

NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

By W. W. Reid

On the heels of news that American Protestants are to issue a daily newspaper under the editorial leadership of Dr. Robert W. Searle, it is announced in Kansas City, Mo., that a Catholic lay body has been organized to begin the issuance of a Catholic-directed daily "to cover news from a religious standpoint." It will be a competitor in the regular daily newspaper field, will be known as "The Sun Herald," and will have Robert Hoyt, of Denver, Colo., as principal editor.

"We are still going in the red in the use of our soils in American farming," says Dr. Aaron H. Rapping, rural authority and faculty member of Hiwassee College in Tennessee. "We are cutting our timber faster than it is growing. We are using up our oil and gas at lightning speed. We are being challenged to help industrialize and lift the level of life in large areas of the world. The apparent demand for using our natural resources on a colossal scale to sustain our armed forces is another great drain upon our natural resources. We are desperately in need of a fuller appreciation of the fact that we are consciously or unconsciously partners of God in making a living from the things which He has placed upon the earth. Making a living calls for meeting some need — physical, mental, social, or spiritual, and involves relationship with God and with other people. There is a way of farming that is in accord with the laws of God — a 'kingdom of God way' of farming; and there is a way of farming that is contrary to the laws of God. We have to seek the 'kingdom of God way' of farming, of using natural resources, of relating ourselves to God's purposes and to the needs of our neighbors."

"The people of the rural sections and the small towns of America will never 'goose-step' to the drumbeats of dictators," says Bishop William C. Martin, of Dallas, Tex. "There is too much independence among the people of the countryside, too much freedom of thought and action, to permit the encroachment of dictators. Revolutions of this kind always commence in the cities of a nation. And this freedom and independence which roots from the countryside is needed for the survival of democracy in America. For this reason, the continued care of the Church for the spiritual and social and physical needs of the people of the rural areas is vital."

SCRIPTURES FOR KOREA

The American Bible Society has published a special edition of 50,000 copies of Korean Scriptures for distribution to the Korean Army, Navy, and Air Force. The books were printed at the request of the Korean Bible Society, whose headquarters is in Seoul, and will probably be distributed by the Chaplains Corps under the supervision of the Korean Bible Society. The books, bound in black fabricoid, contain the four Gospels and the Book of Acts. One hundred thousand copies of the Sermon on the Mount in Korean and English are also available and will be sent to Korea, with the Scriptures, as soon as shipping arrangements can be made.

Rev. Young Bin Im is secretary of the Korean Bible Society. No direct word has come from Mr. Im but it was agreed that if there was an invasion of southern Korea, he was to stay at his headquarters in Seoul.

The people of Korea have been avid Bible readers. They have had the complete Bible since 1911. During 1945, due to lack of printing facilities and paper in Korea, publication of the Korean Scriptures was inaugurated in this country. Since then 250,000 Korean Testaments and 125,000 each of paper-bound Gospels of Luke and John have been shipped to Korea by the Bible Society. Binding materials and paper were also sent to Korea by the American Bible Society so that Scripture publication was taking place there. Special paper required for Braille Scriptures was also furnished by the Bible Society and an edition of the complete New Testament in Braille completed. A Braille New Testament in Korean requires ten large volumes. A set of these books is in the library of the Bible Society in New York. —Release.

Testaments for Armed Forces

One half million Service Testaments are being prepared by the American Bible Society in anticipation of calls from chaplains for distribution to the Armed Forces. The books are streamlined to fit comfortably in the pocket of a blouse or jacket. They will be available in two colors, brown and blue, for the various branches of the service. — Release.

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The 1950 Pre-Conference Retreat



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PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT Camp Caesar, W. Va. August 17-20, 1950

The Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church was represented at the tenth birthday of the Seventh Day Baptist Pre-Conference Retreat by twelve of its youth, its pastor, the director of the camp, "Uncle Leland" and "Aunt Lettie" Bond, two of the instructors.

Also represented at the Retreat were: Adams Center, N. Y., with two campers; Albion, Wis., two; Alfred, N. Y., five; Alfred Station, N. Y., six; Battle Creek, Mich., eight; Berlin, N. Y., one; De Ruyter, N. Y., two; Milton, Wis., six; Detroit Baptist Church, one; Gentry, Ark., two; Little Genesee, N. Y., two; Los Angeles, Calif., two; Milton Junction, Wis., one; New Auburn, Wis., two; Plainfield, N. J., one; Riverside, Calif., three; Roanoke, W. Va., two; Salem, W. Va., eight; Salemville, Pa., three; Schenectady, N. Y., three; Shiloh, N. J., two; Verona, N. Y., eleven; Waterford, Conn., one; and Westerly, R. I., three.

Staff members included "Uncle Rex" Zwiebel, director; "Uncle Leland" and "Aunt Lettie" Bond; "Aunt Marion" Burdick, Salemville; "Uncle Luther" Crichlow, Washington; "Uncle Don" and "Aunt Jean" Pierce, Alfred Station; "Grandpa" Herbert Polan, Verona; "Uncle Al" Rogers, Alfred Station; "Uncle Ed" Rood, Milton; "Uncle Vic" Skaggs, Little Genesee; "Aunt Helen" Sullivan, Berlin; and, "Uncle Alton" Wheeler, Battle Creek. . . .
—Sabbatarian Echoes, Lost Creek, W. Va.

TEN FREE COPIES OF THE SABBATH RECORDER

An important decision was reached at a recent meeting of the Committee on the Sabbath Recorder.

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However, the writer should make request for his free copies prior to the publication of his article so that there will be no delay in his receiving them.

