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Date: June 27 - July 3.

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Rev. Charles H. Bond, business manager.

July 24 - 31

Age group: 13 and over.

Place: Camp Potato.

Cost: \$8, including insurance.

Directors: Rev. Albert N. Rogers, dean; Wayne Crandall, business manager.

The staffs for camp will be announced

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"LET'S ACT NOW"

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??????? CALLING

What is calling you to Riverside this summer? Have you just been wanting to come to California sometime? Are you entitled to a "vacation" anyway and this will be a good time to take it?

Conference is not and should not be just a vacation. We are looking for you. We want you to come. We intend to do everything in our power to make it pleasant for you.

There is a hope, however, that there is more than reasons such as suggested above which impel your coming.

Seventh Day Baptists have a need, a great need. That need is not so especially for good times together, which are good, but that greater numbers get together. Those numbers should bring still greater numbers until our General Conference should become conferences, many conferences instead of one each year. We need to give greater attention to things spiritual that we may become "Workmen Approved of God."

As you come, may you come bringing some constructive idea, some workable plan to help produce growing results. May we come with something to give, not hoping for too much in return. May you come planning to offer yourself for full-time service in the "vineyard." The harvest truly is great but the laborers few.

Let us have a continuous mountaintop experience during this Conference because of your contribution.

"Workmen Approved of God."

P. B. Hurley, for the Publicity Committee.

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WANTED

Couple, man and wife, at least one a driver, for trip, including sight-seeing, to General Conference, Riverside, Calif., in 1939 Chevrolet car. Leave Philadelphia, Pa., last week in July; return Labor Day (Miss) Ethel M. Wilson.

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CHINA EMERGENCY APPEAL MONTH JUNE, 1949

EASTERN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association was held with the First Hopkinton Church of Ashaway, R. I., from Friday evening, June 10, to Sunday noon, June 12. The theme of the association was "Let's Act Now" and was developed in three phases, as follows: 1. Through the Individual — "Accept Christ, Today"; 2. Through a Revived Local Church — "Winning the Community for Christ"; 3. Through the Missionary Imperative — "Reaching Every Tribe and Nation."

"Accept Christ, Today"

The first phase, Through the Individual — "Accept Christ, Today" was the subject of the sermon preached by Rev. C. Rex Burdick, pastor of the Marlboro Church, on Friday evening. Pastor Burdick stressed the fact that the call of God is universal, that salvation is free and that the Son of God is pleading with us to accept Him tonight. By means of Scripture and pointed illustration the speaker brought to bear upon the minds and hearts of us listeners that the universal call of God culminated in the Cross, and that by our acceptance of His Son's sacrifice for us we pass from death into newness of life in and through Him.

Testimony Service

The message of the evening was followed by a testimony service which was conducted by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs. corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society. As a preface to this precious fellowship together in the Lord, the leader presented certain brief Scripture selections that set forth the tests of discipleship. Then came a season of spiritual uplift and refreshing through the inspiration of the spoken witness and through the presence of the quickening spirit of God.

Sabbath Morning

In an ideal New England setting and atmosphere the Sabbath morning worship was ushered in by the carillonic bells the music of which is broadcast as a preparation for worship, and which can be heard for several miles from the Church. The service was in charge of the pastor, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson. Rev. William

Kimshel, pastor of the Gospel Chapel, Middletown, Conn., read the Scripture lesson and offered a pastoral prayer. The children's message, "God's Moral Standards for Our Lives," was given by Rev. Paul L. Maxson, pastor of the Berlin, N. Y., Church. The organist was Mrs. James G. Waite. The junior choir, directed by Mrs. Elliott Wells, sang an anthem, "Prayer Perfect," by Speaks. The senior choir, directed by Miss Mildred K. Taylor, sang "My Redeemer and My Lord," an anthem by Bach. Following the morning offering a solo, "He Smiled on Me," by O'Hara, was sung by Ira E. Murphy.

"Winning the Community for Christ"

The second phase of the association theme was developed by Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor of the Shiloh Church, in the sermon of Sabbath morning on the subject of "Winning the Community for Christ." Pastor Osborn directed his message toward "Why the Church." He pointed out that the Church's first task is the winning of souls to Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. He said, "Show me a dying Church and I will show you a Church that is not interested in winning souls." In emphasizing that repentance and remission of sins should be preached "beginning at Jerusalem," the speaker declared that in whatever Church of our present day, in the Church of Ashaway, Plainfield, Milton, Shiloh, Riverside, Shanghai, and wherever there is a Christian Church, there repentance and remission of sins should be preached also. He reminded us that our Church's world begins at our Church's front, side, and back door. "All power is given unto me, go ye -," "Ye shall receive power from on high." Our work is not done until the last soul is won to Jesus Christ. "Let's Act Now!"

Sabbath Afternoon

An ordination service for deacons of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church was held on Sabbath afternoon. We were prepared by an organ prelude, prayer, and singing to enter upon the spirit of a brief Bible study presented by Rev. Lester G. Osborn. The Scriptures cited by Mr. Osborn were Acts 6: 1-8 and

1 Timothy 3: 1-13 which have to do with the origin and office of deacon. The action of the First Hopkinton Church favoring the ordination of deacons was read by Miss Abbie Hakes, clerk. The ordination council was formed, all member Churches of the association being represented by delegates and members of the First Hopkinton Church who were present for the service being considered members of the council. The statements of Christian experience and faith were given by Earl D. Burdick, R. Merritt Kenyon, John Kennedy, and F. Arthur Brayman. The action being favorable, the council proceeded to ordination. The ordination sermon "The Office of a Deacon" was preached by Rev. Hurley S. Warren from the text, 1 Timothy 3: 13. An anthem, "The Lord Is Exalted," by West was sung by the senior choir. The charge to the deacons was delivered by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, pastor of the local Church, and the charge to the Church by Rev. Harold R. Crandall, pastor emeritus of the Pawcatuck Church of Westerly. The prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Paul L. Maxson. The hymn, "O Jesus, I Have Promised," was sung by the congregation and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Eli F. Loofboro. The organ postlude, "In Blessed Meditation," by Ashworth closed the service.

