

Marriages

Burrows - Giles. — Ralph Edward Burrows and Romona June Giles were united in marriage August 9, 1948, at the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nile, N. Y. Rev. Ralph H. Coon officiated. The couple will make their home at Eldred, Pa.

Warner - Williams. — William Garth Warner, son of Stanley and Elmina Warner of Durhamville, N. Y., and Mayola Jane Williams, daughter of John and Millicent Williams of Oneida, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, July 25, 1948, at 2 p.m., by their pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Polan. Their address is R. D. 1, Durhamville, N. Y.

Obituaries

Hoffman. — Rachel, daughter of James R. and Lucy West Rainear, was born June 21, 1866, and died at her home in Shiloh, N. J., June 28, 1948, at the age of 82 years.

In December, 1887, she was married to Henry Ellsworth Hoffman, son of John and Josephine Crandall Hoffman. She is survived by five children: Mrs. Edna Dickinson, Mrs. Josephine Allen, Miss Leona Hoffman, Colwell Hoffman, all of Shiloh; and John Hoffman, of Westerly, R. I. There are six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

At the age of 13 she was one of forty baptized through the ice at the Seventh Day Millpond by Rev. Theodore L. Gardiner. She remained a member of the Shiloh Church until her death, being active in the work of the Church and its organizations until she became crippled and could not attend. All her life was spent in Shiloh.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Shiloh, by her pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, and interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

L. G. O.

Post. — Dr. Clark C. Post, son of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Post, was born in Chicago, Ill., on May 1, 1867, and passed away at Barron, Wis., August 4, 1948.

His parents came West in the '60's and lived at Appleton, Wis., and Chicago, Ill. Dr. Post was educated in the Chicago schools, Alfred University, and the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago. He established practice in Barron in October, 1893. He was married to Jessie Post, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Post of Barron, Wis., on July 12, 1899. In 1901, he entered partnership with his brother-in-law, Dr. Harry M. Coleman. They established the Barron Hospital and the Barron Clinic. Dr. Post retired from practice about two years ago. He was the first physician from Barron County to enlist and to be commissioned captain in World War I. He entered the service in April, 1917, and received his honorable discharge in 1919. He served at Camp A. A. Humphrey, Washington, D. C. Dr. Post was a member of Lodge No. 220, Free and Accepted Masons, Ben Brown Post of the American

Legion, and the Kiwanis Club. Early in his life he joined the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church and continued membership there. His hobby was agriculture and he was the first breeder of pure bred Holstein cattle in Barron County.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Dr. George W. and Dr. Charles Post. He is survived by his wife, nine nieces and nephews, twenty-two great nieces and nephews, and nineteen great-great nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held in Rausch Funeral Home in Barron on Sunday, August 8, conducted by President Carroll L. Hill of Milton College. Burial was in the Barron Cemetery. C. L. H.

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port in prayer. Prayer is that support without which no pastor can succeed in times of crisis and under his responsibilities. The Church should act always in the spirit of prayer.

Consecrating Prayer

The consecrating prayer was offered by Rev. Lester G. Osborn, who invited all the ordained ministers present to assist in the laying on of hands while Pastor C. Rex Burdick knelt at the altar.

Welcome to the Ministry

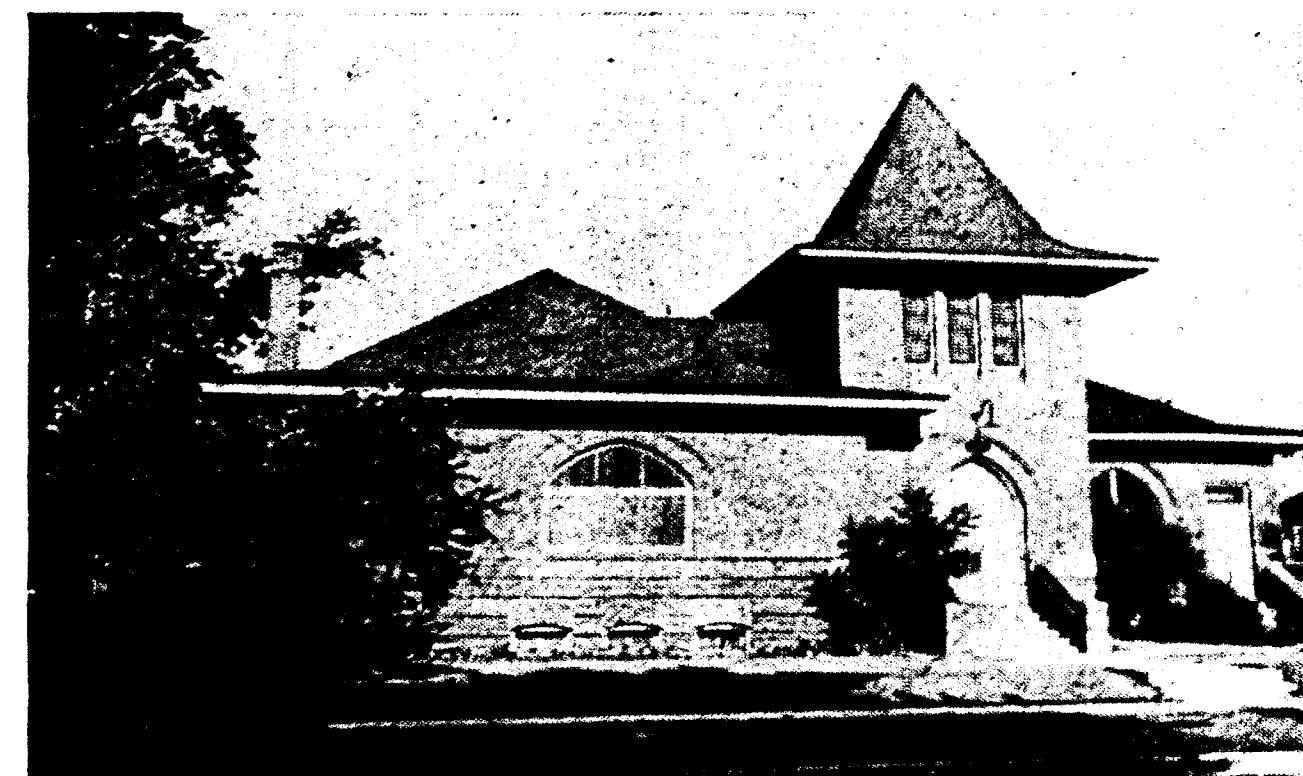
Rev. David S. Clarke, executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, extended the welcome to the gospel ministry. He welcomed the newly ordained minister to a cause that operates twenty-four hours a day. "You will be called to the bedside of the ill and the afflicted. There will be times of discouragement when friends may seem so few that you will find it most difficult to carry on. Whether civilization is saved or not, we know that God loves us. We serve a cause that is not lost. There will be the joys and satisfaction of living with people, and a family life of inner satisfactions. You are dedicating yourself in full devotion and to full-time service. You will have the Master's fellowship as you go all the way. You will be welcomed to the homes where the type of food that we are getting here this weekend is an indication of the desire to help. I welcome you into the fellowship of changed people in which you will have the pleasure of leading them after they have been changed by Christ."

