

# The Sabbath Recorder

## A New Leaf

By KATHLEEN WHEELER

He came to my desk with quivering lip —  
The lesson was done.  
"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,  
"I have spoiled this one."  
I took the old leaf, stained and blotted,  
And gave him a new one all unspotted,  
And into his sad eyes smiled,  
"Do better, now, my child."

I went to the throne with a quivering soul —  
The old year was done.  
"Dear Father, hast Thou a new leaf for me?  
I have spoiled this one."  
He took the old leaf, stained and blotted,  
And gave me a new one all unspotted,  
And into my sad heart smiled,  
"Do better, now, my child."

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Left to right: Mrs. Nettie Fowler (daughter of Adelbert), Erastus G. Branch, Adelbert Branch, Mrs. Adelbert Branch. See back cover.

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## Conference President's Corner

### "FERVENT IN SPIRIT"

A few weeks ago, I attended a large Baptist Church and was impressed by several things. One feature of particular interest was a young man who stood at one side of the platform and talked with his hands to a group of about 30 deaf boys. He translated the sermon in the same fervent manner in which the minister was giving it. By careful observation, one could get some of the message from the hands of the interpreter. As I left the building, someone shook my hand and said a few words. There was a message in that handshake that anyone could understand. I knew that I was welcome and that they hoped that I would come again.

One hardly needs to talk to Seventh Day Baptists about their way of shaking hands. Everywhere I have visited our Churches, I have received the same fervent handclasp I became familiar with as a boy. There are some handshakes however that make a lasting impression. If you have ever shaken hands with P. B. Hurley, Claude Hill, H. O. Burdick, Frank Langworthy, J. Fred Whitford, Will Lawrence, or any one of the Brisse boys, you know what I mean. There is no doubt that something has had hold of you.

We can all gain much by being more fervent in our greetings. Many a wrong has been righted, many a life changed by a mere grasp of the hand. Presidential elections have been lost, lives have been embittered because someone neglected or avoided this common courtesy.

We can all "talk" with our hands. Let us make sure that they have a fervent message, not only for our friends but for the stranger.

Lloyd D. Seager,  
Conference President.

### ATTENTION, YOUNG PEOPLE!

If you plan to be at General Conference in Salem, W. Va., next August, and are interested in helping to serve the meals at the college cafeteria, be sure to contact Kenneth V. Hulin, Salem, W. Va., at your earliest convenience.

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### 1950 — CHALLENGE YEAR

Many salesmen who drive the highways are becoming safety conscious. It is reported that General Foods pasted on the windshields of their salesmen's cars the safety record of each salesman with the result that the number of preventable accidents was reduced 32 per cent. The vice-president of General Foods appealed over the radio to the company's salesmen in the United States and Canada to make January a record month with no preventable accidents. He challenged them to make January a challenge month and 1950 a challenge year.

The radio program which followed also stressed the national safety campaign. One man stepped out of character on the program to call attention to the fact that highway accidents are the greatest killer, even greater than the scourge of war. He urged careful instead of thoughtless driving, especially in the light of the tremendous accident toll of the long Christmas weekend and the predicted toll of the coming long New Year's weekend.

Yet, how indifferent some seem to be toward the driving hazards of long holiday weekends!

The Church may well take a cue from the crusade of the National Safety Council which is being spearheaded by the President of the United States.

Certainly, in the Church of Jesus Christ, January can be made a challenge month and 1950 a challenge year — in spiritual safety.

In spite of highway hazards, some drivers will drive thoughtlessly. In spite of spiritual hazards, some folks will live thoughtlessly. If only we would stop to consider the consequences of our thoughtlessness both to ourselves and others, preventable spiritual accidents would be cut appreciably.

The first law of safety is to practice being safe. Highway safety is a result of careful, thoughtful, courteous driving.

Safety in the spiritual realm is a result of careful, thoughtful, courteous living. A man cannot curse and swear without its having an effect upon himself and those whom he may influence. A man

cannot get drunk without destroying something of his self-respect and reflecting on the good name of his family. A woman cannot gossip without belittling herself before those who count on her for good counsel and honest speaking. A woman cannot press her own case on the social, political, or economic ladder without the sacrifice of some of the finer sensibilities that accompany homemaking and a due amount of Church and community work.

We cannot envy, lie, cheat; be selfish, indifferent, careless; show lack of appreciation, find fault, become harsh and critical — without slipping from the isles of spiritual safety.

To dwell on the isles of spiritual safety means a two-fold commitment of all of life — first, a complete obedience to the will and plan of God; and second, an entire consecration to Jesus Christ, God's supreme revelation of His will and plan.

Let us make January a challenge month and 1950 a challenge year — in spiritual safety — through Jesus Christ who only can make us strong.

### THE VISION OF GOD'S PURPOSE

Cecil B. deMille, in a brief comment on his latest film, "Samson and Delilah," said that not until Samson was blinded did he catch the vision of God's purpose — the purpose that He was working out through Samson's life and through Israel.

There is a most important lesson for us in this episode in Samson's life. We are aware that there are those who regard motion pictures as "an instrument of the devil." Some are, unquestionably. And, since we have not seen the "new, gorgeous spectacle," we cannot recommend it. Nevertheless, we are using this occasion to point out that between now and a year hence, several million people will have seen this latest outstanding Biblical picture.

Further, if seeing "Samson and Delilah" will impress upon a small per cent of those who attend, the fact that God is working out His purpose through the lives of people and of nations, it would seem that seeing the picture could be justified. Of course, the big drawback lies with the attitude of those who will attend — they are so entertainment conscious that the

visual education value may be lost. It is not likely that Mr. deMille has overlooked the entertainment angle.

Another feature of this drama, characterized in Producer deMille's comment, "not until Samson was blinded did he catch the vision of God's purpose," should grip us.

When do we catch the vision of God's purpose? Must we first suffer blindness? ill health? sorrow? hardships? disappointments? anguish? seeming defeat?

