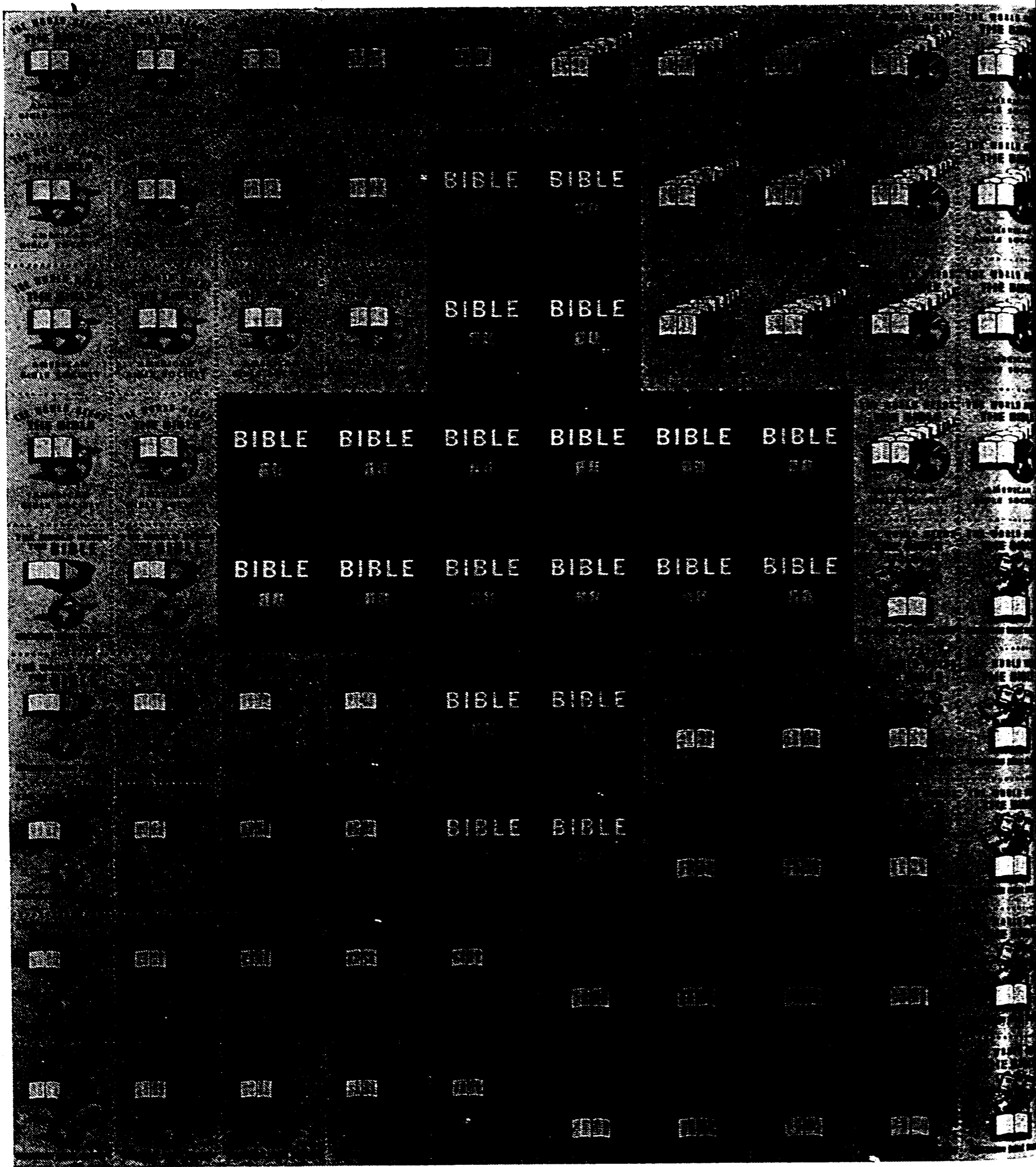


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## DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Keeping track of the movements of Seventh Day Baptists is a tremendous job? Address lists are out-of-date by the time the sheet on which they are typed is out of the typewriter. All of our boards are struggling with this problem. You can help by notifying board secretaries of changes of address of yourself and other Seventh Day Baptists. Should the Commission set up a master list for the use of all boards?

## DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Our publishing house did more than \$14,500 worth of denominational printing last year at cost or less than cost?

## DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Recorder subscriptions are up 259 over July 1, 1947?

## DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Our publishing plant (not housing just machinery and equipment) originally cost \$80,000, could not be replaced at today's prices for less than \$148,000?

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Remember — the regular issues of the Sabbath Recorder of July 12, 26, and August 9, 23, 1948, have been and are being omitted by vote of the Tract Board.

## Concerning the Second Coming of Christ

"Our emphasis on the immediate second coming of Christ has a stronger hold on people than the Seventh Day Baptist emphasis could possibly have," remarked a leader in another Sabbathkeeping group some time ago. This remark was made during a friendly discussion of the possibilities of closer co-operation between this group and Seventh Day Baptists.

To us a remark of this kind was rather strange and quite startling. Admittedly, Seventh Day Baptists have not placed as much emphasis on Christ's second coming as do some denominations of Sabbathkeepers. Yet, if we are failing to take reasonable account of "the signs of the times" and the ultimate fulfillment of prophecy as it applies to the return of our Lord, we are truly blind to the portent of the present day as well as being neglectful of a peculiar missionary opportunity.

That we are living in the age called by some "the last days," few thoughtful persons will deny. Doubtless the point at which most Seventh Day Baptists balk is in attempting to set the exact date "of the end of the world," particularly in the light of certain mistaken attempts. Nevertheless, failure in this respect should in no wise cloud our eyes to the beauty and simplicity, the truth and expediency of Christ's second coming. That He will come again is accepted by the majority of Christians. For did He not declare and promise: "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also"? John 14: 2c, 3.

That He will come is according to His blessed promise. When He will come is another matter. To many of us, it is satisfying, and gratifying, to believe that "... of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father. Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work,

and commanded the porter to watch. Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." Mark 13: 32-37. "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." Matthew 24: 42. "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." Matthew 25: 13.