After the singing of the hymn, "My Jesus, I Love Thee," by the congregation, Rev. C. Rex Burdick pronounced the benediction.

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Upon the invitation of the Denver Church, the Pre-Conference meeting of the Commission was held in that Church. The Commission very greatly appreciates the courtesy of the Denver Church in providing the use of a meeting room and that of its members in providing lodging and breakfast for the Commission members throughout the session. — Thirtieth Annual Report of the Commission.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT —

A ten-foot neon sign with letters a foot high marks the entrance to the Denver Church, with the words **Seventh Day Baptist Church?**

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

Let Us Study the Reports!

Every delegate, and visitor, to the General Conference at North Loup, Neb., August 17-22, 1948, either received, or had the opportunity of receiving, a copy of the reports of the Commission, of our boards, and societies.

These reports should be studied! They are important. They give in condensed form the accomplishments of the Conference year of the Commission and the boards and societies through their volunteer and salaried personnel. They also set forth certain plans and proposals for the future.

We feel certain that pastors and other delegates from our Churches take seriously the sacred privilege and responsibility of getting before the folks who could not attend Conference the gist of these significant, outstanding reports. These summaries of the year's accomplishments and expressed hopes for the future are more than so much paper and printer's ink. They are filled with life and spirit, with consecration and sacrifice, with facts and figures, with stewardship and vision.

Obviously, the Sabbath Recorder cannot publish these reports in full. However, during September, certain portions of some of them will appear in the Sabbath Recorder as we are trying to feature the recent Conference.

Naturally, the best way by which these timely items will be brought to the attention of the local congregations is entirely in the hands of the pastors and others who may be responsible. The Sabbath Recorder hereby invites all Churches and groups which make a study of the reports of the Commission and of the societies and boards, to share the plan they followed in a brief item for Recorder readers. Be sure to let us hear from you in this matter. We are certain that all of us will be helped by your experience.

These reports deserve our intelligent consideration. An informed people means an interested and a growing denomination. And Seventh Day Baptists are increasingly becoming such a denomination.

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"SOMEWHERE IN KANSAS"

This message is written out on the Kansas plains, and long enough after the close of the Conference in North Loup that the surprise and shock of being elected president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference has abated somewhat. However, the consciousness of the trust and honor conferred in this office seems to grow, along with the sense of inability to accomplish what every president must feel should be accomplished. Firm faith in the never-failing strength and wisdom of our Heavenly Father, and confidence in the loyal co-operation of our people combine to inspire courage.



Rev. Loyal F. Hurley

We are nearing the end of a two-weeks' vacation following Conference — and yet more than a vacation. We had planned this journey with no thought of what it has come to be. For there was no least thought of being Conference president, nor any expectation of our next General Conference being held in Riverside. By a little readjustment of our plans and the hearty co-operation of pastors and Churches, we have already contacted the Riverside and Los Angeles groups and those of Boulder and Denver, and we are still to visit Nortonville and Farina. Thus, what was planned as a vacation trip turns

out to be business for the King and the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. So far we have found a fine spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm, which brings real encouragement.

How strange, and yet how fitting, that our first contacts on this trip should have been with our Churches in Riverside and Los Angeles! It may seem entirely too early in the Conference year to suggest that you plan to attend Conference at Riverside in 1949, but the Churches in Riverside and Los Angeles are already planning for your entertainment. Los Angeles has assured us of her co-operation and has already allocated certain funds for use in connection with our meeting next summer. Riverside has begun her preliminary planning in earnest. Your president was asked to suggest some of the necessary preparation to provide for the General Conference, the Commission, and the Pre-Conference Retreat, along with the problem of housing and feeding the delegates. Some persons who will assist us in the meetings next summer are already appointed and are studying their duties. We should be well provided for in Riverside.

But that is for next summer! What about the months that will intervene? I urge that we continue and intensify the program of activity in which we have been engaged in recent years. We do not need a new program. We need only to work more zealously at the one already started. And I suggest as our slogan for the coming year, "Workmen Approved of God." Watch the Recorder in coming weeks for various emphases of the theme. And will you all most earnestly pray that as a denomination we may truly be "Workmen Approved of God"!

Faithfully in His grace,

Loyal F. Hurley,
Conference President

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Despite a sadly depleted tract depository, more than ten thousand tracts were distributed by our Tract Society in the last three months?

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

(Continued from page 122)

Forward to School

School days are here again!

When we think of the multitude of teachers required to staff the schools, the other employed personnel necessary for smooth and efficient operation of school plants, the amount of investment involved, the boards of directors which guide the affairs of the schools, and the millions of homes from which the students come—we might well conclude that education is our chief business as a nation. And truly it is.

Yet, in this land of unexcelled educational opportunity some schools are understaffed, some teachers are underpaid, some school plants are inadequate, and some boys and girls are denied the privilege of free public school education. Our country is on the alert in this matter but tomorrow will be too late; the situation must be remedied right away. Our public school and higher educational systems are fundamental to our democratic way of life. As the spirit of true education lives, so lives the nation that is imbued with that spirit.

However, we need to remember that our educational systems are grounded in a firm belief in God and a recognition of the rights of our fellow citizens. Consequently, we cannot separate our obligations toward God and our responsibility toward our fellow men from our educational procedures. The United States of America will maintain her place of educational leadership in the world just as long as she aggressively prosecutes her program of educational advance in terms of accountability to God and responsibility for men.

Yes, school days are here again. Some speak of returning to school; others speak of going back to school — both are right. Yet, we like to think of **going forward** to school.

Whether it be a going forward to grade school, high school, college, university, or to enter more fully into the courses of the great school of life — parents, relatives, and friends share in a God-granted

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST PINS



Seventh Day Baptist pins are available at 75 cents each to individuals, and at 60 cents each, regardless of quantity, to young people's groups for resale at 75 cents each. These pins are of good quality and are the screw-fastener type.

Please send orders to the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

ATTENTION: YOUNG PEOPLE

Rev. Francis S. Johnson, pastor of the Auckland, New Zealand, Seventh Day Baptist Church, writes that there are two young ladies, lone Sabbathkeepers, "in our Church who would be pleased to receive a letter from any of the young people in your Churches."

