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active in attendance and work, as health permitted, with his wife in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving him are his wife and two daughters, Carolyn Jane and Mary Ellen; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Smitley; his grandmother, Mrs. W. N. Smitley; and nine brothers and sisters.

Farewell services were conducted on Thursday, November 18, at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, by Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, pastor. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.
E. F. R.

Coon. — Byron E. Coon, son of James and Jeanette Crandall Coon, was born November 12, 1869, in Utica, Wis., and died November 5, 1948, in the Edgerton Memorial Hospital.

Educated in the Albion Academy and Milton College, Byron Coon came to Milton at the age of twenty-two and was married on September 29, 1903, to Nellie Viola Coon in New Auburn, Minn. Following their marriage they purchased a farm near Milton where they lived until 1927, when they moved to Milton.

Byron Coon was a loyal and active member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church through all the years of his residence in the community. He was also faithful in his long-time affiliation with the local lodge of I.O.O.F. Through the years he has been admired by all who have known him for his industriousness and devotion to his work and to his family. His skilled care of gardens and lawns in Milton was a much appreciated contribution to the community.

Surviving him are his wife; one son, Elwin, of Beloit; an adopted daughter, Mrs. Retta Spaulding, Clintonville; three granddaughters and two grandsons; and a sister, Mrs. J. Fred Whitford.

Funeral services were conducted November 7, 1948, from the Phelps Funeral Home. Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph conducted the service, assisted by Dr. Edwin Ben Shaw, a long-time friend and neighbor of the deceased and his family. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.
E. F. R.

Lewis. — Kenneth Wayne, son of Paul and Mary Cook Lewis, was born January 10, 1938, and passed away December 11, 1948, at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

He is survived by his parents; one sister, Pauline; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lewis of Riverside, Calif.; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook of Bridgeton, N. J.; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Rex Burdick from Garrison's Funeral Home in Bridgeton. Burial was in the Marlboro Cemetery.
C. R. B.

"The mission of the Church is missions."

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Rev. Loyal F. Hurley
Conference President

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Conference Presidents Corner

THE CO-ORDINATED CAMPAIGN

The proposed Co-ordinated Campaign, sponsored by our three major boards, would have some obvious advantages which all should recognize. This plan of a vacation school each forenoon, visitation and tract distribution each afternoon, and warm gospel meetings at night is based on sound and sane psychology.

The appeal throughout, whether consciously or unconsciously, is through childhood. Parents are usually glad to have their children taught about God and righteous living in a vacation school. And when the children are attending such a school, it is much easier to interest their parents in the things of God. The need for a religious home is easily connected with the need for a religious school. If the school is used of the Spirit to lead children to Christ, then they need Christian parents to encourage and direct them. Appeals for attendance at the evening meetings can be based on the total impact of the school, the children, the visitation, and the call of Christ, "Suffer little children to come unto me." "A little child shall lead them."

But no special fund has been allocated for such a campaign. And your Conference president is making no special appeal for it. But he is urging that we make sure to raise the Denominational Budget in full so that our boards will not be curtailed in their work. If we raise the total budget there will be some discretionary funds out of which such work may be carried on. Ninety-five dollars a day will do it, remember. Will you underwrite a day?

Loyal F. Hurley,
Conference President.

CHINA MISSIONARIES ARRIVE

(Via Western Union to Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society)

Sarah Becker and the Wests arrived today. Well after good passage. At Hotel Stewart, San Francisco. Leave Thursday for Milton. Red Cross responsible for arrangements.

Wayne Rood.

January 25, 1949.

THE AGE OF YOUTH

This is the age of youth. Every age has been an age of youth in varying degrees. Yet, in these last months of the first half of the twentieth century, youth has surged to the fore. Witness the youth movements — political, social, educational, reform, and religious — now active throughout the world. The shape of things to come is in the hands of youth.

The Test of Youth

As the youth take into their hands the shaping of the future, they will be tried to the limit — they will be tempted to be satisfied with less than the best; they will be tempted to be drawn from their earlier high resolves to a level of low compromise; they will be tempted to be less than honest, sometimes to cover up their mistakes at the expense of others; they will be tempted to desert their highest faith and deepest loyalties.

Nevertheless, we count on youth!

"No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God," replied Jesus to the man who was unwilling to part with the old associations that he might follow Jesus.

The Consecration of Youth

Young folks readily commit themselves to high adventure. In a thousand realms of human endeavor today young people are launching out upon the great adventures of their lives — some upon adventures of sacrifice and service to their fellow creatures; others upon adventures of selfishness and material gain. Is it not strange that from the same community, from the same school, from the same Church, even from the same family there will be those who go out to serve others and there will be those who go out to serve self?

The day of self-made men and women is long since past. There are serious doubts that any man or woman was ever self-made. Certainly, there is none today.

Think for a moment, if you will, of those who may have touched your life at some point along the way. Are you able to list all of them? Are you sure you did not leave out someone? How, then, can you claim to be self-made?

Moreover, in our state of interdependence, we become united in common tasks and share in mutually common accomplishments. Our faith grows and we become strengthened by these common bonds of fellowship and friendship. We are beginning to grasp the real meaning of community.

Just as our faith in community becomes stronger and our efforts through community become more effective, so as we try to get closer to the true source of all life and light, and to obey the demands of that source, our faith in life's ultimate values becomes clarified.

Emancipated Views of Youth

Several years ago, in an interview granted Robert M. Bartlett, Dr. Albert Einstein remarked concerning war that he believed we could abolish it. He further said, "We must educate to do it. Our hope is in youth — who can be given emancipated views of life."

This statement coming from a world-renowned Swiss Jew who dared defy Adolph Hitler and the Nazi regime is worthy of more than passing note.

O educators in Church and school and home, let us contemplate for a moment our matchless privilege and mandatory responsibility. The shaping of the future still rests with all of us who seek to guide and influence youth for good. We must remember, however, that youth will not be satisfied with false philosophy and unsound religion. Their reasoning about experience must meet their present needs and be a solid base on which to build their ideas and ideals. Their experience with God through His Son Jesus Christ must be vital and valid. And, yet, the philosophy and religion of youth must embody "emancipated views of life."

This observation would seem to imply that sometimes expressed views about God and Christ have been other than emancipated. Precisely! Nevertheless, any true view or experience of God and Christ is bound to be emancipated. It cannot be otherwise.

The International Council of Religious Education release which appeared in the

Christian Education department of the Sabbath Recorder last week is so cogent at this point that we dare to repeat it here. Editor Edward F. Crane of the "Free Press," Burlington, Vt., writes:

Probably no generation in the history of the world has faced a greater responsibility than the generation of American youth now in the schools of the nation. They will be the leaders in world affairs during the last half of the 20th century. For the nations of the world are looking to America for leadership in science, in commerce, in finance and — most important of all — in a way of life which will give hope for the future of mankind.

Unless the youth of America have been imbued, through the home, the Church, and the school, with a faith which rises above every temporal defeat, which will triumph over every obstacle of this world, they will be unable to cope with the problems which will face them. Nowhere is such a faith available except in the teachings of Jesus Christ, whose power to save men and to inspire them to save others was demonstrated on this earth nearly 2,000 years ago. That power is still working in the world today. It is the hope — the only hope of struggling and bewildered mankind.

From whom will our youth catch this invincible faith of Jesus Christ, if not from us?

Where is our faith?

FOR "FLYING PARSONS"

United Aid Lines has filed a notice of a tariff which, if approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board, will give reduced airline fares to the clergy for the first time in history.

Harold Crary, vice-president, traffic and sales of United, has sent a letter of intent to the Air Transport Association in Washington, detailing his company's plan to offer the clergy a 25% discount on basic airline fares. He said United expects to file a tariff with the Civil Aeronautics Board on January 28 for an effective date of March 1 to provide this reduced transportation for all ordained or licensed clergy. Such persons would have to hold a clergy card issued by United Air Lines for which there would be a \$3 annual charge.

The reduced fares would apply between all stations on United's 80-city system except Honolulu and Avalon, Santa Catalina Island. — United Air Lines Release.

