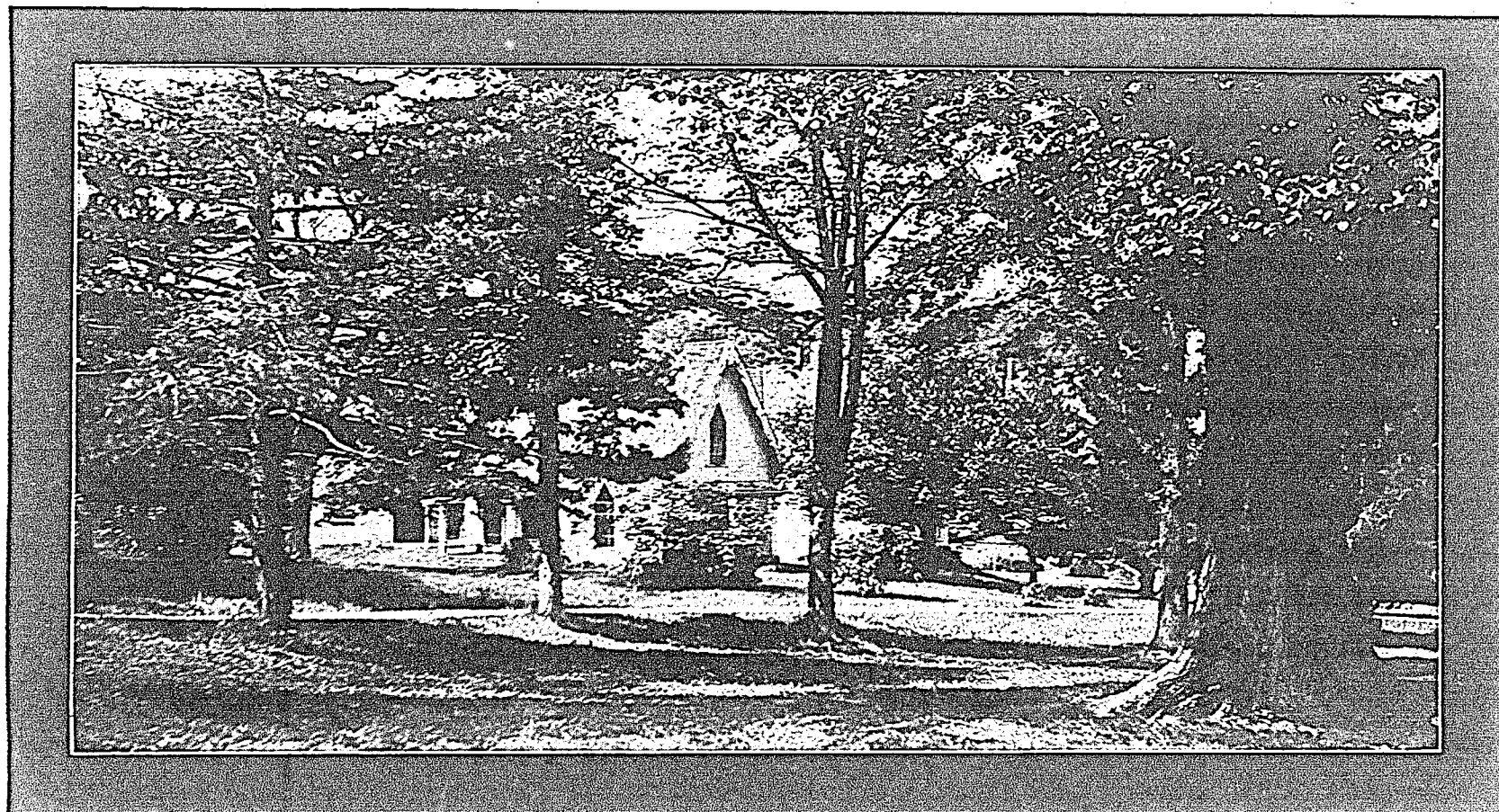


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THE GOTHIC IS HOST

By Rev. Wayne R. Rood

Life at the School of Theology centers in every way in the Gothic, with its pointed windows, throbbing radiators, and wandering halls. It is a building of stately antique air, warmed in all its rooms by the vital business of studying, living, worshipping, and learning. From the litter of snowberries on the front walk to the back room which succeeding generations of theologs have never yet converted into a two-car garage, it is a home peopled by warm memories of many student years. Now, as always, the Gothic clock runs twenty-four hours a day. It is an exciting life, in which every part of the Gothic plays host. The chapel, complete in its churchly appointments, is the host to Seminary chapel services, sermons by students of homiletics, the Seventh Day Baptist young people's group, the Alfred Episcopal Church, and frequent weddings.

Hub of student life is the library, containing three thousand volumes, both new and old, recently reclassified for more efficient study. The large front classroom serves many public groups and has always been known as "The Dean's," because it also houses his private office. The inner classroom, smaller and more intimate in atmosphere, is the scene of many thoughtful discussions. A rear hall houses the mimeograph equipment of the Board of Christian Education. Upstairs a large, well-equipped kitchen connects two student apartments. There are two more single rooms, a bath, washing machine, and a refrigerator. The Gothic is an institution in itself, and within heads are bowed in study and hearts bowed in worship in the common labor of learning to serve the kingdom.



The One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield at Leonardsville, N. Y., was observed in this Church October 11, 1947. (See pages 408-410.)

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WHAT WHERE TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

THE UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCHES

The Universal Week of Prayer for the Churches is to be observed this year January 4-11, 1948.

A thirty-page booklet has been prepared by the Department of Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches, and copies of this have been sent to all our Churches. There is no better way for the Churches to begin the new year than by observing the Week of Prayer. It is hoped that all our Churches will join the Churches throughout the world in this service, as they have done in years past.

W. L. B.

UNDERESTIMATED

Missionary Churches and other small Churches are often discouraged because they do not see great things taking place as the result of their work. For the same reason, also, outsiders are looking with indifference or contempt upon these Churches.

But it is difficult, even impossible, to estimate what these little Churches mean to multitudes of people, particularly young people. They are the central thing in their lives. In the fellowship of these Churches young people are finding the companionships and friendships of life. Here they are receiving high ideals and getting inspirations for the things that are worth while. Above all, they are being brought into touch with the divine forces of the universe.

Furthermore, the men and the women who are the backbone of society and our noble institutions of today are the product of the Church of their day, and the boys and girls and young people in the Churches will be the mainstay of our institutions in the next generation.

The small, struggling Churches should think of these things and with new courage should maintain the work. The larger Churches should think of these things and, in addition to pushing the local work with vigor, they should double their contributions to help smaller Churches carry on their work. The Christian Church is the hope of the individual and the hope of the nation.

W. L. B.

EDITORIALS

Churches Old and Churches Young

This issue of the Sabbath Recorder is featuring two Churches—one older and the other younger.

