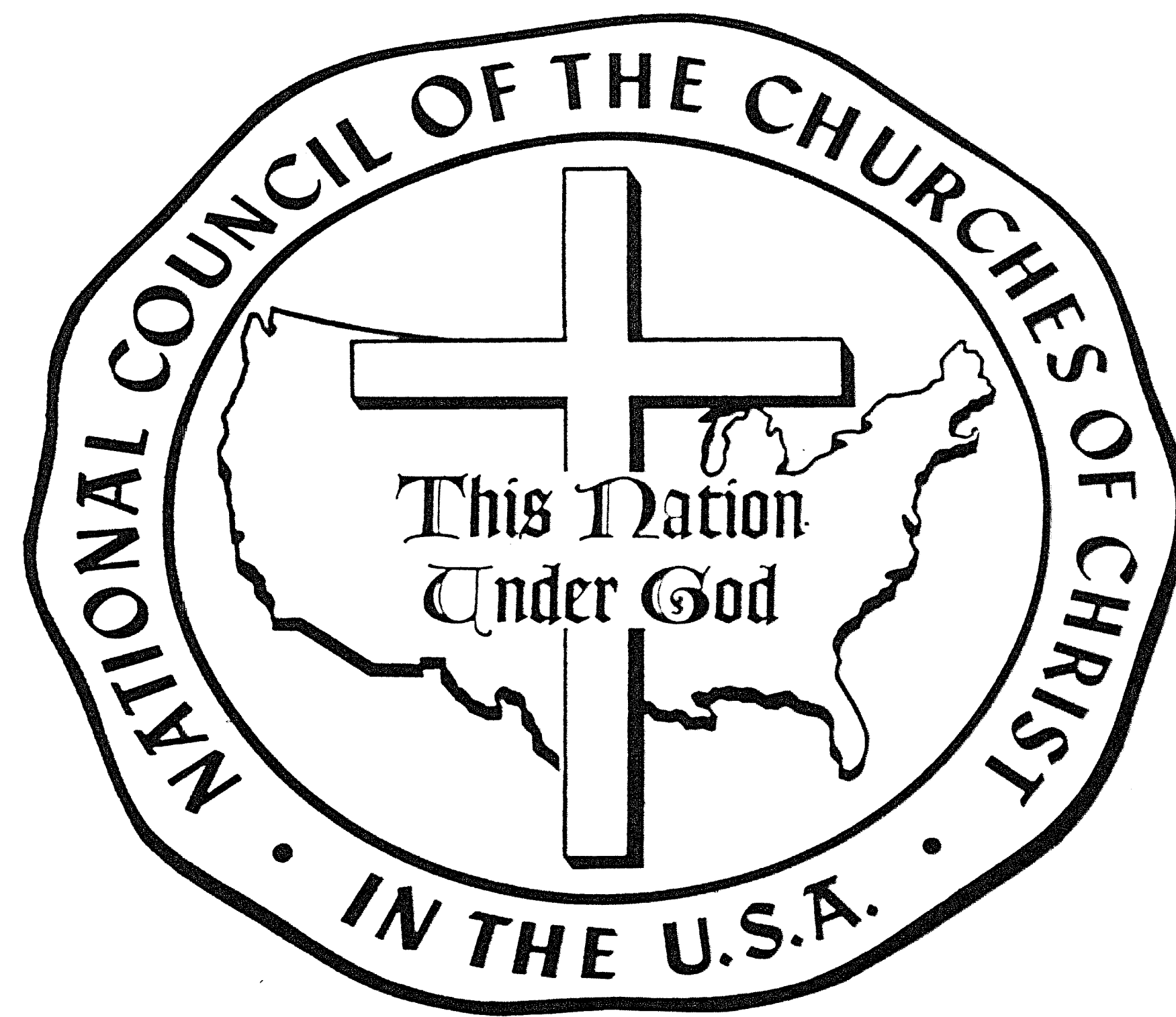
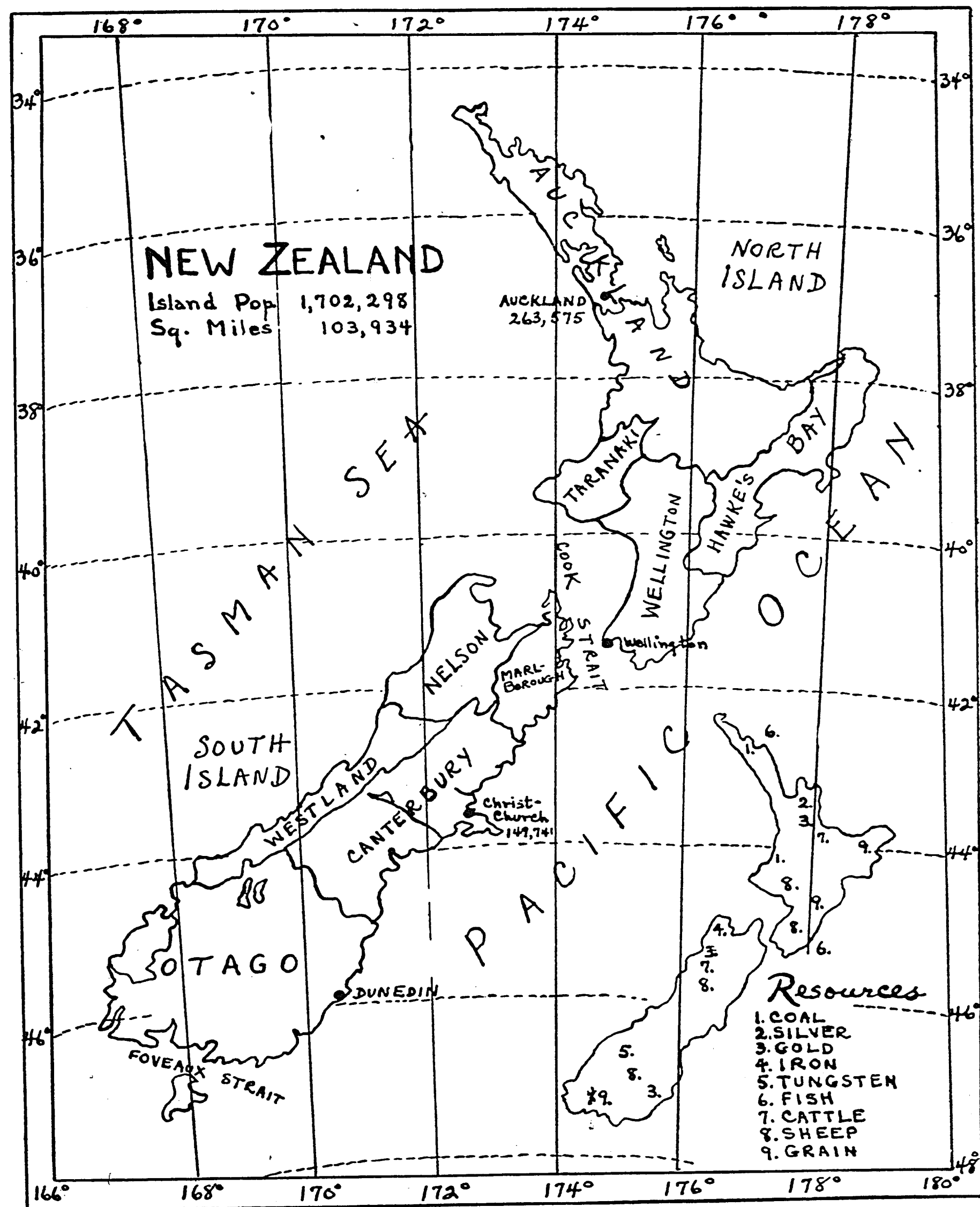


