

# The Sabbath Recorder

## NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK



*"God Works Through Homes"*

### *With the Dove Vendors in the Temple*

A Breeze swept in from the sea and the country,  
Down through the city streets, deftly whipping shawls,  
Testing loose doors, clearing the air that folk might breathe anew.

The Breeze went whirling through the temple gate,  
And whirling still, upset a vendor's stand.

A single pure white dove, the last unsold,  
Took sudden flight from out the jumbled wares,  
Flickering steeply up a spiral way  
While the peddler screamed and fumed in futile rage.

Thus the dove, preening atop a pillar's capital:

"Great art Thou, Lord God, who deliverest  
From the fowler's snare, yea, even from  
Thine altars, O Great God!  
Surely, the adoration of one living heart  
Outshines for Thee ten million bloody, burned —  
And one hand raised in pity is 'to Thee  
More than a generation's altar-slaughters!"

"How long have men been thieving in Thy courts!  
How long conducted them as knaves and hounds!  
Now, at long last, the desecration ends!  
At last they press Thy patience past its bounds!  
Great art Thou, Jehovah!"

The passing Breeze caught up these words  
And hurried bearing them across the town,  
Across the olive trees, and out to sea,  
Whispering as-it went, "How great is God!"

The sea took up, and thundered deep;  
On Lebanon, tall cedars tossed and called,  
And highest cloud and deepest rock replied,  
"From age to age, how great the Lord our God!"

Don Vincent Gray.

Milton, Wis.

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## Conference President's Corner

### VOICES FROM THE PAST

Forty years ago, under the caption, "Reminiscences of an Octogenarian," Rev. Charles A. Burdick wrote a series of articles for the Sabbath Recorder, relating much of interest to its readers concerning his ministerial career. In one of the articles he drew attention to a group of ministers who were already strong leaders among us in his own earlier career. All had come to us from other denominations, and a noteworthy group they were!

From the Baptists there were: Sherman S. Griswold, a noted abolitionist, a leader in temperance reform and his reputation as a historian continues to this day; Thomas B. Brown, associate editor of the Sabbath Recorder, and a voluminous writer in behalf of the Sabbath; Nathan Wardner, one of our first two missionaries to China, a field missionary in Great Britain, and a writer on the Sabbath and on Adventism; and Lemman Andrus a beloved pastor of a unique type.

From the Presbyterians: Alexander Campbell, a preacher of moving power, a leader in establishing De Ruyter Institute, and a joint editor and proprietor, first of the Protestant Sentinel, then of the Seventh Day Baptist Register — the immediate antecedents of the Sabbath Recorder. His autobiography, a thrilling story, was published in 1883. Joseph W. Morton, formerly a Reformed Presbyterian missionary to Port-au-Prince, on the Island of Haiti, was a classical scholar of repute, a teacher of Greek and Latin in De Ruyter Institute, and principal of Hopkinton Academy at Ashaway, R. I.

Then there was James Summerbell from the Christian Church, a pastor and evangelist; James E. N. Backus, from the Methodists, who was a pastor and the editor and publisher for many years of The Sabbath School Gem, a private enterprise; and there was also James H. Cochran, a native of Scotland, a pastor and a director of the Missionary, Tract, and Publishing Societies.

What a noble array! From them came presidents of the General Conference, leaders in our educational movements,

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### LINEN FOR THE LORD'S TABLE

Do we take for granted the thought and work and prayer that are devoted to preparing the linen for the Lord's table?

When we enter the sanctuary on Communion Sabbath morning and behold the table made ready with pure white cloth beneath and above the elements of the Communion, what comes to our minds? By all means we meditate upon the life and ministry and person, the suffering and sacrifice and triumph of our Lord as we are drawn nearer to the physical symbols of His sacrifice. We could not and would not do differently.

Yet, somewhere, in thought's storehouse there should be room for an appreciation of the hands that have prepared the spotless linen, the head that makes a sacrament of such service, and the heart that warms to a fresh glow of devotion to our Lord as the linen is washed and ironed "as unto Him." This task performed with beauty of spirit merits our thought without detracting from communion with our living Lord.

When the Communion service is over, a word of appreciation spoken to the one who cares for the Communion linen will cause her heart to rejoice.

Recently, it was our privilege to conduct a Communion service at a Church in which the Communion linen had been cared for by a deacon's wife, of blessed memory, for over fifty years. Her life was eloquent testimony to the loving service she had rendered our Lord.

### MAN POWER IS PRICELESS

"If anyone thinks that he can run the show all by himself, let him try it," declared Henry.

"Well, I would say it another way," commented Paul. "If anyone thinks that he can run the show all by himself, he is in for a rude awakening. The cause is already lost. It will be up to somebody to pick up the pieces."

"Possibly so," said Henry. "Anyhow, I would like to see the fellow try it. He surely would be riding for a fall, and the sooner he falls, the better — the better for the cause and the better for the man.

And, certainly, one man could not wreck so great a cause as the preaching of the Gospel of Christ."

"Agreed," remarked Paul. "Yet, in some way certain damage to preaching Christ's Gospel would be done in spite of everything. Some people would be misled. I am for avoiding as much misguidance as possible."

"Right you are," was Henry's reply. "Yet, Paul, when we think back upon our own early persuasions, I am afraid that we did our share of misleading. We must be patient with those who think and preach differently from what we do. They are sincere and so are we. In Christ we need each other. Our people need all of us. Man power is priceless."

"Yes, Henry. Man power is priceless. But, frankly, I am worried. I do wish that some of these fellows were not so cocksure and un-co-operative."

