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WHILE the Sabbath is not a sacrament, we feel that it partakes of the nature of a sacrament. In the midst of time the Sabbath anchors eternity, signifying and symbolizing the sacredness of all time. To observe the Sabbath therefore is to worship God and acknowledge His love and care. Even as we read in New Testament times of the preparation day preceding the Sabbath, so our sunset-to-sunset observance offers us an evening of spiritual preparation; and the Sabbath eve serves as a vesper call to God's Holy Day of praise and worship.

—Dean Ahva J. C. Bond

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## Editorial Paragraphs

### Angelus for World Peace

Bells and chimes in Churches around the world will be rung on Sunday, September 19, as a call to prayer "to the One God and Father of men of all races and nations" for world leaders who gather in Paris for the General Assembly of the United Nations that week.

The Laymen's Movement for a Christian World is sponsoring this Angelus for the General Assembly. This movement has conducted a continuous campaign for such prayers on behalf of world leaders since Dr. Frank C. Laubach was sent to the Paris Peace Conference nearly two years ago. At that time the people in this country were asked to give their prayerful support to the effort.

"The plan is for silent and audible prayers to be offered at the close of morning Church services while ringing bells proclaim this call to prayer. The time generally will be from 11:55 to 12 noon in each time zone. Just before the Paris meetings of the United Nations begin, this will help form a common outreach of man's soul, around the world, imploring God's help for peace and brotherhood."

Sabbathkeeping Christians throughout the world have a unique opportunity of starting this Angelus for World Peace on Sabbath, September 18, three days prior to the opening of the United Nations General Assembly in Paris, September 21, 1948.

So, let us set aside five minutes at the close of our Sabbath morning Church services, September 18, during which time "silent and audible prayers" will be offered on behalf of world leaders "while ringing bells proclaim this call to prayer."

### "The Greatest Story Ever Told"

Shortwave broadcasting of "The Greatest Story Ever Told" was started July 25 and will be continued indefinitely, according to ABC News. Fifty-seven countries on all the continents have been hearing the broadcasts through stations WRUL, WRUW, and WRUX of the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation.

After a brief summer vacation, "Greatest Story" broadcasts will be resumed in this country on Sunday, September 12, at

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## Liberty in Christ

### Galatians 5: 1

(Sermon by Pastor Kenneth A. Stickney, April 10, 1948, at the morning worship in the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church, New Market, N. J. Mr. and Mrs. Stickney were received into the membership of the Church in the afternoon.)

The Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatian Church has one great theme, that being a liberty wherein Christ has set us free. It stands out as a stunning blow to any form of legalism that tends to entangle man with the yoke of bondage, for indeed Christ has set us free.

In order for us properly to understand this passage we must look into the background of the epistle. It was probably written about A. D. 60, during Paul's third visit to Corinth. It had come to Paul's knowledge that the Galatians who were not Greeks, but Gauls, a barbarous people who poured into Greece in the third century before Christ, had become prey of the legalizers, the Judaizing missionaries from Palestine, whose main drive was the necessity of circumcision, demanding that all Christians be circumcised as required in the Jewish ceremonial law.

To this the Apostle Paul reminds them that this question was settled at Antioch when he withstood Peter to his face. Christ has brought liberty, not legalism, freedom not bondage, and grace not salvation by works, for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified (Galatians 2: 16b).

Paul continues now to point out the fact that man is saved by faith in Jesus Christ, "for the just shall live by faith," that even Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness (Galatians 3: 6).

Now we come to the summation of all that he has to say to them, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ has made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

### Stand Fast

First, we note that he exhorts them to stand fast. In other words, he is telling them not to be moved by this legalism that will enslave them. If you put yourself under the law, then you become a

debtor to the whole law. Therefore if you fail in one point, you are guilty of all. Law can never save you; all it can do is to show you to be sinners and in need of a Saviour. That is why Christ came, that the law might be fulfilled and through Him have perfect liberty; therefore, "stand fast."

I can hear some of my friends say at this point, who are loyal Sundaykeepers, "Amen! That is why I keep Sunday and not the original Sabbath. Christ has set me free, therefore I am free from the legalism of the Sabbath, and you Sabbathkeepers are legalists."

Perhaps I can hear this accusation of legalism in connection with the Sabbath with stronger echoes, for until recently I have been a Sundaykeeper, voicing the same expression with my own lips. But I thank God that through earnest search of His Word I have discovered the true Sabbath, and now I come to you identifying myself with the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

Now let us remind ourselves that Paul is not concerned about these Galatians keeping the Sabbath, for that is not the issue at all. The issue is that these people are being deceived into believing that circumcision is necessary for salvation, whereas Paul says that we are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour. Furthermore, circumcision is a rite, while the Sabbath is a moral principle which began in the creation story of Genesis, and continues to all generations for all men. Even so, we do not keep the Sabbath to be saved, but because we are saved and desire most earnestly to prove our fullest devotion to Him in keeping His holy day.