If, to discover God's purpose for our lives becomes our most important quest, then, in His own time and way, He will reveal it to us. There can be no greater discovery or clearer vision. Blessed, indeed, are we when He grants to us the vision of His matchless purpose.

### FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

Dear Hurley:

I likewise wish to commend the publishing of Wayne Rood's Conference sermon. Some thoughts may not be pleasant but are true, and some may hurt for the shoe may fit. I know these were so in my case. May every Seventh Day Baptist read and heed!

I also want to commend your pastor, Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, for his excellent statement of experience and belief. It encourages those of us who have been in the ministry for a time to have such men reinforce our ranks with evangelical-scholastic thinking.

Yours in the Master's service,  
Trevah R. Sutton.

Jackson Center, Ohio,  
November 28, 1949.

Editor of the Sabbath Recorder:

All of us read in the Sabbath Recorder of November 7 an article "What Is the Soul?" written by Harold C. Stillman, professor of Industrial Arts, Salem College, Salem, W. Va. He described the soul as a "pathway to God." This made clearer to me the idea of "What Is the Soul?" It recalled to me that many years ago a Mrs. Hall tried to explain to the Sunday school at the Congregational Church that the soul is more than the

conscience, or the "still small voice" which warns or directs us.

Clara Gribble Bee, Berea, W. Va., expressed her idea of the soul in the Recorder issue of November 28, thus: "It is a sacred shrine God places in all mankind; a place for His spirit and our spirits to meet and commune together. Christ stands at the door and when we ask Him to come in and 'sup with us and we sup with Him,' His spirit enters and communes with our spirits, and while in communion our spirits partake of His spirit until our souls thrill and swell with God's love divine, and our spirits become light as wings. The soul is too sacred and precious to be just a pathway to God. A pathway has a beginning and an end but the soul has neither. When we need it no more God takes it to Himself; it's a part of God. . . ."

I intend to copy this article in the Sabbath Recorder and hand it to the superintendent of the same Congregational Sunday school. Thank you, Clara, and thank you, Editor.

Grace Sanford Coalwell,  
of Dodge Center Church.

Ulen, Minn.,  
November 30, 1949.

The Sabbath Recorder,  
Plainfield, N. J.

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed find check for \$3 to renew my subscription to the Sabbath Recorder.

The Sabbath Recorder has been a regular visitor in my home since my earliest childhood, and now in my older years and as a lone Sabbathkeeper it grows to be more read and cherished every week.

May more and more of our people take and read it regularly.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. LaVerne D. Langworthy.  
December 18, 1949.

To our friends in America.  
Our dear friends:

Greetings in Jesus' name. We are very sorry not to be able to write to each of you as we would wish; but you can understand how our hearts are with you people. We are very much cheered by the many

letters and beautiful Christmas cards we have received, and ask for all to sympathize with me for not sending this in earlier to the Recorder. Your many letters help to make me think that we are not forgotten, though we are far apart; yes, I have found great consolation in them.

I should like to be personal, while I know that Benjamin shares a similar view. I have missed the very fine fellowship we had together in Church, school, at suppers, in homes, and otherwise. Oh, how I miss dear old Alfred, the very fine Christian people, Pastor Harris' smiling face, his calm disposition as he delivers his sermons. Also, Dr. Wingate's excellent performances at the organ, and Dean Bond of the School of Theology, who has spared no pains in preparing us for this great work. I do not want my readers to feel that I am too personal in a letter of this sort; but I must "render to Caesar the things that are his." I am only too sorry that Dean Bond is so far away and cannot hear with his ears what is said about the School of Theology. The people of British Guiana greatly appreciate the training Ben has received from our school in Alfred. I personally have to thank all of Ben's professors for the very friendly and practical education he has received, and hope that Ben will always find it possible to reverence the name Seventh Day Baptist.

Ben has left home on a missionary visit to the other stations. He may be back in the next three or four days. Nevertheless, in his absence, I have ventured to express my mind to our people in America. I wish all of our brethren in America a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I am also pleading with you all to keep this field in your mind, and cease not to pray for us here.

I should like our people to think upon the words of this poem:

If any little word of mine  
May make a dark life brighter;  
If any little song of mine  
May make a sad heart lighter;  
If any little love of mine  
May make a hard life sweeter;  
If any little care of mine  
May make a friend's the fleeter;

God help us speak the helping word  
And give us love and care for each other.

Yours in the Master's service,  
Hannah O. Berry.

C. C. Hadfield Street,  
Wortmanville, Georgetown,  
British Guiana, S. A.,  
December 22, 1949.

### SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH DEDICATION SERVICE

On Sunday, November 13, 1949, the Georgetown branch of the Seventh Day Baptist Church held a dedication service at their meetinghall, C. C. Hardina Street, Wortmanville.

There was a large gathering, among whom were the Rt. Rev. E. P. Barker; Rev. C. C. Belgrave who preached the sermon; Rev. B. O. Berry, superintendent of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in British Guiana who offered the dedicatory prayer and also gave a survey of the Seventh Day Baptist work in British Guiana; H. B. Davis, president of the Wortmanville Young People's Association who was the chairman for the evening; Mr. and Mrs. J. West, L. Small, O. P. Sinclair, Mr. and Mrs. Tyrell, and Miss D. W. Britton. There were musical items during the proceedings and greetings were brought from the Good Shepherd Church of Christ, the Parika Seventh Day Baptist Church, the Wakenaam Old Boys' Association, and the Wortmanville Y.P.I.A. The pews, the pulpit, the organ, and a lamp, were dedicated. — Contributed.

### IMPORTANT ADDITION TO SEMINARY LIBRARY

One thousand volumes, a library that represents the fruit of a lifetime of study and teaching, have been given to the School of Theology at Alfred University. The books comprised the personal library of Rev. Walter L. Greene and were given by him and Mrs. Greene to the seminary this fall. The task of classifying, affixing bookplates with the names of the donors, and shelving the books, has already begun.

