# How Is Sabbath Desecration an Entering Wedge to Loss of Spirituality?

By REV. LESTER G. OSBORN

God instituted the Sabbath "in the beginning." Into it He put His presence in a peculiar way, making it "holy ground." It is a symbol of His creative power and of His abiding presence. It is a day of special blessing.

### TO DISREGARD THE SABBATH IS TO NEGLECT ALL THESE

The Sabbath was "made for man" — for his spiritual as well as for his physical welfare. It is a day in which to meditate on God, on His greatness and power, on His love, His law, His will, and our corresponding duty.

### TO DISREGARD THE SABBATH IS TO NEGLECT THIS

God commanded the observance of the Sabbath, specifying very clearly that it is the seventh day. It is His will for our conduct. He made it holy and asks us to keep it so — separate, different.

#### ONE CANNOT BE DEEPLY SPIRITUAL AND DISREGARD GOD'S WILL

The fourth commandment is on a par with the other nine. To break one is to be guilty of all. Jas. 2: 10, 11. Sabbath desecration is just as surely a sin as murder, adultery, or idolatry.

#### DISREGARD OF THE SABBATH IS SIN, AND SIN IS NOT SPIRITUALITY

Spiritual life depends on worship — worship in spirit and in truth. God has provided a time for us to meet and commune with Him.

### DISREGARD OF THE SABBATH MEANS LOSS OF THE TIME OF WORSHIP

Christ Jesus is "Lord of the sabbath," the seventh day of the week. This is the true "Lord's day." As our Lord, He asks us to keep it.

### DISREGARD OF THE SABBATH IS DENYING THE LORD

Christ left just one measuring rod by which it could be determined whether we love Him! He said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14: 15.

"Why Call Ye Me Lord, Lord, And Do Not The Things Which I Say?"

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### RIVERSIDE CALLING

We have lauded California beauties in issues past. We wonder if now you should not know something of our troubles from pests in the hope that it may help you to understand your difficulty in entering our state by auto.

Besides trouble from cold as we have had this winter, we have pests which make fruitgrowing more difficult. Gardens, whether vegetable or flower, also have a constant battle against parasites, bugs, flies, etc.

Early date growers boasted an industry without pests. However, they soon found themselves face to face with problems they did not know how to solve. In the struggle to win, all leaves were cut from the trees and burned, and the tops burned with a torch. What a sorry looking lot of date gardens! They came through this only to find something had also infested the roots. So the struggle goes on.

Even the herdsmen and dairies have their trials. A few years ago if we wished to go into San Bernardino County, or they wished to come into Riverside, all cars were stopped and an attendant drove the car through slushy runways. The passengers were made to walk to the car over an ill-smelling sawdust trail. This was an effort to stop hoof-and-mouth disease among the herds.

By whatever road you enter our "fair state," you will be stopped by officers. If you have a trailer, they may even insist that you unload it completely. They may even want to run their hands through the case containing your best clothes. They are especially fond of relieving you of fruit, honey, plants, or vines. This is an effort to reduce the possibility of new and perhaps more difficult pests. They are generally courteous and kind. Greet them the same way, open the trunk making no effort to conceal things, and they will usually give you the "high sign" quickly.

P. B. Hurley, for the Publicity Committee.

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POSITION WANTED — Man holding a Bachelor of Science Degree and twenty-four credits toward a Master's Degree with 14 years teaching experience, desires position as Principal of School or as Social Studies Instructor in a Seventh Day Baptist community.—Lloyd E. Bauman, R. D. 1, Lock Haven, Pa.

### THE 1948 YEAR BOOK

Copies of the 1948 Year Book have been in the hands of most of our Churches for a number of days. Already, careful study is being made again of General Conference proceedings. Of course, much of the Year Book material was included in the annual reports of societies, boards, and committees which were distributed at North Loup last August. Some of the material has appeared in the Sabbath Recorder from time to time. And delegates to Conference have presented to their Churches firsthand impressions of Conference sessions as well as reporting much of the business that was transacted. Nevertheless, we now have in compiled, complete form these reports, minutes, statistics, and directories. It is indeed a valuable work and is deserving of thorough study and frequent reference.

The editing of the 1948 Year Book was a big job, especially since several hundred miles and several people were involved. Yet, step by step the job was performed, each person doing well his part as the minutes were passed along the assembly line.

The task of editing the Year Book, by election at Conference, was conferred upon Miss Hazel V. Gamble who, for twenty-five years, was proofreader at the Seventh Day Baptist publishing house. As readers of the Sabbath Recorder will recall, Miss Gamble retired from this position, because of ill health, in August, 1948, and has been a patient at the Villa Maria convalescent home in North Plainfield, N. J., since then. Although at a disadvantage in doing the work, because she was not able to get back and forth from the publishing house, nevertheless, she has commendably accomplished the task assigned, with the assistance of those upon whom she depended for errands and other help now and then.

The Seventh Day Baptist publishing house is to be congratulated also for the attractive, readable, usable Year Book.

Look within. Within is the fountain of good, and it will ever bubble up, if thou wilt ever dig. — Marcus Aurelius.

### PAUL AND MARILYN SHOLTZ-TO GO TO RIVERSIDE

"Where there is a will, there is a way," comments Mrs. Lilian Webster, secretary of the newly organized Women's Society of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mrs. Webster makes this comment in the Chicago Church News as she reveals that this new society has "assumed the responsibility of making it financially possible for the two college age young people" of the Chicago Church "to attend camp and Conference at Riverside, Calif., next August." The young people are Paul and Marilyn Sholtz.

This action of the Chicago Women's Society is highly commendable and will cause rejoicing in many parts of the denomination, particularly among members of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education which board requested early in the Conference year that Churches and Church groups undertake to make it possible for some of their young people to have this highly prized spiritual privilege.

The Sabbath Recorder joins whole-heartedly in this rejoicing and would urge Churches and Church groups the denomination around to let us know what progress is being made toward sponsoring the sending of young people to Pre-Conference Camp and Conference this year. Some Churches have almost neglected their privilege and responsibility in this matter in years past. It ought not to be so.

Of course, some Churches simply are not in position to undertake the financial burden of this project.

