

# Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, AUGUST 16-21, 1949

By K. Duane Hurley  
Chairman, Publicity Committee

"Riverside is rapidly getting ready for YOU; now all we need to know is who YOU are." Thus spoke, with a note of urgency, the general chairman in charge of preparations for Conference to be held in Riverside, Calif.

## How Riverside Is Getting Ready

During recent weeks many changes have been taking place in Riverside, in the Church, in the homes, and in the community, making ready for the coming of Seventh Day Baptist delegates in August. A large number of committees, with almost every member of the Riverside Church serving in some active capacity, have been hard at work anticipating entertainment of visitors, feeding of delegates, and all of the other preparation that must be made for such an event.

## Riverside College Facilities

The president of Riverside College, when the meeting-place committee met with him recently, was especially helpful in suggesting and ordering the changes made which are necessary to make the college buildings most suitable for Conference sessions. An adequate auditorium is available, made worshipful in atmosphere by stained glass windows and pipe organ. The president of Conference will have a private office, with easy access to the platform. The choir is to have a special practice room, and the boards are to be provided with an especially large room for displaying their materials. A nursery, removed from the other meeting rooms, has been provided, and every other possible need has been anticipated.

## Restful and Attractive Comfort

For many weeks already Church members have been making the changes necessary in their homes to accommodate a

maximum number of guests from away. Restful and attractive comfort has been the main ambition. Neighbors of Church members, too, are aware that there are to be some changes made in August, many of them having volunteered to give lodging to Conference delegates in their homes.

## Seventy-five Voice Conference Choir

Indicative of the effort being put forth in every line of preparation is the change of pace for choir rehearsals. Since the Los Angeles and Riverside singers will form the nucleus for the seventy-five voice Conference choir, the music director is spending one evening each week directing the practice of each group, driving over one hundred miles to make this possible. From time to time members of the choirs are attending both rehearsals in the week. When people marvel at the willingness of committee chairmen and members to give service like this, the answer is invariably the same: "We want this Conference to be outstanding in every way. A little sacrifice and extra effort on everybody's part will help make it so."

## Register Now!

It is that extra measure of effort the general chairman urges when he calls for early pre-registration. His plea is for everyone to make plans to be in Riverside August 16-21 — and having made them, to let the intention be known immediately.

No changes made in Riverside up to August 16 will be quite so sudden as the rapid change in "population" on that date. The change will be alarming if the local people are not thoroughly forewarned. It is imperative that YOU send in your registration now!

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ARE YOU GOING TO CONFERENCE? LET RIVERSIDE KNOW — NOW.

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## Conference President's Corner

The Trek of the '49ers

Already some Seventh Day Baptists have left their homes in the East for the Land of Sunshine and the General Conference in Riverside, Calif. Soon others will start on the same interesting journey. They will pass through the rich farming area of the corn belt, the wheat belt, the grazing land of the Great Plains, the mountains and the desert before they arrive at the irrigated fruit groves of Southern California. A never-to-be-for-  
gotten trip for all who take it!

We believe Conference will be worth attending, also. The business of our denomination and our boards must be carried on, and that should claim our first loyalty. There will be inspiring music, challenging sermons and addresses, enthusiastic youth mingling with older ones, delegates from Holland and Germany, information about the work at home and abroad, the call of new fields, and reports of work already accomplished. Our "Gospel '49ers," the team sent out by our three major boards, will report the work that is just closing with great encouragement at Middle Island, W. Va., and the work to which they are about to go at Independence, N. Y. You will want to hear all about that — and everything else at Riverside, August 16-21.

Loyal F. Hurley,  
Conference President.

Those wishing to work to pay for their meals at General Conference, Riverside, Calif., August 16-21, 1949, should send their names and addresses to P. B. Hurley, 4751 Park Avenue, Riverside, or Bob Hurley, 905 E. Brocton Avenue, Redlands, Calif.

### Front Cover Picture

An unusual feature of the General Conference program will be the evening meetings held outdoors in this quadrangle. The auditorium stage, the edge of which is visible at the right of the picture, opens both to an inside and an outside audience. — Courtesy of K. Duane Hurley.

## PRAYER FOR CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Our Father who art in heaven, blessed is Thy name.

Grant unto us Thy children a sense of Thy holy presence wherever we may be — on the land, sea, or in the air. Vouchsafe unto us health of mind and body and spirit that as we travel we may be equal to its strains, may enjoy the beauties and wonders of this Thy world, and bring honor to Thy name. Bless those who are now on their way to Riverside to attend the Conference there. Guide us who are yet to start the westward trek.

Above all, O God, help us to be yielded to Thy holy will that our travel and Conference attendance may be done to Thy name's honor and glory.

We would remember lovingly those who will not find it possible to be at Riverside. Bless and keep them, we pray. And may we return to them with the courage and strength of the Holy Spirit that together our witness for Christ and His commandments, including the Sabbath, may become more effective and widespread.

Through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

## ON TO RIVERSIDE

Our Conference president states that some have already started their journey toward Riverside. Doubtless there are those who are taking the opportunity to visit some of our Churches across the land. Others will be visiting relatives and friends at different points along the way. Yet others may choose to make the trip one of sight-seeing and of great educational benefit. Young folks will be going early enough to arrive in time for the Pre-Conference Retreat.

If you are going to Conference, by all means let Riverside know right away.

Whatever the mode of travel and the motive of plan, Seventh Day Baptists will be true representatives of our Lord Jesus Christ and of the Church of which He is the head.

What a glorious experience all will have at Riverside as they assemble with two paramount purposes in mind, that of

honoring God in thought, word, deed, and plan, and of becoming more effective workers and witnesses for Christ in and through His Church.

Blessing and honor and glory be unto the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and evermore. Amen.

## A PRAYER VIGIL

"A Way Out" has been proposed by a lay member, whose address is Andover, N. Y., who prefers to remain anonymous. The proposed way out is a prayer vigil. Let us turn to the section of the Sabbath Recorder known as "From the Editor's Mailbox" and read this arresting appeal to prayer. Then, let every Seventh Day Baptist who receives this issue in time, unite in a prayer vigil for the purpose indicated.

First, let us seek to know more fully the will of God in our personal giving to the Denominational Budget. Then, let us implore His help to carry out His will.

Remember, "Prayer changes things."

Remember, too, Seventh Day Baptist Prayer Vigil, July 30, 11 to 12 p.m.

## SOUNDING OUT THE WORD IN RIVERSIDE

(Guest Editorial)

The Church at Thessalonica probably had no building to call its own. It certainly had no chimes and no man-made amplifier like our Church now has. But it had joy; it had faith; it had zeal. Its doctrines and teachings, its baptism and its Sabbath were the same as ours. The only advantage it could claim was that the Apostle Paul was there in person to organize it. But we have the advantage of all the Epistles of Paul without the persecutions.