### The Liberty Itself

Since we now accept Christ by faith, He gives us perfect liberty. All of us prize the liberty that we know as citizens of this great United States. Some have even laid down their lives with the hope that this liberty might be preserved. Yet most everyone also recognizes that there are limitations placed upon that liberty we enjoy as citizens of this country. We are not at liberty to disturb the peace, to kill our fellow man, or to steal another man's

possessions. When such violations of the laws of our land are committed, it can be expected that a penalty must be paid. Yet some people seem to advocate and believe that freedom in Christ entitles one to do as he pleases. The laws of God are of no consequence; we can break every commandment, sin all we want, because Christ has set us free. What a perversion that is of the gospel of grace. Christ has come "not to destroy the law, but to fulfil it," to take away sin—having done so on the cross so that we might be victorious over the power of sin itself. Paul says in his letter to the Romans, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"

Freedom in Christ, therefore, is a deliverance not only from sin, but also from the dominion of sin, giving us perfect liberty, implying complete devotion to His commands which are not grievous, but fullness of joy. From my own experience I can say that I have tried and proved this in the observing of the Sabbath since coming to a knowledge of this truth, for the Lord has witnessed to me in a way that He never did when I was observing Sunday, and I believe that His presence is realized in a deeper way because it is the Bible Sabbath and not one that is man made.

### The Yoke of Bondage

Our text would not be complete if we concluded with the freedom that we have in Christ. Paul knew that if he let the text end with the liberty wherewith He has set us free, people would be careless in their manner of life, so he warns them against becoming entangled with the yoke of bondage. Now the question that comes to our minds is, what is the yoke of bondage? Some say that this is the whole law including the Ten Commandments. But let us look at the context in the verses following. "Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. . . . For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but faith which worketh by love." Galatians

5: 2, 3, 6. It is very plain throughout the whole chapter that the yoke of bondage is in reality a substitution of salvation by works instead of salvation by faith in the atoning death of Christ. We read in Ephesians 2: 8 and 9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." These people wanted to trust the works of the law in circumcision, which could only condemn them, but let us not make the mistake and think that our uncircumcision avails for anything, for, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything. It is only by faith in our suffering and risen Christ that we are saved.

Let us now apply the real conflict that the Apostle Paul faces in the Galatian Church. As had been pointed out, it is legalism versus justification by faith. One might say in reality that it is salvation by works versus salvation by faith in Christ as Saviour. This is the one great problem that Paul continually has to fight, and he makes it perfectly clear that it is not by works of righteousness which we have done, but by His mercy He has saved us. Good works are only of value when we are saved, not in order to be saved. If we are trying to merit God's salvation by our good works, then we may be classed as legalists, but if we are doing good works as a result of our salvation, then in no sense can we be considered legalists. We should examine ourselves in this light, rather than in any outward observance. We should keep the Sabbath because we love Him who gave His life for us, for it was He who showed us the true meaning of the Sabbath, breaking down all the man-made laws in regard to it.

Let us remember, however, that we are not saved in keeping any law, for it can only show us our sin and the need of Christ Himself for salvation. This we have in Christ who gave perfect obedience to the law of God, who became sin for us, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

We should never lose sight of the one great fact that Christ came into the world to save sinners. He came to seek and to save that which was lost, "that while we

## RADIO LISTENERS SHOW RELIGION IS GAINING

Interest Aroused by "The Greatest Story Ever Told" Shows That Public Is Looking for Religious Teaching

Maybe there's nothing so much wrong with this world but that the right thing could fix it up. Perhaps the public will take what is good for them, if there is someone to give it to them.

It would seem so, judging by the listening audience of "The Greatest Story Ever Told," the dramatic presentation of the teachings of Christ broadcast every Sunday, 6:30 p.m., EST, over the ABC network. This radio program, sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company as a public service program, carries no commercial announcements. It has received the enthusiastic support of Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish groups, of civic and educational groups, and of other industrial concerns. What is even more important, it has received the support of listeners.

According to a recent Nielson rating, this religious program tops forty-nine other

were yet sinners Christ died for us." And this is the gospel that we preach — the good news of salvation to all who believe on His name. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10: 9.

Yet with zeal let us proclaim the Sabbath as a testimony of our faith in Christ, even as the New Testament and the early Church witnessed with power and influence in the lives of men. Truly we can shout from the housetops, "Stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ has set us free, and be not entangled with the yoke of bondage." We as Seventh Day Baptists should rejoice in that great freedom we have in Christ, not being bound to any man-made law, but to Him who has brought perfect freedom, as we honor the day He has set aside, even our great Creator, the Lord Jesus Christ, who became our Saviour, redeeming us from the guilt and penalty of sin.

evening shows in listener audience, and it rates higher than 57 per cent of all sponsored radio shows on the air. This is an amazing rate of popularity when you consider that in this is included every big program on the air, most of them at times which are considered much better listening periods than the hour at which "The Greatest Story Ever Told" is broadcast. Add to this the fact that this is a religious program, and religious programs usually get very poor listener response.

Though a good part of this must be credited to the high quality of the program (it has received just about every radio award offered in the past year), the main point is that it shows that America is willing to turn to religion, if it is presented in an effective way. The program presents the teachings of Christ, as important to the world today as they were two thousand years ago, in a forceful, dramatic manner. It treats Christ's teachings in the light of our problems today; it makes them just as alive and important now as His words were during His lifetime.

Perhaps, after all, that is the test of the public's reactions. If they can be made to feel the need of something, if they can be shown that religion is part of their lives today just as much as it ever was before, they will listen. — ABC News.

## PERTINENT POINTS ON THE SABBATH QUESTION

If Jesus had meant for the Sabbath to be changed from one day to another, would He not have had to talk about it a lot? He never did.

If He attached any significance to the time He arose, would He not have told us? He never did.

If the apostles had changed to the first day as the Sabbath, would they not have talked about it when they met with people on the seventh day? They never did.

Why not?

(Miss) A. Mildred Greene.

Berlin, N. Y.



## SABBATH PROMOTION

(Messages presented in observance of Sabbath Rally Day on a program arranged by the Sabbath Promotion Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, N. J., consisting of Mrs. Mary Ayars, Everett Dickinson, and Charles D. Swing.)