The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield, located at Leonardsville, N. Y., observed its one hundred fiftieth anniversary on Sabbath, October 11, 1947. This is the older of the two Churches being featured.

The younger of the two Churches is the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., which was organized November 1, 1947. Both are pioneers of the Seventh Day Baptist faith, although one hundred fifty years separate their dates of organization. Pioneers of the faith, but under remarkably different conditions and circumstances!

First Brookfield—A Pioneer

As Seventh Day Baptists moved westward the spirit and mission of the Church were part and parcel of the emigration. This is evident from the fact that when the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield was organized October 3, 1797, it became the first Church in the Town of Brookfield, N. Y., and the third in Madison County, N. Y. It, also, is the oldest Church in the Seventh Day Baptist Central Association.

The noble and glorious accomplishments of this Church thrill us. We join with the historians of the recent anniversary occasion in the hope that "the First Brookfield Church still has a long life of Christian service ahead."

First Indianapolis—A Pioneer

As we turn in thought to the younger Church—our youngest, to be accurate—we are deeply impressed by the pioneering spirit

of its founders. Truly, the Holy Spirit is moving the minds and hearts of men and women to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and the seventh day Sabbath as the Sabbath of the Lord our God. The Indianapolis success gives evidence of true pioneering. Backed by faith and prayer, supported by funds and perseverance—God has chosen to bless these earnest efforts with the organization of a Church, the first of its kind in Indiana.

The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., officially adopted, "Watch Us Grow," as its slogan.

We join with our Indianapolis friends in fervent prayer to God that their slogan may become a reality.

WORLD-WIDE BIBLE READING

THEME: "ONE WORLD — ONE BOOK"

Bible Sabbath, Dec. 13	
Acts 17: 16-31	"One Family"
Sun., Psalm 119: 1-19, v. 89, 105	"One Book"
Mon., Psalm 67	"One People"
Tues., John 4: 5-30	"One Truth"
Wed., Psalm 19	"One World"
Thurs., Deut. 5: 6-27	"One Law"
Fri., 2 Tim. 3: 12-4: 8	"One Crown"
Sabbath, Dec. 20	
Rev. 21: 1-7	"One Heaven"
Sun., Isa. 53; Matt. 11: 28-30	"One Burden-Bearer"
Mon., Luke 1: 26-38	"One Son"
Tues., Luke 1: 39-56	"One Song"
Wed., Luke 1: 57-80	"One Prophecy"
Christmas, Dec. 25	
Isa. 40: 1-5; Luke 2: 1-20, 40	"One Saviour"

—American Bible Society (adapted).

ONE HUNDRED FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield

LEONARDSVILLE, N. Y.

(Based wholly on and quoted freely from an account written by Miss Bernice D. Rogers, Unadilla Forks, N. Y., for the Utica Observer-Dispatch.)

The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield is the oldest in the Central Association. When organized October 3, 1797, it became the first Church in the Town of Brookfield, N. Y., and the third in Madison County.

The present Church building, shown in the picture on the front cover, was completed in 1850. It stands on the site of the first meeting house.

On Sabbath, October 11, 1947, the Churches of the Central Association were guests of the First Brookfield Church. In the afternoon the one hundred fiftieth anniversary program was presented. Moderator Lyman Coon of the Central Association, presided.

Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms of Adams Center, N. Y., former pastor of the Church, gave an address, as also did Rev. Merle O. Brown, pastor of the Leonardsville Methodist Church and acting pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Others who had a part on the program were: Rev. Zack H. White, De Ruyter, N. Y.; Rev. Herbert L. Polan, Verano, N. Y.; Rev. J. N. Thornton, Brookfield, N. Y.; and Deacon A. M. Coon, the Misses Glenice Welch and Bernice Rogers, Leslie Welch, and Donald Greene, all of Leonardsville.

Messages from several former pastors, or families of former pastors, and from other friends were read.

A duet, "I Ask No More," was sung by Mrs. Chris Schrag and Mrs. Richard Talbut. The hymn, "God of the Sabbath," written by Dr. William C. Daland, pastor of the Church from 1886 to 1891 and from 1900 to 1902, was sung in his memory.

Two original compositions were written for the occasion. Dr. Edwin Whitford, Westerly, R. I., wrote "Our Heritage" which was sung to the tune, "How Firm a Foundation." A poem, "The White Church on the Hill," written by Miss Bernice Rogers was arranged as a hymn with music composed by Mr. Brown.

OUR HERITAGE

By Dr. Edwin Whitford
Westerly, R. I., 1947

(Dedicated to the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Brookfield, at Leonardsville, N. Y., on her one hundred fiftieth anniversary.)

Tune of "How Firm a Foundation"

To Thee, Blessed Father,
Our voices we raise
In hymns of thanksgiving
Of worship and praise;
In years that have passed
Our forefathers were blest
Until, their labor ended,
They entered their rest.
Until, their labor ended,
They entered their rest.

For them and their sons
We all give thanks, and pray.
That we may work earnestly
From this Sabbath day
To bring to fulfillment
Their work so well begun,
By giving our best
To Thy Thrice Blessed Son.
By giving our best
To Thy Thrice Blessed Son.

Let hope be our motto,
Yea, faith and hope combined,
To urge true devotion
Of heart, soul, and mind.
The faith of our fathers
Oh, may it never fail
To give us the strength
Over sin to prevail.
To give us the strength
Over sin to prevail.

Our pastors and elders
Have toiled throughout the years
With eyes of far vision
Undimmed by their tears;
Then let us still follow
The path their feet have trod,
By rendering true service
To Almighty God.
By rendering true service
To Almighty God.

The historical sketch prepared by Miss Eda R. Coon for the 1937 observance was read in her memory. Also were read selections from addresses given at the centennial celebration in 1897. Miss Helen Brown presented "Historical Highlights Since 1897" which was written by herself and Miss Myra Brown, her sister.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS - 1897-1947

By Myra S. and Helen E. Brown

We are writing the history of the First Brookfield Church from 1897, using as our sources the clerk's records and articles published at the time of the one hundredth and one hundred fortieth anniversaries. We are following the highlights of the different pastorates. Between some of the pastorates there have been lapses of a few months, filled probably by substitutes from our own denomination or by substitutes from other local Churches.

In 1891, there came from Milton, Wis., a young pastor to our Church, Rev. J. Allison Platts, who quickly endeared himself not only to our Church but to the surrounding community through his love for the Church, for music, and for nature. He was a genial conversationalist in the home and a sound adviser to members of his parish. During his pastorate occurred the one hundredth anniversary of the First Brookfield Church. We quote from an article written by John S. Wheeler, published in the Brookfield Courier of October, 1897: "Upon Mr. Platts' broad shoulders fell the burden of details, great and small, and, as in everything of this nature he was not found wanting in executive ability." Mr. Platts was followed in 1897 by "Elder" H. B. Lewis.