Their names, addresses, and ages are:

Miss Dorothy Hare (22) and
Miss Rosemary Hare (18)

"Rydal Mount," Thames Rd.,
Paeroa, New Zealand.

—Contributed by Melvin G. Nida.

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Rev. C. Rex Burdick, pastor of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church, was welcomed into the General Conference at North Loup, Neb., as an accredited minister? He was ordained to the gospel ministry on Sabbath, June 12, 1948, at the Eastern Association.

sense of accomplishment which crowns the planning and sacrifice of years that their youth might be better fitted to fill a place of Christian usefulness in the home, the Church, and the community in its local and larger spheres.

May God's gracious blessings be upon all who go forward to school, upon all who dedicate themselves to the teaching and serving of our youth, and upon the homes from which these children and young people go.

And may we all become more obedient to the will of God as revealed in the life and teachings of the Great Teacher, Jesus Christ.

General Conference

NORTH LOUP, NEB., AUGUST 17-22, 1948

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

Members of the Commission for the Conference year were: Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y., chairman; E. Keith Davis, Denver, Colo.; Alton L. Wheeler, Battle Creek, Mich.; Everett T. Harris, Alfred, N. Y.; Karl G. Stillman, Westery, R. I.; Kenneth A. Babcock, Milton, Wis. Courtland V. Davis, Plainfield, N. J., was secretary.

Recommendations

(Recommendations 1 through 6 were adopted and 7 was accepted by General Conference.)

The Commission recommended:

1. That the Conference Committee on Budget Promotion consist of the president of General Conference, the corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society, the corresponding secretary of the Tract Society, and the executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education. In the event of the incapacity of any of these, an alternate is to be elected by the board which he represents. The present Committee on Budget Promotion feels that it can no longer serve in that capacity and has recommended some plan for operation by a committee more intimately acquainted with the needs served by Denominational Budget funds.

2. That the One Hundred Sabbaths of Service Program of the Tract Society be approved subject to review by the Commission one year hence.

3. That the Conference recommend to all representatives of our boards and agencies that when any offering is taken at the time of the visit of any representative to a Church or other group, it be clearly understood that such offering is for the Denominational Budget, and the proceeds to be sent to the Denominational Budget treasurer.

4. That the Conference recommend that the Sabbath Recorder promote or

publicize no requests for contributions for objects outside the Denominational Budget except where such requests have been approved by Conference or the Commission.

5. That the Continuous Support Plan of the School of Theology be approved for the Conference year 1948-1949.

6. That the recording secretary be directed to deliver all minute books of the General Conference not in current use to the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society.

7. That the following be adopted as the Denominational Budget for the year beginning October 1, 1948, and ending September 30, 1949:

Missionary Society	
Toward a Budget of \$28,770.00	
(Excluding the Second Century Fund)	
Foreign missions	\$5,800.00
Home missions	2,000.00
Administration	1,500.00
Retirement allowances	700.00
Visitation evangelism	500.00
	\$10,500.00
Tract Society	
Toward a Budget of \$22,095.00	
Sabbath Recorder	\$3,050.00
Field work	1,200.00
Administration	1,150.00
Distribution of literature	750.00
Light and janitor service	150.00
	6,300.00
Board of Christian Education	
Toward a Budget of \$7,450.00	
School of Theology	\$2,250.00
Helping Hand	500.00
Beacon	200.00
Sabbath Visitor	300.00
Other activities	2,900.00
Record library	100.00
	6,250.00
Women's Society	
Toward a Budget of \$2,250.00	
	200.00
Historical Society	
Toward a Budget of \$3,382.50	
Light and janitor service	\$ 150.00
General Fund	165.00
Alterations and im-	
provements	500.00
	815.00

Ministerial Retirement	
Toward a Budget of \$7,644.00	3,000.00
Seventh Day Baptist Building	
Toward a Budget of \$1,550.00	685.00
World Fellowship and Service	
Toward a Budget of \$250.00	
World Council of Churches \$	50.00
Federal Council of Churches	100.00
Committee on Relief Appeals	50.00
Commission on Army and Navy Chaplains	50.00
	250.00
General Conference	
Toward a Budget of \$3,500.00	
Expenses of officers \$	690.00
Expenses of Commission	920.00
Year Book	600.00
Committee on budget promotion	370.00
Committee on Christian rural fellowship	300.00
Contingent Fund	370.00
Vocational Committee	50.00
Printing and stationery	200.00
	3,500.00
Debt Repayment	
Toward a total debt of \$6,090.00	
Missionary Society \$	1,119.00
Tract Society	1,307.00
Board of Christian Education	349.00
Seventh Day Baptist Building	225.00
	3,000.00
Toward a total budget of \$79,491.50	\$34,500.00

The total of the working budget here proposed is \$31,500.00, the same as that of last year. In view of the fact that four of our agencies have found that rising costs and the failure to raise the budget in full have forced them into a debt totaling \$6,090.00, the Commission proposes that \$3,000 be added to the Denominational Budget to assist in liquidating that debt. This makes a total budget of \$34,500 of which \$31,500 is for the activities of the coming year. The report of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget shows that last year our people gave through the Denominational Budget treasurer for budget and special items a total of \$37,616.29.

The Commission has humbly asked the leading of Almighty God in its work, and

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

A Message Adopted Unanimously in Amsterdam, September 4, 1948, by the Council in Plenary Session

MESSAGE

The World Council of Churches, meeting at Amsterdam, sends this message of greeting to all who are in Christ, and to all who are willing to hear.

We bless God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ who gathers together in one the children of God that are scattered abroad. He has brought us here together at Amsterdam. We are one in acknowledging Him as God and Saviour. Christ has made us His own, and He is not divided. In seeking Him we find one another. Here at Amsterdam we have committed ourselves afresh to Him, and have covenanted with one another in constituting this World Council of Churches. We intend to stay together. We call upon Christian congregations everywhere to endorse and fulfill this covenant in their relations one with another. In thankfulness to God we commit the future to Him.

When we look to Christ, we see the world as it is — His world, to which He came and for which He died. It is filled both with great hopes and also with disillusionment and despair. Some nations are rejoicing in new freedom and power, some are bitter because freedom is denied them, some are paralyzed by division, and everywhere there is an undertone of fear. There are millions who are hungry, millions who have no home, no country, and no hope. Over all mankind hangs the peril of total war. We have to accept God's judgment upon us for our share in the world's guilt. Often we have tried to serve God and mammon, put other loyalties before loyalty to Christ, confused the gospel with our own economic or

believes that Christ is calling the Seventh Day Baptists of His Church to serve Him in the concrete ways indicated by the foregoing recommendations.