Nevertheless, when we fail to confront Christians and non-Christians with the truth about Christ's coming again and the immediate necessity of being ready for His coming, we fail Christ and His gospel. May not this failure account in some measure for certain indifference among us as well as for the lack of numerical growth?

Let us take, for example, the Seventh Day Adventist denomination. According to the "Review and Herald," World Edition, April, 1948, since the denomination's formal organization in 1863, the Church membership has been doubled over seven times.

"From a little less than 3,500 at the beginning of 1863, the Seventh Day Adventist Church membership had grown by 1874 to 7,000; then to 14,000 in 1879. The third time the Church constituency expanded twofold was in 1889, with 28,000 believers; the fourth time in 1898, when the membership numbered 56,000; then 112,000 in 1912; 224,000 in 1924. The seventh doubling of Seventh Day Adventist Church adherents was in 1937, with a membership of 448,000. That was more than a decade ago.

"If time should last and the trend of the past ten years is continued, the eighth doubling of the Seventh Day Adventist constituency will come in about 1959, with nearly 900,000 members in the world field.

"More favorable results, however, are apparent in the last two or three annual Church reports; and hopes are high that the strengthening activity in evangelistic and missionary endeavor throughout the

## ENTERTAINMENT AT CONFERENCE

The Entertainment Committee of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church has completed plans for entertaining a large delegation of Conference guests in the homes of the North Loup people. We have plenty of room. North Loup extends to each of you a hearty invitation to come to Conference and to bring your friends. We'll appreciate a card letting us know as soon as possible that you are coming.

(Mrs. A. Clyde) Mildred Ehret,  
Chairman.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Rev. Lester G. Osborn, Shiloh, N. J., has prepared "ten mimeographed lessons on Revelation with supplementary diagrams and outlines"? Copies of this study entitled "Unveiling the Future" are available at 25 cents each. If you have not already ordered copies, those who plan to be at Conference at North Loup are urged to see Pastor Osborn there.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Gerald C. Bond, proprietor, The Sower Bookstore, 25 East Main Street, Madison 3, Wis., plans to have religious books on sale at Conference in North Loup, August 17-22? Plan to buy or place orders at that time. Mr. Bond has run a paid advertisement regularly in the Sabbath Recorder since March 8.

### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

One of the largest Seventh Day Baptist Churches is located in Shanghai, China?

world, with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, will bring larger returns than have hitherto been seen, and that many who do not now know the saving grace of their Master may be brought to the gospel light of their Lord's soon return.

"God's people look forward eagerly to the time when 'the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.'"

Seventh Day Baptists might do well to consider further the methods and spirit of these sister Sabbathkeepers. Will we do so? Or will we shrug off by saying, "It is not for us!"



Dr. Lloyd D. Seager

### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Dr. Lloyd Seager will sail for Amsterdam, Holland, on August 13 to attend the organization meeting of the World Council of Churches as a representative of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference?

### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert C. Van Horn are comfortably settled in their new home in Milton, Wis.? Mr. Van Horn was the able and active editor of the Sabbath Recorder from April 17, 1931, to January 14, 1945.

## DIRECTORY OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCHES

Indianapolis, meets in D.A.R. Chapter House, 824 N. Penn, Indianapolis, Ind. Services: Sabbath afternoon, 2:30; evening following Sabbath, 7:30. Pastor, Leland Davis, 204 N. Belleville, Phone Fr-8709. President, Mr. Lawton Steele, 965 E. Minnesota St. Clerk, Mrs. George Stewart, 1918 East 68th St. Treasurer, Mrs. Lawton Steele, 965 E. Minnesota St.

POSITION WANTED — Woman wants a position to teach high school mathematics in New York State, preferably near a Seventh Day Baptist Church. Please advise of any such vacancy to P.O. Box 263, Hornell, N. Y. 8-2-21

## THE HARGISES VISIT JAMAICA

Our friends have wondered why nothing was written for the Recorder of our trip to Jamaica. In response to that urge, I am writing of the trip. Reports of the visit have been sent to the U. S. A. so they can act as a check on what I shall say. Mrs. Hargis and Gerry left in January on a trip dreamed of and planned for nearly ten years. The trip was made via train to Miami, Fla., and Pan-American Clipper from there to Kingston, Jamaica.

I am of the firm conviction that the more our people know of our work in the



Left to right: Mrs. Ruth Jonas, Mrs. Gerald D. Hargis, and Dorothy Anne Hargis at Palisadoes Airbase, Jamaica, January 30, 1948.

Island of Jamaica the more will be their interest and support in money and workers. It may be well to add that I left in March to join Mrs. Hargis and Gerry in Jamaica, traveling as they had. Our separated travel was due to our limited financing. The generosity of the Los Angeles Church in giving us some financial help and release from the work here made possible my going. I might say I have never worked with a more generous Church.

Arrival in Jamaica was a real delight because the Randolphs received us with open arms and our Jamaican friends were

to be seen on every hand. How we rejoiced to rejoin these friends and talk over the work of the kingdom and how good God was and is in His keeping power.

We were carried in the Mission Chevrolet to Kingston and to the home of the Randolphs where we were entertained during our stay in a fashion we shall never forget. Our missionaries on that field are hard-working faithful souls, we tried to pay our way in everything, thus helping already limited income to cover needs. Living costs in Jamaica are three times what they were when we were there.

Our desire was to encourage the people in every way we could and toward this end visitation was arranged to various places in the island. Telegrams and letters came from the Churches and individuals in the island welcoming us back. We found the country Churches in an improved condition, and their desire to go forward was very sincere.

Arrangements were made for an evangelistic effort in Kingston, and Mrs. Hargis taught the ever eager young people to sing choruses and anthems so that every service might have special music. Brother and Sister Randolph are ready leaders in Church, city, and country. Our services in the Kingston Church were well attended by our own people and by outsiders who had learned of our visit. Each evening in the vestry a group met to pray for God's blessing and for decision on the part of many. Our services went on from night to night with no response until the final night when I asked the faithful prayer helpers to kneel in prayer, at the time of invitation, at the first two benches in the front part of the Church. That night God gave us decisions and twenty-one people stood across the front of the Church in some sort of dedication. How fine are our good people in Jamaica! They are willing to give everything to our God when the gospel is presented to them.