"Well, we had to learn, didn't we, Paul?"

### "GOD WORKS THROUGH HOMES"

In this morning's (Sunday) mail a pamphlet entitled, "God Works Through Homes," was received from the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. We understand that copies have been sent to all of our pastors.

Although the time is short for pastors to order sufficient copies of the pamphlet for distribution among the Church homes for use during National Family Week, May 7-14 (Seventh Day Baptist observance, May 6-13); prompt ordering will make such a project possible in the majority of cases. Besides, if the material should be a little late in arriving for the observance of National Family Week, it is excellent for use in the home any week.

These "Devotional Moments for the Family" were prepared for the International Council of Religious Education by Ethlyne B. and Edward D. Staples. The daily subjects are: God Works — Through Devoted Homes, Through Unhappiness, Through Modest Homes, Through Families Who Seek, Through the Merciful, Through Genuine Families, Through Families Who Love Peace, Through Brave Families.

This material is readily adaptable. It will need to be adapted in Seventh Day Baptist homes, especially at the point of beginning and concluding the observance.

Available at 5 cents per copy from the International Council of Religious Education, 206 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago 4, Ill., it is one of the best nickel's worth of material we have seen in a long while.

Let us grow closer to God and our loved ones through using this pamphlet as an aid to Bible-centered devotions in our homes. Then, surely, God will work more effectively through your home and mine.

### FORMER EDITOR HURLEY WRITES

Dear Hurley:

Prayerful interest of my friends has been a major factor in my steady, rapid recovery, I feel very sure. More X rays yesterday showed the fracture (twelfth dorsal vertebra) to be healing nicely. The doctor encourages me to return to teaching April 10; and says, within the limits which my full body cast allows, I may resume all of my normal activities — including the spading of my garden, which has been willfully and woefully neglected of late.

My stamina and powers of concentration are not yet back to normal, I fear. Something (?) inspires me to stretch out and relax every semioccasionally. A contributing factor may be the weight of the cast, which it will be my privilege "to lug around" for another couple of months. After that, for two or three months, I will probably have to wear a supporting brace. But the doctor assures me that travel to Salem, W. Va., in August will not be out of the question — for which, among many things vital and less vital, I am very thankful.

Sincerely,

Duane.

854 Thienes Avenue,  
El Monte, Calif.,  
April 6, 1950.

(Editor's Note: Further, Duane expresses his "sincere appreciation to Sabbath Recorder readers for their prayers and messages of encouragement." Truly, we join

his many friends in thanking God for the marvelous way in which He has answered prayer and guided the God-given skills of man.)

### PASTORAL PARAGRAPHS

Word has come from Mrs. Gerald D. Hargis of Los Angeles, Calif., that Leon R. Lawton, a student at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Los Angeles. Brother Lawton and his wife, the former Dorthy Brannon of North Loup, Neb., and their family expect to be in Los Angeles about June 8.

Friends of Rev. and Mrs. Luther W. Crichlow, 1455 "W" Street NW, Washington 9, D. C., will be interested to learn that Brother Crichlow has accepted the call of the People's Seventh Day Baptist Church of Washington to be its pastor.

The congregation worships in its own Church edifice located at 2107 Tenth Street NW, Washington, D. C.

A recent visit to the Crichlow home found Pastor Crichlow carrying on the regular work of the Church as well as being employed full time in the insurance division of the Veterans Administration at Washington.

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officers of our denominational societies, and outstanding pastors, all contributing mightily to the enrichment and growth of our entire life. What a precious heritage they left us! Fortunately for the present writer, he came into personal contact with almost all of them in their later days while the fires which had lighted their several pathways were still aflame, and a never-to-be-forgotten memory it is.

Their work is left for us to carry on, individually and through our duly appointed agencies which should have our fervent and prevailing prayers, as well as our generous financial support. The united Denominational Budget represents them all. Let us contribute to it accordingly.

Corliss F. Randolph,  
President of the General  
Conference, 1931-1932.

### ANOTHER YEAR OF PRAYER

(April 10, 1950)

It has been two years since the service of prayer in my behalf was held throughout the denomination. Words cannot express the spiritual value of being held up before the throne of God by your prayers.

When a person prays with his whole being, prayer, life, and God all mean more than ever before. Although I am much weaker physically, my spiritual life is much stronger.

So many of you through personal letters or through your Church have remembered me and my family by gifts of money and letters. This has been deeply appreciated by all of us. Only those who have lived the life of a shut-in can understand how much help comes from such acts of remembrance.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for me to get around, but I get up every day. I am also able to sit up for a little while once or twice a day to read. It is encouraging that I have very little uncomfortable feeling except that which comes from weakness. Talking is very difficult.

I am still hoping that it is God's will for me to recover sufficiently to render further service in His work. Please continue to pray for me and my family as we face the future.

Your prayers have been answered because I know that you have prayed for God to give me faith and spiritual strength to face whatever comes. It is to be expected that there are times of doubt and discouragements, but through faith and your prayers it is possible for me to come through these victoriously.

Harley Sutton.

### Will Endeavor Goal Churches

Additional Churches which have accepted "Will Endeavor" quotas for the Denominational Budget:

Second Brookfield (Brookfield), N. Y.  
First Hebron, Pa.  
Second Alfred (Alfred Station), N. Y.  
Richburg, N. Y.

Everett T. Harris,  
for the Committee  
on Budget Promotion.

