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LATEST NEWS FROM THE THORNGATES

Rev. David S. Clarke, corresponding secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Mis-
sionary Society, telephoned Friday morn-
ing, May 5, saying that he had just re-
ceived a letter from Dr. and Mrs. George
Thorngate of our China Mission.

The letter was written April 25 aboard
the SS Heinrich Jessen on the Yellow Sea,
on which they had sailed from Tientsin,
China. Upon arrival at Hong Kong, the
Thorngates will proceed by air via India,
Egypt, Italy, Switzerland, Holland, Den-
mark, and Britain to the United States,
arriving in New York City late in June or
early in July.

We understand that Dr. Thorngate is
on leave from his clinic in Shanghai.

DIRECTORY OF ASSOCIATIONS

Northern Association

The spring semiannual session of the
Northern Association will be held with
the Church at Jackson Center, Ohio, be-
ginning 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.

If you plan to attend, please inform your
pastor or write direct to Mrs. L. Harrison
North, chairman of the hospitality com-
mittee, 739 Huntington Avenue, Plainfield,
N. J.

Miss Esther Burdick,
Corresponding Secretary.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
SALEM, W. VA., AUGUST 22-27, 1950

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Vitalizing Our Faith:

through Bible study
through private prayer
through sharing viewpoints and experi-
ences
through improving our devotional life
through more effective preaching
through "A New Theology"
through fellowship in Christ.

"... simply fixing our gaze upon Jesus,
our Prince Leader in the faith," Hebrews
12: 2;

"... to promote your progress and joy
in the faith," Philippians 1: 25;

"... building yourselves upon the
basis of your most holy faith and praying
in the Holy Spirit," Jude 20;

"... always being increasingly con-
firmed in the faith as you were taught it,
and abounding in it with thanksgiving."
Colossians 2: 7. — Weymouth.

Who Will Attend

Word from many parts of the denomi-
nation indicates that pastors are planning
to attend the Ministers' Conference, that
Churches and societies are solidly and en-
thusiastically backing the plan.

Recent information from Rev. David
S. Clarke states that the Missionary Board
is making possible the attendance of our
missionary pastors from Gentry, Fouke,
and Nady, Ark.; Hammond, La.; and
Stonefort, Ill.

Is your pastor there?

Are you praying for the spiritual suc-
cess of this significant gathering?

CAMP MILES
On Irons Fork
in the Ouachita Mountains
near Mena, Ark.
June 21-27, 1950

REV. ERLO SUTTON TO LEAD BIBLE STUDY AT CONFERENCE

A study of important insights from the
Scriptures will hold the central interest of
the morning sessions at the Ministers' Con-
ference this year. "Sources of Strength,"
is the theme chosen by Rev. Erlo E. Sutton
for his Bible Study hour at 9:15. Tuesday
morning Mr. Sutton will speak on, "Our
Father," the Wednesday address will con-
sider, "Our Saviour," and the concluding
study on Thursday will focus on "Our
Consolation." "The addresses will not
be doctrinal," states Mr. Sutton, "but
rather, devotional." Mr. Sutton will also
preside at the hour-long discussion period
which closes the morning program.

For many years concerned with the
Bible Study program of the denomination,
Mr. Sutton will speak to pastors from a
background of long participation in the
field of religious education. He was execu-
tive secretary of the Sabbath School Board
until that agency merged with others into
the present Board of Christian Education.
He has authored The Helping Hand on a
consistently high level of scholarship, has
served as a member of the important Les-
son Committee of the International Coun-
cil of Religious Education, in addition to
ministering to a number of congregations
as pastor through the years. Thus, abun-
dantly qualified by experience and study,
he comes to his task of leadership in the
Ministers' Conference. — Wayne R. Rood,
for the Ministers' Conference Program
Committee.

LEWIS CAMP

Ashaway, R. I.
July 18-27, 1950
Ages 12-18

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

Camp Caesar, W. Va.
August 17-20, 1950

SPECIAL LECTURES AT ALFRED SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

For a good many years it has been the policy and practice of the Alfred University School of Theology to bring to the school for special lectures men who have been successful in some line of endeavor of special interest to theological students. Naturally these men usually have been ministers of the gospel. However, this year, for the second year in succession, our lecturer was a layman. Readers of the Sabbath Recorder will remember we had with us last year Dr. B. F. Johanson of Battle Creek, Mich.

Believing that the conservation of our natural resources may well be considered a religious duty, a responsibility for every community in which the Church should share, we invited Dr. H. N. Wheeler of Washington, D. C., chief U. S. Forestry Service Lecturer, retired, to come to Alfred to discuss with our students their opportunities and responsibilities, especially as pastors of country Churches, in this important enterprise.