Nevertheless, any Church that fails to consider prayerfully and thoroughly this opportunity of sharing in the training of Seventh Day Baptist leadership will have no reasonable grounds for inquiring in the future, "Where are our leaders?"

So, we say "more power to you" and "may God bless you" to the Chicago and other Churches which are truly getting behind this project to put it across with God's help.

Congratulations, Chicago, and Paul and Marilyn Sholtz!

### TWO CENTS PER DAY

Boys and girls all over our denomination are doing their part toward raising the Denominational Budget in full during this Conference year.

The plan proposed several months ago by the Ways and Means Committee of the Women's Society of General Conference soon caught the imagination of many who cannot help with their one, five, and tendollar bills, but who can give 14c per week to support the work of the unified program. Some boys and girls are buying less candy and gum, and some have even cut out these items so that they can place their 2c-a-day envelopes on the offering plates every Sabbath morning.

The boys and girls of today who are sacrificing in order that they might give their 2c per day will be the stanch supporters of tomorrow's Denominational

Budget.

We can hear someone remarking, "Sacrifice! Why, boys and girls ought to be giving 4c instead of 2c per day! And some of them would not have to sacrifice to do it!"

Well, the only answer we would have is to ask, have you done your two cents' worth?

Some boys and girls are finding a real joy in doing their 2c per day, and some are really sacrificing to do it.

### **LEST WE FORGET**

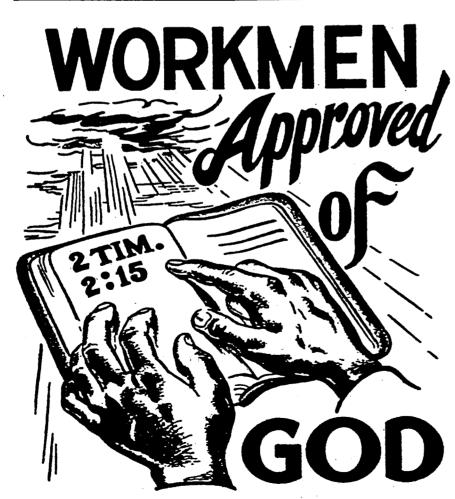
The total daily cost of the Denominational Budget is \$95. We need to keep this figure in mind as we talk of 2c per day. Yet, if every member of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches in the Continental United States, of which there are 6,476 according to the 1948 Year Book, would give 2c per day, the Denominational Budget would be overpaid by \$12,774.80. Just think of it! At this rate of 2c per day, everybody participating, instead of \$95 a day there would be \$129.52 a day, or \$34.52 a day over and above the entire daily amount of the Denominational Budget. That is, there would be more than enough to cover the 100 Sabbaths of Service Program of the American Sabbath Tract Society, as well as a great aid to the projects of other societies and agencies.

In fact, there are some denominational committees that could work much more effectively if they had more funds for the purpose. For instance, the Vocational Committee could use several hundred dollars to the genuine advantage of the great Seventh Day Baptist cause. There is a crying need for vocational guidance and job placement among our people. These functions of a vocational committee cannot be performed without funds. A reasonable investment in this field now would result in a task well-performed now and well-established Seventh Day Baptists ten and twenty-five years hence.

But, lest we forget our subject, 2c per day from every member of the denomination throughout the Conference budget year would mean going to Conference with the budget raised in full and a sizable balance with which to start the next fiscal year on October 1.

It can be done with everybody participating. Will everybody participate?

It is hard to hate the person you are praying for. . . . — Selected.



Slogan chosen by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, President, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Salem, W. Va. Art work by Stanley Burdick, junior at Salem College, Salem, W. Va.



Moments of Meditation

### SEASON OF SOUL SEARCHING

Read Psalm 103; 2 Corinthians 6

Any time is the best time to search the soul for sin, repent of it, and set forth to scale new heights of spiritual achievement. That is, any time that the soulsearching spirit of God points out the sin spot and urges the person to take a forward step in the Christian experience, that is the time. And how necessary it is to be in the frame of mind and heart to hear the Spirit's voice!

Throughout the world during this season, called the Lenten Season by millions of Christians, soul searching and self-denial are especially prominent virtues. But soul searching is altogether shallow, and self-denial is poor practice, if the life is not quickened and purified and made more Christlike, and if the denial is but an interlude in a round of so-called "good fellowship."

So, at whatever season the Spirit's voice is heard, let us heed that voice.

Observe Lent? Yes. Not because it is Lent but because the Holy Spirit operates at all seasons to draw the soul toward unscaled heights. Thus will self-denial and soul searching become the Christian's habit and joy to the glory of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, and the Christian's habit and joy will become the soul's improvement ground.

"(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)" 2 Corinthians 6: 2.

### Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

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### "ONE GREAT HOUR"

The General Conference Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches calls attention to the radio presentation over 1,092 stations of the program, "One Great Hour" on the evening after the Sabbath, March 26, beginning at ten o'clock, Eastern Standard Time.

The committee urges all who can to listen to this fine dramatization which is under the direction of Robert Sherwood. The program will not be a documentary presentation but the emphasis will be on the great good the individual gifts through the Churches can accomplish to supplement the governmental aid projects.

The committee urges each Church to publicize this program in the Church bulletins of each of the Churches throughout the denomination during the next few weeks. This will be the only method of publicizing this program which will launch an appeal for funds to support the work of Church World Service. Thus it is suggested that throughout our denomination a special offering be taken on Sabbath day, March 26, toward the work of this worthy Christian relief and rehabilitation organization.

Mrs. A. W. Vars, Mrs. F. J. Hubbard, Mrs. Axthle Guyer, K. Duane Hurley, Frederik J. Bakker,

Chairman.

# THE EVANGELICAL SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH

Washington, D. C.

Beginning March 5, our Church will be meeting at the usual time, but at a different address — 1012 9th St., N.W. We are using the 3rd floor rear hall in the Pythian Temple, which is within a block of our original home in the Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church.

W. Allen Bond, Pastor.

Not what we say, not what we do, but what we are, is the real measure of our worth to the world. — Selected.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Crandall

# SIXTY-FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Married. — January 8, 1884, at the home of the parents of the bride, Daniel Pierce Crandall and Miss Arabella Elizabeth Satterlee, Rev. Mr. Ernst, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Farina, Ill., officiating.

