

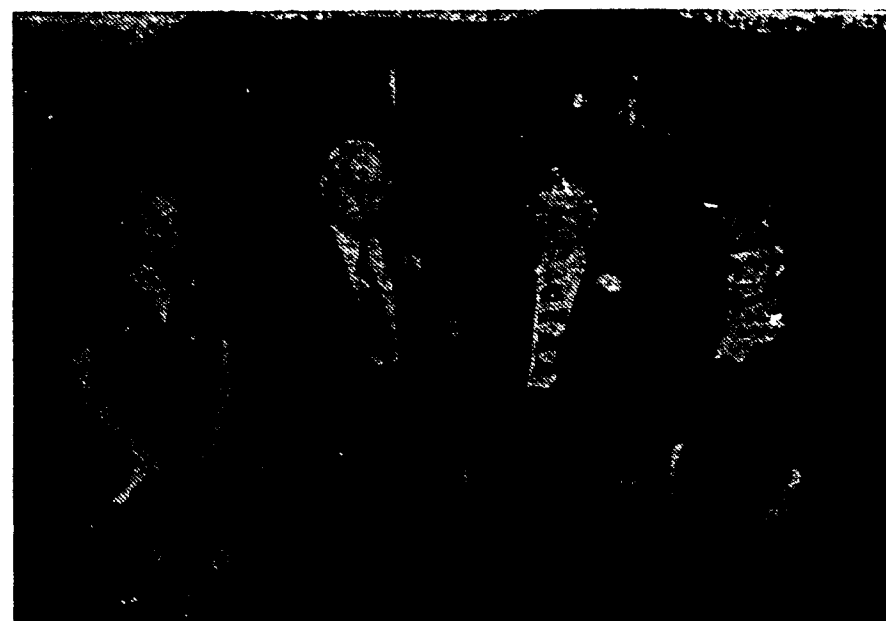
The Sabbath Recorder

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.



(See Front Cover)

"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.

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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."

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for Christ

and

His Church

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Conference President's Corner

"FERVENT IN SPIRIT"

There are 26 men living today who have served the denomination as Conference president. The period of activity goes back to 1911 with Samuel H. Davis. It occurred to me that this group of men should be an ideal source of counsel and help in approaching various denominational problems. Each has been asked to write an article for the Recorder on some phase of our activities or problems of particular interest to him. These will appear in the "President's Corner" alternately with those of this year's president. Each has also been asked to volunteer his services where possible to the Churches in his area to present the denominational program and make an appeal for the budget.

The eighteen responses that have already been received from the form letter sent out bear testimony of their continued fervent spirit in Christian work. As you read their contributions you will be aware of their deep concern for the problems that face us as a people. I hope we will all become imbued with concern for these problems for they bear directly or indirectly on the high calling of all Christians, that of helping to evangelize the world.

Lloyd D. Seager,
Conference President.

Annual Meeting of the Historical Society

The Annual Corporate Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held in its principal office, Rooms 316-318, Babcock Building, 240 West Front Street, Plainfield, N. J., January 22, 1950, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon. At this meeting, an amendment to the constitution of the Society will be offered providing that the date of the annual corporate meeting shall be changed from the fourth First-day of the week in January, to the first First-day of the week in February. An amendment will also be offered increasing the number of vice-presidents from two to three.

Corliss F. Randolph,
President,
Asa F' Randolph,
Secretary.

ADEQUATE PERSPECTIVE

O for the capacity to view matters in their true relations! It would seem that some of us "cannot see the wood for the trees." Yet, our constant effort must needs be to regard all matters in terms of relative importance.

Recently a friend was relating an incident that occurred during his seminary days. It seems that a ministerial student was returning from a weekend preaching appointment by train. As soon as he had found a seat he rather bluntly inquired of his seatmate, "Are you saved?" Just as bluntly the man shot back, "Go to blank."

Upon reaching the seminary the ministerial student told his experience to some of his fellow students, expecting a courteous degree of sympathy. Instead, the direct question and acrid retort became a pattern of greeting among some of the theologians for some time thereafter.

Our friend's comment was that the ministerial student's perspective was inadequate.

Springing from this incident is a clear, direct statement that we feel should be made in regard to confronting men with the living Christ who alone can save their souls. There are approaches — right and not so right. Plainly, the same approach will not fit every case.

The most important matter as earnest Christians is to be alert to the need of men for Christ and obedient to the Holy Spirit in approaching them. If we prepare for personal work by prayer, Bible study, and constant study of the proper methods of approach, the Holy Spirit will not let us down.

Above all, we must be converted and growing if we would bring others to Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

TEAMWORK

Everyone who has access to the Sabbath Recorder probably does not read it from cover to cover every week. However, we do hope that increasingly readers become so interested that they cannot lay down the copy until they have read practically the entire issue.

If folks bother to read the editorials, perhaps we should say more about certain articles that appear in the current issues. At least we feel moved to call attention to the excellent articles appearing in this number. An article that should engage the attention of every Seventh Day Baptist is the one entitled "Seventh Day Baptist Teamwork" which was written for the Conference Committee on Budget Promotion by Rev. Everett T. Harris, a member of the committee. (The article appears on page 40 of this issue.)

We wonder how many Seventh Day Baptists in the United States of America will have read or heard read the article mentioned within seven days of receiving this copy of the Sabbath Recorder.

Truly, this is a most important matter. Without wanting to unwarrantedly propose a further cluttering of the pulpit, we have been wondering if such articles are not worthy of a congregational or group hearing. We know something of the clamor from this society and that association for pastors to present their interests from the pulpit, and what a struggle it is to maintain the atmosphere and spirit of devotion and worship in the Sabbath service.

Nevertheless, when we, in General Conference assembled, adopt the report of the Nominating Committee which includes the Committee on Budget Promotion, we at least commit ourselves to co-operate with that committee's plans.