Young People's Program and Fellowship Breakfast

These two features of the Eastern Association will be reported more fully in a later issue of the Sabbath Recorder.

Sunday Morning

Following the meeting of the regular committees of the association the business session was held, being conducted by the president, F. Arthur Brayman. The singing of the Coronation Hymn, and prayer by Rev. Lester G. Osborn aided in giving a spiritual tone to the business session.

As letters from the sister Churches of the association were read, which included those from the Berlin, First Hopkinton, Second Hopkinton, Marlboro, New York City, Pawcatuck, Rockville, Shiloh, Piscataway, Plainfield, and Waterford Churches, we were very much inspired as we listened to the physical and spiritual accomplishments of these Churches. Also, letters from sister associations brought us great encouragement in the Lord, as did the annual reports of the executive committee and treasurer of the association and our delegates to sister associations, along with other reports.

It was announced that the amount of the Sabbath morning offering was \$137.62 which goes to the Denominational Budget.

The oral report on Lewis Camp presented by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson indicates that intensive plans are being made for the holding of the camp from July 19-28. Pastor Ronald Hargis of the Waterford Church will be the director of the camp.

The Eastern Association will meet with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J., in June, 1950, God willing.

"Reaching Every Tribe and Nation"

The third phase of the association theme was developed by Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms, pastor of the Adams Center, N. Y., Church and delegate from the Central Association, who preached on the subject of "Reaching Every Tribe and Nation." Mr. Bottoms said, "We can hope to reach every tribe and nation when we are united as a Christian Church." Jesus did not care anything about geography; He did not care any thing about time. We remember that it was at about 30 years of age that He began His public ministry and that His ministry covered about three years of time. This was a limited time and He covered a limited area geographically. Yet it was He who said "I send the Comforter to you," and "I send you."

Jesus lived while on earth with an incontestable awareness of God and an incontestable awareness of man. He maintained a balance between physical matters and spiritual matters. He lived with a faith that would not let God go. He encouraged a faith in man that would not let man go. Jesus sent forth His disciples with the command, "Go," and with the assurance of "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

The Ashaway Church

"Seeing is believing" might have been said of some of us as we came in view of the Ashaway Church Friday evening and Sabbath morning of the association. Not that any of us had doubted the beauty and splendor of the \$25,000 renovation project, but to behold them completely convinced us. The landscaping was very attractive. The Church's exterior beauty impressed us.

When we entered the vestibule and passed through one of the doorways into the sanctuary, the hush, of holy silence descended upon us and spoke eloquently of the sacrifice and labor that made the project possible. Truly, "a thing of beauty is a joy forever."

Entertainment

The formal welcome to delegates was given at the service on Sabbath eve by Earl D. Burdick of the entertaining Church and the response by Frederik Bakker of the Plainfield Church. Even before this welcome by Mr. Burdick was extended delegates and visitors to the association had already experienced some of the hospitality of our Ashaway friends. We were most comfortably cared for and made to feel entirely at home by our hosts and hostesses. Hospitality of the kind that we received at Ashaway is truly a Christian grace.

Breakfasts were served in the homes. The dinners Sabbath day and Sunday, as well as supper on Sabbath evening, were served in the parish house not far from the Church. Here friendships were renewed and new friendships formed.

"Let's Act Now"

As Sabbath Recorder readers have already gathered, this theme became the dominant note of the Eastern Association meetings. President F. Arthur Brayman's brief and to the point message on Sabbath eve paved the way for "Let's Act Now" to be frequently and tellingly stressed.

The Spirit of Devotion

The opening devotional service was conducted by Rev. Paul S. Burdick who, with his family, was on the way from the pastorate of the Rockville and Second

Hopkinton Churches to take up the work with the Salemville, Pa., Church. This service consisted of a hymn, "Faith Is the Victory," the reading of Isaiah 55 with brief comments by Rev. Mr. Burdick, the hymn, "O Jesus Thou Art Standing," and a brief season of prayer.

The closing devotional service of the association was conducted by Rev. David S. Clarke, secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. The hymn, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life," was followed by prayer by Rev. Mr. Clarke. Mr. Clarke referred to the fact that we think too much of the "crowded ways of life" and too little of "the voice of God." The Scripture lesson from Jeremiah 29 was read and commented on briefly by Mr. Clarke. He then presented Socrates Thompson, a native of Jamaica, who is studying in the School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y. Mr. Clarke stated that Mr. Thompson will serve one of the Churches of the Western Association during August of this year.

As Mr. Thompson referred to the association theme, "Let's Act Now," he said that these words seemed to be a paraphrase of the words of our Lord and Master as reported in Acts 1: 8. The speaker closed his devotional address by saying that he would defy any man to ask the Lord to feed him without making some effort himself. The Lord requires man to do his part. The Lord will send forth men into the harvest when men are willing to go. Let's act now in making Christ known, in bringing the kingdom of Christ into the lives of men.

POSITION WANTED

Ex-serviceman, unable to do heavy work because of injury in World War II, wishes a position as: Teacher or operator of punch press; or, timekeeper in a factory, in the field, or on the road; or, will do clerical work, mimeographing, and composition art work and lettering. If interested, please write to Theodore J. Hibbard, Box 716, Alfred, N. Y.

REMEMBER

THE ONE HUNDRED SABBATHS
OF SERVICE PROGRAM

"THE CHURCH AT WORK"

(Continued from June 20)

"Impressions of the Year"

(Given by "the theologs" at the first meeting of the Ministers' Conference.)