Sabbath day, January 8, 1949, the 65th anniversary of their marriage was celebrated at the parish house. Following the Sabbath morning service the congregation and related guests, about 60 in number, sat down to a dinner that a young man said was the best in his life.

Following dinner, pictures were taken and a short program given. The bride and groom of 65 years received many cards of congratulation and some beautiful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Crandall have lived most of their lives at Farina, Daniel coming to Farina when but five years of age and Belle when she was twelve. They joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Farina when young people, and have been helpful, faithful, and consistent workers until age has lessened their activities and attendance. They are at present in excellent health and blessed with the necessities of life in a comfortable home. Three

of their four living children were present — Mrs. Blanche Burdick and Kenneth of Farina, and Mrs. Emma Vincent of Roberts, Ill.

They are a living illustration of the thought expressed in the following lines:

Grow old along with me,
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which
The first was made.
Our times are in Thy hands
Who sayeth "A whole I planned."
Youth shows but half; trust God;
See all, nor be afraid.

It is unique in a pastorate that the writer of these lines has helped arrange and celebrate with this worthy couple their fiftieth, sixtieth, and now their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. It is needless to say that they have all been happy occasions.

Rev. C. L. Hill.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Rev. and Mrs. Leslie O. Greene announce that they now reside at 341 N. Chester, Indianapolis, Ind. Their former address was 1103 N. Euclid, Indianapolis, Ind.

### A LETTER TO THE CHURCHES

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society has presented its 1948 annual report (now available to you all in the 1948 Year Book) with the recommendation of a program through 1949-50 for the local Church.

In the Efficiency for Evangelism Movement we are stressing the fact that sharing of enthusiasm and successes is an ageold problem needing your simultaneous positive approach at this time. We are seeking local activity to permanently organize visitation evangelism in forms best suited to your Church, Sabbath school, and auxiliary "setup." To focalize interest in improving our outreach for the Master, we are submitting with the latest Missionary Reporter a "MEASURE OF ACHÍEVEMENT IN EVANGELISM" for use in the evangelism movement in your Church. These measures are rated by your own Church and evaluated at Conference by representative Seventh Day Baptists.

### In Our American Interdenominational Relations

In our interdenominational relations we cannot overlook the fact that more than 25 of the largest evangelical denominations are co-ordinating their efforts in a United Evangelistic Advance to begin publicly on World Wide Communion Day the first of October, 1949, and continuing, for 15 months, to the end of the first half of this tragic century (so far).

1. We call upon our Churches to stand together in prayer every evening at sunset — family prayer, personal meditation and prayer, and Church service of prayer especially on Sabbath eve — prayer for every effective means to be made available to God for America's evangelization and the world's hearing and seeing Christ.

- 2. We call upon every Church to conduct a preaching mission before October, 1949, and also within the 15-month period of intensified nationwide evangelism. We will also call upon some Churches to help in the special co-ordinated campaign to be conducted next summer by joint action of the boards.
- 3. We call upon our Churches to develop those avenues of outreach by which

they may "outserve" all other agencies of materialistic or humanistic frame of mind in meeting the needs of their own neighbors and townspeople. We suggest the process widely known as "visitation evangelism" as one of the best methods of learning needs and opening doors of service in Christ's name. When geared to a preaching mission or revival for the local Church and a Bible study program, visitation evangelism is perhaps the best method of getting Christ's love to work outside the sanctuary on Sabbath mornings.

4. We call upon our Churches to stop criticizing other denominations and start making our contributions in local cooperative efforts. Too often, we sit back in easy confidence that we have a truth and that others are in error — we enjoy the feeling of having a refuge in our right interpretation of God's Word. We ought, instead, to take the bitter dose of making our contribution — call it a cross if you will - of sharing that which we have by a positive approach. We call upon our Churches to investigate the task of making a contribution to the redemption of commercial, political, family, school, and social life, and to get about the business of persuading those who are in authority, such as: chambers of commerce, luncheon club groups, charity and service organizations, parent-teacher associations - any organization with or without Christian participants.

We call upon our Churches to look about them in the "white harvests" of their own region and find openings for evangelism — unchurched settlements, cities where the Sabbath isn't taught in love, "other-side-of-the-tracks" people who will turn out of despair to secular agencies if Christ isn't made real to them, college campuses where our youth may need encouragement to maintain the "glow" of their Christian experience, tract distribution in depots or stores.

### In Our Larger World Relations

In our larger relations with the world and Christendom, we are gearing our world mission program into the One World in Christ Advance Program of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

This advance is North America's share in a world enterprise, for now as never before there are missionary minded Churches actually united for work throughout the world. The advance program is a 10-year working schedule based on serving "the needs of all God's men better than the communists do," for a better reason. "For," as Dick Baker puts it, "the communist idea and program speaks directly to the needs of hungry, landless, debt ridden, and oppressed people." These people cannot be expected to turn to Christ without more extended demonstrations of His Church's love and discipleship than we have had in the recent past.

about the world missionary program of the Church of Jesus Christ, using whatever literature they can, but concentrating on "Let's Act Now" by Richard Baker (Friendship Press, 1948, 50 cents — copies available from our office) and our own denominational plans published in the Recorder, Reporter, and subsequent study manuals. A study outline using Let's Act Now and our own Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs is now in preparation.

2. We call our Churches to steward-ship on levels never before reached — sacrificial giving of self to the extension of the gospel throughout the earth. This means systematic giving, sacrificial giving, planned giving.

3. We call upon our Churches to let others know of the world missionary program of the Protestant Churches through the sale of Let's Act Now among members who will either sell or give the book to disinterested or halfhearted townspeople. After you have read the book, you'll see why we feel it has value in extending the list of those who are sacrificing much for His kingdom today.

### Staff Help for Pastors and Laymen

Aside from campaigns in cities outside the present limits of influence of established Seventh Day Baptist Churches, the secretary is available for campaigns in evangelism (visitation, preaching, educational — any or all of these) in Churches where pastor and laymen are fully committed to organize a campaign and a continuing program of evangelism.

The Missionary Society is still interested in helping our Churches to secure visiting pastors for evangelistic campaigns. If we can aid through advice, planning or leadership, or expense money, please give as complete details as possible when first applying.