One of the best ways to co-operate with the Committee on Budget Promotion is to read and to get read the material that the committee sends out, and to act accordingly. This will be a strong evidence of Seventh Day Baptist Teamwork.

To further strengthen our morale and teamwork, the Sabbath Recorder will send to any pastor or Church, free of charge, from one to ten copies of a regular issue of the Sabbath Recorder in which an article or appeal from the Committee on Budget Promotion appears, as long as extra copies last. This offer is made with the hope that the committee's material will receive wider consideration and will encourage a stronger support of the Denominational Budget.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST TEAMWORK

Basketball is a thrilling game to watch, especially if you have someone in there playing whom you love very dearly. It is interesting to see how the young ladies identify themselves with the playing team and by their cheers keep up the morale. It is interesting to see the players work out a certain strategic play, and how they depend on each other. Always it is teamwork that wins.

We Seventh Day Baptists have a united work to do. We depend on each other. We need our morale kept high. Our Denominational Budget presents a way by which we can work together to the glory of God. How are we doing? According to the last Recorder, we are only doing half as well as we should. That's not so good. But some of our players haven't even "gotten" into the game yet — just watch our smoke when we all get started!

From "Guideposts to Mental Health" comes this paragraph about "Work" — "Just as we need to feel that we belong to our family, we cannot really be happy in our work unless there, too, we feel we belong. First we must identify ourselves with our specific working unit. We must have the feeling of working together toward common goals, taking pride in the achievements of the group, and sharing the dismay of the failures. This is the backbone of that elusive thing known as **morale** and it pays off in terms of increased efforts, heightened interest, and harmonious working relationships."

How about it, friends! Have you **identified** yourself with the world-wide work of Seventh Day Baptists to the extent that you gave of your interest and prayers and a little bit of yourself along with your gifts to the Denominational Budget?

Did you "take pride in the achievements" of last year? Does that 96 per cent mean anything to you? I personally know it meant sacrificial giving by many people and I am proud of it. We might have done better but we did the best we have done in many years, and that is no mean accomplishment!

And finally, are you building the **morale**

of our denomination by your present efforts? Are you "talking it up" and helping build teamwork? You know very well that one discouraged player can take the heart out of a team by dejected, half-hearted playing. The coach takes that kind of a man out quickly. On the other hand one enthusiastic player can "spark" the team.

God help us to really "spark" our Church groups this year, believing in our job, giving without stint to our united work, "fervent in spirit; serving the Lord."

A "will endeavor" goal was sent to each Church recently in the hope that a specific amount, based on the 12 per cent increase in budget asking, would challenge our Churches to greater giving in 1950. As a Church, please consider this goal, and let the Budget Committee know at your early convenience if you will undertake to raise the suggested amount. When each Church has done this, we will not only be carrying on an expanded work this year, but also there will be no deficit from former years. What will you do about this?

Everett T. Harris,
For the Budget Committee.

CHURCH BULLETIN GLEANINGS

If you do not have the Sabbath Recorder in your home, why not start the new year with a subscription?

Bible Reading: Will you please make a special study of the Book of James this week? A chapter each day will cover the entire book and leave two days for re-study of some special passages. James writes of practical religion.

The Denominational Budget calls for \$102 a day if we are to continue to support the work now being done. The Church has placed an item in the budget equal to one tenth of its estimated budget. It is hoped that other organizations and individuals can and will do as much for the Denominational Budget as they did last year and that they can add a little extra to it.

Fervent in Spirit. Let us pray that the spirit of Christ may grow in our lives during 1950. — Dodge Center, Minn., 1-7-50.

A "WORLD COMMUNITY" THAT LIVED

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love . . ."

Tears of joy sprang forth as the women gathered in the United Protestant Church of Port Austin, Huron County, Mich., sang these familiar words, standing in a large circle at the close of their 1949 World Community Day service. They felt that they were living "World Community" for worshiping with them was Mrs. Eva Vorosmarthy.

Mrs. Vorosmarthy was a "Delayed Pilgrim" — she had just come to a farm near the neighboring town of Filion, with her husband Michael, and their four children.

It wasn't too long ago that the Church people of Huron County had not known a "Delayed Pilgrim," though there were some in the area. The Roland Nelsons of Filion and their minister, Rev. W. Winston Thomas of the Chandler and Kinde Presbyterian Churches, working through Church World Service, changed all that.

Huron County is a Midwest farming community, going regularly through the seasons each year, providing Hereford cattle, navy beans, wheat, barley, oats, and some sugar beets to feed the country. Last year it sent six carloads of navy beans and one carload of wheat to Europe and Asia through CROP (Christian Rural Overseas Program), hitting the highest mark for quantity and second highest in value of all counties in the United States.

Rev. Mr. Thomas, a former Presbyterian missionary to South America, has been with the Chandler and Kinde parishes for three years and is chairman of the county CROP committee.

Filion has a post office and a grocery store — it sits in the middle of a broad peninsula dividing Saginaw Bay from Lake Huron. Not far away in Bad Axe, the county newspapers are published. Fifty-five miles southwest is Bay City, the northernmost of a string of industrial cities — Detroit, Pontiac, Flint, and Saginaw. One hundred miles south is Detroit.

Soon the news of Roland and Alberta Nelson, a young, handsome couple, driv-



The Vorosmarthy family: Michael (father), Eva (mother), and left to right, Theresa 7, Alexandra 3, Maria 5, and Eva 8.

ing 1,000 miles to New York City to pick up the Michael Vorosmarthys as they landed on American soil, reached the borders of the county and all of Northeast Michigan. It was the climax of a long struggle for them — they had been working for a year to get the family across the Atlantic, ever since a speaker pleaded for DP sponsors before the Huron County Farmers Bureau meeting. It was also a second honeymoon for the hardworking farmer and his beautiful wife.