Walter Greene taught for thirty-three years at the School of Theology. His specialties were Church History and Chris-

tian Education, and a large proportion of the ministers now serving the denomination have studied under his guidance. The library represents his chief interests, but there are valuable volumes in the fields of Bible, Preaching, Personal Counseling, and the Rural Pastorate. In addition to the published books there is a wealth of material collected and filed by Dr. Greene relating directly to the history of the denomination. The collection is an addition of major importance to the study resources of the seminary to which Dr. Greene devoted so much time and ability.

### HISTORY OF THE FIRST SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH OF HOPKINTON

By Albert Babcock Crandall

(Written for and read by Mr. Crandall at the rededication services of the Church, April 6, 1949.)

It is a wonderful and remarkably eventful opportunity for us to attend, partake of, and take part in the privilege of witnessing the rededication of this noble and sacrosanct edifice. Sometimes we enter this holy and consecrated temple with thoughtless and joyous minds hardly separated from the cares and duties or pleasures of the week. But we do come here to renew our loyalty and trust and faith in our God and Maker and to strengthen the bond of allegiance to our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Just after the middle of the seventeenth century (1665-1670), certain people of Newport, R. I., are reported to have been observing Saturday, the seventh day of the week, as the Sabbath, according to the words of the fourth commandment found on the tablets to be seen in the vestibule of this building. It is recorded that Elder John Crandall, the first Seventh Day Baptist minister to come to America, was a preacher in Newport at the time that Roger Williams was there.

In 1672, the Newport Seventh Day Baptist Church was established.

In 1680, people of the thriving little hamlet that grew near and about the Meeting House Bridge at the First Hopkinton Cemetery took for the site of their Church the knoll on which stands the

After taking his A.B. degree from Alfred University in 1902 and his B.D. from the School of Theology four years later, Dr. Greene pursued graduate studies in history at the Divinity School of the University of Chicago. Throughout his pastorates he read widely in the field of Religious Education, and held numerous posts of responsibility in the denominational program of education. He was given the Doctor of Divinity degree by Alfred University in 1933. Dr. and Mrs. Greene now reside at Andover, N. Y.

—Contributed.

ministers' monument. The Church structure stood until 1835, when, because of the decayed and dilapidated condition, it was torn down and this beautiful edifice, in which we are now, was built.

Pause a moment and note the nicety of proportions of the building. Notice the evenness and regularity of wall space and windows. See these Roman Doric pillars of simple purity and grace with the gradients of beautiful circles under the echinus topped by the abacus supporting above the architrave of the long classic gallery of unsurpassing beauty of curve and molding. Within the confines of the frieze are the long flowing lines of panels that carry the eye to the turns and terminals of the comely and unconstrained ornamental decoration. Above these parts notice the charming and lovely, delicate and attractive Greek fret just below the cornice upholding the shelf of this embellished entablature.

The setting of this beautifully proportioned and artistically designed colonial pulpit is surpassed by none that I can recall having seen. Although Trinity Church in Newport has a duplicate of this desk the unostentatious surroundings of this background make this one more attractive, more graceful, and one of more impressive beauty.

The edifice is lighted by the exquisitely beautiful, new, decorative and graceful chandeliers and side brackets, complemented by the splendid overhead lights in the stairways, in the vestibule, and in the alcoves, as well as in the Sabbath school rooms below.

In 1852, this building was moved to its present location on Church Street. It was set with its doors facing the south so that people entering would necessarily have to pass the pulpit, and, if late, would have to face the congregation with grave or smiling faces or with modest, downcast eyes.

In 1882, the building was turned half-way around, and the vestibule, vestry, and steeple were added.

In 1889, the baptistry was placed within the pulpit platform.

In 1891, the pews were no longer rented but made free of charge for all attendants.

In 1901, the steel ceiling was installed, and in 1902, a bell was hung in the steeple.

In 1907, occurred the changes of a new floor, new pews, an enlarged platform, and new paint on the walls.

### WORD FROM DR. ROSA PALMBORG

To my dear friends all through the denomination:

I have received so many Christmas letters, "Get Well" cards, and Christmas cards that I want to take this way to thank you all. If I live long enough I hope to acknowledge each personally. You probably can realize that I have done absolutely nothing for anyone for Christmas. Thank you especially for your prayers for I have faith to believe God will hear them.

I am out of the hospital and in a nursing home, which seemed the best thing, for I still need a nurse's care. Things have been kindly arranged for me, and I thank God.

The item in the Recorder said I "watched the operation." That is a mistake. It is not allowed as some people get sick. Anyway I didn't want to. But I was interested in "the pin," and the kindly surgeon brought it to my side of the screening sheet and showed it to me; also the X rays.

The spinal anesthesia was perfect and the anesthetist seemed to have nothing to do but give me that and my "blood donation" and oxygen tube, so to pass the time I amused him by telling him the whole history of our Liuhu medical

In 1947, a new Wurlitzer organ and carillonic chimes were purchased. These, with their tunes and the records of beautiful songs, reverberate to a distance of three miles summoning people to this sanctuary for divine worship.

Some visitors have called this building an architectural gem, and so it is, of which we may be justly, but not arrogantly, boastfully, or haughtily proud. It is the house of God.

We praise the Lord and adore Him for His leadership in our great effort to restore this house to beauty and usefulness in His work in this community. We pray for His guidance to direct our motives and our labors. Let us all join ardently and eagerly in the promulgation of the teachings of Christ our Redeemer and Saviour.

work, at least his eyes looked smiling -- all I could see of his face behind the mask.

The surgeon will not give his permission for me even to try to use crutches for four months after the operation and even then only after the X ray shows perfect union. I have thought much on "whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth," and hope I have been "exercised thereby" so that "it will work out the peaceable fruit of righteousness."

I am not suffering much now.

With love from your friend,  
Rosa Palmberg.

### CHINA MISSIONARY WRITES

(Excerpts of letter from George Thorngate to Karl G. Stillman)

Dear Karl:

It may very well be that you "won't" get this letter, but I shall send it just the same. The matter of mail is still very uncertain.

Helen and I are getting along all right.

The Church is doing well. There seems to be a great deal of interest in the Christian doctrine among the common people, or rather, those who are a little better off than laborers. Our Church building is full for most every meeting.