Let us make sure that in 1949, lay and clergy alike dedicate themselves to kingdom work as He designs it and to growth as "Workmen Approved of God."

David S. Clarke, Secretary.

### PASTORAL LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The Missionary Society is happy that the Fouke, Ark., Jackson Center, Ohio, and Indianapolis, Ind., Seventh Day Baptist Churches all have pastors. All three Churches receive grants for the support of their pastors, and the society solicits your prayer support as well as financial support that our parishes may grow in Christian strength.

Rev. Ralph M. Soper, whose eyesight failed last winter, spent the greater part of 1948 on his western Nebraska farm. His eyesight improved greatly, and he felt Gód wanted him back in Fouke when the Church there gave him a call to return. He arrived in Fouke with his family on January 2. He writes of the Nebraka farming period: "I have been doing some work this summer (1948), have preached one Sabbath a month at Arthur, Neb., and have held baptismal services there on two different Sabbaths with a most blessed experience at each service." I am sure that many Recorder readers will include Brother Soper among those servants of the Lord for whom they pray.

Rev. Trevah R. Sutton went to Jackson Center, Ohio, in mid-January to take up the Seventh Day Baptist pastorate left vacant December 1 by Rev. Leslie O. Greene. Rev. Mr. Sutton's Recorder article on "A Preacher-Layman" indicates his fine spirit, and the Jackson Center people write appreciatively of the first services conducted by the Sutton family.

Rev. Leslie O. Greene, 341 N. Chester, Indianapolis, Ind., reports that a long list of contacts are waiting for a visitation campaign "yet this winter or spring." Now that the Greenes have a permanent home and the Church owns its building, they feel much better equipped for vigorous pastoral work. May God bless both the Suttons of Jackson Center and the Greenes of Indianapolis. D. S. C.

Rev. David S. Clarke, Westerly, R. I., U. S. A.

Dear Mr. Clarke:

Thanks for the two booklets (Let's Act Now) which have just arrived here a few days ago. I believe they will provide us with some very good reading material for the "English Family Service" we have on Sabbath morning.

In the school, the closing term has been rather a term of anxiety and trials. With the war raging ever closer and closer this way, and with all the consequent evils of it coming at an accelerating speed, conditions have been hard enough for everybody here. But now I am glad to report that with God's boundless mercy and loving care over us, we have succeeded in concluding the term as originally scheduled. At present we are having a winter vacation of about four weeks, and we are looking forward to resuming our classes on February 11. We are determined to carry on the work of the school as a Christian institution as long as possible, and we have no doubt that with His continued care over us, we shall find no obstacle in the way that is really unsurmountable. Please remember us always in your prayers.

Sincerely yours,

T. M. Chang.

Shanghai, China, January 26, 1949.

### Where Our Treasure Is —

In 1940, it cost \$430 to transport a missionary to South China. In 1947, it cost \$965.

In 1948, it takes an average of \$1.82 in U.S. currency for field work appropriations to do what \$1.00 would do in 1939.

— New Jersey Baptist Bulletin, December, 1948.

### REPORT OF THE MILWAUKEE ASSEMBLY OF THE UCCW

By Mrs. Mary Swiger Salem, W. Va.

How can I bring all the highlights of the Assembly of the United Council of Church Women in a short space? How can I make you all visualize the magnificent setting of the Milwaukee auditorium for such a religious experience?

We were faced by a large, impressive picture of Sallman's "Christ" against a background of beautiful gray velvet curtains; below the picture in gold letters four feet high and of three dimensions hung the theme of the assembly: THY KINGDOM COME. Mrs. Le Grand ably expressed my feelings in her report in the "Church Woman"; "The women who sat before that strong but appealing face of compassion for three days would never forget those eyes. We almost felt their approval as we listened to the presentation of the needs of the world and tried to decide how, as Christian women, we could go out and answer our prayers.'

On the first evening the most colorful feature of the whole assembly took place— the processional march, accompanied by the fanfare of trumpets, the organ playing processional hymns, and the entire audience of over 2,500 people singing, "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past," and "Jesus Shall Reign."

The flag-bearers with flags of all nations, the chorus of Milwaukee County Council of Church Women, the National Board of UCCW, state presidents, national denominational presidents of women's organizations, including our Mrs. Shaw in this group, the staff of UCCW and other secretaries of women's organizations, pastors of Churches of Milwaukee and vicinity, the chairman and members of the assembly committee of the Milwaukee County Council of Church Women, fraternal delegates, special guests, delegates and representatives of the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, and speakers, all marched to the front of the auditorium, and the flags of all nations were placed under the picture of Christ. With flowers banking the sides of the platform, and

many baskets of beautiful flowers across the front of the stage, including flowers from the Council of Church Women of Hawaii, the beautiful and inspiring picture was completed.

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At the first evening meeting there were perhaps thirty delegates from the assembly at Amsterdam. Some thoughts jotted down during the panel discussions follow: "Spiritual need is greater than material need"; "Iron curtain' spoken of lightly by us, but you don't say it lightly when you have been in Europe"; "Your clothes look good on those women"; "They don't have the new look in Hungary and Czechoslovakia"; "Worship cannot be recalled without mentioning the ecumenical Communion service."

The address by Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary of New York City, and chairman of the study division of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, was very inspiring and one of the best of the assembly; you may read it in the January issue of the "Church Woman." Another highlight of the assembly was the Church women's dinner, Tuesday. Only eight hundred could be seated at the banquet table, so the speeches were given in the auditorium where any who wished could attend for the price of admittance. The Milwaukee County Council of Church Women had made leis of all pastel colors; each one on entering the dining room was garlanded with a lei; the leis made a very colorful array. The governor of Wisconsin was on the program to greet us but affairs of state kept him in his office. He wired an inspiring greeting. Henry Luce, editor of "Time," "Life," "Fortune," "March of Time," and other publications, was principal speaker of the evening.

How radio, press, and motion pictures can serve religion was demonstrated and discussed; a full length feature film, "Prejudice," produced by the Protestant Film Commission, was shown. Mrs. Rosa Page Welch added to the spirit of the entire assembly program by her inspiring songs. I have never heard her equal.