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## MINISTERIAL RETIREMENT

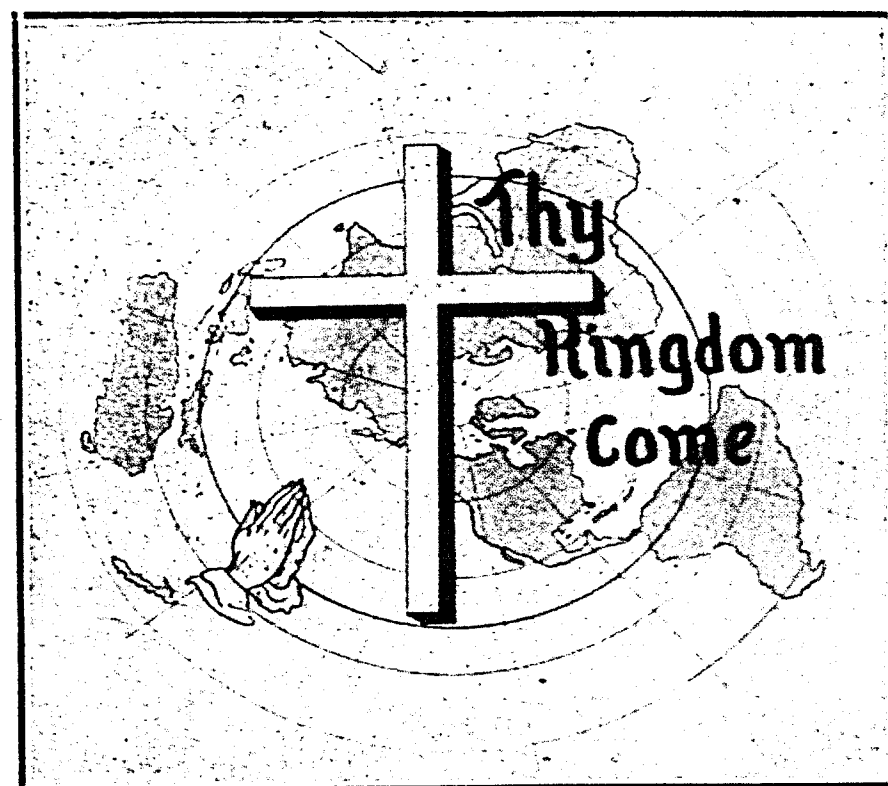
The 1950 General Conference made certain changes in the method of participation by pastors and Churches in the support of the Ministerial Retirement Fund.

a. The individual Churches are asked to continue to contribute to the Ministerial Retirement Fund administered by the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund, a sum equal to four per cent (4%) of the annual salary of its pastor. In computing the contribution, fifteen per cent (15%) is added to the salary if living quarters are furnished.

b. 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.

One of the first Churches to report that it has adopted the plan is the Shiloh, N. J., Church. Other Churches are either using the plan or are giving it early consideration.

Conference Committee on  
Ministerial Retirement,  
L. Harrison North,  
Chairman.



## THE SABBATH RECORDER

## THE WILL TO DO GOD'S WILL

(Continued from last week)

### The Will to Work Together

The exercise of freedom which we as Seventh Day Baptists enjoy may give the impression at times that we are not a people who work together for the preaching and teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the spreading of the Sabbath truth, especially when the organized work of denominational agencies overlaps.

Several factors may account for such an impression. However, they need not be discussed in this brief editorial.

Our purpose is to point out that we are making genuine progress as a people. For several years the presidents of General Conference have been working with and through a committee which has come to be known as the President's Co-ordinating Committee. Representation on this committee has varied from time to time but has always included the corresponding and executive secretaries of the so-called major boards.

Four primary objectives have been apparent in the plans and work of the Co-ordinating Committee. These are:

1. To envision the total mission of Seventh Day Baptists in relation to the kingdom of God upon earth;
2. To co-ordinate the plans and work of the respective denominational agencies;
3. To advance aggressively, through local Church and denomination, along all lines of God-directed endeavor for Christ and the Sabbath; and,
4. To become increasingly obedient to the will of God in personal and group life.

If every last one of us as Seventh Day Baptists could catch the vision of our Co-ordinated Program as expressed in and through these objectives, could completely yield to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, some of our problems would become less troublesome.

## Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

ALFRED, N. Y., AUGUST 14-19, 1951

## "THIS NATION UNDER GOD"

"This Nation Under God" will be the general theme of the Constituting Convention of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

Beginning Tuesday evening, November 28, and continuing through Friday evening, December 1, the sessions of the convention will be held in the Auditorium, Cleveland, Ohio.