Last Sunday, Helen and I made our regular trip to Liuhu. The hospital is going along, not booming, but steadily.

We have been able to pay our taxes without too much difficulty, which is better than many institutions and families in the country. Travel is very slow and difficult nowadays, but we can still go and come.

We are going on the supposition that payments for mission purposes are being made, as usual, into my account in the Alfred bank.

Both of us send special greetings to your-

## AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE BIBLE

### WILLIAM TYNDALE

(Translator of the first printed English New Testament)

Seventy-five years after the invention of printing, which was approximately in 1450, there was still no printed Bible in English — one had to read the Bible in Latin or not at all. William Tyndale was keenly aware of the new currents of thought and the need for an English Bible.

But the Church authorities in England prohibited a new English translation, so Tyndale went to Germany to do his work. His translation appeared in 1525, the first printed New Testament in English. Early the next year copies were smuggled into England in sacks of grain, cloth, and furs, and immediately both the king and the Church forbade its use. The Church authorities bought all they could find and burned them. Soon afterward, while working on the translation of the Old Testament in Belgium, Tyndale was betrayed, strangled, and burned at the stake near Brussels. He died with the prayer on his lips, "Lord, open the King of England's eyes."

Today the American Bible Society stands ready to help missionary translators put the Scriptures into new languages as they are needed on the mission fields. By your support of the society you, too, can assist others to have the Bible in the tongue they know best and love.

Will you help the American Bible Society to continue with this great work that every man may hear in his own tongue the "wonderful works of God"?

### KOREA

In the years before the Japanese occupation of Korea, 23,000,000 copies of the

self and Mrs. Stillman, and regards to all members of the board.

Sincerely,  
George.

(Note: Anyone interested in writing to the Thorngates should get in touch with Rev. David S. Clarke or Karl G. Stillman of Westerly, R. I., or Miss Miriam Shaw of Alfred, N. Y.)

Korean Scriptures were distributed there. The Korean Church has emerged from the war with remarkable spiritual vigor. Her leaders are calling for a million New Testaments which they wish to place in the hands of every high school and college student. They must match zeal and wits with the Communists whose literature is being circulated widely. Yet the Korean churchmen are unable to publish their own Scriptures.

### PHILIPPINES

The whole Bible has been translated into eight of the widely used Filipino languages. The demand for those since the war is five times what it was before. One shipment which Secretary Fonger thought would last him a year was gone in two months. The opportunity in this aspiring infant nation is a stirring challenge. It is hoped that the Filipino Churches may soon take over their own Bible publishing problems, but this year and next they must depend upon America.

### GERMANY

In spite of Nazi influence and the earlier anti-Christian doctrines that have plagued the cause of Christ in Germany for a century, she is still the great Bible reading nation of the continent of Europe. The war left Germany 12,000,000 Bibles and Testaments short, to meet the annual needs of those joining the Churches, to supply homes lost and people displaced. The hideous fear of German Church leaders is that a whole generation will grow up with no knowledge of the Bible. The society is now supplying materials for the publishing of the books in Germany. Millions of copies have been furnished since the war but it will take years to overcome the shortage.

### JAPAN

The society has already supplied almost 2,000,000 Scripture volumes to Japan but her hunger is insatiable. The Bible is now among the ten best sellers in this non-Christian country. Everyone in Japan can read. But Japan cannot yet produce her own books. General MacArthur says, "There now exists an opportunity without counterpart since the birth of Christ for the spread of Christianity among the people of the Far East."

### CHINA

Here is the land of unparalleled opportunity. This is the land that has suffered longest from the ravages of war and still suffers. This is the land of the teeming millions awaiting the message of hope. This is the land where large numbers of the top leaders are Christian and will encourage the circulation of the Scriptures.

For their needs 100,000 Bibles have been printed in America by the American Bible Society and sent over. Another 50,000 are planned. The needs in this country call for millions of volumes.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said recently: "Now is the critical hour to press the claims of Christianity on China." The sowing of the seed in this deeply furrowed field will produce greater results at less expense than perhaps any other form of missionary activity.

### IN BRIEF

Here, then, is the situation. The American Bible Society has made the Scriptures available in all the war-ravaged areas and stands ready to keep the books flowing into these countries as funds are made available by the Churches and by Christian individuals.

For 131 years we have been the agent of the Churches for giving the Bible to the peoples of the world in their own languages and dialects. In the present emergency the Churches have again looked to the American Bible Society to meet the unusual needs and have generously supplied the funds. We stand ready to continue this service, and earnestly pray that the funds may be sent so that we may enter the open doors. — Releases, American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS NOTES

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers

President, Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education

◆ It is not too late to plan some observance of Youth Week in your Church. The dates are January 28 - February 4 and this year's theme is "God Designs—Youth Build!" Young people should be asked to assist in the Church service or given a chance to express their convictions in a special Sabbath school program. Adults might take this occasion to plan financing Pre-Conference Retreat expenses for local youth leaders.

◆ The Beacon staff for November included Socrates Thompson, Oscar Burdick, Richard and Reva Stearns Bond, Edward and Angela Chang, Denny Barber, Bill Arthur, Betty Daland, and Margaret Coon, all of Milton, Wis. Quite a cosmopolitan group.

◆ Joy Miars of Jackson Center, Ohio, is participating in the "Prince of Peace" oratorical contest sponsored by the Ohio Council of Churches. Joy is a high school senior with college aspirations.

◆ Hundreds of American business and industrial firms, newspapers, radio broadcasting companies, and outdoor poster advertisers donated space and time to the 1949 Religion in American Life campaign. Related to the United Church Canvass, this campaign is believed to have increased Church attendance and financial support from 12 to 15 per cent.

◆ Marian Burdick, Mae Randolph, Gladys Evans, Betty McMicken, David Warren, Irving Seager, David Beebe, and Auley Parvin represented Salem College at an area conference of the Student Christian Movement at Jackson's Mill, W. Va., November 18-20.

