

The Sabbath Recorder

PRAYING HANDS

Those praying hands! What saint of old didst raise
 In some far, dim-lit cell, those hands in prayer,
 With uplift face in solemn vesper hour?
 No soul of feeble spirit could these claim
 For writ upon their lines is strength indeed;
 And love of art and beauty is portrayed
 In grace of slender fingers that are held
 So reverently together as they pray.

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But, ah! Those hands! Those praying hands do speak
 So much that stirs my heart, that I could think
 They are the very hands of Christ Himself.
 Can we not see their gentleness as they
 On heads of little children soft were laid?
 Their strength as clasping hand of friend
 They sent Love's thought pulsating to His heart?
 And reaching out to cleanse and heal and bless,
 They found in service here their purest joy?
 Did He not lift them even so to God
 When in Gethsemane alone He prayed?
 Cannot we read in them the strain that brought
 Those drops of sweat upon His suffering brow?

O praying hands! I kneel here—for they call
 My soul to worship in so strange a way
 That I can only see them as Thy hands
 And where the cruel nails pierce them through.

O Lord, teach us to pray as Thou didst pray,
 And only let us go when we have learned.

—Gertrude B. Walker in *The Bible in New York*.



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WHAT  WHERE
TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

2,000 D.P.'s. ADDED TO CWS CORPORATE AFFIDAVIT

A request to add 2,000 displaced persons who may receive visas for entrance into this country under the corporate affidavit of Church World Service has been granted by the U. S. Department of Justice Immigration and Naturalization Service.

This brings to 3,400 the total number of displaced persons from the American zones of occupation in Europe to be sponsored by CWS. About 1,000 of this total have already been brought to America and resettled in U. S. communities, including those formerly sponsored by the American Christian Committee for Refugees. The responsibilities of the ACCR have been assumed by the Church World Service Committee on Displaced Persons.

The present program of the committee, which embraced the united program for displaced persons of the American Protestant and Orthodox Churches, provides for bringing at least 100 persons to this country each month. Under the corporate affidavit, CWS is responsible for their resettlement and assimilation into the life of their communities. — Church World Service.

ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey, for the election of officers and trustees and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Shiloh, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1947, at two o'clock.

Franklin A. Langworthy,
President,
Frederik J. Bakker,
Recording Secretary.

"No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." — Jesus, Luke 9: 62.

EDITORIALS

The Christian Church - - at Crisis

The Christian Church is the body of believers who have accepted Jesus Christ, the divine, only-begotten Son of God as their personal Saviour and Lord, and who are earnestly striving to practice personally and to promote practically among men His principles of thought and speech and action. Otherwise, the Church fails to be Christian and the body of believers are falsely bearing His name.

Here enters the crisis. The Christian Church is at crisis today. This is a "decisive moment" in the life of the community of believers. A "turning point" has been reached in kingdom affairs. Pessimism is giving way to optimism. Defeatism is being defeated by determination. Obstinacy in the individual and in the group is being overcome by obedience to our one Lord Christ. People realize increasingly that they must dare all for Him or they are all doomed. The forces of evil are storming the strongholds of Christian faith and spearheading the push of staggering proportions. Subtly, yet surely, the sinister forces of Satan push their attack. But, thank God, the friendly forces of Christ are alert and, in struggle after struggle, are routing the enemy as frontier after frontier is won for Him.

Witness the victories in personal Christian living. People understand that to be Christian is to be Christlike. They understand that this means every area of thought and speech and action must be brought more nearly into harmony with Christ's holy will. They know that they must be all His always, or they cannot be any part His anyway.

The victorious life is the one in which man acts upon what he understands to be

Christlike. Just as a man suffers who violates the laws of nature, which are the laws of God, so he suffers spiritually who violates the laws of his spiritual being, which are the laws of God. Not only does such a man suffer, but also he shuts out the opportunity of spiritual improvement of his life and wields an unworthy influence, thus leading astray those who look to him for guidance. The victorious person practices Christlike-ness.

Again, behold the dynamic and the daring of a Christ-controlled group. When the mind of Christ is accepted as the mind of the group, the Church of Christ is on the march against the invasion of sin. When the spirit and purpose of Christ become the spirit and purpose of the group, the Church of Christ becomes invulnerable and invincible. When the sacrificial love and service of Christ completely engage the group, the Church of Christ is ministering to the ills and needs of our war-weary, sin-sick world.

The victorious Church is comprised of victorious people.

Doubtless this has been the case in each succeeding generation of growing Christians. At least we are willing to take the word of their witness. Yet, when we ourselves have the experience of God's forgiveness in Christ Jesus, our Saviour and Lord, we know that we have been raised from death unto life. And, having been brought out of death into life by the sacrifice of His Son, we would constantly and consistently seek to share this the greatest of all gifts and the most blessed of all blessings.

However, both as individuals and as a group we need fresh inspiration and new

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

By Rev. Harold R. Crandall

Pastor, Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church
Westerly, R. I.

We are happy that you are here. For more than a year we have been looking forward to this time. We would be glad to have you meet for the sessions of Conference in our Church, but lack of rooms for offices and committees would make that inconvenient. But we are proud to welcome you to this beautiful high school building, named in honor of a Seventh Day Baptist of Colonial days—Governor of the Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and a member of the Continental Congress at the time of his death in 1776, a short time before he would have been one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Very early in the history of Seventh Day Baptists the coming together of those from different localities was considered of much importance. As early as 1684 a yearly meeting of those in Newport and Westerly was established.

The records tell us that "In 1762 the General Meeting was laid down." However, this

vision. As Seventh Day Baptists we are uniquely blessed in this respect. The General Conference offers and affords fresh inspiration and new vision. The "Saved to Serve" Conference held with the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church at Westerly, R. I., August 19-24, 1947, was highly inspirational and vision-filled.

As readers of the Sabbath Recorder have observed by the special issue of September 1, impressions of Conference have already begun. The Sabbath Recorder plans to share with them during September the benefits of Conference with the hope of impressing again those who were permitted to attend, and to impress anew those who were not there. Our boundless appreciation is due all who are so graciously and willingly contributing articles and addresses, messages and meditations, information and inspiration, to make this project possible.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church has reached a "turning point." May the months ahead be decisively momentous!

was soon reversed. In 1763 we find the following: "Our General Meeting was, for sundry reasons, voted down and to cease last year; but upon considering how necessary it is for brethren to meet together, to stir up one another and likewise to commune together, in order to provoke one another to Christian love and unity, that the weak may become more strong, that God may have glory and our souls peace, we have thought fit that, for the future, the sixth-day before the third Sabbath in September be a church meeting, and the Sabbath following an annual communion that all our distant brethren and sisters may be present in order to be helpers of our joy; and that the first-day following there be held a meeting, if then thought proper."