Albert N. Rogers, Everett T. Harris.
E. Keith Davis, Karl G. Stillman.
Alton L. Wheeler, Kenneth A. Babcock.

national or racial interests, and feared war more than we have hated it. As we have talked with each other here, we have begun to understand how our separation has prevented us from receiving correction from one another in Christ. And because we lacked this correction, the world has often heard from us not the Word of God but the words of men.

But there is a word of God for our world. It is that the world is in the hands of the living God, whose will for it is wholly good; that in Christ Jesus, His incarnate Word, who lived and died and rose from the dead, God has broken the power of evil once for all, and opened for everyone the gate into freedom and joy in the Holy Spirit; that the final judgment on all human history and on every human deed is the judgment of the merciful Christ; and that the end of history will be the triumph of His kingdom, where alone we shall understand how much God has loved the world. This is God's unchanging word to the world. Millions of our fellow men have never heard it. As we are met here from many lands, we pray God to stir up His whole Church to make this gospel known to the whole world, and to call on all men to believe in Christ, to live in His love, and to hope for His coming.

Our coming together to form a World Council will be vain unless Christians and Christian congregations everywhere commit themselves to the Lord of the Church in a new effort to seek together, where they live, to be His witnesses and servants among their neighbors. We have to remind ourselves and all men that God has put down the mighty from their seats and exalted the humble and meek. We have to learn afresh together to speak boldly in Christ's name both to those in power and to the people, to oppose terror, cruelty, and race discrimination, to stand by the outcast, the prisoner, and the refugee. We have to make of the Church in every place a voice for those who have no voice, and a home where every man will be at home. We have to learn afresh together what is the duty of the Christian man or woman in industry, in agriculture, in politics, in the professions, and in the home. We have to ask God to teach us together

to say "No" and to say "Yes" in truth. "No" to all that flouts the love of Christ, to every system, every program, and every person that treats any man as though he were an irresponsible thing or a means of profit, to the defenders of injustice in the name of order, to those who sow the seeds of war, or urge war as inevitable; "Yes" to all that conforms to the love of Christ, to all who seek for justice, to the peacemakers, to all who hope, fight, and suffer for the cause of man, to all who—even without knowing it—look for new heavens and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.

It is not in man's power to banish sin and death from the earth, to create the unity of the Holy Catholic Church, to conquer the hosts of Satan. But it is within the power of God. He has given us, at Easter, the certainty that His purpose will be accomplished. But, by our acts of obedience and faith we can, on earth, set up signs which point to the coming victory. Till the day of that victory our lives are hid with Christ in God, and no earthly disillusion or distress or power of hell can separate us from Him. As those who wait in confidence and joy for their deliverance, let us give ourselves to those tasks which lie to our hands, and so set up signs that men may see.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end. — Courtesy of Rev. David S. Clarke.

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WORKERS FOR A GROWING MISSION SOME FOUND AND SOME YET TO BE FOUND

China Committee Report
July 25, 1948

Affairs in Shanghai have a way of happening, and with speed, as our China representatives find a way of helping and doing for themselves and those who labor with them there.

Early in the year our superintendent of the China Mission, Dr. George Thorngate, suggested that someone in America might like to pay \$50 a year, the cost to send Samuel Koo to the Bible School in Shanghai. The Ladies' Aid society of Westerly met the request by offering to pay the tuition for a period of three years. A month after our last meeting of the board, in a letter of May 10, 1948, the suggestion came from Dr. George Thorngate that a way be found to send him to the United States for "a year or so" at the seminary in Alfred.

The committee has arranged to care for him at Alfred for one year, and we ask the board to approve.

In the letter of May 10, Dr. Thorngate said, "We are anxious for an American to come over to do evangelistic work and especially Sabbath promotion, as you know. Whoever comes will be at a great disadvantage for a year or so (at least) until he learns the Chinese language. Even then, for a long time he will require a right hand man who understands English. His service would be more than doubled in effectiveness if some Chinese could be ready with sympathetic understanding of the background of the denomination.

"We have all prayed that the way might open to give young Mr. Koo a year or so of seminary at Alfred, not toward a degree, but to acquaint him with our fundamental beliefs and a feeling of fellowship with other young ministers, and a sense of belonging."

Dr. Thorngate finds a way to bring Mr. Koo to Alfred and return him to China. The board's financial responsibility is after he arrives in Alfred. Shanghai guarantees "his passage over and return."

"He is a fine worker with children," says Dr. Thorngate, "and would be very good at organizing and teaching Vacation Bible School. He likes to lead and train the choir and needs some training along that line. We think he has lots of possibilities which we are anxious to conserve for Seventh Day Baptists. A year or two in America would mean a great deal in tying him up with our work."

Rev. W. L. Burdick, consultant of the board, at our request contacted an interested individual. The individual was very prompt in saying the expense of Mr. Koo would be cared for in this country for one year. In a letter of July 17, the telegram of June 24 was confirmed.

Mabel West, who fell near the end of the spring school term, was found to have had a bad break in the femur. For six months she must rest because of the operation, when they pinned the broken parts of the head of the femur bone together. Two of the six months of complete rest have passed. Teachers are doing extra work for her in school.



Front of Grace Hospital,
Showing Cornerstone at Far Right

Through the efforts of the Shanghai Church, the mission now has a full-time Chinese worker in evangelism at Liuho, Mary Woo Chang, who grew up in Grace School for Girls. She will have two rooms in the Church. A small house is being built there on the hospital compound to house our nurse, Sarah Becker, and the native nurses. Also another building is being built for various purposes such as bath, laundry, and X-ray darkroom.

ANNOTATIONS ON CHINA COMMITTEE REPORT

Samuel Koo's Americanized name has been changed to Jay Liang Koo to better correspond with his Chinese initials and honoring Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, former China educator. Probably Jay's papers can be cleared in time for him to get to Alfred and begin seminary work in January, 1949. Note Dr. Thorngate's suggestion (and prayer) for an evangelist from America to work in China when Mr. Koo returns to help overcome the language problem. We need an evangelist in Shanghai as well as Schenectady and Washington and Indianapolis and Los Angeles.

We are happy to note that Miss Mabel West is progressing nicely, and send our prayers that her "game leg" will soon be a help and not a hindrance. She has taken a great deal of justifiable pride and joy in the work opened through the Shanghai Church's sending Mary Woo Chang to Liuho as evangelist.

The need for more medical assistance in Liuho continues and the board solicits the services of a medical doctor who might serve on a long term basis in our hospital there.