"Elder" Lewis was a man well up in years when he came to our midst. During his short stay of a year, he preached the gospel as he believed it with conviction and force. Originally a member of the First Brookfield Church, he died at the end of his short pastorate of the same Church.

In 1900, Dr. William C. Daland came to be our pastor. He was a scholar and a musician of some note. He endeared himself to old and young. His work along musical lines with young people was fitting them for Christian living and service to God. Perhaps others were watching his work here, for at the end of two years he was called to the presidency of Milton College. We quote from a letter dated London, September, 1896, to Deacon William Babcock, written for their golden wedding anniversary: "How we should have been pleased to mingle with you all in the dear old Church on the hill. I suppose the place and the people are much

changed, but there are many dear to us in Leonardsville yet. I cannot tell why, but . . . since leaving Rhode Island's rocky coast for this great city, my thoughts return often to the village where we spent so many happy months in these five years of our first ministry. The Courier we prize more than ever, and with all that London has for us in the way of work and benefits, the news from your village is of great interest."

Associated with Dr. Daland in the music was our efficient chorister, Abert Whitford, whose son, Dr. Edwin Whitford of Westerly, wrote the words we are singing today.

To the young people who were fortunate enough to be in her Sabbath school class, Mrs. Abert Whitford was a teacher of ideals who lived the ideals she taught.

In 1903, Rev. Ira L. Cottrell came to our Church bringing his son, Arthur. We had the pastor in our own home for his meals. From his friendly, kindly ways, he endeared himself to us. We can well understand why he made so many sincere friends in this community, for his attitude in the community was always the same as it was in our home.

After Mr. Cottrell's seven years among us, Rev. Rolla J. Severance accepted the pastorate. Again we found a most helpful Christian servant for a leader, although it was a short period as his health demanded a change of climate.

While considering pastors, let us think of some pastors' assistants who were most efficient helpers, such as Deacon and Mrs. I. A. Crandall, of whom we quote the tribute written by Mrs. Fay Greene, secretary of the Ladies' Benevolence Society: "In the passing of Mr. and Mrs. Crandall, in relation to our Church, I think of a building where some of the main timbers have been removed—weakening the structure. They have left a beautiful record of loving, faithful service. We shall always revere their memories."

Let us think of Mr. and Mrs. Fay Greene. He was a trustee and executive adviser in the Church, while Mrs. Greene served as secretary of the Ladies' Benevolence Society for many years.

While Deacon and Mrs. George Rogers are of staunch support in affairs of the Church, we depend upon Mr. Rogers for matters of Church history.

Our other present deacons, Mr. Almeron Coon and Mr. Bert Welch, are always found ready to serve at the Communion table.

Rev. John T. Davis came to us in 1914, during the trying years of the First World War. His sermons dealt with the national problems. Mr. Davis' chief concern was to bring peace out of the chaotic world of those days. Mr. Davis' daughter, Ethelyn, was an able Sabbath school worker and chorister.

Rev. Frank E. Peterson followed in 1919. He brought us sermons in which he applied the gospel to practical world problems, drawing on his wealth of scholarship and reading. Mrs. Peterson was an able helper in the contact she built up and maintained in our homes.

In 1929, Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Burdick came to our community. They were a couple of marked contrast, each one complementing the other—Mr. Burdick, in his quiet, thoughtful manner, leading others to think with him, to enjoy reading, music, and nature with him; Mrs. Burdick in her gracious, vivacious way, winning friends for the Church.

After a short lapse of time, Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms and three young daughters took up the leadership of Church and community. We quote Mrs. Bottoms: "Mr. Bottoms does his greatest work when he is shoeing horses, for it is there he helps care for the sick, tells the farmer of God and his goodness." Mrs. Bottoms, Martha, Sarah, and Cora were always generous in using the talents of music with which they were endowed, for the Church and community.

We finish with a tribute to the pastor of our sister Church, the Methodist Church of this village. Rev. Mr. Brown has given us much to think about these past months in his interpretation of the Ten Commandments. In fact, he has brought these commandments from the written page, where many of us have been satisfied to let them rest, to become active, guiding principles of life. We also owe much to Mr. Brown's originality and inspiration in preparing the program of the afternoon.

We hope the First Brookfield Church still has a long life of Christian service ahead.

CHURCH NEWS

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The Ladies' Missionary Circle met for all day Wednesday in the Church parlors. Some comforters were tied and quilting was done.

The Dr. Grace Missionary Society met for all day on Tuesday. Work for the bazaar, which is to be held Wednesday afternoon, December 3, was done.

The committee to arrange for the Christmas program was named Sabbath day by Superintendent George Clement. The committee is made up of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox, Mrs. A. C. Ehret, and George Clement. The program will be presented at the time of the regular Church social, December 14. Merle Davis is in charge of the kitchen.

Richard Babcock conducted the choir in the absence of the chorister, Dell Barber.

The Brotherhood of the Seventh Day Baptist Church entertained on last Sunday evening the Brotherhood of the Methodist Church. The group of thirty-four men present was entertained by short talks by a number of the men present, by songs by the group, by a few games under the direction of Ellery King, and by a sumptuous oyster supper. Menzo Fuller and Russell Barber were in charge of the kitchen and proved that they know how to put on a "feed." The next meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Brotherhood will be held Sunday evening, December 14. — Scotia Register and Ord Quiz, Myra T. Barber, Correspondent.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

(Received too late for the issue of December 8)

When you are away from Alfred, and your thoughts return to life on the campus, the Gothic Chapel comes to mind. This lovely little chapel is at the center of Alfred's campus and is the building which houses the School of Theology.

A graduate school, the School of Theology requires a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited Liberal Arts College for entrance. However, it is possible to secure some undergraduate courses in this school. Both the graduate and undergraduate students who attend classes in the School of Theology are under the guidance of Dean Ahva Bond, a man who inspires his students by his own example to attain truly religious goals. — Kanakadea, Alfred University Student Annual.

"Watch Us Grow!"

This significant, forward-looking slogan has been adopted officially by the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind.

The following named officers were elected at Organization Services, November 1, 1947: President, Mr. Lawton Steele, 965 East Minnesota St.; clerk, Mrs. George Stewart, 1918

East 68th St.; treasurer, Mrs. Lawton Steele, 965 E. Minnesota St. Board of Trustees: Leo L. Wright, 1253 Leonard St.; Joseph Baxter, 5037 West Regent St.; Joseph Bova, 925 Broadway.

Committees retained as of the Fellowship: Committee on Tract Distribution, Mr. George



Photo of Indianapolis Church and Fellowship

Front row, left to right: Ina May Johnson (3); John Johnson (3); John Crim (3) Mrs. Leota Crim (1); Max Crim (3); Mrs. Minnie Spaulding (5); Luke Buck (3); Thomas Buck (3).