Throughout the years the value of the yearly meeting has been appreciated and on the occasions when conditions have made it necessary to omit it our people have distinctly felt the lack of the inspiration of the religious services, social contacts, and opportunity of planning for the work of the year ahead.

Let us, in this Conference, seek deeper life and higher spiritual ground. We are "Saved to Serve." We welcome you to our homes, to our Church, to the facilities of this building, and to Westerly.

WOOD PULP FOR CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

The German Protestant Churches need thousands of hymnals. The World Council of Churches has \$50,000 for the need. That would buy or print 50,000 hymnals in German in the United States or in England. Instead of this the Council spent the \$50,000 for wood pulp, which it has shipped to Germany. Meanwhile 450 German printers and other workers will be given employment, and some 500,000 hymnals will be produced at a cost of only ten cents each. The Council plans to purchase more wood pulp for the printing of Christian literature in Germany.
—W. W. Reid.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me." — John 13: 20.

RESPONSE TO ADDRESS OF WELCOME

By Rev. Carroll L. Hill

President, Milton College, Milton, Wis.

Mr. President, Pastor Crandall, members of our host Churches, and friends:

It is a happy privilege and a great pleasure to acknowledge your welcome and to reply that with all our hearts we are happy to assemble with you here in the region where Seventh Day Baptists had their origin on this continent. That our coming has been anticipated we are left without doubt. We have been welcomed to your homes and now to the sessions of the General Conference. In addition to this we note that the city of Westerly has devised a system of one-way driving and restricted parking, while the Westerly Sun of yesterday hints editorially that now the police will have more time to be on the lookout for fractious strangers. There is wisdom in it.

We note the unusually attractive lawns and foliage of New England and feel assured that they have been prepared especially for our critical eyes. Not only this, and not only in the words of our genial host, Pastor Harold R. Crandall, but also in the homes and greetings of New England Seventh Day Baptists have we been made welcome. We are glad that we have come.

To some of us, indeed perhaps all of us, this is something of a pilgrimage. It brings us back to the area of our Mother Churches, where we tread again on the holy ground of the struggles and victories of bygone days. Stephen Mumford, Samuel Hubbard, William Hiscox, and many others walk with us here.

There is a story told of a young rector who felt it necessary to speak rather severely to his congregation concerning certain matters of behavior. Some of his parishioners were nettled by his remarks, especially one man who came to remonstrate with him after the service. The man bore down on the point that the rector was too young a man to be speaking in such strong terms concerning his parishioners. The young rector glanced down at his clerical attire and said, "Sir, when I wear these robes I am 1900 years old." When we are welcomed this morning, our pastor host, being a minister, speaks as though 1900 years old. As a representative Seventh

Day Baptist of New England he is 283. As a pastor of this Church in this location he is 107, and as president of the Missionary Society he is 105. Our Conference president has assumed the cloak of dignity of 145.

All of these periods of time are long enough to test and prove many things. Prove all things—hold fast that which is good. Now in reconstruction days we have come to have our General Conference in Rhode Island, "the state whence our forefathers came."

As we hear your words of welcome and as our hearts are warmed by them, we hear through them the echoes of other voices reminding us that we are old indeed and that we build now for years to come. Thank you for your greetings—we treasure them. Thank you for your hospitality — it delights us. Thank you for the invitation extended a year ago, that has afforded us this opportunity to relight the flames of our hearts at the altar of Seventh Day Baptist origin.

KARL G. STILLMAN

New Conference President

At the closing session of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference held with the Pawcatuck Church, Westerly, R. I., August 19-24, 1947, Mr. Karl G. Stillman was elected president for the ensuing year. Mr. Stillman is chairman of the Second Century Fund Committee which hopes and plans to bring its campaign for \$50,000 to a successful conclusion by December 31, 1947. Also, Mr. Stillman has served as treasurer of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society for nearly sixteen years.

Other Officers

Others officers elected to serve the General Conference for the year, 1947-48, were:

First Vice-President, Elmo F. Randolph, Milton, Wis.; Second Vice-President, K. Duane Hurley, El Monte, Calif.; Third Vice-President, Charles F. Harris, Shiloh, N. J.; Recording Secretary, Paul C. Saunders, Alfred, N. Y.; Assistant Recording Secretary, Neal D. Mills, New Auburn, Wis.; Corresponding Secretary, Courtland V. Davis, Somerville, N. J.; Treasurer, James H. Coon, Milton, Wis.; Treasurer, Denominational Budget, L. Milton Van Horn, Milton, Wis.

Second Century Fund Ideals

By Karl G. Stillman

Chairman, Second Century Fund, and Treasurer,
Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.

Given on the Missionary Board Program, General
Conference, Thursday morning, August 21, 1947.

The year 1946-1947 brought us many problems as it did to all lines of endeavor during this first full postwar year. General business was confronted with difficulties in making a transition from a wartime to a peacetime economy—and so were we! The large volume of war work to be done enabled business to cut its costs and pay off much of its indebtedness—and so did we! Business has been struggling to co-ordinate its activities and expand its facilities to meet increased pent-up demands—and so have we!

"Spadework"

We are not satisfied with our achievements as they are reflected in our financial statements but we believe real progress has been made in laying the foundation for future developments which should be outstandingly good. We have been doing "spadework," preparing for cultivation as our next stage, with the final inevitable harvest just ahead.

Encouraging Comparisons

Some comparisons with last year are interesting and indicate the way we are heading. Our total assets now are \$248,789.30 as contrasted with a total of \$234,178.05 one year ago, an increase of \$14,611.25. Our net worth at the end of this Conference year amounts to \$227,509.70 whereas last year it totaled \$222,193.67. This shows a healthy increase of \$5,316.03 which includes profits of approximately \$2,800 arising from the sale or exchange of the society's investments, reductions in accounts payable and notes payable, several increases in principal of permanent funds representing gifts or bequests of interested donors, and temporary accumulations of income from various special funds.

A few other comparisons are revealing. For the year ended June 30, 1944, we contributed \$2,605.46 to Churches to aid them in the support of their pastors. This year similar aid totals \$5,419.15, a little over twice as much. Again, in 1944 our China

Mission received \$2,299.77 and this year's payments aggregated \$7,169.41, or over three times as much and this does not include \$2,737.71 more which was sent to this field out of the Second Century Fund. The same is true for Jamaica. In 1944 we appropriated to our work there the sum of \$2,566.98 and this year \$3,095.61 exclusive of \$4,632.80 sent from the Second Century Fund. Other objects being aided by us have increased in the same proportion. Thus in a comparatively short space of time, we have grown into a substantial business enterprise of far-reaching influence.