1 Thessalonians 1: 8 has been in my mind for months as an editorial thought to apply to ourselves. "From you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing." How true is it of this Church standing on the corner of Fourteenth and Lemon? Can it be said, "From you sounded



out the word of the Lord" not only in Riverside and California, but also in every place your faith to God's Word is spread abroad? Chimes and bells and amplification are but symbols. They do sound out the Word of the Lord in a limited way, but you and I in 40 towns of California and 20 other states and countries can sound out the Word where we are. We challenge you as representatives of the truths for which we stand to be worthy of the approval of the Apostle Paul. Whatever else is true, let this be true, "Your faith to God-ward is spread abroad." — Rev. Leon M. Maltby, in the Church Chimes.

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Friend:

During a session with the Lord the following idea came to me, and I will pass it along for what it is worth. . . .

#### A Way Out

The needs of Seventh Day Baptists never were greater than now — yet our Denominational Budget is not being met. The Missionary Board is not having the funds needed to go forward, etc. Conference is near! Is there time to change the picture?

I believe there is! The suggestion came to me via a little tract called "Tarrying Prayer" by Pastor N. V. Williams. The author has dared to call for 2,000 miles of all-night prayer across America on October 12 from midnight until seven o'clock in the morning, praying for a revival such as we have not known in our generation. Imagine, 400 groups have already signed up!

We know just what will happen, or can we ever imagine it?

This thought came to me. Why not every consecrated Seventh Day Baptist be on his knees in prayer at a definite time — say from eleven o'clock until midnight or longer on July 30. Let us "tarry there until we be endued with power from on high" and arise and go forward in His Name and in His service. The money will come. The budget will be met by Conference and our work in all missionary endeavors will advance. Are we willing to try it?

A lay member.

Andover, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

You will find enclosed \$2.50 to pay for my subscription to the Sabbath Recorder. . . .

I am now 89 years old. I have read the Sabbath Recorder ever since I knew how to read, and now I have lost my hearing and cannot hear anyone talk. I stay at home from Church and spend the Sabbath morning reading the Recorder.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eva S. Bonham.

106 Giles St.,  
Bridgeton, N. J.

### STATEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE AND FAITH

(Given on Sabbath afternoon, June 11, at the Eastern Association when the candidates for ordination to the diaconate in the First Hopkinton Church, Ashaway, R. I., presented the statements that follow.)

I was baptized in 1906 and joined the Church in 1908. In 1945, I was elected a trustee. I have learned that the more you work in the Church, the more interest you take in its affairs.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that the seventh day is the true Sabbath.

I was born and brought up in a Christian home and have lived all my life in a Seventh Day Baptist town and in sight of our Seventh Day Baptist Church.

As a child, I attended the Sabbath school and later the Christian Endeavor. One of the fond recollections of the Sabbath school was the class of young men, known as the Baraca class, which had its own officers.

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ I will endeavor to carry out the duties of a deacon to the best of my ability.

Earl D. Burdick.

I was born a short distance from this Church. The first things that I can remember are my mother and father telling me about Jesus, praying, reading the Bible, coming to Sabbath school here in the basement, and singing "Jesus loves me! this I know, For the Bible tells me so." I can never remember staying away unless I went with my father to the Second Hopkinton Church of which both my parents are members. I love the memories of being here with my grandfather and grandmother.

So, through my boyhood and young manhood my Sabbaths were spent here in Church, Sabbath school, Junior, and Christian Endeavor. It was here that I first met the girl that I was to marry, a Seventh Day Baptist girl from New York State.

I was baptized at an early age and joined the Church. I am proud to be a Seventh Day Baptist and a child of God.

I believe that God is a spirit, that the world was made by Him and all that is

therein. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and was a spirit with Him at the beginning. He later came to the earth in the form of a baby, born of a virgin, lived on this earth around thirty-three years, was crucified, and rose again after three days in the earth. He was on earth forty days, then ascended into heaven to take His place at the right hand of God until the day when He shall return.

Though I feel unworthy for this office, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength," I will say with Paul, I press forward to the goal of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus.

R. Merritt Kenyon.

I was brought up in a Christian home and have attended Sabbath school since I was very young. I am now teaching a boys' class, and am also the treasurer of the Sabbath school.

I have held the office of treasurer and president in the Christian Endeavor. I have taken part in several of the Church activities.

I believe in God and Jesus Christ. I believe in baptism by immersion and that eternal life will be the reward of the redeemed. I believe that the seventh day is the Sabbath.

I was baptized and became a member of this Church April 29, 1939, and now I am pleased to serve my Church as deacon.

F. Arthur Brayman.

I accepted Christ as a young boy and have been a Christian for many years. Christ and I have been through many tough times together, but have always come through.

I believe I have been sent to the Ashaway Church, just for what purpose I don't know but time will tell.

If one has Christ he has all there is in life and I desire to give my best as deacon of this Church.

John Kennedy.

### REMEMBER

THE ONE HUNDRED SABBATHS  
OF SERVICE PROGRAM

**GOD'S CURE FOR WORRY**

By Rev. Paul L. Maxson  
Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church,  
Berlin, N. Y.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6: 19-34.

Text: "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" Matthew 6: 27.

Some time ago I went to New York City with a friend to attend a meeting. We parted company at Grand Central Station. Since he was familiar with New York and I wasn't, he said, "You will probably want to get off the subway at about 14th Street." I went down the stairway to the subway, took the first train that came along, and before I had had time to get well settled in my seat, I was in Brooklyn. I crossed over the tracks and boarded a subway going toward Grand Central, thinking I would surely get off at 14th Street, but again I overshoot the mark getting off at 28th Street. I discovered that to get to my destination I would have to take the local train instead of the express. Had I become excited and worried about missing my stop, I might have been riding yet.

At the meeting I met another friend and told him of the interesting experience that I had had on the subway. This led to the conversation on the subject of worry. He thought that I was looking fine after my automobile accident and trouble during the year. He was curious as to how I could seem to take life so easy, and yet find time to do so many things. I assured him that following the accident I had had several weeks to just lie in bed and think. Some of my thoughts follow.

I told him that very few weeks go by but that I make from one to three or four trips to the hospital to call on the sick, and our nearest hospital is thirty miles away. I drive on an average of four to six hundred miles making these calls and filling my appointments. After the Church service, which includes preaching, and Sabbath school in Berlin, I drive to Schenectady to meet a 3 o'clock appointment every Sabbath afternoon. I come home, get a little rest, and then preach at 9:30 at Garfield on Sunday morning for a Federated Church. I return to the

Methodist Church in Berlin at 11 o'clock, where I am supplying since the loss of their pastor by death last August. I said that if I worried I could not do half of the work that is connected with the four Churches.