We were scheduled to reach home at a certain time and to take up our work again in Los Angeles. Again in April we boarded the Pan-American Clipper—at 5 p.m., Friday—a delayed schedule because of engine trouble, and reached Mi-



Miss Icilda Rennalls, Teacher of Sewing in Caribbean High School.

ami at 9 p.m. Looking down at the wonderfully-lighted city, we again thanked God for His beautiful world.

Jamaica suffered a drought such-as-not-seen-for-years but God has again given rain and the island's beauty is restored. Our new school will soon open. Let us pray that wisdom and new vision will be given this precious work. It is so near to all of us. If we could send young people there for short stretches of mission work, how it would inspire and help! Dr. Sinclair French and daughter in Miami were generous hostesses to all of us in our going and coming. We live in redreaming our meeting with our friends in the Churches, rejoice that we could be used in a small way in soul-saving, and are anticipating going again.

Gerald D. Hargis.

5203 Mt. Helena Ave.,  
Los Angeles 41, Calif.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT —**

Ben Utter told the Tract Board that our denomination needs to give "more rope" to the young fellows who want to get energetically into the work?

**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**

Statement of the Treasurer, July 31, 1948

	Receipts	
	July	10 months
Balance on hand July 1 .....	\$ 51.30	
Adams Center .....		221.39
Albion .....		157.70
Alfred, First .....	127.40	2,059.68
Alfred, Second .....	133.15	496.28
Andover .....	5.00	20.00
Associations and groups .....	130.19	361.91
Battle Creek .....		2,700.47
Berlin .....		108.56
Boulder .....	61.10	300.66
Brookfield, First .....	70.00	171.50
Brookfield, Second .....	7.75	117.25
Chicago .....		310.90
Daytona Beach .....		220.25
Denver .....	73.97	421.37
De Ruyter .....		194.40
Dodge Center .....	98.13	232.92
Edinburg .....	4.45	42.84
Farina .....	15.00	186.00
Fouke .....	10.80	65.43
Friendship .....	20.00	31.00
Gentry .....	7.00	49.17
Hammond .....	20.00	50.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah .....		70.43
Hebron, First .....		104.56
Hebron Center .....		27.00
Hopkinton, First .....		476.85
Hopkinton, Second .....	6.50	34.30
Independence .....		295.00
Individuals .....	120.00	3,720.10
Little Genesee .....	19.00	322.98
Little Prairie .....		25.00
Los Angeles .....		287.79
Los Angeles, Christ's .....		30.00
Lost Creek .....		376.24
Marlboro .....	76.50	843.80
Middle Island .....	8.14	60.47
Milton .....	305.57	3,522.04
Milton Junction .....	98.08	803.51
New Auburn .....	6.00	193.62
New York .....		412.45
North Loup .....		490.25
Nortonville .....	10.00	241.40
Oakdale .....		25.00
Pawcatuck .....	272.64	2,580.78
Piscataway .....	12.75	148.25
Plainfield .....	199.92	1,725.75
Richburg .....		225.50
Ritchie .....	100.00	175.00
Riverside .....	263.13	951.64
Roanoke .....	31.00	62.00
Rockville .....	18.16	99.08
Salem .....	97.60	334.14
Salemville .....		32.28
Shiloh .....	74.00	1,262.50
Stone Fort .....	50.00	78.00
Syracuse .....		12.00
Verona .....		293.46
Washington, Evangelical .....	50.00	50.00
Washington, People's .....	13.00	13.00
Waterford .....	13.45	140.32
White Cloud .....		148.01
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$2,680.68</b>	<b>\$29,214.18</b>



Standing: Left to right—George, Gertrude, Paul Seated: Dr. and Mrs. William J. Hemphill

**Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Hemphill Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary**

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Hemphill were at home to their many friends on Monday, July 12. The occasion was the observance of the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Miss Cora Hurley and William J. Hemphill were united in marriage at Rochester, Minn., July 12, 1898. Soon after completing his medical course, Dr. and Mrs. Hemphill moved, in February, 1902, to North Loup, Neb., which has been their home since and where the doctor has practiced his profession.

The Hemphills have two sons, Doctors Paul and George, and one daughter, Gertrude (Mrs. Paul A. Mitroff). The sons reside in Eugene, Ore., where they are practicing medicine. Gertrude's home is in Springfield, Vt., where she and Mr. Mitroff operate a hotel. Paul has a son and a daughter, George has three sons, and Gertrude has two sons.

Dr. and Mrs. Hemphill have helpfully shared in the life of the community and faithfully served in and through the Seventh Day Baptist Church. — Contributed.

Disbursements	Comparative Figures	
	1948	1947
Missionary Society .....	\$ 803.16	\$ 143.69
Tract Society .....	438.15	4.00
Board of Christian Education .....	438.15	
Women's Society .....	14.72	27.50
Historical Society .....	32.89	
Ministerial Retirement .....	249.32	119.20
Seventh Day Baptist Building .....	47.38	
General Conference .....	245.87	2.00
World Fellowship and Service .....	30.36	
Bank service charge .....	1.25	
Balance on hand July 31 .....	83.04	
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$2,384.29</b>	<b>\$ 296.39</b>
Receipts in July:		
Budget .....	\$2,332.99	\$1,433.86
Specials .....	296.39	484.82
Receipts in 10 months:		
Budget .....	20,089.78	18,878.94
Specials .....	9,124.40	11,450.04
Annual budget .....	31,500.00	28,100.00
Amount raised in 10 months .....	20,089.78	18,878.94
Per cent raised in 10 months .....	63.77%	67.18%

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

**CHINA****Need for Evangelist Stated Again**

Miss Mabel West wrote in March about several matters on her heart among which was the continual need for an American evangelist at Shanghai. She says: "That we need an American leader for the religious work should be apparent to anyone who considers the scope of work that the pastor is trying to do. The Church members are for the most part those who have come in during the war years and since. Many are uneducated and most are those whose experience is new in Christian living. That means simple talks and sermons fitted to the needs and understanding of such people. The pastor was one of our teachers before he accepted Christianity. His flock needs just such a leader. But the school needs another who is sympathetic with the problems of the youth of today and can give time to advising and organizing them as well as leading them in the ways of the Christian life. Our students are responsive. They were eager to organize a Young People's Christian Association under the leadership of the city Y.W.C.A.

