is still time for you to urge young people to enter the Parshad Youth Week Contest. The top four winners will receive four-year scholarships in the colleges of their choice.

Young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four who are at least seniors in high school and have not had more than one year of college may enter. Especially those who have been leaders in both the local church and interdenominational work, such as county and state C. E. or International Council work, will have a good chance of winning. Other awards, in addition to the first prizes, include all expenses paid to summer conferences of young people.

If you want to enter the contest and there is no county contest where you live, send to Rev. Harley Sutton for application blanks, and send the blanks back with the essay before February 1. If you know of others who should enter, please urge them to do so. Last year we had only five entrants, and one won second place in a state contest.

Obvious Evidence

Man's goodness is evidenced by those qualities of manliness with which he bridles his passions, endures adversity, guides his habits, and performs services for others, and himself. — Edwin Dummer.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

N. J. Church, for redistribution to the Seventh Day Baptist churches in Germany. Quite a sum of money was given also.

A beautiful Christmas pageant, directed by Miss Sara Bottoms, was given in the church the evening of December 23. Characters portrayed were: Mary and Joseph, by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gilmore; King Herod, by Kent Stoodley; Three Wise Men, by Christopher Langworthy, LaVerne Maltby, and Nathan Whitford; the shepherds by some high school boys; and the angels by the young children of Sabbath school. The choir sang Christmas hymns, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Reed accompanied on the organ. Special features were Christmas music by the organist, a solo, Cantique de Noel, by Mrs. Nathan Whitford, and Ave Maria, sung by Miss Sara Bottoms, with violin accompaniment by Harold Bakker. Rev. E. H. Bottoms told the children a Christmas story, and they were given their gifts from the tree.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Bottoms had as guests for Christmas their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammac, of Canton, Ohio. Their son, Charles Bottoms and family, of Buffalo, visited them early in November. — Correspondent.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — The Dodge Center church held its annual dinner and business meeting in the high school community room Sunday, December 29. After a bountiful chicken pie dinner, Moderator Wallace Greene called the business meeting to order. All reports showed progress and prosperity in offices and auxiliaries.

Pastor Charles Thorngate reported for eight months of work and Pastor Earl Cruzan for four. Also Pastor Cruzan gave a proposed agenda of work for the new year.

It was voted that the Advisory Board consider the matter of selecting candidates for the diaconate, and the trustees with the pastor and the Sabbath school superintendent be a committee to get estimates for building a church basement.

The following officers were elected: pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan; moderator, Wallace Greene; clerk, Marguerite Clapper; treasurer, Ardith Greene; trustee for three years, Harry Bird; chorister, Mrs. Charles Thorngate; assistant chorister, Marguerite Clapper.

Eva L. Payne.



OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

You may be surprised at receiving a letter from New Zealand. I am Pastor Johnson's oldest daughter, Dorothy, and thought I would like to write to you. I have two sisters, Lois and Rosemary. We live at Titirangi, a beautiful place for scenery with its native bush and beaches, about twelve miles from Auckland City.

We all go to church on Sabbath in the car, six of us: Father, Mother, Grandma, and we three girls. Lois and I are in the Senior class, which my mother teaches. I always read the Children's Page in the Recorder and enjoy it very much.

I am twelve years old and in the fifth standard at Avondale Intermediate School and hope to pass this year into the sixth. I should like a girl pen friend. Do you know of anyone who would write to me?

I am sending you some pictures of the natives of New Zealand. There are some two thousand of them that keep the Sabbath. They are not Seventh Day Baptists, but are called Ringatoo, meaning Church of the Uplifted Hand. Of course we also have our white population here.

I am enclosing a photo of Rosemary and me. I will close this time with love to you and the Recorder children.

Dorothy Johnson.

Orapeto Rd.,
Titirangi,
Auckland, N. Z.

Dear Dorothy:

I was indeed surprised to receive your interesting letter, and also delighted. It is the first letter I ever received from New Zealand; so it gave me quite a thrill.

I'll ask one of my Sabbath school girls, Nedra Burrows, if she would not like to be your pen pal. She is a little older than you, nearly fourteen. My other three girls are about eighteen.

Thank you for the pictures, especially the photo of you and Rosemary. You seem nearer to me when I know how you look. I hope you will write often.

Your loving friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I should have written to you before, but it seems as if I haven't much time this time of year.

I received a lot of nice gifts for Christmas. I surely hope you did. I am twelve years old and in the seventh grade this year.

There are seven in my school. There are two girls and five boys. In my Sabbath school class there are nine children. Usually six or seven of them come.

Christmas day was quite warm here. It didn't seem like Christmas at all. I went to my aunt's up in the sand hills. My little two-year-old cousin cried because my five-year-old brother didn't come to play with her.

I guess that is all for this time.

Your Recorder friend,
North Loup, Neb. Eulala Davis.