Second row, left to right: Mrs. Joseph Bova (1); Miss Bertha Seeger (2); Mrs. Leo L. Wright (1); Mr. Leo L. Wright (1); Mr. Joseph Bova (1); James Bova (3); Mr. Ray Purdue (5).

Third row, left to right: Mrs. Lawton Steele (1); Mr. Lawton Steele (1); Mrs. Leland Davis (4); Pastor Leland Davis (4); Mrs. John Johnson (1); Mr. Joseph Baxter (1); Rev. Leslie O. Greene (4).

Fourth row, left to right: Mrs. Ruth Ginsberg (1); Mrs. Jesse Davis (1); Mrs. May Henke (1); Mrs. Ernest Heilmann (1); Mrs. Joseph Baxter (1); Paul Buck (3); Mrs. Alice Buck (2); Miss Sally Buck (2); Mrs. Leslie O. Greene (4).

Fifth row, left to right: Mr. George Stewart, Sr. (1); Mrs. George Stewart (1); Mr. Ernest Heilmann (1); Rev. Lester G. Osborn (4); Mrs. Lester G. Osborn (4).

Members of the Church, not present: Mr. Jesse Davis; Mr. Joseph Webber; Mr. Earl Tongret; Mrs. Earl Tongret; Mrs. Jeanice Marsh; Mrs. LaVerne Duggins; Mr. William W. Wright; Mrs. William W. Wright; Mrs. Doris June King.

Fellowship members, not present: Mr. John Johnson, Sr.; Mrs. W. W. Barlow; Mr. Richard Lee Hammer; Mrs. Richard Lee Hammer.

TOTAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP — 26.

Key Information

(1) Members of the Church; (2) Members of the Fellowship; (3) Children; (4) Ministers and wives; (5) Guests. Photos and information furnished by Mr. Leo L. Wright, 1253 Leonard St., Indianapolis, Ind. Any person who wishes an 8 x 10 inch photo of either or both groups may procure the same, at \$1 each from Mr. Wright.

Stewart, 1918 E. 68th St.; Advertising Manager, Mr. Leo L. Wright.

Statistics which have been furnished are of outstanding interest and are as follows:

Attendance at the Organization Meetings:	
Sabbath Eve, October 31	62
Sabbath Morning, November 1	52
Sabbath Afternoon	69
Sabbath Night	62

Delegates Present	26
Farina	6
Chicago	3
Battle Creek	8
Jackson Center	3
Shiloh	4
Secretary Skaggs	1
Secretary Clarke	1



Photo of Entire Group

Front row, left to right: John Johnson (3); Ina May Johnson (3); James Bova (3); John Crim (3); Mrs. George Stewart (1); Mr. Joseph Bova (1); Mr. George Stewart, Sr. (1); Mrs. Minnie Spaulding (5).

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Third row, left to right: Mrs. Lawton Steele (1); Mr. Lawton Steele (1); Mrs. Leland Davis (4); Pastor Leland Davis (4); Mrs. Jesse Davis (1); Mrs. Ruth Ginsberg (1); Mrs. May Henke (1); Mr. Ernest Heilmann (1); Mr. H. E. Todd (5); Mrs. John Johnson (1); Mr. Joseph Baxter (1).

Fourth row, left to right: Mrs. Lester G. Osborn (4); Rev. Lester G. Osborn (4); Rev. Victor Skaggs (4); Teddy Hill (5); Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley (4); Rev. Loyal F. Hurley (4); Mrs. D. M. Wiley (5); Mr. D. M. Wiley (5); Mrs. Claude L.

Hill (4); Mrs. Bernard Seager (5); Rev. Claude L. Hill (4); Mrs. Arthur L. Burdick (5); Mr. Arthur L. Burdick (5).

Fifth row, left to right: Mrs. Claire Merchant (5); Mr. Claire Merchant (5); Rev. David Clarke (4); Miss Joy Lee Miars (5); Miss Dorothy Rowe (5); Mr. George Parrish (5); Mrs. George Parrish (5); Mrs. Theodore Fetherston (5); Mrs. Alton Wheeler (4); Rev. Alton Wheeler (4); Mr. O. R. Osman (5); Mrs. O. R. Osman (5); Mrs. E. Jones (5).

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Visitors Present (visiting Churches)	3
Charter Members (3 baptized Sabbath Eve)	24
Fellowship Members	10

On Sabbath day, November 8, two important decisions were reached by the First Seventh Day Baptist Church at Indianapolis.

In order that newspaper publicity might be continued it was voted to run a small advertisement, alternating each weekend in four of the local papers.

At the same meeting Mr. Leland E. Davis was called to serve as pastor until September 1, 1948. Pastor and Mrs. Davis reside at 204 North Beville, Indianapolis, Ind.

At a meeting of the Indianapolis Church, Sabbath night, November 22, 1947, further elections took place, namely:

Deacons: Mr. George Stewart, 1918 E. 68th St.; Mr. Ernest Heilmann, 2004 Fernway.

Deaconesses: Mrs. Albert Ginsberg, 1934 Keystone; Mrs. May Henke, 30 North Jefferson; Mrs. Ernest Heilmann, 2004 Fernway; Mrs. Jesse Davis, 511 Leon St.

Director of Music: Mrs. LaVerne Duggins, 1858 Applegate.

Let us pray for and support this great work in Indianapolis.

(Editor's Note: The information for this article was furnished by Pastor Leland E. Davis, Mr. Leo L. Wright, and Mrs. George Stewart.)

Shiloh Studies Philipians

A new series of studies has started at the Shiloh Church's evening service. Paul's letter to the Philippian Church—"The Epistle of the Victorious Life"—will be taken up in ten lessons. Nearly seventy people were present for the first session. The studies, conducted by the pastor, follow a devotional period planned and led by various members or groups. Mrs. Martie Hitchner is the chairman of the devotional committee.

Outlines for these studies may be secured, as they are published for a small fee of 25 cents to cover mimeographing and postage. Send your quarter to Home Bible Study Courses, P. O. Box 15, Shiloh, N. J.

L. G. O.

CHURCH NEWS

Youth Choir Organized

DENVER, COLO. — The Denver Seventh Day Baptist Youth Choir began practice September 13, 1947, and has been working regularly under the direction of Mrs. Lila Saunders. The choir made its first appearance on Sabbath afternoon, October 11, having complete charge of the meeting. This was the regular young people's meeting of yearly meeting. On November 8, they had charge of the worship service, for the regular Sabbath worship. When Boulder and Denver met in their regular quarterly meeting, the youth choir had charge of the afternoon services, which were in Boulder. This group is made up of nineteen young people from the ages of six to thirteen.