Many Conference delegates saw Myra Thorngate Barber's play, "Wanted: A Bed" in its published form and heard the author tell how presenting the play in North Loup had brought \$26 in investments—enough money to outfit a Grace Hospital (Crandall Building) room. We are suggesting the use of the play for clarifying mission needs in connection with the "One World in Christ" public presentation of missions throughout North America this October and November. A token price of 25 cents for each copy of the play is being asked, and the proceeds will go to Grace Hospital rebuilding needs.

D. S. C.

NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The North Central Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches will meet on October 7, 8, and 9 with the Church at Farina, Ill. Earl Cruzan, Secretary.

The corresponding secretary has had considerable correspondence with 1st Lt. Boyden L. Crouch, M. C., who is interested in accepting the call to Shanghai as a doctor, but he writes from Bayreuth, Germany, May 1, 1948, that he feels that it will be more than two years before he could possibly be prepared to accept the call. He says he has been interested in the China Mission since a child and had thoughts of service there long before the call was suggested, and that he is certain



Servants' Quarters, Kitchen for Grace Hospital,
Generator Protector, and Water Tower

the work in China will continue to interest him, after his service in the Army comes to an end. The board still seeks a doctor who will go to Liuho.

The committee recommends that the board publish Myra Thorngate Barber's playlet, "Wanted: a Bed."

The board should do something about protecting the property in the native city, Shanghai, before squatters "take over for good." The committee recommends that the matter be referred to the Investment Committee of the board, with power to act.

The work in China, under able leadership, both American and Chinese, continues to grow. They are alive to all opportunities offered for Christian service in China.

The denomination in America must find a way to keep up with our representatives in China, Jamaica, and other parts of the world where there are calls for help.

G. Benjamin Utter,
Chairman.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Annual Report of the Board of Directors 1947 - 1948

The work of this board is still carried on largely by committees which meet as a board in regular session bimonthly for reports, discussions, and transaction of business. This annual report consists largely of excerpts from the annual reports of these committees.

The Ways and Means Committee has directed the project of evangelism and the membership of the women's societies and others have nobly helped with funds. Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph has proved to be a worthy successor to Rev. L. O. Greene as our promoter of evangelism. Early in the year she met with the board and with the Ways and Means Committee. At that time a tentative program for the year was planned: a program of laymen seminars, trailer tract missions, preaching missions, and Bible schools.

Miss Randolph started out with the slogan of the Conference president, "Go Work Today," and her annual report shows that she has carried it throughout the year. In this spirit, coupled with her unfaltering faith in God and man, she has carried on. While all may not have been accomplished that was hoped and prayed for, in the words as quoted by Miss Randolph, "One soweth, another reapeth, but God giveth the increase."

The Evangelistic Fund has met the regular expenses of our promoter of evangelism and also the monthly payments on the Star trailer. While the trailer has not been on the road this year due to lack of a helper, it has served as a much-needed base for Miss Randolph to live in part of the time, to store her supplies, and from which to distribute tracts. There has been no extra expense on the trailer during the year, except for a coat of paint for the top, labor being donated.

Early in this year, this committee sent to over sixty societies letters giving the tentative plans for the year with the suggestion that the Helpers' Fund be increased from ten to fifteen cents per mem-

ber per month. We have been gratified that some have responded to this request and that contributions have been received from newly organized groups. It is hoped that enough will be received to support a helper or helpers for Miss Randolph in the coming year.

This committee sent to Miss Randolph for her use in Columbus, Miss., over 800 mimeographed copies of the sermon on the Sabbath entitled, "Traditions of Men," by Rev. John F. Randolph.

The Christian Culture Committee has urged that each society choose at least one religious book for study, and review it for publication on the Woman's Page of the Sabbath Recorder. They will have books on display at Conference with catalogues of spiritual classics which are suitable for such use. The committee especially recommends books on world peace and urges the perusal of copies of "The Church Woman" for June and July, 1948, which consider the significance of the Amsterdam Conference. They also urge that every society subscribe to "The Church Woman," the official publication of the United Council of Church Women. They call our attention to the fact that Miss Randolph needs scrapbooks, special issues of the Recorder, Bibles, Bible pictures, bookmarks, Bible pins, "Pentecostal Hymn Books," and the literacy material by Frank C. Laubach.

Since November, 1947, the Woman's Page of the Sabbath Recorder has been planned and edited largely by the acting editor, Mrs. James L. Skaggs. The work was a large task added to the many duties of our president, and she deserves our highest commendation. We would call attention to the series of articles on the use of the Sabbath Recorder in the home. The collection of this material entailed much correspondence, as well as careful planning on the part of Mrs. Skaggs. We are happy that Mrs. Okey W. Davis has now regained her health sufficiently to again take up her duties as editor.

Our Literacy and Literature Committee quotes from an appealing broadcast of Dr. Frank Laubach, emphasizing the need of Christian literature. "An immense new channel is opening across the world today

which presents a wonderful opportunity for the gospel. Literacy opens every window of men's minds to new ideas, bad and good, love ideas and hate ideas, co-operation ideas and greed ideas, peace ideas and hate ideas. . . . We must take advantage of the immense hunger of reading all over the world to give people a literature full of the love and devotion and faith of Jesus Christ." Christians throughout the world are becoming acutely aware of the need for Christian literature for the masses of new literates. "World Dominion" says, "The battle of the books is on and our hands are almost empty." Literacy must precede literature in Africa, in South America, in China, yes, in the United States of America. The progress of literacy campaigns is spectacular. In Africa where people want English even more than their own language, scores, hundreds, even a thousand people gather and sometimes wait for hours for the teachers to demonstrate their wonderful new method of learning to read quickly. Among those waiting throngs is it not possible, even probable, that there are Seventh Day Baptists?

The Histories Committee reports that two more society histories have been received. This brings the total number up to twenty-two.

We are again indebted to Mrs. Frank J. Hubbard for her study and recommendation of missionary study books, and to Mrs. Eldred H. Batson for the worship programs for use of the societies.

We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to the membership of the Women's Society and to all others for their continued interest and support. We welcome suggestions, and need contributions and prayers that our plans may go forward in harmony with God's plan.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs,
President,

Lotta M. Bond,
Corresponding Secretary.

DID YOU KNOW THAT —

Seventh Day Baptist schools in Shanghai, China, enroll more than 1,400 students?

YOUNG PEOPLE AT CONFERENCE

The young people's contributions to the Conference program were varied and many. As in the past two years, they opened each evening service promptly at seven-thirty with a chorus and hymn sing. This year it was under the direction of Miss Phyllis Babcock of North Loup, Neb. Young people appeared in dramas, quartets, trios, duos, and as soloists (both instrumental and vocal).