Seventh Day Baptists will be well represented at Cleveland. Information from the corresponding secretary of General Conference and from other sources indicates that at least seven of our people will be there in their respective representative capacities. They are: Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Mrs. James L. Skaggs, Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Rev. David S. Clarke, and George B. Utter.

Two great symbols of the Christian faith — the Cross and the Bible — will precede the gowned procession on Wednesday morning, November 29, when the formal constituting of the National Council will take place. The council will be dedicated to the "glory of God and the service of mankind."

Since Rev. Elmo F. Randolph is the Seventh Day Baptist member of the Executive Committee of the National Council, elected at Salem, W. Va., last August, he will doubtless be one of the 29 representatives of their respective communions who will affix their signatures to the declaration which will officially constitute the council.

This truly will be a significant and typical moment in the progress of ecumenical Christianity.

## Two Weekends of Prayer and Thanksgiving

Two weekends have been designated as times for "special services of prayer and thanksgiving for the formation of the National Council."

Although two Sundays, November 26 and December 3, have been set aside for this purpose, can it not be assumed that Seventh Day Baptists should have the

privilege of engaging in special services on November 25 and December 2, the Sabbaths directly before and after the council is constituted?

Why not?

### Congratulations, Contributors, on Your Recorder Copy!

It is a joy to receive good copy at the Sabbath Recorder office. When good copy comes, we are able to apply more of our energies toward improving the appearance, content, and readability of the magazine. Most of the copy that we receive is good copy.

There are two cardinal principles couched in two questions by which every contributor of copy should be governed.

Do you expect to have your copy read? Then, make it good!

Does your copy represent you? Then, make it good.

A newspaper writer described the feeling that he had one evening as he was ascending a flight of New York City subway stairs. In the corner of the stairway there was a crumpled, dirty copy of the morning paper in which an article of his had appeared. He was set to wondering if he were investing his life at the right place, if what he wrote may have been lightly, hurriedly read in the morning, then tossed aside and forgotten by evening. He might have mused further that at least some of what he wrote did not remain in cold type, and forgotten, at the bottom of the subway stairs.

Of course, tastes vary in regard to newspaper reading. Certainly, few people can possibly read every word of the large city dailies.

Neither is every word of the Sabbath Recorder read by all who have access to it. However, one aim in its production is to make every word of such weight that once a person picks up a copy, it will be so interesting that he will want to read it from cover to cover, including covers.

Then, let us make our copy good.

A third principle should be included.

Are we trying to honor Him in what we write? Then, by all means, let us do our utmost to make our copy good.

### We Have Been Informed That —

A National Christian Teaching Mission was conducted recently in Dodge County, Minn. Rev. Earl Cruzan has written that Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn was the guest leader at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Dodge Center.

One correspondent cites the possibility that Dodge Center is the first of our Churches which has been privileged to participate in a National Christian Teaching Mission.

Is he correct? Who can inform us?

At a special program held in the Salem College auditorium on Friday, November 17, the new science hall was named in honor of Professor Orla A. Davis, who has been Professor of Physics at Salem College, Salem, W. Va., for 22 years. Mr. Davis was principal of the academy of the college for ten years and assumed his present position with the closing of the academy.

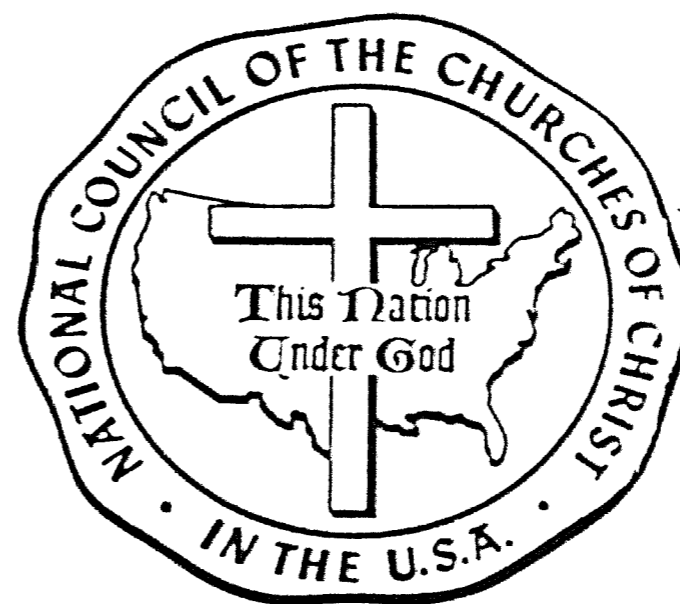
He is a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Salem in which he serves as a deacon.

### Montrose, Colo., Crusade for Christ

The "Gospel-Aires," composed of David Davis, Daryl White, Grant Burdick, and William Saunders, with Pastors Harmon Dickinson and Leland Davis will begin evangelistic meetings on Friday evening, November 24, at the Armory, North 1st Street, Montrose, Colo. The campaign will end Sunday night, the 26th. One thousand handbills will cover this city of 5,000 people. Fifty show window cards will be placed in the stores.

Writes Elno Davis, new Mid-Continent Association president, "It is my belief that if a concentrated prayer campaign can be inaugurated at once and continue throughout these meetings, we will see the wonderful workings of God. I would like to feel that you and your parishioners are praying for the success of this mission.

... Everyone knows the power of prayer and here is a chance to see it work. ... Ask your people to pray unceasingly for God's will to be done." — Boulder, Colo., Church Bulletin.



### NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

A great moment in Christian history — the birth of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America — will come Wednesday morning, November 29, 1950.

In the arena of Cleveland's Public Auditorium, 600 leaders of 25 of the nation's major Protestant Churches and four Eastern Orthodox bodies will constitute the council, dedicating it to "the glory of God and the service of mankind."

The colorful ceremony will follow shortly after the first plenary session of the four-day constituting convention is opened with a gowned processional behind two great symbols of the Christian faith — the Cross and the Bible. Hundreds of visiting delegates, clergymen and laymen, from as many Churches across the land will watch from the galleries as a representative of each of the 29 communions affixes his signature to the declaration constituting the council.