Before I say anything about the School of Theology, I first must make known the debt of gratitude that I owe the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Piscataway in making it possible for me to spend this senior year here at Alfred. I could never put into words my grateful feelings for this opportunity that the Church has afforded me.

As to the School of Theology, I can say that I have been more than satisfied with the training that I have received here, and that this has been a high point in my Christian experience.

We have had a wonderful sense of fellowship here this year, and the celebrating of the Lord's Supper before vacation periods has helped to strengthen those fellowship ties which bind us together as His children.

Another experience which I have had which was indeed unexpected since this is my only year at the School of Theology was to be elected president of the student body. I have received splendid co-operation from all of its members. One of the projects that we feel is worth while was our applying for representation on the student senate as a part of the newly adopted constitution. We were accepted, and I was chosen to represent our student body for the remainder of the year. I feel that this is a big step for the school giving us an opportunity to present Christ and the Sabbath in our new relationship. We now have a voice in the policies of the student government, and it places a big responsibility upon our shoulders to witness for Him through our representative.

In conclusion, I would say that the school needs your prayers and support as it attempts to train our young men for the gospel ministry. We should do all within our power to make that training the very best, for the Lord demands our very best to present His message of redemption to the world.

Kenneth A. Stickney.

For a man leaving school more than twenty-four years prior to his coming here to school, I must say that the School of Theology has remade me educationally and spiritually. This does not mean that the school used the bludgeon on me to get me to the pitch I now have — no; the method used by the school was symphathetic, brotherly, courteous, and forbearing.

To be sure, the School of Theology did not attempt to destroy any former views I had about the Scriptures without giving full recognition of my background. Because of this method of high Christian quality, I am able to adjust my thinking to better reasonings than I had. Hence I recognize the patience the school exerted in my training, and thank all the professors who had to do with my training. To crown my impressions, I must say that the school taught me how to think and not necessarily what to think.

I ask my readers to forgive me for this discrimination, but I believe in giving flowers to a good man not only when he is dead but also in his lifetime. I must offer to Dean Bond my special appreciation for his fatherly treatment to me.

Benjamin O. Berry.

One impression of the year which stands out in my mind is the closeness of spirit and the oneness of mind to which we as students have grown. A wider variety of backgrounds would be difficult to find, but now we have been welded by unity of purpose into a family of workers in the kingdom.

Carl R. Maxson.

In high school, I learned that there is such a thing as scale drawing in which a mile can be drawn to the dimension of one inch. I think this is a bit difficult, but that it is much more difficult to compile the experiences of three years into three minutes' time.

In these three minutes I want to touch on the highlights of three years in Alfred, and the first thing that I want to say is, "I did not come to Alfred to find God." Had I been in search of God, I would not have come to Alfred as I feel that the work of the seminary is not to convert men, but to fit converted men to go into the world and work.

On the other hand, I do not know that if I had come here to find God that I would not have found Him. But my primary purpose in coming these thousands of miles over mounts, and streams, and sea to Alfred was to be better prepared to present the gospel of Christ to needy souls.

This technique I have acquired, and I especially respect the way in which I received it; mainly because in getting it, I was not told what to think, or how to think, but was helped to develop my own thinking in a guided way.

This leads to the fact that I have been helped to find the proper way of presenting Christ to the world, and yet have not been given a certain formula to use.

Looking at the three years' work, I must say that they were well spent, and the most important thing which I want to emphasize is the warm fellowship and prayers we have had in the Gothic. They shall ever be remembered.

Socrates Thompson.

I am very happy to have this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Seventh Day Baptist denomination and its theological school for the kindness the latter extended to me. Although I do not at present expect to enter the ministry of your denomination, one value has come from this experience. Your denomination is not unknown to me. A factor like this cannot help but extend denominational good will. I have also been convinced that your ideas on the Sabbath are correct.

My denominational affiliation is Episcopalian. For reasons that I cannot say here I love that denomination, but my love for it does not blind me to its faults nor has my experience with it been always too pleasant. As a result of differences of religious conviction with the then Bishop of Western New York, I was forced to obey my call by seeking outlets in other denominations. I have studied at a Unitarian Seminary, Universalist Seminary, a Baptist Seminary, and finally the Seventh Day Baptist Seminary at Alfred. I was graduated from the University of Buffalo with the B.A. degree, and from Alfred

with the Ed.M. degree. I have been immersed in a Southern Baptist Church and have pastored a Universalist Church and two Methodist Churches. And now I am ready for the B.D. degree from Alfred.

As I begin anew in the Episcopal Church, let me say that I hold no grudges against those who have worked against my interests. They are forgiven, but you can never love a forgiven person as much as you can those who have been your friends consistently. I shall always remember this school for its especial kindness to me, consideration of my peculiar interests, and for the utmost freedom of expression I have had.

Rev. Raymond R. Taylor.

I feel it a privilege this evening to meet with so many new friends, and hope we will have a good and blessed time together during the Ministers' Conference.

I am glad to have been able to attend the Alfred School of Theology for this year. It certainly has been of great value to me, not only for my improvement in the language, but I have also acquired some new insight in matters of religions, customs, and society of this country, and especially of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, which I could get only in a place like this seminary.

Now we have not always agreed in the discussion of things, but a spirit of toleration has always prevailed, and that is a good thing for a seminary.

I appreciate the kindness and friendliness I have met with here in Alfred, both on the part of the teachers and students, and of the Church members as a whole. I believe they all have been worthy representatives of what we in Europe call "the American good will."

Above all, I am very thankful to God for His leading me so far, and I believe that this year has added to my usefulness in co-operation with Him for the saving of souls.

Sigurd Gunvik.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference RIVERSIDE, CALIF., AUGUST 16-21, 1949

WHEN YOU THINK OF CHINA THIS MONTH . . .