Another big moment of the assembly came as Mrs. Le Grand introduced the 12,000th woman. We did not under-

stand the significance of this until Mrs. Le Grand explained that this lady from Arkansas who had just subscribed to the "Church Woman" was the 12,000th subscriber, the goal set by UCCW at the assembly meeting in Grand Rapids in 1946. Of course, the women immediately pledged to raise the quota to 25,000 subscribers by next assembly meeting in 1950. Let's do our part in our denomination. Truly, I feel we get more than our dollar's worth in this little paper.

The ecumenical Communion held Thursday morning was to me one of the greatest experiences of the assembly. Over 2,000 women of all faiths received Communion together, with the pastors of all the Churches of Milwaukee serving us. A woman pastor, Rev. Frederica Mitchell of Keene Valley, led in meditation. Dr. Thurman, a Negro copastor of the Church for Fellowship of All Peoples, and who had led vespers every afternoon, and Dr. Biegeleisen officiated; and Rosa Page Welch sang "Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees," which truly expressed our togetherness.

Of course, you are all interested to hear from our commitment cards. The cards were all tied together in bundles from different states, placed on hand trucks, and wheeled to the front of the stage where mammoth baskets of flowers furnished a beautiful setting. During the evening meeting with Miss Mabel Head presiding, all the state presidents were called to come to the front of the stage and, as each state was called, that particular president presented Miss Head a load of cards. A streamer was attached to each load and each president held the other end. Then the audience stood and, with hand over heart, all saluted the American flag, the United Nations flag, and the Christian flag, and after repeating the pledge on the commitment cards, joined hands and sang "God of Grace and God of Glory." The meeting ended with a prayer by Mrs. Sibley.

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

—Luke 9: 23.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS FROM ASHAWAY, R. I.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

C. E. Votes Treasury for Worthy Projects

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor has held 39 meetings this year, and has had several socials including a Thanksgiving and New Year's social.

In September we enjoyed a weekend at Lewis Camp.

Twenty-five dollars was given to the Church for the redecorating fund.

Five dollars was sent to Ronald Barrar, missionary in Africa.

Five dollars was sent to Pastor John G. Schmid for German Relief.

We voted to give twelve dollars, the balance in the treasury, to the Denominational Budget.

Respectfully submitted, Maitland Crandall,

Secretary, Gwendolyn Crandall, President.

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Junior Choir —
Singing and Various Activities

The Junior choir has had five meetings and a regular attendance of 14. We have had two food sales and a Mardi Gras. During the year we went to the Ice Follies, Atlantic Beach, and on a hay ride.

A birthday party is given each choir member as his birthday comes along. Dues of ten cents per month are paid by each member.

Gifts were exchanged at Christmas. We have \$24.12 in the treasury.

We are planning to put on a play in the near future.

Respectfully submitted, Ruth Saretzki, Secretary, Mildred Saretski,

Secretary.
—From the "Ashaway Messenger."

# FROM LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y. The Church at Work

Youth Week — The young people of the Christian Endeavor had charge of the morning worship service on Sabbath, February 5. In the afternoon we went down to Mrs. Lydia Day's and had a service with Mrs. Sue Ward as our special guest. Mrs. Ward is past 90 years of age.

Pins Awarded — Sabbath school attendance pins were awarded by the superintendent, Gordon Sanford, to the following: 9 month, James Grantier; 6 month, Carla Ayers and Duane Polen; 3 month, Earl Williams.

Wire Recordings — Mrs. Madge Sutton visited our Sabbath school on February 5, and by means of the wire recorder presented messages from Secretaries Victor W. Skaggs, David S. Clarke, and Harley Sutton of the Budget Committee.

Valentine Party — The Christian Endeavor society held its valentine party at the parsonage on Monday evening, February 14. Activities started at 6:30 and did not let up until after 9 o'clock.

Eighteen enjoyed the games and the tasty refreshments.

Marilyn Reynolds and Mimi Foster were in charge of all arrangements.

—The "Belfry."

## FROM RIVERSIDE, CALIF. Sabbath School

Under the enthusiastic work of R. C. Brewer, superintendent, there is always something new in Sabbath school. At the recent Visual Aids Institute at the Congregational Church we had more representatives than any other Church in Paradise Valley except the big Methodist Church. The superintendent will announce equipment that has been made available to us. Don't miss Sabbath school.

—Church Bulletin.

### FROM HEBRON, PA.

The Hebronites have pledged to raise one third of a day's amount of the Denominational Budget for this year. The proceeds of the "nose social" will be applied toward the pledge. Appreciation of our pledge has been acknowledged by President Hurley and the Budget Committee.

—Bulletin.

TUNE IN ON

### One Great Hour

MARCH 26

EST 10—11 p.m. CST 9—10 p.m. MST 8—9 p.m. PST 7—8 p.m.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

### ANNUAL MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL

Representatives of forty Protestant denominations met at Columbus, Ohio, February 6-12 for the annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education. The Seventh Day Baptist denomination was not represented this year. This was a significant meeting because it represents an agency in which about ninety per cent of all Protestant Churches cooperate. — H. S.

1,400 Attend from U. S. and Canada

During the first half of the week nearly 1,400 leaders in religious education from all parts of the two countries conferred in 17 sections according to their interests, such as children's, youth and adult work, leadership education, missionary education, weekday and vacation religious education, and lay work. Others groups included editors, pastors, professors, publishers, and state and city Church council executives. This was the largest attendance since before World War II. Committee meetings and business sessions of the plenary body occupied the latter part of the week.

Opening this 27th annual meeting of the International Council was an address on the conference theme, "Christian Teaching - A World Task," by Dr. Henry Pitney Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary. The theme was dramatized in another joint session with a worship pageant, "The Family of God," written and directed by Amy Goodhue Loomis, Northern Baptist Convention. The pageant portrayed scenes showing the development of the family idea in religion since the days of the early Hebrews to the establishment of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

Weekday Church Schools Continue

Interest in religion and public education was heightened by discussions on the Supreme Court ruling on weekday Church schools made last year in the Champaign case. Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council, reported that approximately 90% of the nation's weekday Church school classes had been able to continue, with some adjustments.

Nothing in American laws, court decisions, or traditions prevents "the school,

within its program, from making adequate provision for the religious interpretation of life," commented the committee headed by Dean Weigle. This committee called on public schools to expose pupils to the "belief in God as the Source of all spiritual values and material goods, the Determiner of the destines of nations, and the loving Father of mankind."