The Nelsons and the Vorosmarthys with their four daughters, Eva, 8, Theresa, 7, Maria, 5, and Alexandra, 3, drove home into Huron County's first snowstorm on Halloween afternoon, October 31, after a two-day trip that introduced the young newcomers to new and strange American ways.

Michael and Roland are in their late thirties, and Eva and Alberta are also alike in age; their children too are of similar ages. All except the Nelsons' three children,

who did not take the trip to New York, were able to get acquainted during that first drive.

The girls might have been ill all the way, for on New York's Hudson River pier, while waiting four and a half hours for their baggage and customs clearance, the children had had a diet something like this: two or three Bartlett pears, a couple of servings of Red Cross coffee and doughnuts, pieces of salami and American cheese sandwiches, and a few candy bars — this after an early breakfast at 3:30 a.m. and hardly any food for 11 days previous while the boat, the SS General Howze, tossed at sea.

The girls also had other "company" on the auto trip — each one carried an eight to ten-inch doll given her by the New York Council of Church Women on behalf of New York's Churches when the party left the pier to start the 1,000-mile drive.

As they drove up to the seven-room house that Alberta Nelson had redecorated and the members of the Chandler Church had furnished — with projects such as quilting bees and bedding collections — they were greeted by a hot dinner, several Church women, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, and two newspaper photographers.

After the initial welcome and news interviews, they sat down for dinner. Then Michael Vorosmarthy placed a Bible, a slice of bread, and a few grains of salt on the table — the salt for lasting friendship, the bread so that his wandering family would "never go hungry again," and the Bible to sustain their living faith in Christ. Rev. Mr. Thomas asked God's blessing for them in their new home.

Four Michigan newspapers spread the story of the Vorosmarthys, the Nelsons, and the Chandler Presbyterian Church, all over the "Thumb" of Michigan from Port Huron to Bay City.

The Sunday following their arrival, at the regular services in Chandler Presbyterian Church, the Vorosmarthys and their children were asked to come forward with the Nelsons and their three children, David, 7, Theta, 6, and Eileen, 3. "God bless us all as we live and work as

brothers," Mr. Thomas said, introducing the newcomers to a congregation that had been eager to greet them.

At first, Eva Vorosmarthy was going to leave her two younger children at home that Sunday, because she thought they would not be welcome but the minister persuaded her to "bring them today and see how it is."

"We have nothing like this in Hungary for the children," she said in amazement when she saw the basement nursery run by Mrs. Thomas. "There the minister says to leave the small children at home."

Chandler and Kinde have asked for other families and they are making history in Huron County by doing so. The warm welcome and effort to make a real home for the newcomers is becoming known for miles around.

Gifts poured into the Vorosmarthy home following their arrival. Children brought stuffed bears, dolls, and other toys on Halloween night. There was enough food to last for several days.



Seated, left to right: Mrs. Rose Kota of Port Huron, Theresa, Eva, Maria, Mrs. Martin Halasz, and Mr. Halasz from Bad Axe (10 miles away); standing: Mrs. Vorosmarthy holding Alexandra, and Mr. Vorosmarthy.

Visitors came from near and far, some traveling for a hundred miles to bring food and clothing for the family.

A welcome food shower in the Chandler Church and an "open house" in the new home culminated the two-week welcome period. Eva and Alberta served refreshments that night; then Michael said, "From now on, treat us as ordinary people — we want to be just a Huron County farm family."

As "Thumb" farmers the Vorosmarthys enjoyed a 20-pound Thanksgiving turkey in the Nelson home — their first Thanksgiving, and a real one.

However, Michael was already one of the people, for almost the morning after he hit town, he started working on the farm. "Little" Eva and Theresa were walking to the Hagle school a few miles away on their second day in Huron County, though they did not know a word of English.

One day they were late coming home from school. It was the afternoon of the World Community Day services in Port Austin. When Mr. and Mrs. Thomas came after Mrs. Vorosmarthy and Maria to take them to the services, they first had to drive to the school and find the two oldest daughters.

They were sitting inside waiting — the "gans" had blocked their way. To Mr. Thomas "gansos" meant "geese" in Spanish and he realized that a flock of wild geese on the road had frightened them. They were taken home safely.

It was difficult for Eva and Theresa to start studying but they are already speaking some English. While children can erase memories more quickly than older persons, the process takes time. The girls have never known anything like a permanent home, for their parents left Budapest ten years ago before any of them were born. From that time on, the young couple and their offspring never had a home for any length of time.

Mr. Vorosmarthy left his dairy farm near Budapest and joined the Hungarian army's Panzer division when the Russians invaded the country in 1939. The division was wiped out by the Russians in 1943. He then served the Hungarian government as an economist specializing in industrial organization, until he had to flee the Nazis and Communists overrunning the country. It was first Vienna then Passau, where he was captured by German SS troops, forced to do slave labor, and later liberated by American forces.

Finally, he had a four-year stay in Displaced Persons camps (1946-49), including a year of study at the University of Munich, and service as a mechanic for the

U. S. Military Government at 150 marks (\$40) per month. About this time the young doctor of laws and economics from Franz Josef University, Szeged, near Budapest, started yearning for peace and plenty.

"There was never enough to buy meat or milk for the children," he commented, in describing those recent years and days. Fortunately, the people of Chandler Township knew what difficulties people like the Vorosmarthys were having, and they sent food and clothing regularly through Church World Service for almost a year before the family embarked from Bremerhaven for the United States.

"We would have suffered extreme hunger if it hadn't been for your gifts," Michael told his new friends.

Two years ago he could have come to Syracuse University in New York State as a research assistant, where his old "boss" in the Hungarian Prime Minister's office, Dr. Theodore Suranyi-Unger, is professor of economics, but he would not leave his family behind.

Huron County will again plant wheat, oats, barley, sugar beets, and navy beans, and the Hereford cattle will again provide steaks for the country, but its people, and those of the "Thumb" of Michigan, will have had an experience that they will not forget for a long time to come — a living "World Community" — because a young farmer, a minister, and some Delayed Pilgrims worked together.