Dr. Wheeler is a Seventh Day Baptist, the son of a Seventh Day Baptist minister, and a graduate of Milton College. With a sincere earnestness he spoke to the Laymen's Fellowship of the Western Association at Alfred Station Sunday evening, April 16, illustrating his points vividly with the use of appropriate slides, accompanied by racy, witty, and telling comments. Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons he discussed his subject around the table with the students and their teachers. Tuesday evening he repeated his lecture with slides, and some variations, in the Gothic. On invitation by a professor of the Agricultural and Industrial Institute, Mr. Wheeler spoke on conservation before two classes in that school.

The theological students had the benefit of hearing the public lectures, as well as the more intimate discussions in the smaller group. Of particular interest to these students was the subject of "Church Forests," and other similar Church-sponsored projects, for profit, or to provide recreational facilities, or to beautify the Church surroundings.

SEMINARY LIBRARY NEEDS STRENGTHENING

One of the most significant projects being carried on at the Seventh Day Baptist School of Theology at Alfred this year is the continual effort to strengthen the school's library. Books are not only essential tools of research and information for seminary students, but they supply a fund of inspiration and insights that will permeate the entire ministry of service to be rendered by the student. There should be enough books of all viewpoints in the various fields of religious knowledge to provide a student with the whole gamut of Christian thinking and experience with which to measure and stimulate his own convictions and growth.

The seminary library is a good one, but it is far from complete and at many points it is not adequate for the needs of the school. Gifts of pastors' collections, both large and small, have been received gratefully during the year. Because of the differing interests of individual pastors, books are not often duplicated in these gifts, and the seminary staff urges that collections of books no longer being used be sent to the school, where they will be carefully sorted and labeled with the donor's name as a permanent memorial to the giver's interest and contribution.

Contemporary religious thinking and scholarship is of importance also, and the seminary library is in need of new and recent books, for its funds for new book purchases cannot begin to keep pace with the multiplication of important publications. Gifts of new or used copies of significant religious books will free funds for the purchase of other volumes, and thus represent an important contribution.

Inquiries will be gladly answered by Dean A. J. C. Bond or Dr. Wayne R. Rood, either of whom may be addressed at the School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y. — Contributed.

Dr. Wheeler's visit to Alfred was a pleasant experience for us all, and was, we are convinced, highly profitable to the students in the School of Theology.

Ahva J. C. Bond, Dean.

FURLOUGH PLANS LAID IN CHINA

When the China Committee reported to the Missionary Board on April 23, latest news from the Thorngates was dated March 24. Now we have news dated April 5, so part of the China Committee Report is replaced by my comment here:

China Committee Report April 23, 1950

Miss Sarah Becker, who is waiting for the opportunity to return to China, is now employed full time in the same hospital where she was before she left for China. She is taking a course in Public Health, several hours each week, in the University of California Extension.

Word has come from the Pacific Coast Association that there is a balance of \$400 in the Sarah Becker Fund, and suggests that that amount be used for the China field, subject to the call of the Missionary Board.

Until Dr. Thorngate arrives, it is the policy of the committee to make no new attempt to send aid to China. We are hoping that he will be able to recommend some definite plan for helping those who are carrying on the work in the mission.

We would recommend that the Pacific Coast Association be thanked for the offer and told that we hope soon to be able to announce that all money available for use in China may be used and "not lay idle."

George B. Utter,
Chairman.

The George Thorngates were undoubtedly on the most recent passenger list via the USS General Gordon leaving Tientsin April 29, 1950. Their staying in Shanghai after the first sailing date was providential in allowing several improvements to be made in plans for the mission work while Dr. Thorngate is on furlough from his medical clinic. A new means of continuing the transmission of funds for the staff was provided.

A Chinese Co-ordinator for Mission Hospitals through the National Christian Council is occupying the Thorngates' house. This house, the mushroom house (formerly used for the mission project of raising and selling mushrooms), the Church, and the garage-parsonage building are all being used for a busy Christian

program of fellowship, service, worship, and study. The National Christian Council worker's presence "seems an excellent arrangement all around, and also makes the mission an added contribution to the work of Christian missions in China."

Frequently, the writer has met former China missionaries at Foreign Missions Conference meetings and has heard of profitable working relations with our workers there. And not less than three workers have spoken appreciatively of living quarters offered at our institution for both long and short periods.

During Dr. Thorngate's absence from China, an independent Sabbathkeeping doctor and Grace School graduate is to frequently visit our Liuho medical unit. He will be at work in Shanghai and will travel to Liuho on a motorcycle secured for his use. He will share the income you help send to the Liuho medical staff through the Missionary Society.