Christian Endeavor

The young people of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church organized into a Christian Endeavor group on September 13. They meet each Monday night at 6:45, and have worship together, then separate into two groups. They range in age from six to thirteen. They have repaired hymn books and gathered other religious material together to be presented to Principal Chang for the China Mission field, and other projects are under way. They are a growing, interested group, and much hope is seen for their activities in the Church in the future. — I. S. S., Correspondent.

CHURCH NEWS

WATERFORD, CONN. — The Waterford Seventh Day Baptist Church is happy to announce that our new pastor, Ronald Hargis, will take up his duties as pastor June 6, 1948.

In the evening following last Sabbath, we observed Church night. A musical program was planned by Miss Eleanor Brooks. Old favorite hymns were sung, Misses Ruth and Ellen Swinney played a piano duet, a mixed quartet sang a hymn, Deacon Albert Brooks sang a solo, and Deacon and Mrs. Brooks and Eleanor sang a trio.

A business meeting followed and it was voted to send one box of food a week to Rev. James McGeachy in England. Also plans for redecorating the Church were discussed. Light refreshments under the direction of Mrs. Damaris Getchell were served following the meeting. A very enjoyable evening was had by all. — Correspondent.

MID-CONTINENT SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

By Mrs. Mildred Saunders Jeffrey
Secretary pro tem of the meeting.

With the beauty of the autumn permeating the country, the Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado Churches met in Denver, October 10-12. Preparations had been going on for some time in the Denver Church. Friday, October 10, found all in readiness to receive our guests who were entertained in the various homes.

The theme, "Christ's Mission and Ours," was fittingly carried out in sermon, song, and worship service.

The committee to consider the organization of the new association met several times before reporting.

On Sunday morning, after the worship service, a business session was held, presided over by Rev. Francis Saunders, pastor of the Denver Church.

The yearly meeting of the four Churches was dissolved, and the secretary of the organization committee, Mrs. Barbara Rogers Toy, presented the constitution drawn up by the committee to consider plans for the organization of the new association. The constitution was adopted.

Mr. Roy Cox of North Loup was elected president of the newly formed association.

Each of the Churches elected a member to serve on an executive committee. From this committee the following officers were elected: vice-president, Willard Wells of Boulder; secretary-treasurer, Nannie Greeley of Nortonville.

A discussion followed regarding how the newly formed association might serve the China Mission in honoring Dr. Grace Crandall, Rev. Eugene Davis, and Dr. George Thorngate, all of whom have gone from these Churches.

It was voted that the secretary correspond with the Missionary Board and find out what is most needed in medical equipment, and report to the Churches.

The secretary was instructed to notify the Commission of the action regarding the organization of this association and that the General Conference list this new organization as the Mid-Continent Seventh Day Baptist Association.

The meeting was adjourned to meet at the time of the General Conference at North Loup, August, 1948.

By Rev. Francis D. Saunders
Pastor of the Entertaining Church.

The opening services were held Sabbath eve. Pastor Francis Saunders of Denver gave the address of welcome in the absence of Mr. Elno Davis, moderator of the Church, who was called away because of illness in the family. Mr. Marvin Stephan of Nortonville responded. The worship service was led by Mrs. Geraldine Van Dyke of Denver. Special music featured a solo, "Bless This House," by Mrs. Van Dyke, and a violin solo, "Ave Maria," by Mr. Luther Hansen. Rev. Verney Wilson of Nortonville brought the message on the topic, "Why Christ Lived." The covenant meeting was led by Pastor Saunders.

The Sabbath morning service was led by the entertaining Church, the music under the direction of the chorister, Mrs. Mildred Jeffrey. Special music was contributed by the Denver choir and a mixed quartet. The sermon on the topic, "Why Christ Died," was delivered by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton of Boulder, who brought out very forcibly that our only means of salvation is in the cross of the Christ.

The afternoon meeting on Sabbath day marked the first public appearance of the newly formed youth choir of the Denver Church, under the leadership of Mrs. Francis Saunders, and accompanied by Mrs. Geraldine Van Dyke. In this group are nineteen young people, from six to thirteen years of age. They sang three numbers, "Since God Loves Me," "Up Calvary's Hill," and "Fairest Lord Jesus." One of the group, Ted Hansen, played a piano solo. Others led in the Scriptures and prayers, and Pastor Saunders made a few remarks on the importance of encouraging young people and small children in the Church program of evangelism.

A social hour the night after the Sabbath was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Toy. Several reels of moving pictures on educational subjects and cartoons were shown, after which delicious refreshments were served.

Although the weather did not permit breakfast in the mountains Sunday morning, many of the delegates gathered in the Church parlor and enjoyed fellowship and breakfast

together. The breakfast was planned and carried out under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shepard.

The Sunday morning and afternoon meetings were left open for business pertaining to the formation of the new association. The morning worship service was led by the Boulder Church. A quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl White and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wells sang. Mr. White also sang a solo. The North Loup Church presented the afternoon worship service. Mr. Dell Barber of North Loup, and Mrs. Mattie Burdick, formerly of North Loup, now of Denver, sang a duet.

A committee composed of three members of each Church, appointed by the individual Churches ahead of time, drew up the charter for the association. The following members were present: from North Loup, Lloyd Van Horn, Roy Cox, and Rev. A. Clyde Ehret; from Nortonville, Miss Nannie Greeley, Marvin Stephan, and Rev. Verney Wilson; from Boulder, Mrs. Alice Davis, Willard Wells, and Rev. Erlo Sutton; and from Denver, Mrs. Barbara Toy, Orsen Davis, and Pastor Saunders.

The Sunday evening service was presented as planned by the Denver Church. The Nortonville group had charge of the devotional period. A solo, "The Holy City," was sung by Mr. Marvin Stephan. Rev. A. Clyde Ehret brought a real missionary challenge to all present with his message on "Go Ye—and Teach."

A real spiritual blessing was enjoyed by all who attended, and times of real fellowship were enjoyed around the table together on Sabbath and Sunday noon, when everyone ate together.

CHURCH NEWS

BOULDER, COLO. — Rev. and Mrs. Erlo E. Sutton are now living in the basement apartment of their home which is under construction at 601 Marine Street, Boulder, Colo., to which all their mail and correspondence should be directed.

The people of the Boulder Church, where he is pastor, recently made a surprise supper at the Church in honor of their forty-second wedding anniversary. A nice purse of money was given them to be used for purchasing something to go into their new home.

Erlo E. Sutton.

ORDINATION SERVICE AT SHILOH

Mrs. Mary C. Ayars, Mrs. Ella K. Shepard, David Davis, and Louis Schaible, who were elected to the diaconate at the September business meeting, were set apart to this high office at a helpful and impressive ordination service at the Shiloh Church on Sabbath afternoon, November 15, with the Marlboro Church assisting.