This story could be duplicated several thousand times, but more important are the 50,000 Protestant and Orthodox Christians still waiting to be called from DP camps throughout Germany, Austria, and Italy. Under the present law, they'll have to come before June 30, 1950 — and we'll have to ask for them long before that time. Soon it will be too late to make "World Community" a living reality for them in their last desperate stretch of hope. — Church World Service Release.

**"DELAYED PILGRIMS" ARE WAITING!
ACT NOW!**

TOMORROW MAY BE TOO LATE.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH WORK IN JAMAICA

Excerpts of Letter from
Mrs. Wardner Randolph

Dear Mr. Clarke:

We have two young men in the Cambridge class now who want to prepare for the ministry, Rev. N. Henry Grant's son Henry, and another young man from that Church, Hector Roye. Hector is younger but a fine student. It would be fine if they could go together, they could help and encourage each other.

The school growth is in some ways encouraging. There are 14 seniors, 6 of them Seventh Day Baptists; 15 juniors, 7 of them Seventh Day Baptists; 4 commercial; 10 preparatory, 4 of them Seventh Day Baptists; 3 in the sewing class, all Seventh Day Baptists.

The people seem anxious to have a vocational school, but with only one pupil, we could not afford to carry shoemaking.

We advertise our sewing class but have only three pupils, one of them being Miriam Mills.

Music is a drawing card. There are ten taking piano from Mrs. Mills and others signed up to begin soon.

We have study class from 8 to 9 o'clock for the eight boarding students. Wardner is teaching a young Chinese shopkeeper near here twice a week. He is learning to read and write English. I am teaching Wardner's junior geography class, and he is outlining the other work so that I can fill in when necessary. He is teaching all the history classes and senior geography.

We now have 20 organized Churches in the island. Calls from various country groups ask help in organizing Sabbath schools and classes to prepare for Church membership and baptism. There are seven such unorganized groups worshipping in booths and looking forward to being organized as Seventh Day Baptist Churches. Wardner has married 43 couples, blessed many babies, and conducted many funerals since he came here. The Millses are wonderful in every way and God surely led them here. He is choir leader, she is Church treasurer, and they both help in

many, many ways too numerous to mention.

Greetings to your family, especially the little new daughter. May God bless you and keep you all.

Sincerely,

Bertha P. Fitz Randolph.

Kingston, Jamaica, B. W. I.,

October 19, 1949.

Christmas Greetings from Jamaica
Christmas greetings to all:

Another Christmas has rolled around and we find joy in wishing you a full share of God's love and peace now and throughout the year.

We are very busy here with the school and the mission work in the field, besides the local Church which really needs the full-time services of one man. The work in the island is prospering with the help of God and it is a joy to serve God and the people here who need help so much. The work on some of the Church buildings is nearing completion. One of the Churches is to be dedicated in January and another about the same time. All the Churches are holding missionary meetings now and the spirit of missions is being aroused. New fields are opening up which need workers. God give us the courage and the vision to enter into the fields as they open.

Crandall High School is becoming better known and gradually growing both in numbers and quality of students. We are all striving to achieve a success which will make Seventh Day Baptists proud of the school. We thank you all for your many gifts to the school. We beg your continued support in a big way. If you could see, as we can, the good that your gifts are doing, you would indeed be gratified.

May we all strive to spread God's peace and love to those around us in the coming year.

We need your prayers for the work in Jamaica.

Yours in Christian love and service,

Wardner and Bertha Fitz Randolph
and Ronald.

(Note: A similar greeting was received from Neal and Martha Mills and Miriam.)

Some Observations

The excerpts from Mrs. Wardner Randolph's letter of October 19 give some of the interesting and challenging facts of our missionaries' energetic enterprises in Jamaica, B. W. I.

A number of people have no doubt received copies of the fine three-color, duplicated Christmas greeting from our Jamaica mission. We also hope that several received copies of the map of Jamaica with our Churches located by name. We hope to reproduce this map for clearer study by all Seventh Day Baptists along with a brief sketch of the whole mission history and future needs.

Our missionaries are on the job in evangelism and in education. You would be impressed with the number of investigations going on in the field of increasing our evangelistic staff in Jamaica, in the field of developing the rural training aspects of our school, and in the field of making the school more efficient. Rev. Wardner T. F. Randolph, headmaster of Crandall High School and our supervising missionary, has written a long report (dated December 22) in which these matters are presented for the board's discussion. Work is progressing so well on the rural field that other workers are needed; Rev. Mr. Randolph's furlough in 1950-51 demands readjustments which we hope will not mean decrease of service to the Jamaicans; distribution of the antimalarial atabrine is going along well with the help of the Island Medical Service; and continuation of the program of ministerial education must be cared for. We are happy to note here the help which the Los Angeles, Calif., Sabbath School is giving in partial support of Socrates Thompson at Milton College, in partnership with Missionary Society appropriations. D. S. C.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches will be held with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church at Milton, Wis., January 27, 28, 1950.

Lillian Campbell,
Secretary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS NOTES

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

◆ The message to the youth section of the East Asian Christian Conference held in Bangkok, Thailand, December 4-11, appears in this issue of the Recorder. We wanted our readers to feel its spiritual awareness and to know that youth delegates had an important part in the Bangkok meeting. Churches from ten countries sent representatives.

◆ The Alfred Church and Sabbath School expressed the Christmas spirit through the contribution of cash, food, and clothing to German Seventh Day Baptist Relief. A duffle bag of clothing was sent to Church World Service, and flowers, baskets, and cards to thirty-three families and individuals. Mrs. A. J. C. Bond and Rev. Everett T. Harris managed the distribution of the baskets.