Additional copies, in excess of the ten free ones, will be billed at the bulk rate.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
ALFRED, N. Y., AUGUST 14-19, 1951

THE SALEM CONFERENCE

(Continued)

Entertainment

One of the last persons that we saw at Salem on Monday night after Conference before returning to Plainfield on Tuesday, was Edwin J. Bond, cordial, efficient chairman of the Conference Entertainment Committee. We chanced to meet him at a filling station on West Main Street.

During our brief conversation we learned that Edwin had been calling personally on townspeople, other than Seventh Day Baptists, to thank them for opening their homes to Conference delegates. The Churches of Salem co-operated most commendably in this respect. Mr. Bond had visited a dozen or so homes that evening and planned to continue until he had completed the list.

This courtesy and spirit of the chairman reminded us of the friendly welcome always in evidence at the Conference registration desks. The members of the Entertainment Committee introduced us to the West Virginia hospitality which we were privileged to enjoy during the high days of a great Conference.

To adequately care for well over six hundred delegates is no small task. And when it became apparent that there would be a deluge, the committee found it necessary to engage certain tourist accommodations within driving distance of Salem. Several people who had been entertained in the homes of the Lost Creek Church members were also made welcome during Conference week. Thus neighbors and friends shared in the entertainment privilege.

The spirit in which this was done was illustrated by the comments that Mr. Bond received as he went to thank certain townspeople for their generous co-operation. Some said, "If we had known that you were in need of more accommodations, we have another room that might have been used."

Meals

Habits greatly affect our daily lives and schedules. Especially the eating habit! Three times a day seemed to be the frequency of eating at the Conference cafeteria. Under the capable management of

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth V. Hulin of culinary renown, most of the delegates found wholesome food at reasonable prices. Some chose to eat elsewhere. Those of us who live in metropolitan areas experience an annual agreeable surprise when it comes to paying for meals at General Conference. How the price can be kept so reasonable and the servings be so generous amazes us.

There are others who were associated with Kenneth and Mary who should be mentioned, yet we refrain lest we might leave out someone.

The first noon as we waited in the cafeteria line, someone asked Bob Hurley of Riverside, Calif., who had just finished his meal and was leaving the dining room, how the dinner was. Placing his hand upon his stomach he replied with enthusiasm: "It's worth waiting for."

The Beautiful Flowers

Rev. Herbert C. Van Horn, of blessed memory, would have enjoyed, beyond our power to describe, the gorgeous flowers on the front of the Conference platform. In a real sense he did enjoy them. Are we not "surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12: 1a, RSV) and is he not one of them?

The Conference flowers, contributed by local growers and florists, were tastefully arranged and regularly refreshed by the Decorations Committee of which Mrs. Mary Helen Swiger was chairman. Again we hesitate to mention the names of those responsible for the floral arrangements for fear we might miss someone.

Other Host Committees

Other host committees and chairmen were as follows: General chairman, Harley D. Bond; publicity, Mrs. Alberta D. Batson; buildings, grounds, and parking, Ross P. Seager; nursery and comfort, Mrs. Ruby B. Ford; information and mail, Rev. Ralph H. Coon; activities and recreation, Stanley Allen and Lewis May; ushers and parents, Warren Randolph; transportation, J. Bond Davis; music, Clarence Rogers; properties and public address, James Randolph and Irving Seager.

Contributing agencies listed in the Conference program were: Salem College, the use of buildings and grounds, and C. C.

Keys Music Company, Clarksburg, W. Va., the use of an organ.

The appreciation of the General Conference for the many courtesies of Conference week was officially and appropriately expressed in the report of the Committee on Courtesies and Resolutions which appears elsewhere in this issue.

THE MOST FRIENDLY

A young person who attended Pre-Conference Retreat for the first time this year was heard to say recently: "Of all the young people's groups in which I have been, I have found Seventh Day Baptist young people the most friendly."

We have pondered this remark quite a bit. This young person does not have the privilege of associating regularly with young people of her age group and faith. In the high school of over fourteen hundred students which she attends she is at present the only Seventh Day Baptist. She has some very good friends among her schoolmates. Yet, she finds those of her own faith the most friendly.

Without question this doubtless is the attitude of the majority of our young people. Such an attitude augurs well for the future. Our young people will stick to the group that is most friendly. They will find their social and spiritual fulfillment in this group. They will discover their life partners there. They will learn many lessons that will buttress them for the oftentimes unfriendly attitude and atmosphere of the world in which they are called to live. Above all, they will be led by the Holy Spirit to consecrate their entire beings to Christ their Saviour and Lord, and ours, in whatever field of endeavor they may be called to enter.

A great and grave responsibility rests upon us parents who persist in rearing our children apart from Seventh Day Baptist fellowship and influence. Moreover, in these days of hostility toward and open warfare on the ideals and practices of Christ as evidenced in and through His Church, it behooves us to encourage and support every opportunity for strengthening the faith of our young people.

The Pre-Conference Retreat, now in its eleventh year according to Rev. Harley Sutton, has proved to be an indisputable

means of strengthening the faith of our young people. Thank God for it! And for those who have planned and directed it!

KEEP YOUR RECORDERS COMING!

Don't make the mistake of discontinuing your subscription to the Sabbath Recorder. Just when a number of matters of denomination-wide and world-wide interest are taking shape is a good time to have copies of our denominational paper reach you regularly.

Seventh Day Baptists who read the Sabbath Recorder are much better informed on Church-wide affairs than those who do not. This observation was proved at the recent Salem Conference. In fact, the parliamentarian of the day, Professor D. Nelson Inglis, presented a statement before the Conference to the effect that we need to be better informed on a number of matters that are becoming live issues among us.