### Ways to Promote the Sabbath

To attempt honestly to spread the Sabbath we must start at home. Unless our attitude and actions prove that we love and revere the day, all efforts will be fruitless.

Sabbath observance requires faithful attendance of the Church appointments, accompanied by our prayers, talents, and money. Visitation, Bible study, and other worth-while activities should complete the balance of the day, without engaging in things which tend to make the Sabbath seem like the other days of the week.

Family worship at an appointed time each day is important for enriching the Christian's spiritual life. This carries over to the way you live the first six days of the week, and if friends and neighbors notice that you are just a fourth commandment Christian, you are doing more to harm the Sabbath than to spread its truth.

Tolerance, too, is very important, and treating those people who worship on the first day of the week as you wish to be treated on the Sabbath, helps to create a respect for God's day.

The radio is a useful way to proclaim the Sabbath truth to many in the community who otherwise would never realize the truth about these "seven day" people. It is good that Shiloh continues on the air with its weekly broadcast.

The distribution of tracts about the Sabbath is the duty of each loyal Church member. To make this easier there is an organization known as the "Tract-a-Month Club." To become a member, simply send your name to the Recorder office at Plainfield and each month you will receive, by mail, a tract which you may pass or mail to a friend who is not already a Sabbath-keeper. At the end of the year you will receive a bill covering the small amount necessary to cover the cost of handling and mailing the tracts.

There are many other ways to spread the Sabbath; they vary in their importance. The promotion of our summer camps is a vital way to hold and encourage our young people. Courses on the Sabbath are needed that our people may know our history and know why we seem a peculiar people in the Christian group of denominations.

It is necessary that we encourage our General Conference and association meetings, and if attendance is impossible we can at least back our leaders and meetings with our prayers.

The natural method of spreading the Sabbath, besides the activities of the Tract Society, are those carried on by the Missionary Society. The support of the Denominational Budget is the direct way to help this society, and its share of the budget is greater than the amount going to any other individual group. This society sponsored the Second Century Fund for the rebuilding and advancement of our foreign missions and for the needed visitations to Churches and fields.

Each Seventh Day Baptist home should have the Sabbath Recorder in order to unify and strengthen us as a denomination. The special issue, published each month, is valuable as a source of inspiration for personal evangelistic work as well as to spread the Sabbath truth.

The task of getting our denominational weekly into each home is a problem for all. Some feel it should be the responsibility of the local Church to raise funds so that all of the members could have an opportunity to read the Recorder. Some feel that present subscribers should double their payment, to include a friend. Others favor complete underwriting of the Recorder in the Denominational Budget; they would place a copy in each Church home, and ask the Churches and friends for special gifts to relieve the budget. This organ for promoting the Sabbath must have increased circulation, and all must assume the obligations needed.

May Seventh Day Baptists everywhere pray, work, give, and live to spread the Sabbath truth as well as the redeeming grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Charles F. Harris,  
Deacon.

R. 1, Bridgeton, N. J.

### Why Promote the Sabbath?

Let us look into God's Word and see what He has to say about the Sabbath. In Genesis 1: 1 we read: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." Then in Genesis 1: 31 through Genesis 2: 3 we read: "And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." He put Himself into the **seventh day** in a special way.

In Exodus 20: 8-11 we read: "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it." He commands its observance.

In each of the gospels we read that Jesus kept the Sabbath while here on earth, not because it was a Jewish belief but because it was right and good and God had commanded it.

In John 15: 9, 10, Jesus says: "As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love."

In Matthew 5: 19 Jesus says: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Then He tells us in Mark 2: 27 that the Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for man, therefore it is our privilege to promote it, not because our folks kept it or because we were brought up to keep it, but because we love God, we believe His word, and we want to do what we believe is His will for our lives.

The story is told of a man who once said to another servant of the Lord, "I am such a helpless, miserable sinner, there is no hope for me. I have prayed, and resolved, and tried, and vowed until I am sick of my unavailing efforts."

"Do you believe that Christ died for our sins, and rose again?" was the reply.

"Of course I do."

"If He were here on earth in bodily and visible form, what would you do?"

"I would go to Him at once."

"What would you say to Him?"

"I would tell Him that I am a lost sinner."

"What would you ask Him?"

"I would ask Him to forgive and save me."

"What would He answer?"

The man was silent.

"What would He answer?"

At last the light came into his eyes, and a smile of peace stole over his face as he whispered, "He would answer, 'I will.'"

The man went away believing and rejoicing with joy unspeakable and full of glory. Since that time he has been working faithfully for the Christ who saved him in grace. May God bless us in our Sabbath observance and help us to really keep it as He would have us do. In so doing we will promote the Sabbath to the fullest extent.

Charles D. Swing,  
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### Upon Whom Does This Responsibility Fall?

If the Sabbath is of sufficient importance to justify us as an organization separate from other Baptists, if it is vital enough to give us our denominational name, then it must be important enough to demand our very best efforts and most active and consecrated services for its promotion.

If it is the Sabbath truth we are promoting, certainly all those who believe and keep it should have a part in spreading its truths. This includes not only the members of our own Church but the members of all seventh day observing Churches all over the world as well as lone Sabbathkeepers scattered everywhere.

This responsibility does not fall entirely upon the minister, the deacons, or the leaders of the Churches, but upon each individual member. Our minister could preach sermon after sermon on Sabbath observance and promotion, but unless each of us individually lives and keeps the Sabbath as he should, others may never know its truth or be inspired to keep it themselves.