◆ We feel an orchid should go to Miss Hazel V. Gamble, editor of the Seventh Day Baptist Year Book, for her work on the 1949 issue and for its early appearance in the Churches. The Year Book is not only the handbook of Church officers —

a copy should be in each Church family's living room. Some pastors present a copy to each new Church member.

◆ Dr. Wayne R. Rood of the Alfred School of Theology was a seminar leader at the Interseminary Conference at Rock Island, Ill., and interviewed ministerial candidates at Milton, Wis., and Chicago, Ill., during the holidays.

◆ Next week, January 15-21, is Church and Economic Life Week. See the Sabbath Recorder, December 26, for an interpretation of its purpose.

◆ Junior Church is the name of an original type of program for boys and girls supervised by Kenneth E. Smith, assistant pastor of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton, Wis.

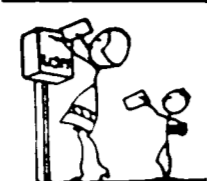
◆ The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., will hold its regular quarterly meeting Sunday, January 15, in the Gothic at Alfred, N. Y.

### THE 1950 INTERNATIONAL UNIFORM SABBATH SCHOOL LESSONS

"Lessons for the first quarter of 1950 are a study of the early Church from the Ascension of Jesus to the close of the period of the New Testament, using Scripture from the Acts, the Epistles, and the Revelation. Thus it is, in part, a sequence to the six months' study of the Life of Christ, the first two quarters of 1949. . . .

"This is a study of the Church as a growing organism, and of the way in which it met the challenging situations and vexing problems of its age, situations and problems which have presented themselves many times since in the long history of the Church, and which in no little sense are contemporary to our own day. Thus, this study gives us needed guidance for our time, reminding us of the Church's unchanging source of power, the Holy Spirit, and suggesting helpful approaches to difficult conditions confronting the present-day Church.

"Each week there are selected daily home readings related to the lesson and suitable for family worship, which give a



### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mizpah S. Greene  
Andover N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We have a baby Cathy, too. "Mommy" was just reading to me from the Recorder and we read that you have a new granddaughter Kathie. Our baby is eight months old.

I have a brother Sherman, too. He is three and a half years old. I will be five in December. I go to kindergarten.

We have been making Indians, Indian kits, and Indian hats at school.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Greene has been sick and we hope he is better now.

I have a little Bible. It has three pictures in it. I think Aunt Lura gave it to me. I have a doll named Carol that Aunt Muriel gave me and she's all rubber, even her hair.

I like to draw, and I can print my own name after my mother prints it.

Your new friend,  
Roberta Clarke.

128 Main Street,  
Westerly, R. I.

Dear Roberta:

I am very glad to get such a nice new friend and I hope you will write often. I'm sorry I can't copy the picture of your all-rubber doll. Our Gretchen received one, too, on the Christmas tree.

I'm sorry to be so late in getting your

large amount of Scripture to be studied. This study will continue two Sabbaths in April, thus bringing it to a fitting climax on Easter Sabbath." — Introduction, The Helping Hand, Vol. LXVI, No. 1.

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nice letter in the Recorder. You see, a good many other letters came in ahead of yours and I have to use them as they come.

I'd like to see your baby sister Cathy. How I do wish I could see my new little granddaughter Kathie! but she lives three hundred fifty miles from Andover. Her name begins with K to match her brother's and sister's names, Karen and Kristie.

Your true friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My teacher in school says that she and her husband have two wedding anniversaries. They were married on Thanksgiving, the 29th. He says their anniversary is on Thanksgiving and she says it is on the 29th. So she gives him his present on Thanksgiving and he gives her her present on the 29th.

Last month I went to the Mid-Continent Association in Boulder, Colo. I was impressed by Pastor L. E. Davis' ordination service.

I would like to have some Seventh Day Baptist boy and girl pen pals. So, boys and girls, please write me.

I plan to be a nurse when I get out of school.

I have four cats now, Buttons and Bows, and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

We had a good basketball team in junior high school last year. They won every game they played. They played thirty games, I think. We have a good one again this year.

I shall write again soon.

Your friend,  
Darlene Crouch.

Nortonville, Kan.

Dear Darlene:

It amuses me to think of your teacher's anniversary. I can tell you of a similar anniversary. A dear little baby boy was born to friends of mine on Christmas morning. So his birthday anniversary will be both Christmas and December 25. I hope you'll soon have some Seventh Day Baptist pen pals. Many of my Recorder children have gained pen pals and some

of them have become close friends. It would be well for you to mention your age when you write to me again, which I do hope you will. Often children would rather write to children of their own age.

I always like hearing about good basketball teams. I used to go to every game in Andover High School when first my son played, and later when my daughter played.

Sincerely, your friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My electric train is in the cellar. Santa brought it for my Christmas and I like it. The other day I left the switch way over at "Speed." I unplugged it and put it on the track. Then I plugged it back into the light switch, and it speeded and went off the track.

I am six years old and go to school. I am in the first grade. I was a drum in the Christmas play at school. "Mommy" and Daddy made me a red drum. I was inside it. The drum and I were inside a big box, called a Christmas box. I hopped out of the box and sang, "I'm a beautiful red, red drum."

Sincerely yours,  
Jerry Van Horn.

31 Greenman Avenue,  
Westerly, R. I.

Dear Jerry:

I'm sorry I haven't room to answer your good letter this time, but look for my letter to you next week.

Your sincere friend,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### Rev. A. Clyde Ehret Accepts De Ruyter Call

According to the North Loup, Neb., Church bulletin, the resignation of Rev. A. Clyde Ehret as pastor of that Church was to have been presented by the clerk at the quarterly Church business meeting on New Year's Day.

Pastor Ehret has accepted the call of the De Ruyter, N. Y., Church, effective June 1, 1950.

## CHURCH NEWS

SHILOH, N. J., — '49ers' Day was celebrated at the Shiloh Church on Sabbath, November 26, 1949, honoring members of long standing. Forty-two qualified as '49ers, having been members for forty-nine years or longer, as they joined before the beginning of the twentieth century. Twenty-one were present to give personal testimonies, and four others sent messages, in response to roll call, which was by "classes" according to the year of joining. One man, with his wife, came over fifty miles. Another came all the way from Charlotte, N. C., just for the services.