We recognize the necessity of exercising care in publishing statements and articles on matters that are in the formative stage. We must be careful to publish material that will be informative and not confusing. A case in point is the work of the Commission-appointed committee on denominational reorganization. However, we assume that, since the Commission has been instructed by General Conference "to lead the denomination during the coming year in a study of proposed plans for reorganization and bring to the 1951 Conference recommendations resulting from that study," before too many months there will be some information to publish growing out of the spirit and purpose of this action.

Otherwise, how can delegates to the 1951 Conference vote intelligently on the recommendations that the Commission will bring?

Not only is this a good time to keep your Recorder coming but also to encourage others to subscribe to it. You subscribe and get others to subscribe, and we shall continue to try, under God, to get the information to you as soon as possible after it becomes available.

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Commission of General Conference

(At its Pre-Conference meeting in Salem, W. Va.)

Left to right: Lloyd D. Seager, president of General Conference; E. Duane Hurley, E. Keith Davis, Courtland V. Davis, secretary and corresponding secretary of General Conference; Lester G. Osborn, Elmo F. Randolph, chairman; and Loyal F. Hurley.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

(As amended by the General Conference)

To the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference:

Your Commission would respectfully submit the following as its annual report for the year ending with this session of the General Conference.

Members of the Commission for this year were: Loyal F. Hurley, Salem, W. Va.; Lester G. Osborn, Shiloh, N. J.; E. Keith Davis, Denver, Colo.; Lloyd D. Seager, Little Rock, Ark.; E. Duane Hurley, El Monte, Calif.; Elmo F. Randolph, Milton, Wis. Courtland V. Davis was secretary.

The Commission organized following Conference at Riverside in August, 1949, electing Elmo F. Randolph as chairman. A short meeting of the eastern members of the Commission was held in Plainfield, N. J., on Monday, April 17, 1950. The pre-Conference meeting was held in Salem, W. Va., August 15-21, 1950, with all members of the Commission present.

Lloyd D. Seager, president of Conference, was directed to prepare the program for this session of Conference.

The official list of ministers recognized by Conference has been drawn up for publication in the 1950 Year Book, and is now in the hands of the secretary for examination by any who may be interested.

Elmo F. Randolph has been authorized to countersign the checks of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget and Edward Hood to countersign the checks of the treasurer of Conference.

Rev. Luther W. Crichtow was appointed a representative of Seventh Day Baptists on the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, and on the General Commission on Chaplains.

The Commission has recommended to the Missionary Board that its proposed work in New Zealand should not now be undertaken, in view of the financial demands at this time.

The Auditing Committee of the Commission reports that the accounts of the acting treasurer of the Denominational Budget and of the treasurer of

Conference have been duly audited by competent auditors as indicated by certificates attached to the respective reports.

Recommendations

The Commission recommends:

1. That the Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches be discontinued as a committee and the churches requested to send any funds for relief purposes through the treasurer of the Denominational Budget, who will transmit them directly to some person appointed by the Commission whose duties will be to publicize needs and distribute funds.

2. That Conference pay the expenses of the delegate to the Biennial Session of the Federal Council who is also member of the executive committee of the National Council, expenses of other representatives to be cared for by the nominating agencies or in some other way.

Believing that our function as a denomination in the development of the Kingdom of God here on earth is the dissemination of the gospel message in general, and of the Sabbath truth specifically, the Commission has undertaken a study in an attempt to determine just how well we have succeeded in our mission.

As the result of our own thinking and the comments from those who are zealous in these matters, we are impressed with our shortcoming to date. It appears to us that, with our present form of denominational organization, we are not attaining maximum productivity. In an attempt to make a more closely knit denominational structure, because of our findings and because of a spontaneous cry from our churches, the Commission presents the next two recommendations:

3. That the Conference recognize the possibility of our need for denominational reorganization, looking toward unity of purpose and spirit, and efficiency of programing and administration.

4. That the Commission be instructed to lead the denomination during the coming year in a study of proposed plans for reorganization and bring to the 1951 Conference recommendations resulting from that study.

5. That the Conference recommend that for a trial period of one year beginning October 1, 1951, the Sabbath Recorder be published as a monthly of not more than forty-eight pages. This will effect an appreciable saving over the cost of a weekly. (This was lost by a standing vote of about 92 to 42. After discussion of an alternate proposal brought by the Committee on Publishing Interests, it was voted to refer the matter back to the Commission for further study.)

6. That in view of the report of the Committee on Christian Rural Fellowship and the resignation of its chairman, the committee be discontinued, its loan library of literature and visual aids be deposited in the library of our School of Theology, the balance remaining in the hands of the committee (\$48.02) be turned over to the Board of Christian Education, and the board be requested to consider the matter of carrying on any of the activities of the committee which in its opinion should be continued.

7. That Conference repeal that section of the plan of contributions by churches and ministers to the Ministerial Retirement Fund which reads as follows: (Year Book, 1946, p. 37) "b. Each pastor is asked to contribute to the fund the per cent of his salary indicated in the following table," and substitute the following: "The individual churches are requested to continue their participation in the Ministerial Retirement Fund plan, and the churches also are requested by and with the consent of their pastor to withhold his share of participation in the plan from his monthly salary payments as shown in Year Book 1946, p. 37, this amount to be sent to the Denominational Budget treasurer quarterly. It is further recommended that when found advisable the church raise the salary of the pastor to this extent and thereby assume the pastor's participation."

8. That Conference make a study as to how the Seventh Day Baptist Building can be made to serve more fully the needs of our denomination and direct the Commission to take steps towards that end.

9. That the following be adopted as the Denominational Budget for the year beginning October 1, 1950:

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Seventh Day Baptist Church, Daytona Beach, Fla.