The clearest teachings in the world fail to move men if the example of the teachers is out of harmony with their teachings. It may be that Seventh Day Baptists are weak and make few converts to the Sabbath simply because they themselves do not keep the Sabbath as they should. It may be that too many fail to grasp the real spirit and worth of Sabbathkeeping.

I feel the responsibility falls largely upon the parents in the home. It is the example in the home that tends to mold the lives and thoughts of the children toward the Sabbath. Have we, as Seventh Day Baptist parents, that sincere and careful regard for the Holy Sabbath that characterized our forefathers? We read and hear the testimony of many of the older people, of how much the Sabbath meant to them in their homes. As Rev. Theodore Gardiner once said, "Week by week this blessed day used to come, reminding us, while we were yet children, of an ever present God and Father, whom our dear ones adored, and who was in-

viting us to halt a few hours on life's journey and let the Sabbath lift us nearer to Him."

I wonder if those blessed days are being forgotten in these hustling, pleasure-seeking times? Are we losing the spirit of true Sabbatism? We need more faithful home teaching and a spirit of consecration that will make our children realize that their parents really prize and love the Sabbath. We need more homes where parents are anxious to consecrate their boys to the gospel ministry, and where the spiritual life of the home trains the young people to be missionary minded. When our missionaries go to the foreign fields and carry the gospel of Christ as the Saviour of men they must also exalt Him as the maker, observer, and Lord of the Sabbath.

The Sabbath must be taught as well as the gospel. Christ said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." The fourth commandment is just as important as the other nine. The Sabbath was a very important part of the lives of the people in the Old Testament. God often used their Sabbath loyalty as a test of their love for Him. Time and again amid the apostasies of His people did He charge them, first of all, with turning away from His Sabbath; and when urging them to return from their wanderings, His first plea was, "Return unto my sabbath." The curse was often sent because the Sabbath was forsaken, but blessings were also promised to those who remembered the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

The same is true today as then. Our Sabbath reverence, which includes our observance of it and helping others to live it, is a measure of our individual Christianity. But disregard of the Sabbath is an entering wedge to loss of our spirituality.

Let us, as Seventh Day Baptists, pray for a deep and widespread revival of spiritual Sabbatism in all our Churches and for a larger vision of our mission as Sabbathkeepers.

Everett Dickinson,  
Deacon.

Shiloh, N. J.

### TODAY — BIG DAY FOR JAMAICA SCHOOL

Plans have been strenuously worked to open the Carribean High School in Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I., today, September 6, 1948. Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph, headmaster and missionary on the island, has been developing buildings and equipment for more than a year, with the help of the Jamaica School Supervisory Committee of the Missionary Society. Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills have become acquainted with the work in Jamaica since their arrival in early July, and their daughter, Miriam, has already made many Christian friendships as she hoped to do before leaving America.

May your prayers and mine be for the advancement of Christ's kingdom in Jamaica through this educational-evangelistic program. See Dr. Ben Crandall's Conference speech previously published (August 30 issue) for ways in which you can help financially and with gifts in kind.

D. S. C.

### PROGRESS REPORT ON CHINA MISSION

This is to be a report of progress in the Shanghai Mission. As to the school—the usual repairs for the summer are about completed on the roofs where damage was caused by the heavy rain and wind early in the summer. The house in which we live is to have a limited amount done on the roof this week. The classrooms are all having fresh coats of whitewash. In many places wainscoting has taken the place of plaster. In halls and in the kindergarten it seemed the most economical way to repair.

The grounds are looking better than they have for a long time. The new grass plots are the most attractive improvement. Aside from looks, they will keep down dust near the Chang house and here. The new wall put up last year and the fence above it, the trees and shrubs that we put in last winter, and the repaired "slides" are among other outdoor improvements. The three drinking fountains were a welcome addition this spring.

Some of the graduates have been accepted in colleges for the fall. A very

small per cent of those taking the entrance examinations are accepted. Not all reports are out yet, but it may be that some students will not be accepted. As to our school, there is already such a large enrollment that children are being turned away.

In regard to the Church, about forty people, young and old, were baptized and came into the Church late in June. Now evangelistic services are being held as a part of a city-wide campaign for outsiders. Two meetings are held each day. Special music is often provided aside from the regular hymn singing, which they all seem to enjoy. One night Mrs. Yeu had charge. Her four children sang "The Way of the Cross Leads Home."

Mrs. Koo told me the other day of a family who has been coming to Christ through the prayers of one of the oldest schoolgirls who was here when Miss Burdick first came. First the man, then his wife, now their children, and so on. Slowly they are coming. The woman herself has died but the work goes on. So Miss Burdick lives on in her influence. Mary Chang is one of whom I like to think as carrying on from Anna (West). She and Anna worked together when Mary came back here as a teacher.

### Liuhö Evangelistic-Medical Work Develops

Two buildings are almost completed at Liuhö. The nurses' home will not be ready for occupancy until late September. It will take a long time for the paint to become hard. This building has rooms on one side that will be Sarah Becker's home. The other wing will be used by the nurses, and the central part is a large room for meetings and classes.

Sarah Becker is on Mokanshan studying Chinese with one of our teachers. Both report progress. Philip Thorngate and a classmate are with her. The boys help with household duties and have community jobs as well.

### Miss West Improves

I and my game leg are progressing. I sit up a great deal in a chair or in the wheel chair. Just now I am on the porch where it is a trifle cooler. Next month I am to try walking with crutches. Since



it is very hot now, it is a great relief to be up so much.