In the same vein Dr. Samuel P. Franklin, dean of the School of Education of the University of Pittsburgh, said: "School leaders should study their school programs to see if they are doing justice to children's appreciation of their common religious heritage. Then the Church must give public education the green light by removing the feelings of fear and threat over the separation of Church and state

Religion and Individual Problems

The relation of religion to an individual's personal and civic life was the subject of several speeches and discussion periods. Dr. Roy A. Burkhart, pastor of the First Community Church of Columbus and trustee of the council, warned that Churches cannot redeem the world unless they become more concerned about the individual problems and mental health of their members than they are about the size of their buildings and their prestige as institutions.

"Christian teaching can never be complete unless it includes the development of a deep, informed, and wise sense of political responsibility," declared Jerry Voorhis, Chicago, executive secretary of the Co-operative League of the U.S.A.

Carrying the community idea to its world outreach, Dr. Forrest L. Knapp, general secretary of the World Council of Christian Education, appealed for the day when "an American Church will be willing to support a missionary who is not an American,"

Completed Bible Version Due in 1952

Prominent in the council's discussion of future plans was the announcement that the completed Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be published in the fall of 1952. The New Testament was issued in 1946. Dr. Weigle, chairman of the Standard Bible Committee, will give his

### **Our Children's Letter Exchange**

Dear Ann:

Perhaps you have wondered why I have been so long in answering your good and very welcome letter. Well, you see for some reason or other it was mislaid and I had to wait until your letter came out in the Recorder. I guess your grandpa became concerned about it for he kindly reminded me today.

I'm glad you liked the story about "Was Johnnie a Fraid-cat?" I would call him a very brave little boy, wouldn't you?

I think a farm is a fine place for children to grow up. That was where I lived when I was a little girl. When we lived in Independence there were farms all around us. When we moved to Andover our children said, "What is there for children to do in town? There's so much more for children to do in the country." What do you think?

Do, please, write often. I'm sure I'll not delay my answers to your letters after this.

Yours in Christian love, Mizpah S. Greene.

My dear Mrs. Greene:

I wonder if you will care to hear from me again? I am the old woman who likes to read the Children's Page. Now you

entire time to the Old Testament revision after his retirement from Yale Divinity School next June. The introduction of the completed version is to be timed with a nationwide observance during Religious Education Week of 1952.

Toward Japanese Democracy

The last address on the week's program was given by Dr. Paul H. Vieth, former religious education consultant to Gen.

MacArthur's staff in Japan.

"The Japanese are interested in everything Western, including Christianity," Dr. Vieth said. "This represents a strategic opportunity for us to practice our doctrines of good will and service. Japan wants to re-establish its economy. Unless we help her do so we will injure the chances for the establishment of a democracy like that of the Western nations which have presumed to teach Japan the ways of peace and plenty." — Release.

remember me, don't you? I am wondering what has become of the children. They cannot be busy skating and coasting unless they live where they have different weather than Rhode Island is having. We have had a little snow, but it is gone. The ground is bare and the pond free from ice.

I have moved since I last wrote. I have a lovely little tenement and my yard runs right down to the pond. I sit in my window and watch the herring gulls circle the pond. There are lots of oak, pine, and cedar trees across the pond. Birds come flying across to feed at my bird stick and the suet which is tied in the trees. Just now six nuthatches are here feeding. Woodpeckers come for suct and chickadees visit the feed stick. Three bluebirds were at my feed stick for Christmas dinner. That was before I moved. I was afraid that they would not find me when I moved, but they have. Myrtle warblers, song sparrows, a cowbird, a brown creeper, junco, white-throated sparrow, tree sparrow, and golden-crowned kinglet also have found me.

I thing we can learn a lesson from the birds. They are so active — always at work, seeking food, building nests, and rearing their young. Then when winter comes and food is scarce they are very grateful for the scant rations that people put out for them. Let us wake up and praise God for His mercy and the bountiful supply which comes from Him.

Nellie M. Longfellow, Member of the Rockville Church. Hope Valley, R. I.

Dear Miss Longfellow:

Perhaps you have noticed that by the time I received your letter, letters began coming in from the children to fill each week's page. But this week I have not heard from any children though I hope they will keep writing. In the meantime I am happy to have your letter. I also have one from Mrs. Powell which came a few days after yours.

We, too, have been having a very mild winter with very little snow, but yesterday morning, to our surprise, we found at least four inches of snow on the ground and the snow kept falling most of the day and night. This morning, with the

### CHURCH NEWS

SALEMVILLE, PA. — Here are some items of interest to our many friends and readers of the Sabbath Recorder. We are glad to report that since the Church is without a pastor we are carrying on the work of our Church with the hope that someone may soon see our need of a leader and answer our call.

We have Sabbath school every Sabbath. Duane Ebersole (grandson of the late Rev. W. L. Davis) is our superintendent. Some member or auxiliary of the Church is willing to take the responsibility and have charge of the worship services which is proof that everyone is willing to do his or her part. These leaders are appointed by the pulpit committee.

We have had several workers of our denomination visit us and spend weekends. Rev. David S. Clarke, secretary of the Missionary Board, and family have been here several times, as well as Rev. Victor W. Skaggs and family. Rev. Mr. Skaggs has conducted two Communion services for us. Rev. and Mrs. James L. Skaggs have also spent a weekend with us and conducted services. Rev. Trevah R. Sutton and family were in our community on business and Rev. Mr. Sutton filled the pulpit one Sabbath. Rev. Cletus Myers, pastor of the Church of the Brethren, conducted worship services one Sabbath. Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, our Conference president, paid us a visit and gave us a very interesting message.

help of my kind next door neighbor I managed to shovel the snow off of the walk in front of the house and Church. The sun is shining brightly and it is some warmer, but a cold wind is blowing.

The children in town are enjoying coasting for the first time since Christmas week. Thank you for your letter.

Sincerely, your friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

Perhaps you have noticed how many good children's letters have been coming in lately. But I have none this week. Please do write, one and all.

Sincerely, Mizpah S. Greene. We have built a new chimney at the parsonage and installed a furnace, which has been paid for by contributions. The roof of our Church is showing a new coat of paint also.