After a devotional period conducted by the Senior Christian Endeavor societies, the candidates gave their statements of experience—splendid testimonies to the grace of God in their lives. The ordination sermon was preached by Pastor Rex Burdick of Marlboro. Pastor Osborn gave the charge to the candidates, and Mrs. Lavinia Ayars, of Marlboro, the charge to the Church. After the consecrating prayer by the pastor of the Shiloh Church, the new deacons and deaconesses were welcomed by Henry Ewing and Mrs. Elsie Harris. Special music was furnished by the Shiloh Youth Chorus. The service closed with the singing of "Draw Me Nearer," each one making the second stanza a personal prayer:

"Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine."

L. G. O.

CHURCH NEWS

Joint Communion at Shiloh

SHILOH, N. J. — The semiannual joint Communion service of the Marlboro and Shiloh Churches was held at Shiloh on Sabbath morning, November 15, with some two hundred present. Pastor Rex Burdick of Marlboro preached the sermon on "Our Advantage Before God." Both the choir and the youth chorus sang anthems. Pastors Burdick and Osborn officiated at the Lord's table, and were assisted by Deacons Luther Davis, William Lawrence, and Frank Cruzan of Marlboro, and Deacons Auley Davis, Henry Ewing, Charles Swing, Charles Harris, and Everett Dickinson of Shiloh.

At the Sabbath school hour all the adult division met in one group and the three phases of the lesson were presented by Rollo Davis of Marlboro, and Mrs. Theresa Parvin and Pastor Osborn of Shiloh. A special offering was taken for Pastor and Mrs. Leland Davis of the Indianapolis Church.

L. G. O.

SECRETARY SUTTON ATTENDS CONFERENCE

According to Rev. Harley Sutton, executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, "community" became more meaningful and the responsibility of Christian Education in the Church toward "community" became more apparent at the recent International Conference on Community and Religious Education held in Columbus, Ohio, December 2-5, 1947. Secretary Sutton's reflections follow:

Reflections from National Conference on Community and Religious Education

There are people here from many different types of communities, and this adds to the picture of the American community which is being drawn for those present.

I just came from a discussion of the neighborhood type of group set up by the Farm Bureau of Ohio, which brings people together for the purpose of discussing problems. These groups consist of about ten to twelve families. They discuss such matters as the legislation in the state legislature that affects rural people. These problems reach out even to world relationships.

Minutes of these meetings go to the headquarters of the Farm Bureau and have an influence on the program which is worked out for the state. This gives the people at the "grass roots" a chance to express themselves and the leaders a chance to know how people feel about matters of importance.

A speaker this morning said that if we want to teach as the Master Teacher, we must first make our presentation artistic; second, make it a parable lived out in our own lives; and third, exalt Jesus Christ.

Concern that the Church face its responsibility for the community has been stressed in many ways.

Official Notes on the Conference

Seven types of communities were studied by the 300 representatives of Church and non-Church agencies who attended the conference, sponsored by the International Council of Religious Education with the cooperation of the Home Missions Council of North America. Addresses, panel discussions, and worship services were on the program in addition to two days of work group sessions.

Conference groups and their chairmen included the rural-agricultural community with Dr. Mark Rich, secretary of town and country work, American Baptist Home Mission Society, chairman; rural-industrial community with Dr. Victor Obenhaus, member of the Federated Theological Faculty of the University of Chicago and of the Advisory Council of Chicago Theological Seminary; the county seat town with Dr. Raymond R. Peters, general secretary of the Board of Christian Education, Church of the Brethren.

Also the small city with Dr. Maynard Cassidy, of Crozer Theological Seminary; the large city with Dr. Richard Hoiland, associate executive secretary, Board of Education and Publication of the Northern Baptist Convention; the suburban community with Dr. S. C. Kinchloe, also of the University of Chicago and Chicago Theological Seminary; and the metropolitan community, Rev. John W. Harms, executive secretary of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago.

Communities Analyzed

These groups analyzed their respective communities according to the following topics: (1) essential characteristics of the community type; (2) the forces that destroy "community" and adversely affect human personality; (3) the constructive forces in the community; (4) the function of religious education in the community; (5) the cooperative planning and action that religious education forces need to engage in to develop an adequate program and the place of a council of Churches; (6) nature and scope of co-operation between the Churches and other constructive agencies; and (7) possible constructive action of a "mobilized" community.

Other Leaders and Speakers

Other conference leaders and speakers included Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and president of the International Council since 1942, who was the conference chairman and gave the introductory address; Dr. Mark A. Dawber, executive secretary of the Home Missions Council, who spoke on "A Basic Concept of Community"; Dr. Dwight E. Stevenson, professor at College of the Bible, Lexington, Ky., who spoke on "The Function of Religion."

A third address on "The Role of the Church" was given and a panel on "Community Tensions" was held. Dr. F. Gerald

Ensley, pastor of the North Broadway Methodist Church, Columbus, led the daily worship services.

Among Those Represented

Member denominations and state councils of the International Council, selected city councils of Churches, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the United Council of Church Women, the National Protestant Council of Higher Education, the Y.M.C.A., and the Y.W.C.A. were represented at the conference.

National community agencies which sent delegates included National Planning Association, American Library Association, General Federation of Women's Clubs, National Grange, American Red Cross, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, Community Chests and Councils, Inc., and the National Campfire Girls. — H. S., from Release, International Council of Religious Education.

CHURCH NEWS

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — The Ladies' Aid had a harvest supper and sale October 7, which netted a fair sum toward Church repairs. They have also had two quite profitable Chinese auctions since July 1.

The stained glass windows were taken out of the Church in October, and sent to a Rochester firm for repairs and re-leading. They have now been returned, and greatly beautify the Church edifice.

The Loyal class, G. F. Bakker, teacher, and Mrs. Eva Bates' class, each pledged \$100 toward the Church repair fund. These two classes, with their teachers as chairmen, held an auction November 5, which netted them more than they had pledged.

The Church recently gave Pastor E. H. Bottoms a leave of absence, so that he might act as evangelist at the gospel meetings held in Salemville, Pa., October 17 to 26. Rev. Miles Hutchinson, Methodist pastor from Belleville, supplied in his absence.

An annual Thanksgiving supper was held in the Church dining room on the evening of November 18. A goodly number enjoyed the nice turkey supper and program prepared by the ladies of the Church.

This Church has just sent a trunk and six boxes of clothing, food, etc., to Irvington, N. J., for shipment overseas. The Ladies' Aid recently tied four quilts for these boxes.

Sadie K. Whitford,
Correspondent.

DE RUYTER, N. Y., LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

Annual Report

October 1, 1946, to September 30, 1947

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church has held twelve meetings during the Church fiscal year, with a total attendance of seventy-eight and an average attendance of nearly seven. There were also three visitors and several children attending during the year.