Mary Hu Chang has begun her work as evangelist, special morning services for nurses and patients, individual work with patients, and Sabbath services for children and older people. She makes trips into the country with some of our old Church members to visit any whom they think are interested. Last week she sent in for books in English for a patient who is already a Christian. Mother has sent out Anna's old Bible and some other books which she may be able to use.

It has been a great pleasure to receive the many air-mail letters that have come to us this summer, as letters are next best to seeing you all. I thank you very much for your kindness.

Mabel L. West.

23 Zikawei Road,  
Shanghai 25, China,  
August 8, 1948.

### WHERE IS YOUR BIBLE?

Thanks to the alertness of Oxford University Press, New York, the Economic Co-operation Administration in Washington, headed by Paul G. Hoffman, will never again face the dilemma which confronted it on April 27.

On that date, when Chief Justice Frederick M. Vinson arrived at the ECA office to swear in W. Averell Harriman for a special assignment abroad, it was discovered by Mr. Hoffman's embarrassed associates that there was no Bible on the premises. A hurried trip to a Washington bookstore was necessary, and even then the Bible had to be borrowed rather than bought because of complications in government purchasing.

Hearing of the episode, Leon McCauley, manager of the Oxford University Press Bible Department, wrote to Mr. Hoffman offering to remedy "this deplorable situation" and offering to have a Bible made up in any desired color. The ECA authority, expressing profound gratitude, stipulated his preference for a black binding, and this week the situation was relieved by the arrival of an Oxford Bible as a permanent fixture for Mr. Hoffman's office. — Release.

### I AM CALLING YOU

I am the best friend of mankind. To the man who prizes sanity, peacefulness, pure-mindedness, social standing, and longevity, I am a necessity.

I am hung about with sweet memories — memories of brides — memories of mothers — memories of boys and girls — memories of the aged as they grope their way down the shadows.

I am decked with loving tears — crowned by loving hands and hearts.

In the minds of the greatest men on earth I find a constant dwelling place.

I live in the lives of the young and in the dreams of the old.

I safeguard man through all his paths — from the first hour life's sun slants upon his footprints until the purple gathers in the west and the darkness falls.

I lift up the fallen. I strengthen the weak. I help the distressed. I show mercy, bestow kindness, and offer a friendly hand to the man in fine linen and the man in homespun.

I am the essence of good fellowship, friendliness, and love.

I give the gifts that gold cannot buy, nor kings take away. They are given freely to all who ask.

I bring back the freshness of life, the eagerness, the spirit of youth which feels that it has something to live for ahead.

I meet you with outstretched arms and with songs of gladness.

Sometime — some day — some hour — in the near or far future, you will yearn for the touch of my friendly hand for I am your comforter and best friend.

I am calling you. **I am the Church.**  
—Exchange.

### WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

NOVEMBER 5, 1948

Mrs. O. A. Sardeson, Chairman

Theme: **Peace Is My Responsibility**

#### Action Project No. 1

A crusade for lasting peace will be carried through by prayer and personal commitment. Cards will be sent out before the end of April for use by committees that will plan for wide distribution and signing. This crusade project will culminate on World Community Day. The signed cards, a few million, we hope, will be taken to the U.C.C.W. Assembly meeting in Milwaukee, November 15-18, where their further use will be determined.

A folder giving program suggestions for the day will be available early in May.

#### Action Project No. 2

**Pack-a-Towel for teen-agers in Displaced Persons Camps and in Asia.**

Offering for medical supplies and peace education.

A sheet of directions for both projects will be enclosed in the first letter describing World Community Day.

World Community Day was first observed in 1943 for the purpose of making real our task of building a world community and learning to pay the price of enduring peace.

The need to carry out these objectives has grown with the years.

1943—Theme—The Price of Enduring Peace.

1944—Political and Economic Price of Enduring Peace.

1945—The World Charter.

1946—The United Nations.

1947—The World Is My Community.

1948—Peace Is My Responsibility.

The challenge of the world in 1948 should make this World Community Day with its crusade the greatest one the United Council has ever had.

### Pack-a-Towel for a Teen-ager in Displaced Persons Camps and in Asia

By Elsie Culver

(Our 1948 United Council of Church Women Church World Service World Community Project November 5, 1948.)

No group in Asia or Europe has suffered more — physically and spiritually — than the young people. Stabilizing influences of home, community, Church, and school have been denied them. Yet in their hearts is the same zest for life, the same love of fun and gaiety, the same dreams for tomorrow, that we know in our own teen-age crowd. So UCCW proposes that we should each send a gift to one of these boys or girls. Not just a utilitarian gift (though certainly there is desperate need of every garment) but an outfit that is bright and colorful and pretty and youthful. Outfits to pep up their youthful spirits and let them know that the Christian women in America appreciate their dreams and problems, and that we love them.

What to do:

Start with a pretty bath towel 22 inches wide.

On one end of the towel fold new or good-as-new garments — as complete an outfit as you can. Include bedroom slip-

pers (no hard soled shoes) and items such as comb, tooth brush, "hankies," neckties, writing materials, etc., packed into a pocketbook or pouch. (**Nothing breakable or spillable.**) In girl's packages include pretty new material for dress (or yarn) and sewing kit. In boy's packages send some small, handy tools.

Include a friendly note with sender's name and address.

Flap the other end of the towel over the pile; pin edges together with 2 dozen assorted safety pins.

Pin firmly to it a piece of cloth with large crayon letters B (boy) or G (girl) and size.

Bring your bundle to the Church for dedication on World Community Day. Bring also an offering. Your sacrificial gift will be used to speed the bundles overseas, to furnish vitamins and medical supplies, and to further education for peace. —Church World Service.