RIVERSIDE CALLING

When Conference began at Alfred in 1944, it was very warm. In fact, some thought it was unbearably hot, even some of us from California. To help make delegates look at the weather from a different viewpoint, the "Sun" published a splendid picture of Alfred's Main Street buried under snow. That winter scene would make the cold chills run up and down your spine even though the perspiration was running off your face.

We really intend giving you a "warm reception" when you come to Conference. The hope, however, is that the weather will not be unbearably warm. We would have to go back a long way to find a picture of Riverside's main street under snow. As this is written we are having a real cold spell. The "man on the street" often says it is the "worst ever." Those who have the records say 1912 and 1937 were worse. I have no records, nor do I remember what the summers were after those winters. If you think you may need something to counteract the heat, possibly you could clip a statement about us from some of your Eastern papers just now. Bring those statements with you, if you wish, but come to Riverside for Conference next summer. We will do our best to make it comfortable for you.

P. B. Hurley, for the
Publicity Committee.

4751 Park Avenue,
Riverside, Calif.

P. S. — You folks in the East never awakened in the morning to a more beautiful display of snow decorations than Riversiders see this morning. You will not need to bring your own pictures. We should be able to furnish them now. We may not be able to furnish oranges of any sort, but we still say, "Come to Conference in Riverside."

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

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A PREACHER-LAYMAN

(Submitted upon request)

By Rev. Trevah R. Sutton
Jackson Center, Ohio

After a period of six months out of the pastorate I am returning, having accepted a call from the Church at Jackson Center, Ohio. It has often seemed that a pastor should have a sabbatical leave as well as our missionaries. Although unplanned, circumstances have given me such a leave after twelve years in the ministry.



Rev. Trevah R. Sutton

The experience has been beneficial even though it has not been free of anxiety as a planned leave might have been.

The first two months were used for a real vacation — one where there were no obligations "back home" to be remembered or planned. The time was spent in rest and travel, avoiding even reading and study. Most of the time was spent with relatives and friends in Wisconsin, Missouri, Colorado, and Nebraska.

Upon our return to Milton after Conference I looked for temporary employment. First, I had a three weeks' substitution job in a grocery. There I observed, as elsewhere heard, it is often difficult for a Sabbathkeeper to close the business at sunset because of Sabbathkeepers' last minute shopping.

With the first of October I began a three months' employment as full-time janitor at a large first day Church in a near-by city. Excellent consideration was given me in the keeping of the Sabbath, with duties of the seventh day being limited to heating and an occasional opening of the Church for special events. This experience gave me the opportunity to observe the functions of a large Church from a "janitor's-eye view," as one not connected with the membership.

In this observance I learned both "do's" and "don't's" in Church work. It has given me encouragement for my work. The experience has strengthened my belief that equipment, trained musicians and workers, and organizations — while to be desired — are not essential for the Church or its pastor in the basic presentation of the gospel of Christ. In the spirit of the love of the Lord and with a "mind to work," the small Church can serve the Lord as well as the larger one, for it is love and service, not equipment and organization alone, that wins souls to the Lord Jesus Christ and nourishes them in His love and grace.

Encouraged by these observances and strengthened by my experiences through worship and service in my home Church, I feel ready to take up again the duties of the ministry. I go forth now with the prayer I may better serve my Lord and Saviour. It is my resolve to strive to be first, a pastor in the contacts with people and their homes; second, a minister in the administration of worship, the ordinances, and other official services in the home Church relationship; and third, a coleader in the organization as the people of the membership share the responsibilities in a program of soul winning, soul growth, and applied Christian living in meeting personal and world-wide problems. My desire is to be a "Workman of God" through a free democratic Church and a denomination of co-operative Churches and people who love the Lord.

The gospel needs to be declared far more than it needs to be defended.—James Wiley, in the Bible Advocate.

"THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN OUR TIME"

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers

Delegate to the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

"In Jesus the Christ, God has overcome the dark forces that curse mankind, and opened the way to a new life and a new world for those who accept Christ's Lordship and follow in His train." This is the continuous message of the Church but a group of distinguished theologians and preachers headed by Walter Marshall Horton was asked to redefine this ancient message at the biennial meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in Cincinnati, December 1-3. They did so in four particulars.

1. **Security and Almighty God.** Ours is a time of insecurity. Two world wars in a generation, tearing millions of persons away from their homes and families, have brought us misery never equalled before in history. The discovery of atomic weapons has destroyed collective security. Where can a person feel at home in the universe? The Christian answer is, "In God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth." And Christians are not content, it is pointed out, to simply state this truth. They are "living unshakable lives in a shaken world, steadfast and unwavering under hardship, courageous in the face of confusion, because their Maker has become their Defender, Redeemer, and Friend."

2. **Peace on Earth, and Christ the Reconciler.** "Modern men do little conscious praying," the statement continues, "but they pray unconsciously for peace with their whole being, as trees pray for rain in time of drought, or animals for food in time of famine." The Church bears witness that there is in its Christ an answer to this longing. "For He is our peace who hath made both one, and broken down the middle wall of partition between us." An appropriate call to the Church itself is also sounded by the theologians, that each congregation, the groups of congregations in denominations, and the denominations with each other, should be "the kind of family that makes people

wish they belonged to that family." Only so will the world take Christ seriously.

3. **Moral Stamina, and the Holy Spirit.** Many in our time feel or observe around them moral letdown. We may not be immoral, but we are unmoral with no inner dynamo to lift us out of triviality, boredom, and futility. The Christian answer to this is a released power, the Holy Spirit. The theologians affirm that the Holy Spirit does come to those who meet the disciplinary requirements, prime among which "seems to be an intimate worshiping fellowship of Christians, searching the Scriptures together, facing the world's needs frankly together, and praying together."

4. **Life's Meaning, and God's Kingdom.** The whole Biblical drama reveals God as "the source of all blessings, the answer to all needs, and the cure for life's deepest evil, the meaninglessness of existence, if men will respond in faith to His amazing faith in them." The Church bears witness that God's kingdom is the cause supremely worth living for, hoping for, working for, and if necessary dying for. Christ Himself bade us seek first that kingdom. The victories won for it are impressive, but its final goal is incomparably compelling.

The full statement under this title would be worthy of study in every Seventh Day Baptist Church. Copies may be obtained from the council office, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

And the issuing of this paper is but one small part of the evangelistic work of the council. The far-flung University Christian Mission, the witnessing to Christian faith and principle before the President and Congressional committees, the interracial policies of the council administration, the continuing work of the Commission on Evangelism in the E. Stanley Jones ashrams, the annual Week of Prayer and Lenten Fellowship of Prayer, and other projects are the Church's united witness read and seen of men.

Have you subscribed to the Sabbath Recorder, the Seventh Day Baptist weekly? Why not see your Church agent today?

USS GENERAL BRECKENRIDGE SAILING DELAYED

Following receipt of a radiogram from the Missionary Society, Sarah Becker wrote appreciatively of plans for the Wests and herself, which involve Sarah's escorting the Wests to Chicago and coming on to Westerly for a report on China conditions. Part of her letter written on the Breckenridge at Tsingtao follows:

"We are all fine and very well cared for by the Navy. Miss Mabel is in sick bay and Mrs. West and I share a cabin. I first take care of one and then the other. We have been waiting here in Tsingtao for three days, taking on marines, and since yesterday for port clearance. There is a strong wind and it seems too dangerous to get out through the narrow channels with such a big ship. The date of arrival in San Francisco has not yet been posted because we are to go to Guam and pick up more Navy people."

Latest word from Wayne Rood, who is helping us make plans for the debarkation, says the Breckenridge is due at San Francisco January 28.

Our Riverside people had word from Sarah sent December 29, saying she "went back to Liuho on December 26 for a splendid program. I hope you had half as blessed a season as we did. Our hearts were truly made happy by the enthusiasm of these dear people. Their Christianity is real, and we need not fear that their faith will fail in these times of trial. They know that they are on the Lord's side."

A paragraph from her December 18th letter to the Maltbys follows: "Somehow, it just doesn't seem like nearly Christmas. The stores are not decorated like last year. . . . Our greatest help and reminder is the school and Church choirs practicing Christmas music. . . . We remember you folks often. Thank you for your prayers of faith for us. May the Lord bless all of you richly in His service."

We stand beside our Chinese workers and the Thorngates as they face grave uncertainties as Christ's ambassadors in China's present crisis.