China

Other accomplishments during the current year show the ever-widening scope of our work. We sent to China approximately \$2,300 for repairs to buildings in Shanghai of which sum \$1,470 came from accumulated appropriations for the Boys' School and Incidental Funds, and \$830 from the Second Century Fund. Likewise we appropriated \$1,400 towards the cost of altering the second floor of the mission garage into an apartment for the Chinese pastor of our Shanghai Church, and \$500 to re-establish our medical work in Liuho, both coming from the Second Century Fund.

We are saddened to recall that a long-cherished ambition of Dr. Grace I. Crandall to reopen a clinic in Liuho could not be realized by her, due to her illness and subsequent death, but we are happy that her daughter, Dr. Esther Pan, who was to assist in the details of organization, was able to take over this responsibility, and that since August 1 she has been in our employ and actively on the job at Liuho. This clinic promises to become immediately active since Chinese friends alone have contributed sufficient money to build and place in operation a wing of what will be the new Grace Hospital. This wing will provide twenty beds together with necessary operating and service rooms.

Miss Sara Becker, a registered nurse, becomes an employee of the board, October 1, 1947, and two days later will sail for Shanghai where she will begin medical missionary

work at the Liuho clinic. We are gratified that she offered herself just at this time for full-time service when China's need and the needs of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in China are so great.

Early in January of this year, we arranged and paid for transportation to China for Dr. George Thorngate, Helen, and their son Philip. Dr. George became head of our mission and will devote as much time as possible to its administration. He is associated with other outstanding physicians and surgeons in private practice expecting that eventually some patients may be referred to our clinic and hospital. Helen is devoting full time to mission work and Mrs. George Thorngate, III, likewise is teaching in the mission school while her husband who is in the U. S. Navy is assigned to duty in the Shanghai area. No remuneration is being paid to the Thorn-gates other than that already paid for transportation expense.

Jamaica and British Guiana

Many important developments, too, have taken place in Jamaica during the year. It has been a difficult problem at all times to reach all our interests and people in Jamaica because of inadequate transportation facilities. In recognition of this fact, we purchased and shipped a 1947 Chevrolet sedan for the use of our mission on that island. Total cost of this equipment including insurance, transportation charges, and a heavy duty of \$500 imposed by the British authorities, was \$1,962.53.

The establishment of a school in Kingston to develop leadership among our people has long been desired and early in 1947 we sent Dr. Ben R. Crandall, a trained and experienced educator, to investigate this problem and to make recommendations. His report is a masterpiece and copies are soon to be mailed to every Seventh Day Baptist along with the final mailing piece concerning the needs of the Second Century Fund. The Board of Managers has acted upon this report and appointed a supervisory committee with authority to organize and establish such a school at the earliest possible date in 1948. The personnel of this committee consists of Dr. Crandall, chairman; Dr. J. Nelson Norwood, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson who likewise is chairman of the American Tropics

Committee of the board, Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph, head of our Jamaica Mission, and Mrs. Charles L. Smellie, an outstanding native Jamaican leader. The sum of \$2,000 has been sent to Jamaica to cover the cost of alterations and repairs to the 29 Charles St. property in Kingston, to adapt it to school purposes, and other appropriations have been set up to cover the first year's operational expenses.

Another important project involving the Jamaica field is the education of Socrates A. Thompson, a native Jamaican, who is now a student in the School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y. The majority of his expenses are being cared for by the General Fund of the society, others coming out of the Second Century Fund. Likewise, the Second Century Fund is paying for the educational expenses being incurred by Benjamin O. Berry of British Guiana at the School of Theology. He and Mrs. Berry came to this country by plane at their own expense to prepare themselves for full-time service as religious leaders either with their own people or elsewhere.

Germany

We have been in close contact by correspondence with our brethren in Germany and are pleased to be able to report that they held a meeting or conference in Hamburg less than two months ago in spite of apparently insurmountable transportation and food problems. We had expected Dr. Corliss F. Randolph to make a personal investigation of our work in Germany returning in time for this Conference with Heinrich Chr. Bruhn and wife, Mr. Bruhn being a recognized leader among German Seventh Day Baptists. However, due to food shortages and inability to visit our Churches in all the zones of occupation, it was deemed wise to defer this trip to Germany concentrating instead on a plan to bring Heinrich Bruhn here. Approval for such a trip was secured from the State and War Departments in Washington and from the Military Government in Germany with only the routine issuance of exit and re-entry permits holding up his departure. However, we are informed that there has been such a large number of similar cases ahead of Heinrich Bruhn's, his papers may not come through in time to get to this Conference. Reservations on a plane

leaving from Frankfurt are being held for him, if his trip becomes suddenly possible.

Our society receives requests from time to time for Bibles and occasionally has funds available and earmarked for such Bible distribution. Such a request came in from our German brethren during the year and \$85 was appropriated for this purpose, \$21.70 coming from special gifts and \$63.30 from the Second Century Fund.

The problem of supplementing the meager food and clothing rations of our people in Germany also received our attention for in addition to transmitting numerous specially designated gifts to Pastor John G. Schmid for this purpose, we made an outright contribution of \$582 from the Second Century Fund. We considered this appropriate action to take in view of the fact that a Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Fund had been set up before solicitation began for the Second Century Fund and its balance transferred to the Second Century Fund.

The United States

Our work in the United States, in addition to the regularly sponsored aid to missionary Churches has centered around a visitation evangelistic program on which we made only a start. Much education and training is necessary before the fullest results can be expected but in the comparatively few Churches where we were able to work this year some excellent results were obtained giving promise that our goal will be reached.

One other project, though not large, is of interest. The U. S. Navy had several regulation tents remaining as surplus property at its base in Davisville, R. I., which were offered for sale at \$36 each approximately. We purchased ten of them for use in our young people's camps. Two have been shipped to Gentry, Ark., and the balance has helped to care for the large pre-Conference group staying at Lewis Camp in Tomaquag, R. I.

What of the Future?