### NOTICE

The Board of Directors and members of the Women's Society will meet September 12, 1948, in Salem, W. Va., at 2 p.m., for the purpose of the election of officers and any other business that may be necessary or expedient.

Greta F. Randolph,  
Secretary.

### LIQUOR BILL FOR 1947 WAS \$9,600,000,000

A release of the Department of Commerce, dated June 11, 1948, states that total expenditures for alcoholic beverages by the American people in 1947 amounted to \$9,600,000,000. The study was made by the Office of Business Economics.

Public revenues derived by federal, state, and local governments from sales of alcoholic beverages amounted to 3.1 billion dollars, leaving a net direct loss of \$6,500,000,000. The indirect loss is usually figured at approximately the amount of the total expenditure for liquors.

The liquor bill, according to the Department, was \$3,630,000,000 in 1939, or less than forty per cent of the current expenditures. — Clipsheet.

## SABBATH THOUGHTS

Sabbath experiences are more meaningful to me because I follow in the train of those who throughout the centuries of the past have observed the seventh day of the week as the Sabbath commanded by God. It draws me closer to Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jesus Christ, and Paul who kept the seventh day Sabbath. Being drawn closer to these people is a real help to me in living a Godlike life. We all need such inspiration. We need help in making these great leaders of the past more real. It is easy to think of them as fictitious characters or to think of them as just being recorded in history.

Doing things just because other men do them is not the highest motive for action. Doing the same thing that others have done which is commanded by God is different and has great spiritual value.

There are many persons and groups that claim to follow the Bible as their authority who, as I see it, make void their claim by keeping Sunday as the Sabbath. I have always felt that these people would find the Bible much more meaningful if they kept the seventh day Sabbath which it commands.

The earthly life of Christ seems much more real to me because I observe the same day as the Sabbath that He did. He walked through the grainfields on the Sabbath day as He was going to the synagogue or to do some good deed. The many walks with my father over the hill in West Virginia to the Middle Island Church are more meaningful to me as I think of the walks which Jesus took on the Sabbath. Jesus and His companions had many amusing experiences on their walks on the Sabbath. I feel sure that we are expected to enjoy our Sabbath days.

Yes, it is too bad that many people seem to cut off all that section of sacred history which records the keeping of the seventh day. I feel that those that keep Sunday are, in a sense, doing just this. Observing the Sabbath can be more nearly as God would have it if we associate our observance with the lives of these great leaders who through the spirit of God

established the seventh day as the Sabbath in history.

A question which I have to answer as a father is, "Am I doing all that I can to bring my children into a more real fellowship with these great leaders of the past in such a way that they will want to observe the seventh day as the Sabbath?" Home and Church can do much more to make religion real to children and young people by making the human agents of religion more real.

The doctrine side of the Sabbath truth is very important, but the fellowship of believers is another side which should be stressed very much.

To those of us who keep the seventh day falls the task of doing and teaching men those better things which God would have associated with His Holy Sabbath.

## A Wall of Peace

For some time I have been pondering on the strength which comes to me from faith in God. These thoughts have taken the form of a poem which I would like to share with you. I should leave the writing of poems to such folks as Orville Bond of Lost Creek, W. Va., Mrs. Irene Hulett, of Milton, Wis., or David Beebe of Gentry, Ark., and perhaps they will be willing to suggest improvements for my poem.

I'll let God build a wall of peace around my troubled heart—  
A wall so strong that all life's woes cannot tear it apart.  
I built a wall of my own strength, and my own courage too,  
But when the stress of life was hard, my own wall would not do.

So I'll let God build the wall that gives to my heart peace.  
He'll use my strength, my courage, and my own part will not cease.  
My heart must keep firm faith in God's protecting power,  
If this wall is to give real peace for each and every hour.

To every heart with burdens heavy and fears that seem so strong,  
God says, "Come unto me, why struggle alone so long?  
I will keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on me."  
These are His words and in His plan He has a wall of peace for thee.

Harley Sutton.

## PRESIDENT TRUMAN ENDORSES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WEEK

President Harry Truman holds that both religion and education are essential to a democratic government.

President Truman's support of Religious Education Week is given in a letter to Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, which is sponsoring the observance.

Religious Education Week will be observed for the eighteenth year by tens of thousands of churches of forty denominations. The theme is "Christ and the Community."

The text of the President's letter follows:

Dear Dr. Ross:

I am pleased to be informed of the plans of the International Council of Religious Education for the observance of Religious Education Week, September 26 through October 3.

American democracy is founded upon a full recognition of the dignity and worth of man and the importance of the individual human personality. From the days of our fathers, it has been recognized that both religion and education are powerful forces in the preservation of any system of government based upon the rights and the responsibilities of free men.

I am glad to know that this year the observance of Religious Education Week will draw particular attention to the importance of the community and its religious institutions in our national life. At no time in the history of the world has there been greater need for an understanding of the truth that makes men free and for the development of those moral and spiritual resources which must undergird a free society.

Very sincerely yours,

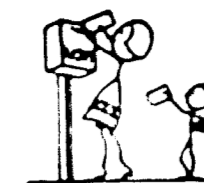
Harry S. Truman.

—From the International Council  
of Religious Education.

## ANNUAL MEETING — BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The annual meeting of the members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., will be held at the Gothic in Alfred, N. Y., Sunday, September 19, at 2 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is to elect officers and directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Albert N. Rogers,  
President,  
Harley Sutton,  
Corresponding Secretary.



## OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

## SABBATH SCHOOL

By Irene Hulett

Sing a song of Sabbath school,  
Happy place to go!  
In the summer, fall, or spring,  
Or through winter's snow.

At the pleasant Sabbath school,  
Many children meeting,  
Each exchanges friendly smiles  
Or some happy greeting.

And your own dear teacher  
Who is always there  
Loves the little children  
Placed within her care.

Tries to teach them earnestly  
Of the Jesus way,  
How they best can follow Him,  
Serving Him each day.

Don't forget your quarterly,  
Learn the memory verse,  
And the dimes and nickels  
You must bring, of course.

Pennies do not go far  
In the Father's plan,  
So just try to make them more,  
If it's so you can.

Join in all the singing  
With a happy heart,  
And you will be helping  
Thus to do your part.

After you reach home again,  
And your dinner's through,  
Read the story paper  
Teacher gave to you.

Time goes by on fleeting wings,  
And, in coming days,  
Memories of Sabbath school  
Will brighten all your ways.

So, let's sing of Sabbath school,  
Happy place to go!  
In the summer, fall, or spring,  
Or in winter's snow.

[Mrs. Hulett suggests that these verses be used as a song and sung to the tune of "Jolly Old St. Nicholas."]

Milton, Wis.,  
August, 1948.

Dear Recorder Children:

I'm pretty sure all my Recorder children go to Sabbath school and Church just as often as they can, and there learn about God and His wonderful love and care for "The children of men," and of Jesus who came into the world to help



### PROVISION FOR CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS IN 1948 DRAFT ACT

"Sec. 6 (j) Nothing contained in this title shall be construed to require any person to be subject to combatant training and service in the armed forces of the United States, who, by reason of religious training and belief, is conscientiously opposed to participation in war in any form. Religious training and belief in this connection means an individual's belief in a relation to a Supreme Being involving duties superior to those arising from any human relation, but does not include essentially political, sociological, or philosophical views or a merely personal moral code. Any person claiming exemption from combatant training and service because of such conscientious objections whose claim is sustained by the local board shall, if he is inducted into the armed forces under this title, be assigned to non-combatant service as defined by the President, or shall, if he is found to be conscientiously opposed to participation in such noncombatant service, be deferred.

"Any person claiming exemption from combatant training and service because of

us to become true Christian boys and girls and men and women. And fortunate, too, are the children who can also go to Junior Christian Endeavor, the meeting which can be such a source of help and pleasure to all children, as well as my Recorder boys and girls in whom I have such a deep interest. And then there are religious day school, Vacation Bible School, and Seventh Day Baptist camp — all these are helps in building real Christian character.

There was once a little girl, who is a grown-up woman now, who loved to go to Church and Sabbath school. She lived on a farm fully two and a half miles from Church, but she was a regular attendant at Church and Sabbath school, often walking both ways. She often says, "I wish I could have gone to Junior C. E., religious day school, Vacation Bible School, and Seventh Day Baptist camp, as many of our boys and girls do today."

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

such conscientious objections shall, if such claim is not sustained by the local board, be entitled to an appeal to the appropriate appeal board. Upon the filing of such appeal, the appeal board shall refer any such claim to the Department of Justice for inquiry and hearing. The Department of Justice, after appropriate inquiry, shall hold a hearing with respect to the character and good faith of the objections of the person concerned, and such person shall be notified of the time and place of such hearing. The Department of Justice shall, after such hearing, if the objections are found to be sustained, recommend to the appeal board, that (1) if the objector is inducted into the armed forces under this title, he shall be assigned to noncombatant service as defined by the President, or (2) if the objector is found to be conscientiously opposed to participation in such noncombatant service, he shall be deferred. If after such hearing the Department of Justice finds that his objections are not sustained, it shall recommend to the appeal board that such objections be not sustained. The appeal board shall, in making its decision, give consideration to, but shall not be bound to follow, the recommendation of the Department of Justice together with the record on appeal from the local board. Each person whose claim for exemption from combatant training and service because of conscientious objections is sustained shall be listed by the local board on a register of conscientious objectors."

—Submitted by Albyn Mackintosh,  
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### ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW JERSEY

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey, for the election of officers and trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 12, 1948, at two o'clock.

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

### ANNUAL MEETING AMERICAN SABBATH TRACT SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York, for the election of officers and directors and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, September 12, 1948, at two-thirty o'clock.

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### EDITORIAL PARAGRAPHS

(Continued from page 86)

6:30 p.m., EDT, over the American Broadcasting Company network, with the Biblical drama, "Of Such Is the Kingdom." The program will be based on Mark 10: 14, 15.

"The Greatest Story Ever Told" will enter upon its third year with the program just mentioned. It is being sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company as a public service feature and carries no commercial announcements.

This program deserves the wholehearted hearing of all Christians in this land as well as of those throughout the world. Let us plan to have the family at home on Sunday evenings at 6:30 p.m., EDT, for this outstanding radio creation which dramatizes the teachings of Christ.

### "NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION" By W. W. Reid

"There is greater need today than ever in our history for emphatic emphasis on the place of God in our family life," wrote President Truman to the International Council of Religious Education in endorsing the holding of National Family Week from May 2 to 8. Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic Churches and agencies were united in the observance. "The most important contribution that the Churches can make to the home is to bend their efforts toward keeping its spiritual forces as vigorous and vital as possible," said the President. The most perfect economic and social environment conceivable cannot assure a sound home life where the spiritual foundations of the family are weak. The fairest flower of American family life is the fruit of the religious heritage of the centuries brought to our shores.