"Perhaps I should not say that we need an American. Had we a Chinese, it would be all the better because of the language. But a westerner can advise, can help them to develop spiritually as the future leaders of China."

She adds further, "But their greatest help is not financial. The moral and spiritual support and the example to all of us are unmeasurable in their influence."

About the Americans who are there, she says, "George (Thorngate) is off to work at 7:30 and back at one for a lunch. At this time he often sees patients, or talks matters over with Mr. Dzau about hospital problems, and then is off again by two. His car is always available for us if we have errands, after he gets to the office. He is seldom home at night until late and seldom has an uninterrupted evening, I am sure."

From reports about Sarah Becker and Esther Pan and all our missionaries, hard work in a land of great physical and spiritual need seems to be the order of every day. But the compensations are suggested

in this statement by Miss West: "Nearly every day some old student comes to call or to ask for help about something. It is an interesting life because there is much to be done."

"Who will go for us?"

"Yesterday morning at student Church one senior student paid tribute to the memory of former missionaries, and two other girls presented flowers. It was called the 'Tribute of the Flowers,' I believe."

**News Bits on Sarah Becker at Mokanshan**

A letter of Mrs. Thorngate's of July 3 reveals that: "Good letters from both Sarah (Becker) and Philip (Thorngate) indicate enjoyment of their vacation (if learning the Chinese language can come in that realm). Sarah is making friends among other missionaries. A group of single missionaries are to be in the next house, which will be fun for her. Her teacher, Miss Dos, has arrived and a pal of Phil's goes up this week." Work on the nurses' dormitory at Liuho is advancing nicely, later letters report.

**Evangelistic Meetings in Shanghai**

The same July 3 letter says: "We are having special meetings each afternoon this week with a big canopy between the garage and the house to provide shade for the overflow of more than one hundred. They use a loudspeaker. Last Sabbath day there was baptism of some seventy persons. Most all have attended Pastor Tschaung's class for learners."

D. S. C.

**JAMAICA****Seventh Day Baptist Conference at Font Hill — July 14-18, 1948**

Font Hill is a very fertile and productive spot in the parish of St. Thomas in eastern Jamaica. The Church group of nineteen Seventh Day Baptists who live there decided they wanted to entertain conference in 1948. In order to have a suitable place for meeting they had to build a Church and they worked very, very hard carrying stones and earth to make a level foundation, sawing lumber, putting up the frame, and nailing on the board siding and metal roofing. With the help of some of the Bath Church members they completed the task sufficiently to be ready on the date set for conference.

The Font Hill Church stands between the road and the rushing river which tumbles over the rocks behind it. The hills are steep and rocky and close together but covered with verdant trees and plants. Growing in sight of the Church are bananas, coconuts, coffee, breadfruit, yams, and sugar cane.

Within a few feet of the Church is the home of Deacon Webb, leader of the Church. The roof was extended from the back of this house to make a shelter for the tables where we were served big meals. The food was prepared by busy cooks in an outside kitchen on the river bank. The Jamaican food is very good when you become accustomed to it. Some of the things they served us were: curried goat, rice and peas, breadfruit, yams, sweet potato, plantain, spinach, codfish, cabbage, white bread, bananas, and mangoes. We were told we couldn't be good Jamaicans until we could eat at least a dozen mangoes. We are fast acquiring that ability.

Where the natives slept when they gave up their homes to the forty or fifty delegates I don't know, but they managed, somehow, and were very kind and hospitable.

The program started Wednesday afternoon under the capable leadership of the conference president, Deacon John Hamilton of Kingston. The theme of the meetings was "The Unfinished Task," with the text, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." Mark 16: 15. Each day began with a quiet hour at 6 a.m., and ended in the evening with a stirring evangelistic service. The daytime meetings were necessarily of a businesslike nature, but with forward-looking aims. Plans were made to publish a conference newsletter or paper. They voted to raise the pay of their Church leaders and evangelists, and redivided the districts. They voted to send thanks to the American Missionary Board for purchasing the school building and sending them teachers. The women of the Jamaica Conference have taken over as their project the running of the school dormitory and cafeteria, and plans for the Caribbean High School were discussed at length. The interest, zeal, courage, and faith of these people point

toward a very promising future for Jamaican Seventh Day Baptists.

The evening evangelistic services were very well attended by country people from the surrounding district, and several were convinced to take their stand for Jesus and His way of life. On Sunday morning five candidates were baptized by Pastor Wardner T. Fitz Randolph and joined the Font Hill Church. Mr. C. Webb was ordained to the deaconate. The Lord's Supper was observed and three darling babies were consecrated. In the late afternoon a concert of music and recitations was enjoyed by a crowd of at least two hundred fifty people. Most of this crowd remained for the evening service. When it was all over, I believe we all felt that the conference had been very worth while and enjoyable.

Much of the credit for the success of these meetings should be given Brother V. O. Burke, evangelist, who has been working untiringly for the past few months in the Font Hill and neighboring Churches.

—Submitted by Martha G. Mills,  
Missionary teacher.

**BOARD OF MANAGERS****Token of Appreciation to William L. Burdick**

At the July 25 meeting of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, Ben Utter presented William L. Burdick with a radio-phonograph on behalf of the members of the board who gave the token of appreciation. The gift came as a complete surprise to the retired secretary who served the board for over a quarter of a century. Sincere and brief remarks were made by the board president, Harold R. Crandall, and by the retired recording secretary, George B. Utter, while William L. Burdick uttered deep and heartfelt appreciation.

The radio-phonograph is an RCA table model, and with it the board presented an album of favorite hymns. Friends of Secretary Burdick can now send their Christmas, Easter, or other special greetings on recorded discs. The board sincerely hopes that Secretary Burdick, now board consultant, will have much enjoyment from this gift.