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings, suppers for the youth were sponsored by the Committee on Young People's Work in the basement of the Methodist Church. Tuesday evening after the supper, Rev. A. N. Rogers of Alfred Station told of the workings of the Board of Christian Education. On Thursday evening, the program included a vocal solo by Mrs. Francis Saunders of Denver, Colo., and a quartet number by the Retreat Quartet: Oscar Burdick, Geo. Hurley, Ed Shaw, all of Milton, Wis., and Darrell Barber of North Loup. Average attendance at the suppers was eighty-five.

The young people of North Loup prepared breakfast for the Conference youth on Sunday morning at Ord Park, Ord, Neb. Donna Babcock was the local chairman, and Carl Maxson of the Alfred School of Theology and a member of the Committee on Young People's Work had charge of the breakfast program. Nearly one hundred attended.

The youth program on the Conference floor was prepared and conducted by Ronald Hargis, pastor at Waterford, Conn., and member of the Committee on Young People's Work. Interesting talks on "We'll Work Today" were delivered by Judy Burdick, Alfred, N. Y., Anne Babcock, Riverside, Calif., and George Hurley, Milton, Wis. A beautiful solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus," was sung by Dorothy Hargis. Ronald Hargis led the congregation in a number of choruses, and Mr. Marvin Jewell of Des Moines, Iowa, sang a solo.

On the night after the Sabbath, the young people were entertained as guests of the North Loup youth at a party at the local skating rink. The North Loup Com-

munity Association donated the use of the rink and skates. Bonnie Babcock of the local Church directed the games of the evening.

Forty-one of the young people attended the Pre-Conference Retreat on Lawless Lake near Ericson, Neb., from August 12 to August 16. Under the direction of Rex E. Zwiebel, chairman of the Committee on Young People's Work, an experienced staff of thirteen youth leaders taught and shared the Christian message as related to daily living. The main class of the retreat was titled "My Life," taught by Earl Cruzan. There were four interest groups: "Visitation Evangelism," taught by Francis Saunders; "How to Study the Bible," by Clifford Beebe; "A Vital Sabbath Faith," by Allen Bond; and "All God's Children," by Carl Maxson. Most impressive of the retreat was the consecration service on Sunday night. Everyone gathered at the lake, lighted candles set on small boats, and sent them out on the water. Thus they symbolized their desire to let the light of God shine through them wherever the currents of life directed them.

Mrs. Carl Maxson and Mrs. Allen Bond prepared the consecration service as well as all campfire programs. Orville Babcock organized all worship and praise programs. Miss Phyllis Babcock was the music director. A half hour was spent each day studying missions, with David Clarke leading. Miss Marcia Rood was the efficient business manager, and Mrs. Berta Barber prepared delicious meals assisted by Mrs. Sue Maxson.

The young people who attended and helped in many ways in making the retreat a success were Denison Barber, Westerly, R. I.; Connie Gaines, Albion, Wis.; Harold Wright, Boulder, Colo.; Elma Swenson, Viborg, S. Dak., (North Loup Church); David Beebe, Gentry, Ark.; Jean Davis, Plainfield, N. J.; May Burdick, Oscar Burdick, Marjorie Campbell, all of Milton Junction, Wis., Church; William Arthur, Edwin E. Shaw, Geo. Hurley, David Thorngate, all of the Milton, Wis., Church; Jackie Wells, Evelyn Wilkinson, Bernard Moulton, Dick Maxson, Lewis Davis, Dorothy Rowe, Alice Hemminger, Phyllis Bunce, of the Battle Creek Church;

Stanley Harris, Judy Burdick of Alfred; Glen Hemminger, Boulder Church; Anne Babcock, Don Richards, both of the Riverside, Calif., Church; Miriam Bond, Verna Stephan, Wilma Stephan of the Nortonville Church; Bonnie Babcock, Joe Babcock, Donna Babcock, Kenneth Clement, Don Clement, Ronald Goodrich, Beverly Goodrich, Evelyn Hamer, Jimmie Ehret, Gloria Babcock, Neva Brannon, Darrell Barber, all of the North Loup Church.

The Committee on Young People's Work wishes to thank all who helped in this endeavor—those named above, Rev. Harley Sutton and Rev. Clyde Ehret, especially. Above all, credit and honor go to our Lord Jesus Christ in whose name we gathered.

Rex E. Zwiebel.

Coudersport, Pa.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH CONFERENCE AT GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Protestant young people's work throughout the United States and Canada will make significant strides during the next year as the result of the Christian Youth Conference of North America, which brought about 2,500 young people and youth leaders to Grand Rapids, Mich., August 31 - September 5.

The younger delegates received a vision of the larger work of the Church of Christ throughout the continent and the world. More mature young people were strengthened in their Christian convictions and given unusual opportunities to exercise their capacities for leadership.

Fellowship, study of the Bible, commitment to Christ, and development of a better understanding of the Church were the major emphases of the conference.

From forty-eight states, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and thirteen other countries in Europe, Africa, the Near East, Asia, and South America, delegates of thirty-eight denominations attended the conference. In predominance were youth from the Methodist and Northern Presbyterian Churches. Michigan and the surrounding states of Ohio, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Indiana were the states best represented.

During the six-day conference on the theme, "United! Committed! In Christ!"

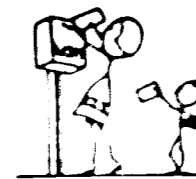
the delegates heard such outstanding speakers as Minnesota's Governor, Luther Youngdahl; Dr. Walter Muelder, dean of Boston University School of Theology; Dr. Cleo Blackburn, superintendent of Flanner House in Indianapolis; Dr. Howard Thurman, minister of the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples, San Francisco; and Dr. Isaac K. Beckes, executive secretary of the United Christian Youth Movement, which sponsored the conference.

The conference opened with a nationwide broadcast of "America's Town Meeting of the Air" on the question, "Is the Church Failing Our Youth?" with the following speakers: Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, executive secretary of the Board of Education and Publication of the Northern Baptist Convention and chairman of the Board of Trustees of the International Council of Religious Education; Gil Dodds, famous track star and lay preacher; Miss Helen Storen, New York City college professor; and Edward Hawley, former national president of the Pilgrim Fellowship (Congregational). A lively discussion followed.

The delegates participated in one hundred Bible study groups for eighty minutes each morning, and in ten interest groups, choir, or recreation each afternoon for an hour. National denominational youth meetings occupied the delegates' time each afternoon for another two hours. — Release from International Council of Religious Education.