Our text asks this question: "Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" Jesus here was warning the people against worry. He is warning us today to take life seriously, but not to worry about it. He wants us to be earnest about it, and not take the attitude of the happy-go-lucky person toward life. There are those, the soil of whose soul is so shallow that it cannot even grow a healthy or decent worry.

I think Jesus was warning us against a thoughtless life. I believe He wants us to live a well-thought-out life. I think that far too many misunderstand this saying of His, "Take therefore no thought for the morrow." He it was "who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame."

1. The question could well be asked then, if He is not warning us against carefully thinking out our life, what is He warning us against? I feel that He is warning us against taking anxious thought for tomorrow. He wants us to face the future with a great faith instead of a feverish or fretful anxiety.

Why do we need a word like this? Simply because so many are worried. There has never been in the history of mankind a time in which so many people are as worried as there are at this very moment. Whether you worry or not depends not upon your situation in life, but upon you. When you are robbed by worry it is always an "inside" job.

Be the cause whatever it may, there are millions who are worried today. Ignorant folks worry. Of course, they do not know any better. Educated folks worry. Certainly. They know so much to worry about. Old folks worry. Yes. They are drawing near to the end of the road here on earth. Young folks worry. That is natural, for they have the whole expanse of life before them. They must live in this topsy-turvy world. Irreligious folks worry because they have no faith. Many religious folks worry because they

have not an adequate faith. Yes, all sorts of people worry about all sorts of things.

We worry about our bodies and our souls. The people in the pew worry about the preacher, and the preacher worries about the people in the pew. We worry about getting married, and we worry because we are married. We worry about calamities that actually take place, many of which we brought about ourselves. We worry about calamities that never take place. If you are a good worrier, and put in more than a 40-hour week, as many of us do, you can count on it that at least 75 to 90% of the tragedies about which you have worried never have and never will take place.

2. We need Jesus' warning, for worry is useless. This is the very heart of what He was implying. "Which of you by being anxious can add one cubit unto his stature?" If you are not as tall as you want to be, just worrying about it will never make you any taller. We have all done quite a bit of useless thinking, but none more useless than that devoted to worry. It accomplishes exactly nothing: it never does your work, it never lifts your load, eases your burden, erases your wrinkles; but it does enslave you, break you down, and make your face wrinkled and haggard.

There are two classes of things about which we should not worry. First, we ought not to worry about those things that we cannot help. If we are wise we will simply accept them. We may object to the law of gravity, but it is not wise to argue or try to change it. There are many things we would like to avoid, but we cannot. Therefore, we should meet them without anxiety, but have a great faith in a great God, the great God, without a wavering of faith in Him.

All of us worry about growing old. My hair is fast turning gray and my knees are not as nimble as they were before the accident. I can't run a hundred yards as quickly as I once did. I am sure that I could not move around the basketball floor as fast or run the football down the field as fast with my 194 pounds as I used to do with only 135 pounds. There are some people who would not tell you their age for any price, but people are

guessing and perhaps they are adding two, three, or perhaps more years to your age. Why should we fear growing old? God has plans for December as he has for June.

Second, we ought not to worry about those things that we can help. Instead of worrying about them, we ought to get busy and work at them, thus not having time or taking time to worry about them. I have seen people spend more time in worrying about a thing than it took to actually get at it and do the job itself.

Did it ever happen to you that you woke up cold in the middle of the night. You knew very well that over in the corner in a chair was a blanket, not six feet away, but instead of getting up and getting the blanket, you lay there and worried the rest of the night. Of course, such conduct did not get you warm, but you had a good time worrying. We need to avoid anxiety because it is so useless.

3. We need this warning because worry is so harmful. It is harmful to the one who worries. It takes a great deal of work to kill, if there is peace within the heart of the worker. This worry, this ugly sin, is the mother of many a disease, many a disorder of our physical systems.

Worry hurts one. It hinders him from his best efforts. It also makes that person hard to live with. There are many people that are cheerful all day long, to everyone while they are at work, but at home, it is another thing. They spill all their woes, their irritations, their worries at the evening meal, spoiling everyone's appetite except their own. This does not pertain just to the men, for many women meet their husband and children when they come home from work and school with a worried face, a dead ache, a "long pan" filled with worry, and have not been interested in preparing something to eat.

I expect that Jesus had to say many, many times to his friends: "O men, how little you trust me!" Worry is an ugly foe, in fact, I think that I would place it in the category of sin. Then we must get rid of it and give it no room in our hearts and thinking, but rather give that room to God and Christ and His way of life.



There are two remedies that are very popular, but if followed, they will not be altogether effective. The first one is that we are going to quit worrying just as soon as we get into an ideal situation. That is no remedy because there is no ideal situation. Even if there were an ideal situation, the chances are that we would never get into it, and furthermore, if there were an ideal situation, and we did get into it, we would probably "mess it up."

The other remedy is that there is no use in doubling up your fist and saying I am never going to worry as long as I live. A friend of mine became an undertaker. He and his brother ran a store and the undertaking business. I used to joke with him by saying, "Ray, you and Roy sell us our food while we are alive, you sell us our furniture to rest comfortably in, and when we die you come and take us to our final rest." Ray seemed to be the energetic type, worried about business — never having time for pleasure, relaxation, and recreation, while his brother, Roy, would take time to go hunting, fishing, and take trips. Ray died many years ago while Roy is still living, and as far as I know, is still in the business, taking time out and enjoying life in fishing, hunting, and traveling.

What then are we to do?

1. Let me point out that worry is an acquirement. We are not born with it, even though we caused someone else to worry about us, our food and clothing, soon after we came into the world. If we are an accomplished pianist, an excellent athlete, an extremely good violinist, it is so because we have practiced, practiced, and practiced. If we are a good worrier, it is because we have also practiced and practiced.

2. If we are to conquer worry, we must keep on good terms with our conscience. We are gifted with a conscience. If we are to have peace, we must give ear to our inner voice. We must obey the voice of God. If the voice of God seems to be pointing down a certain road and saying to us, "Walk that way," then we will never find peace until we obey. When Isaiah said "There is no peace . . . unto

the wicked," he was giving utterance to a truth that is as up-to-date as our last heartbeat. We will never find peace until we stop fighting God and our consciences.