DAYTONA BEACH INVITATION

Dear Recorder Editor:

May I again call the attention of Recorder readers to the desirability of Daytona Beach as a most excellent place to avoid the rigors of a northern winter?

I may be the only resident here who will admit that there may be other places in Florida — or elsewhere — that are just as good from the point of view of climate, but I do admit that. However, I am sure that there is no other place in this state so suitable for Seventh Day Baptists who value Church privileges with other fine people of our faith.

Not only for winter visitors but for those changing their residence for a warmer climate does Daytona Beach have a spe-

cial claim on Seventh Day Baptists. During the last two or three years we have heard of three or four families of our people moving to Florida, but none have moved to this city. I do not wish to be critical of them or their choice, but I would like to call the attention of any others who contemplate making a change to a more moderate climate to the fact that the Church here needs their help, and the Church can help them. I suggest that being near the Church here will at least counterbalance any advantages that any other place may have. "You need the Church and the Church needs you."

Yours in His service,
J. W. Croft

September 10, 1950

(The Denominational Budget for the year beginning October 1, 1950 appeared on the back cover of the Sabbath Recorder for September 11, 1950.)

In Conclusion

The foregoing report from your Commission is the product of prayerful deliberation. In the presence of considerations bearing directly on the present and future of our denomination we have sought "unity of the mind in the bond of love."

May God in Christ, whose name we take and whom we serve, bless the efforts of his people to the coming of the Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Loyal F. Hurley,
Lester G. Orborn,
E. Keith Davis,
Lloyd D. Seager,
K. Duane Hurley,
Elmo F. Randolph



Seventh Day Baptist Youth and Staff in Friendship Circle Marking the Close of Retreat, Camp Caesar, Webster Springs, W. Va.

Photo by Stanley Allen

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT 1950

By Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel and
Rev. Victor W. Skaggs

Ninety-two Seventh Day Baptist youth met with thirteen staff members on Thursday afternoon, August 17, at Camp Caesar, Webster Springs, W. Va. It is pretty hard to describe the grand feeling as veteran "Retreaters" mixed in with a lot of new candidates settled down for a few days of intense Christian living. All co-operated beautifully in a program designed to teach and train future leaders in some of the fundamental elements of Church work. Mingled with training in worship, music, Church publicity, handicraft, Bible study, were other activities such as fun singing, stunts, swimming, softball, volleyball, badminton, etc.

The Retreat was sponsored by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education and planned by the Committee on Youth Work, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, chairman. The staff included Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, director; Rev. Herbert L. Polan, "grandpa"; Rev. Luther W. Crichlow, Bible lecturer; Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Edward Rood, and Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, workshop leaders; Mrs. Jean Pierce, Mrs. Helen Sullivan, Mrs. Lettie Bond, Miss Marion Burdick, girls' counselors and discussion group leaders; Donald Pierce, boys' counselor; Leland Bond, recreation.

Away from many temptations that ordinarily bother us, amid the majestic beau-

ty of the Webster County hills, with Christian friends to help us along, it was a simple matter to find communion with God. The declarations given at the Sunday evening faggot service testify to this fact.

All of us look forward with eager expectation to the Retreat next year where, God willing, we'll meet again to live, love, and learn in the true spirit of Christian living.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The Central Association will hold its annual Fall Meeting at Brookfield, N. Y., on October 7, 1950. The morning service will begin at 10:30 o'clock.

Bernice D. Rogers,
Corresponding Secretary.

QUARTERLY MEETING

Sponsoring Marker Dedication

An invitation is extended to anyone interested in the former West Hallock Church near Edelstein, Ill., to attend a dedication service for the marker placed at the site of the old West Hallock Seventh Day Baptist Church which will be held on Sabbath day, September 30, at 1 p.m., Central Standard Time. It is requested that those attending meet at the Henry McWhorter home in Edelstein at 12:30. For further information write T. G. Lipincott, Milton, Wis.

Lillian Campbell,
Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COURTESIES AND RESOLUTIONS

Your Committee on Courtesies and Resolutions would make the following report:

1. This annual session of the General Conference hereby expresses its appreciation in the following ways: (a) to the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and to other good people of the Salem community for making us welcome in their homes; (b) to those who have supplied us with adequate meals; (c) to Salem College for the use of buildings and grounds and for services rendered us; (d) to the C. C. Key Music Company of Clarkburg, W. Va., for donating the use of a fine electric organ; and (e) to all those persons who have contributed in countless ways to the comfort and inspiration of delegates and visitors.

2. The delegates and visitors to this annual session of the General Conference take this means of expressing their appreciation in several directions: (a) to President Lloyd D. Seager for his insight into denominational needs and his wise planning of the Conference program to meet those needs, and we regret that he was called home from Salem before the opening of Conference by illness in his family; (b) to Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, first vice-president, for so capably presiding over the meetings of this annual session in the unavoidable absence of the Conference president; (c) to those who have supplied and led the inspiring music of Conference; (d) to those who have provided religious education and wholesome recreation for children and young folk; (e) to those who have conducted programs for youth delegates and training of church-school workers; (f) to those many persons who had relatively small parts on the program but who effectively rendered service as unto God; (g) to the flower committee; (h) for the public address system; (i) to other churches and citizens of Salem for hospitalities extended.

3. Acknowledging the tenseness of the present international situation, even as this General Conference meets, we would remind those who enter the armed forces of the United States of America, some to serve under the banner of the United Nations at the direction of our government, of our continuing interest and prayers on their behalf, and we call upon Seventh Day Baptists everywhere to live as Christians ought to live with one another and with those of other races and religious faiths. We further call upon our neighbors and friends to embrace the discipline of the keeping of the Bible Sabbath which we witness to them and which may be a means of grace and a steadying influence upon individuals, families, and nations.