Representatives of eight great interdenominational agencies of Protestantism — the International Council of Religious Education, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ, and others will join in consecrating the council to Christian tasks at home and abroad. They will be witnessing the fruition of plans they themselves initiated nine years ago to have one instead of eight co-operative agencies. State, city, and county councils of Churches also will be represented.

In announcing plans for the convention, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert of New York

said the council's leadership — a general board representative of all the constituting denominations, a president and other officers, a general secretary, and his administrative staff will be elected and installed in a formal ceremony at the closing session Friday night.

Public meetings will be held Wednesday and Thursday nights. On Wednesday night Dr. Cavert announced the principal address will be delivered by the Secretary of State, Dean Acheson. The ecumenical program of the convention as suggested by the theme, "All Nations Under God," on Thursday night will be addressed by Sir Oliver Franks, British Ambassador to the United States, as well as by Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General, Switzerland, general secretary of the World Council of Churches.

Permanent headquarters of the National Council, which will begin operations January 1, 1951, have not yet been decided upon. Dr. Earl Adams, executive secretary of the council's Planning Committee, announced. He added, however, that arrangements have been made for temporary administrative headquarters in several New York locations. In addition, a midwest office will be established in Chicago, an office which will also function as the National Council's Division of Christian Education. He stressed the rapidly growing list of visiting delegates as showing the interest on the part of Church people across the nation. It marks a significant sign of ultimate success for the council's purposes, he emphasized — purposes which will require the interest and cooperation of Churches throughout the nation.

Dr. Adams further pointed out that local Churches of the 29 communions will devote two weekends to special services of prayer and thanksgiving for the formation of the National Council. These special services will take place on November 25, 26 and December 2, 3, directly before and after the council is constituted. The December 2nd and 3rd services will give special thanks for the birth of the council. Ministers already have indicated an enthusiastic desire to cooperate in making known to their congregations the importance of this new advance of the Churches. Dr. Adams added. — Release, adapted.



## VISITORS TO LONDON

During the month of June, the pastor of "Mill Yard" was favored with several visitors, news of whom will be of interest to all our readers.

The first of these were Dr. and Mrs. Thorngate of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in Shanghai, China, and of the mission hospital at Liuho. We had learned from our American organ, the Sabbath Recorder, that they were coming home to America, and would probably come by way of Europe, and so we were not altogether surprised by their arrival at our home on June 5. As they were late and could not stay long, they were invited to tea on June 7.

The news they had to tell us was full of interest concerning the new regime in China under the Communists. In many ways, it has been an improvement on the previous government, but they have taken control of the school and hospital and so made it impossible for these to function as they did before. However, the religious services are still carried on in the mission chapel next to the school.

Dr. Thorngate's sister in America has recently sent us generous gifts for our work in England, and in South India.

The following day, June 8, Dr. and Mrs. Kube of Poland, arrived from West Germany. Sister Kube went straight on to Lincoln to her daughter's home, but Dr. Kube spent a few days in London. We were in time to see the "Trooping of the Colour" at the Horse Guards Parade Ground, and had a good view of His Majesty the King, as he took the salute, as the various regiments of guards marched past in their brilliant uniforms and bear-skin helmets, and the Horse Guards in their shining armor and helmets with various colored plumes.

We then visited Westminster Abbey and Westminster Cathedral, and also St. Paul's Cathedral. A call was made at the British and Foreign Bible Society where our brother purchased testaments in Latin, Greek, and Hebrew.

On Friday, the British Museum was the center of interest, especially the Assyrian,

Egyptian, and Roman galleries, and also the library and reading room. We were interested to note in the catalogue, our own name and several of our publications as being available to all who desire to read them.

Dr. Kube was formerly an Adventist, but became leader of an independent movement in Poland, bearing a name similar to our own Evangelical Sabbatarian Mission. He was a friend of Pastors Conradi and Fletcher. He found it necessary to leave his country, which is under the Communists, and is now a medical officer in a Displaced Persons Camp in West Germany. He expects to go to Australia to his son, Stefan, who is settled near Brother A. G. Sampson, in New South Wales. We believe his arrival there will be of great help to the small group of Seventh Day Baptists in that continent.

On Sabbath morning we attended the Adventist service at Holloway, and in the afternoon he preached to the "Mill Yard" Church and the friends who had come to hear him. He spoke also to the children of the Sunday school at the Old Meeting House in Deptford next day, and then took the train to Lincoln.

Our last visitor was Dr. Kube's son-in-law, Brother Lehman, from Lincoln, who arrived the following Wednesday night for an examination on Thursday. He returned home on Friday.

The story he had to tell us of his life was exciting, how at an early age, owing to the first world war, he was put in an orphanage, and it was not till he was about 20 years of age that his parents found him. His brother, unfortunately, they have never found. It was a sad story of the upheavals and separations caused by wars, experiences which we may be thankful have not come to the inhabitants of these islands, which have been so wonderfully protected by the Almighty from invasion by cruel and ruthless foes.

Brother Lehman carries on business as a dental technician, and also acts as police court interpreter, when Poles find themselves in difficulties and the police cannot understand them. — The Sabbath Observer, London, Eng., July-September, 1950.

## ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY Peter's Memorial Seventh Day Baptist Church

August 12 and 13 marked a dual occasion at Peter's Memorial Seventh Day Baptist Church, Parika Village, West Coast, Essequibo, British Guiana, S. A. On Sabbath day we celebrated our annual Women's Day. The Church was nicely decorated. Both the Sabbath service and the Sabbath school were conducted by the women of the Church, as is the custom at this event.

After the Sabbath school, the Church came together for the other program of the day. This was the first occasion on which the choir was robed. The choir looked very charming with their white robes, with the hoods on the women's heads. A new atmosphere enveloped the Church building and the entire service.

Sister Martha Tyrrell was responsible for the execution of the program of the day which featured readings and solos. Three papers were read by Sisters Hannah Berry, Marie Caesar, and Constance Peters. Solos were sung by Sisters Martha Tyrrell, Marie Caesar, Geraldine Scipio, and Sister Hannah Berry who sang the Youth Hymn, "Glad Sabbath Peace," composed by Dean Ahva J. C. Bond, and set to the well-known and beloved tune, "Finlandia."