3. If we were to find peace, I fear that many would have to do a little revision in their thinking. It was the Apostle Paul that put it in these words: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." I don't think that the apostle is trying to blind us to the realities in life, nor is he trying to make us starry-eyed Pollyannas, or make us think that everything is bright and rosy. I think he was urging upon us the sanity of seeking in our world, in our situation, in our Church, in our friends, in our loved ones, the things that are lovely instead of fixing our whole attention upon those things that are ugly and that fill us with horror and disgust. If we are going to conquer worry, we must focus our attention on the beautiful as well as the grim realities of the ugly. We must allow ourselves to think in terms of greatness and strength as found in Christ Jesus, as well as to see the tragedies, cruelty, injustices, and the realities of the world.

4. Finally, the supreme effort against worry is a great faith in God, the same fatherly God of which Jesus reminds us, who looks after the needs of the birds. We need to rest in the Lord and wait patiently upon Him. We need to cast all our cares upon Him, realizing that He knows and cares for each individual.

Above all, if we are not in the habit of praying, we need to make it a habit. Quoting Paul again: "In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

There is a story of an aviator who was making a solo flight around the world. He discovered, after being out about two hours from his last stop, the gnawing of a rat that must have come aboard while

he was grounded. It would be two hours before he would be able to land at his next stop. Since he did not know which part of his delicate ship was being gnawed, he was filled with fear, and did not know just what to do. Then he remembered that the rat was an earth-bound animal, living on and under the ground. The pilot began a steady climb. When he had climbed to a very high altitude, the gnawing ceased. When more than two hours later he came down safely at the next landing field, there was a dead rat in the pit of the plane.

The story of the rat may be compared to worry in this manner. Worry is also earth-bound. It cannot live "in the secret place of the most High." Nor can it breathe in our hearts, minds, and souls, if they are made vital by our prayers to God. We need to make our supplication with thanksgiving, in letting our requests to the Almighty be made known. There is little time for worry when one dedicates himself and his work, whatever it may be, to Jesus and His purpose and His way for each one of us.

I find these few lines comforting in our world of great happenings:

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,  
Till all our strivings cease;  
Take from our souls the strain and stress,  
And let our ordered lives confess  
The beauty of Thy peace.

—John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872.

#### SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Southwestern Association will convene with the Church at Edinburg, Tex., August 4-7. The meetings will begin Thursday morning.

The president of the association is Pastor Edgar Wheeler, 404 E. Coleman Ave., Hammond, La. Mrs. Mary Boehler, Box 495, Edinburg, Tex., is the clerk of the entertaining Church, and should be notified by those planning to attend. The theme is "Watchmen of God." Ezekiel 33: 7.

Mrs. C. A. Beebe,  
Corresponding Secretary.  
Gentry, Ark.

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

#### WHAT IS THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST DENOMINATION?

The Seventh Day Baptist denomination is a part of the body of believers in Christ, which is the Church of Christ around the world. As a part of His Church all members of the denomination are messengers who carry "the good news," which is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Seventh Day Baptist denomination is also a fellowship of believers. There is a unity within this fellowship which supersedes the different ideas that the members hold in minor matters of religious beliefs.

It is impossible to think of George Washington without thinking of the United States. When people think about you do they always think of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination?

The direction of our lives is determined by those things which we consider most important. We invest our money according to these important things which govern our feelings and actions.

Serving the cause of Christ should be the most important motive of life. Our active service for Christ should first of all be manifest in the local Church. Since Christ said for us to go into all the world, our money should go as a part of ourselves through the Denominational Budget into the world-wide work of Christ.

Our interest in the denomination will grow as our contributions for the budget are increased. Our denomination can assume its responsibility for the work of Christ's kingdom more fully when the budget is raised.

Every Seventh Day Baptist doing his share is the goal for this year and every year. Pray for and pay for the work of Christ to be done through our denomination.

Harley Sutton, for the  
Budget Committee.

#### LEWIS CAMP Ashaway, R. I.

Pastor Ronald Hargis, Director

Ages: 12 to 20 years

Dates: July 19-28, 1949

Cost: \$12.50

Camp Theme: "Spiritual Adventuring"

**DANIEL IN THE LIONS' DEN**

By Alwin Hennig

(This message was contributed by Heinrich Bruhn, Hamburg, Germany)

Scripture: Daniel 6.

Of all God's prophets, Daniel is the greatest and has the most influence. Daniel was both a prophet and statesman under a number of kings; and, most wonderful of all, at no time was he a statesman without being a prophet of God. As a statesman he saw world kingdoms come and go. First he served under Nebuchadnezzar. What a contrast — one a political mastermind, the other, a religious mastermind — Nebuchadnezzar, the representative of the world kingdom, and Daniel, the representative of God's kingdom. Daniel was the herald of God's judgment, and the messenger of God's mercy at the same time. He saw the followers of Nebuchadnezzar; he fulfilled his mission at the court of Belshazzar; he served under Darius; he lived at the time of Cyrus the Persian; and at all times he was a prophet and a servant of God. This double position as prophet and statesman proves his name Daniel, as a member of the people of God; but as a statesman he is called Belteshazzar. Daniel 1: 7.

What is the mystery of this great man and his rich and purposeful life? We would all like to know this since we are all striving to be as successful and great in our sojourn on this earth to be living witnesses of God. This would certainly be the best for us all. So we ask again — what was this great mystery? There are four texts — Daniel 4: 8; 5: 11; 5: 14; 6: 4. An unusual spirit — that is the great mystery in the life of Daniel. He was filled with the Holy Spirit which gave him wisdom, intelligence, faith, and confidence.

We have all fallen from grace, and the Holy Spirit no longer dwells in us as in the beginning, and in its place Satan steps in with unholy spirits to disrupt the temple of God and to destroy. How clearly we see this in the world's history. Daniel worked and served diligently and earnestly, but the statesmen and diplomats continually opposed him, spinning their plots so as to win the king's favor,

and going unmolested in fulfilling their diabolical plans. These men were in the service of Satan. They betrayed Daniel to the king. This betrayal is a forerunner of what is going on today. It has found a fertile field and we must guard against the evil spirit and not lend an ear or use our tongues to further this bad influence. A Christian must never be found to bear false witness against anyone. We should always have this thought in mind — what to do and what not to do — so that the spirit of God dwells within us. Only in this way can a Christian remain steadfast in the world of today.

Daniel's position was very precarious. The king's court is and was dangerous. The king's favors do not always agree with God's will. The historian, Dr. Solm, said that the fall of the Church at Nizaa in the year 321 came because it joined with the Church of the State; so it gained favor with the lords and the king. How often have the clergy stepped down and allowed this to happen.

Daniel remained at the king's court, a member of God's people, and a witness to His cause. This he could only accomplish because he was filled with the Holy Spirit and had the divine protection which strengthened him against temptation. In the flesh he was thrown into the lions' den and remained unharmed. We, too, must have such a strong faith that we will not go astray or deny Christ when a critical situation arises.