4. Whereas this General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists is seriously disturbed by the attempted encroachment of the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church upon our traditional and cherished American concept of separation of church and state, and

Whereas the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference believes the assignment to the Vatican of an ambassador from the United States to be contrary to the traditional American concept of separation of church and state; therefore be it

Resolved that we petition the President and the Congress of these United States, but especially the Senate, NOT to appoint an ambassador to the Vatican and to discontinue any relationships, official or unofficial, with the Vatican.

5. Whereas Seventh Day Baptists recognize that young men and women who refuse military service for reasons of religious conscience very often deserve better treatment than to be segregated into special work camps or jails; therefore be it

Resolved that we recommend to the United States government that alternate services be set up which will make use of special talents and consecration and will bring relief to needy persons both at home and abroad, which special services may be chosen by genuine conscientious objectors in preference to service within the military establishment.

We invite such conscientious objectors among our people to register their conviction in writing with the secretary of Conference at an early date.

6. Whereas this General Conference recognizes that the American Bible Society renders an essential world-wide missionary service through translating and publishing the Scriptures without note or comment and through distributing them without profit and often below cost; therefore be it

Resolved (a) that we recommend to our pastors the observance of Bible Sabbath (the second Sabbath in December of each year), using materials provided by the American Bible Society, as an opportunity for presenting information to our people regarding the missionary cause; and (b) that we earnestly request our churches to make yearly contributions to the work of the American Bible Society, all such contributions to be sent through the treasurer of the Denominational Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

Emmett H. Bottoms, Chairman,
Luther W. Crichlow, Secretary,
Orville W. Babcock,
Albert N. Rogers,
Kenneth A. Stickney.

SCRIPTURES WANTED IN ISRAEL

There is great demand in the State of Israel for the complete Hebrew Bible and for Scriptures in the mother tongues of refugee Jews who know no Hebrew, according to a report by Rev. Leonard Geary of the American Bible Society who has recently made a tour of Israel.

The cry has been for more Scriptures from each sector of the country than the Bible Society could supply. Mr. Geary reports finding Orthodox Jews seeking the entire Bible so that they might read the New Testament bound together with the Old. Among those looking for specific languages were some Jews from Shanghai, asking for Chinese Scriptures and others, having left Soviet territory and influence, wanting Rumanian, Bulgarian, and Russian books. — Release.

CHRISTIAN RADIO SUMMER SCHOOL

A record enrollment has been chalked up for the fifth annual summer school of Christian radio conducted August 14-25, at Moody Bible Institute. Some 50 students were enrolled, representing ten states, Canada, and Australia.

The students, including ten women, received specialized training in broadcasting subjects, covering script writing to production. As part of their training, students were given a chance to plan, prepare, and produce a broadcast.

Sponsors for the radio school were the World Missionary Fellowship, with missionary station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, and Moody Bible Institute, with stations WMBI and WMBI-FM. — Release.

REV. WARDNER RANDOLPH REPORTS ON FIRST TERM IN JAMAICA

Appearing on the Conference program at Salem, W. Va., on the Sabbath afternoon "Foreign Missions Hour" assigned to the Missionary Society by President Lloyd D. Seager, Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph spoke of the work carried on in Jamaica under his supervision since 1945. You will note his sincere modesty in crediting achievements to native workers and other missionaries. The Missionary Board heard Mr. Randolph's report at a special meeting on August 13 in Westery and here is their reaction to his formal report and answering of various questions: "Voted: that this board express its absolute confidence in Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph as head of our Jamaica Mission and in his exemplary Christian approach to the various problems which have confronted him, and that we commend his very efficient conduct of missionary work on the Island of Jamaica as workable methods for other missions and missionaries to follow."

Dr. Ben R. Crandall, who served the Missionary Society in 1947 by establishing principles for founding our Jamaican school, introduced Mr. and Mrs. Randolph to the Conference. Mr. Randolph's address follows. (A second installment in this department will complete his Conference address and a later article will tell of his observations on work in British Guiana.) D. S. C.

My one purpose in being upon this platform today is to interest you in the Seventh Day Baptist Mission work in Jamaica. I am a stranger to Conference and to many of you good people who are here today. I have met people here who said: "I have read about you and wondered who you were." Although I am a stranger to many of you and to Conference, I really ought not to feel too strange here in Salem for this meeting is being held upon the site of my grandfather's homestead.

The fact that I have lived in regions remote from Seventh Day Baptist centers is not really my fault but my misfortune. I could not help being born in Shanghai

while my father was a missionary there. I could not help being dropped down into the Southwest when he went there to work for the Missionary Society sixteen years. It seems as though my chief contact with Seventh Day Baptists was when I was going to school in Alfred, afterward my work carried me away. So I trust you will forgive me for being unknown.

Yesterday morning I attended a meeting of the Committee on Missionary Activities. The chairman was appointing a subcommittee on Jamaica and one of the members begged to be excused from that committee because he knew so little about Jamaica. I am hoping that when that meeting is over that you will know enough about Jamaica and will be interested enough in the work down there, that that assembly will make itself a committee on Jamaica, whose purpose is to kindle among your people at home a flame, an ever-burning flame of zeal for mission.

Seventh Day Baptist Mission Work in Jamaica

Jamaica is a beautiful little island 144 miles long and 44 miles wide, situated fifty miles south of Cuba and is 19 degrees north of the equator. For this reason it has a warm climate throughout the year. The sea moderates the climate, making it uniform not only throughout the twenty-four hours of each day but also throughout the year. The temperature will not vary more than twenty degrees during the year. This is from 60 to 80 degrees in the mountains and 70 to 90 degrees in the lowlands. The soil is very fertile and many tropical crops are raised. Bananas, sugar cane, citrus fruits, coconuts, and pineapples are the money crops, and there are other tropical fruits too numerous to mention.