News from China these days is scarce and difficult to analyze. One of our letters, dated May 10, came back early in June marked "RETURN. Service Suspended." Seventh Day Baptists share the anxiety of other Christians over the future of China and her Christianity.

It may be of help to you to review something of Communist tactics in areas of their domination. I do not say in areas of "Communist infiltration" because that term is applicable to any spot on the globe, and materialistic humanism infiltrates many hearts without notice. Communist practice is not uniform from area to area or from week to week always, but the policy adheres to a basic ideology which is quite uniform.

Considerable numbers of people wishfully think of Chinese Communism as radically better than Russian Communism. It is possible, and very probable, that China has a way of life which will again resist outside invasions of government, thought, and economy. However, it is important to understand that a revolutionary system generally has a time schedule for developments, and supporters work out each phase with the final goal and ideology in mind. Compromises are neatly timed to attain the desired revolution.

Perhaps we of the Christian Church ought to be revolutionary in the good sense of the word. The International Missionary Council (world-wide representative of National Councils of Churches of Christ) recently issued its statement on "The Witness of a Revolutionary Church" setting forth spiritual goals and practical means prerequisite to such godly aims. Perhaps we ought not to hesitate so much to develop a time schedule for our part in God's coming kingdom and to take the initiative in working out each phase of the "revolution," or conversion, or redemption, or reconciliation, if you will.

Mao Tze-Tung has written a pamphlet, "China's New Democracy," which is a most important Chinese Communist document and is included in the U. S. State

Department's series on "Strategy and Tactics of World Communism" available from the U. S. Printing Office. In this widely used document, Mao states that the end of World War I marked the start of a proletarian socialist world revolution, which means emancipation from imperialism and the drawing of all who are oppressed to a common channel. He says the national question has now been converted into a part of the proletarian and socialist world-wide revolution. How such statements would glorify any sacrifice the Chinese might make for Communist leaders!

Unlike Russian bourgeoisie, the Chinese bourgeoisie has revolutionary elements in it and hence the Communists can work with revolutionary elements of Chinese bourgeoisie.

The "united dictatorship of all antiimperialist classes is the 'state-form' to avoid any one class becoming the sole dictator" — which is another way of saying "coalition government." Another phrase used is "democratic centralism," allowing equal suffrage for all classes.

Since Mao says there can be no neutral position for the individual Chinese, but that every Chinese must be a "revolutionary or a counter-revolutionary," the Chinese Christian will face persecution largely only when he proves to be a "counter-revolutionary." A recent statement of leading China workers in America said: "The Christian mission in China is seriously affected by present turmoil, but its permanence is not in question nor is it a question of the permanence of one political agency or another. The destiny of the Church rests upon the power of the Holy Spirit, and, humanly, upon the convictions and daily work of all Christians." And that does not include political affiliations necessarily.

Mao Tze-Tung focuses Communist thinking on the principle that it is not time yet for socialism in China since the Communists are not idealists. The tasks of antifeudalism and anti-imperialism are yet to be completed, although anticapitalist action is not called for in China. Capitalism is "progressive in relation to the feudal economy" so that it is considered a "step in the right direction." Imperialism, there-

fore, is out but not necessarily capitalism. State-owned monopolies (banks, railroads, steel, etc.) are urged in some areas, but not a socialist agriculture; "rather, private equal ownership of land by the cultivator." "Also," Mao continues, "there will be no confiscation of private capitalist property if it does not affect the people's livelihood."

So, when you think of China this month:

1. Think of loyal Chinese and American and British and other Christians faced with the task and joy of witnessing to a real and living Lord when the Communist government says: "There is no

God." Think and pray for them this month especially.

2. Think of how little you actually sacrifice for missions, and think out what amount you can pay for China Internment and Evacuation Expenses so that the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society will not go further in debt when it ought to be ready for hig advances in the missionary enterprise. Think out the proportions of your personal and family budgets and then WRITE OUT a check to Karl G. Stillman, Treasurer, Box 515, Westerly, R. I. Hurley Warren thought out a system for you to judge your giving by see Sabbath Recorder of June 13, page 400.

D. S. C.

WEST VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF CHURCH WOMEN

By Mrs. Ottis F. Swiger

Your editor, Mrs. Okey W. Davis, and I, had the honor and privilege of attending the Fourth Annual State Meeting of the West Virginia Council of Church Women in Charleston, our state capital, June 2 and 3. Anyone who has ever lived in West Virginia, and loves the hills, can appreciate how the beauty of the green hills, the freshly mown meadows, and the many shades of green of the trees, could place us in a receptive mood for the mountaintop experience of the state council meeting. God truly reveals Himself to us in the grandeur of the hills in June. The inspiring, religious experience of fellowship with such capable, sincere, religious women who attended the State Council of Church Women, is a privilege I covet for each of you; I hope and pray that many of you will avail yourselves of the opportunity offered you in your own states.

I had been asked previously, and urged by the state nominating committee, to serve as state vice-president if elected. As it was the first time such an honor had been offered to a woman of our denomination, I had agreed to accept. The state president, Mrs. Laird, invited me to sit in on the annual state board meeting. Mrs. Davis, by virture of her being president of the local Salem council was a

member of the board, so at the beginning we were privileged to meet the state officers and take part in the informal discussion and planning of the work of the state council. Mrs. McLeod, the national executive secretary, who was the guest speaker for the assembly, sat in the meeting and aided with her advice and inspiration. After the board meeting, we went to different workshop meetings where again we had Mrs. McLeod with us to assist and inspire us in our planning. Mrs. Laird had invited the state officers to dinner to meet Mrs. McLeod in a more intimate, social way and Mrs. Davis and I felt very much blessed indeed for the privilege of such intimate fellowship with such a sincere group of women.