The king did not wish to have Daniel thrown to the lions. He did not know that his court (in other words, Satan) was back of the attempt to destroy Daniel. That is as it was then and it has often repeated itself. Kings and high dignitaries become slaves to their surroundings.

But what did Daniel do when he found this out? He did not submit to these things. Daniel 6: 7-10. He could not be without prayer. Thirty days without prayer — impossible! Daniel did not start a revolution nor did he ask the king for help. Chapter 6: 10 tells us that he retired to his chamber and prayed as he always had at crucial times. This is what we should do — and often — pour our

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**SPEED ESSENTIAL****Efficient Evangelism Awards**

Many of our pastors and Church members have expressed keen interest in the ongoing movement for Efficient Evangelism, and others who have had no chance to express interest have been going about more efficient evangelism. We are seeing an awakening within a number of our Churches to the first task of the Church — evangelism. And we're getting better at evangelism because we're trying it out. We're becoming more efficient because we're practicing this job of helping God spread the good news of life in Christ.

The Measure of Achievement in Evangelism poster which was sent out through the Missionary Reporter to every pastor and Sabbath school superintendent, and many others, received good response from many. **BUT NONE OF THE MEASURES HAS BEEN RETURNED.** (See page 3, November-January, Missionary Reporter.)

Is it possible that our Churches are afraid to evaluate their efforts in this most important task the Master gave His Church? Is it that the Measure of Achievement is impossible to use? Is it that we are too independent as Baptists and are too cautious about comparing our Church with other local congregations? Do we fear good rivalry?

The Conference president is preparing to make awards publicly to those Churches growing in terms of certain percentages in Bible school and Church memberships — the 10% and 5% goals set by the Board of Christian Education and Missionary Society, respectively.

The Missionary Society, under consultation with President Loyal F. Hurley, is preparing to make awards publicly to those Churches whose self-evaluation shows honest efforts and wholehearted response to the ever-new task of evangelism in Study, Organization, Campaign, and Conservation, if and when the "Measures" are sent to us. There will be no reason for jealousy between Churches because of these awards, but only mutual rejoicing and brotherly stimulation. Let us provoke one another to good works in evangelism.

D. S. C.

**REPORT OF  
PROMOTER OF EVANGELISM**

(Report of Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, Promoter of Evangelism, to the Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, for May and June.)

Since the first of May, your promoter of evangelism has participated in the following activities:

Personal visitation in Columbus and in Greenville, Miss., while en route to Fouke, May 4, then in Texarkana, Fouke, Jonesville, Nady, and Cox College, Ark.

In each of these places in Arkansas assistance was given in evangelistic services.

In Jonesville, there were 50 to 70 in attendance at the services. In Fouke, there was not a series of evangelistic meetings but your worker was asked to speak on four Sabbath mornings. The first week she gave the charge to the Church at the ordination service of Glenn Davis as deacon. She also led the prayer of consecration and ordination during the laying on of hands. Each message was evangelistic in nature and related to the work of the Church. The attendance the first two weeks was 34 and 35 respectively, and 50 and 52 the last two weeks, with over 60 in attendance the Sabbath eve on which the Vacation Bible School shared its closing program.

In Nady, about 30 to 50 gather at the Church each Sabbath for Bible school and worship in the morning. Then comes happy Christian fellowship, spontaneous singing, a bountiful picnic dinner, a rest period with visiting, children's Bible pictures, prayer, and an afternoon meeting with ringing music, earnest testimonies, prayer, and a message from all who feel moved to speak.

For the last two weeks we have had a night service following the Sabbath with 45 to 55 in attendance. It was not the intent of the Church at Nady to hold evening evangelistic services through the week while the Vacation Bible School was in session, but on the first Sabbath day Mrs. John Mackay asked as many as would to join her in prayer that there might be a revival in Nady "beginning



with me." A large number joined in this prayer. On the following day, people around Nady began asking me if we were going to have night meetings. I said, "Yes," and proceeded to advertise and to hold the meetings. Members of the evangelistic team take turns presenting the message while others lead the singing and the testimonial meetings. There has been a steady increase in attendance with over 50 present on Friday night. It is expected that these meetings will continue each night in Nady except on Wednesday when services will be held in the other Church in the town. Our evangelistic team will probably go to Cox College that evening as we have done the last two Wednesday nights. Also, services were held in Cox College on Sunday morning and Sabbath eve, June 10 and 12.

At Nady, we have had an experience similar to a young people's camp. James Mitchell of Texarkana, David Beebe of Gentry, Inez Hughes of Cox College, and Nelda and Nadine Tyre of Palatka, Fla., have been assisting in the evangelistic services. Inez was baptized and Nelda, Nadine, Mrs. Hickerson, and perhaps others hope to be baptized soon.

Vacation Bible School was held in Jonesville for three days with 17 to 25 in attendance. Many of the children were taken to Fouke for Vacation Bible School there. Flannel board pictures of a few Bible verses and incidents in the life of Christ were shown for two days in different rooms of the public school in Fouke. Vacation Bible School was held in Fouke for two weeks, with an attendance of 50 children, and some adults as visitors. There were 14 children on the honor roll for perfect attendance, and 20 others were awarded certificates for regular attendance. Pastor and Mrs. Ralph M. Soper, Mrs. Edgar Davis, Mrs. Esther Mitchell, Mrs. Lilly Mitchell, Mrs. Billy Fitz Randolph, and Miss Hazel Scouten assisted with the instruction and music in a very gifted manner.

In Nady there have been 37 in attendance, five present all the time, and 25 fairly regular, with promise of more as the school continues.

### PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

K. Duane Hurley, Director

Above the world, kept by the Word,  
The everlasting hills, they stand,  
With singing pines, with sunshine rare,  
Bestowed by His Almighty hand.

With joyful hearts our songs we raise  
To sing our Heavenly Father's praise,  
And voices blend with singing trees,  
With waters clear and whispering breeze.

These words have become familiar to campers at Pacific Pines. Two talented musicians of the Riverside Church, one of them blind, composed the words and music as if by special inspiration while having a telephone conversation about Church camp.

Probably the song will be sung again this August during the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship Pre-Conference Retreat, which meets at Pacific Pines in the California mountains. At least the invitation is the same, to come "above the world" and be "kept by the Word."

To make Pre-Conference a real "mountain-top" experience in spiritual inspiration is the desire of those in charge. Everything which might tend to make the gathering only another good time together will be discouraged. Secular reading will be minimized; study of Holy Scripture will be magnified. The distracting influences of newspapers and radios will be forgotten for a few days. With a wish to exemplify superior habits among our own youth and outsiders who may be observing our activities (and incidentally in co-operation with the U. S. Forest Service), a regular Pacific Pines rule will be maintained — no smoking within the camp area.