We have held several socials and suppers in the parsonage. Sunday evening preceding Thanksgiving a harvest home supper was sponsored by the ladies of the Church and was attended by fifty-nine members and friends.

The Junior Fellowship meets every Sabbath afternoon with Mrs. Mildred Robinette as its leader. The Youth Fellowship has been meeting in various homes. It has sponsored a Halloween social which was held in the barn on the Sherman Kagarise farm with an attendance of fortyone.

The children of the Church under the direction of Mrs. Mildred Robinette presented a Christmas program on Sabbath morning, December 25.

The Ladies' Aid meets once a month for its business meeting and every Wednesday is set aside for quilting. The society has purchased new blinds for the Church and is planning to redecorate the parsonage.

We have lost two members — Mrs. Ella Kagarise passed away in October, and Mrs. Belle Mostoller, the last charter member of our Church, passed away February 6. We feel deeply the loss of these members.

Mrs. Mary Blough, Mrs. Frances Kagarise.

CHICAGO, ILL. — On August 11, 1948, Mrs. G. W. Post and Mrs. A. E. Webster were hostesses at a luncheon for the women of the Chicago Church. There were 10 present at this meeting held at the home of Mrs. Post. At a business meeting following the luncheon the Women's Society of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized. Mrs. Leon Lawton was elected president; Mrs. A. E. Webster, secretary and treasurer; and Mrs. L. F. Dunstan, keyworker.

At later meetings needed committees have been formed. Mrs. Wm. H. Macorkel is in charge of the devotional period which follows each luncheon. The half-hour study period devoted to the review of a religious book or articles is under the

leadership of Mrs. Dunstan. Mrs. Ann Post Bergh, Mrs. I. H. Bond, and Miss Nellie Hull are the sunshine or courtesy committee. The project committee consists of the wives of our three divinity students: Jeanett Nida, Marie Lippincott, and Dorothy Lawton.

To my knowledge this is the first official formation of a women's society in the Chicago Church, meeting for other than social purposes. For several years women of the Church met for potluck luncheon—calling themselves the S and C (Stitch and Chatter). Present meetings are held once a month at the homes with a simple lunch served by the hostess, members bringing sandwiches.

There are 15 active members; dues are 50c a month or \$6 a year. Birthday collections are received each month; also 25c per member for the Helpers' Fund of the Women's Board- Special money-raising projects have netted the society \$80.30. Most of this money came through the sale of articles donated by members, commissions on shell jewelry, Wrisley products, Christmas cards, and stationery. Mrs. Raymond Sholtz, Mrs. Ian Bond, Mrs. Wm. Macorkel, and project committee members sold the articles mentioned and donated commissions. In the six months since the society was organized, \$188 has been raised. Money expended has been mostly of a missionary nature, \$81 having been sent to the Seventh Day Baptist mission work in Nyasaland, Africa.

After each meeting, clothing for relief is sent to Pastor John Schmid, Verona, N. J.

With active members so widely separated — from Walworth and Waukegan, 70 and 40 miles north, to 84th Street South in Chicago and west to the suburbs of River Forest and Maywood —money raising projects are hard to conduct. However, "Where there is a will, there is a way." This seemed to be the motto of the society at its February meeting when it assumed the responsibility of making it financially possible for the 2 college age young people in our Church — Paul and Marilyn Sholtz — to attend camp and Conference at Riverside, Calif., next August. — Lilian Webster, Secretary.

## Obituaries.

Walters. — Ella May, daughter of Dunham and Marilla Garthwaite Frink, was born April 1, 1878, in Milton Junction, Wis., and passed away January 31, 1949, at her home near Albion, Wis., at the age of 70 years and 10 months.

She was baptized by Elder George Hills and became a member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 16, 1896. When her marriage to George Walters was consummated she brought her membership to the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church where it has remained for 50 years. Her view of life was that of outreach. Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery at Albion, Wis. K. V. H.

Langworthy. — Angie M., daughter of Nathan Thomas and Mary Ann Clarke Langworthy, was born August 24, 1863, in Brookfield, N. Y., and passed away in a nursing home in Janesville, Wis., November 25, 1948.

She became convinced of the Christian way of life at a neighborhood prayer meeting and placed her life and membership in service with the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church. Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn. She was laid to rest in the Milton Junction Cemetery.

K. V. H.

Whitford. — Wenith Eileen, infant daughter of Edna Lee and Ray Whitford of Albion, Wis., was born on January 4, 1948, and passed away on October 30, 1948.

Her spirit now rests in the arms of her Good Shepherd and under the watchful care of the angels for it is written that "in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." Farewell services were conducted by Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, and she was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery, Albion.

K. V. H.

Williams. — Viola Adelia Davis, daughter of Samuel A. and Emma Dickerson Davis, was born November 27, 1870, at Adams Center, N. Y., and passed away at the home of Mrs. Fred Burdick on November 30, 1948, at the age of 78 years and 3 days.

She was baptized by Rev. A. B. Prentice and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Adams Center, N. Y. After her marriage to Jay C. Williams of Milton, Wis., on October 10, 1908, she came to Milton where she gave her life in service to her community. Farewell services were conducted from the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Milton Junction, and burial was in the Adams Center Cemetery after further services conducted by Rev. Emmett Bottoms of Adams Center.

K. V. H.

Van Horn. — Rev. Herbert Clarke, March 23, 1874 — February 2, 1949. A more extended obituary appears on the next page. 1874 - 1949

Rev. Herbert Clarke Van Horn was born in Humboldt, Neb., March 23, 1874. He passed away at his home in Milton, Wis., February 2, 1949.

His early years were spent in Nebraska and Iowa. At the age of seven he, with his parents and two sisters, crossed the plains in a covered wagon to Salt Lake City, Utah, where the family resided for



Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn

a time. Later they moved to North Loup, Neb., where he was graduated from high school in 1891. He was graduated from Milton College in 1898 and from the Alfred School of Theology in 1905. In 1932 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Salem College.