After the closing remarks by Sister Tyrrell, the choir then recessed to the newly made vestry, and the benediction by Sister Tyrrell brought the Sabbath day program to a close.

On Sunday night, we had a very enjoyable time, when the choir, conducted by Brother Joseph Tyrrell, rendered the cantata entitled "Sayings of Jesus." We were very fortunate in getting Brother Arthur Wilson to preside at the organ, and all the recitations and solos were well rendered.

For this function, our old friend, F. Kappel, schoolmaster of the Presbyterian School, Troolie Island, occupied the chair, and Deacon James Beckles acted as usher. After the chairman's remarks, the pastor thanked our friends for their attendance, and the doxology brought the function to a close.

Rev. Benjamin O. Berry.

## Women and Their Wonderful Responsibilities

For today, Women's Day, I have chosen this subject: "Women and Their Wonderful Responsibilities."

Have we ever stopped to think how much we can do to make this world a better and happier place? When God made the world and created our forefather, Adam, He saw something was lacking, so He created our mother, Eve, Genesis 2:22. This second creation threw a brighter luster in Eden because it was from a woman that Jesus, the Light of the World, was to come; and thank God that in the plan of salvation woman played a great part. Genesis 3:15. Right here we begin to see the tremendous responsibility of a woman.

Centuries ago, and in the present age, women have taken, and are still taking the lead in Biblical and historical events, for instance: Phebe and Priscilla (Romans 16:1-4); and Joan of Arc, the great French leader. We all will agree that great responsibilities cater for good morality, rectitude, and healthy citizenship, for these qualities have been the object of our creation.

I want to ask this question, which in no way reveals the only thing women have done, but answers the point I am trying to make. Have not women cradled the patriarchs, priests, prophets, and even our Saviour Jesus Christ? It is wonderful to think that all education in the world began at the knees of women! May we women never relax in the task of building a better world, but put more energy, sincerity, and determination into our efforts.

All boys and girls who have been guided by the hands of God-fearing parents, must not feel that such a privilege came about by chance; but believe it was the love of God that made such possible. Think what a change there would be, if we were always careful about our actions and expressions, and gave our best interest and loyalty to all matters pertaining to the welfare of humanity.

My Christian friends, I want to admonish you to let love for God and our fellow men radiate, by doing God's will, not irregularly but consistently. Such a proce-

cution of our task in molding youths and building a spiritual environment will magnetize others around us into doing their part. Let us all pull our weight, asking the Master to be our Captain, crowning us:

As soldiers of the King we're marching,  
We are pressing on to meet the foe;  
The fight on every hand is raging,  
Still we will onward go.

With Christ at the head we can never, never fail  
In the battle so fierce and long.  
We will sing the glad song, as we march along,  
Until the pearly gates are won.

Pressing on, pressing on, brave girls,  
In the battle so fierce and long;  
Ever onward we will go,  
Stanch and true to meet the foe.

As daily we His praises sing,  
Pressing on, pressing on, brave girls!  
In the battle so fierce and long,  
Until at last, when life is past,  
We shall hear the words, "Well done."

Mrs. Marie L. Caesar.

### He Is Risen

Brethren, my words of exhortation today will be taken from Mark's Gospel, chapter 16, verses 6 and 7, "And he (an angel) saith unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you."

Today, when we speak of Jesus, we gladly speak of a loving, living Christ whom God gave as a free gift to man, so that we might be saved from our sins. Sin and death came into the world through the fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve, because of their disobedience to the divine command of God in the Garden of Eden. We give praise and thanks to God for His goodness in sending His Son, born of a woman, so that we might have access to His throne of grace, and find help in the time of need.

In the history of the Old and New Testaments, we can be very much encouraged by reading about brave and faithful women who did great service in this world, for instance, Rahab, Deborah, Mary, and Martha. The last two named were near friends of Jesus; Mary was spiritual-minded, while Martha paid more attention to material things. Nevertheless, both showed their love to the Master, and shared their responsibility in different ways. Yes, they did faithful and conscientious service unto Jesus.

There were many other followers of Jesus among the womenfolk in His time. Many followed Him even unto His death. These women were so faithful to the Master that they were first at the tomb to find out about the resurrection, and to herald the risen Lord. So, I feel it a great privilege for us to meet here today to speak our joy and praise to God and to encourage each other to build the kingdom of God on earth. The gospel message is more needed today than at any time in the history of mankind; we have a sick and dying world to save, and we can save it only by giving ourselves over to the will of the Lord.

To attend to things spiritual, without things material, is a failure to the building of the kingdom of God. Both spiritual and material must go together. Some of us women may feel to sit at ease, while others are working in the Church and with other organizations, because we do not realize our responsibilities are many and varied. And I say, if we were to think upon our mother, Eve, we would have more love for building this world into a happy one.

Before closing this little talk, I want to call your attention to the fact again that a woman, a lovely maid, was in the making of this world's salvation. Mary accepted the challenge given her by the angel that she should bear the Saviour of the world. Mary did show some surprise, but never refused her responsibility. May we be willing, too, to shoulder our responsibility, as did all Bible women, through the help of the Holy Spirit.

Miss Constance Peters.

### PASTOR MELVIN NIDA ORDAINED AT RICHBURG

Ordination proceedings for Pastor Melvin G. Nida and the Semiannual Meeting of the Western Association were held in the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath, October 28, 1959. Delegates and members of the nine Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania Churches assembled to hear Mr. Nida's Statement of Christian Experience and Statement of Belief as he presented it for the consideration of the ordination council during the Sabbath morning worship service.

Following the tureen dinner in the Richburg Central School, the Church was again filled to capacity as the ordination proceedings continued with the examination of the candidate and the vote of the ordination council. Dean A. J. C. Bond and Miss Onnalee Saunders were elected moderator and clerk of the council, respectively.

Rev. Loyal F. Hurley of Salem, W. Va., forcefully delivered the ordination sermon, using as his theme, "The Changeless Christ," and stressing, "Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today, and forever." The charge to the candidate was given by Dr. Wayne R. Rood; the charge to the Church, by Rev. Everett T. Harris; and the welcome to the ministry, by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson. Eleven ordained ministers participated in the consecration prayer and the laying on of hands — including Rev. H. Eugene Davis and Rev. Edgar D. Van Horn, now retired from the active ministry. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Melvin G. Nida.