David S. Clarke.

SPIRITUALIZE YOUR BUDGET

(From the Work Kit of the United Church Canvass came these ideas on planning a spiritual adventure in Church finance. In order to present in its true light the work of the Church, three financial canvassers, the three steps outlined plus suggested wordings of the budget will help. Note on your Co-ordination Calendars that a national emphasis on stewardship by radio and newspaper begins February 12.) D. S. C.

The first step in the preparation of the Church budget is to conceive of Church financing as a **spiritual adventure**. The budget of a Christian Church is not just a list of receipts and expenditures — it is a **venture in kingdom building**. Money is sacred stuff and Church finance a Christian adventure.

The second step is a thorough evaluation of all the interests at stake in the local Church program. Is the Church fulfilling its mission in the local community? Is its plant equipment in good repair? At what points can the program be strengthened? Is our Church giving with sacrificial devotion to the needs of the world today? A sense of proportion is important.

The third step follows naturally — consultation and co-operation with the heads of the various departments and committees of the Church.

Spiritualize Your Budget

Our Church budgets are too secularized. Why not a Church budget which is explanatory, spiritual, illuminating? **Many Churches** are using adaptations of the following spiritualized budget form with encouraging results.

1. For the preaching of the gospel, the administration of the sacraments, the pastoral care of homes — \$.....
2. For the ministry of sacred music in our regular services and the proper care of organ and pianos — \$.....
3. For the world-wide program of Christian evangelism in the name of the Master, our share is — \$.....
4. For the administration of the business affairs of our Church, and to keep us informed of its program — \$.....
5. For the work of Christian education, including the leadership of activities and the cost of materials — \$.....

6. For the care of God's house that it may be warm and clean and light for all services and meetings — \$.....
7. For the protection of our Church property by insurance and for any unexpected demands upon us — \$.....

APPEAL FROM ITALY

Attendants at the 1948 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will remember the letter to Rev. Carroll L. Hill from Libonati Elia of Genova, Italy, which was read during one of the sessions. That letter is reproduced here, and also a later letter received from Brother Libonati by the Missionary Society secretary. The significance for today: there are calls for free, loving presentation of the Sabbath, and that means a continuing demand for Christian witnesses, lay or ordained. D. S. C.

Dear Brother Hill:

I learned your name and address through the letters of the pastor of Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Wis., Mr. Russell F. Peterson, my dear brother and friend. I have an interest in writing to you, because I AM AND DO AS YOU ARE AND DO: I observe the Sabbath of the Bible. I was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church (main office, Washington), but I resigned from the office of minister, because I do not accept either Leviticus 11, or White, who for me is an erroneous prophetess. In this respect, I take the liberty to send by mail an opusculum of mine (Italian language), in which you will know my spiritual crisis as believer and minister of that denomination. Now, I am an independent pastor and direct a little group of faithfuls.

I ask you please, if the Seventh Day Baptist denomination would do all that lies in her power, establishing in Italy a first trial of her spiritual activities? Certainly, our Lord would help in this effort! In a similar case, I would ask to be one of yours, brother. Are there in the U. S. A. Italian communities of Seventh Day Baptists? I will be very glad if you will answer and give us (my wife and me) a word of hope. Thank you. Looking forward to your favorable answer, receive brother, the expressions of my gratitude.

Cordially yours,
Libonati Elia.

Via Fara 21-5,
Genova,
August 9, 1948.

P. S. Excuse my ungrammatical English.

Dear Brother Clarke:

Your letter of October 26 came, and we rejoice to hear you have in your heart a place for Sister and Brother Libonati. We have great hope that our God will open a way for the enlargement of your work and the beginning of your spiritual ministry in my unhappy coun-

try. Let us pray for that. We will continue as independent Sabbathkeepers, but I do hope that the Seventh Day Baptist denomination will trust on me in the near future to open the evangelical campaign in Italy. Now, in default of money, we cannot rent a meeting room; we have a private Sabbath meeting in my house. Personally, I am in an unpleasant penurious condition, in pressing need of daily bread, which is behind often, and keeps no pace with my fidelity to Sabbath truth. No further explanations are needed. The Lord knows all things, and whatever comes, however, we will trust in His love.

In conformity with your good suggestion, I have written, in Italian language, to Brother Fatato.

May God bless you in your work among His saints, and bear you up when you are "weary in well-doing."

The Libonati family sends Christian salutations to you, your family, and the brethren in Westerly.

Sincerely, for the Master,
Libonati Elia.

Via Fara 21-5,
Genova,
November 10, 1948.

THE SOLUTION OF WORLD PROBLEMS

The secret of successful living is in practicing God's presence in our lives — then and then only is humanity at its highest.

Without God, how small and helpless we are in the great scheme of things.

The earth, the stars, and the sun all keep in their orbit without our help.

Some denominational groups think they possess all religious truth — that is a matter of the individual conscience; but that there is a higher Power that rules the universe but few fail to admit.

Worship of that omnipotent Power is in the heart of the organized life of humanity.

Mankind is fretting over the affairs of the world and constantly in fear of war and its terrors.

If we could only come to see that the cure for all our apprehension is in the Golden Rule — men could not be other than kind to each other if everyone did to his fellow man as he would be done by. This is plain common sense and does not need to be argued over in world councils.

Cora June Sheppard.
Shiloh, N. J.

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

By Myra Thorngate Barber
North Loup, Neb.

Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers."

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8: 1, 2, 7-14, 17-20.

Lives of great men all remind us,
We should make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us,
Footprints on the sands of time.

February is the big month in the lives of Americans, with the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln to celebrate. No doubt, school children all over the denomination are practicing the songs and the recitations, the pageants and playlets, that they will give during the month to commemorate the lives of our national heroes. Their schoolrooms are colorful in red, white, and blue. They are learning to make paper hatchets and logs and most of all, flags. They will also learn that some well-loved poets were born in February and will be learning maybe among other ageless lines, those written by Longfellow, that I learned in the fifth grade and have quoted above.

I have been living in the past and remembering the days when I was in the grades. And that brings me to the subject I have been thinking of for some time, and which I think is very appropriate for this season and for us. I have a feeling that we live too much in the past, and are happy to rest on old laurels. Maybe that is the reason we as Seventh Day Baptists have not grown as we should. I have heard it told many times, and doubtless you have, too, of the Sabbaths of the old days, of the achievements accomplished years ago, of the wonderful revivals, where many, many souls were saved. But that is over, and we are living in the now. I think we dwell too much on what has been. It could be that we have been too historically minded and have forgotten that there are young folks who are demanding attention now. I think that we should remember that the time is NOW and should take unto ourselves the saying above — in other words, that WE are the ones who will leave footprints on the

sands of time, and how will we do it, if we do nothing?

I was thrilled many times during the Conference held here this summer; I was thrilled with the young folks, I was thrilled with the enthusiasm shown, I was thrilled with being with many from all over the United States. I remember I stood, one afternoon, at the top of the balcony and watched the crowd surging out beneath me. And I thought to myself, "I am proud that I am a Seventh Day Baptist."

And yet, but a few months before this time, I was explaining to a friend, also a Nebraskan who belongs to an organization of which I am a member, that I am a Seventh Day Baptist. She looked at me and said, "Surely you mean Seventh Day Adventist." And just this summer we celebrated the fact that we had been in North Loup for 75 years, and this friend lives but three hours away from me. I wonder if it could be my fault that more do not know of our people. We cannot live on past glories and grow. That which happened yesterday is gone. Today is what counts, and while we can honor and glorify Washington and Lincoln in our nation, it is our senators and congressmen, and we, ourselves, who are building our nation now. In the same way it is not the pioneers of our denomination who are making Seventh Day Baptists, but we ourselves. It is a challenge to us and we are proud of the heritage.

Not so long ago, we had a saying in our American Legion, "I do not want to die for my country; I want to LIVE for my country." I always think of this when we sing the second stanza of the hymn I have selected for this service, "How sweet would be their children's fate, If they, like them, could die for thee!" I think it would be far more effective if we would sing, "... If we like them could LIVE and WORK for thee!" For in living, I think we do the work we are put here to do. The dead are gone.