Only five of the forty-two '49ers joined by letter. Several spoke of being baptized in the pond through the ice, before the baptistry was built. Of the 178 baptized by Elder Theodore L. Gardiner during an eleven-year pastorate, 17 are still on the roll. Eleven of these were present, and four sent messages. All these, with one who joined by letter, have been members over sixty years. Two were baptized in 1881, sixty-eight years ago; one has belonged for sixty-six years, and four others for sixty-four years. The latter four were out of a baptismal class of thirty. The "prize" class was 1889. On January 26 of that year, Elder Gardiner baptized forty-two in the new baptistry. Ten of this group are on the roll today, and their response to roll call was 100 per cent, six being present and four sending messages.

The pastorate of Elder Ira Lee Cottrell is represented by twenty still on our Church roll. Half of these were present. Seven of these were in the class of 1896, from three baptismal services within a month that year. There are also three from the early ministry of Rev. Edward B. Saunders, in 1899 and 1900. Other '49ers recognized were some who have been members of other Churches for over 49 years, but who have joined our Church since the turn of the century.

The attendance at this service was one hundred seventy-five. Anthems were sung by both the senior and the teen-age choirs. The message to the juniors was illustrated by a tuning fork. Pastor Osborn's message was on "The Glory of God's Church."

In the evening there was an all-church social, sponsored by the Women's Benevolent Society. The '49ers present were introduced by Mrs. Olga Fogg with clever little rhymes, and they responded with reminiscences. Some time was spent in singing old-time songs and hymns. The ladies served pumpkin pie, doughnuts, and coffee.

We feel that '49ers' Day was a great success. Not only was it enjoyable to the honored guests, but it was inspiring to the younger members, and to those not-so-young, too. — Correspondent.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The noodles served by Mrs. George Maxson at the October Church supper were made by Mrs. Frank Schober of Newark, N. J., one of the Seventh Day Baptists who visited here last summer. She and her husband manufacture these noodles, a sample of which was sent to the Maxsons after the Schobers were here.

The last letter received in October from Dr. George Thorngate by his mother, Mrs. C. W. Thorngate in Dodge Center, Minn., came by way of Hong Kong. It took about 10 days to come. George says they are treated well and have plenty to eat. He also says there are but few restrictions. The day he wrote, it was raining and a parade had been called off because it was too wet. He had been out to Liuho, and taken a few X rays.

The Ladies' Missionary Circle sent two packages to overseas relief and the Dr. Grace Missionary Society, one. The packages were dedicated at a union community service.

Our Lord's Acre ingathering Monday night, December 5, was a success. It was a success financially and socially, and we trust spiritually. It did us all good to get together and give of our substance and friendship and our spiritual interests. The total amount was close to \$1,000 with a little more to come. This amount came from individual, class, and group projects. Cliff Goodrich did a good job as auctioneer. We extend to him our heartfelt thanks.

The package being sent to Sophia, Bulgaria, under the auspices of the Ladies' Missionary Circle, with the committee headed by Mrs. W. G. Johnson, was

mailed early in December. The package of material and food, hard to get in Bulgaria, was sent to a family there who had been deprived of many needful things. The father is dead and the mother works in a clinic to buy food and fuel and pay rent for herself and son and daughter. Members of the Church have assisted in giving articles to send.

A letter acknowledging the gift of the \$30 taken during the union services Thanksgiving Eve, and sent to the Nebraska Children's Home in Omaha, was read in the Sabbath morning service. The money will be used for a three-year-old girl, whose father is dead and whose mother is undergoing medical care.

The choir, under the direction of Mrs. W. G. Johnson, gave the Christmas cantata Sabbath morning, the cantata being entitled, "The Coming of the Christ." The soloists were: George Cox, Muriel Cox, Delores Cox, Warren Brannon, Marion Brannon, Pearl Milligan, and George Clement. The obligato soloists were: Elva Hayden, Joe Babcock, Kenneth Clement, and Gladys Christensen. Mrs. Marianne Whitford was reader. The men's chorus, with Dell Barber as soloist, gave a special number, and a quartette, George, Muriel, and Delores Cox, and Joe Babcock, also sang a number. The prelude and offertory were appropriate to the season and were played by Jeneane Brennick. Mrs. Harlon Brennick was the accompanist for the cantata. The Church had been decorated with Christmas greens and candles, and a big decorated tree stood in one corner of the room. Several visitors were welcomed at the service.

The young folks of the Church sang carols to shut-ins Friday evening, December 23.

Christmas greetings were read by Pastor Ehret from Rev. and Mrs. George B. Shaw and Miriam, also from Rev. Herbert L. Polan.

Thanks for the gift of the collection taken at the Christmas program of the Sabbath school and given to the Nebraska Children's Home in Omaha were also read.

Plans are being made to take special offerings the last Sabbath in every quarter to go to denominational uses.

All were glad to see Mrs. Ehret at the service Sabbath morning. This is the first time in many weeks, and she was happily welcomed.

The committees named for the work of the annual Church dinner to be held on Sunday, January 1, are as follows: Reception, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stillman, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Barber, and Mr. and Mrs. George Maxson; dining room, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Christensen, and Mr. and Mrs. Harlon Brennick; head waitress, Miss Marcia Rood; peeling potatoes, Mr. and Mrs. George Cox; cooking and mashing potatoes, Mrs. Henry Williams and Mrs. Bert Williams; waiters for second table, Mr. and Mrs. Erlo Babcock, and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Brannon; cutting pies and cakes, Miss Merle Davis and Mrs. Myra Barber; making coffee, Mr. and Mrs. Erlo Cox; clearing and putting up tables, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Clement and Mr. and Mrs. Clare Barber; washing dishes, Mr. and Mrs. Elery King, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Severence; preparing and taking out dinners, Mr. and Mrs. Menzo Fuller, George Maxson, Jr., and Merlyn Stillman; juvenile, Mrs. Edgar Davis and Miss Vesta Thorngate. — Myra T. Barber, Correspondent, and gleaned from Church bulletin.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — We of the Los Angeles Church feel very keenly the loss of our pastor, Rev. Gerald D. Hargis. We are resolved by God's help to carry on the work of the Church and the expanding program in which he was so interested.