D. S. C.

### MINUTES OF WOMEN'S BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met in regular session on July 18, 1948, at the home of Mrs. Loyal Hurley, with the following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. R. P. Seager, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. John Randolph, Miss Alta Van Horn, Mrs. Loyal Hurley, Mrs. Okey Davis, Miss Lotta Bond, and Miss Greta F. Randolph.

Mrs. Trainer led the devotionals using "Prayer" as her subject, and calling attention to many verses in the Bible with this thought in mind. Mrs. Hurley read two poems on prayer, and Lotta Bond read an example of the power of prayer. All present led in prayer.

Mrs. S. O. Bond read the treasurer's reports, showing the following balances: Special Project, \$44.65; Helper's Fund, \$254.66; General Fund, \$187.88; African Fund, \$10; Total, \$497.13. Her report was accepted and placed on file.

Mrs. Skaggs called attention to some new material she has recently received on the subject of peace.

Mrs. Trainer gave a verbal report for the Christian Culture Committee, telling of plans for the Conference literature table. This report was accepted as a report of progress.

Mrs. Seager gave the report for Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, promoter of evangelism, and the report of the Ways and Means Committee. These reports were accepted.

The Ways and Means Committee of the Board of Directors met at the home of Mrs. Ross Seager, Monday, July 12, with all members present.

Excerpts from Miss Elizabeth F. Randolph's letters were read telling of her missionary efforts in and around Columbus, Miss.

The possibility of establishing a center near Columbus was discussed and also the desirability and possibility of securing a helper for Miss Randolph.

Plans were made for the mimeographing of the Sabbath promotion play, "The Rehearsal," by Mrs. Edna Van Horn Wilkinson. This is to be included in the literature for the literature table at Conference.

Mrs. Ross Seager, Chairman.

Mrs. Okey Davis reported for the Literacy and Literature Committee. The report of this committee was accepted, including the recommendations.

To the Board of Directors.

Your chairman of the Literacy and Literature Committee would submit the following report:

In view of the fact that last year's Conference committee which studied our report recommended that our societies further the work of literacy literature, I offer the following recommendations:

I. That the literature of the committee be displayed on our Conference table, and that at least a portion of it shall be gratis.

II. The display shall include:

1. Africa Newsletter No. 4
2. Newsletter No. 10
3. Nothing Can Stop It Now
4. Literacy Unlocking the Bible
5. Prayer, the Mightiest Force in the World, Laubach

III. Further, that this board contribute the sum of \$15 to the work of the committee which I represent.

Frances E. Davis.

Mrs. Bond read the annual report of the treasurer. This report was accepted and will become the financial report to the General Conference.

Miss Lotta Bond read the annual report of the corresponding secretary. This report was adopted as the official report to the Conference.

The treasurer was instructed to have her books audited.

Mrs. S. O. Bond and Lotta Bond were a committee to see that the annual report be printed ready for the meeting of the Commission and for Conference.

Mrs. Skaggs reported for the committee to plan the Conference program, and letters were read pertaining to this.

Voted to pay a bill of \$2.40 to the Foreign Missions Conference for "The Question Box."

Mrs. Skaggs brought letters from the U. C. C. W. concerning plans for their meeting in November.

These minutes were read and approved. Adjourned to meet September 12, 1948, for the annual meeting for reorganization.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, President,  
Greta F. Randolph, Secretary.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT —

John B. Nichols is pastor of our Putnam County, Fla., Church which reports this year a membership of 16?

### SOME OF US CANNOT GO TO CONFERENCE

Those of us who cannot go to Conference this year might just sit and pout as we think of all that we are missing of inspiration, instruction, and fellowship. We might sit back in our easy chairs and think of folks at Conference sitting through sessions that will seem long. This might take away some of our disappointment. Those of us who have been to North Loup will miss very much seeing all the good folks there. Those who have not been to North Loup will miss the anticipated trip to this Church. Those of us who cannot go to Conference will pray for God's blessings upon the sessions, that all who attend may be richly blessed and that the business matters of the denomination may be cared for in an efficient manner. Mr. Conference President, those of us who cannot be there will be holding up your hands.

H. S.

### YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

The young people of the Lost Creek Church, with Miss Lenora Williams as chairman, were in charge of the worship service on Sabbath night of association at the Middle Island Church, W. Va. The theme for their service was "Christian Young People Go Work Today." Miss Williams gave a talk on the theme in which she said that each one of us as an individual is an opportunity for God. If we live according to His will, there is work done in His kingdom. If we fail to do His will, an opportunity for God is lost. Miss Ann Bond read the Scripture lesson and Miss Sylvia Bond led the prayer. Miss Dortha Bond read a poem. Lou Bond and Miss Lenora Williams sang a duet. The service closed with the reading of the poem, "Many Roads Home," by Miss Williams.

H. S.

### NEW THEME SONG FOR PACIFIC PINES CAMP

By Nevah Roney and Ethlyn Copeland

#### Above the World

Above the world, kept by His Word,  
The everlasting hills they stand;  
With singing pines and sunshine rare,  
Bestowed by His almighty hand:  
With joyful hearts our songs we raise  
To sing our Heavenly Father's praise;  
And voices blend with singing trees,  
With waters clear and whispering breeze.

#### Unique Story of This Song

When the 1948 young people's camp theme, "Above the world, kept by the Word," was selected, we asked Ethlyn Copeland to write an appropriate theme

song. Inspiration did not seem to come. Finally she phoned Nevah Roney, who sees more with sightless eyes than many who have full vision. Nevah, sensing the beauty of the theme as well as the grandeur of our mountaintop experiences, gave the above words over the wire to be written down. Such talent is amazing, but equally strange is the story of the tune. While still on the phone, Ethlyn did her part. She sang the melody back to Nevah and later worked out the four-part harmony. We trust that many young people and adults through the singing of this song will get a deeper experience at Pacific Pines Camp this year and in the years to come. — Riverside, Calif., Church Bulletin.