◆ Sabbath lessons prepared by Rev. George B. Shaw some years ago, and edited by his daughter, Miss Miriam Shaw, are to appear in the February, March, and April numbers of the Sabbath Visitor. Then, following Mr. Shaw's Catechism, the Visitor will carry a Sabbath series prepared by Mrs. Dora K. Degen.

◆ "Wanted — 1,000 young men who are willing to fit themselves for lives of usefulness as Seventh Day Baptists." So reads an advertisement in the last Beacon, prepared by C. M. Todd, chairman of the General Conference Vocational Committee. Doubtless Mr. Todd would accept young women; or perhaps he thought the fellows would bring the girls.

◆ Helen Ruth, Georgia, and Paul Greene, Jr., of Milton, Wis., were invited to sing as a trio at the National 4H Congress in Chicago, November 27 - December 1. Horace Knowles of Westerly also attended the conference with the Rhode Island delegation.

◆ The junior and intermediate choirs of the First and Second Seventh Day Baptist

Churches of Alfred and of the Almond Union of Churches joined in a festival program in the Alfred Station Church one evening during the school holidays. Elmer A. Willard was host director, assisted by Mrs. Lillian H. Jacob of Alfred and Cyrus Bryant of Almond. Supper was served to the choristers following their rehearsal and before the festival program was presented.

MESSAGE TO BANGKOK MEETING

(From the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches.)

Today, in Asia, at the cost of vast human suffering, new societies are being born. We, from the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches, send this message to the young Christians of Asia because we are one with them in the faith that out of suffering God can make a victory, as He did at Calvary. We pray that His grace may reach down and guide the human struggle toward a fulfillment of His kingdom. We pray that He may use the Christian Churches of Asia to carry forward His design.

We are mindful that division has weakened the Churches in the West, and faulty vision has often kept them from speaking to people where they live and work, about their problems in a language they can understand. Today these Churches are repenting their failures, and are trying to correct them. But we see in Asia a tremendous opportunity for Christian Churches to forswear the mistakes of the West and to carry the Gospel of Jesus Christ into the market places, homes, fields, and factories, into every part of human life.

Faced with turmoil, confusion, and revolution, Christians in Asia today can write a new Book of Acts, give the Christian gospel a fresher, newer impetus than it has had in centuries.

In this great social upheaval, Christians must work alongside their fellow countrymen, using their minds and hands to build an order of social justice for every individual.

We pledge our prayers and all possible support to those young Christian leaders who will be meeting in Bangkok at the end of this year, and to Christian youth

of Asia whom they represent. God has given them a mighty task. We pray that God will also give them the strength they need to preach on dusty roads, in the villages, and factories, as the gospel has been preached in the greatest moments of the Christian Church.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ELECTS

Miss Lola Sutton of Alfred Station, N. Y., was elected president of the Western Association Youth Fellowship at a meeting in the Alfred parish house during the Christmas holidays. Miss Marian Sutton of Alfred, N. Y., was chosen vice-president, Miss Paula Button of Alfred Station was named secretary, and James Harris of Alfred, treasurer. Don Sanford of the Alfred School of Theology was chosen as the group's adviser for the coming year.

The business meeting was held following the fellowship supper at which the Nile, Little Genesee, Richburg, Alfred Station, and Alfred Churches were represented. Visitors included Stanley Harris, home from Salem College and Francis Green on leave from a Naval Training School in Washington, D. C. Willard Sutton of Alfred presided. A humorous reading was given by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, and Don Sanford led in singing.

Rev. Albert N. Rogers spoke on the new association camp site to be known as Camp Harley in appreciation of the youth work of Rev. Harley Sutton, formerly executive secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education. He reported that the Richburg Church has pledged one dollar per member toward camp buildings, and suggested the young people take the idea home to their Churches.

Greetings were brought by Rev. Everett T. Harris, pastor of the host Church. The meeting opened with a worship service in the Church which was led by the members of the Alfred Station group. A part of those present went roller skating later in the evening.

A. N. R.

Children's Page

Dear Jerry:

I'm sure you are having fun with your electric train, and I'm glad you are running it yourself. A little boy I know received an electric train one Christmas. What do you think? His father was running it for him while the little boy watched, looking very unhappy. At last he said, "I thought that train was for my Christmas; not just for you to play with." And just then the train ran off the track, just as yours did. After that the little boy learned to run his own train.

A little three-year-old boy is calling on me this afternoon as he does almost every day. He thinks he would like to learn to run the typewriter. I guess he'll have to wait a little while, perhaps until he's six years old. What do you think?

I liked your letter, and I hope you'll write again soon.

Your true friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I wonder what the boys and girls are doing this morning. I am sitting in my window watching boys and girls skating on the pond.

The lady who lives in the house with me and I have a company food station. Just now there are a nuthatch, chickadee, downy woodpecker, hairy woodpeckers, a blue jay, four bluebirds, a robin, song sparrow, vesper sparrow, a tree sparrow, and starlings.

I sometimes see a pair of phoebe birds, waxwings, a Bohemian waxwing, siskins, brown creeper, and of course, English sparrows.

The starlings I do not like as they drive the bluebirds away. Then I drive them away with the result that they are back immediately. While I do not like the starlings, I wonder if we could not learn a lesson in perseverance from them. No matter how many times they fail in getting the coveted food, they are not discouraged but keep persistently at it.

When we meet with discouragements in our daily tasks, do we keep persistently

at it until the tasks are done, or do we say, "Oh, dear! what is the use? I will never get done," and give up in despair.

Let us wake up and take a lesson from the birds who are so helpful to man in the summer, and so grateful for the meager rations given them in the winter.

Sincerely,
Nellie M. Longfellow.

Dear Miss Longfellow:

Thank you for your helpful letter. In the page written especially to me you speak of "banties" and milk goats belonging to the lady with whom you make your home. I hope soon you will tell us more about them. My only experience with a goat when I was a child was one that knocked me down and bruised me quite a bit. Let's hear about some good, pretty goats.