There were eight sunshine collections taken during the year, with total receipts of \$7.85, which included a five dollar donation. The Helpers' Fund which goes to the Women's Board, amounted to \$9.30. Besides these regular collections we had several specials: bakeless food sale, which netted \$15; the thank offering at Thanksgiving time, which netted \$8; and the birthday collection, amounting to \$12.58. We also sold Christmas cards and keep a line of everyday cards, wrappings, etc., on hand for anyone who wishes to buy them.

There have been three quilts tied during the year and another is "in the making." One wedding gift has been purchased; it was for the former Virginia Cooper of Homer. We have made six aprons for one of our Church members, purchased paper for five rooms at the parsonage, and hired it put on, besides tearing the old paper off, and have bought new linoleum for the kitchen. We also packed and distributed nine Christmas boxes to shut-ins.

We have sent \$10 to the German Seventh Day Baptist Relief Center to help with the postage on parcels sent to our people in Germany. We voted to give \$10 toward the Hammond organ which was recently purchased by the Church. We cleaned the Church after the redecoration was done, and put new bottoms in some of the choir chairs, replacing those that were badly worn.

Several lunches have been served for sorrowing families, before the funerals of their loved ones, and we have mourned the passing of four beloved sisters: Maud Parker, Phebe Coon, Lida Coon, and Hattie Darling. This brings our membership down to fourteen active members and five honorary members.

Perhaps one of our most enjoyable events of the past year was the picnic dinner for members and their families held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Coon last June 24.

A NEW VERSION

of a familiar reading used at the board meeting of W.C.C.W.

Though America speak with the tongues of men and of angels and does not care, she is become as sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal.

And though she have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge (even to the cracking of the atom) and though she has all faith so that she could remove mountains and does not care, she is nothing.

And though America bestow all her goods to feed the poor (her wheat and her corn), and though she give her body to be burned (and her sons to die) and does not care, it profiteth her nothing.

To care means to suffer long and be kind, not to envy, not to be proud or puffed up.

Those who care do not behave themselves unseemly, seek not their own, are not easily provoked, think no evil.

They rejoice not in iniquity, but rejoice in the truth.

Those who care, bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things.

Caring never fails, but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail: whether there be tongues, they shall cease, whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

When America was young, she spoke as a child and understood as a child, and thought as a child (and put up tariffs like a fence to guard her infant industries and set a Monroe Doctrine to protect her adolescence): but now that America is of age she must put away childish things.

For now we are seeing through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now America knows in part, but then shall she know even as also she is known (by God Himself).

And now abideth faith, hope, and caring, these three; but the greatest of these is to care. — Mrs. Harper Sibley, President of W.C.C.W., from The Church Woman.

The fellowship enjoyed on such an occasion is as worth while as the bountiful dinner shared by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Virginia Burdick, Secretary.

ONE HUNDREDTH QUARTERLY REPORT

October 26, 1947

As corresponding secretary I would report that my activities during the quarter have been confined to office work, for the most part.

In making up this report, I am reminded that I became corresponding secretary September 1, 1922, have served in this capacity twenty-five years and that this is the one hundredth quarterly report which I have made. In this connection, I should say that two years before I became secretary, I was in the employ of the board as general missionary and evangelist located in the Western Association. During these two years, besides fostering pastorless Churches in the Western Association, I conducted evangelistic meetings in all the associations except one.

Furthermore, I recall that I was first elected a member of the Missionary Board in 1893, have been re-elected every year since, and that I have considered missions the principal work of every Christian.

My work as corresponding secretary, though difficult, has been pleasant and I appreciate more than I can tell the support of the board and its many favors shown me during the twenty-seven years I have been in its service.

Respectfully submitted,
William L. Burdick,
Corresponding Secretary.
—The Missionary Reporter,
November, 1947.

CHURCH NEWS

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — The Seventh Day Baptist Church of White Cloud, Mich., had a farewell party in the Church parlors on Thanksgiving Day, in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Wing, who are moving to their home in Coudersport, Pa. Mr. Wing has resigned his position here on account of poor health. We greatly appreciate the many years of service of Pastor and Mrs. Wing in our Church and community. They will be missed by everyone. We extend our prayers and best wishes for prosperity and happiness in their new home.

The White Cloud Sabbath school has increased in attendance about thirty-five per cent, in the junior department, during the past two months. The teachers are giving



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Recorder Children:

For some time your letters have been few and far between, with the exception of one faithful correspondent, so I'm giving you some verses I wrote years ago to children who are now very much grown-up and some of them, I imagine, have Recorder children of their own.

Take Heed, O Ye Children!

Oh where, oh where have the children gone?

Oh where, oh where can they be;
With their splendid tales and their cheery rhymes
And their letters so dear to me?

It seems they've forsaken "The Children's Page,"

For a couple of weeks or more.
I'll not despair, but what shall I do
To get them to write as before?

Oh, children large and children small,

Now list to my pleading, I pray.
With a will to do and a trusty pen,
Get busy and write me today.

What's that? You've written? You're going to write?

Your letter is now on the way?
That is fine; my outlook begins to look bright,
But come, write another today.

And here are some cute sayings of children which I heard with my own two ears:

Joyce and Gretchen were spending the night with their grandma and grandpa, which they love to do. At midnight grandma was suddenly awakened by a little hand pressed against her cheek, and a troubled voice said, "Grandma, please punch Joyce over; half of her is on my side of the bed."

One day I visited a country school. At noon I saw a row of little boys seated on a plank eating their lunch, with their feet in the mud, for it had rained hard the night before. I remarked about it and one little boy piped up, "What did you 'spect us to do, sit in the mud and put our feet on the plank?"

And now I have a true story for you:

a party for the juniors, after school, December 3. Games will be played and light refreshments served.

The Seventh Day Baptists are sponsoring services held every Sabbath afternoon from three until four o'clock, at the Convalescent Home for elderly people in White Cloud. — Mrs. Zoe Branch, Corresponding Secretary.

The Nickel Jean Took

Little Jean stood in front of the corner grocery store looking wistfully at her favorite bar of candy in the window before she went in after the sugar Mother had sent her for. She laid the money for the sugar on the counter when at last she had gone in slowly to purchase it, and noticed when the clerk picked up the change that she left a nickel lying there. Now Jean had been sick during the night and Mother had said she must eat no candy during that day.

"But I just must have that chocolate candy," thought she. "No one is looking, so I can pick up that nickel and buy it." This she did and hurried out of the store.

As she reached the sidewalk she seemed to hear a soft voice say, "Perhaps no one else saw you, but your Father in heaven did, and how sad He must feel that you would steal, for don't you know that is what you really have done?"

Frightened, Jean looked all around, but the only one she could see was an old man going in the store door and he did not even seem to be looking in her direction. She ran home as fast as she could with the candy hidden in her pocket.