### DOLLARS "FOR THE HEALING OF THE NATIONS"

Atabrine has been sent through Seventh Day Baptist missionaries to Jamaica and British Guiana according to a recent report from Rev. David S. Clarke, secretary of our Missionary Board. The drug was made available from military surpluses through the Foreign Missions Conference, and is a well-known preventive against malaria which is common in the American tropics.

Those who received the tablets from our missionaries, in consultation with local medical authorities, must have been reminded of Revelation 22: 2, "The leaves of the tree (of life) were for the healing of the nations." We thank God that we had an organization ready to minister to His children in this practical way when the atabrine prepared for our armed forces was diverted to this altruistic purpose.

More often than we suppose the Church does something of this sort in Christ's name. Read the full Denominational Budget, pages 36 and 37 in the 1949 Year Book, and you will see the faces of men, women, and little children peering out from between the lines. They are hard-working missionary pastors and lonely lone Sabbathkeepers, they are eager young people who look forward to a Church camp or rejoice in the understanding and fellowship they found there, they are serene retired pastors, or perhaps those who would have no pastor but for the sharing of other Seventh Day Baptists through the General Conference program.

What can we do to help? Often when confronted with searing need we yearn for a million dollars to give. Fortunately God has not made it so, for that would be too easy. But by regular proportionate and sacrificial giving through our Churches and through the Denominational Budget we can serve Him; and that service will be as concrete as a bottle of atabrine tablets or a monthly check to one of God's workmen. In this way we may express our prayers "for the healing of the nations." — Albert N. Rogers for the Committee on Budget Promotion.



## EMINENT SPEAKER TO ADDRESS MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Seventh Day Baptist ministers who attend the annual Ministers' Conference next month have an unusual privilege in store for them in the opportunity to meet and know Dr. David W. Soper. The in-



Dr. David W. Soper

formality of the atmosphere at Indian Trails Scout Camp and the scheduling of a discussion period following each lecture, combine to indicate that the Program Committee has planned for realistic and creative group thinking.

Dr. Soper is eminently qualified to lead a group of ministers in this experience. He is a member of the New York Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, and was trained at Stetson University in Florida, Biblical Seminary in New York City, and New Jersey's Drew University. He has done post-doctoral research at the Sorbonne and Oxford. During the past two summers he has occupied the pulpit of the American Cathedral in Paris, and traveled widely in Europe interviewing outstanding religious leaders and writers from Rome to Edinburgh. His published articles, concerned chiefly with contemporary theological leaders, have appeared in

many of the important religious journals of the United States.

As chairman of the Department of Religion at Beloit College, Beloit, Wis., Dr. Soper has been in wide demand as a lecturer in the East and Midwest, and during the last six years has delivered an average of two hundred addresses yearly.

"World War in the Soul: A New Theology," is Dr. Soper's announced theme for the Ministers' Conference. Monday evening, May 15, he will speak on "The Christian View of Man," on Tuesday his topic will be "The Christian View of Christ," and Wednesday, "The Christian View of the Church."

Dr. Soper suggests that ministers planning to attend the conference do some reading on these themes in their favorite books. In addition, he suggests other titles, "if," as he says, "the men would like to have a book to argue with or at, by way of stimulation." Among these are the following: Karl Barth, "Dogmatics in Outline"; Nels F. S. Ferre, "The Christian Faith"; Edwin Lewis, "A Philosophy of the Christian Revelation"; Hendrick Kraemer, "The Christian Message in a Non-Christian World"; Emil Brunner, "Revelation and Reason."

The Program Committee urges that each of our ministers buy or borrow one of these volumes and at least scan it through before arriving at Milton on May 15. — Wayne R. Rood, for the Ministers' Conference Program Committee.

## SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY HEARS FAMOUS LECTURERS

The Twentieth Annual Spring Convocation of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School became a part of the Seventh Day Baptist School of Theology curriculum during the week following the Easter weekend. This distinguished event embraces three series of lectures, The Devotional Addresses, the Ayer Lectures, and the Rauschenbusch Lectures, in addition to classes and lectures conducted by the faculty of the Rochester school.

This year the Alfred students heard Henry Sloane Coffin in the daily devotional addresses in the seminary chapel. Dr. Coffin's sermons were: A Christian

Interpretation of History: The Revelation of St. John: The First Missionary Commission: Isaiah 40: 1-11; and A Received Ministry: Acts 20: 21. Dr. John C. Bennett, theologian, author, and lecturer, gave the Ayer Lectures on the general theme: The Rediscovery of the Church in Protestantism. His four topics were: The Church and the Churches; The Church, the Bible, and the Kingdom; The Unity of the Church; The Church and the World.

Dr. David E. Lindstrom delivered the four Rauschenbusch Lectures. Dr. Lindstrom is one of America's most distinguished rural sociologists, author of the textbook used at the School of Theology in the Rural Sociology course, and an active layman in Midwest Church circles. His theme was, Christian Principles in Rural Life, and he discussed: The Rural Roots of Christianity; Early American Christian Influences Coming Out of Rural Life; Present Day Forms of Rural Secularization; and Christian Principles Operative in Rural Life and Their Universal Application. — Contributed.

## DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATIONS

### Northern Association

The spring semiannual session of the Northern Association will be held with the Church at Jackson Center, Ohio, beginning Friday evening, May 26, at 8 p.m., and closing Sunday morning, May 28. If you have any idea of attending, please send your name in as soon as possible to Mrs. Belle Hughes or to me at Jackson Center, Ohio.

Trevah R. Sutton,  
Pastor.

### Central Association

The Central Association will convene with the Church at Verona, N. Y., June 2-4, 1950. Theme: Faith in Our Times.