To be practical, what is there for us to do? With the 1949 Conference theme of "workmen who need not to be ashamed" before us, we find that we can do much. And first and foremost, I think

we should spread the Sabbath truth. Personally, the people in my community know that I do not "baby sit" on Friday nights, but they also know that my Sabbath begins at sundown Friday night. Since we are different, I think we must strive to do our jobs a bit better than anyone else, be more dependable, more honest, more sincere, more loyal. Is that too hard to do?

Tolerance, love for each other and our enemies, are but a few of the qualities of a Christlike character, and help in making "life sublime." We remember those who have left their footprints on the sands of time. Doubtless they never knew that they were leaving an evidence of their lives for others to know. And what did it matter? They lived and worked. Our footprints may be very faint, but they can be on the sands of time. May our Heavenly Father, who does all things well, guide us and help us that our feet may go the right way.

Hymn: "I Would Be True."

I suggest that during the meeting there be a discussion of the above writing with practical ideas of spreading our truth, but not to the extent that we forget that keeping the Sabbath is not the only thing that Jesus requires, but also love and service.

THE GOSPEL OF DO

By Irene Post Hulett

The Gospel of Faith is precious,
The Gospel of Love is true,
But most effective are they when merged
With the glorious Gospel of Do!

The Master said Do unto others
As ye would they Do unto you:
How happens it then, that we dawdle and drift
When there is so much to do?

The dynamic Gospel of Do
If teamed with alert, straightway
And wisely worked with Faith and Love
Would drive world chaos away.

(The above poem was inspired by the reading of the Women's Board minutes.)

The unconsecrated wealth of Christians is the greatest hindrance to the Church's progress. — The Bible Advocate.

HIGHLIGHTS OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The first meeting of the board for 1949 was held at the Gothic in Alfred on January 16.

Directors present joined in prayer as they were led by Dr. E. D. Van Horn in asking for guidance from God for the coming year.

President A. N. Rogers reported the names of committee chairmen as follows: Dr. J. N. Norwood, Committee of Higher Education, Dr. Alfred E. Whitford, Committee on Finance, Dr. E. T. Harris, Committee on Church School Work, and Rev. Rex Zwiebel, Committee on Young People's Work.

The most interesting item from the treasurer's report was the announcement made by the treasurer that nearly \$500 had been secured from investments which he had considered valueless.

Most of the items in the report of the executive secretary have already appeared in news items in the "Reporter." He expressed thanks to Fred Palmer of Alfred Station for donating his time and the use of his recording equipment in the making of records for the board. Thanks was also expressed to the School of Theology and Carl Maxson for use of the wire recorder. The secretary announced that records were being sent to Churches of the denomination. The First Hebron Church used the records Sabbath day, January 15.

It was announced by the chairman on Young People's Work that K. Duane Hurley of El Monte, Calif., has consented to direct the Pre-Conference Retreat. The committee was very glad to have this word from Mr. Hurley. Don Richards of Riverside, Calif., will be the business manager. Further plans for the retreat will be made by Rev. Mr. Zwiebel and the executive secretary, and also with Mr. Hurley by correspondence.

Mr. Zwiebel, by vote of the executive committee, prepared and mailed a letter to the Churches urging them to give financial help where possible to young people who should attend the Pre-Conference Retreat.

As requested by the Commission of General Conference, the board arranged for a survey of the denomination which is to determine the need for ministers and other denominational workers and to arrange for periodic appeals for recruits. By vote of the board, the president appointed the following committee to do this work: Carl Maxson, chairman; A. J. C. Bond and H. O. Burdick of Alfred, Alton Wheeler of Battle Creek, Mich., Wayne Rood of Berkeley, Calif., and Rex Zwiebel of Coudersport, Pa.

The executive secretary presented his resignation to take effect as soon as a successor can be found and not later than the annual meeting in September. More will be said about this when the new secretary is secured.

The following report by the chairman of the editorial staff of the "Sabbath Visitor" was accepted with appreciation.

To the Board of Christian Education:

The staff of the Sabbath Visitor has held three meetings since the meeting of the board — one in October, one in December, and one in January.

The October, November, December, and January issues of the Sabbath Visitor have been prepared, printed, and distributed. The February and March issues are in the hands of the printers, and work has been started on the April number.

On September 30, 1948, a mimeographed letter was sent to all Sabbath schools on our mailing list, asking each to check its records with ours. A card for reply was enclosed. Nearly every school replied, and in only four instances were there discrepancies, all of which were easily straightened out to the satisfaction of the subscriber.

On December 1, a follow-up card was mailed to each school which was in arrears, asking it to pay to the end of 1948, if possible. The response was very gratifying — 41 such cards were mailed and 33 schools responded with remittances. The receipts from these two appeals aggregated from October 1 through December 16, \$216.58. Since December 16, \$80.75 more has been received. In other words, all but about ten schools are paid up to the end of 1948.

There have been four requests for discontinuances, namely, Daytona Beach, Independence, Philadelphia Fellowship, and Walworth. A number of sample copies have been distributed by mail, or by hand. It is my custom to slip an issue into a letter, either personal or otherwise, if I think it wise. Perhaps this is one reason why orders for six single subscriptions have been received since October first. In renewing my personal subscription to the

"Christian Herald," I enclosed a copy each of the November and December Sabbath Visitors with no comment. I received a personal reply from the managing editor, Clarence W. Hall, which I will quote: "We do appreciate your letting us see the two copies of 'The Sabbath Visitor.' This is a lively and interesting little leaflet, and I am sure it must be well received by your constituency. Cordially and sincerely yours, Clarence W. Hall."

The staff of the Sabbath Visitor needs help from outside contributors and would welcome the names and addresses of people known to the members of the board, whom they consider capable of making contributions to any department of the Visitor.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Marion Carpenter, Chairman,
Miriam Shaw,
Rubic Clarke

January 16, 1949.

H. S.

LITTLE GENESEE NEWS

White Christmas Gifts

Here is a list of the gifts which were presented at the manger during our Christmas program on the evening of December 19:

Bethel-Berea Class (For China Missions) \$13.50; Sunbeam Class (To help a child to the Mont Lawn Summer Camp) \$1.50; Willing Worker Class (To the American Bible Society) \$3.00; Primary Class (To Buffalo Evening News Crippled Children's Camp Fund) \$1.00; Sunshine Society (For local Church) \$75.00.

Christian Endeavor sent gifts to the 1420th Air Transport Group who played Santa to the children of Berlin on Christmas Day. The offering of \$13.60 was sent to Pastor John G. Schmid to help relieve the suffering in Germany.

Carol Singing

It was after dark on December 23 that a group of sixteen went out to bring the message of "Peace on Earth" to those who were shut-ins. We sang at thirteen homes. Perhaps you would like to know where we stopped. Here they are in order: Mrs. Nina Bliss and Bernice, Mrs. W. D. Brown, Mrs. Vina Burdick, Mrs. Julia Maxson, Mrs. Emily Hawkes, Mrs. Bertha Hill, Mrs. John Polen, Mr. and Mrs. Almon Field, The House of Day (Mrs. Lydia Day, Mrs. Mary Fairchild, Mrs. Nina Perry, and Mrs. Sue Ward),

Mrs. Hattie Borum, Ferris Whitford, Mrs. Mae Bell, and Mrs. Oral Reeland.

The night was chilly and cold but the hay ride and singing were fun. The powerful "iron horse" stood faithfully by and Pilot Gordon Sanford kept a steady hand on the reins as we traveled.

We received a warm welcome everywhere we stopped, but we had a hot time over at Lewis Champlins. Mrs. Champlin was all ready with piping hot cocoa, cookies, and candy — nothing ever tasted better.

We went home from the carol singing convinced that "It is more blessed to give than receive."

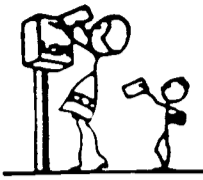
NEW SABBATH SCHOOL OFFICERS AT WHITE CLOUD

New officers are elected every six months. Officers elected on January 8 were: Superintendent, Dan Boss; assistant superintendent, Leon Mosher; secretary-treasurer, Mabel Babcock; assistant secretary-treasurer, Joan Johnson; pianist, Naomi Vandenberg; assistant pianist, Dorothy Blake; chorister, Margaret Sage; assistant chorister, Clyde Branch; junior superintendent, Zoe Branch; assistant junior superintendent, Minnie Reefman; and cradle roll superintendent, Ruth Cruzan.