But what of the future? It is our considered belief that the time is at hand for Seventh Day Baptists to go ahead and accept a larger share of the work being done and to be done in the advancement of the kingdom of God on earth. We have been wan-

dering around in the wilderness for too many years! We have been defeatists and extreme pessimists! We have feared ridicule and criticism for observing the true and only Sabbath having the sanction of God and kept by Christ and His disciples. We have not fought a good fight nor have we wholeheartedly attempted to stem the decline in our membership year after year. We have been prone to comment when withdrawals have been made that we didn't believe they would have been good Seventh Day Baptists anyway. When Denominational Budget figures have been established too many have felt that we could never raise that much money anyhow. Our people have tried and are still trying to find excuses not to give to their Church, to the Denominational Budget, and to the Second Century Fund. Individual responsibility for support of our work is being submerged in group giving of families, of Sabbath schools, of Churches, of other auxiliary organizations, and under the cloak of anonymous giving. All these things indicate the need for spiritual reawakening in our Churches and it is our plan to stimulate such a reawakening by assisting every one of our Churches that will accept our help.

We have as one goal, the doubling of our membership in this generation. We propose to develop large scale charts for each of our Churches which will show graphically by means of a solid line the fluctuations in membership since organization up to the present time. Then we are going to project gains to be made during the next twenty-five years if we are to reach our goal by means of a broken line. The graph will be so drawn that each Church can plot its progress toward this goal at the end of each year.

Our lack of progress as a denomination now causing us so much concern can be likened to the progress of an automobile going up a grade. Good headway was made at the bottom of the hill and for part of the way up until the gasoline supply became exhausted unexpectedly. Confusion and uncertainty affected the driver and he could not seem to apply the brakes effectively. The car started to slip backward slowly but soon the momentum of its backward journey increased and only determined and forceful

pressure finally arrested its speed and brought it to a stop. More gasoline was secured and the car resumed its way up the hill, this time not only retracing the distance lost but going ahead mile after mile bringing its destination ever nearer.

Our visitation evangelistic program begun this past year in a small way, we believe has arrested our backward progress and now that we have refueled for the coming year, we have reversed our direction and are just beginning to move ahead. We plan an all-inclusive effort to be applied as nearly simultaneously in all Seventh Day Baptist areas, believing great power can be developed in a concerted effort.

We have taken great pains to compile a complete mailing list of every Seventh Day Baptist. Furthermore, we intend to keep this record up to date and as accurate as possible. This, of course, is dependent on Church pastors and clerks advising us of all changes in members of their Churches as well as changes of addresses. Our present files consist of three separations: one, an alphabetical list of every Seventh Day Baptist; another, an alphabetical list of Churches with their members sorted alphabetically; and the third, an alphabetical list of individuals sorted out as to cities or towns where they live.

It is our plan to inform all Seventh Day Baptists in a community of the names of other Seventh Day Baptists in that same place, then urge them to form a fellowship such as exists in Rochester, N. Y., and other places. We shall actively assist in the organization of such groups hoping to arrange for regular Sabbath services. We believe such a plan of action will tend to bind us together more closely as a people and will contribute to the success of our long-range program for building up a larger membership in more and more locations.

Second Century Fund

Our Second Century Fund in cash and pledges received now totals \$36,224 and it is our intention to push on to our goal of \$50,000 to the end that it all will be raised by December 31, 1947. In the past several months we have not pressed this special program, deferring to those charged with raising the Denominational Budget in order that it might be fully subscribed without any

conflict from us. It should be remembered that for every \$2,000 raised generally for the Second Century Fund from now until we reach the \$50,000 total, an anonymous donor adds \$500. This means that additional contributions of only \$11,276 are now needed from our people as a whole.

We have tried to be wise in allocating the Second Century Fund to various objects and we have tried to co-ordinate our entire program to the end that every dollar spent may do the work of several dollars. We believe in the Sabbath of God, the cause of Seventh Day Baptists, and that an ever-increasing sphere of influence and power will emanate from our missions.

In a paraphrase of a verse by Bessie B. Decker appearing in a recent magazine, We would not be self-satisfied with things just as they are;

But struggling, striving, pushing on, hope to reach our star.

We recognize the fact that we need all the wisdom we can obtain to make decisions and to cope with all the problems that confront us, so for myself and for the Missionary Board may I offer a prayer written long ago by an unknown author which has become a classic:

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change;
The courage to change the things I can;
And the wisdom to know the difference.

Refugees and displaced persons in Europe seem to be more certain of welcome in Australia and New Zealand than in America at the present moment. . . . In Victoria, the Anglicans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Congregationalists, the Church of Christ, and the Salvation Army have jointly formed an "Inter-Church Migration Committee" to assist newly-arrived immigrants in Australia, and to work with the Minister of Immigration. First to be aided will be 3,000 refugees from Holland, including 2,000 Polish and German Jews. In New Zealand, one of the synods of the Anglican (Episcopal) Church recently voted that since few immigrants are to be expected from Great Britain now, displaced persons from other parts of the world should be welcomed, and "encouragement given to those likely to be completely absorbed in our population." — W. W. Reid.



GROUP PICTURE OF THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Taken in front of Ward Senior High School, Westerly, R. I., Friday, August 22, 1947

Photographer: The Stiles Studio, Westerly, R. I.

WHAT IS YOUR DECISION?

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMPER DECISIONS

"I have accepted Jesus Christ and I will strive to live the way He did." — Denny Kagarise.

"I know the way of Christ is the right way. He has led me thus far and though the road has sometimes been rough in many different ways, His way was never wrong. Through sickness and health He will lead me and has led me. I want to follow Him always and bring many others to believe on Him also. I have thought often of being a minister or a missionary. If I am not one of these I want to do my part for God in the work I do take up. Even if I am not a regular minister, there are always those who need reassurance or even to get to know God and Jesus. In this also I want to do my part." — Edna Ruth Randolph.

"To follow Christ in His footsteps and lead others to follow Him. He has set the example for us and if we do not try our best to follow Him how can we expect to ask for help when we are in danger or distress? Let us all follow Jesus and lead others to follow in His footsteps." — Leonora Williams.

"I believe that after accepting Christ you should try to be like Him, although it may be hard at times. Sometimes we forget Him, but there is no greater comforter when in sorrow or when needing help." — Gleneva Sue Ford.

"Christ is part of everyone's life. I feel as though I would be lost without Him. I love Him and hope to be a better Christian. When I look at nature's gifts I feel thankful to God for creating the earth. I know He is in my heart." — Janice Seager.

"I think that if we follow our Lord in the ways that He has tried to lead us, we will be in a more loving, helping, thinking, and a more enjoyable world." — Walter Bond.

"My decision about Christ is to follow Him and serve Him through all kinds of temptations." — Gene Carroll Sutton.

"My decision is to try to follow Christ as our divine example. I will try to do as He

did by teaching others, and that means everyone with whom I come in contact. I will also try to bring more people to the Sabbath." — Nellie Jo Bond.

"I have accepted Christ in every way I know, and am trying more and more every day to be like Him. He has helped me in many ways to be Christian." — Stanley Ike.