Miss Bernice Rogers,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### Eastern Association

The Eastern Association will convene with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ at Plainfield, N. J., June 9-11, 1950. Theme: Our Church and the Community.

Miss Esther Burdick,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## SABBATH RALLY DAY MAY 27, 1950

### Suggested Order of Services

Prepared by Frank R. Kellogg  
Corresponding Secretary,  
American Sabbath Tract Society

#### Sabbath Eve

Topic: Why I hold to the seventh day as the Sabbath.

Opening and closing parts of service as usual.

Four people to read and comment (three minutes) on each of the following verses of Scripture:

Genesis 2: 2, 3.

Isaiah 58: 13, 14.

Mark 2: 27, 28 — What did Christ say?

Acts 16: 13 — What did Paul do?

#### Sabbath Morning

Worship and Rally Day Sermon.

#### Sabbath School Program

Hymn — "God of the Sabbath."

Three people to read and comment (three minutes) on each of the following:

Purpose of the Sabbath, Mark 2: 27, 28.

Christ's example, Mark 6: 2.

Reward, Leviticus 26: 2-5.

## Voices Raised in Song at Ministers' Conference

Music will ever play a beautiful and important part when Seventh Day Baptist ministers are together. So it is natural that the "retreat" experience will be partly a participation in this heavenly expression.

Orville Babcock, Albert Rogers, Francis Saunders, and Wayne Rood, a justly famous quartet, will provide background for all our efforts, and will be featured at most of the retreat sessions. They will do "spirituals," and other sacred songs in both ancient and modern arrangements. For other musical occasions the "Towner's" will make its appearance.

For all of us, however, the greatest joy will be the joy of lifting our voices together in the harmony of praise to God, the Father, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. — E. Wendell Stephan, for the Ministers' Conference Program Committee.

## SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

### Quarterly Report of Corresponding Secretary

The first quarter of 1950 has been a full and rewarding three months for your secretary. Forty-seven days were spent in the field and 24 in the office. In denominational and interdenominational work, I feel that our board has an important and increasingly significant contribution. In local and national representative groups, I am convinced our position is needed and is not understood as yet. Our spirit and our work is needed in the world, and in the growing Ecumenical Church.

Office time was taken up with such work as: China and Miss Becker's continuing program, Socrates Thompson's summer plans, the British Guiana superintendent's visit, preparation of the Missionary Reporter, supervision of plans for the Student Evangelism program, Budget Promotion materials (preparation of), seeking personalized sponsorship of projects, study of Foreign Missions Conference - National Council relations, Sabbath Recorder contributions, and correspondence with pastors and secretaries. Numerous administrative interviews were possible in Milton, Wis.

Sermons and addresses were given in the following places: Philadelphia Fellowship, New York City, Southern Wisconsin Quarterly Meeting at Milton, Milton Junction, Albion, and Milton, Wis., Dodge Center, Minn., Stone Fort, Ill. (6), Jackson Center, Ohio (2), Salemville, Pa. (4), Lost Creek, W. Va. (6), and Roanoke, W. Va.

In most of these places, there was opportunity made to conduct a forum on the Church's evangelistic work. In Lost Creek, the Methodist Church was used for the preaching mission and our Church as the center for Visitation Evangelism instruction. Pastor Rex Zwiebel and I spoke to the high school assembly during the week of the crusade. Two rather complete evangelistic programs were conducted in local communities (Lost Creek and Stone Fort) and I believe that a new interest in serving the towns was aroused and put to work.

Intensive weekend programs were carried out in four towns with denominational education aims for Dodge Center and direct evangelistic aims for Albion-Milton Junction, Jackson Center, and Salemville. Our Milton forum on Visitation Evangelism is being carried into action and one prominent leader said of the presentation: "That's the first time Visitation Evangelism has been presented logically and realistically to me." Thanks are due the Methodist Instruction Folders used for that forum, and in other Churches as well. I presented the United Evangelistic Advance to Westerly and Area Pastors at their first enlarged meeting, January 24.

Mrs. Dorith Crandall, George B. Utter, and I attended the Annual Meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., January 10-13. We felt the opportunity to share ideas with many other Protestants directly involved in the same type of work as our board was beneficial. We found opportunity to make our contribution in a number of personal contacts.

Your secretary would recommend:

1. That the Nominating Committee be instructed to nominate four delegates and their alternates to the proposed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. One of these should be chosen for his foreign missionary interest as potential representative on the Foreign Missions Division Assembly; two should be evangelistic-interests persons for the Joint Department of Evangelism; and the third a direct representative from this board on the Foreign Missions Division. The first of these would be nominated to the General Conference; the other three direct to the agencies in the N. C. C. Your secretary would become a member of the Department of Evangelism by his office.

2. That this board urge General Conference, through Commission, to set up a study group on Seventh Day Baptist contribution to the Protestant cause in order that an official approach might be developed toward the general Baptist bodies, which are considering a Baptist merger. This study should include: The worshiping community and its effect on the world about it; the divine moral bases for Protestant strength in the world; ways

of advancing the kingdom through Protestant means if the Sabbath were included. The study might well be closely related to the International Missionary Council Study on Missionary Obligation.

3. That the annual report of the society include the following major topics in its report of conditions in our world mission fields:

### Proposed Outline for 1950 Annual Report

I. Seventh Day Baptists in the world — A mission strategy — Reaffirmation of the Seventh Day Baptist place in world Protestant mission:

(a) Sabbath is one of God's gifts needing better transmission into men's lives.