One of the highlights of the assembly was the vesper service at the Baptist Temple Thursday evening. Mrs. John C. Norman, teacher of speech in the Garnet High School (colored) of Charleston, had planned a most inspiring service featuring her senior speech class as verse choir, giving the Love Chapter, 1 Corinthians 13. The Baptist Temple choir of some fifty voices rendered lovely anthems. The theme of the assembly was "Together." Mrs. McLcod truly showed us in her address of the evening how we could go "His Way Together." The Charleston council very graciously tended upon us at a reception in the temple parlor; we felt we were truly enjoying the traditional southern hospitality. The Charleston women were all so very gracious and cordial.

The Friday morning service opened with an ecumenical Communion service. Five of Charleston's ministers waited on the Communion. We were helped in our worship by the lovely solo, "I Want to Be a Christian, O My Lord," sung by Mrs. Philip Risk, soloist of the Presbyterian Church. As Mrs. Risk's rich contralto voice filled the chapel room, she truly voiced the wish of every woman present.

After this rich experience, we took up business with its usual annual reports of all officers and committees, and the election of officers with a most fitting service of installation of the new officers by Mrs. McLeod. I deem it a great honor and privilege, and a greater responsibility to represent the Seventh Day Baptist women on our state board and to serve all the women of West Virginia as their state vice-president. I truly desire your prayers that I "won't" let any of you down in this work.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian Church served luncheon in the Church dining room. After the completion of business, Mrs. Marion Bailey of South Charleston gave "I Went to Milwaukee," a most splendid report. Mrs. McLeod addressed us on "Looking Forward Together," followed by an informal roundtable discussion. Mrs. McLeod gave us this thought: We do not learn to love each other by looking into one another's faces but by looking out together in a common purpose bound together by a common cause with a common Father.

We closed the assembly with a most fitting consecration service led by Mrs. Shaver, in which she kept reminding us, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee" and, of the different kinds of work to which He is calling us — but "He Calleth for Thee, He Calleth for Me."

Coming Together is beginning, Keeping Together is progress; Thinking Together is unity, Working Together is success.

"We together will build unto the Lord."

FROM WOMEN TO WOMEN

Deep in the heart of every woman has been planted the need to give — not that she may enter heaven, but that she may fulfill her destiny on earth. For some years the women of the war-torn countries have been the grateful recipients of food and clothing from more fortunate countries. These gifts they have helped to distribute, but now they long again to create. The women of Europe especially are fine needlewomen and make beautiful things as well as practical garments, but they lack materials.

This year we are helping to send to them great quantities of materials, cloth, both cotton and woolen; thread, both sewing and embroidering; wool, for knitting and crocheting. Often in the basements of stores there are odd lengths of discontinued patterns. A visit to the management might achieve surprising results! Again, in our closets or attics are pieces of material waiting to be used. Let's not keep them waiting any longer. The time is now — the need is great — and ours is the opportunity! — Georgiana Sibley, President, UCCW.

YOU CAN HELP

To give women the world over a chance to make clothing, you can begin now to gather pieces of new material. Cloth of any kind is precious to women who have nothing, but yard goods of cotton, woolens, or prints are the most needed. (Rayon is not recommended.)

Yarn, floss, crochet cotton, trimmings—all this can be used. Curtain material, pieces for patchwork quilts—these are not too humble to be put to good use by women eager for work for their hands. But be sure that the material is clean, in good shape, ready for use.

So search your house — the drawers, the attic, the closet shelves. Ask the stores in your community for remnants. Clean out your sewing basket. Collect every piece of usable material.

Remember also that most recipients have no needles, no thread, no tape, probably no good shears, so include as many such items as you can. Tools with which to work can bring new hope to women.

—Contributed.

REPORT OF CENTRAL ASSOCIATION Adams Center, N. Y. June 3-5, 1949

It was a great personal privilege to be sent as a delegate to the Central Association which met at Adams Center. It gave an enjoyable opportunity to meet again a few beloved friends and to make the acquaintance of many new ones. Then too, it was good to attend services in a Church to which I had often been invited by my close college friend, Holly Maxson, who passed on a number of years ago.

The setting for the gathering was most inviting. The interior of the Church has been artistically redecorated and the beautiful floral arrangements added further to the attractiveness. Best of all was the fine Christian spirit evident at all times.

The sermonettes, by Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms with an effective Indian story, and by Rev. Marion C. Van Horn illustrating the "rivet of love" with a variety of shears, proved interesting to all.

Sermons by Rev. Zack H. White on Sabbath eve, by Rev. Herbert L. Polan on Sabbath morning, and by Pastor Kenneth Stickney (delegate from the Eastern Association) Sunday morning were inspiring and each emphasized in a particular way the theme of the association, "Called of God to Prepare for Service."

The music under the direction of Mrs. Sara B. Burnash, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Reed who also served as accompanist for several soloists, was thoroughly appreciated.

Sabbath night, Garth and Mayola Warner led the young people in presenting an interesting vesper service. The sunrise breakfast in the State Park was largely attended and enjoyed. Mr. and Mrs. Olin Davis led the devotionals and group singing.

Francis W. Palmer as moderator proved an efficient presiding officer, and Mrs. Margaret Stoodley, as always, an able secretary.

Pastor Bottoms and his congregation made every provision for the comfort and convenience of the visitors. Their hospitality was greatly appreciated.

—Ben R. Crandall.

The Board of Christian Education appreciated very much the invitation to send a representative to the Central Association, and also appreciated the willingness of Dr. Ben R. Crandall to give his time to represent the board.

Messages are being sent to the associations urging them to do more to promote youth meetings. The committee to consider the report of this board at Conference last year recommended that more attention be given to youth work in the associations.

H. S.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP NEEDED

Dr. Visser 't Hooft Visits Chicago

More American leadership is needed in the World Council of Churches, according to Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, general secretary from Geneva, Switzerland, who spoke here to a group of prominent Chicago pastors and staff members of the International Council of Religious Education.