"My decision is that I want to follow Jesus this coming year as I go back to my home, church, and school, and I want to pattern my life after His, which was so beautiful and perfect and full of love. I want my light to shine brighter each day and become more and more like Jesus, my Saviour who died for me." — Miriam Seager.

"I feel that Jesus is truly the Christ, and that His coming and the fact that He loved people and children makes Christianity much more simple and real to me. He seems to bring 'doing good' right down to earth by setting His wonderful example." — Venita Vincent.

"I think that Jesus died for us that we may live, so I think that we should believe in Him and trust in Him always." — Leonard Williams.

CAMP CAESAR, W. VA.

Thirty-four young people from Salem, Lost Creek, and Berea, W. Va., Salemville, Pa., one from the Piscataway, N. J., Church, and the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd Seager of Philadelphia, Pa., were in camp at Camp Caesar, W. Va., August 4-10.

The staff was as follows: Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, director, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, Mrs. Lucille Bond, and Mrs. A. J. C. Bond.

The campers were divided into groups for various types of activity. They planned vesper services, campfire programs, and other things in these groups.

It was my pleasure to be with the group for three days, to take part in some of the activities, and to enjoy the fine spirit of the whole camp.

There were five adults in the adult school besides those on the staff, most of whom took

Pre-Conference Retreat

Sixty-nine young people, from California to Rhode Island, were in attendance at the retreat.

It was good to see this number of young Seventh Day Baptists together, and even better to see them co-operating with the staff in completing plans which had been worked out by the Committee on Young People's Work of the board.

David Williams of Verona was elected president of the Retreat Council, and Miss Marian Coon of Richburg the secretary. At one meeting of the council, recommendations were made for the program of next year.

Much of the time was spent in classes and discussion groups, but there was time for a swim at the beach and for real fun and fellowship around the camp.

The outdoor Friday night service was impressive and will be remembered for many years.

Stunt night, on the night after the Sabbath, was exceptionally good, as all present would testify.

Sunday night was the consecration service in which all joined in pledging life and talents to Christ and His Church.

Music under the direction of Miss Lois Wells of Los Angeles, Calif., was prepared for the "youth sing" at General Conference. It was a real thrill to hear the group, both at retreat and at Conference, where the number was enlarged by the coming into the group of other young people who were attending Conference.

classes in the adult section of the camp. Dean A. J. C. Bond taught two courses, "Biblical Geography," and "Personal Religious Living." I taught the course, "How to Improve Our Sabbath School." "First Series" credits were given those in these three classes.

This first adult section of the Southeastern Association was a good start and I feel sure that those present will be good advertising agents for a larger enrollment next year.

H. S.

"... Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." — Ephesians 5: 11.

WORLD'S W. C. T. U. CONVENTION

With a registered delegation of 2,500 and a Sunday attendance of 3,100, the Seventeenth Triennial World's W.C.T.U. Convention met in Asbury Park, N. J., June 5-10. In order to help with the expenses of the overseas delegates, the unions of the United States had raised \$15,000 by means of hospitality teas.

Many young people were present, some from England, Northern Ireland, and Canada. Announcement was made of the Y.T.C. delegate being sent to the Second Christian Youth Conference held this month in Oslo, Norway.

I made a special effort to meet Mrs. Olson, delegate from Jamaica, in order to inquire about our Seventh Day Baptist mission workers. Mrs. Fitz Randolph is the new W.C.T.U. president there.

An outstanding speaker, Clinton Howard, asked, what is the matter with prohibition? He himself answered it by saying, "Nothing is the matter with prohibition except a timid Church." He added, "In the Ten Commandments there are ten prohibitions. They have never been revised or repealed."

Among other speakers were Daniel Poling, president of the International Christian Endeavor, and Homer Rodeheaver who talked, sang, and played his trombone. Two speakers were present from the United Nations.

We were disappointed not to have Representative Bryson with us, but a telegram was received explaining that he was staying in Washington in order to introduce, on June 9, a new prohibition amendment to the Constitution.

Together with the overseas delegates who wore their native costumes, the convention presented a never-to-be-forgotten picture and lasting inspiration.

The National W.C.T.U. was held June 11 and 12, following the close of the World's Convention.

M. L. Collings.

"He therefore that despiseth (rejecteth), despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit." — 1 Thessalonians 4: 8.

Rocky Mountain Young People's Camp

By Rev. Francis D. Saunders

The Rocky Mountain Young People's Camp was held from July 8 to 17, 1947, with seventeen campers from the ages of nine to fourteen years in attendance. Of this number nine were from homes outside the denomination.

The dean of the camp was Rev. Erlo Sutton of the Boulder Church, who taught two very interesting classes, one on Denominational Beliefs, and the other about The Apostle Paul and His Works. Rev. Francis Saunders of the Denver Church supervised the camp, and also taught a class in Hymns and Gospel Songs, and their place in the worship of the Church.

Very interesting and delicious meals were served for the campers by Mrs. Elizabeth James of Boulder, assisted by Mrs. Erlo Sutton. Mrs. Francis Saunders acted as camp mother.

Each morning was kept very busy, with "Alone Hour," camp work, and classes, the high point of each morning being the half hour chapel service, led each alternate day by the two pastors. Early each day, before breakfast was served, short morning worship services were held. Especially appropriate this year was the Sabbath school lesson, "God in His World," which blended beautifully in thought with the setting of the camp, high in the Rockies. As taught by Pastor Sutton, who is also editor of the "Helping Hand," the story of Job seemed to live to the people gathered around the class table in "Old Rusty."

In the early evening, the view from "Sunset Rock" to the west, with Mt. Audubon, one of the highest peaks in the state forming a background, gave a feeling of nearness to God, as well as a great sense of peace to the soul. From nearly any point around, one could also turn to the east and see the whole Colorado plain spread out; with little silver lakes dotting the landscape.

Each afternoon there was recreation, consisting of either softball or hikes, or just wandering around picking wild mountain flowers.

After the evening vesper services, the campfire was built, and games and fun were enjoyed before a short devotional period just before time to retire. It was a real thrill, the

NORTH LOUP, NEB. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Dear Mr. Sutton:

The North Loup Community Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the school-house May 26, up to and including June 13. The enrollment was seventy-six. Mrs. N. Vernon Thomas was supervisor and taught the first, second, and third grades. The pre-school children were taught by Mrs. James Scott, assisted by Neva Brannon. Miss Brannon also was in charge of the music. The fifth and sixth grades were taught by Mrs. Menzo Fuller, and the seventh, eighth, and high school grades were taught by Mrs. Myra T. Barber. Bible study, hand craft, memory work, and hymns were studied. The school closed with a public demonstration on the thirteenth. A picnic was also held. Although handicapped by bad weather, the attendance was very good. One student received a Testament for attending eight years, and three received certificates for attending four years. The school was under the guidance of a community committee and was financed by the community. This year marks the twenty-sixth consecutive year of Daily Vacation Bible School work in our village.