(b) Sabbath observance draws together broken communities of men; God gave the Sabbath to help men find His presence; thus, our peculiarizing observance and belief will speak out of the Bible to draw strength and unity for the Universal (Ecumenical) Church.

(c) Relations through FMC and FCC with other Churches — values, new NCC — statement of outlines of the 1950-51 budget: (Itemized according to Budget Committee's decision.)

II. Second Century Fund

(a) Itemized account of expenditures during fiscal year; (b) Program for New Zealand with approximate financial needs for second and third years there; (c) Future program carried on by enlarged budget work of society in co-ordination with other agencies of denomination.

III. China

(a) Shanghai school work; (b) Church work; (c) Liuho medical and evangelistic work; (d) The future of missions in China.

IV. Germany

V. England, Holland, and Java

VI. British Guiana, South America

(a) Program and policies; (b) Statistics from quarterly reports.

VII. Jamaica, British West Indies

(a) Church and evangelistic work: Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph's work, native pastors, special events in the Churches; (b) Crandall High School.

VIII. New Zealand and Africa

(a) Work and plans in New Zealand; (b) New Zealand's mission in Nyasaland.

IX. United States

(a) Policies; (b) Summary statistics; (c) Special events among "missionary Churches"; (d) United Evangelistic Advance programs.

X. In Memoriam

Rev. Gerald D. Hargis — Evangelist-elect to New Zealand.

XI. Corresponding Secretary's Report

(a) Administration and promotion; (b) Program among the Churches; (c) Denominational co-ordination service; (d) Interdenominational service.

XII. Treasurer's Annual Report.

The Tract Society at its March meeting voted: That projected field work be referred to the Missionary Society, and that the Missionary Board be informed that the Tract Society would be willing to care for the expenses of Rev. Earl Cruzan for field work in the area under consideration (Minnesota and the Dakotas) at any time up to the close of the current budget year on September 30. We appreciate the cooperative spirit of the Tract Board in this respect and expect to carry our full load in the denominational work.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Clarke.

### MEN AND MISSIONS DAY

The 20th annual observance of Men and Missions Day will occur on the weekend of November 11-12, this year. The theme recommended by co-operating missionary boards, and chosen by the Laymen's Missionary Movement for this day, is "Men for the Master's Mission." The text proposed for the day is Romans 10: 14, 15. It is hoped that every Church will recognize this day, since it may be combined profitably with any other emphasis. Most pastors will ask a layman to speak briefly on the theme preceding the morning sermon in which the pastors may follow up the same thought. Laymen's forums will be organized in some Churches and communities.



**THE MONTH OF MAY SUGGESTS****Pentecost**

In recent years the Church has been trying to restore an emphasis in the Christian Year which has been missing for some generations. Everyone knows that Christmas is the season of Love; Easter, the season of Life. But Pentecost — what does that mean to the average Christian? It should mean "the season of togetherness." Ecumenical Day, the May Luncheons — these are observances in keeping with the New Testament tradition of the first Pentecost after Jesus' death.

This Pentecost was an experience to those first disciples. Ask some of your friends (or yourself) what Pentecost means and the answer will probably be to the effect, "It was the day the tongues of fire darted around, the day the disciples spoke in strange languages, and the day that 3,000 were added to the Church." That is the spectacular part. Read the story again and get the deep and quiet words, "together," "steadfastly," "with one accord."

The dramatic incidents of that day and the communal life the first Christians began to practice might have segregated them as "those queer Christians" and made them a bit shunned by the rest of the community. But do you remember the phrase at the end of the story, just following the description of their manner of living — "and having favor with all the people"?

There were those who had accused the disciples of being drunk; there were the doubtful and the fearful because of the many signs and wonders; there were the devout Jews, safe in their traditionalism.

This month we stress the togetherness of Christians. The same groups are watching us — our unity, our system of economics, our methods of charity, our worship, our home life — observing the same phases of life they watched in the early Christians. Will we be found "having favor with all the people"?

—The Church Woman.

**LEAVE MOTHER IN THE FAMILY!**

It is good for the ego — this business of being a mother. It inflates you when the world has succeeded in its deflating process. I can expand in the sense of importance that my children impress upon me — at times. I can convince myself that no one carries a glass of water to my red-faced measly child quite as well as I, even though it be the fortieth glass in thirty minutes.

The other day I was dressing a small wire frame doll for my daughter. The frames were made at school and sent home to be clothed. I detest such jobs and was inwardly frothing at having to do this, and outwardly doing a poor piece of work with poor grace. But as the clothes took some semblance of shape my young daughter stood at my shoulder murmuring, "Oh, Mother, how wonderful!" "Oh, Mother, how can you do such lovely things?" By the time I finished, and she finished, I would probably have attempted to clothe a dinosaur had she requested it. Yes, I must admit that children set you up in your own estimation.

But in spite of all this — I detest Mother's Day. It has taken me some time to analyze my reasons. It is not merely because it is sentimental for I do not object always to sentiment. I have finally decided it is because it is not an honest evaluation of motherhood. Being a mother is not an individual matter — it is a relationship. To isolate it makes it something it is not. "Mother" infers children, husband, home — in other words, a family. The feeling of absurdity which most mothers feel on Mother's Day (for, of course, we know the many limitations which are not mentioned but speak louder in our own hearts for that reason) could be changed to great enthusiasm if the Church would change its stress and leave the mother in the family relationship, and together let the members celebrate the Festival of the Christian Home.

—The Church Woman.