As soon as she had handed the sugar to Mother, she went outside to eat the stolen candy where no one could see her. But as she started to eat it, she seemed to hear a soft voice say, "Your Father in heaven knows what you have done, and He will see you eat the stolen candy."

With tears running down her cheeks, Jean ran in the house to tell Mother all about the terrible thing she had done.

"You must go right back to the store and give the candy back to the clerk and tell her what you have done," said Mother, wiping the little girl's tears away. It was a hard thing for Jean to do, but she did so bravely. As she left the store the old man she had seen when she went out before, smiled at her and said, "How happy God must be that you have confessed your sin and made it right. I know you will ask His forgiveness, my brave little girl." And she did and was happy again.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

CHURCH NEWS

ALFRED, N. Y. — Rev. Elmo F. Randolph of Milton, Wis., has been with us for three Sabbath days. He accompanied Pastor Harris on calls in and around Alfred and met with Church committees and groups, bringing fresh insight to the Church's task of "Efficiency for Evangelism."

Recently, two fellowship dinners following the Church services have been held in the parish house. November first, the Seventh Day Baptist college and seminary students and our Rochester friends were guests of honor. November 15, several of our Second Alfred friends remained for the dinner, and Rev. and Mrs. Albert Rogers were guests of honor. This was the occasion for the giving of a farewell gift of appreciation to Mr. Elmo Randolph. Over one hundred were present.

On the evening of November 9, about sixty Seventh Day Baptist men of the Western Association met at the parish house of the Alfred Church for an evening of fellowship. There was group singing led by Fred Palmer. Mr. Randolph spoke on the theme, "The Place of Laymen in the Work of the Church," with a message from the Vocational Committee, and a set of Kodachrome slides were shown. Ice cream, wafers, and coffee were served.

November 12, "World Community Day" was observed in Alfred under the auspices of the Women's Evangelical Society. The program was planned jointly with the Union Church Guild and the Christ Chapel Auxiliary. Several boxes for overseas relief were dedicated at this service. They included nine school kits and eight clothing bundles.

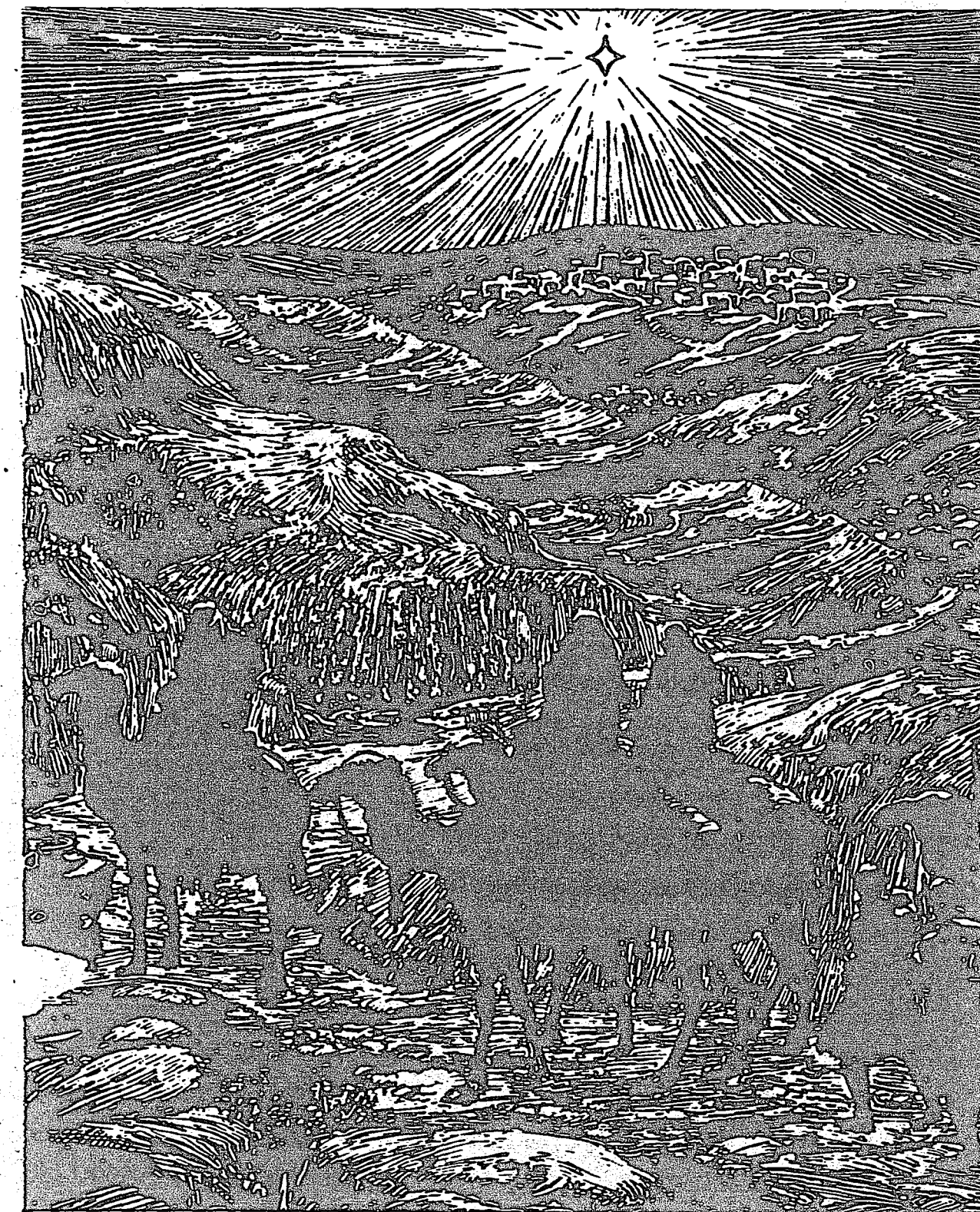
Friday evening, November 14, the young people presented a program in the Church which consisted of a worship service and the presentation of the drama, "Give Us This Day," which was written by Donald Gray of Milton and presented first at Conference. Leading parts were taken by Ronald Hargis, Mrs. Gerald Bond, Carl Maxson, Willard Sutton, and Mary Jane Ormsby. Voice parts were taken by Judith Burdick, Benjamin Berry, Allen Bond, and Stanley Harris.

Recently the Ladies' Aid held a rummage sale at which time an amount of over \$300 was received. Clothing and shoes that day were given to the needy at home and abroad.

There was a community Thanksgiving service held in the Church on Monday evening, November 24. The high school choir sang two selections and Dr. Rowland Warren gave the address. Alfred people expressed the spirit of the season by giving generously of clothing and money.

Mrs. Lynn Langworthy, Correspondent.

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