It was the request of our Church that Mrs. Marian Hargis continue the leadership as acting pastor until a new minister is obtained. She has accepted this position in a spirit of consecrated service to her Master. In consultation with the program committee, Mrs. Hargis will be responsible for arrangement of Church services and other activities of the Church.

Dr. Rosa Palmberg is improving as rapidly as can be expected from her recent fall. She is very cheerful and shows a lively interest in the workings of the large 3,300-bed General Hospital in which she is a patient. The plan is to move her

into a rest home for further care until her broken leg is completely healed.

Since starting the building program, we have raised over ten thousand dollars in cash and pledges. The three lots are paid for and the plans for our new Church building have been filed with the Los Angeles City Building Department.

During November a box social was held and the proceeds amounting to \$49.75 were given to the building fund.

For the past three weeks, the pulpit has been filled by Evangelist Wayne Marona. Mr. Marona, who formerly was with another Sabbath-observing denomination, requested membership in our Church after attending the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in Riverside last August. He is now in Canada conducting a series of meetings for an independent group. — Correspondent.

**INDEPENDENCE, N. Y.** — A conference on the Lord's Acre Plan of supplementing the income of town and country Churches and teaching the values of stewardship was held Monday evening, November 14, 1949, at the Independence, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church. About 30 people attended. The principal speaker was Rev. Dumont Clarke, "Lord's Acre Man" from Asheville, N. C., who also showed colored slides.

Rev. Ralph Williamson, director of Rural Work for the State Council of Churches and the Rural Church Institute at Cornell University, showed Kodachrome pictures of Lord's Acre projects in New Hampshire and New York and displayed literature. Representatives of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches at Alfred Station, Little Genesee, and Independence were present and described how they used the Lord's Acre projects this year.

The worship period was led by Rev. D. A. Visscher, pastor of the Federated Church of Almond. — Carl R. Maxson, Pastor.

The secret of life is not to do what you like, but to like what you do.

—The Salem Herald.

## BIRTHS

**Nida.** — A daughter, Elizabeth Eleanor, to Melvin G. and Jeanett Dickinson Nida, Alfred, N. Y., on December 29, 1949.

## Obituaries

**Lewis.** — Dr. Howard Taylor, son of Welcome Wayland and Emogene Taylor Lewis, was born at the old Lewis homestead, Ashaway, R. I., February 22, 1880, and died in New York City, August 24, 1949. He was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Dr. Lewis was graduated from Alfred University in 1902 and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York City, in 1906. He interned at the Post Graduate Hospital and was a member of its staff for several years. For thirty-seven years he has been on the staff of The Lutheran Hospital of Manhattan. He was director of surgery at the time of his resignation and continued to serve as consulting surgeon until his illness.

June 23, 1911, he was married to Miss Grace Hadsell. He is survived by his wife and a brother, Nathan E. Lewis, of Plainfield, N. J.

Funeral services for Dr. Lewis were held in the Campbell Funeral Home, New York City, August 27. Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson conducted an interment for his ashes at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway, R. I., October 12, 1949. — Contributed.

**Winters.** — William, was born September 25, 1872, in Stamford, Conn., and died at the Glover Nursing Home, Andover, N. Y., October 24, 1949, where he had been a resident for the past five years.

There are no known survivors.

Memorial services were held at the J. B. Mulholland Funeral Home Wednesday afternoon, October 26, Rev. Carl R. Maxson, officiating. Burial was made in Hillside Cemetery, Andover. C. R. M.

**Estee.** — Elsie L., was born April 21, 1873, at Lawnridge, Ill., and departed this life December 8, 1948, at the Mooreland Hospital at the age of 75 years, 7 months, and 17 days.

She came to Oklahoma in 1900 and homesteaded a claim, held and proved up on her claim, teaching in the schools of surrounding districts for 25 years.

She confessed her faith in Christ in early childhood and lived a faithful life to the end.

She leaves to mourn her passing, a brother of the home, James L. Estee of Camargo, Okla., a niece, nephew, uncles, aunt, cousins, and a host of friends. J. L. E.

## Who Does?

By Hannah F. Hummel

Who preaches to preachers?  
I'd like to know.  
Who gives to them the words  
That we treasure so?  
Who preaches to preachers,  
The hard working creatures,  
Who always must go to comfort somebody's woe.  
To some they give courage,  
To others, give cheer;  
They strengthen our faith  
When we're smothered with fear.

Who preaches to preachers?  
They are most human creatures.  
And once every week  
They must get up and speak.  
Maybe feel worse themselves  
Than the folks in the seat.  
Who hands out to them  
The good we receive;  
Who soothes their heartaches  
When they have to grieve?  
Who gives to them the words  
That we treasure so?  
Who preaches to preachers?  
I'd like to know.

116 Charles Street,  
Easton, Pa.

## NURNBERG MILITARY POST DEDICATES NEW CHAPEL

"The American people from the very start have been a people who believed in God," Brigadier General David L. Ruffner told an audience of American soldiers, their families, and civilian employees of the Nurnberg (Germany) Military Post attending the recent dedication ceremonies for the new post chapel.

"Out of worship have come some of the most prominent characteristics of the American people — American decency, American sense of justice, American generosity, American idealism, and American democratic freedom have been largely a part of its religious inheritance," he said.

General Ruffner, Commanding General for the Nurnberg Military Post, presented the keys to the chapel to Chaplain (Col.) Paul Maddox, supervisory chaplain for the

## 8th BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS Cleveland, Ohio, 1950

As everybody knows by now the next Baptist World Congress is scheduled for July 22-27, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio.

The preliminary program has been released from Baptist World Alliance Headquarters in Washington, D. C., and gives promise of a highly profitable and interesting time.