OUR RADIO BROADCAST

"The News and the Bible"

Our radio ministry is in its ninth season, with a total of 263 broadcasts to the end of 1948. The new series is being well received. Hardly a week goes by without someone whom we meet mentioning having heard it, speaking of how helpful it is, and how he has enjoyed it. With its new tower the coverage of station WSNJ has been increased, so our program goes into more homes — how many more we have no way of knowing. Every Friday morning at 11:45 our name goes out over the air waves with an announcement of our services, an invitation to attend, and a message on salvation or Christian living, based, usually, on headlines in the news of the week. — Shiloh Bulletin Extra, Shiloh, N. J.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We are very happy to be welcomed to your band of Recorder children and we send our hearty salutations to all the Recorder children there. We thank you with all our hearts that you have written to us so large and interesting letter. You are right, our Lord Jesus Christ is our best and truest friend; He helps us hourly.

We find it very kind that you are fond of boys and girls. Also, our Lord Jesus loved the children.

Our dear mother and grandmother loved sincerely Daddy Conradi; then we have both been too little.

We send you our best wishes for a merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. We sang Christmas carols every night. Grandmother plays the piano; we find it very cozy.

Every first Sabbath of a new month we have a greater meeting in our Church; then many members are coming from the environs, from Thuringia and elsewhere.

Your German friends,
Peter and Axel Schander.

Halle, Salle,
Martha Brantsschstr 12,
Germany.

Dear Peter and Axel:

Have I your address right this time? I hope so. You see, no two of us form our letters exactly alike and that's why I made the mistake in your former letter.

I was very much pleased that you have written again and hope you will do so often.

I think it is a fine idea that you have a special meeting in your Church every month; it helps to increase the interest.

I must make my letter short this time as I have three more children's letters this week, and want to get them all in.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Milton still does not have quite enough ability to write a letter of any length, so I

am doing it for him again. He will soon be ready. The January Sabbath Visitor says Sam and Tacy sat up to see New Year in.

Milton's Mother.

Dear Friend:

I am in the second grade this year. I like my teacher and get 100's most of the time in spelling and arithmetic. I have an adopted baby sister. She came in April when she was eight months old; now she is sixteen months old. We call her Ardith and she is very sweet.

We found out that on New Year's Eve the sun set at 5:30, so five minutes early we sat down to our candlelit supper table. First Daddy read a Psalm and then we sang a blessing. At 5:30 p.m. we rang bells at the table, and sang "Happy New Year to You." God said that a new day began with the evening and we think it is the nicest way. Sitting up until midnight must be tiresome; besides it is the worldly change of time, Daniel 7: 25.

Your friend,
Milton Davis.

1046 W. Taylor,
Phoenix, Ariz.

Dear Milton:

Thank you and your dear mother for your good letter, and please say thank you for me to your daddy and mother for the generous gift they sent me. I hope to hear from you often. Now I must close to leave room for two more children's letters.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I received a doll and a big ball for Christmas. Santa gave me a game of "Old Maid" on the tree at Church. We went to Grandpa and Grandma Nelson's for Christmas. Aunt Elsie Rood was there, too. Wayne is a big boy. He weighs thirty-five pounds. "Mommy" is writing this for me as I will not be 3 years old until next May.

Your friend,
Marcia Lynn Basler.

R. 3, Cuba Rd.,
Barrington, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We had some snow yesterday and I went out and slid down hill on my sled. I have three sisters, and a baby brother who is nine months old. Virginia and Maxine go to school. Marcia is two years old and plays with me. Wayne can't walk but gets all over in his walker. I have a dog named Snowball.

We all went to spend Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma Nelson, and New Year's Day we went to Milton to a family gathering at Uncle Charles and Aunt Mable Nelson's. I am four years old. Virginia and Maxine have written to you before but this is my first letter.

Your friend,
Walter Martin Basler.

R. 3, Cuba Rd.,
Barrington, Ill.

Dear Walter and Marcia:

I must wait until later to answer your letters.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

"WHAT IS GOD?"

By Goldie Greene Thrasher

"What is God?" One day was said
To me, by a lad with a tousled head.
And with a smile and a shake of the head,
To put him off, I tried.
But he still persisted; "Why don't you know?
Does He really live like they say?" he said.
And his eyes grew big and earnest
With a desire to know.
And I, in my poor, weak way,
Tried to explain the best I knew.
"God is a spirit o'er all the lands,
Who watches us and understands
Our joys and sorrows, feels our pain,
And, in the end, when earth is done,
Waits to bring us home again."
But the lad still stood
With his big blue eyes,
His question still unsatisfied.
So I tried again:
"The song of a bird on a swaying limb,
The growing flowers we love to see,
A trickling brook, a mountain dim,
Seen through purple and gold o'er a forest
green;
These, my lad, mean God to me!
A friendly word and a hand in need,
All the pain we can ease and the good we
can do."
The lad ran off with a happy smile
For joy! At last he believed he knew.
And may Heaven forgive my poor, weak way
Of telling a child what God is to me.
Green River, Wyo.

CHURCH NEWS

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — The annual meeting of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church was held in the Church on January 9, at 10 o'clock, with Dr. Josie Rogers, vice-president, in the chair.

Reports were given by the pastor and by the officers of the Church and from the Church-Aid, which includes here both men and women, from the Sabbath school, and by the Committee on Work in Putnam County.

Special votes of thanks were given to Mrs. Edmund R. Gavitt for her very efficient service as treasurer and to Mrs. C. M. Rogers for her long and faithful service as pianist.

Following the report of the nominating committee given by the chairman, Iseus Randolph, officers were elected for 1949 as follows: Dr. W. A. Titsworth, president; Miss Mabel T. Rogers, vice-president; L. Emile Babcock, clerk; Mrs. Edmund R. Gavitt, treasurer; Frank Jones, Cornelius Siems, and Dr. J. N. Norwood, trustees. Dr. Josie Rogers was elected trustee emeritus with special expressions of appreciation for seventeen years of service on the board of trustees. Mrs. C. M. Rogers was elected as pianist, with Mrs. Royal Cottrell as assistant.

A unanimous call for 1949 was given to the present pastor, Rev. J. W. Crofoot. Mr. Crofoot's report of his forty-seven weeks of service for this Church showed that in addition to his regular preaching and radio talks he has spoken eight times in Putnam County and has made about 150 calls on Church people, including people as far south as Miami.

After the business meeting a dinner was served in the social hall to forty people. The chairman in charge was Mrs. Royal Cottrell.

In the afternoon a business meeting of the Sabbath school was held. In addition to the routine reports given and business transacted, officers were elected as follows: L. Emile Babcock, superintendent; Garrelt F. Bakker, assistant superintendent; Dr. W. A. Titsworth, secretary-treasurer. — Dora K. Degen, Correspondent.

MILTON, WIS. — The Christmas and New Year season was appropriately celebrated by the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and congregation.

In the period immediately preceding Christmas some of the adult Bible school classes held special Christmas parties and the primary department had a program and party. On Christmas Eve, at the prayer meeting hour, a worship program of carols, readings, Scripture, prayer, and a "Litany for Christmas" was presented. On Christmas morning the regular service was in keeping with the day and included a presentation and dedication of babies, organ music, anthems, carols, and meditation. The day of worship closed with a vesper program of music and readings. The choir led the congregation in singing familiar carols and choruses from the "Messiah," closing with the "Hallelujah Chorus." At this time the White Gifts from the Sabbath school classes were presented which amounted to \$194.86 and were dedicated to various causes — a missionary pastor on the home field, the Jamaica Mission, German and China relief, and the Indianapolis Church.

On New Year's Eve the program with other numbers included the reading of the poem, "Another Year Is Dawning"; singing the hymns, "Ring Out Wild Bells" and "Standing at the Portal"; a solo, "Light"; and a meditation on St. Francis' prayer for the new year. The day following, at the morning hour Communion was observed with more than usual solemnity as befitted the beginning of a new year. At the afternoon vespers the film, "My Name Is Han," was shown — a story which depicts the influence of Christianity upon a Chinese farmer and his family.