An especially constructive camp program has been outlined, including special interest groups: Youth Work in the Local Church, the Christian Citizen, Christian Stewardship, and the Bible Speaks. Outstanding leaders from all parts of the denomination have been secured to teach these classes and supervise the other worth-while activities.

Young people who attend will find expert counseling in almost every field

of their specialized interests: Education (a scholar having just completed work on a doctor's degree will be in attendance); missionary endeavor (a missionary recently returned from the foreign field will be there); Christian homemaking (consecrated mothers and fathers are among the leaders). This list could be amplified to show Pre-Conference to be the golden opportunity of the year for leadership training. You want to be in on the modern "gold rush," don't you?

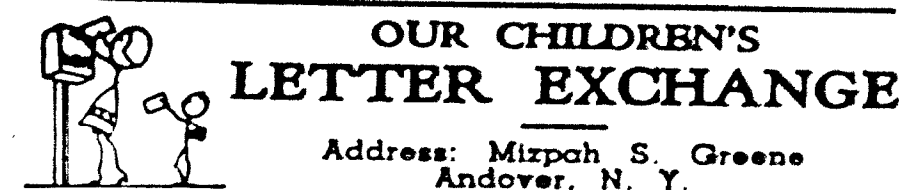
Extracurricular aspects of Pre-Conference are not being neglected. An athletic director has been secured who is preparing an outstanding recreational program, including swimming and hiking. A professional musician will conduct special musical activities. In charge of campfires is one who has had unusual success with that important part of camp life, and listed among the guest speakers is a nationally known lecturer.

All young people who have completed the ninth grade should be making plans to attend. The total registration cost is just \$6, including insurance. The camp management will have to know by the end of July approximately how many will be in attendance. Registrations should be sent to K. Duane Hurley, 854 Thienes Ave., El Monte, Calif. Preference of interest group in which you wish to participate should be indicated with registration.

Each camper is requested to bring his Bible, a notebook and pencil, sufficient bedding for cool nights, toilet articles, swim suits, and other suitable personal items. Sensible sportswear is permissible. Some bedding can be provided for those who find it impossible to bring an adequate supply.

"In a world of turmoil and uncertainties, at Pacific Pines Camp there is the opportunity to get away from and above the world, to feed on the certainties of God's Word and to strengthen the spiritual self. It is our prayer that each camper will find new meanings and values in Jesus Christ and His Word."

This sentiment used at another time, is appropriate for this time, too — August 11-15, Pre-Conference Retreat. Don't miss it! The cost is low; the value, high.



Dear Mrs. Greene and the Children:

About two weeks after I came home from Alfred, N. Y., to Massachusetts, in March, 1949, I paused a few moments at my window to watch the chickadees getting sunflower seeds from the feed tray on the porch. My eye caught sight of a different little bird there, apart from the others, not looking at seeds but tilting its head and bright eyes up toward the window, as if it would like a fat fly to eat.

At that moment I noticed yellow color on its head and throat and black dots on its breast which a chickadee doesn't have. I said to myself, "What can that different little stranger be, so quickly seen, so quickly gone?"

Right away I studied the bird book and found it was a cousin of the chickadees, an Audubon's warbler, a western bird rarely seen in my part of the country. This surprised me.

The book says these Audubon's warblers migrate from north to south to spend the winters in Mexico and South America. I made a guess that this tiny bird was blown off its usual route by the heavy snows and severe winds of the winter of '48 and '49. So I called it my little "forty-niner," after the people who were making routes across our country a hundred years ago hunting gold.

Anyway, this little warbler so far from home and birds of its own color, seemed to be happy in the friendship of its cousin chickadees which are such cheerful little residents of the eastern part of the United States. I made another guess as to where that little lost creature went after its short hunt for a fly on our porch; but that guess is buried among present "I don't know's."

Just as I had written this far on this May morning, I saw another brief pretty sight — a beautiful black and yellow goldfinch.

This lovely little bird lit on the tip of a fence post so I could see how nicely its morning colors shone. Then it flew down to its first course at breakfast, on

## CHURCH NEWS

EDINBURG, TEX. — We had two Sabbath Rally Day services. Sabbath eve, Pastor Loofbourrow preached on "The Sabbath in the Bible," and Sabbath morning, his subject was "The Sabbath in History." There was congregational singing with several Seventh Day Baptist hymns being used from "We Glorify Thy Name." Miss Mary Fisher beautifully rendered a solo Sabbath morning. Visitors were present for both services.

We have been enjoying Pastor Loofbourrow's good sermons each Sabbath, and his messages over the air as he takes his turn with other Edinburg pastors broadcasting from the home station KURV.

Because of local conditions it hasn't seemed best to have a regular prayer meeting each week as many of our Churches have. On each Wednesday evening, however, we meet for song practice which is begun with prayer. The first Wednesday of each month this service is followed by a Church social.

For the first quarter of 1949 Bert Boehler and John Hughes received religious fiction books as awards for Sabbath school attendance and work. The second quar-

ter award was won by Harold Boehler. At a Sabbath school business meeting June 29, it was voted to organize a home department. Mrs. Angeline P. Allen was elected superintendent of the department.

Our group, though small, is looking forward to the time when we may have a Church building of our own. To this end the Sabbath school and Benevolent Society are gradually adding to the building fund. There have been some small individual gifts and one lone Sabbath-keeper sent \$50 for this fund.

Some of our young people are planning to attend camp in Louisiana the last week of July.

We are looking forward to entertaining the Southwestern Association August 4-7.

Mary H. Boehler, Correspondent.

SALEMVILLE, PA. — Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Burdick and family arrived in Salemville June 15.

For Sabbath day, June 18, the Church had planned a program of welcome. Exercises and songs were given by the juniors. An octette also rendered special music, and the welcome to the Budick family to the Church was given by Sherman Kagarrise. Pastor Burdick then took charge of the services.

The evening after the Sabbath we again gathered at the Church for a welcome to the Burdick family and a get-acquainted social.

We enjoyed a song service and several numbers were given by the octette. Mrs. Mildred Robinette gave the welcome to the Burdick family, and Rev. Mr. Burdick responded.

We then returned to the lawn for a social time, and light refreshments were served. — Correspondent.

ALBION, WIS. — It is expected the Milton Junction and Albion, Wis., Churches will send Pastor Kenneth Van Horn to Conference.

The fellowship dinners, the fourth Sabbath of every month, are well attended and soon enough money will be raised to send one of our young people, Norman Whitford, to Pre-Conference Camp and to Conference. This project is sponsored by the Sabbath school with Charles Williams, superintendent.

the head of a dandelion ripened to fluffy seed stage. It picked off a clump of the seeds, bending the stem down with its weight, then ate the seeds as if very hungry. Then off it flew into the trees for its next course of breakfast, which I also have to list among the "Don't know's."