Respectfully,
Myra Thorngate Barber.

North Loup, Neb.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." — Matthew 28: 19, 20.

You can never bury your influence.
—Earl Riney.

last evening, to hear many of the young people give personal testimony to the Lord's nearness, and to have one eleven-year-old boy confess the Lord for the first time.

All who attended camp expressed a desire to return again next year, and this year's staff hopes that even more will be there to enjoy the fellowship, both physical and spiritual, which was enjoyed this summer.

—Correspondent.

Address

By Mrs. Ruth Mougey Worrell

Secretary, United Council of Church Women.

Given on the program of the Women's Society at General Conference, Thursday afternoon, August 21, 1947.)

I come to you today not as a stranger but as your representative. The United Council of Church Women is simply the women of the Protestant Churches of this country working together, and when a few months ago I had the privilege of going on this mission to Europe, I went representing all of you. You will never quite know what it meant for me to be able to say when they met me, "I am here to represent the Church women of America."

This afternoon I want to share with you some of the things that have been burdening me since my return two weeks ago.

I think I am going to take you with me to Athens first. We went across in a plane. We had a chartered plane. It had been a very eventful day as we had traveled through Greece, and we talked a lot about Paul that day; finally we came into Athens and we said the first thing we would do would be to go up to Mars Hill and begin from that vantage point. Early next morning we went with our host. It was a bit difficult for me to climb over some of those rocks, but nothing could have kept me down, and finally we made it. We were all there together and we asked our host, a Greek professor, if he would read Paul's sermon in the original Greek. The temples that Paul had looked at were in ruins on that day. He said, "I see you are a very 'religious' people because you have all these temples, even one built to an unknown God, and that is the God I am going to talk about to you this day." Somehow I found myself lost because I could not understand that original Greek, but I knew that he was saying, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither bond nor free, male nor female, but all are one together in Christ."

I began to think of these eleven nations I had visited and seen, and I prayed that God would forgive us that after two thousand years since God had sent His Son, we had the terrible war, the aftermath of which I was seeing.

I find myself greatly hampered because words do not mean the same thing to people. You can only interpret a word by the experience you have had with the word.

I thought I knew something about this situation which I was to see, but I was in no way prepared for the starvation and devastation, the despair, the hatred, the fear that I found in Europe. The most important thing in Europe is food! It is the biggest problem that there is today!

What does food mean to you? Well, during this season of the year we would naturally think of watermelon, muskmelon, peaches, and perhaps lima beans and corn.

But I discovered that food just meant bread! And if you could have seen those little bits of old, dry, brown bread—bread, the scarcest thing in Europe and most needed. Never did we see white bread. It is impossible to imagine the little pieces of bread that were allowed to a family or an individual for a week. I thought of those slices of toast I hadn't eaten. I began to think of all the bread I had thrown away. Sometimes I would see laborers take out pieces of little black bread. That would be their noon meal.

In Greece I visited a hospital. It was a room similar in size to this room. In it were little boys about four years old and old men and every age in between. No sheets on the beds—they just didn't have sheets! At first, they could put three children in one cot and they had plenty of room on account of the poor, thin children. It was noon. An attendant came in with the food. She carried a basket. She took out a hunk of black bread, and if the patient was able to take it, he did so. If not, she simply laid it on his chest.

In Poland we saw a little boy about ten years old, yet his was the face of an old man. He was a little, skinny fellow. Those eyes looked as if they could see through the ages. A member of our party handed a chocolate bar to him and he started away. Oh, that look on his face changed! Next day that woman was walking along the road with two escorts when suddenly they heard someone call. There came a woman with the little boy. She had been searching all over Warsaw for the woman who had given him the first taste of candy he had ever had in his life.

She exclaimed over and over and began to kiss the woman and the little boy did the same thing—to show their appreciation because somebody had cared enough to share.

Somebody says, "You don't look as if you got very thin over there." Well, I didn't. I didn't dare get sick.

In every country I was told, "Remember, every bite that you are eating, you are taking out of the mouth of somebody in this country."

I thought I knew what soup was, but I didn't. Soup was nothing but colored water, a little saffron, salt and pepper, and just a little flour to give it a tiny bit of body.

I could go on giving you experience after experience of their lack of food. In the summer they plant gardens in every place they can find, but what will they do when winter comes? I saw so many cherries everywhere that I couldn't see any reason why they shouldn't be canned; but when I suggested that they looked at me in pity and said, "But don't you know there are no containers, no rubbers, no sealing wax—no way we can preserve this food?" We have no idea of the scarcity of things that we think of as absolute necessities.

I spend a lot of time on food because people cannot live without it, and you cannot tell what people are going to do in a world when they are hungry and starving. Butter was \$27 a pound in the section of Germany where we were. (We could only get in the American Zone.) Our military cannot use anything that the Germans can use themselves. Of course, they can't buy butter at that price.

Did you ever save your coffee grounds over and over and over, and then have them shared with someone else? I saw that done. They dried out the coffee grounds and sent them to others to boil and use again. This is the condition in which Europe finds itself today.

England is in the best condition, because they have a superior system of rationing. There the poorest people are eating just about as well as the people who have more means, because of their system of rationing. No matter how much money you have, you can only have three courses and you can only spend five shillings, no matter where you are

eating. Five shillings is the limit, and that is being enforced. That situation was not true anywhere else.

I was entirely unprepared for the absolute devastation. I had tried to picture it, but not until I got into Warsaw did I see all of what devastation really meant. Before the war there were a million and a half people. It was destroyed 95 per cent. The debris is still piled up, even to the second story. After the buildings were bombed, they were burned out and looted. There were still six to eight hundred thousand people living in those regions. I wondered how it was possible. It was so cold even in summer that we needed extra covers over us. We got into Warsaw in the evening. We were informed that our telegrams had not been received, so there was not food for us. You can't just fly a plane; you have to have a permit from the country where you want to fly. We could not go out that night; we couldn't sleep in the plane. "If you would just let us lie down on the floor some place, we can get along tonight." Picture a city quite the size of New York, perhaps much larger—of course, there are not the high buildings, but it is spread out over about as much territory—and go up street after street after street and see nothing but devastation. Finally, there is only one hotel with water, but that is already crowded. We are told that one hotel is being rebuilt—we go into this darkened room. When we found we were paying \$25 a piece for this room we began to appreciate the supply and demand. There was a bath-tub in the room and there was only cold water, but we were fortunate because others could come in and use water there.