A definite spirit of consecration and rededication was felt throughout the meetings, which were no doubt influenced by the preceding Sabbath eve service in preparation for the ordination. This service was outlined by the students and faculty of the School of Theology at Alfred University and was an experiment in coordinated worship for the Churches of the Western Association. For example: The Little Genesee and Nile Churches met with the Richburg Church, with Rev. Victor W. Skaggs in charge.

— Contributed.

### SEMIANNUAL MEETING AT DODGE CENTER, MINN.

The Semiannual Meeting of the Minnesota and Southern Wisconsin Churches met with the Dodge Center Church, October 27-29. The theme chosen was "Witnessing for Christ" based on Acts 1:8. The Sabbath eve service opened with a praise service led by Mrs. Thornate, and an anthem, "Teach Me, O Lord," by the choir.

The Scripture, John 5:30-47, was read, and prayer offered by Pastor Earl Groman. Arthur Bond sang, "Just a Whispered Prayer." Former Pastor Thornate gave the sermon, "Witnessing in Jerusalem," from the text, "Search the scriptures, and they are they which testify of me." Recalling several Bible witnesses, he gave us the challenge, "Do we know Christ? Do we witness for Him? Or are we a faded flag?"

The testimony meeting that followed was very earnest and helpful, with nearly all present giving their witness.

Sabbath morning, a Communion service led by Pastor Groman was attended by about one hundred people. At the morning worship service, Assistant Pastor Kenneth Smith of Milton gave an inspiring message from 1 Corinthians 2:2, "For I determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified."

Acts 1: a book of living witnessing. Do you let your minister take your privilege of witnessing? "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so." A Christian life is the best argument for Christianity. Either I am a Christian or I am a barbarian. "One thing I know, that I have seen: Christ liveth in me!"

A short Sabbath school session was followed by dinner served in the Church dining room.

The young people's hour in the afternoon stressed "Witnessing for Christ in Jamaica," as this has been Jamaica month. Claston Bond led the devotional service, and a selection was sung by Shirley Stephens, Norma Clapper, and Bonnie and Vivian Benson.

The history of the Jamaica Mission was given by Ardith Greener. Lerna Austin summarized the report of the mission at

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## REV. EMMETT H. BOTTOMS RELATES LIFE EXPERIENCE

I was born in Fayette County, Ga., 20 miles south of Atlanta, on December 24, 1893. When I was very young, my father, through very interesting circumstances, found the gospel of the true Sabbath. He



Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms

was very handicapped in his farm work because of the laws in that state prohibiting work on Sunday. After about four years, father learned that there were no such laws in Alabama, so he went to Alabama and bought a farm. He moved with the family in January, 1899, where we lived as lone Sabbathkeepers for about five years before we knew there was a Church called "Seventh Day Baptist." Through a strange coincidence, father heard that there was a Church at Attalla which believed exactly as he did.

Words are inadequate to express the joy in the hearts of that young family as father began to prepare to go seventy-five miles with a team of horses to visit a Church where he could worship with a congregation of the same faith and present his and mother's Church letters from a Southern Baptist Church at Corinth in Georgia.

He had started, in very early life, to be a Southern Baptist minister. The new-found faith and truth gave him a new zeal. He continued to preach wherever

doors were open as long as he was physically able. He was the only white man I ever knew in the South to preach many times to the colored people in their Churches.

If I am fitted for the gospel ministry here at home, in New Zealand, or elsewhere, no single factor or influence has contributed to that fitness as did my father's teaching and example. Space in the Recorder would not justify even a brief mention of all the experiences and influences which have contributed to my life and ministry.

Mother's quiet, modest manner of life was just right to fit young souls for the rich teaching and examples which her children had the privilege of receiving.

After our introduction to Seventh Day Baptists we had many welcome visitors — ministers who contributed more than they ever knew to my life. There came Scott Wilson, D. W. Leath, James Hurley, Walter L. Greene, E. P. Saunders, W. D. Burdick, W. L. Burdick, and later, J. Franklin Browne, and Verney A. Wilson. I have no words adequate to express the value of the influence of these men of God upon my life.



Mrs. Nettie Goodwin Bottoms

After I was married to Nettie Goodwin, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Henry M. Goodwin, of Cullman, Ala., we moved to Greeley, Iowa, where I had employment for a time. Following this, we moved to Battle Creek, where I worked for a time at Kellogg's Corn Flake Factory, then as a

carpenter in Camp Custer. When the camp work was completed we went back to Alabama, where we were on the farm and I worked in the L. and N. Railroad Shop in Birmingham for a time. All of these experiences contributed very much to one side of life which is valuable to the ministry.

For ten or twelve years before going to Salem College, Salem, W. Va., in 1928. I had felt called to the ministry and realized I should have more education than I had been able to get in the public schools which I had completed in Cullman County, Ala. Nettie had been a teacher in the public schools of Alabama for a number of years. With her courage and faith coupled with my call and desire, we sold our little farm and with a deep faith that God would in some way keep the road ahead paved for us, we took our four small children, ranging in ages from twelve down to three years, and went to college at Salem. The training and experiences I had through those four years had far greater influence and value than if I had been only 18 years of age.

I cannot mention the names of all who contributed richly during those years at Salem, but I cannot pass without mentioning a few. I shall mention them in the order in which I came under their care and influence: Dean Moses H. Van Horn, Deacon M. Wardner Davis, who was treasurer of the college at that time, President S. O. Bond, Pastor George B. Shaw, teacher of Bible and pastor of the Salem Church, and Herbert C. Van Horn, pastor at Lost Creek. Again, I say, I cannot tell how much these men of God contributed to our life and ministry.

Soon after we were settled in Salem, another very dear friend, Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, whom we had not met at that time, no doubt was moved by the Holy Spirit to use his influence to get for us an invitation to his boyhood Church, Middle Island. After our first visit, the Church extended us a call to become pastor, where we remained for four very pleasant years. The fine Christian people of the little Church seemed to join hands with Salem College in training us for the work which was before us.

In August, 1930, just before Conference in Salem, the Church called for my ordination.