D. S. C.

STUDENT EVANGELISM FOR SUMMER OF 1950

The following report was given to the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society by the secretary after a number of details had been ironed out in the President's Coordinating Council sessions in Plainfield, N. J., April 16, 17. Let it be understood that many details are yet tentative but this release is given that a larger number of our people may know the personnel and work of the program for 1950. You will observe that a sum of \$315 is needed in offerings from local Churches and \$100 from former quartet men. The Women's Society is sponsoring a rather large part of the work, and each board is contributing its secretary's travel out of regular allotments plus \$150 for the program itself. Not only do members of the Churches directly benefiting from the students' services need to give sacrificially, but others of our people can help make this program effective by providing adequate financial and moral support.

Notes on Student Evangelism Program

for Summer of 1950

The Student Evangelism program of the Seventh Day Baptist boards working in

co-operation has been assigned to your secretary for direction. Considerable time in each of three co-ordination meetings has been spent on the program, and numerous contacts have been made in person with leaders about the denomination.

The program has many values: (1) It does work on a specific location where there are Seventh Day Baptists working together to follow through on the special effort; (2) it brings together elements of a full Church program into a concentrated

program; (3) it draws future leaders of our denomination into a working relationship with each other and with a variety of lay and ordained leadership; (4) the program approaches the evangelistic aim of new members from the whole view of Christian life and personality, taking into account youth, family, community, and Church needs.

Costs of the program may run about \$1,500 and the resources for that amount are given below.

Tract, Education, and Missionary budgets	\$ 450
Special appeals from former quartet men	100 (possible \$150)
Offerings and local gifts (7 Churches averaging \$45)	315
Women's Society (Southwestern team at Woodville, Ala.)	250
Women's Society (other Southwestern work)	150 (possible \$200)
Conference President's expenses	250 (possible \$300)
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	\$1,515 (possible \$1,665)

Expenses are estimated as follows:

Salaries (at \$15 per week)	\$ 840 (possible \$1,050)
Travel, board, and room	350
Supplies	100
Contingent (towards directing pastor's travel and help to Berea situation)	225
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	\$1,515 (possible \$1,725)

Plans for work are now established as follows:

Student Teams: No. 1 — David and Jeanne Williams, Marian Coon; No. 2 — James and Inez Mitchell, David Beebe, David Pearson.

Training Program: At Camp Holston, Battle Creek, Mich., June 12-16. Reverends Loyal Hurley, Ronald Hargis, David Clarke, and Dr. Ben Johanson will train the teams in Personal Work, Vacation Bible School methods, Church and Community Relations, and Music respectively. Rev. Alton Wheeler will help in Tract Work instruction.

The Williams-Coon team will be involved in the Battle Creek program during most of the training but will participate in two special periods, at least. Marion Burdick (who would have been teamed up with others had not some of them been forced to withdraw to take local pastoral work) will participate in the training program.

Field Work:

Team No. 1

June 4-July 9—Battle Creek, Mich.
July 10-29—Indianapolis, Ind.
July 30-Aug. 5—Farina, Ill.
Aug. 6-12—Stone Fort, Ill.

Team No. 2

June 12-16—Training
June 18-July 2—Southwestern Association
Camp and Meetings
July 3-8—Gentry, Ark., Church
July 9-15—Fouke, Ark., Church
July 16-22—Nady, Ark., Church
July 23-Aug. 12—Woodville, Ala., Church

Miss Marion Burdick will be assigned to the Berea Church where Rev. John Randolph has expressed the desire to have extra help in Vacation Bible School work. Oscar Burdick will serve as student pastor at New Auburn, Wis.; Robert and Marie Lippincott at Chicago; Paul and Muriel Osborn at Nile, N. Y. These five might be thought of as a part of the program

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"The Big Picture"

The next page of this issue presents a "Tentative Chart of the Proposed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A."

According to official statement, the Constituting Convention of the proposed National Council will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, and will open Tuesday evening, November 28, and close Friday evening, December 1, 1950.

Merging Agencies

There are eight interdenominational agencies which plan to unite to become the new National Council. They are: Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, Foreign Missions Conference of North America, Home Missions Council of North America, International Council of Religious Education, Missionary Education Movement, National Protestant Council on Higher Education, United Council of Church Women, United Stewardship Council.

When we consider all that is involved in the merging of these eight Protestant agencies, especially in the light of their autonomy, their mission, their objectives, their personnel, and their accomplishments in the kingdom task, we can be assured that they would not favor merging unless there were a considerable degree of certainty that their work will be carried on just as or more effectively than through their separate channels.

Background

Also, it is correct to state that a movement of this nature and proportions has not reached its present stage overnight. It began more than ten years ago. A three-day conference held at Atlantic City, N. J., in December, 1941, brought together three hundred delegates representing eight national interdenominational agencies. Prior to the conference extended studies had been conducted by intercouncil committees on United Christian Advance and Closer

Co-operation. The Atlantic City conference, after careful consideration of various alternatives, "voted unanimously to recommend the creation of one inclusive agency to succeed all of the separate agencies."