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

MOTHER'S HELPER

The snow was deep and heavy, and the laddie's hands were small;
The shovel was too large for him, the handle very tall;
But Mother dear was washing, and with all his might and mind,
A pathway to the clothes reel, he right bravely tried to find.

Though both his hands had blisters and his arms were tired, too,
And Mother said, "Why Billy, let me finish that for you;"
Though Tommy Jones was shouting, "Oh! you Bill, come out and play,
And help me build a snow man in the field across the way";

He labored with his shovel, till at last his task was done;
Then with a merry whistle off he ran to have his fun.
Now let me tell you, boys and girls, he had a joyous day,
Because he worked for Mother dear before he went to play.

Mizpah S. Greene.

REV. GERALD D. HARGIS

Gerald Deane Hargis, son of the late Rev. Arthur O. and Ella Whitmer Hargis, was born in Des Moines, Iowa, August 18, 1896, while his father was completing his education at Duke University. He was the oldest of five children — two brothers, a sister, and a half sister. He preached his first sermon at the age of 14, in his father's pulpit, in Harville, Ill.

After the death of his mother, when he was fourteen years of age, he was sent away to school in the South, where he



Rev. Gerald D. Hargis

spent several years. During his last three years there, he spent his summers in Battle Creek, Mich., being employed at the Postum Cereal Company and at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. It was at the latter place that he met Marian A. Howard, who later became his wife, on April 18, 1918.

Feeling the call to duty to serve his country in the first World War, he enlisted in the U. S. Navy in June, 1918, and served until his honorable discharge at the close of the war. He, with his

wife, then spent one more year in Johnson Bible College, in Tennessee, where he finished his ministerial training. He was ordained to the Christian ministry at the General Conference at Battle Creek, Mich., in 1919.

In 1920, he received a call to the Walworth, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church, which he accepted. During this pastorate, he also took a course in Milton College, being graduated from that school in 1923. He also served as pastor of Brick Church (First Baptist) Walworth, from 1920 to 1923.

In August, 1923, Rev. Mr. Hargis accepted a call to the Little Genesee, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church. Very soon after his arrival, he became pastor also of the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church which held its services on Sabbath afternoon each week. He also served, 1923-26, as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Richburg, which had a large and growing congregation during his years of service. He held evangelistic services in Ashaway, R. I., in 1925, during the pastorate of Rev. Alva L. Davis.

In the winter of 1925, he received a call to the Riverside, Calif., Seventh Day Baptist Church, to which pastorate he went in June, 1926. On the way West Rev. Mr. Hargis spent three weeks in an evangelistic campaign in Boulder, Colo.

In Riverside, he was very active in the city ministerial association and exchanged pulpit work with many of the city pastors, as well as serving as acting pastor of the Arlington Christian Church and a Community Church near Riverside. Mr. Hargis was also active in county Christian Endeavor work, serving two years as pastoral counselor for Riverside County and making many lifelong friends among the young people through this work.

In August, 1931, during a month's vacation period, the Hargis family attended two summer conferences, one at Mount Hermon, and one at Berkeley, Calif., where the spiritual influence was so great, that they were led by the Lord to offer themselves for service on the Jamaica mission field. They were called by the Missionary Board to begin service on that field and sailed from Los Angeles Harbor on January 30, 1932, reaching Kingston, Jamaica,

on February 19, stopping at Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone, and three South American ports en route. For seven years Pastor Hargis worked hard and faithfully on this field, winning many souls for the kingdom, building up the island Churches with the aid of God, of native pastors, and of his wonderful Bible worker, Brother W. S. Connolly, and his faithful friend, Pastor H. Mignott. He was also active in Christian Endeavor work throughout the island.

After returning to the U. S. A., while hoping to return to Jamaica to start an industrial school for which he saw great need, and which he recommended to the board and to the home Churches, Pastor Hargis served the Los Angeles Church until 1941, with the exception of the summer of 1940, when he was released to serve the Walworth, Wis., Church for four months, returning to Los Angeles in September. In March, 1941, Pastor Hargis began his work as pastor of the Church in Battle Creek, Mich., where he served for almost four years. A call to return to the Church in Los Angeles was accepted, and pastor Hargis and family took up the work in January, 1945, and continued until his illness and sudden death on November 26, 1949. (In January, 1948, Mrs. Hargis and their daughter "Gerry" went to Jamaica for three months and were joined by Rev. Mr. Hargis in work on that field, in March, for one month.)

During his pastorate in Los Angeles, Pastor Hargis not only assisted in the summer camp at Pacific Pines, but made trips to hold weekend services in the Reedley Church at various times.

In September, 1948, he and his wife and daughter, Geraldine Dorothy, accepted a call from the Missionary Board to go to New Zealand and Australia for evangelistic work. Due to the fact that boat passage was unavailable, they continued to serve in the Los Angeles Church with its building program in progress, but were booked for passage via England, next April, 1950. Rev. Mr. Hargis looked forward with great interest and zeal, and planned that this should be his greatest mission, going to these island people, whom having not seen, he yet loved.

He leaves to mourn his loss, but to thank

DEACON NATHAN OLNEY MOORE

Nathan Olney Moore was born in Chicago, Ill., December 14, 1877, and died at Riverside, Calif., December 17, 1949. He was the third child and older son of Nathan Olney Moore, Sr., and Mary Hunter Moore. He is survived by his wife; his only son Neil Olney Moore, of Riverside; two granddaughters, Marsha Allyn and Karyl Leanne Moore, of Riverside; two sisters, the Misses Julia M., and Mary H. Moore, of Nashville, Tenn.; a niece, Miss Miriam G Moore, Nashville; distant relatives, and many friends.