The Congress theme is taken from the prologue to John's Gospel: "And the Light shineth in the Darkness." The Light motif runs through the program from the first day to the last. The keynote address at the opening session on Saturday (Sabbath) afternoon, July 22, is on the subject: "I Am the Light of the World." The closing address on the last forenoon of the Congress, Thursday, July 27, will be from the text: "Ye Are the Light of the World." In between will be found subjects like "The Light of Peace," "The Light of Liberty," "The Light of Education," etc.

Following the lines of the keynote address, there will be a devotional speech at the opening of each morning session, Monday through Thursday, on four other "I am's" of Christ: "I Am the Door," "I Am the Way," "I Am the Truth," "I Am the Resurrection and the Life." There should be no room for doubt concerning the Christocentric character of our Baptist message.

Among the other subjects for addresses we might mention "Christianity in the Atomic Age"; "The Basic Freedom"; "The Importance of Europe in the World Picture"; "Totalitarianism and the Individual Conscience"; "Christian Light on Human Relationships"; "Baptism in Present Day Theology"; "Evangelism Today"; "Every Baptist a Missionary"; "The Missionary Outlook Today"; "The New Testament the Common Basis of Baptist Fellowship"; "The Body of Christ"; "The Christ of Every Day," etc. — Baptist World Alliance Release.

European Command. — Release, Office of the Chief of Chaplains, Department of the Army, Washington, D. C.



# The Sabbath Recorder

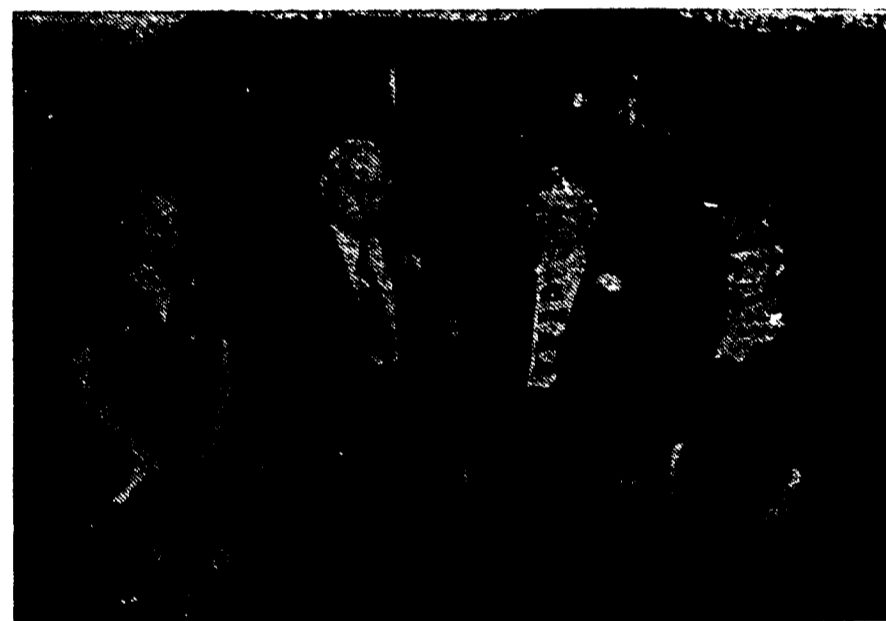
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## FOUNDERS OF WHITE CLOUD CHURCH HONORED

The White Cloud, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church was constituted in 1917. Brothers Adelbert and Erastus G. Branch are the surviving founders.

On Sabbath evening, October 8, 1949, a program planned by Doctors B. F. and Ellis C. Johanson of Battle Creek, was presented in honor of the Branch brothers. This was a part of the Northern Association's fall meeting which was held with the White Cloud Church, October 7-9, 1949.

According to White Cloud Flashes, the Church paper, speakers for the occasion "included Dan Boss, Nathan Branch, Quincy Branch, John Hepinstall, and County Prosecutor G. Donald Murphy. The predominant note of each speaker was a sincere tribute to the labors and the example of the two men in their service to the Church and the community.



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"Erastus recalled events of 'Pioneer Days,' experiences of the brothers and their families in the early days of settling this region. Adelbert responded with words of thanks for the tribute paid to them.

"A fitting climax to the program was the presentation by Dr. Ellis C. Johanson of identical plaques to each of the men, citing them for their contributions to the community and the Church, naming them 'Pillars of White Cloud.'

"A reception was held in the basement of the Church following the service. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs.

## Conference Commissary Committee Making Early Plans

Word has just come from the Commissary Chairman of the General Conference, Kenneth V. Hulin, Salem, W. Va., that plans are getting under way to feed the large crowd that Salem is expecting for the General Conference to be held in Salem, W. Va., in August, 1950. The committee is anxious that the best of food be served at the lowest rate possible. The chairman wishes that all those young people interested in serving contact him at their earliest convenience. It is the plan to serve the Conference meals in the college cafeteria. You will be hearing from the Commissary Committee again before very long.

Alberta D. Batson,  
Publicity Chairman.

1612 Lawrence Street,  
Parkersburg, W. Va.

## ATTENDS CONVENTION

Professor Wayne R. Rood of the School of Theology left Monday, December 26, for Rock Island, Ill., where he will attend the second Triennial Conference of the Interseminary Movement. One hundred fifty seminaries in the United States and Canada will send one thousand student delegates to this convention. The Augustana College and Seminary will be host.

Leading seminary administrators and professors will address this great assembly of students, but the heart of the conference will be the discussions in smaller groups. Following the platform addresses the groups will meet for one hour and a half in the morning and one hour in the evening. Dr. Rood will be the leader throughout the conference of one of these groups. — Alfred Sun.

Jack Sage, Mrs. Verne Babcock, Mrs. Clyde Branch, Mrs. Louis Branch, and Miss Winifred Sage."

Mrs. C. E. Siems, White Cloud Church correspondent, commented in her Church news that "much credit is due these pioneers of faith who worked and sacrificed that there might be a Church here."

*A Call to Teamwork*

*for Christ*

*and*

*His Church*