The surface is very mountainous and rugged. Many places the mountains seem to rise directly from the sea to reach an elevation of thousands of feet. Many of these mountain peaks rise to a height of five to eight thousand feet. The grandeur of the scenery is beyond description.

The history of Seventh Day Baptist Mission work in Jamaica began with the visit to that lovely island by Secretary William L. Burdick and Rev. Carl A. Hansen in 1923. They contacted Rev. Louise Mignott who was the leader of a

group in Jamaica that observed the Sabbath. The result of visits to these Churches by the three ministers was that a dozen Churches voted to become Seventh Day Baptist Churches and asked for admission into the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. They were admitted at the next meeting of Conference.

Since then there have been five missionaries sent to Jamaica. Rev. and Mrs. D. Burdett Coon, whom the Jamaicans recall with love, saying that if ever there were saints upon earth they were two of them. Then there were Rev. and Mrs. Gerald D. Hargis; Mr. Hargis was a very eloquent preacher, Mrs. Hargis an able musician and worker among the young people. During their term Seventh Day Baptists became well known and honored in Jamaica.

They were followed by Rev. and Mrs. Luther W. Crichlow. Both were consecrated Christian workers. Mr. Crichlow organized the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference and set up the plan that is still being used for the collection and disbursement of funds for the payment of native workers. Mr. Crichlow's ability as an organizer has made it easier for the present missionaries to carry on a constantly expanding work.

Then there are your servant and his wife. Many things are said of him. Some good, and some not so good. They say he gets around to the Churches more than any other missionary; that he answers every call. They also say that he is not an eloquent preacher; that he does not take Jamaicans enough into his confidence. But they also say that he gets things done. Your missionary goes right along as though they said nothing.

Lastly there are Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills who took charge on the first of August this year (Rev. Mr. Mills as acting superintendent). They are both hard workers and good organizers and should be successful in their new positions.

During the past five and one half years, the Kingston Church has increased from 48 to 112 members; Higgintown from 11 to 48 members; Blue Mountain from 7 to 32 members; Thornton from 5 to 29 mem-

bers. When we went to Jamaica there were 18 groups with a membership of 450. One Church has been dismissed from the Conference on account of the un-Christ-like conduct of its leaders. Eleven groups have been added and the membership increased from 450 to 800.

The Church building program has made considerable advancement during the past five years. When we went to Jamaica there was one completed Church building in Jamaica — the Kingston Church. Six others were under process of construction. At the present time there are six completed buildings and six being built. The remaining Churches worship in buildings made of bamboo thatched with coconut boughs.

I will tell you of one of these projects. Soon after our arrival in the island I received a letter inviting me to visit the Lemon Hall Church. I was instructed to go to Coronation Market and take the Paris-de-Lux bus to Marlie Hill and there I would find the inevitable beast awaiting me. (Rev. Mr. Randolph's introduction to the use of the ferocious sounding word "beast" had been in connection with a long bus ride into the then strange countryside. A leader had told him to take a certain bus, ride the four hours to a certain point and "there would be a beast awaiting" him. "Throughout the four-hour ride," Mr. Randolph "joshed" the Conference assembly, "there were passing through my mind pictures of early Christians thrown to the beasts of Ephesus and Rome.")

I discovered that Marlie Hill was the end of the line. There was no beast in sight and the bus merely unloaded and returned to Kingston to reappear another day. I was in trouble — no beast to meet me, no place to spend the night. Should I return to Kingston? I decided to await the beast even if I had to sleep under a plantain bush. But soon I saw a man with a donkey coming along the ridge. I mounted the donkey, the man put my suitcase upon his head and we started off on a six-mile journey.

(To be continued)

WORSHIP PROGRAM

By Mrs. Frances Kagarise

Theme: Worship.

"O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Song: "O Worship the King."

Scripture: Psalm 122.

Worship is defined as reverence or adoration of God, therefore is not a hit-or-miss affair. It is an art with definite rules to follow:

1. Regularity. Begin the habit when young, and continue through the years.
2. Humbleness. "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble."
3. Thankfulness. "Be thankful unto him and bless his name," "... with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God."

4. Meditation. Think of God and His greatness and goodness. Think of His plan of salvation. Think of the beautiful rather than the ugly; of the pure and lovely rather than the evil.

5. Heed His voice. Let Him lead you into ways of trust, hope, joy, and peace. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee."

Prayer: Our Father in heaven, help us to worship with clean hands and a pure heart. Help us to listen closely so that we may know and heed Thy perfect will for us. Amen.

Song: "It Is Well with My Soul."

New Enterprise, Pa.

SUGGESTED GOALS FOR 1950-51

I. Spiritual

1. Encourage family devotions by making available devotional helps such as "The Upper Room," "The Secret Place," and others.
2. Plan your society program around the home and foreign mission study books.

II. Service

1. Study world conditions and emphasize universal brotherhood by giving through agencies which are available. Keep a record of all such giving by your society and also by all your other Church organizations.

2. Observe World Community Day, November 3, 1950; World Day of Prayer, February 9, 1951; May Fellowship Day, May 4, 1951.

3. Co-operate with your pastor in the use of special issue of the Sabbath Recorder and the distribution of tracts.

4. Contact your nonresident Church members regularly.

5. Ally your society definitely with temperance movements.

6. Send news items regularly from your society to be incorporated in the Women's Board Newsletter.

7. Read the Women's Board Newsletters in your society meetings.

8. Subscribe to the monthly magazine "The Church Woman" for your president or chairman of your program committee.

III. Financial

1. Practice tithing or some other form of proportionate giving. Set aside a definite time in your program to emphasize tithing.