If it were just Warsaw, we could build a fence around it and say, "This is a shrine representing war in its worst form." It would be a lesson to the world. But there is no city in Germany under five thousand that has not been bombed. We saw the same thing in France and Italy.

(To be concluded next week.)

I believe in the Brotherhood of Man, and that all men were endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights: that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. — J. Calvin McCoy, in the Union Signal.

WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING

(DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — Work has begun on redecorating the interior of our Church. At present the walls have been newly papered and new lights ordered. The Ladies' Missionary Society is sponsoring this work. Also, they have installed a gas range and water heater in the parsonage. A new furnace was purchased for the Church last fall which kept the building very comfortable during the cold winter months.

We were very glad to have Rev. Alton Wheeler and family with us in May. Also Mr. Edgar Wheeler and family on their way to Florida and Mississippi to help in the vacation school.

One new member, Mrs. Forrest Bond, united with the Church in June. She is a convert to the Sabbath, coming from the Methodist Church at Fouke, Ark.

Officers for the Church for the ensuing year are as follows: moderator, Alfred Wells; clerk, Nannie Greeley; treasurer, Charles Wheeler; trustee, Hubert Bond; pianist, Verna Stephan; chorister, Allie Stephan.

Pastor Wilson is the new Sabbath school teacher for the young married class. This class has a special collection, every Sabbath morning, for missionary work in China.

Mrs. Rosa Bond teaches the women's class, Claude Stephan the men's class. Other teachers are: Forrest Bond, Mrs. Rose Stephan, Mrs. Marvin Stephan, and Mrs. Alena Bond. New officers for the Sabbath school are: superintendent, Hatfield Stephan; assistant superintendent, Leslie Bond; junior superintendent, Mrs. Naomi Stephan; secretary, Mrs. Forrest Bond; treasurer, Marvin Stephan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Laurence Niemann; pianist, Mrs. Hubert Bond; assistant, Zella Babcock; chorister, Forrest Bond; cradle roll superintendent, Mrs. Lee Stephan. Our cradle roll enrollment is 14, the largest in many years.

Mrs. Merlin Wheeler organized a junior choir in the spring. They are doing splendid work.

Plans are being made for a "Home Coming," next summer, to celebrate the 85th anniversary of the Church. You will read more about this later. — Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Four young ladies were baptized at the close of the regular service Sabbath morning, July 19. They are: Mrs. Merlyn Van Horn, Beverly Goodrich, Mrs. George Cox, and Lucille Ann Swanson. These will be given the right hand of fellowship next Sabbath morning.

The voluntary and offertory were played by Jeneanne Brennick.

The Dr. Grace Missionary Society met Wednesday afternoon in the Church basement.

Pastor and Mrs. A. Clyde Ehret and son, Jimmy, plan to leave Monday, July 28, for Conference which will be held in Westerly, R. I. En route they will visit relatives in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and New York.

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BROOKFIELD, N. Y. — On May 3, the young people of our Church organized a Christian Endeavor society, which now meets weekly on Wednesday nights. These young people have sponsored a Church supper and an ice cream social to raise money for sending some of our young people to camp.

On Sabbath eve, July 25, five girls were baptized and on the Sabbath morning following they received the right hand of fellowship and became members of our church. Since all of these new members have gone to the camp on Lake Ontario, we decided to postpone the communion until August 9, so that these young people would be able to partake in communion with us.

Our Church united with the first day Baptist and Methodist Churches in this community in holding a Daily Vacation Bible School, which lasted two weeks. It began August 4 and ended August 15.

A social was held at our parish house on the evening after the Sabbath, August 2, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Crofoot's forty-ninth wedding anniversary. As Pastor Crofoot and his wife are planning to leave soon for Daytona Beach, Fla., where he will take up duties as pastor of the Church there, this social was a very special occasion. The members of the parish presented Pastor and

Mrs. Crofoot with a purse of money. This date also marked the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Rogers, who were also presented with a gift from the members of our Church. — Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Our Daily Vacation Bible School opened June 16 for two weeks, with a record enrollment of eighty-four. Because the attendance was so much larger than expected, additional teachers were needed in each department. Assistant Pastor Leland Davis was director and was assisted by a staff of ten teachers.

Intermediate camp was held at Camp Holston, July 20-27. Pastor Wheeler was director, assisted by Leland Davis, with fourteen intermediates attending. Junior camp, July 27-August 1, was under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Davis. Twenty-eight juniors attended.

On Sabbath, August 9, the following candidates received baptism: George and Mary Alice Barber of Adrian, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Patley of Tekonsha, Arley Berwald, Sally and Nancy Johansen, and Clair Merchant of Battle Creek. — Correspondent.

Our assistant pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Davis, terminate nine weeks of summer work in this parish to serve the Lord in the Indianapolis Fellowship until school opens in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis came to Battle Creek in June of this year through the call of this church and through the guidance of the Lord. They have shared their time and talents with us generously and fruitfully. They have assisted with the work of the Sabbath school, Vacation Bible School, camps, and the Junior C. E., and Mr. Davis has preached two Sabbaths, conducted the Bible study and prayer services, making it possible for the pastor to meet with the C. E. group. He has also made many pastoral and evangelistic calls outside our parish of members and friends.

We are most grateful to them. We trust that their lives have been enriched by this experience. — Church Bulletin.

“He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.” — Luke 10: 16.

Contacts for the Church

By Rev. Earl Cruzan
Dodge Center, Minn.

A few weeks ago we had a letter from one of our pastors telling us that some members of his Church were to be in Rochester, Minn., going through the Mayo Clinic. Following this information we contacted these people and enjoyed having them with us over the Sabbath that they were in this locality. Since then, I have heard of another from one of our Churches who was also in Rochester on account of its medical center. I was unable to contact this party, as I did not know about it in time. As Dodge Center is only twenty miles west of Rochester, it may be that every year a number of our people are there without knowing there is a Church so close or without our knowing of their presence in our vicinity. It might be of service to them and to us if they or their pastors would write to the pastor of the Dodge Center Church when they know of Seventh Day Baptists who would be in Rochester for a time. We would welcome them to worship with us as a Church, or to be of service to them as a pastor or a Church while they are here.