What has been termed the "best example of interfaith action in welfare work ever undertaken in this country" is the formation of the Joint Council on the Resettlement of Displaced Persons, which includes national representatives of Protestant, Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Eastern Orthodox Churches and agencies. They are working together for the passage of emergency legislation to permit the admission of a satisfactory number of European displaced persons into the United States during the next few years; and to arrange for their resettlement in American communities where they will be welcomed and are needed because of their particular skills.

China has a second "Christian general," this one a "product" of the missionary effort of the Presbyterians of the island of Hainan. . . . He is Brigadier General Tseng-Bin, who twenty years ago was in a mission school in Hoihow, Hainan, and became a Christian. He rose rapidly in the army, served in North China, and was returned to Hainan to repatriate the Japanese and to restore law and order after the war. Regularly he takes his turn preaching and teaching in his home Church and school; he cleared both Japanese and Chinese military out of mission property; and he is often quoted in the local Chinese press as saying that Christianity is the only hope for China.

From Geneva, Switzerland, comes word that thirty-three German pastors, from the British, American, and Russian Zones, are waiting their marching orders to go and relieve an equal number of pastors who are prisoners of war in Great Britain. These "voluntary prisoners" will be at their new posts early this year. The Chancellery of the German Evangelical Church has organized in each of the interested zones a meeting of "future P.W. chaplains," to help prepare them for their new ministry which will continue until all the prisoners are repatriated. A second list of twenty pastors who are also destined for Great Britain is under examination. The Chancellery has also been requested to send twenty-five volunteer pastors for the prisoner-of-war camps in France.



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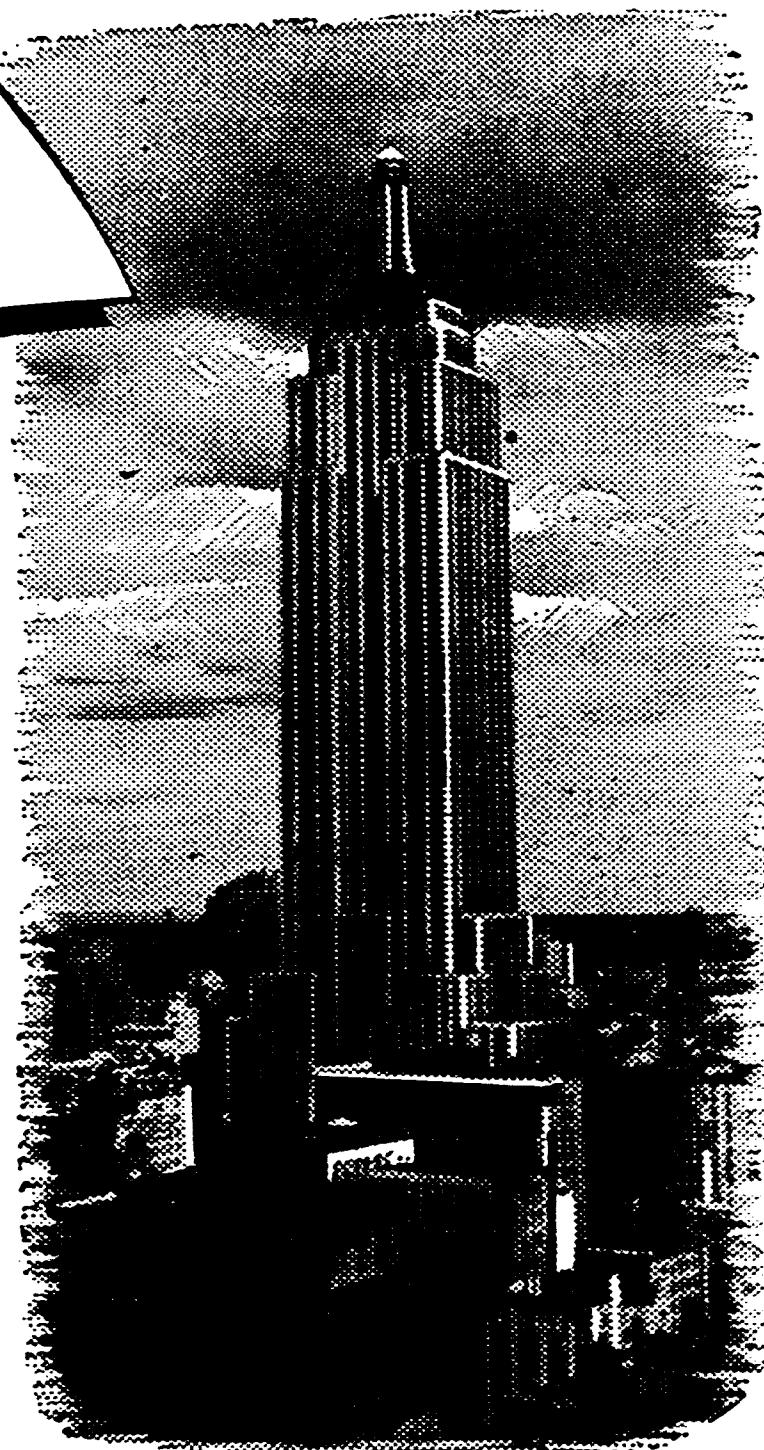
Dwarfing all its neighbors the Empire State Building towers 102 stories into the sky. To rear a building to one-tenth of that height would once have been considered beyond the power of man.

As man's capacity to advance materially has often been underestimated, so there are spiritual powers locked within him that, brought into full play, could easily work a miraculous cure for this ailing and disheartened world.

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