### SABBATH AT CAMP

Members of the Riverside Church met at the Pacific Pines Camp for the Sabbath morning service, July 10. The program began at 9:15 a.m., with a meditation period in the forest. The theme for Pastor Maltby's sermon was "Mountain Strength for Valley Service." Dinner was served at noon. At 3 p.m. Duane Hurley and Albyn Mackintosh were in charge of a Bible discussion. Miss Alma Bond was in charge of sunset vespers. Pastor G. D. Hargis conducted the campfire service at 8 p.m.

#### At Even When the Sun Did Set

"At camp we approach the idea of Sabbathkeeping. A special half-hour service is held both at the beginning and at the end of the Sabbath at a point where the sun can be seen sinking below the western

skyline of pines. It is a glorious thing to get away from the ceaseless noise of city life and honor the God of Creation."

The above quotation comes from the Riverside Church bulletin. Such experiences are common to camps throughout the denomination.

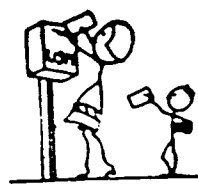
### VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL FOLLOW-UP

Much has been said in the Christian Education Department of the Recorder and in letters to the ministers about the importance of having some kind of program after Vacation School which will use the children who attended. The Alfred Church is doing this by having a story hour at the Church once a week. There are different leaders in charge of each session. Mrs. Perry Jacob, primary superintendent of the Sabbath school and director of this year's Vacation School, has taken the lead in getting it started. Articles from other Churches, giving an account of what they are doing in this way, will be appreciated very much. H. S.

### WHITE CLOUD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The third annual Union Bible School of White Cloud, Mich., came to a successful conclusion of two weeks of work on Friday evening, June 25, in the Methodist Church, when the classes presented a summary of their accomplishments to the parents and friends attending. Prior to the union school, with four of the Churches of the village co-operating, the Seventh Day Baptist Church conducted Vacation Schools, open to the public, over a period of years.

Enrollment this year reached about a hundred and the interest on the part of the children was reflected in an average attendance for the period of ninety-four. There were fourteen teachers and helpers of whom seven are connected with the Seventh Day Baptist Church. They were: Mrs. Melvin Branch, Mrs. Kenneth (Nami) Vanden Berg, Mrs. Clifford Branch, Mrs. Nettie Fowler, Mrs. Leon Mosher, and Mrs. Clyde Branch. The rotation of directorships among the Churches brought it the turn of this Church this year, and Mrs. Nettie Fowler made the initial plans



### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene and the Children:

It is indeed quite a while since I have written to you, for I have had some very busy times. Now I have been home over two weeks, tidying the garden when weather was warm, and writing to neglected friends when the fireside was the most comfortable place.

After that lovely warm March we enjoyed, the cool windy April made us shiver unless we had on warm coats and sweaters.

With yourself and others, I have missed the children's letters. The best I can do about it is to write now to your column, for that is doing as I would be done by. I will try to write something interesting because I enjoy reading what others write that is interesting.

I found one thing an English sparrow did in Alfred last winter that was thrilling to see. One day when snow covered the ground, a group of birds were fluttering about the yard and sitting to rest and warm themselves in the sunshine on the vine on the near-by house. Then I noticed one sparrow flew up and out of sight under the tile cap on the peak of the roof of the house. That made me wonder if any of the other birds would go up in there, too, so I watched—but no! Instead, in a few moments that bird came

for the school until the arrival of the new pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, who assumed those duties.

Offerings received each Friday totaling \$20.83, given by the boys and girls, were forwarded to the American Mission to Lepers. So far as the children were concerned, probably the highlight was the picnic dinner in the White Cloud State Park, the last week.

Directors and teachers alike felt, as do most connected with a project of this kind, that the hard work spent during the time of the school was amply rewarding in the response and achievement of the boys and girls.

Orville W. Babcock.

out with what looked like a piece of squash seed in its beak. It sat near by and picked out the meat. Only one other bird seemed to notice it; this one also sat near, contentedly watching, as if it might be its mate. They were high up, above the third floor of the house, and all the other sparrows were down on the vine or on the hedge. Twice more that bird flew in for a seed and ate the meat, its mate sitting near and waiting, not hungry it seemed. After the third seed was finished both birds flitted happily away.

Can you guess how seeds could get up under that tile cap on the ridgepole above the third floor of a house? It was all a guess to me until the day I saw a sparrow take a seed from the food put on the tray by Miss Edna Bliss outside her window. Then instead of eating it, up the bird flew to that lofty storeroom on the ridgepole of the next house! Just one bird of the group seemed interested in laying up food for a future need, for it made several trips to and fro with seeds. Maybe some of you have already seen English sparrows save up food, but I never had. I felt sorry that I had disliked them at times. But now that I know some of them show that they can plan, it has changed my opinion of them for the better. I really began to admire that one bird which had what we call foresight about God's provision of food for the tiny sparrow. God made the seeds grow, and someone who loved God put the seeds out where the birds could find them. From this experience I intend to look for more interesting things that they do. But I must sign off now, hoping to see a letter from you, and you, before long.

Lois Fay Powell.

Princeton, Mass.

Dear Mrs. Powell:

I'm sorry I had to delay in getting your interesting letter published, but other material had reached me before yours so I had to delay yours. I am sure the children will enjoy your letter as I have, and I hope they will follow your good advice and write more often.

Sincerely yours,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### OUR ROBIN'S NEST

Atop a cupboard in our garage,  
When no car was there for a week,  
A Robin Redbreast's nest was built,  
To be quite out of reach

Of dogs and cats or anyone  
Who might at all alarm  
Sweet Mother Robin on her nest,  
Or bring to any harm

Three blue, blue eggs that soon were laid,  
Or baby birds to come.  
But when at last the car appeared,  
Her trouble had begun.

And when I opened up the door,  
Almost in my face  
The frightened Mother Robin flew,  
As if in frantic haste

To get outside to safety.  
But when the car was out,  
She came once more to seek her nest,  
In seeming fear and doubt.

So when again the car was there,  
She soon made her escape,  
And never came to hatch her eggs,  
But went where she was safe.

High in the shed where wood is stored,  
Again she has her nest,  
And now in safety and peace  
She comes each day to rest.

Upon a beam high overhead,  
Her nest is out of sight,  
And there again she laid her eggs,  
Free from all care and fright.