Just as this gay yellow and black visitor interrupted my thoughts about the Audubon's warbler and the chickadees, I was planning to say this: What a fine life it was for those chickadees to be so kind, that a little storm-tossed stray cousin found friendship and food in their company. This is something like our Church and Sabbath schools where we learn and can show the love of God to people in distress and danger.

Really, these little creatures encourage us to love God more, and live that love so that others who are in trouble and might be lost, can be saved and helped.

(Mrs.) Lois Fay Powell.

Box 56, Princeton, Mass.

## NEWS FROM ALFRED UNIVERSITY

The first shipment of radioactive isotopes for use in ceramic research at Alfred University arrived on the campus recently.

The isotopes will be used under a \$24,000 research program which has been set up and approved by the Atomic Energy Commission and the Office of Naval Research. Marion Voss, assistant professor of ceramic chemistry, heads the project.

Although the first task to be tackled with the isotopes will be that of studying the diffusion between metal oxides and ceramic materials, it has been emphasized that the project will be versatile enough to allow for research in several other fields.

"A great deal of care has been taken in setting up the program," Mr. Voss said, "so that the two laboratories we have equipped may be used in connection with research in biology, chemistry, physics, and other fields as well as ceramics."

Called the Alfred Research Foundation Isotope Laboratory, the facilities for the new research work actually consist of a radiochemical "lab" and a counting "lab." Both will be available to industry and to other departments of the university.

Assisting Mr. Voss will be Dr. Samuel R. Scholes, Jr., radio chemist, and George Harris, technician. Members of the isotope committee, which has general supervision of the laboratory, include Mr. Voss, chairman, Dean John F. McMahan of the New York State College of Ceramics, Dr. H. O. Burdick, Dr. C. R. Amberg, Dr. Van D. Frechette, Dr. W. G. Lawrence, L. B. Bassett, and Dr. J. G. Moorhead.

The Home Benefit society is sending their president, Mrs. Clarence Lawton, to Conference.

New Church hymnbooks are being ordered. These will be like the ones given to the Albion Church, several years ago, by Rev. and Mrs. C. S. Sayre, in memory of her father, Rev. H. D. Clarke.

The Church dining room has a new ceiling and other repairs are to follow. Thus the Albion Church is looking forward to the association next fall. — Pearl C. Sheldon, Correspondent.

## Marriages

Bond - Heimstra. — Raymond Walter Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bond of Dodge Center, Minn., and Joan Marie Heimstra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Heimstra of Rochester, Minn., were united in marriage on March 26, 1949, at Minneapolis, Minn. Rev. Roy Harrisville officiated. Mr. and Mrs. Bond are at home in Dodge Center, Minn.

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hearts out to our Heavenly Father. Daniel knew that he was being observed, but God strengthened him and helped him so his fears would be allayed. He did what we read in Psalm 37.

Now Daniel experiences the great wonder of being saved from the lions' den. He is 80 years old at this time. Daniel is in the clutches of the lions, and in the power of God who shows Himself as the living God. Daniel 6: 26. **Daniel trusted in his God.** This we must all learn to do — to count on God and wait for His announcement — that is faith! This faith in Jesus Christ, this confidence and trust in the love, wisdom, grace, and omnipotence of God does not belong to the self-evident things. He is the working of the living word of Jesus: "Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?" John 11: 40. When God speaks to us, we should have faith and then we can experience its magnificence. **Living faith is the echo of the voice of God.**

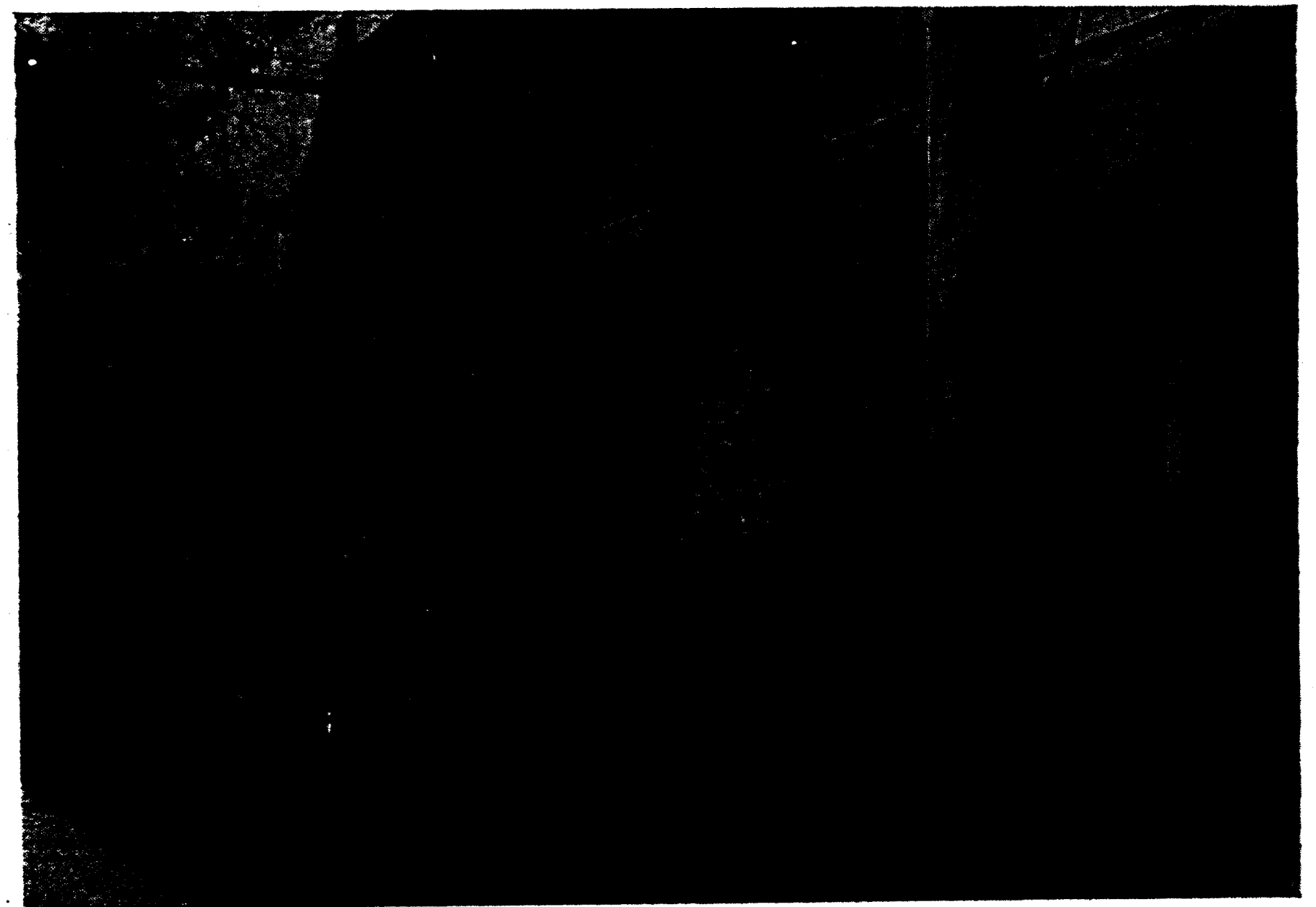
Daniel had an open ear for God, and consequently he lived in the glory of God.