Seventh Day Baptists Present

Mr. Russell Allen of the Alfred Station Church, Mr. Willard Sutton of the Alfred Church, and Mr. Don Sanford of the Little Genesee Church represented our denomination at this conference. Don Sanford had part in the worship service the first night of the conference. He also was a special guest at the conference of Mr. Avery, who gave money for the Youth Week Contest prizes. Mr. Avery paid expenses of the prize winners to the conference and held special meetings with these young people at the Grand Rapids Conference. H. S.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have never written for the Children's Page before, but I thought you would like to hear from Jamaica. It is very warm here. Many things grow here that will not grow in the States, such as bananas, pineapples, coconuts, coffee, "chocolate," and breadfruit. There are many beautiful flowers, trees, vines, and shrubs, but there are very few birds. The mongooses which were imported to kill the snakes have also killed the pretty song birds.

The Randolphs have a parrot. She doesn't talk yet, but she squawks when she is hungry. She eats bread and milk and peppers.

We go to the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church. Sabbath school begins at 9:30, Church at 11, and Christian Endeavor at 3. The children in the Junior C. E. are all younger than I am, so I read to them sometimes and take pictures for them to color. They don't have many story papers or pictures.

My daddy and mother are going to teach in the school. I hope to hear from you soon.

Your friend,
Miriam

29 Charles St.,
Kingston, Jamaica.

Dear Miriam:

You do not give your last name, but since you mention that your daddy and mother are to teach in the school in Jamaica, I think you must be the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills. Am I right? (Well, I've just looked in this week's Recorder and find that the answer to my question is "Yes.")

No doubt your daddy has told you about the trip he and Pastor Greene took to California quite a number of years ago, and have enjoyed hearing about it as I have. But I also remember to my sorrow how I had to fight potato bugs and rabbits in our garden that summer, and our young son started in to help

build a new state road and ended by working on the town road. With our daughter and family we went to Bridgeton, N. J., August 20, to visit him and his family, returning home the twenty-third. One day we spent down on the beach at Ocean City. His two children and our daughter's two children had great fun bathing in the surf. When our son's four-year-old boy started to come in, his uncle started to carry him, when he shouted, "Don't carry me that way! I'm no baby!"

I hope, Miriam, that you will write often for I have enjoyed your letter.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Friend:

I don't know who you are, but you will see why I am writing. You see it is like this: it is a stormy, dull day, and my eyes are the kind that don't stand much reading. So, like any idle boy, I must find a way to pass the time, and I'm only 69. Let's see; 6 and 9 make 15, don't they? You figure it out.

I was thinking about the time, some thirty years ago, that we found ourselves in Nebraska, about twelve miles northwest of Bayard on that forty-two acres that nobody had homesteaded. It was so worthless—a few low, crooked ridges and bumps on them. Some bumps were all gravel and some all sand. The valuable land around it was so well irrigated that the water would seep out in the low places and make good grass for two horses and one cow.

Oh! I didn't tell who the family was. Orland was about a year old and Elwin was a pudgy four-year-old who always worked so hard in his playing, Esther about eleven, and Roscoe thirteen. Of course there were Mama and Papa (they didn't often say "Daddy" out there in those days).

Those irrigated farms raised such fine bumper crops it made a lot of work for everybody around. Prices were good and wages pretty good.

Our house wouldn't seem like much to some folks. We dug in the side of one of those bumps and built the house, 18 feet by 20 feet. The northwest corner you

could walk up to and step on the roof. Two windows on the east let in a most cheerful morning sun, and the south window was sunny until late afternoon. You could look out the south window and see the North Platte River a mile away and the railroad half way (so easy to build on the river bottom, almost as level as a floor), and then hills south of the river.

That little spring, about seventy-five feet from the door, running the year around with pure, cool water, was fine, and the garden with potatoes, tomatoes, cabbage—oh! you know what grows in a garden, and the chickens. Well, it was a nice home if you wanted to look at it that way.

Lyle E. Maxson

3345 S. Dale Ct.,
R 4, Denver 10, Colo.

Dear Mr. Maxson:

Thanks for your letter. I'm sorry I could not get it into the Recorder before, though I did find room for your poem

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene

IN MEMORY

Death has again entered the Nile Ladies' Aid society and removed from us our sister, Mrs. Maude M. Greene, who has served as secretary and was a faithful worker in our society. We feel deeply the loss of her cheerful presence.

We hereby express our appreciation of the Christian life that she has lived among us. We would show our respect by sending a copy of this to the family, one to the Sabbath Recorder, and placing a copy in our minutes.

Mrs. Wm. Davidson,
Mrs. L. A. Champlin.

Marriages

Williams - Coon. — David John Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Williams of Oneida, N. Y., and Jeanne Eleanor Coon, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ralph H. Coon of Richburg, N. Y., were united in marriage August 29, 1948, at the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church of Nile, N. Y. The bride's father, pastor of the Richburg and Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Churches, officiated. The couple will make their home at Salem, W. Va.

CHURCH NEWS

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — About 500 homes have been contacted in a recently completed five-week "door to door" tract campaign. Four teams of laymen went out two by two, one day each week, at about the same hour each day. On the last three visits the workers knocked at doors to make personal interviews. Tracts distributed were along the following topics: Bible-Salvation, Salvation-Baptism, Church Membership, The Sabbath, Final Decision.

Nearly every class in our Sabbath school spent four or five weeks in May on a study of the Sabbath, and at the close of the series several classes gave a review of some of the material they studied. It is planned to compile the lesson plans of the teachers and make them available to other schools.

For the second year, "Family Day," May 8, was observed by the dedication of babies. Nine babies were brought to the altar, where parents accepted vows that to the best of their abilities, through precept and example, their children would, at the age of accountability, make decisions for Christ.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School again reached a new high in enrollment. One hundred twenty-eight were registered, with 112 attending two or more days. Certificates of faithfulness were awarded to seventy boys and girls who missed not more than two days. Forty-two of these had perfect attendance.

A primary camp was included in our camping schedule this year. Twenty-six children aged 4 to 8 years spent Monday, July 12, at Camp Holston. A regular camping program was followed including classes, chapel, boating, hiking, swimming, resting, playing, and working. Parents were invited out in the evening for a picnic supper. Twenty-two campers each were enrolled in the junior and intermediate camps.

Assistant Pastor Robert Lippincott was director of the Bible school and co-director with Pastor Wheeler of the three camp periods.

Correspondent.

McGowen - Burke. — Walter Dale McGowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman McGowen, and Christina Burke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Burke, both of Jackson Center, Ohio, were united in marriage, June 26, 1948, at their newly furnished home, one mile southwest of Jackson Center, by Rev. Leslie O. Greene, pastor of the groom.