The members of the Milton Church departed from their usual custom of a formal Church dinner and business meetings both forenoon and afternoon. Instead, they enjoyed a potluck dinner and held a single business session in the afternoon. This occurred on Sunday, January 2. Pastor Elmo Fitz Fandolph, after four years of service, was called to the pastorate for another year, with an increase in salary. Other officers elected were: Edward R. Rood, president; Bernice Todd,

clerk; Truman G. Lippincott, treasurer; J. Fred Whitford, Sabbath school superintendent.

A portable record player for use in the education program has been given to the Church, and two members have provided bulletin covers for a year. During 1948 new members have been added to the Church by letter and by baptism and there has been a noticeable increase in attendance upon Sabbath morning worship. The primary department of the Sabbath school is outgrowing its quarters. These things seem to be an indication of growth and give renewed hope for the days to come. — Abbie B. Van Horn, Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The holiday season this year was observed in a variety of enjoyable ways, beginning Sunday evening, December 5, when the university chorus and orchestra presented Johann Sebastian Bach's "Christmas Oratorio." Sunday evening, the 12th, the annual Christmas candlelight service was held in the Church. The university choir of sixty-five voices, directed by Mrs. Samuel Scholes, sang many lovely carols. December 19, the annual Sabbath school Christmas program was at the Church, at which time there was an offering of White Gifts which included warm clothing, food, and money. Immediately following, the young people went Christmas caroling. The Church services in December with organ music, hymns, anthems, carols, and messages were in keeping with the season and were an inspiration to all who attended them. On New Year's Eve, there was a family night supper in the parish house. Following the supper a Cathedral film and others were shown. A watch-night service was held in the Church, led by the young people. The Week of Prayer was observed the first week in January in our homes and by three special services in the parish house parlors, led by Dean Bond, Lynn Langworthy, and Pastor Harris.

Sunday afternoon, January 9, a religious program of "Great Music for the Organ" was played in the Church by John Eustice, sponsored by the Religious Fellowship Association of the university.

There have been several meetings of the One Hundred Sabbaths of Service group at the parish house. At one, a film, "The Autobiography of a Tract," was shown.

A gift of a lectern is being made and will match the pulpit in design, material, and finish.

The annual business meeting of the Church held in the parish house Sunday evening, January 9, was well attended. Pastor Harris was given a unanimous vote of confidence for another year. Reports of the many organizations within the Church were presented and showed that much has been accomplished in service during the year. Some of the activities of the Ladies' Aid are as follows: Five family tureen suppers and three special dinners were served. Two rummage sales held in the spring and fall netted \$414.08. Two comfortables were tied and two quilts were quilted. Money has been contributed by the society for Church utilities, the Women's Board, the Red Cross, Tuberculosis Health Bond, and Church World Service. A quilt was tied for a family whose home was burned. Clothing has been sent to help the needy in various places. The total receipts for the year were \$1,314.25. There was a balance, January 1, of \$710.78.

The Evangelical Society is doing a fine work also — spiritually as well as financially. Preparations are being made for the annual Washington's Birthday sale and tea. — Mrs. Lynn Langworthy, Correspondent.

INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — The annual meeting of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Independence, N. Y., was held January 9, 1949.

Following the enjoyed fellowship tureen dinner, the forty-five present were called to order by the moderator, Sam W. Clarke.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: moderator, Sam W. Clarke; clerk, Mrs. Robert Spicer; treasurer, Miss Anna Laura Crandall; trustees, Samuel B. Crandall, Milford Crandall, Charles Clarke; ministerial committee, Decatur Clarke, Charles Clarke.

The committee on preparing the parsonage in the Community Building was commended for the completion of their fine job and were released. Members of the committee were: Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Sam W. Clarke, Mrs. Leon Clarke. Many others volunteered their time in assisting in this project.

The pastor, Carl R. Maxson, senior in the School of Theology at Alfred University, was given a vote of confidence, with a call to serve the Church another year. — Correspondent.

SALEM, W. VA. — The Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church is planning for the ordination of deaconesses on February 5, 1949. Mrs. Sallie Bond, Mrs. Hallie May, Mrs. Lydia Stutler, and Mrs. Mary Swiger are to be ordained, and, along with Mrs. May Trainer, already ordained by the Shiloh Church before coming to Salem, will be set apart for that service in the Salem Church.

100 SABBATHS OF SERVICE

Our Church received 49 of each of the tracts. These are for your use. Take them, read them, and pass them on, or take more to pass on. If 49 are not enough, we can have as many more as we need. There are some fine tracts that every Seventh Day Baptist should read. — North Loup, Neb., Church Bulletin.

WINTER GARDENING

By Marguerite S. Whitford

Although outside is cold and drear,
The sun shines in to bless;
And on my window sill you see
A row of loveliness.

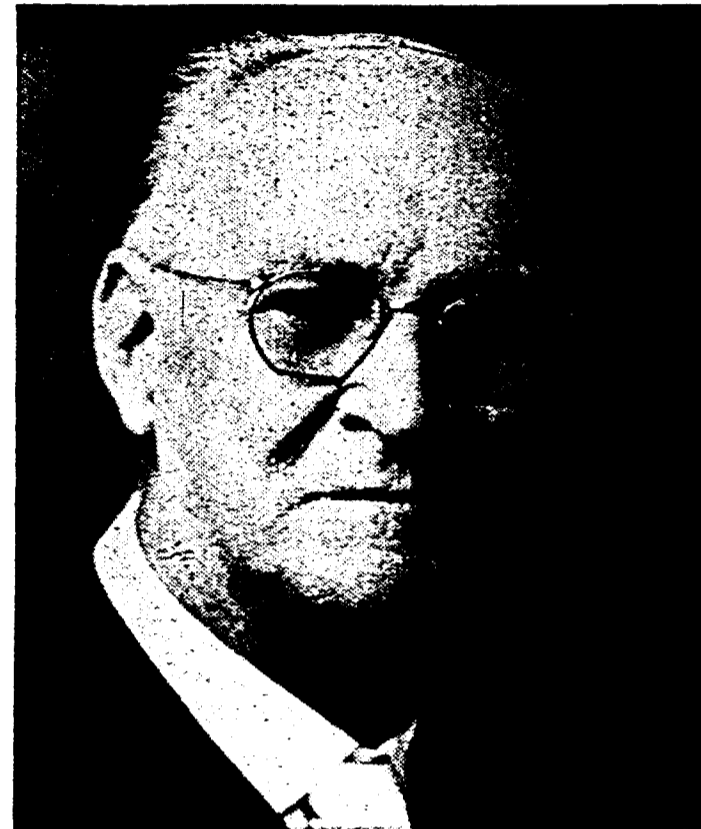
Geraniums, bright with color;
Violets, pink and blue;
Carnations, filled with fragrance;
And sweet petunias, too.

Then hanging there above them
The white Star of Bethlehem;
And in another window,
Hangs my Princess Lorraine.

How can I be lonely, with
These silent friends to bless;
Encircling me with peace and joy
And quiet loveliness.

ELLIS ADELBERT WITTER

Rev. Ellis Adelbert Witter was born in the town of Wirt, Allegany County, N. Y., June 28, 1853, the eldest son of Charles Henry and Abigail Edwards Witter, and



Rev. E. Adelbert Witter

died on January 8, 1949, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Gerald Greene of Adams Center, N. Y.

His childhood was spent on a farm near the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church with which he united when he was twelve years old.

His father died in the Andersonville Prison on September 22, 1864, after serving four years in the Union Army, leaving Adelbert as his mother's only assistant in supporting the family.

At the age of nineteen he went to work in the Cottrell machine shop where he remained until the impelling call to enter the gospel ministry became so pronounced he gave up his job and went to Alfred to enter training for this high calling. He earned his way through the academy, the university and School of Theology, graduating with the degrees of Ph. M. and B. D. Later he attended Chicago University and graduated in 1908 with a Ph. D. degree.

On December 2, 1883, he was married to Mary Priscilla Benjamin, daughter of Samuel and Helen Benjamin, in the An-

dover Seventh Day Baptist Church. To this union were born three daughters and one son.