Dear Eulala:

I am glad you were so well remembered at Christmas. As for myself, I received all the presents my heart could desire. I'll have to tell you about the presents Pastor Greene and I received the Sabbath morning after Christmas. I opened the front door about seven o'clock and between that door and the screen door was a big shopping bag well filled with soap of all kinds, soap powder and soap flakes, shortening and—most surprising of all—two pounds of sugar. On top was a pretty Christmas card which said only, "From a Friend." Now we are puzzling our heads as to who that friend is. We wish we knew whom to thank for such thoughtful gifts.

It was rather cold here Christmas day. We had a heavy snowstorm—a genuine white Christmas. Your Christmas day makes me think of the one we spent in New Market, N. J., a good many years ago, when I walked to Dunellen without wraps and wearing a short-sleeved dress. However, so far we have had an unusually mild winter for New York State.

Here I am, pretty close to the bottom of my page; so I'll have to wish you a pleasant good night.

Lovingly your friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

Mizpah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.

Marriages

Gray - Green. — Bruce Earl Gray of Milton Junction, Wis., and Enid Nadine Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Green, of Milton, were united in marriage in a candle-light service in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church on December 28, 1946. The double ring ceremony was read by the bride's pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Mr. and Mrs. Gray are at home in Milton Junction, Wis.

Miknis - Leigon. — Kasmir Miknis and Georgia Leigon, both of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage in the sanctuary of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist church, December 7, at 6 p.m. Pastor Alton L. Wheeler officiated.

Phillips - Atkinson. — Robert Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Phillips of Roulette, Pa., and Berna Jane Atkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Atkinson of Coudersport, Pa., were united in marriage in the sanctuary of the First Hebron Seventh Day Baptist church at midnight New Year's Eve. The bride's pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, officiated. Their residence is on Crandall Hill, Route 2, Coudersport, Pa.

Obituaries

Barber. — Jacob Augustus, son of William and Amelia Barber, was born January 27, 1861, in Indiana. He was one of a large family and was the last to survive. He passed away December 7, 1946.

On August 7, 1880, he was united in marriage to Harriett Ann More, at Hamburg, Iowa. To them were born three children: Daisy, Harry, who died August 20, 1941; and Christine. Mrs. Barber died December 19, 1920. On October 2, 1928, he married Myra W. Thorngate of North Loup.

Mr. Barber moved to Nebraska in 1904, and in 1918 came to North Loup where he had since made his home. He was active in the affairs of the village and community. He served on the village board for six years and as a county supervisor for sixteen years.

In early years he attended the Presbyterian Church. He was highly respected in his community and throughout the county. He was a man who had unusually good health and vitality and was active in the affairs of his farms and community until two days before his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Myra Thorngate Barber; his two daughters, Daisy Black of Illinois, and Christine of North Loup; a grandson, Russell Barber, of North Loup; and the great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Seventh Day Baptist church, conducted by Charles Thorngate of Dodge Center, Minn., father of Myra Barber, and by A. Clyde Ehret, pastor of the church. Burial was in the North Loup Cemetery. A. C. E.

Houston. — Roy Harvey, son of Ida and James Houston, was born in Bismark, Minn., September 2, 1876, and passed away December 8, 1946.

In 1897 he came to California settling among Seventh Day Baptists at Colony Heights. On November 29, 1906, he married Effie Coral Baxter and they have spent the years since in and around Riverside.

He was a regular attendant at the worship services of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Riverside and supported the church faithfully.

He was a genial, friendly, helpful person in all walks of life and will be missed by a large group of friends.

Farewell services were held in the Simon's Funeral Chapel, December 11. Rev. G. D. Hargis, pastor of the Los Angeles Church, was in charge of the service, and was assisted by Pastor E. S. Ballenger of the Riverside Church. He was laid to rest in Olivewood Cemetery. G. D. H.

Sayre. — George O., son of Moses and Mary Clement Sayre, was born July 20, 1868, in Welton, Iowa, and died in the Edgerton Memorial Hospital, Edgerton, Wis., December 15, 1946.

In early childhood the Sayre family moved from Iowa to Farina, Ill., and from there, by covered wagon, to North Loup, Neb. George Sayre came to Milton, Wis., in 1893 to attend Milton College. In 1895, on October 1, he was married to Florence A. Barnhart, who died in 1933.

Mr. Sayre was talented in many fields and achieved a measure of success in all of them. He was gifted as a musician and was active in evangelistic quartet work, singing school teaching, and band and orchestra work in the church and community. He was successful as a farmer, being one of the first farmers in the area to set up and maintain records of his fine dairy herd. Mr. Sayre moved from the farm to Milton where he began his work as a carpenter and contractor in order that he might send his children to college.

He is survived by three sons, A. Gerald Sayre and Major G. Merton Sayre, both of Arlington, Va.; and Captain Paul B. Sayre, United Airlines pilot, of Chicago; two daughters, Mrs. L. B. Bennett, Fort Atkinson, Wis., and Mrs. Stuart Shadel, Milton Junction, Wis.; one brother, Bert Sayre, North Loup, Neb.; and a sister, Mrs. Jennie Hurley, Nortonville, Kan. A son, Rolland, died in 1922, and a daughter died in infancy.