And I am sure that God protects  
All birds and children, too.  
He loves all creatures in His world,  
Including me and you.

Mizpah S. Greene.

### COME TO THE FAIR!

The Second Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church is going to the fair September 5-9, 1948. The C. E. society has placed a half-page ad in the "Fair Premium List," at a cost of \$10. Plans are being made for two booths. One is to be an educational exhibit with Seventh Day Baptist Church and denominational materials and literature. The other is to be a place for rest and relaxation and reading. Each is to have regular attendants. There are also tentative plans for a Lord's Acre handicraft booth from which will be sold miniature models, model kits, and handicraft items. — M. C. V. H.

**CHURCH NEWS**

**NORTONVILLE, KAN.** — The Church yearly business meeting was held on the evening of July 3. Hubert Bond was elected moderator with Miss Nannie Greeley clerk and Charles Wheeler treasurer, re-elected.

The Church has received an interior new look with new lighting system and fixtures, walls newly papered, floors and woodwork sanded and waxed. The results are very pleasing. There have been three additions to the Church by baptism: Bobbie Stephan, Lila Rose Bond, and Dannie Nieman.

Letters are written quarterly to absent members by committees named by the moderator. — Correspondent.

**BROOKFIELD, N. Y.** — The Woman's Missionary Aid Society held its annual meeting Thursday, July 1, at the parish house. The annual reports showed that nine business meetings were held last year with an average attendance of eight members.

The following officers were re-elected: President, Wilma Langworthy; first vice-president, Florence Camenga; second vice-president, Alice Bacon; secretary, Ruth Palmer; treasurer, Frances Palmer; key worker, Mabel Fitch; sunshine committee, Nellie Davis, Merletta Frair.

This past year the members were divided into groups of three or four, and designated a certain month in which to carry out some plan for raising money for the society. These projects included a bake sale, a turkey supper, making different articles each month in preparation for a yearly bazaar, thank offerings, send-out supper, and a rummage sale. One group passed out baby pictures, with envelopes inside into which members were asked to insert a penny every sunny day if the baby was smiling, or every rainy day if the baby was crying. The society served Sunday dinner to the association and turned over the proceeds to the Lord's Acre project.

The Aid society gave \$50 to the Denominational Budget, \$10 to the Special Project Fund, \$30 to the Helper's Fund, \$5 to the Red Cross, \$47.87 to the Lord's Acre project, paid for papering and paint-

ing done on interior of the parsonage, paid parsonage telephone and parish house light bills, sent a box of food to a German family, and sent Christmas boxes and sunshine gifts to shut-ins.

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor is sponsoring the Lord's Acre project in our Church. Many family, group, and individual projects have been dedicated and are well under way.

The C. E. society now meets weekly on Wednesday nights. At a recent meeting the following slate of officers was elected: President, Nora Morse; vice-president, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn; secretary, Wilma Langworthy; treasurer, Eleanor Burdick; social committee, Francis Palmer, Ruth Palmer, Wilma Langworthy, Herman Palmer; sunshine committee, Frances Palmer, Sarah Risley, Inez Crumb.

Our Church joined with the two other Churches of the community in holding a Daily Vacation Bible School for two weeks, July 12-23. On the Sunday night following the sessions, a demonstration of the work done by the pupils was held at the Baptist Church. — Mrs. Francis Palmer, Correspondent.

**DODGE CENTER, MINN.**—This year's absorbing interest project, the Church basement, is now completed enough to be used, and the junior department of the Sabbath school has been using it since the first of the year.

The kitchen has been partially equipped with sink, stove, work-table, drawers and cupboard space, and also with a new steam table bought by the Women's Benevolent Society. We had a kitchen shower, which brought in a good assortment of extras for help in serving. The Aid has held several meetings there, and it has also been used for a dinner when the Milton young people were here, a shower and a reception for Beulah Bond, and an anniversary party for Mr. and Mrs. Nels Dean.

A very inspiring and successful two weeks' Bible School was completed with a program and exhibit of handwork Friday night, July 9. There were about twenty pupils in three classes, junior, primary, and beginners, with very good attendance. Pastor Cruzan conducted the school and was ably assisted by Mrs.

Clare Greene, Miss Mary Thorngate, and Miss Irene Lindahl as teachers.

Our blood donors' group went to Rochester June 22, for the fifth time. This is a project of the Young Adult Fellowship, and the proceeds are largely used for the building fund and aid for those who will attend camp.

Our Lord's Acre project netted over \$300 last year, and is in progress again this year. Several children were given baby chicks to raise. This money goes toward the parsonage fund.

Our pastor is to help this year with the camp near Milton and at the Pre-Conference Retreat. He and his family plan to attend Conference at North Loup.

We would remind everyone that our town is only twenty miles west of Rochester, and invite any of our people, going through the clinic there, to attend our Sabbath services. — Eva L. Payne, Correspondent.

**NORTH LOUP, NEB.** — Much work was done on the historical room in the tower of the Church last week, Mrs. R. O. Babcock and Mrs. Jessie T. Babcock worked some time in sorting and cataloguing the various objects in the room that are of historical value to our Church people. The walls and shelves were cleaned and painted by George Maxson.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Hemphill were honored by the Men's Brotherhood Sunday evening in honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of the Hemphills. The program, in charge of George Clement, consisted of several shadow pictures of the life of the Hemphills. The script was written by Mrs. Jessie T. Babcock, and there was much music. A wedding cake, on the serving table, with other refreshments, was served to the large group of friends who were present. A beautiful blanket was presented to the Hemphills.

It was voted at the Sabbath school to pay half the expenses of those who attend Pre-Conference camp for young folks which will begin Friday, August 13, and last until August 16. Several ministers will be present to assist in the classes. Miss Marcia Rood is in charge. The week preceding that the younger group will have their camp. Both groups will gather at Ericson. — M. T. B.

**Accessions**

Oakdale (Athens, Ala.)

Baptism:

Charles D. Eskridge, Long Island, Ala., seventy years of age, a former member of the Episcopal Church,

Bettie Almira Butler, and

Daniel M. Butler, both of Woodville, Ala., were baptized and received into the Church by Rev. Ary T. Bottoms on July 10, 1948.