He served as pastor first at Portville, N. Y. From Portville he went to Westerly, R. I. During this pastorate his wife and infant son died.

On January 27, 1889, he was married to Almedia B. Crandall of Niantic, R. I. Three daughters were born to this union.

During the year 1891 he left Westerly to accept the pastorate at the Albion, Wis., Church.

In 1898 he accepted the call to become pastor of the North Loup, Neb., Church.

He left North Loup to become pastor of the Salem Church, Salem, W. Va., in 1901. It was during this pastorate that he attended the World's Fourth Sunday School Convention in Jerusalem.

In 1909 he became pastor of the Adams Center Church, Adams Center, N. Y. Here he remained for six years.

On April 1, 1914, he accepted the pastorate at the Second Hopkinton Church, Hopkinton, R. I. Here his wife died, August 23, 1919.

In 1920 he accepted the pastorate at the Berlin Church, Berlin, N. Y. During this pastorate he was married to Miss Mary Crosby of Adams Center, N. Y.

He accepted the pastorate at the Walworth, Wis., Church in 1924 where he served for ten years, then retired to Adams Center to live.

He did many months of volunteer gospel work in the Southern States when on his way to spend the winters in Florida.

His wife, Mary, died in 1935, and in 1937 he was married to Miss Anna Maltby of Adams Center. Anna died on November 20, 1940.

He is survived by six daughters: Ella, Mrs. Clark Stillman of Jamestown, N. Y.; Grace, Mrs. Harry Ladd of Watertown; Mary, Mrs. Ottis Swiger of Salem, W. Va.; Eva, Mrs. Kenneth Horton of Brockville, Ontario, Can.; Isabel, Mrs. James Hamilton of Westerly, R. I.; and Delberta, Mrs. Gerald Greene of Adams Center, with whom he had made his home since he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on December 23, 1940. He is also sur-

vived by 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Wherever he lived he served as a good pastor and minister and in community, civic, and wholesome social circles frequently holding office with school boards or in the township. He had a fine sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye that made him a welcome guest in any circle.

Everywhere he was known he will be remembered as a forceful preacher. He emphasized evangelism in all of his ministry. He was a great lover of God's Holy Word and of poetry. If space would permit, we would be happy to give some of his choice selections.

Elder Witter delivered his last message to a congregation on June 9, 1947, at the one hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the Adams Center Church. He had planned that would be his last message because of his weakened physical condition, but his mind and spirit were so active that he could not consider his work finished. He wrote several sermons since that time, doing his own typing very efficiently. He wrote one for each of his granddaughters and wished he might have time to write one for each of his other grandchildren who would wish one.

One of the most recent of his sermons, he presented for a recording on November 10, 1948, for the Seventh Day Baptist recording library.

Funeral services consisted of a prayer in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Greene, at 2 p.m., and in the Church at 2:30 on January 11, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms; and a memorial service in the Alfred Church on January 12, at 2:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Everett T. Harris who was assisted by Rev. A. J. C. Bond and Rev. E. H. Bottoms. Interment was in the family plot in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. E. H. B.

The demand for Sabbath observance is the call for the practical demonstration of our faith in God, and for an expression of our purpose to obey His laws and keep His commandments. — A. J. C. Bond.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION ELLA KAGARISE

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our sister, Ella Kagarise, our intimate association with her during the many years makes it fitting that we record our appreciation of her; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we mourn the loss of a faithful friend and co-worker, we will remember her faith in God and her belief in an immortal life beyond the grave; and be it further

Resolved, That we express to her family our deepest sympathy with the earnest hope that through the clouds of bereavement they may feel the Heavenly Father's love and care.

There is no death: Cease then to mourn and sorrow

When those we love shake off their shackles grim:

For they but rise into a bright tomorrow,
And we should raise a glad Thanksgiving hymn.

Be it finally

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our society and a copy be sent to her family.

The Ladies' Aid Society, Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church, Mary Blough and Frances Kagarise, Committee.

MRS. VIOLA WILLIAMS

Resolved, That the Church-Aid Society of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church desires to express its sense of loss in the death of Mrs. Viola Williams of Milton Junction, Wis.

Her willingness to be of service to the Church and to this society at Daytona Beach has been much appreciated and will not be soon forgotten.

Jay and Hannah Crofoot,
Committee.

Approved by the Society
January 15, 1949.

Support the Denominational Budget

"Jesus said more about money than He did about heaven or hell. Sixteen of His thirty-eight parables deal with money; one out of every eight verses in the four Gospels has something to say about money."

—From the Budget Committee.

Obituaries

Allen. — William Henry, son of George Franklin and Olive Burdick Allen, was born at Alfred, N. Y., July 10, 1865, the fifth of six children, all of whom preceded him in death but one sister, Mrs. Phalla Stillman of Alfred, N. Y. Mr. Allen died November 23, 1948.

November 11, 1894, he was united in marriage with Amy West of Milton, Wis., and to the union four children were born: Dr. Isaphene Allen of Anoka, Minn., Franklin and Paul of Farina, and William, the oldest child, who died in infancy. Mrs. Allen died in October, 1911.

Mr. Allen came to Farina following Mrs. Allen's death and here established the Farina Hatchery which became known through Southern Illinois as a trustworthy and dependable institution.

December 28, 1913, he was married to Mrs. Mable Furrow. He has been a resident of Farina for thirty-seven years, and a trustworthy member and worker in the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

He had been in failing health for more than a year although, up to the very day of his death, he continued to take an interest in the hatchery and to aid some with the work.

Mr. Allen is survived, aside from the children mentioned, by his wife, five grandchildren, one great grandchild, two stepchildren: Mrs. Austin Harpster of San Diego, Calif., and Earnes Furrow of Farina, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, Rev. C. L. Hill, and burial was made in the Farina Cemetery. C. L. H.

Coon. — Almeron M., son of Morell and Emma Burdick Coon, was born September 22, 1863, at West Edmeston, N. Y., and died at his home in Leonardsville, N. Y., December 13, 1948.

Mr. Coon attended Brookfield Academy and later Alfred University, where, in 1887, he received the A. B. degree. He was respectfully regarded a pioneer business man in Leonardsville, where, in 1888, he established a hardware and plumbing shop and remained continuously in business until 1946.

In 1889 he married Martha Estelle Avery of Ashaway, R. I., who passed on in 1943.

For a great many years Mr. Coon was a loved and honored member and leader in the First Brookfield Seventh Day Baptist Church at Leonardsville. As the senior member of the board of deacons and the chairman of the board of trustees he has been an able leader of the congregation in both the spiritual and material affairs of Church work. He was a strong influence for good in the community as well as in the Church, being re-elected by the people to the office of justice of the peace for nearly forty years.

He is survived by two sons, Leland Avery of Madison, Wis., and Robert Morell of Bronxville, N. Y.; and two grandsons.

Farewell services were conducted at the home and at the Church by his pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, and he was laid to rest in the Leonardsville Cemetery. M. C. V. H.

Mustaine. — Carol Ann, age 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mustaine of San Gabriel, Calif., died December 24, 1948, and was laid to rest in Rose Hills Cemetery on December 27.

Mrs. Mustaine is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Verney A. Wilson of Nortonville, Kan. G. D. H.

Davis. — Chesley Davis was born in the Big Flint area of Doddridge County, W. Va., March 17, 1869, and entered into rest on December 8, 1948. He had been ill for the past two years and spent his last several months in the hospital. Most of his life was spent around Salem.

When fourteen years of age he was baptized and united with the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church of which he was a faithful and active member all his remaining life until the afflictions of age precluded his attendance and service.

Surviving are five daughters: Goldie, wife of A. G. T. Brissey, Salem; Alma B., wife of G. S. Brissey, Laurel, Md.; Isabelle, wife of Ernest Flanagan, Salem; Thelma, wife of Ralph G. Fulmer, Alhambra, Calif.; and Delberta, wife of Professor Ray E. Harris, Shepherdstown. One sister, Mrs. Alexander Randolph of Salem, and one brother, Darwin M. Davis of Clarksburg, also survive.

The farewell service was held in the Salem Baptist Church on December 10, 1948. Pastor Loyal F. Hurley of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church was assisted in the service by his former pastor, Rev. James L. Skaggs. Burial was in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery. L. F. H.