Turnbull - Crofoot. — Robert C. Turnbull, son of Charles D. and the late Mrs. Turnbull of Canisteo, N. Y., and Patricia Anne Crofoot, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Burdet Crofoot of Alfred, N. Y., were married in the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church at seven p.m., Sabbath, August 21, 1948. The double ring ceremony was used and the officiating clergyman was Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, grandfather of the bride. The new home will be in Alfred where both are recent graduates and where the groom has a Fellowship in the College of Ceramics.

Quirk - Crofoot. — John M. Quirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Quirk of Watkins Glen, N. Y., and Constance Louise Crofoot, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Burdet Crofoot of Alfred, N. Y., were married in the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church at seven p.m. on Sabbath, August 21, 1948. The double ring ceremony was used by the officiating clergyman, Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, grandfather of the bride. They will live in Alfred where both are students.

Obituaries

Davis. — Harold S., son of Israel L. and Mary Stout Davis, was born January 27, 1887, in Jackson Township, Shelby County, Ohio, and departed this life at the Wilson Memorial Hospital, Sidney, August 22, 1948.

Mr. Davis was married to Chloe Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Payton R. Simpson, on December 29, 1908, by Rev. Darwin Lippincott. On July 1, 1911, both joined the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. The nearly forty years of married life have been spent in farming near Jackson Center.

Besides Mrs. Davis, one daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Grey, and a young granddaughter remain to mourn his death. There are also two brothers who survive: M. E. Davis of Canastota, N. Y., and A. W. Davis of Marathon, Fla. One brother, Otho, a long-time resident of Jackson Center, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held August 25, at 2 p.m. from the Van Horn Funeral Home in Jackson Center, conducted, in the absence of the pastor, by Rev. R. W. Turner of Port Jefferson. Burial was in the Glen Cemetery.

L. O. G.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference



HONOR ROLL - 1948

CHURCHES	% Gain	CHURCHES	% Gain
Chicago, Ill.	12.2	Little Prairie, Ark.	44.4
Daytona Beach, Fla.	8.3	New Auburn, Wis.	8.1
Fouke, Ark.	7.0	Putnam County, 1st, Fla.	30.8
Hammond, La.	18.8	Riverside, Calif.	8.0
Independence, N. Y.	12.7	Salemville, Pa.	5.6
Irvington, N. J.	8.3		

NEW CHURCHES ORGANIZED: Indianapolis, Ind.

SABBATH SCHOOLS	% Gain	SABBATH SCHOOLS	% Gain
Battle Creek, Mich.	26.2	Milton Junction, Wis.	14.1
Chicago, Ill.	25.0	Stone Fort, Ill.	33.3
Edinburg, Tex.	45.5	Piscataway, N. J.	40.7
Hammond, La.	25.9	Plainfield, N. J.	10.5
Hebron, 1st, Pa.	13.6	Putnam County, 1st, Fla.	100.0
Hopkinton, 1st, R. I.	22.6	Ritchie, W. Va.	12.9
Independence, N. Y.	50.0	Riverside, Calif.	34.6
Jackson Center, Ohio	31.6	Roanoke, W. Va.	25.0
Little Prairie, Ark.	333.3	Rockville, R. I.	12.0
Lost Creek, W. Va.	109.5	Salem, W. Va.	18.6

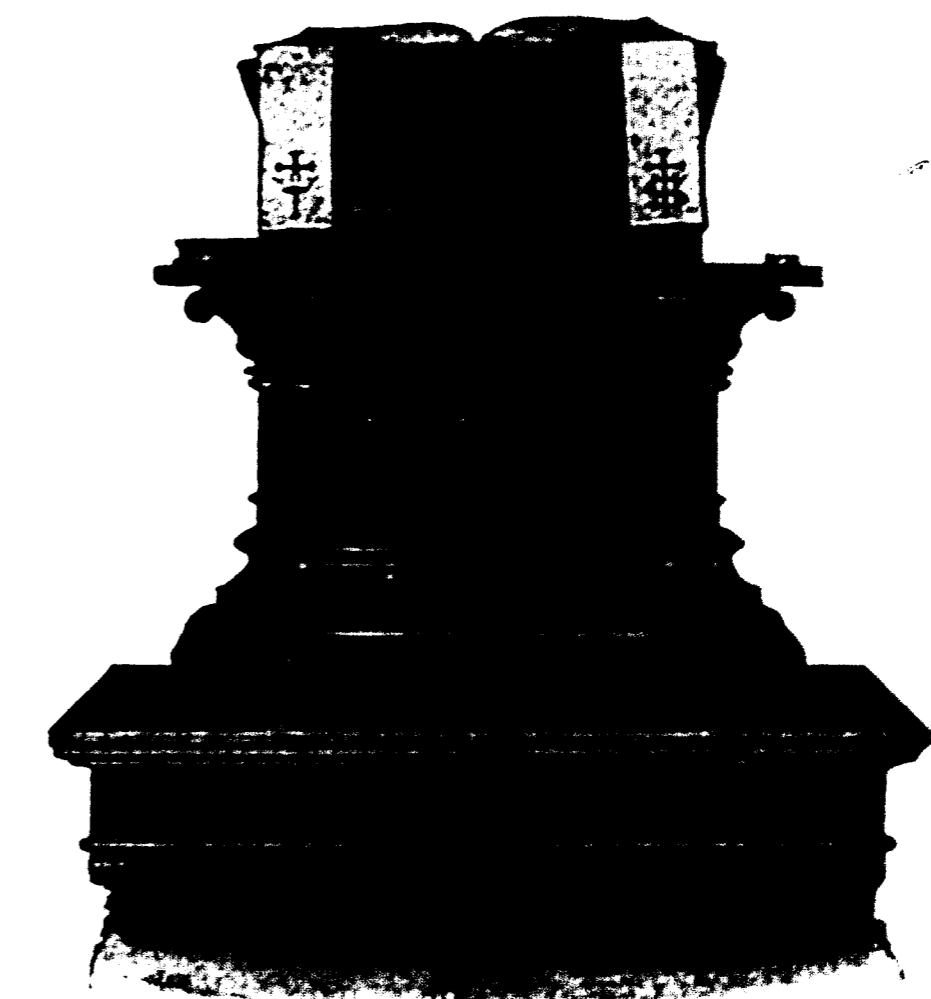
NEW SABBATH SCHOOLS ORGANIZED:

Columbus, Miss.	Rochester, N. Y.
Indianapolis, Ind.	Schenectady, N. Y.
Metairie, La.	

(Based on Statistics as of May 25, 1948)

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Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts,

Thou Fount of life, Thou Light of men,

From the best bliss that earth imparts,

We turn unfill'd to Thee again.

—Bernard of Clairvaux.