Approvals

Seven of the eight original agencies whose representatives met at Atlantic City have "voted official approval and are planning to proceed with the creation of the National Council." Although the Foreign Missions Conference in its original action did not vote favorably on the merger largely because of the problem involved in making adjustments on the foreign mission fields, it was confidently expected that the conference would take favorable action at its meeting on April 25, 1950.

The Federal Council of Churches approved the proposed National Council several years ago. However, the Federal Council presented this matter for consideration to the member denominations which are co-operating in its work. Twenty-five member denominations are listed as having approved the plan. They are: African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Church of the Brethren, Colored Methodist Episcopal, Congregational-Christian, Czech Moravian Brethren, Disciples, Evangelical and Reformed, Evangelical United Brethren, Friends - Five Year Meeting, Friends - Philadelphia and Vicinity, Methodist, Moravian Church in America (both Northern and Southern Provinces), National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Northern Baptist Convention, Presbyterian Church - U.S., Presbyterian Church - U.S.A., Protestant Episcopal, Reformed Church in America, Roumanian Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, Seventh Day Baptist, Syrian Antiochian Orthodox, Ukrainian Orthodox, United Presbyterian.

Denominations or agencies constituent to the International Council of Religious Education were also asked to give consid-

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES
OF CHRIST IN THE U.S.A.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

**DIVISION OF
HOME
MISSIONS**

**DIVISION OF
CHURCH AND
COMMUNITY**

**DIVISION OF
CHRISTIAN
EDUCATION**

**DIVISION OF
FOREIGN
MISSIONS**

JOINT DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENTS

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•
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EVANGELISM

**WOMEN'S
WORK**

STEWARDSHIP

**MISSIONARY
EDUCATION**

**JOINT SERVICE
BUREAUS**

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SURVEY**
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RADIO
•
TELEVISION
•
PUBLICITY
•
ETC.

JOINT COMMISSIONS

RACE RELATIONS

**INTERNATIONAL
JUSTICE**

**RELIGIOUS
LIBERTY**

ETC.

**TENTATIVE CHART OF PROPOSED NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN U.S.A.**

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eration to the proposal. Since the International Council includes some denominations which are not members of the Federal Council of Churches, it is well to note that the following denominations have approved the merger through the action of their Christian Education Boards or Agencies. This list is in addition to the one above which gives the denominations co-operating with the Federal Council. All denominations listed above "have approved participation by the International Council of Religious Education as well as the Federal Council (except the Orthodox groups which are not members of the International Council)." The additional list is as follows: Canadian Baptist, Church of the Brethren, Church of England in Canada, Church of God - Anderson, Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, National Baptist Convention of America, United Church of Canada.

Advantages

At the meeting of representatives of the various agencies held in Atlantic City in 1941, the creation of a single corporate agency to succeed all of the existing national interdenominational agencies was unanimously supported for the following reasons:

1. As an essential step in creating an integrated co-operative movement for the service of the Churches.
2. As a recognition of the essential inter-relatedness of the functions and interests of the existing national interdenominational agencies.
3. As a practical measure for increased efficiency and operation.
4. As a practical and convincing demonstration of the Churches' desire for united action in the face of present world conditions.

The representative committee which reported at that meeting also expressed the following judgments:

That the lack of an integrated and co-ordinated strategy of Church work is a limiting and weakening factor in many areas of the Church's service and influence;

That existing interdenominational organizations on every level are limited in their effectiveness, first, because they represent only a part of the Churches, second, because they represent

only a part of the interests of the Churches included in their constituency, third, because in different degrees they are all inadequately supported, fourth, because their interrelations are such that each is not sufficiently reinforced by the strength of all;

That, in spite of all limitations, the co-operative movement as a whole is a striking demonstration of the growing unity of the Church and of the great actual and potential value of united effort.

A Merger of Agencies, Not of Denominations

The proposed National Council of Churches is to be a merger of existing interdenominational agencies. It is seeking to open channels of co-operation as far as denominations are concerned. It is not a move toward organic union of separate denominations. "It is recognized that we are divided denominationally but there is no reason why we need to be divided interdenominationally!"

"With complete mutual respect for differences in the field of Faith and Order, it behooves us to develop the most efficient channels possible for co-operation in the field of Christian Life and Work."

When the National Council of Churches becomes a reality, the seven or eight existing Protestant agencies will cease to exist as such. However, their present work will be co-ordinated and integrated within the framework of the proposed council, a clear impression of which is received from the accompanying "tentative chart." Also, new and expanded work will be projected in certain fields thus making more effective the Protestant witness and Protestant co-operation.

Truly, the picture is a big one.

(Editor's Note: This article, in large part, is based on information furnished by the Planning Committee for the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., of which Dr. Luther A. Weigle is chairman and Dr. Earl Frederick Adams is executive secretary.)

Tentative chart: Courtesy of the Planning Committee for the National Council of Churches.