The pastorate at Middle Island concluded in September, 1932, with the acceptance of a call to the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Friendship and Richburg in New York, only 25 miles from Alfred. This gave the opportunity for me to enter the School of Theology. The value of the training and association there cannot be evaluated. The professors at that time were Dean Arthur E. Mann, Rev. Edgar D. Van Horn, and Rev. Walter L. Greene. The impact of these consecrated, cultured, Christian gentlemen afforded a very fitting climax to the educational career of a young man entering the ministry.

The two Churches which we had the privilege of serving during those important years, supplied us with experience, courage, and inspiration. It was our privilege to remain with them for ten years.

We received a call to Leonardville in 1942 where we remained four years and five months in pleasant relationships. Our parish there reached far beyond the bounds of our own Church. The manual labor I followed in the surrounding communities provided peculiar opportunities for a different kind of ministry which were of untold value to me and I trust of value to some others. Our friends were numbered by the hundreds.

In the summer of 1945, the Adams Center Church extended us a call which we did not accept as we had been at Leonardville so short a time. Again in the summer of 1946 they gave us another call. We came to Adams Center the first of October that year, very reluctantly leaving the work and friends at Leonardville.

As at other places, we have experienced beautiful relationships and cooperation. It became our privilege to assume a leading place in the organization of the Central Jefferson Co-operative Parish, eight Churches organizing for the purpose of ministering to a total community in a way which singly they could not do — a way in which we can get into every home.

It has been my privilege, since our earliest years at Friendship, to always supply at least one first-day Church, some

large and some small. I have become acquainted with the faith and practice of all of the first-day denominations in the communities where we have lived. We are now serving two first-day Churches, Honeyville and Rodman. For several months one year we served Smithville Baptist Church along with the two mentioned. We do not expect to find a broader program than this in New Zealand.

When the Missionary Board asked us to fill the vacancy left by the death of our good friend, Rev. Gerald D. Hargis, I began to ask myself "what qualifications have I to fit me for the work?" After much deliberation and prayer we decided to accept the invitation, realizing that consecration and faith are the main requisites for success in such an assignment. We feel very humble, truly grateful, yet unworthy of the recognition. However, we have faith that God can use us in helping the faithful brothers and sisters of New Zealand, and of the other places we hope to touch, to spread the gospel as presented by Seventh Day Baptists.

It is difficult to give even a brief outline of plans for our work in New Zealand until we are there and meet the work and the workers who have been carrying on. The greatest plan we can make is the possession of faith that the Holy Spirit will lead us every step of the way. We humbly request the prayers of all Seventh Day Baptists in the United States for the growth and spiritual success of the work.

### DO YOU KNOW —

What the main elements of need in the Nyasaland Mission are this year? (1948, '49, and '50 Annual Reports of Missionary Society; special N. O. Moore booklet on mission work in Nyasaland distributed in February, 1950; special worship and study on Nyasaland sent November 15 to pastors by Rev. Melvin G. Nida.)

Do you know the means to express your love for the New Zealand and Nyasaland Missions?

The Missionary Interests Committee in 1950 recommended that "the interest of all our people in the Nyasaland phase of our world mission be encouraged more

## Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am twelve years old and am in the sixth grade. At school we have eight periods of "math," spelling, English, Spanish, etc.

I guess you remember when Rose Mary, my sister, wrote you a letter.

I have a paper route of forty-six people. It's not a very long route but it takes a long time to do it. I like it anyhow.

I am in a choral club made up of the sixth grade. We are going to put on a play, "The Christmas Thieves."

Your friend,

Robert Marvin Boehler.

Box 495, Edinburg, Tex.

Dear Robert:

Yes, indeed, I do remember Rose Mary's letter which I was so pleased to receive. I mentioned, did I not, that I hoped to receive a letter from you, also? I'm so glad to have a letter from you to answer today. I hope you and Rose Mary will write often. Your sixth grade work must keep you quite busy, so I am especially pleased that you took time to help make the Children's Page interesting.

I have a paper boy about your age who brings me the Buffalo Evening News six days in the week. He has about sixty on his route. He, too, enjoys his job. He often stops in to see if I have another chair to cane for someone. The other day he bought a big rocking chair with his

effectively by recognizing that we share with New Zealand the responsibility for the Nyasaland Mission. We encourage those supporting the Nyasaland Mission to send their gifts through the Missionary Society."

Second Century Funds will care for the New Zealand evangelistic project for one year, hence new funds will need to come in for extension — if necessary — of the evangelist's work in New Zealand and Australia, and for the visit to Nyasaland on return from "Down Under."

D. S. C.

## CHURCH NEWS

**NORTH LOUP, NEB.** The regular October Church social was held Sunday evening, October 22, in the Church basement. The program was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Clement, who presented Frank Schudel with a travelogue and pictures of the recent trip the Schudels took West. The girls' trio, Mrs. Donald Clement, Mrs. George Cox, and Mrs. Monte Fuller, gave several selections, accompanied by Mrs. Ava Johnson. The Sabbath school class taught by Mrs. Ed Christensen sold popcorn during the evening as their Lord's Acre project. The kitchen was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Williams. The tables were decorated in the Halloween motif. Mrs. George Maxson assisting in the work. A large crowd was present, including several visitors.

Those who attended prayer meeting are studying the Book of James. On Friday evening, October 29, a part of the first chapter was read and there were many comments. Several more people could be accommodated at these weekly services.

The amount contributed by the Church to the Nebraska State Temperance League when Mr. Robinson was here two weeks ago was \$73.

Any items of news for the quarterly bulletin, which will be a new feature of the publicity work of the Church, should be handed to Pastor Francis Sanders, Myra T. Barber, or Jeanne Brennak.

The offertory and prelude for the morning service Sabbath day, October 21, were played by Mrs. Francis Sanders. She also sang the solo in the anthem.

Mrs. Harlan Brennak entertained the members of her Sabbath school class at a

gift, the faithful painter smiled and said, "It is only my Lord's Acre gift."

Following his example, the other members of the Church soon began to follow the Lord's Acre plan. Many were the improvements made in the Church and parsonage property by the excellent plan.

Recorder children, please ask your parents and pastor about the Lord's Acre plan and how you may be able to use it.