**"GOD WORKS THROUGH HOMES"**

Combating delinquency and divorce, the eighth interfaith observance of National Family Week from May 7 through May 14 takes as its theme this year: "God Works Through Homes." Rev. Richard E. Lentz, chairman of the Inter-Council Committee on Christian Family Life, said the theme was chosen to emphasize that "the family has primary responsibility for the religious nurture of children."

The responsibility of the Churches for providing religious education for children has long been recognized, but many families have attempted to leave the whole job to the Church. Family Week is a means of drawing attention to this mistake. One means the Churches have taken to do this, working through the International Council of Religious Education, is to provide outlines for family devotions entitled, "Pages of Power." Copies are being sent to all our pastors.

God works through devoted homes. He works sometimes through unhappiness in families. He works through modest homes, through those who seek new ways to Him, through the merciful, and through the brave. These are some of the affirmations of the 1950 edition of "Pages of Power for Family Living." A story, a conversation, questions asked and answered with understanding, prayers and hymns in which the family joins, these are ways of recognizing that God does indeed work through homes.

For five years Rev. Harley Sutton promoted the observance of Christian Family Week among us, at the same time demonstrating in his own family the faith and the method of expressing it which he commended to us. He is now sustained in his sickness by that same faith. This is but one illustration of how God works through homes.

A. N. R.

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**SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST  
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

**Indian Trails Camp**

**Milton, Wis.**

**May 15-18, 1950**

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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
NEWS NOTES**

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers  
President, Seventh Day Baptist  
Board of Christian Education

◆ Next Monday, May 15, Seventh Day Baptist ministers will be gathering at Indian Trails Camp on Rock River, four miles above Janesville, Wis., for their annual conference. Dr. David W. Soper of Beloit College will lecture each evening on the theme "World War in the Soul: A New Theology" treating the Christian view of man, of Christ, and of the Church. Bible studies, workshop and discussion groups, and unscheduled informal sessions will round out a rich program closing with a Communion service Thursday noon. Rev. Hurley S. Warren is program chairman and Rev. Elmo F. Randolph made local arrangements. Mrs. J. Dwight Clarke of Milton will cook two meals each day and the men will get their own breakfasts.

◆ The Christian Endeavorers of the Old Stone Fort Church have been using Mrs. Ruby Coon Babcock's Study of Seventh Day Baptist Missions in China for some of their meetings. Pastor Addison Appel is leader of the group.

◆ Decisions of policy are being made now in long and earnest committee sessions concerning the organization of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. It is expected that most of the service performed by the International Council of Religious Education will be continued by the proposed Division of Christian Education of the new body. It will be a great advance to have one interdenominational program instead of six or seven as we now have.

◆ A three-hour Good Friday service was televised in Philadelphia this year. The service was sponsored by the Protestant Churches of the city.

◆ On April 18, I attended a meeting of the Commission on Worship of the Federal Council of Churches held in Riverside Church, New York City. As a member of this commission and as instructor at the Alfred School of Theology I have been

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asked to discuss the Methodist Hymnal before the district Methodist Conference in Painted Post, N. Y., May 4.

### TOOLS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WORKERS

It's an old question. Do you use most the books you borrow or those you buy? Some like to mark their books and paste additions in the flyleaves, which can be done only if the book is one's own. But others find that they work better when they know the book must be returned at a given date to the owner. You settle the question for yourself.

But the fact is that the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education has books to loan as tools for Vacation Bible School workers. If you would like to borrow for examination purposes, you can later buy your own copies after a selection has been made. Or, if you wish to use books as texts for your Church school, the board will loan its books to any member of a Seventh Day Baptist Church on a "first come, first served" basis. Apply to Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y. The list of available titles follows.

Northern Baptist Vacation Church School Texts: *Worshiping God, Jesus Our Friend, Jesus the Great Leader, Stories of Jesus, Learning More About God.*

Co-operative Vacation Church School Texts: *Friends at Work, Living in Our Community, Our Happy World, Bible Homes and Homes Today, Exploring God's Out-of-Doors, Let's Go Out of Doors.*

Southern Baptist Vacation Bible School Texts: *Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate.*

#### Other Available Books

The New Vacation Church School, W. Dyer Blair; *How to Conduct a Vacation Church School*, Albert H. Gage; *The Organization and Administration of V. C. S.*, Walter S. Athearn; *Teaching Values of the Old Testament*, Walter W. Moore and Edward Mack; *The Message of the Master*, Benjamin S. Winchester; *The Teacher*, Luther A. Weigle; *The Pupil*, Luther A. Weigle.

Also, *The Junior Worker's Notebook*, Mildreth Haggard; *The New Junior Workers Manual*, Robert P. Anderson; *The Mis-*

*sionary Education of Juniors*, Jean Gertrude Hutton; *Junior Topics Outlines*, Ella N. Wood; *Object Lessons and Illustrated Talks*, George F. Kenngott; *In the African Bush*, Jewel Heulster Schwob; *Worship Training for Juniors*, Josephine L. Baldwin.

Also, *Methods for Primary Teachers*, Hazel A. Lewis; *The Psychology of Middle Adolescence*, Mary E. Moxcey; *A Study of the Little Child*, Mary Theodora Whitley; *A Study of the Primary Child*, Mary Theodora Whitley; *Methods with Beginners*, Frances Wild Danielson.