WOMEN'S BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met at the home of Mrs. Ottis Swiger on April 16, 1950, with the following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. Harold Stillman, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. Ottis Swiger, Mrs. Okey Davis, Miss Lotta Bond, and Miss Greta F. Randolph.

Mrs. Harold Stillman led the devotions, reading Psalm 16: 5-19 and reviewing part of the book, "The Art of Living," and leading in prayer.

Mrs. Swiger gave the report of the treasurer showing the following balances: General Fund, \$358.60; Evangelistic Fund, \$877.93. This report was accepted and placed on file.

Mrs. Trainer gave the report for the Christian Culture Committee. The report was accepted as follows:

A report has been received from Mrs. W. T. Fitz Randolph of Jamaica on the World Day of Prayer program:

"Pastor Mills had the service that day and it was preceded by a week of early morning prayer meetings. The prayer service started at five o'clock and continued until six. The meetings were well attended and were at that hour to give those working a chance to attend and still reach work on time.

"Rev. Mr. Mills ordered enough leaflets so that every one in the Church had a copy. The program was arranged and special music planned by having on hand the ones sent by the board. We thank you very much for sending the copies.

"Our people here enjoyed this service and were very happy to be joining others throughout the world in the day of prayer. Many testimonies were given in vesper that evening expressing appreciation for the lovely service."

A letter from Rev. Harold E. Snide, of Takoma Park, Md., gives his permission for the Women's Board to publish his story, "My First Lesson in Forgiveness," as a tract. He stated that the tract is being printed at the Recorder Press, and if the board can use the same type the cost should be much less.

The committee recommends that the Recorder Press be contacted at once to determine the cost of 500 - 1,000 tracts.
Alta L. Van Horn, Secretary.

Voted that the Christian Culture Committee investigate the cost of printing "My First Lesson in Forgiveness," with power to act as to quantity.

The report of the Ways and Means Committee was presented by Greta F. Randolph. The report was accepted and placed on file.

The Ways and Means Committee would recommend the following items for your approval.

To the Seventh Day Baptist Commission:

The Women's Board recommends that the by-laws of their board be changed so that the annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at the July meeting instead of the September meeting so that the new officers may be approved by General Conference.

The Women's Board suggests that the Commission consider the appointment of a woman as a member of the Commission.

The Women's Board requests that the Commission consider the relocation of the Women's Board as it has been in Salem more than twenty years.

To the Co-ordinating Committee of the Denomination:

The Women's Board will pay the expense of a team of four (4), to be approved by the Women's Board, to work with an experienced leader in Woodville, Ala., for a period of time to be determined by the local needs and travel expense to the next place of work. The board will also pay \$200 to the general fund for summer evangelistic work.

To the Board:

We recommend that \$5 be sent to Mrs. Vivian Kimball as a contribution toward the expense of publishing "Along the Way," a paper for shut-ins.

Mrs. Ottis Swiger,
Mrs. J. L. Skaggs,
Mrs. Okey Davis,
Miss Greta F. Randolph.

Voted that \$10 be sent to the American Bible Society.

Voted to pay the expenses of Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley to the Commission and

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS NOTES

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

◆ Seventh Day Baptists who will attend the World Convention on Christian Education in Toronto, Canada, August 10 to 16 include Miss Alta L. Van Horn of Salem, W. Va., representing the Women's Board, and Dr. Wayne R. Rood of Alfred, N. Y., and Rev. Ronald I. Hargis of Waterford, Conn., representing the Board of Christian Education. Duane Davis of Verona, N. Y., a student at the Alfred School of Theology, will go as a youth delegate accredited by the Board of Christian Education and sponsored by the Central Association.

◆ Fellowship delegates to the Toronto Conference are persons who are vitally interested but cannot attend. By paying one dollar they will be helping the cause along and will receive a brief pictorial report of the convention. The Seventh Day Baptist Rural Fellowship is attempting to secure twenty-five Fellowship delegates in order that they may receive a filmstrip of convention pictures. Address Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, Brookfield, N. Y., if you wish to help in this. For further details on the conference itself address the Board of Christian Education, Alfred Station, N. Y.

Co-ordinating Committee meetings in Plainfield, N. J., April 16, 1950.

Mrs. Skaggs reported that several women are co-operating in sending for material for the Ecumenical Register.

Voted that a bill of \$8.52 for the News Letter be allowed and ordered paid.

Plans for the Conference program were discussed.

Adjourned to meet May 7, 1950, at 2 p.m. in the Trainer Sabbath School Room.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs,
President,
Greta F. Randolph,
Secretary.

◆ Rural Churches are just now completing their Lord's Acre plans. An extra row in the family garden or an extra acre planted with God's blessing means extra dollars for the Lord's work and extra blessings for the one who tends it.