"American Churches are not exploiting their financial power in the World Council," declared the world Church leader. "In fact, the United States does not furnish enough leadership to the ecumenical movement. Non-Americans have tried to secure more United States churchmen for the World Council staff, but they have refused to serve for various reasons."

Dr. Visser't Hooft disclosed that many of the Church leaders of eastern Europe and eastern Germany with whom he has talked recently feel that their major problem is Christian education. He said that because their Church day schools have been taken over by Communist-dominated governments, the Church must now provide all the religious education that their children and youth will receive. This new situation has presented tremendous problems and required enormous financial costs. Thousands of Christian education leaders have had to be found and put to this work with little training.

He hailed a new interest in Christianity on the part of university students in Germany and other European countries. He told of mass student gatherings to study the Bible and its message for today's problems.

"Perhaps, this is the beginning of the turning of the tide against secularism," he held. "It was the intellectuals who first turned against religion. Now if they come back to it, they may bring the other people back with them.

However, he deplored the fact that "the Christian Churches do not yet have the right language for the workingman."

—ICRE Release.

I.C.R.E. GENERAL SECRETARY RELEASES NEW CHURCH SCHOOL STATISTICS; ANNOUNCES RELIGIOUS **EDUCATION WEEK**

Citing "a substantial increase in the number of Church schools, officers and teachers, and pupils between 1945 and 1948," Dr. Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the International Council of Religious Education, calls on American and Canadian Churches to observe the 19th annual Religious Education Week, September 25 · October 2, as a time of rejoicing and a period of planning for continued advance.

Statistics just released by the International Council of Religious Education, official co-operative Christian agency of 40 denominations and more than 700 territorial councils of Churches and religious education, show that there were more than five million more pupils in Church schools in 1948 than in 1945. The total number of Church school pupils in the continental United States now is 29,745,580.

"This gain is cause for real thanksgiving," Dr. Ross commented in his summary of the new statistics. "For some years we had seen the enrollment figures go down. Now they are on the increase. The evangelistic emphasis of Protestant Churches and Church schools the last

few years is showing results.

"It is my hope that Protestants will continue this all-important trend. Religious Education Week — known in some Churches as Christian Education Week is a good time to show our communities and nations that we mean to do so."

This year's theme, "The Community for Christ," ties in with the United Evangelistic Advance, which is scheduled to begin in the major denominations on the first Sunday of October

Daily events and themes for Religious Education Week for Seventh Day Baptists follow:

Sabbath, September 24 — Rally Day, "Children of God."

Sunday, September 25 — Leaders' Day, "Teachers of Religion."

Monday, September 26 — Family Day, "Parents of Vision."

Tuesday, September 27 — Local Church Day, "Fellowship of Christians."

Wednesday, September 28 — Interdenominational Day, "Citizens of the Community."

Thursday, September 29 — Youth Day, "Youth of the New Day."

Friday, September 30 — Enlistment Day, "Men of Reconciliation."

Sabbath, October 1 — Worldwide Communion, "Church of All Nations."

Local Church leaders are urged by Dr. Ross to secure further information from their denominational headquarters; state, county, or city council offices; or from the International Council of Religious Education, 206 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago 4, Ill. — ICRE Release.

Now is the time for all of our Sabbath schools to start their plans for observance of Religious Education Week. Plans made early are much more likely to be completed. The board would urge that during that week, a plan for the coming Sabbath school year be made. It would be a good thing for each school to plan a weekend retreat for officers and workers to make out this plan. The purpose of such a plan is to make sure that such important phases of Christian education as teacher training, workers' regular meetings, and observance of special days and weeks are included in the yearly program. Such a plan need not be followed in detail, but would be a guide for action. H. S.

> LEWIS CAMP Ashaway, R. I.

Pastor Ronald Hargis, Director Dates: July 19-28, 1949 Cost: \$12.50

OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It has been a long time since I have written you. I am sorry the boys and girls have not been writing to you.

School was out May 27, 1949, and I passed to fifth grade. I am taking a course in woodwork in summer school.

I am reading, "The Pony Express Goes Through."

I am going to the Seventh Day Baptist camp this summer if I can earn enough money to go. I have never been to a camp before.

My sister, Rose Mary, who is four years old, wants to write you a letter. I am enclosing a letter from her. She is telling you about our Uncle Lee in Alaska, and the cows, chickens, cats, and dog.

Your Recorder friend. Robert Marvin.

Box 498, Edinburg, Tex.

Dear Robert:

It was nice to get a letter from you once more. I hope you will write more often after this.

You are out of school quite early. School in Andover does not close until next week. Here's hoping you will enjoy your fifth grade work, and that you will find each grade as you go on from year to year more interesting than the one before.

I hope your wish will be granted and that you'll be able to attend summer camp as you have planned. It is a fine experience for any boy or girl.

> Your Christian friend, Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Rose Mary:

Would you like to be in Alaska? I just guess you are happier where it is warmer, for it's pretty cold there.

Some little chickens are just beginning to come from their shells next door, and they peep loudly enough for me to hear them. Our granddaughter, Gretchen, now has a little new kitty and loves it. Her sister. Joyce, has a little rat terrier dog.

I couldn't get your letter printed but am glad Robert told me what you were writing about. Lovingly,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have read the Children's Page for years but have never written in myself I have always meant to write but have never done it.

I write to Rosemary Johnson in New Zealand and enjoy it very much.

My hobbies are pen pal writing, horses, and bicycles. I have only three pen pals now but would like more. I'm thirteen years old and have brown hair and eyes.

My brother is Herbert Crouch. Per-

haps you know him.

I have two yellow kittens, Muffy and

I went to Conference once in 1939 at Your Christian friend, Milton.

Darlene Crouch.

Nortonville, Kan.