2. Increase your contribution to the Denominational Budget.

3. Make direct gifts to the Women's Board to carry on special projects.

4. Assist in paying the Conference expense of a representative from your society.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Theme — Love Thy Neighbor

Friday, November 3, 1950

World Community Day Literature Order NOW.

Adult Program, 10 cents (contains worship service, information quiz, and suggestions).

Children's Program, 5 cents, \$4 per 100.

Poster, 10 cents.

Dramatic Skit, 5 cents, \$4 per 100.

Project Sheet — Simple copy free.

In quantities, 50 cents per 100.

PACKET (contains one each of the above) 25 cents.

No orders will be shipped after October 20, 1950.

Please make out order carefully. Refunds not made on material sent as ordered.

Kindly remit with your order. Postal order, check, bill, or money order (not stamps).

We prepay fourth class postage on this month.

Our Children's Letter Exchange

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I enclosed a letter from my daughter, Rose Mary. She wanted to write more but it took too much energy. She has been writing to her Uncle Lee in Alaska for six months or more. I write the copy at her dictation and then she takes over.

I wanted Bert to write, too, but he is too busy with a number of things. I managed to get him to write up something for the "Beacon Jr." last week. Maybe he will write to you a little later.

For some peculiar reason Rose Mary says greatma and greatpa rather than grandma and grandpa. She loves everybody (anybody in her language) and everybody loves her. She will be too young to go to school this year but is a real lady when it comes to washing dishes and running errands.

May God bless you in your work with the Children's Page. I especially liked your stories in the June 5 and July 31 papers and as most other adults I always read the Children's Page.

Rose Mary wants to know if I will read "God Loves and Cares for His Children" to her again.

Sincerely, in Christ,
Mary H. Boehler.

Box 495,
Edinburg, Tex.

Dear Mrs. Boehler:

Thank you so much for your very helpful letter. I have been writing for the Children's Page so many years that I'm afraid I repeat myself sometimes and also I wonder if I'm doing all that I can for it.

I loved Rose Mary's letter. I was able to copy it directly from her own writing which was very well written for a five-year-old.

A little boy about her age comes to see me nearly every day and often wipes dishes for me. He calls me grandma and usually asks, "Grandma, have you an apple for me today?" His name is Douglas, but everybody calls him "Dougie."

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I would like to be one of your Recorder friends. My mother used to write letters to you when she was little and used to see you quite often.

You live in the same town where a dear great-uncle of mine lives. His name is Edson Langworthy.

Last winter I went to Alfred to visit my Grandpa and Grandma Langworthy and had a good time with my Van Horn cousins who were also visiting their grandparents.

I was just five years old and will be able to go to kindergarten in about three weeks. I can hardly wait.

My Grandma Langworthy read me lots of nice stories when I was at her house. I also have a dear Grandma and Grandpa Soper in Fouke, Ark. My grandpa preaches in the Seventh Day Baptist Church there. He also tells me nice stories. I like to go to Sabbath school

Your new Recorder friend,
Emma Mae Soper.

Arthur, Neb.

P. S. I have no pets but have a nice little brother and sister to play with.

Dear Emma Mae:

How I used to enjoy your mother's letters and how sorry I was when she began to think she was too old to call herself a Recorder child! Now I am very happy that you have begun to write. Please write often.

I see your Uncle Edson nearly every day, especially at Church on Sabbath day. He is my very good friend as well as a wonderful uncle to you.

I think a nice little brother and sister are very much better to play with than the very nicest pets. Don't you think so, too? Our pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Carl Maxson have a new little baby boy to play with their dear little girl, and I can hardly wait to see him. Also, a new baby boy has come to the home of our Methodist minister's family, soon to play with his two little brothers. What do they need of a pet?

I hope you will keep on writing to me as your mother did, but please don't stop quite so soon.

Your loving friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

CHURCH NEWS

ALBION, WIS. — Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks in July with an enrollment of 35 pupils and 5 visitors. Seventy per cent of the pupils had perfect attendance. Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, the supervisor, taught the juniors, assisted by Miss Mary Thorngate, Dodge Center, Minn., Mrs. Clinton Green, Miss Nancy Furseth, and Mrs. Duane Bosbon as teachers. Mrs. Clair Slagg helped with the music, and Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn, aided by the mothers, had charge of the daily lunch for the children. The school closed with a program July 14.

A community picnic, sponsored by the Sabbath school of which Charles Williams is superintendent, was enjoyed August 6.

Rev. Kenneth Van Horn went as a delegate to the General Conference at Salem, W. Va., from the Milton Junction and Albion Churches.

Other delegates were Mrs. Willard Babcock and Mrs. Clair Slagg from the societies, Willard Babcock, Mrs. Mabel Sayre, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bond, and Mrs. Pearl Sheldon.

Two of our young people, Miss Janice Babcock and Miss Ann Saunders, attended Camp Caesar. The fellowship dinners, with collections, held once a month, helped them to attend camp. Reports of the camp meetings and of Conference have been given at Sabbath services by some of the delegates.

The collection at the fellowship dinner, September 23, will go into the fund to improve the primary department room of the Sabbath school.

In the absence of the pastor, August 19, Norman Whitford and Clinton Green had charge of the Sabbath morning services. — Pearl C. Sheldon, Correspondent.

NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The North Central Association will meet with the Old Stone Fort Seventh Day Baptist Church, Stonefort, Ill., October 6-8, 1950, starting Friday, October 6, at 7 p.m.