◆ The first Beacon from Salem, W. Va., has just arrived in its loyal Salem colors, green and white. It carries novel news features and an attractive cover design by Stanley Burdick, son of Rev. and Mrs. Paul S. Burdick of Salemville, Pa. Auley E. Parvin and his staff have our congratulations! Don't miss the Zenith page.

◆ Lost Creek, W. Va., and Shiloh, N. J., have recently sent us reports of their part in co-operative Leadership Training programs. We are glad to pass one on to you in full from Mrs. Martie Hitchner of Shiloh who is a sister of one of our board members, Rev. Everett T. Harris of Alfred. Another chance for this type of training is being planned for Conference week by the new secretary of our board, Rev. Ronald I. Hargis. Further details will be announced later.

SOUTH JERSEY HAS LEADERSHIP TRAINING

By Martie Hitchner

The fifth annual Leadership Training School of the West District Council of Christian Education was held on Monday nights from January 23 to February 27 at the Stow Creek Schoolhouse. Members of the Shiloh and Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Churches participated as usual.

Rev. A. Kenneth Masteller of Haddon Heights presented six lessons on Romans. Many practical applications were made from this central and important New Testament book.

Six presentations of practical methods of work for the Bible school were given by individuals as follows: Visitation Evangelism, Personal Evangelism, Child Evangelism, Youth and the Bible School, Stewardship, and Missions, presented by Miss Marjorie Stewart, Rev. David Wright, Rev. R. Laird Harris, Rev. James McGowan, Martie Walsh, and Addison C. Raws, respectively.

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Children's Page

Dear Adeline:

I enjoyed your good letter and hope you will write more often.

I'm sorry you lost your bird for a bird can be a great comfort. The only bird I ever had was a robin whose foot had been hurt in some way. He became quite tame but when his foot was well and his wings strong again I let him fly away. After that he often came to me for food and would eat out of my hand. The mate he chose was never as tame as he.

I have known Pastor Polan a good many years but I haven't seen him recently. He is the pastor of our Church at Verona, N. Y.

I'm sorry to hear about your nephew's accident. I hope he has fully recovered and that his general health has improved. We had a serious accident here in Andover yesterday. A little three-year-old girl climbed to the railing on the second floor of the hotel, lost her balance, and fell to the cement sidewalk below. She is badly injured and in the hospital. Whether or not she will recover from her injuries we do not know but we are praying for her.

Thank you for the charming little poem for I know the children will enjoy it as much as I have. I only wish I knew the tune.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene and the Children:

I did not expect anyone to think that I wrote those lines in the Recorder of April 17 about maple sweets in March. They were selected from a long poem by an unknown person. I should have made

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Rev. C. Rex Burdick, pastor of the Marlboro Church, was the dean of the school and Mrs. Bert Sheppard, of the Shiloh Church, led the singing. Registrars were P. Loren Elwell and Clinton Campbell. Mrs. Francis Campbell served as accompanist.

it plain that it was "Anon," which reminds me of one of my childish quirks.

A number of hymns and poems I saw, when I was a small girl, with "Anon" for the author. So one day I asked my mother who "Anon" was. She was amused that I did not know, and explained that it meant "anonymous," or unknown author.

Now I have a true story, part of which happened here, since I last wrote to you. This year we plan to have some blue petunias for pet plants. They will be set out next to the porch of our near-by cottage. While we were getting ready for them, what do you think we found? There in an antique brown earthen jug were two last year's wasps' nests. The tenants of the cottage had the jug on the step as an ornament.

That evidence proved where the wasps came from last summer, when they stung the little girl and her mother who lived there. I helped them hunt all around to find where those wasps came from. We couldn't find the place, for that jug was partly hidden by a thrifty bittersweet vine. The little girl and her mother were much frightened by the stings of those wasps, and moved away in the fall. Now there are no leaves on that vine, and the two nests those wasps had in the safe earthen jug have been found.

It seemed best to take away that useless ornament, so that this coming summer wasp tenants will not frighten human tenants.

Now just a few words more of my own ideas. I do not blame those wasps too much. I think they were very clever in their choice of a home. Besides, I have seen that kind of wasps eat worms that spoil fruit which human beings need for food. I think we need to learn all we can about God's plan in making small creatures. And then we next want to learn how to work in harmony with His plan.

Sometimes a careless act of our own is really the cause of our fright, when we become tempted to put all the blame on some other creature God made.

I'd like to be fair about it, wouldn't you?

Lois Fay Powell.

Princeton, Mass.

CHURCH NEWS

JACKSON CENTER, OHIO — The 110th anniversary of the Church was observed recently in a quiet way. The Church was organized on March 22, 1840. We commemorated this event in the services of Friday, March 31, and Sabbath, April 1. A number of the community people attended the Friday night service which was of the gospel meeting nature. After a song service the pastor preached the sermon "Who Am I?" using as his text, Isaiah 40: 29, and closing with moments of consecration and prayer.