Olney, as he was always known, received his early education in the public schools of Chicago and Highland Park, Ill. When he was eleven, he dropped out of grammar school to learn the printer's trade from his father; but he continued his schooling under the home tutoring of his mother until he was able to enter the Highland Park High School. In 1897 he entered the preparatory department of Milton College. He sometimes said he kicked his way through college because he earned the entire expenses of the six years in the job printing office of Will K. Davis, "kicking off" jobs on the footpower press. His success in the printing office is summed up in the remark of W. K. Davis: "Moore can turn off more work in a given length of time than any other man I know." His career as a student is witnessed to by the lifetime friends of his school days who are here today.

Olney was graduated with the class of 1903, and on June 26, 1903, he was married to Mary West, only daughter of Dr. C. H. West of Farina, Ill. Their first year of life together was spent at Scandinavia, a town in northern Wisconsin, where he

God for his life, his wife; his two sons: Rev. Robert E. Hargis, Montrose, Calif., and Rev. Ronald I. Hargis, Waterford, Conn.; a daughter, Geraldine Dorothy; brothers Ellis V., and Louis L. Hargis, of Denver, Colo.; and sisters Mrs. Agnes Kemp and Mrs. Kathryn Brown of Illinois; and a host of friends throughout the world. "The Lord giveth, and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord!"

Mrs. Gerald D. Hargis.

was principal of the grammar school. The next year they moved to Plainfield, N. J., where he was manager of the Recorder Press. In 1910 Dr. West retired from his dental practice in Farina, and the West and Moore families moved to Riverside to live together the rest of their days. He joined the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church by letter on November 26, 1910; and for the past quarter century he has faithfully served as an ordained deacon.

In the next four years the most important events in Olney's life were a year he spent in Africa and a year spent back in Milton in business with the Burdick Cabinet Corporation. The trip to Africa, in company with W. D. Wilcox, to investigate mission work in South Africa, was sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society. The experiences of that trip and the pictures he took have since formed the basis of many a lecture, mission talk, or program in Church, school, or neighborhood.

In 1915 Olney joined the faculty of the Riverside Polytechnic High School, where he was head of the printing department of the high school and junior college until his automatic retirement seven years ago. His mother used to recall that in his youth he often said there were two things he would never do for a living: be a teacher or a printer. Yet when life called him to both those professions, he did them with the love and devotion of an artist. Since his retirement he has filled his life with activities directed to the comfort and welfare of his family, friends, and neighbors at Riverside and Desert Hot Springs.

Olney was reared by Sabbathkeeping parents, and he was always a good boy; but he had made no profession of conversion until during his first year at Milton. He was baptized by Pastor Lester Randolph. To his last moment Olney was devoted to the Lord Jesus, to the Church and its objectives, and to the happiness and service of those about him. The photographic hobby he developed in his last years is really an allegory of the pattern of his whole life: his artistry and intellectual acumen are illustrated by the kind of pictures he took, but the quality

of his soul is symbolized by the use he made of his pictures — showing them to shut-ins and patients in rest homes and nursing homes. His wit and humor flashed like sunshine through all he said and wrote. Poems from his pen have delighted and inspired many in differing places and circumstances, from his students and his fellow patients at the Riverside Community Hospital to friends and neighbors who were either bereaved or rejoicing.

The influence of his life is fully recorded only in the books of heaven. For instance: only a few days ago at a birthday party for an elderly invalid in Tennessee, of whom he never heard, the thing that pleased her most was the reading of a poem he once wrote as a tribute to his neighbor, Mrs. Pullen. All who had any contact with him sensed and respected his intellectual greatness, his nobility, and his goodness. Those in every degree of nearness to him proportionately knew the depth of his tenderness and love. It will be as we go on living that we fully realize our loss; but the influence of his Christian gentlemanliness will inspire us to live better lives.

Miss Mary H. Moore.

AN APPRECIATION OF N. OLNEY MOORE

The death of N. Olney Moore came as a shock to the writer who with Mrs. North spent Conference Week in the home of the Moores in Riverside, Calif. As is usual when two friends get together, they talk of matters in which both are interested — so printing processes were mainly discussed.

It was back in 1908 when Mr. Moore was manager of the Publishing House (1906-1910) that he tried to prevail upon the writer to come to Plainfield as foreman. As that time the idea did not seem to appeal, although many letters were exchanged.

In the years since I have been manager, I have had many helpful letters from Olney — some expressing criticism of certain things that he thought would be

Marriages

Bitgood - Woodmansee. — At the home of the bride, Rockville, R. I., September 3, 1949. Robert Gareth Bitgood and Alice Emogene Woodmansee, both of Rockville. Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiated. The new home is at Rockville, R. I.

Obituaries

Hargis. — Rev. Gerald D., son of Rev. Arthur O. and Ella Whitmer Hargis, was born in Des Moines, Iowa, August 18, 1896, and died at Los Angeles, Calif., November 26, 1949.

He was active in the ministry of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Los Angeles until taken ill a week before his death.

Farewell services were held at the M. H. Simons Funeral Home in Riverside, Calif., with Rev. Leon M. Maltby and Rev. Edward S. Ballenger, officiating. Interment was among other Seventh Day Baptist graves in Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, on November 30. (See extended sketch elsewhere in this issue.)

L. M. M.

Moore. — Nathan Olney, was born in Chicago, Ill., December 14, 1877, and died at Riverside, Calif., December 17, 1949.

Funeral services were conducted December 21 by his pastor, Rev. Leon M. Maltby, assisted by Rev. Edward S. Ballenger, with interment at Olivewood Cemetery in Riverside. (See extended sketch elsewhere in this issue.)

L. M. M.

Kinney. — M. Leona Stillman, second daughter of George T. and Janette Stillman, was born in De Ruyter, N. Y., August 5, 1877, and died December 21, 1949. Her older sister, Nina Lidell, passed away a year ago on February 17.

Early in life Mrs. Kinney joined the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church and re-

mained a faithful member. She attended school in the Old Stone School Building in De Ruyter and was graduated in 1896.