Before entering theological school he served as missionary pastor at Farnum, Neb., and at Berlin and Marquette, Wis. During his seminary training he was assistant pastor at Hornell and Wellsville, N. Y. The pastorates he served following graduation from the seminary were: Lost Creek and Roanoke, W. Va.; Ashaway, R. I.; Brookfield and Nile, N. Y.; Dodge Center, Minn.; and the Piscataway Church in New Market, N. J. Following many years of experience as a pastor Dr. Van Horn became secretary of the American

Sabbath Tract Society, serving in that capacity for sixteen years. During the last fourteen years of his service to the Tract Society he was editor of the Sabbath Recorder. As Tract Society secretary and Sabbath Recorder editor Dr. Van Horn traveled widely in the United States and was known and loved throughout the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

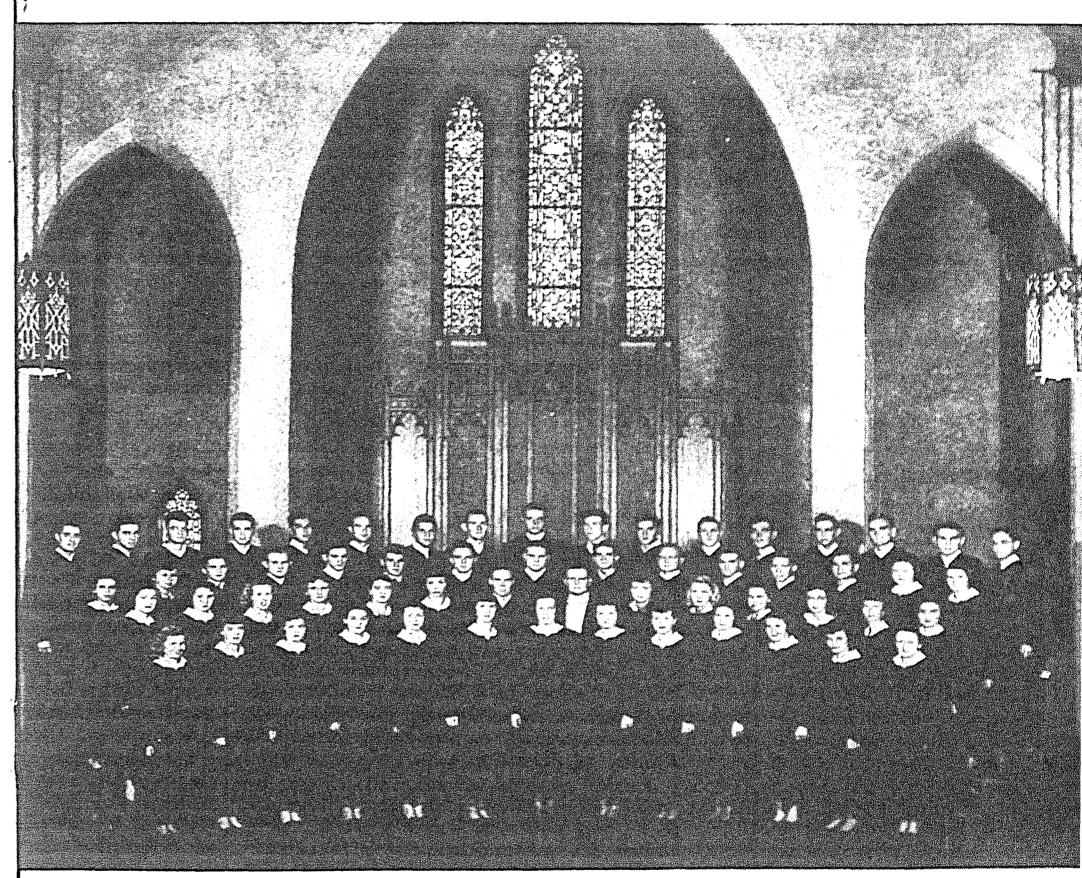
The interests of Herbert Van Horn throughout a lifetime of Christian service were wide and intense. In everything he did he exercised enthusiasm and sincerity, and was motivated by a spirit of Christian faith and love. During his pastorate in Ashaway, R. I., he organized the first Boy Scout Troop in that state. He pioneered in Daily Vacation Bible School work and served for a time as president of the West Virginia Christian Endeavor Union. At the time of the first world war he was a YMCA secretary, attached to the 143rd regiment, a part of the Sixth Combat Division. Dr. Van Horn was interested and active in co-operative Christian movements, serving as a representative of the denomination on the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and working on various commissions of that body.

On September 3, 1903, Herbert Van Horn was married to Abbie Ila Babcock, at Albion, Wis. She, with two sons and a daughter, a granddaughter who grew up in his home, five other grandchildren and a great-grandchild survive him. Also, two half sisters and three half brothers, an intimate and lifelong friend, relatives by marriage, a stepmother, nephews and nieces, and a large number of other relatives and friends remain to mourn his

Farewell services were conducted on Sunday afternoon, February 6, at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, where he had received the right hand of fellowship as a member two weeks before his death. Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph was the officiating minister, assisted by Dr. Carroll L. Hill, president of Milton College, and Melvin Nida, copastor of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church, who served as the official representative of the American Sabbath Tract Society. Interment was in the Albion Cemetery, Albion. Wis.

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THE MILTON COLLEGE A CAPELLA CHOIR, MILTON, WIS.

Front row, left to right — LaDean Durfee, Betty Kennedy, Marilyn Bergman, Carol Burdick, Gail Snyder, Mary Schillinger, Harriet Gross.

Second row — Jean Ralston, Margaret Hinkley, Joyce Helland, Jessie Walters, Joan Saunders, Joan File, Kenneth Babcock, Manager; Bernhardt H. Westlund, Director; Constance Schneider, Marian Lipke, Dorothy Kuster, Joan Manske, Beatrice Gramke, Mariel Philips.

Third row — Joanne Bartels, Mary Wahl, Richard Thompson, Donald Schumacher, James Schubert, Eugene Albright, Richard Romoser, Franklin Maasch, Gene Fox, Nolan Nelson, Douglas Hulett, Richard Spaulding, Patrick Gallagher, Mary Puestow, June Fisher..

Fourth row - Robert Fetherston, Eugene Fitzgerald, Oscar C. Burdick, Robert Warren, Maurice Rockwell, Lowell Huebing, Thomas Farley, Richard Kitzman, Fred Upham, Donald Fox, Richard Reynolds, Martin Schultz, Norman Thierman, Howard Rockwell, Robert Hudston, Joseph Hoke, Merlin Ochrke.