The Sabbath morning worship after Sabbath school followed our usual worship order. The pastor's meditation was "As I Am," with the text from Luke 23: 42b. This service was centered around the regular quarterly Communion. At these two services several letters were read from nonresident members, former members including two Seventh Day Baptist ministers, and three former pastors.

The concluding part of our program was a program of colored slides shown at the Seventh Day Baptist Ladies' Hall where again a number of our community friends were in attendance. These slides were scenes taken by the pastor in Wisconsin, Colorado, Utah, California, Arizona, and in the Jackson Center vicinity.

Publicity in the interest of our Church, our denomination, and the Christian cause in general has been developed by use of

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since their services were considered for the program. Support will come from local Churches in each instance however.

Field Direction:

Pastors will be briefed informally on program direction at the Ministers' Conference May 15-18 near Milton, Wis. A near-by pastor will be drawn into the work of the different programs so that added adult leadership will be at work. Your secretary is making extensive personal and correspondence contacts with leaders concerned, and may make some further personal contacts beyond the Ministers' Conference, but he will not be on the field during the summer work.

D. S. C.

a show window at the Ladies' Hall. Also, an advertisement in the Lima News appeared as follows: "DO YOU KNOW that there are BAPTISTS who observe the seventh day Sabbath, who were founded in England in 1617 and in America in 1671? If interested, write Rev. T. R. Sutton, Jackson Center, Ohio." This was a display ad, 2 by 3 inches, on the Church Page.

Pastor Sutton recently attended the pastors' conference for former students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he was a student in 1934-35. He enjoyed the fellowship and spirit of evangelism which is free of "dogmatic doctrinal exactitude." This spirit seems to be one of unity on a few essentials, and in matters of difference there is love and freedom.

—Contributed.

BOULDER, COLO. — The last Recorder news of the Boulder Church was in the autumn of 1949. We are glad to tell our friends and sister Churches that our Boulder Church continues to increase in spiritual life and Christian activity.

At Christmas time our choir gave parts of The Messiah by Handel for the morning Church service. H. William Saunders directed the choir in the absence of Willard Wells. It was a most enjoyable service.

The Sabbath school Christmas program also was sponsored by Mr. Saunders.

We have a fine group of young married couples who are a wonderful help and influence in our Church. New Year's Eve they invited any who could attend to meet with them for a supper in the recreation room of the Church. Later there was a program and consecration service.

On Sabbath day, February 4, the quarterly meeting of the Boulder and Denver Churches was held in Boulder. Rev. Francis Saunders of Denver preached in the morning. In the afternoon our young people presented an excellent program commemorating Christian Endeavor Week. There were four talks on the theme "Giving God a Chance" — (1) Giving God Our Hearts by Mrs. Sylvia Harrop, (2) Giving God Our Heads by William Saunders, (3) Giving God Our Health by Harold Wright, (4) Giving God Our

Hands written by Mrs. Beth Lederer and read by Mrs. Jane Bottoms.

The weekend beginning March 24, our pastor, Rev. Leland Davis, and Rev. Francis Saunders, with a gospel quartet consisting of Willard Wells, William Saunders, Daryl White, and Roy Davis, went to North Loup, Neb., to conduct evangelistic services for the Mid-Continent Association. As in the meetings held last autumn in Nortonville, Kan., the North Loup meetings were a great inspiration to the good-sized group attending them. Several of our Church members also went to North Loup for that weekend.

Our choir and some others, too, have been able to be at the Church service in the little mountain town of Salina when our pastor was asked to preach in the community Church there.

Because of the desire to save souls, bring them to a knowledge of what salvation through Jesus means, Rev. Mr. Davis and several of our Church members, both older and younger, are working with the "Youth for Christ" movement. This work has deepened the spiritual experiences of some of our new Christian members and revived the spirit of some others.

Our Church attendance here in Boulder is good for the number of resident members. There are many children here now. As we look at the little ones we are all hopeful for the future of our Church. Willard Wells usually presents a children's talk before the sermon. Recently there were twenty-three children who sat in front for their special service. We all enjoy the talks for the children — perhaps we are all children at heart. Including the children, our average attendance this quarter was over 70; last quarter it was 65.

Two of our older members are no longer with us. Mrs. Mina Coon passed away in December. She had lived here even before the Boulder Church was organized and all her life was active in all our Church activities. Mrs. Margaret Hummel, mother of Paul Hummel, passed away in January. She, too, had been a very active and highly valued member. We greatly miss these women.

Knowing God's power and believing the Holy Spirit will guide us, we expect our present members to grow in Christian

grace and the Christian virtues and to lead many others to choose Jesus as Saviour and the Christian's life.