Friends, please, let us hearken unto the voice of our Lord, through His word, in solitude, and in Church; then our faith will grow and we will feast in God's glory every day. Today the great lions' den is still covered. But for how long we do not know. Let us spend the time well. There are too few witnesses for God; there are still so many who pay no attention. Whoever fears ridicule now, how will he be able to stand when things become more troublesome later on? Let us all as a small gathering stand on the side of God as reading, listening, and praying children of God.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## *A Shady Spot in Riverside*



Here is a corner of the Riverside College campus. Conference delegates will become familiar with such shady spots along the paths leading to the cafeteria and other meeting places. — Courtesy of K. Duane Hurley.

### MORE ABOUT THE BREMGARTNERS

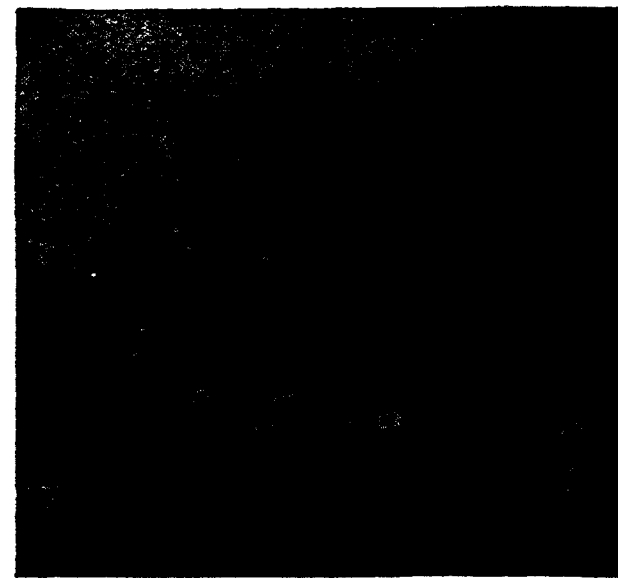
L. H. North,  
Dear Friend:

I was very glad to read the letter from the two German boys. For nearly two years, I have been corresponding with them, their mother, and grandmother. They call me their "Aunt Minnie in America."

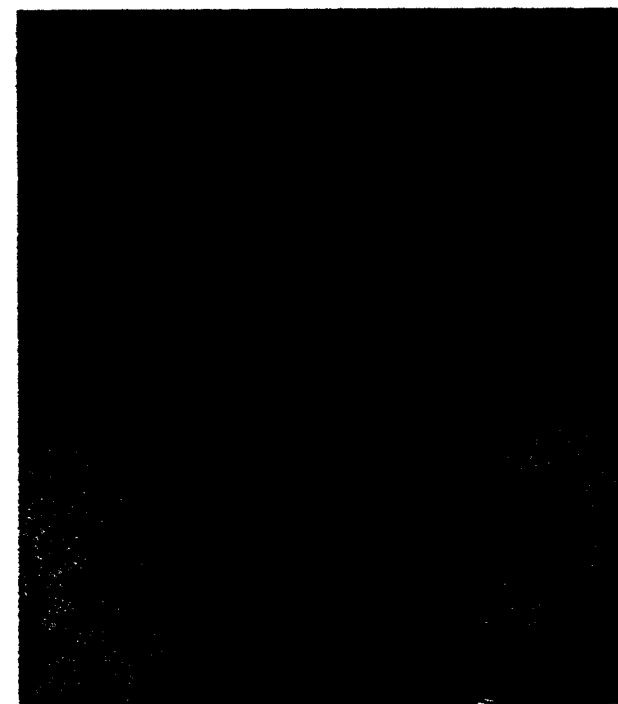
For weeks I have thought perhaps you would like the boys' picture for the Children's Page in the Sabbath Recorder. I will loan it, if you wish. Their mother will be graduated this year with the M.D. degree. She would like so much to come to America to practice medicine. If you know how she could come, kindly write her, or her mother. The address is the same as the boys, Halle, Saale, Germany.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Minnie Sawner.

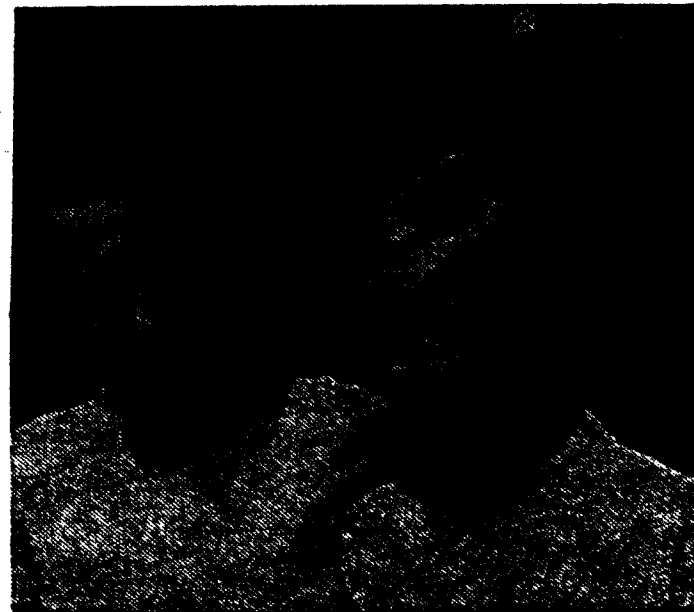
Brookfield, N. Y.



Mrs. Marie Bremgartner



Dr. Anne Schander  
(nee Bremgartner)



Peter and Axel Schander

### PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

AUGUST 11-15, 1949

Pacific Pines Camp, Valley of Enchantment, Crestline, Calif.

Age — Those who have completed ninth grade, up.

Cost — \$6, insurance included.

Interest Groups: Group I—Youth Work in the Local Church  
Group II—The Christian Citizen  
Group III—Christian Stewardship  
Group IV—The Bible Speaks

Registration — As soon as possible, send your name to K. Duane Hurley, 854 Thienes Ave., El Monte, Calif. Please list choice of interest group in which you wish to participate.