Also, *What Is Teaching?* Frances Cole McLester; *The Educational Work of the Small Church*, John P. Schisler; *Planning for Children in the Local Church*, Hazel A. Lewis; *The Gospel in Action*, Henry W. McLaughlin; *The Audio-Visual Handbook*, Ellsworth C. Dent; *Christ's Life and Ours - A Course for Grades 10, 11, and 12 in the Week Day Church School*; *The Child and the Book - For thirteen-year-olds*; *Guiding Children in Worship*, Vesta Townes. A. N. R.

### COMMENDATIONS

The annual report shows that in many ways the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church at Milton, Wis., is rendering a faithful stewardship.

One of the signs of spiritual health is the report of a committee which had studied the needs of the Church and ways to meet them.

I would like to commend the Church especially on the following points in its program of Christian Education: (1) A meeting of Sabbath school teachers and workers was held each month during the year. (2) The Church has a committee on Christian Education which is very active. (3) The Church has a library. Books are available to children and young people covering various religious subjects.

Better Sabbath schools are possible if people really want to make them better. I feel that the Milton Church has this desire. As I visited the Sabbath schools throughout the denomination it was encouraging to find many laymen and ministers who are vitally interested in the improvement of their schools.

The Southwestern Camp Committee composed of Gerald Coalwell, George Stillman, Bettie Butler, Jennie Belle Fitz Randolph, and Paul Beebe is to be commended upon its early plans for camp. The camp is to be held near Mena, Ark., in a well-equipped camp built by the U. S. Forestry Service, from June 21 to June 27. Present plans include the following on the staff: Gilbert Butler, George Stillman, Pastor Edgar F. Wheeler, and Rev. Clifford A. Beebe. Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, Conference president, will be present at least one night.

A recent article in the Recorder reported the fine work being done by the Battle Creek Sabbath School. For this I would like to commend them and especially for the method used to check up on those who are absent. H. S.

### LEWIS CAMP

Ashaway, R. I.

July 18-27, 1950

Ages 12-18

### SUMMARIZED REPORT OF GERMAN RELIEF WORK

January 1 to March 31, 1950

Receipts	
Balance on hand January 1, 1950	\$ 54.06
Conference Committee on Relief Appeals	161.77
Churches and Sabbath schools	183.61
Ladies' societies	22.75
Members of Churches	15.00
Total	\$437.19

Disbursements	
Food	\$ 96.70
Medicines sent to Br. Schulte, Berlin	10.01
Packing material	5.50
Parcel post fee for 352 lbs.	
16 packages to the English Zone	20.80
Parcel post fee for 1,056 lbs.	
48 packages to the Russian Zone	147.14
Balance on hand March 31, 1950	157.04
Total	\$437.19

Of the above, 1,250 lbs. of clothing and 158 lbs. of food was shipped.

Frank Schober,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

German Seventh Day Baptist Church,  
Irvington, N. J.,  
April 25, 1950.



### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am home from school with the measles. So is Ginger. Wayne and Marcia have them, too. Maxine had them first but went back to school today.

Easter vacation, Ginger and I went up to visit at Grandma and Grandpa's farm. We put down silage for the cows and fed corn to the pigs. Maxine couldn't go because she didn't feel good. She was coming down with the measles then but we didn't know that. Mother wouldn't have let Ginger and me go if she had known.

Do you know, I can't write yet, so "Mommy" is writing this for me, but I tell her what to say. Next year I'll be in first grade. I like school.

Boots goes outside and gets mud on her paws, then comes in and jumps up on the bed to sleep.

Your little friend,  
Walter Martin Basler.

Route 4, Cuba Rd.,  
Barrington, Ill.

Dear Walter:

You are certainly having quite a time with measles at your house, but I guess it is good to get it over early. I hope none of you are having it very hard. As you know, our little grandson, Kris, came down with chicken pox the very night he reached here with his family, April 5. Since they returned home both Karen and baby Kathie are having their turn with the same itchy disease.

A farm is surely the happy place for boys and girls to have real enjoyable fun and work. I was brought up on a farm and I know. When our family moved to the city when I was six, I looked forward to spending the summer months with my grandma in the country.

I expect you'll be writing me many letters yourself when you reach second grade, but I'm happy to have your mother write this good letter at your dictation. I hope you can get her to do so often until you can write yourself.



## CHURCH NEWS

One Sabbath we were driving out to Independence for Church service. Joyce's dog, Blackie, followed us for some distance, so we had to take him with us. When we went into the Church we left him in the car thinking he couldn't get out. Suddenly in the midst of the sermon we heard him howling at the top of his lungs. My daughter hurried out to see what was the matter. She found that Blackie had succeeded in getting out of the car. The road had just been resurfaced. There was Blackie stuck in the tar with all four feet. When my daughter got him out, he got tar on her coat. That was worse than Boots' mud, don't you think?

Your loving friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have just been reading the Sabbath Recorder, so decided to write to you again. I am not very good at writing and I have only written to you two times. I think I wrote once and told you about my bird. Well, he died last February.

Martha (her name used to be Langworthy) and Keith came down in January and stayed until sometime in March.

Do you know Pastor Polan of Verona, N. Y.? Is he still there?

My nephew, Glen Davis' little boy, fell and broke his collarbone awhile back. Then about a week ago he pulled his mother's hot iron over on his arm and for a second it rested there. As it fell it hit him just over the eye just a hair from his eye. He has had so much sickness and he is having a hard time of it.

Pinkeye has been going around school quite bad lately. My brother, Herbert, and my father have it, but my mother and I are lucky I guess.

I am enclosing the words to a song about Easter.

Love,  
One of your Recorder children,  
Adeline Soper.

Box 86, Fouke, Ark.

## A Song About Easter

Pretty little blossoms growing in the sun,  
Have you any message ere the day is done?