**Marriages**

**Kolvoord - Wigglesworth.** — Rosella Wigglesworth of Arlington, Calif., and Donald Kolvoord, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kolvoord of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage by Rev. Robert Hargis in the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church on April 15, 1948.

**Coon - Kenyon.** — On July 1, 1948, Lloyd R. Coon and Marguerite Annie Kenyon were united in marriage at the Second Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hopkinton. The groom's father, Rev. Ralph H. Coon officiated at the service assisted by the bride's pastor, Rev. Paul S. Burdick. Their temporary address will be 314 54th St., Newport News, Va.

**Lassen - Whitford.** — Paul E. Lassen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lassen of Plainfield, N. J., and Mary Elizabeth Whitford, daughter of Mrs. O. B. Whitford of 947 Kenyon Ave., Plainfield, and the late Dr. Whitford, were united in marriage at the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church by Pastor E. Wendell Stephan, June 23, 1948. Their new home is at 821 First Place, Plainfield.

**Kidder - Ling.** — Albert Kidder, son of Jessie and the late Virgil Kidder, and Lucille Earline Ling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ling, both of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage on the Sabbath afternoon of June 26, 1948. The wedding took place on the lawn of the Everett Ling home. Pastor Alton L. Wheeler officiated.

**Walton - Hanke.** — Grover Gene Walton, son of Hattie and the late Martin Walton, and Wanda M. Hanke, daughter of Ernest and Gladys Hanke, both of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage on the Sabbath afternoon of July 31, 1948, in the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. Pastor Alton L. Wheeler officiated.

**Obituaries**

**Easterly.** — Mrs. John I. Easterly, wife of Rev. John I. Easterly, pastor of the Healdsburg-Ukiah Church, died suddenly July 16, 1948, at the age of 64 years.

She was a good helper, especially in singing, in the work of her husband as pastor and volunteer missionary. She was laid to rest, July 20, 1948, in the Watsonville, Calif., Cemetery. Words of comfort were spoken to the family



# The Sabbath Recorder

*"Go Work Today"*

GO . . .

"Go" is fundamental. . . . We must go if we are to grow. Does not the Bible enjoin us to "Go into all the world"?

WORK . . .

We must work. . . . Time is short . . . for "The night cometh when no man can work."

TODAY . . .

Having gone and having planned a program of work, it must be put into effect today.

Let's go work today, Seventh Day Baptists!

—President Karl G. Stillman.

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and their friends by Pastor B. B. Friesen of Reedley, Calif. B. B. F.

**Boatman.** — J. A. Boatman was born February 7, 1893, and died May 16, 1948.

He was very patient in his great suffering and his hope was good. Funeral services were held in Dinuba, Calif., at which time words of comfort were spoken by Pastor B. B. Friesen to the family and friends. B. B. F.

**Greene.** — Maude Ruth, the daughter of John Mix and Mary Knapp Mix, was born March 17, 1883, at Bolivar, N. Y., and died July 8, 1948, at the Jones Memorial Hospital in Wellsville, N. Y.

On April 14, 1901, she was married to Elwood Greene. She was a member of the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nile, N. Y., where she lived for many years.

She is survived by her husband and nine children, all of whom are married and have families, and by her father, John Mix. Her sons are John W., Morton E., Harold N., W. C., and C. W. Greene. The daughters are Mrs. J. C. Menuey, Mrs. John Mooney, Mrs. Paul Burdick, and Mrs. Kenneth Burnham. There are twenty-six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were held at the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 11, 1948, with her pastor, Rev. Ralph H. Coon, in charge. Burial was at the Maple Lawn Cemetery, Bolivar, N. Y. R. H. C.

**Williams.** — Mrs. Mary Clarinda, who has made her home for the past ten years with her son, Rollin Williams, at 1124 Thornton Ave., Plainfield, N. J., passed away July 1, 1948, after a long illness, at the age of 95. She was the widow of Francis H. Williams, who died in 1926.

Mrs. Williams was born on a farm near Verona, N. Y., January 14, 1853. She was the last survivor of six children born to the late Alonzo Grant and Mianda Humeston Smith. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Verona and had been a regular and devoted attendant at the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church for more than forty years. Mrs. Williams and her husband came to Plainfield from Alfred, N. Y., in 1904.

Besides her son, Mrs. Williams is survived by three grandchildren, Francis S. Williams of Hornell, N. Y., Mrs. James Blackmere, also of Hornell, and Prof. Leland Williams of Alfred

University, Alfred; and six great-grandchildren. Another son, Ellis H. Williams of Hornell, died six years ago.

Funeral services were held July 3, at 2 p.m., at the Runyon and Son "Home for Services," Pastor E. Wendell Stephan officiating. Interment took place Sunday in the family plot in Verona Mills Cemetery, Oneida County, N. Y., with Rev. Herbert L. Polan, pastor of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, conducting the committal service. E. W. S.

**Scriven.** — William P., of Fanwood, N. J., passed away December 16, 1947, at the age of 82. Mr. Scriven, son of Zebolon and Clarissa Scriven, was born in Watson, Lewis County, N. Y., in 1865. The family later moved to New Jersey and William was baptized and joined the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church at the age of 17.

Mr. Scriven was married in 1900 to Florence Hand. For most of his life he worked as a carpenter in and around Fanwood and Plainfield.

He is survived by his wife and two nieces, Mrs. Winifred Harris of Montgomery, W. Va., and Mrs. Lloyd Tiffany of Glenfield, N. Y.

Funeral services were held at the Memorial Funeral Home on Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m., with Pastor E. Wendell Stephan officiating, assisted by Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery. E. W. S.

### RESOLUTION

(Resolution passed by the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church upon the death of Rev. W. D. Burdick.)

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to transfer our former pastor, Rev. Willard D. Burdick, to the Church Triumphant; therefore be it

Resolved, That we express our appreciation of his active and useful life, particularly of that portion spent among us, and of his fine qualities as a man and as a citizen; and

That we express our sympathy for those left behind and that this resolution be entered on our Church records and copies sent to his family and to the Sabbath Recorder.

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