After teaching for a time, she attended Cortland Normal, and after some years of teaching she was married to Clarence Kinney of Sheds, who passed on a few years ago.

Those surviving her are one sister, Lillian S. Burdick of Syracuse, and a niece, Mrs. Velma Lidell DeLee of Sheds.

Funeral services were conducted from the Smith Funeral Home, De Ruyter, Sabbath, December 24, 1949, by Rev. Herbert L. Polan, pastor of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, and burial was made in Hillcrest Cemetery, De Ruyter, N. Y. H. L. P.

Bond. — Ora L., daughter of Henry Olin was born May 10, 1859, in Freeborn County, Minn., and died at the home of her son, Walter C. Bond, Dodge Center, Minn., on December 14, 1949.

Mrs. Bond was the oldest member of the Dodge Center Church, having joined the Church when she moved to Dodge Center with her husband.

Two sons, Henry and Walter, and one daughter, Mrs. Hazel Fritz, ten grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren survive her.

Funeral services were held from the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church on December 17, 1949, with her pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan, officiating. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery. E. C.

Tither's Surprises

The Christian who begins to tithe will have at least six surprises. He will be surprised:

1. At the amount of money he has for the Lord's work.
2. At the deepening of his spiritual life in paying the tithe.
3. At the ease of meeting his own obligations with the nine tenths.
4. At the ease in going from one tenth to larger giving.
5. At the preparation this gives to be a faithful and wise steward over the nine tenths that remains.
6. At himself in not adopting the plan sooner.

—Glad Tidings, in the
United Presbyterian.

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ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
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better done differently, but always given in a kindly spirit and with helpful suggestions for making the changes.

N. Olney Moore was a clear thinker and usually just a little ahead of those with whom he associated. He had firm convictions as to how things should be done. But if a student could arrive at the correct solution in some other manner he was given free rein to do so.

I shall always prize the friendship that we have enjoyed over the years.

L. Harrison North.

CHURCH NEWS

SALEM, W. VA. — Possibly New Year's Day may be a good time to send you some news of Salem interests.

First, a personal word about Mrs. Hurley. As our friends know, she was so badly afflicted with asthma following Conference that she left the first of October and was away from Salem for six weeks. Early in December an allergy clinic in Richmond found her allergic to 26 foods, most grasses and weeds, all sorts of fumes and gases and oils, dust, tobacco, coal smoke, etc. Since omitting all prohibited foods she is somewhat improved, and is not so badly affected by fog and smoke, etc. We are more hopeful now of being able to remain in Salem. But with it all there was neither strength nor time to send Christmas greetings to our friends. We hope they will understand.

We have had several happy occasions in the Salem Church lately. The Christmas musicale on December 12, given before the students left for the holidays, was a series of Christmas carols and other Christmas music, along with several selections from Handel's Messiah. They were beautiful reminders of the Babe of Bethlehem. Mrs. Hurley and I thought Ruth Sara Rogers' singing of "Rejoice Greatly" was the equal of the same solo we had heard a few nights before when "The Messiah" was sung by the Opera Association of Richmond, Va.

Then, we had a delightful Christmas program, arranged in large part by Miss Venita Vincent and the Junior Christian Endeavor. This consisted of readings and tableaux depicting the Christmas story, interspersed with music by the senior choir. 'Twas a real blessing.

Visitors from other Churches, and the return of some of our own members who have been away teaching or studying, have kept our attendance up to the average during the holidays even though many college students had gone home for Christmas.

The last day of 1949 was a delightful one for us. A few visitors from various places were included in the attendance of 137. A fine spirit was manifest in morning worship, Sabbath school, the afternoon Bible hour, and especially in the evening candlelighting service. The ladies'

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

The following resolution was passed by the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church at its recent annual meeting: "Resolved, That the Board of Missions and Church Extension records the conviction that the existence of enormous surpluses of unneeded food held by the United States Government, in the face of widespread hunger of millions in many lands, is morally indefensible, and urges that immediate and appropriate steps be taken by Congress to make available as much as possible of this food to areas of need overseas."

Because the county is fast becoming the administrative and social unit of American life, the county seat Church should be developed so that it will imprint its principles upon the business, industrial, social, economic, religious, educational, and home life of the county community, Sociologist Rockwell C. Smith of Garrett Biblical Institute, Chicago, Ill., told the recent 600-member "National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country," gathered in Lincoln, Neb. "If we want to serve farm folk, we must get the county seat in focus," said Professor Smith. "The county seat Church must rethink its obligations to the small Churches of its hinterland. It has long been the beneficiary of their zeal and piety, for from them has come its strongest leadership. What are its obligations to these creative fellowships in the countryside? In the county seat the farm cooperative has its headquarters, the local unions their halls, all the governmental and social and recreational agencies their facilities. If standards which these agencies see in the Church are standards of prestige and power, then we must not be surprised if this same class system comes to fruition in the Farm Bureau, the C.I.O., the Masonic lodge, or the garden clubs."

class had arranged for this closing service of challenge and dedication as the old year was passing away. This was followed by a covered dish supper, and the thrill of raising the last dollar of an additional \$2,000 to meet some extra expenses in our rebuilding program. There is still a heavy debt to meet, but we are sure God will bless us as we work together harmoniously to raise that out of the blessings He will continue to shower upon us.

Loyal F. Hurley, Pastor.

The Sabbath Recorder



MEMBERS OF COLONY HEIGHTS FAMILIES

Standing near cornerstone and front entrance of Seventh Day Baptist Church, Riverside, Calif. Front row, left to right: N. Ward Davis, Mrs. Ethlyn Davis Copeland, Mrs. Daisy Furrow Allen, Mrs. S. Martin Babcock. Back row, left to right: Robert Babcock, S. Martin Babcock, Miss Lillian Babcock, Mrs. Bessie Babcock Herbert.

(See Historical Sketch on page 59 of this issue.)