C. W. R.

ASHAWAY, R. I. — There has been much activity this spring preparing for the services for Easter, for evangelism promotion, and other current activities of the Church.

During the week of February 19, two nights were spent in home visitation. Several homes were contacted by teams of two each. Prior to the visiting, the teams met in the parish house for supper and instruction. Delicious menus were prepared and served by women of the Church. On Tuesday and Thursday nights of the same week, evangelistic services were held in the Church with Rev. Charles H. Bond as guest speaker. The messages offered much spiritual food for those who attended.

A cantata, "Christ Victorious," by Nolte, was presented to a large audience on Good Friday night by the junior choir under the direction of Mrs. Florence Wells. Miss Margaret Gavitt, soprano, of Westerly was guest soloist. Mrs. James G. Waite was at the piano. The altar was decorated with palms, lilies, and other seasonal flowers which made a beautiful setting for the Easter services.

On Easter Sabbath morning a large congregation gathered to commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord. Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, pastor, preached on "The Resurrection and the Meaning of Life." Roger Gould, baritone, of Westerly, was soloist, and the choir rendered two anthems.

A candlelight vesper service was presented by the young people of the Church at 6:30 on Easter Sabbath night. Miss Mildred Saretzki was leader of the service. Others taking part were Gwendolyn Crandall, Barbara Waite, Louise Turner, Helen Saretzki, Betty Turner, Myra Wells, Eugene and David Wright, Robert and Charles James, Ruth Collings, and Eileen Kenyon.

Pastor Dickinson is now in Indianapolis, Ind., where he is engaged in evangelistic work for the Missionary Society. He will also attend the meeting of the National

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Association of Evangelicals in Indianapolis and the Ministers' Conference in Milton. He is scheduled to return for the Sabbath services on May 20. — Mrs. Raymond M. Kenyon, Jr., Correspondent.

ALBION, WIS. — A men's civic club has been organized in Albion. Sixty-four men met, March 20, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church parlors. The purpose of the club is to promote the social and civic life of the community. The constitution adopted at this meeting was drawn up by the planning committee: Willard Babcock, Attorney Claude Stout, Howard Richardson, Clinton Green, and Leonard Carlson.

Rev. Kenneth Van Horn was elected temporary chairman and Charles Williams, temporary secretary. Officers will be elected at the May meeting. A program and refreshments followed the business meeting.

A mother-daughter supper was held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church April 3. Over seventy-five attended. Those on the program were: Mrs. Clair Slagg, Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn, Mrs. Hattie Saunders, Miss Joan Saunders, Miss Connie Gaines, Miss Bernice Todd, Milton, and Miss Betty Daland, Milton. Miss Daland also entertained the guests before supper with much-appreciated organ music.

The serving committee was: Charles Williams, general chairman; Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, Clinton Green, Clair Slagg, Robert Gaines, Clarence Lawton, Willard Babcock, Norman Whitford, Charles Saunders, and Raymond Saunders.

The evening closed with motion pictures shown by Mr. and Mrs. Junghans of Fort Atkinson.

The electric organ dedication and concert were given at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, April 23, 1950.

Two groups of selections were given by the guest organist, Edward Rood, Milton, two groups were given by the guest harpist, Mrs. Margaret Cooper, Madison, and two groups by the guest vocalist, Kenneth Babcock, Milton. Also there were two selections by organ and harp and two by organ, harp, and voice. A very pleasing and varied program closed with "The Lord's Prayer" by organ, harp, and voice.

During the program the dedication ceremony was led by Rev. Kenneth Van Horn. After statement of purpose, the call to dedication, in responsive manner, was given by pastor and people.

After the prayer of dedication by Pastor Van Horn, the organ was presented by Willard Babcock, Church moderator. In spite of a snappy thunderstorm, which lasted for several hours, the Church was filled with people from Madison, Waukesha, Walworth, Milton, Milton Junction, Edgerton, and the Albion community. — Pearl C. Sheldon, Correspondent.

Thanks, Dear Lord

When my tasks on earth are done
And as I face the setting sun,
Thanks for the path o'er which I've run,
Dear Lord.

The fondled care of Mother and Dad,
None sweeter could a child have had
And for all this I'm so glad,
Dear Lord.

There are those so close o'kin
Who have warmed my heart, when they
came in,
It's a joy to live, where I've been,
Dear Lord.

Those about me so kind and true —
Oh! What friends and neighbors too,
Just to stick so close to you,
Dear Lord.

The little tots have been my joy;
A prissy girl or tousled boy,
Not very much, did they annoy,
Dear Lord.

My days on earth have been so sweet,
Every one so good to meet,
Thanks for the path of Thy feet,
Dear Lord.

Cousin O. B. Bond.

(These few lines were written as an expression of love to a dear, sweet cousin, Velma Davis, whose life has been so beautiful and appreciative of everything that everyone has done for her. The prayer she lived.)