Funeral services were conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church by Dr. Edwin Ben Shaw, assisted by Pastor Randolph. Burial was in the Milton Cemetery. E. F. R.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 1, 1947

Jesus the Giver of Life

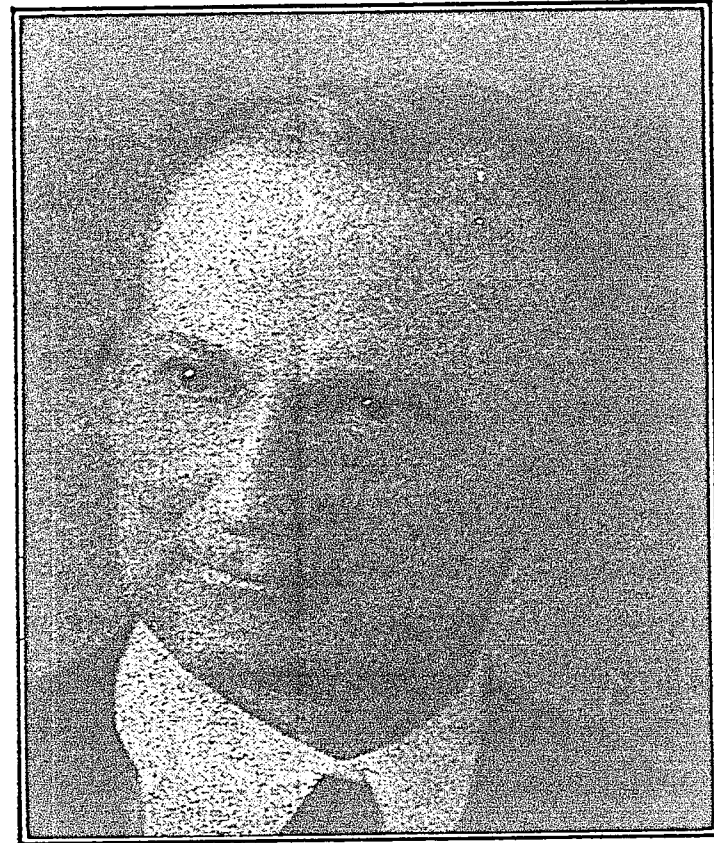
Basic Scripture—John 4: 43—5: 47; 11: 1—12: 11
Memory Selection—John 11: 25

WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

NILE, N. Y. — The annual church dinner and business meeting was held in the church parlors, Sunday, January 5, 1947. Dinner at noon was served to twenty-four.

The business meeting was called to order by the moderator, Paul Baker, at 1.30 p.m.



Rev. Ralph H. Coon

Continues as pastor at Nile, N. Y.

Reports were given by the church treasurer, trustees, and pastor. The Ladies' Aid Society president and Lord's Acre chairman also gave reports.

Officers elected for the year are: moderator, Paul Baker; clerk, Mrs. Paul Baker; treasurer, Mrs. Harriet Babcock; chorister, Jeanne Coon; organist, Marian Coon.

Pastor Ralph Coon was called as pastor for another year at a slight increase in salary.

A new gas furnace has recently been installed to heat the church auditorium.

Several committees were appointed to carry on the social, evangelistic, publicity, and stewardship activities of the church.

Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The December social was held in the church parlors. The kitchen committee was headed by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Williams. Mrs. Claude Barber was in charge of the Christmas program which was presented after supper.

The program was made up of several songs and recitations by the younger ones, and a pantomime, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," in which representatives knelt before the manger cradle while the hymn was sung by Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, with Mrs. Ava Johnson at the piano. While several carols were sung, led by Phyllis Babcock, George Clement drew an appropriate picture. Richard Babcock drew much applause with a beautiful solo.

At the close of the program, Santa appeared with generous treats for the children. As usual the collection taken was presented to the Nebraska Children's Home and amounted to \$31.31. For fifty years this Sabbath school has sent collections to this home.

"Chimes of the Holy Night," a cantata, was presented by the choir in place of the regular Sabbath service before Christmas.

The program opened by the playing of several Christmas carols on the organ by Mrs. Warren Brannon. The voluntary was played by Mrs. Ava Johnson on the organ and Mrs. Louise Brennick on the piano.

Soloists of the cantata were Gloria Babcock, Phyllis Babcock, Mrs. Menzo Fuller, Warren Brannon, and Richard Babcock. The obligato was sung by Carolyn Hamer, Delores Cox, Jeneanne Brennick and Phyllis Christensen. A large number of voices made up the choir, which was directed by Dell Barber.

The church was beautifully decorated with greens, candles, and blue and silver appointments. Mr. and Mrs. George Maxson were in charge. — Correspondent.

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — The Ladies' Aid had a Christmas party December 10 with an appropriate program and a tureen dinner; several men of the church were present also. Instead of the usual exchange of gifts, a collection, which netted over \$12, was taken for the Milk Bottle Fund for foreign children.

During December this church collected, packed, and shipped two large trunks and four packages of clothing to the Irvington,

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The Sabbath

Recorder

VILLAGE CONSTABLE IN CHINA READS THE GOSPEL



—American Bible Society.

"The church must provide a ministry there which can give a vital presentation of the Christ adequate for a needy world."

(See article page 57.)