Dear Darlene:

I'm so glad you finally found time to write to me and sincerely hope many other letters will follow: I am glad, too, that you and Rosemary Johnson are corresponding. She does enjoy having pen pals in America.

I'm sure you enjoy your yellow kittens. Yellow is my favorite kitten color. Our Skeezics kitty was yellow and white and we had him nearly fifteen years. We still miss him.

I attended Conference in 1939, too, and perhaps saw you, for I enjoyed seeing many girls and boys of all ages. I hope some day I really may see and know you. Your brother's name sounds familiar but I am not sure I know him. We have relatives in Panama named Walter and Hilda Crouch. The daughter, Jean, lived with us a year when their doctor advised a cooler climate until she improved in health. She was then ten years old but is now thirty-one. She used to write for the Children's Page.

Your Christian friend, Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We are the sixth grade of the primary department of Sabbath school in Alfred. N. Y. Six members are present today.

CHURCH NEWS

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — On Mother's Day, May 7, there were many families present, all wearing flowers in honor of their mothers. There were many flowers on the rostrum, including a beautiful hydrangea, the gift of Dr. Paul Hemphill, of Eugene, Ore., to his mother, Mrs. W. J. Hemphill. Two special numbers were given, a duet sung by Mr. Dell Barber, and his daughter, Mrs. Carroll Swenson, and the selection, "I'm Wearing a Flower for You, Mother Dear," usually sung at this service, with solo by Jeneanne Brennick. The pastor spoke on the home and family life, and Mrs. James Johnson played several selections on the organ. A framed, enlarged picture of Conference was presented to the Church by Mrs. Tom Hamer and Mr. Swopes of Ord, Neb.

The committee for Daily Vacation Bible School was made up of Mrs. Harlan Brennick, Mrs. W. G. Johnson, and Mrs. Carroll Swenson. The school opened on May 23, and about 70 were enrolled. Eight will receive Testaments and one, a Bible, at the close of the school. Children's Day was observed on Sabbath, June 4. The children gave a pageant at the regular morning service.

Pastor and Mrs. Clyde Ehret left Sunday, May 29, for a trip to Pennsylvania and New York, and plan to return on June 10.

There are at least 10 from the Church who plan to attend Conference in Riverside, Calif., August 16-21. Others are hoping to go. — Gleaned from items sent by Myra T. Barber, Correspondent.

Our class has many pets at home. There are five dogs. They are: one shepherd, two collies, one foxhound, and one beagle.

We plan to lear the 19th Psalm. We are learning the names of the books of the Bible, a Child's Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Beatitudes.

Members of the class present are: Roberta Armstrong, Nancy Williams, Robert Myers, James Hitchcock, Dick Post, and Bruce Hitchcock.

Dear Sabbath School Girls and Boys:

I must wait until later to answer your letter.

Your Christian friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

VERONA, N. Y. — Church night was observed recently with Olin Davis, song leader, and Herbert Catlin presiding.

The program featuring the theme, "The Home," included a monologue, "Life Gets Tedious," by Olin Davis; a paper, "An Ideal Mother," by Dorothea Warner; solo by Granton Jewett; paper, "Home Furnishings," by Mayola Warner; one act play, Maurice Warner; "Social Life in the Home" by Ann Davis; poem by Jean Vierow; "Religion in the Home" by Garth Warner; and a vocal solo, "Bless This House," by Dorothy Catlin.

Plans, as a class project, for redecorating the Church auditorium were drawn up and presented by George Davis.

The pastor, Rev. Herbert L. Polan, closed the program.

About fifty mothers and daughters spent a most enjoyable evening at their annual banquet. The tables were attractively decorated with spring flowers, tapers, and favors. A delicious dinner was served by the young men.

Mrs. Mayola Warner led in singing during the meal with Mrs. Elmina Warner at the piano. The oldest mother present was Mrs. Mary Williams, while Connie Davis, little eight months' old child of George and Ann Davis, was the youngest daughter.

A recitation was given by Marilyn Murray; toast, "Our Mothers," by Louise Hyde; toast, "Our Daughters," by Elmina Warner.

Mrs. Beatrice Thayer, toastmistress, graciously introduced the speaker of the evening, Mrs. Arthur Williamson from Rome, N. Y., wife of Major A. Williamson of the Salvation Army. Mrs. Williamson's topic was "Mary — the Mother of Jesus."

At the recent Oneida County Youth Conference, the theme of which was "Christ Above All," Pastor Polan, Kenneth Davis, and Maurice Warner were leaders of discussion groups. Enthusiastic reports of this Utica conference were given on May 28 by the following young people: Kenneth and Roger Davis, Dorothy and Marie Waters, Maurice and Richard Warner, Louise Hyde, Jean Stone, Twila Sholtz, and Warner Thayer.

A surprise "pound party" was given

Alden and Jean Vierow in their new home near Oneida Castle.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society met with Mrs. Marion Sholtz on May 26 with Mrs. Jean Vierow in charge of the worship program and Mrs. Jennie Sholtz presiding.

A large delegation attended the Central Association at Adams Center June 3.5. The Sabbath morning sermon was delivered by our pastor.

George Davis, in behalf of the V.F.W., presented two flag markers in memory of Lt. (j.g.) Dighton L. Polan and Edwin Sorensen. These markers in accord with the wishes of the surviving parents were placed on the Church lawn near the Polan memorial tablet.

At the quarterly Church meeting it was voted to pay the pastor's expenses to Conference; to take special collections on consecutive Sabbaths for the Alfred Theological School and the Denominational Budget. It was also reported that an anonymous donator in behalf of the Verona Church has given one day's share of the Denominational Budget. The Booster Class was given authority to proceed with redecorating the Church auditorium.

Plans for the annual Vacation Bible School are under way. The school will open July 11 and conclude July 22 with Miss Muriel Sholtz, supervisor, and Rev. Herbert L. Polan, registrar. — Mrs. William Vierow, Correspondent.

INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — On Children's Day Dean Ahva J. C. Bond, of the Alfred School of Theology, conducted a dedication service for the children of our Church. Those presented were Diane Vars and Sandra Maxson.

At a special called Church business meeting the following committees were appointed: Ordination: Sam B. Crandall, Miss Anna Laura Crandall, Milford Crandall, and Mrs. C. M. Crandall; Decoration: Stephan Clarke, Charles Clarke, and Pastor Carl Maxson; Finance: Mrs. Carl Clarke, Miss Anna Laura Crandall, and Mrs. Sam W. Clarke.

The "Lord's Acre" Committee chairman reported that those who have agreed to co-operate through individual projects

REV. WAYNE R. ROOD RECEIVES DOCTORAL DEGREE

The Eighty-second Annual Commencement program of the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., has just been received which announces among the candidates for the degree of Doctor of Theology, "Wayne Ray Rood, B.S., Salem College, 1937; A.B., Salem College, 1938; B.D., Alfred University, 1940; M.R.E., Hartford Seminary Foundation, 1943. Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y. Thesis: 'Dark, Amid the Blaze of Noon: Education and the Reformation.'

The Sabbath Recorder joins the many friends of Dr. Wayne R. Rood in hearty congratulations and with a prayer for God's continued abundant blessings upon him and Mrs. Rood and their family.

We understand that Rev. Mr. Rood will be doing "recruiting" on the West Coast this summer following which he will return to the School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., as a full-time member of the faculty there. The Sabbath Recorder rejoices greatly with the School of Theology at Alfred and the entire Seventh Day Baptist denomination that this advance in the vital work of training candidates for the gospel ministry in the Seventh Day Baptist Church has been accomplished.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches will be held July 15, 16, 1949, with the Walworth, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Lillian Campbell, Secretary.

are Stephan Clarke, Milford Crandall, Mrs. Robert Spicer, Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Harry Leon, and many others who have not decided what their projects will be. The group project of an acre of potatoes was made possible by the labor and donations of Whitesville Milling Co., the Whitesville G.L.F., and individuals including Carl Clarke, Robert Spicer, Sam Crandall, Milford Crandall, Decatur Clark, Stephan Clarke, Sam Clarke, and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Clarke. — Mrs. Mildred Maxson, Correspondent.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET Statement of Treasurer, May 31, 1949

Statement of Treasurer	, May 31	, 1949
Receipts	5	
•		8 months
Balance on hand May 1\$		-
Adams Center		130.00
Albion		111.00
Alfred, First	137.27	1,874.04
Alfred, Second		259.30
Associations and groups		214.12
Battle Creek	197.00	1,855.38
Berlin		147.09
Boulder		180.26
Brookfield, First		115.00
Brookfield, Second	21.25	160.28
Chicago		158.00
Daytona Beach	40.00	132.25
Denver	34.77	391.78
De Ruyter	136.50	156.50
Des Moines	10.00	10.00
Dodge Center	5.52	206.47 39.13
Edinburg Farina	40.00	369.30
Fouke	12.11	28.01
Friendship	12.11	35.00
Gentry	7.43	43.05
Hammond	,	71.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah		45.00
Hebron, First	11.48	177.32
Hopkinton, First	`	317.20
Hopkinton, Second	6.60	20.10
Independence	77.00	315.00
Individuals	107.88	927.14
Irvington		75.00
Little Genesee	75.38	343.11
Little Prairie	24.00	20.00
Los Angeles, Christ's	24.00	202.00
Los Angeles, Unrist s		15.00
Lost Creek	77.00	306.37 619.50
MarlboroMiddle Island	11.44	64.55
Milton	272.79	3,165.40
Milton Junction	117.61	720.11
New Auburn	117.01	52.00
New York		83.81
North Loup		571.00
Nortonville		144.85
Oakdale		50.00
Pawcatuck		1,875.30
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Piscataway	249 50	129.50
Plainfield	348.58	1,411.01
Richburg	8.00	144.50
Ritchie	1.40.60	50.00
Riverside	148.68	850.80
Roanoke	11.00	71.00
Rochester	11.00	45.75
Rockville	13.99	97.89
Salem	95.00	524.75
Salemville		32.00
Shiloh	75.00	1,047.57
Stone Fort		40.00
Syracuse		40.00
Verona	-	389.25
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Tract Society		346.94	•		57.97
Board of					
Christian Education		344.28			5.00
Women's Society		11.02		4	1.00
Historical Society	••••	44.84			
Ministerial Retirement		165.30			9.38
S. D. B. Building		37.81			
General Conference		192.66			
World Fellowship		272.00			
and Service		13.68			
Committee on					
Relief Appeals				2	6.18
Debt repayment:					
Missionary Society		61.66			
Tract Society		72.02			
Board of					
Christian Education		19.22			
S. D. B. Building		12.40			
Balance on hand May 31	-	43.51			
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Accessions

Little Genesee, N. Y.

Baptism:
Dale Bentley,
James Grantier,
Duane Polen,
Andrea Reynolds, and

Adelbert Wardner were baptized on April 22, and received into the Church on Sabbath, April 23, by Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor.

Shirley Knox was baptized but did not join the Church.

Testimony:

138.16

131.78

12.03

17.94

Totals\$2,183.85 \$22,045.68

Edward Pielow was received into the Church by testimony.

Charles H. Bond, Pastor.

Marriages.

Phelan - Fatato. — Alice Ann Fatato, daughter of Nicholas and Mary Capobianco Fatato, became the bride of Bradshaw Danforth Phelan, son of Joseph and Augusta Danforth Phelan, on Sunday, June 12, 1949, at a Church wedding in Schenectady, N. Y. The couple will reside in Salem, W. Va., where both are students. Rev. Paul L. Maxson, pastor of the bride, officiated.