ASSOCIATION IN OCTOBER

At a meeting of the southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches on July 19, with representatives from Illinois and Minnesota present, concurring with the action of the Churches in regard to division of the Northwestern Association, it was proposed that the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois be grouped together as an association, with the first meeting to be held in October of this year. The pastors of the Churches present were appointed as a committee to draw up the by-laws for this new association. They met later in the day and have drawn by-laws to be presented at the first meeting. Officers elected are Rev. Loyal Hurley, president; Rev. Earl Cruzan, secretary; and Miss Ethel Butterfield, treasurer. The time and place of the October meeting will be decided later and notice sent out through the Recorder. — Secretary.

The cruelest lies are often told in silence.
—R. L. Stevenson.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Judy:

I haven't had room to answer your good letter until today. At first as you may have noticed my page was full; and the next week was the evangelistic number.

The Westerly people surely are very friendly and fine Christian people to meet. I found that out when I attended Conference there some years ago. How I do wish I could go to Conference there this year but have had to give it up.

I hope you had a pleasant day for your picnic. I went to three picnics last week but it rained at two of them, so we had to have them in the house. I think picnics belong out of doors, don't you?

Your experience with Scamp's gum chewing makes me think what my father related about a dog he had when he was a boy in Vermont. His name was Scamp, also. One day he tried to chew some maple wax and had a terrible time when his jaws stuck together.

Do write often for I enjoy your letters and I'm sure the children do.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you feeling? We are all feeling well ourselves. We've been having lovely weather and we hope you are having good weather, too.

My mother cat got three little kittens about a month ago. I gave two of them away and I'm keeping the other one.

In two weeks we are going to have a children's program in our Church. I haven't decided what I'm going to do, but I'll sing or something.

I've been going swimming a lot this year since school closed. It's at a lovely park and it has a swell diving board. There are six big swings and four baby swings. I've become very brown from it.

The circus was in town but I didn't see it. I would like to have seen it because I like animals.

It seems good to be out of school so I can play as long as I want, but I'm still anxious to go back and be in sixth grade.

This will be all for now, hoping this letter finds you in the best of health.

Your Recorder friend,
Esther Fatato.

Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

You have your wish for I'm enjoying good health. It is a bright, sunny day and much cooler after a period of hot weather followed by thunder storms.

Wellsville has a wonderful, new swimming pool just back of the high school building, with pools of various depths for different ages, and a spray for children too young to go in swimming. There are also swimming instructors provided. Joyce and Gretchen are planning some fine times there. They are like you, they like vacations but are always glad to get back to school. Gretchen will be in second grade and Joyce in fifth.

I think it is fine that you have so many children's programs in your Church for the children of today must be the Christian workers of tomorrow.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is my first time of writing to you. I enjoy reading the children's page in the Recorder. I am twelve years old now. August 11 was my birthday. I had a little party and invited my little neighbors. My little sister is seven years old and my little cousin is one year old. What good times we have.

Your new friend,
Merline Mitchell.

Dear Merline:

I am happy to have a new Recorder friend and I hope you will write often. I'll answer your letter more fully next week since my page is full.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

“Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: [but] he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.” — 1 John 2: 23.

Marriages

White - Bannon. — Ernest B. White, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. White, 15 Herbert Ave., White Plains, N. Y., and Marjorie J. Bannon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bannon, 2 Old Mamaroneck Road, White Plains, were married at the home of the bride, June 7, 1947, by Rev. C. Ronald Garmey. The new home is College Apartments-10C, Oswego, N. Y.

Vierow - Sholtz. — At the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Verona, N. Y., Alden Vierow, son of William and Zilla Vierow of Durhamville, N. Y., and Jean Sholtz, daughter of Claude and Eula Sholtz of Oneida Castle, N. Y., were married on July 27, 1947, at 2 o'clock, by the pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Polan. The new home is at Durhamville, N. Y.

Marsden - Slagg. — Lawrence Marsden and Evelyn Slagg, both of Albion, Wis., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage, at 9.30 p.m., on August 13, 1947. Rev. Kenneth Van Horn officiated.

Hastings - Davis. — Dale Hastings and Donna Davis, both of Wheatridge, Colo., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Denver, March 28, 1947. Pastor Francis Saunders officiated.

Coleman - Frazier. — Edward Coleman and Shirley Frazier, both of Boulder, Colo., were married at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage on the morning of April 6, 1947, Pastor Francis Saunders officiating.

Obituaries

Davis. — Erlow T. Davis was born in North Loup, Neb., August 22, 1874, and died at the home of his son in Palo Alto, Calif., in February, 1947.

He spent most of his life as a photographer, first in Hammond, La., and then in Boulder, Colo. For many years he was an active member of the Boulder Church, serving in the capacity of chorister for an extended time. His wife, Grace, preceded him in death in October, 1941. Funeral services were held in Boulder, Colo., Rev. Francis Saunders, his nephew, officiating. F. S.

Greene. — Cora Whyland, daughter of Mary Rhodes and Calvin Whyland, was born in Rochester, N. Y., August 7, 1860, and passed away at her home in Berlin, N. Y., June 12, 1947.

She was married May 10, 1888, to Arthur E. Greene. She is survived only by four nieces and one nephew as follows: Mrs. Evelyn Whyland Schiff, Berlin, N. Y.; Mrs. Mary Sibley, Tres Rancho, Pueblo, Calif.; Mrs. Edward Broderick, Le Roy, N. Y.; Velma Sharp, Ithaca, N. Y.; and Dr. Lester Sharp, Ithaca, N. Y.

She has been a faithful attendant and worker in the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church for more than fifty years. The funeral service was held from her home on Sabbath afternoon, June 14. Interment was made in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery in Berlin. Pastor Paul L. Maxson officiated. P. L. M.

Betson. — George W. Betson, son of Thomas and Emily Betson, was born at Verona Mills, N. Y., March 8, 1856, and died at his home, 412 Auditorium Blvd., Daytona Beach, Fla., July 12, 1947.

In early life he was a farmer and later moved to Rome where he engaged in the real estate business. After about thirty years he moved to Florida where he continued in the real estate business until he retired.

On December 14, 1914, at his old home he married Emily M. Conger who died in Florida, February 14, 1944.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Verona until after he moved to Daytona Beach when he joined there. He has always been active and much interested in Church work.

He was the last of his immediate family and leaves two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Ira Newey, Daytona Beach, Fla.; and Mrs. Myrtie Williams, Verona, N. Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Waldo Wiggins Prince Funeral Home at Rome, N. Y., July 16 at 2 p.m., conducted by Pastor Herbert L. Polan. Burial was in the Rathbunville Union Cemetery. H. L. P.

“ . . . The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.” — John 5: 22, 23.

ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York, for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Shiloh, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1947, at two-thirty o'clock.

Franklin A. Langworthy,
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