Snyder. — Cora M. Gaskill, daughter of Henry C. and Adelia Rogers Gaskill, was born at Sangerfield, N. Y., November 17, 1884, and died at Dunellen, N. J., December 29, 1948.

The family moved to Ceres, N. Y., and later to New Market, N. J., when Cora was small.

She was baptized by Rev. Frank E. Peterson, following a large revival conducted by Rev. John L. Huffman, and joined the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church at New Market, February 22, 1896, in which Church she retained her membership. She was also a member of the home department of the New Market Sabbath School.

Cora Gaskill was married to Frank Snyder of Dunellen, N. J., November 21, 1906, by Rev. Henry N. Jordan. To this union was born one son, Donald, of Perth Amboy, N. J.

Mrs. Snyder's self-sacrificing characteristic was fully demonstrated as she and her husband made

a home for two nieces and four nephews upon the death of their own mother, Maude Gaskill (Mrs. Nelson) Snyder. They are: Mrs. William Touchon, Hayward, Calif.; Mrs. J. J. Grimm, Nelson, Elston, and Everett Snyder, all of Dunellen; and Clifton Snyder, Plainfield, N. J.; all of whom survive. Besides her husband, there also survive one brother, Fred C. Gaskill, Dunellen, N. J.; who with Mrs. Gaskill helped to provide a home for the nephews and nieces at different times; and another niece, Mrs. T. Alessi, Elizabeth, N. J.

Memorial services were conducted from Runyon's Funeral Home, Dunellen, N. J., January 2, 1949, by Rev. Hurley S. Warren, in the absence of Pastor Kenneth A. Stickney of the Piscataway Church.

Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, South Plainfield, N. J.

(Note: Information for this sketch was furnished largely by Miss Ethel C. Rogers, clerk, Piscataway Church, Dunellen, N. J.)

H. S. W.

Witter. — Rev. Ellis Adelbert, June 28, 1853 — January 8, 1949. A more extended obituary appears on page 84.

ROYAL RESOLUTIONS

I will study the language of gentleness and refuse to use words that bite and tones that crush.

I will practice patience at home, lest my testy temper break through unexpectedly and disgrace me.

I will remember that my neighbors have troubles enough to carry without loading mine on them.

I will excuse others' faults and failures as often and as fully as I expect others to be lenient with mine.

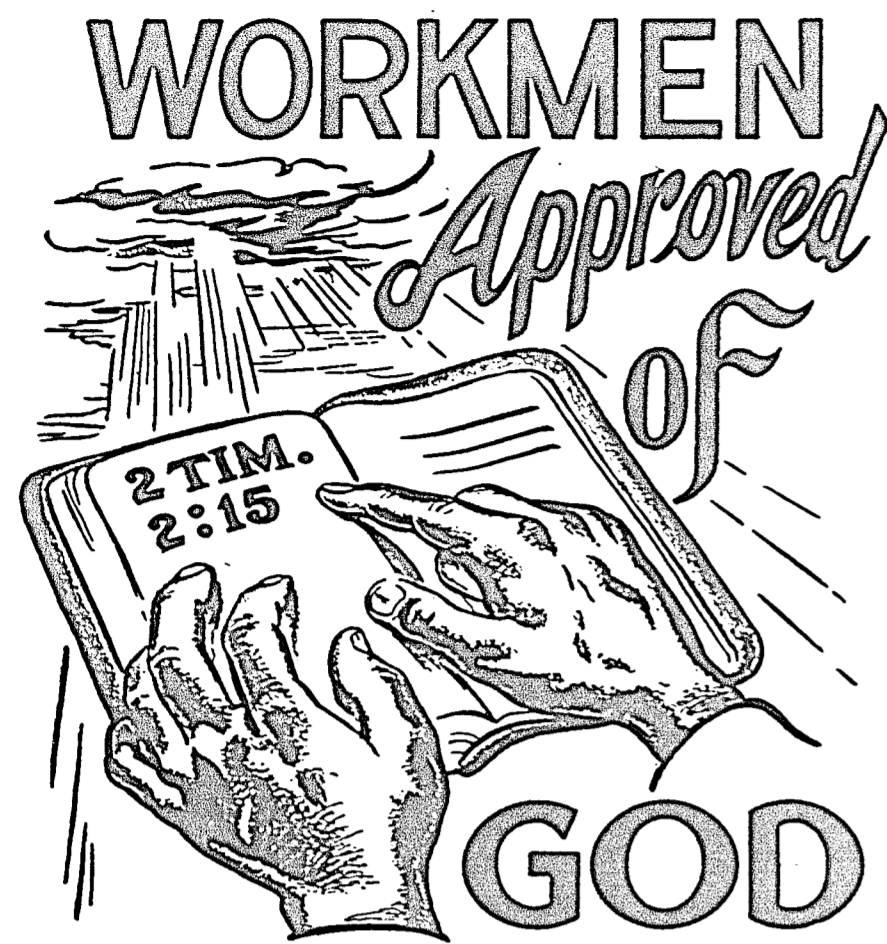
I will love boys and girls so that old age will not find me soured and sullen, but fresh and free.

I will gladden my nature by smiling out loud on every fair occasion, and by out-looking optimistically.

I will pray frequently, think good things, believe in men, and so do a full day's work without fear or favor.

J. S. Engle, Westerville, Ohio,
in the "Belfry," Little Genesee, N. Y.

Are you keeping in touch with the China situation? The Sabbath Recorder is publishing the latest news as fast as it has the news to publish. Let us be much in prayer about the matter.



LORD'S ACRE AT BROOKFIELD, N. Y.

By Mrs. Herman Palmer

The Christian Endeavor society sponsored the Lord's Acre program in the Church for the first time this year. It is felt by many that the program was a real success. Plans were made and goals were set early last winter. The goal was \$350, divided with a view to five objectives: a hospital bed for China, \$100; desks for the school in Jamaica, \$50; a duplicator for the local Church office, \$100; Central Association Camp, \$50; and repair and improvement of our Sabbath school rooms, \$50.

All Church groups and workers were actively sharing in the program throughout the year. Projects were carried on by individuals, families, classes, and societies. Individuals had such projects as per cent of extra income, room rent during the county fair, premium money, waste paper sales, first hour's wage of each week, crocheting, notary public fees, and garden produce. Families had projects of popcorn, potatoes, all members working together with God sharing the responsibilities of the care and use of His good gifts.

The relationship of working together with God became very real to the beginners when each one received two baby chicks at the Sabbath morning worship. It was their project, but God's chicks. These little ones reported good steward-

ship in the fall when along with the adults they told of their projects and placed their contributions on the plate for dedication.

The Busy Bee Class, juniors, sold horse-radish and raised a calf which was sold in the fall. This calf was given to the class by Clayton Welch of West Edmeston, N. Y., who is a member of the large cattle dealers' firm of Central New York, I. T. and C. A. Welch and Sons. The class and the Church appreciate very much the interest of Mr. Welch in the Lord's Acre Plan, and in the objectives of our Church program.

The Ladies' Missionary Aid served a Lord's Acre donation dinner at the time of the Central Association held at Brookfield. The Christian Endeavor society raised a plot of beans. The society also sponsored a booth at the country fair. In the booth, a "Country Theater," by the use of colored slides, exhibited the use of visual aids in Church work, especially in the fields of the Lord's Acre, family devotions, and recreation. A model farm helped to show the relation between the Church and the land and the need to stress practices of conservation. More than 800 pieces of Church work and gospel literature were handed out by the attendants of the booth.

A dedication was held last spring at the Sabbath morning worship for the workers and their projects, and for their labors in kingdom tasks. Group dedications were held at the bean field at planting time by the Christian Endeavor society, and by the Busy Bee Class on the farm where the calf was raised.

On Sabbath, December 18, an all-day meeting was held. In the afternoon after the fellowship dinner at the parish house a dedication was held for the proceeds of the projects. Each one gave his own story of his project and reported its income.

At the close of this dedication service the treasurer reported more than \$300 received, and sufficient unsold produce to more than reach the total goal of \$350.

The program has given us many blessings — a blessing of fellowship, stewardship in the whole of life, co-operation in sacred tasks, satisfaction in the knowledge that God richly blesses those who labor with Him.

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