A. Addison Appel,
Pastor.

BIRTHS

Van Horn. — A daughter, Laura Jean, to Rev. and Mrs. Marion C. Van Horn, Brookfield, N. Y., on September 11, 1950.

Marriages

Conrad - Lindahl. — Dr. C. Conrad of Brookfield, and B. Irene Lindahl of Dodge Center, Minn., were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon, August 19, 1950, at the pastor's home by Pastor Charles W. Thorngate. The new home will be at Brookfield, Minn.

Stonestreet - Lawton. — Donald Stonestreet of Gateway, W. Va., and Elaine Lawton of Battle Creek, Mich., were united in marriage, August 16, 1950. Rev. Albert J. Wheeler, pastor of the bride, officiated. The ceremony took place in the First Baptist Chapel, Charleston, W. Va. The new home will be at 1314 Quince Street, Charleston, W. Va.

Obituaries

Thomas. — Herbert James, son of William A. and the late Isabelle W. Thomas, died at the Naval Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., on July 8, 1950.

He was a member of the First Alfred Street Day Baptist Church.

He had made Alfred his home until the past three years, when he had been residing at the latter's home at Barnegat, N. J.

He was a member of the American Legion, having served in the Field Artillery in World War I in France. He was a freeman for many years. Mr. Thomas had been in poor health for some time.

The farewell services were a military funeral with interment in the National Cemetery, Barnegat, N. J. M. T.

YEARLY MEETING Eastern New York and New Jersey Churches

The Yearly Meeting of the Eastern New York and New Jersey Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be held on October 13, 14, 1950, at Berlin, N. Y. The theme will be John 14: 27.

The Friday evening service will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

Archie L. Greene,
Church Clerk

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, August 31, 1950

Receipts		August	11 months
Adams Center	\$	50.30	\$ 306.84
Albion		40.31	166.31
Alfred, First		253.80	2,107.45
Alfred, Second			466.59
Andover		9.00	9.00
Associations and groups		657.70	1,023.46
Battle Creek		220.50	1,621.34
Berlin		27.00	267.74
Boulder		30.63	279.37
Brookfield, First		45.00	190.00
Brookfield, Second		24.25	237.15
Chicago		70.00	607.00
Daytona Beach		75.06	320.84
Denver		37.67	344.59
De Ruyter		30.00	345.23
Des Moines			10.00
Dinuba			28.37
Dodge Center		67.54	354.66
Edinburg		11.00	84.26
Farina		179.00	541.90
Fouke			163.95
Friendship			37.85
Gentry		2.00	38.25
Hammond		63.86	143.86
Healdsburg-Ukiah		5.00	45.00
Hebron, First		18.50	148.25
Hopkinton, First			497.47
Hopkinton, Second		3.71	24.71
Independence		234.00	460.00
Individuals		120.00	1,765.00
Irvington		25.00	125.00
Little Genesee			408.28
Little Prairie			7.00
Los Angeles		59.54	311.50
Lost Creek		121.71	518.85
Marlboro		169.31	827.31
Middle Island			67.43
Milton		508.88	4,384.61
Milton Junction		107.20	873.67
New Auburn		16.00	141.01
New York City, First		95.48	280.70
North Loup			553.81

Nortonville	41.45	208.82
Pawcatuck		2,426.67
Piscataway		161.25
Plainfield	202.79	2,093.97
Richburg		227.00
Ritchie		55.00
Riverside	259.11	2,231.80
Roanoke		26.00
Rochester		30.00
Rockville	17.95	101.88
Salem	15.00	717.66
Salemville	46.00	124.56
Shiloh	144.91	1,771.38
Stone Fort	20.00	45.00
Syracuse		50.00
Verona		426.55
Walworth	43.90	117.10
Washington, People's	60.00	110.00
Waterford	13.77	212.62
White Cloud	54.83	256.56
Totals	\$4,298.66	\$32,529.43

Disbursements		
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,152.79	\$ 92.50
Tract Society	833.44	
Board of		
Christian Education	638.69	
Women's Society	21.37	
Historical Society	99.19	
Ministerial Retirement	324.59	85.81
S. D. B. Building	117.34	
World Fellowship and Service	30.24	
General Conference	489.90	41.45
Relief Appeals		46.76
Debt Reduction:		
Miss. Society	\$121.07	
Tract Society	141.52	
Board of		
Christian Ed.	37.65	
S. D. B. Building	24.35	
	324.59	
Totals	\$4,032.14	\$ 266.52

Comparative Figures

	Total Budget	Normal
Total Budget	\$37,250.00	
Receipts for October	\$1,489.99 4.00%	\$3,104.16 8 1/3%
Receipts for November	1,508.67 4.00%	3,104.16 8 1/3%
Receipts for December	3,841.75 10.30%	3,104.16 8 1/3%
Receipts for January	2,000.14 5.37%	3,104.16 8 1/3%
Receipts for February	2,049.91 5.50%	3,104.16 8 1/3%
Receipts for March	3,284.59 8.80%	3,104.16 8 1/3%
Receipts for April	2,858.21 7.67%	3,104.16 8 1/3%
Receipts for May	2,222.87 6.00%	3,104.16 8 1/3%
Receipts for June	2,559.33 6.87%	3,104.16 8 1/3%
Receipts for July	2,297.05 6.11%	3,104.16 8 1/3%
Receipts for August	4,032.14 10.82%	3,104.16 8 1/3%
Totals	\$28,144.65 75.44%	\$34,145.76 91 2/3%
Special gifts, designated:		
October to July	\$4,118.26	
August	266.52	
Total	\$4,384.78	

Milton, Wis.

D. Nelson Inglis,
Acting Treasurer.

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