Chorus:

This is what we're telling all along the way,  
Jesus, blessed Saviour, rose on Easter day.

MILTON, WIS. — Officers elected for the Milton Church at the annual meeting in January are as follows: President, Walter Sayre; clerk, Benice Todd; treasurer, Truman Lippincott; new member of the board of trustees, Russell Burdick; Sabbath school superintendent, Donald Gray.

On the weekend of February 3 Youth Week was observed. The vesper service on Friday night centered on the thought of youth and the service on Sabbath day was planned and all the parts taken by members of the youth groups. The talks were on the theme "We Would Be Building" — (1) In the Local Church, (2) In the Community, (3) Across the Sea.

A series of seven union Lenten services preceding Easter was conducted weekly. Five of these services were held in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and the final ones in the Milton Junction Church. Dr. J. Rodman Williams of Beloit College was the speaker. He presented six sermons on "The Making of Simon Peter" and also the meditation at the Communion service which closed the series of meetings.

Some new adventures in religious education here are: The Children's Hour conducted each Sabbath afternoon by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gray; a children's class conducted on Sunday mornings by Kenneth Smith; and a series of six studies on the Life of Paul illustrated by motion pictures and presented at the Sabbath afternoon forum hour.

A typical list of activities of the Milton Church for Sabbath afternoons follows: Children's Hour at 2, High School Youth Group at 3, Forum, study on the Life of Paul at 4, Social Hour and Hymn Sing at 5, Senior Youth Fellowship at 6:30. — Abbie B. Van Horn, Correspondent.

Birds that fly above us in the sky so blue,  
Is there any message Easter brings to you?

Dear Adeline:

My page is full, so I must wait until next week to answer your letter.

Lovingly yours,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

DENVER, COLO. — In the month of January we had our annual dinner, serving 102 persons. Anyone remembering the size of our social room would wonder just how that was accomplished, but under the capable hands of the committee it was a smooth-running and very successful event. The committee consisted of: Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hansen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Toy (now presiding over committee for 1951), Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Van Dyke, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thorngate.

February 25 was set apart as an "Every Member Sabbath." Three weeks before, invitations were sent out, and personal calls made for strengthening the appeal for a perfect attendance among our members and their families. It was reported that 77 members attended the services or programs that followed through the day.

Sabbath morning arrived as usual — nice and clear. Each member and guest was greeted at the door by Mrs. Elsie Thorngate, deaconess, and Mrs. Martha Burdick. Each person entering was given a badge with his name on it, except the guests who filled in their own, with a colored ribbon attached designating under which pastor he came into the Church: Pastor Ralph Coon, pink; Pastor Erlo Sutton, blue; Pastor Saunders, red; Supply Pastor Rev. Mr. Meicklejohn, yellow; Pastor Carl Hansen, (charter members), orchid.

Eleven of the original twenty-nine charter members were present: Mrs. Martha Burdick, Mrs. Ellen Daugherty, Mrs. Elsie Thorngate, Mrs. Esther Stanton, Mrs. Lura Benner, Mr. and Mrs. Will Jeffry, D. G. Burdick, Dr. E. K. Davis, Mrs. Ada Davis, and Mrs. Grayce White. Guy Thorngate, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Davis, Kenneth Crosby, Will Davis, Mrs. Pauline Rubin, Marvin Eshom, and Merlyn Patterson were among the missing from the services.

Following the honor to the charter members who received corsages, a short but very impressive memorial service was held for our deceased members and pastors. Among these were Rev. D. Burdett Coon, who gathered and held together this group until it was organized by Pastor Hansen in 1925; charter members, James W. and Miss Elsie Crosby, Mrs. Thelma Patterson, C. Fenner Saunders, Mrs. Francis G. Davis, O. G. Burdick; and other members, Mrs. Jessie Crosby, E. C. Barker, Mrs. Eliza

Davis, and Bill Wright. This program was beautifully done by Mrs. Elois Burdick, whose quiet manner and words seemed to take us back 24 years and bring us gradually forward with each mention of our loved ones.

The tables were decorated with ribbons of pink, red, blue, yellow, and orchid, again using the pastors' colors selected by the committee, and with an unfolding rose lying on each ribbon. There was an open Bible on each table. A plaque was awarded to Mrs. Martha Burdick, who graciously admitted she was the oldest member in the Church, and to Miss Beverly Davis, our youngest, was given a New Testament. The four families receiving editions of the New Testament for having the largest families in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shepards, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hansen, Mrs. E. R. Davis (Elno R. Davis being in the hospital), and Rev. Francis D. Saunders.

Herbert Saunders came down with his family to help us celebrate, as he was the moderator-clerk at the first meeting and helped us to organize. Rev. and Mrs. Erlo Sutton also attended the services and said a few words to the group. The afternoon service was made up of a forum given by the laymen of the Church. The junior choir sang two selections for the group. The evening was turned over to the men, who gave us a hilarious treatment of what our styles of clothes look like to them, and a mock wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davis of Denver have been living in California during the winter months and should be home by the time this reaches the press.

In March, if one wondered why the lights were on in the Church, he would have found that the choir was putting in extra time preparing for the Resurrection Sabbath cantata with their leader, Mrs. Geraldine Van Dyke. Mrs. Lila Saunders has been working with a youth choir, along with her many activities with the Christian Endeavor, and Pastor Saunders is head of the Youth Fellowship Society, consisting of our "teen agers."

We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Patterson back after their stay in Riverside, Calif. — Mrs. Grayce White, Correspondent.



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