Mizpah S. Greene

own money, and says that when he has earned enough money to pay for it he wants me to cane it for him. It is surely some chair, a real antique.

How I wish I could see you in that play of yours, "The Christmas Thieves"! I hope you will tell me more about it in your next letter.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

In place of another letter, which I haven't received I'm sorry to say, I have written a story for you.

### The Church Bell

Several years ago, a Church was built in a pleasant little village. That all might know the time for Church services to begin, a bell was placed in the Church belfry. It was a rather small bell and, though quite musical, could not be heard very far from the Church. So the people who lived some distance away were unable to hear its chiming. It was the only bell the people thought they could afford, for the Church membership was small and no one had much money to spare.

One Sabbath morning the Church janitor was on his way to open the Church, and to ring the bell when he discovered a large cornstalk growing in the corner of a near-by fence. On it was one of the largest ears of corn he had ever seen. Its kernels were large and fully ready for planting.

He picked the ear of corn and was hurrying to the Church when suddenly he had a bright thought. He said to himself, "Why don't I plan all these kernels of corn in the spring? They would surely bring a fine, large harvest. Perhaps I could sell the corn and raise money enough to buy a larger and louder Church bell."

This is what he did and after a time succeeded in raising many bushels of corn. With the money received from his corn and the price of the small bell, before another year had passed, he had a beautiful, large bell installed in the Church belfry. It was a bell which chimed so loud, clear, and musical that it could be heard by every member of the Church far and near.

When questioned about his wonderful



"wienie" roast Sunday afternoon, October 22.

Mrs. Ava Johnson told a story at Sabbath school Sabbath morning, October 21. There were 98 people present.

Guests Sabbath morning were Mrs. May Larkin of Battle Creek, Mich., and Kenneth Cook.

There were 18 present at the junior session of Christian Endeavor.—Contributed.

DENVER, COLO. — On one Sunday in April, the choir presented a Christmas cantata to the Rainbow Club of Denver, otherwise known as the National Annuity League. Pastor Saunders gave a sermonette following the cantata. It was in April that Pastor Saunders received a call from the North Loup Church. After seeing him and his family in their new parish, we are happy for them, too.

In May, the Church sent Pastor Saunders to the Ministers' Conference at Milton, Wis. The Denver Church held a special class to train adults in conducting a successful Vacation Bible School. The class was surprised when our pastor reported that our teachers were selected in February, and were already working on their subjects.

Also, in May, the members got together and gave the Church a cleaning, after which we had supper at the Church, followed by a business meeting.

Vacation Bible School began in June this year, each teacher taking the subject she could do best: storytelling, worship programs, general classwork. The wire recorder was used extensively in some classes, and the children got a thrill out of hearing their voices over the wire. After the first two days, the attendance held a better record than it had for some years. It is reported that because of the interest one child had, she and her mother joined the Church — Mrs. Lenore McComb and Vickie Ann. A special Communion service was held June 23 in the social room of the Church under the direction of the deacons and deaconess, with Rev. Erlo Sutton of Boulder assisting Pastor Saunders.

In July came the Teen-age and Junior Camps, the high event of the year, having been looked forward to by all the youngsters of various age groups. Each

camp had an attendance of 30, including pastors, cook, and housemothers. From the camps, two were baptized, Joan Davis of Silverton, Colo., and Ann Johnson of Parsons, Kan.

August 1, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson accepted our call, and we are looking forward to this new family to grace our pulpit and many activities. The O. E. Davis family attended General Conference, and Dr. and Mrs. E. Keith Davis and family were in Salem, W. Va., during the Commission and for a part of Conference. We heard that Dr. Davis, who is a member of the Commission, gave an excellent talk at Conference about which the Church is proud to know.

While vacationers were coming and going, Rev. Erlo Sutton from Boulder filled the pulpit all but once when Rev. Mr. Coltron of Fowler, Colo., preached.

In September, Rev. Mr. Sutton filled the pulpit again for us, which we appreciate very much. While some were still vacationing, some were canning for our new pastor's family. There were about one hundred sixty quarts in the parsonage just waiting to be eaten, not counting other donations still not in.

Also, at the parsonage, partitions and a fireplace have been removed and replaced with glass brick windows.

Early in the year, the women held their annual officers' luncheon, served by the officers of the aid, each one of whom invited four guests. This was not a money-making project, but a friendly luncheon to entertain friends who help throughout the year in our many projects.

The aid has sent to Pastor John G. Schmid flannel, thread, packages of tape for Germany. Also, \$28 for Nyasaland Mission for a students' cottage was contributed, and two boxes of used clothing were sent to Mrs. Ary Bottoms in Alabama. Two comforters were tied, six cotton blankets were bought, and children's used clothing gathered — all were sent to a needy family here in Denver who lost everything in a fire.

We contributed \$50 to the Women's Board and paid tithe to the Denominational Budget.

We have lost one member, Mrs. Mattie Burdick, who was called to her Master's

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given at Conference, and Pastor Cruzan gave a quiz on the same subject.

"Witnessing Through Sabbathkeeping," was the theme of the women's hour Sabbath night. A praise service led by Millicent Greene was followed by a pageant, "Sabbathkeeping Horizons," written by Pastor and Mrs. Maltby of Riverside. Colored slides and a social hour followed.

At the Sunday morning business meeting, reports of the Churches were given, and officers elected were: Duane North, moderator, and Faye Nelson secretary, and \$25 each was voted to the new camp site at Milton and to Crandall High School, Jamaica, for a scholarship.

The men's hour, "Witnessing in Judea," was led by Alton Churchward of the New Auburn Church.

Children, high school students, parents, teachers, are all witnessing for or against Christ. Teachers should lead students to link scientific facts to God, but schools are largely leaving out Bible teachings. Many facts of our government and officials are Christian, and a real statesman must be a Christian.

Most of the visitors had been obliged to return home before the closing meeting Sunday afternoon which emphasized "Witnessing to the Uttermost Parts of the World," and which was led by Pastor Cruzan. Using the Scripture, Romans 10: 8-21, he brought out the needs of our various mission fields, and our duty of witnessing through these missions to the uttermost parts of the world. Also, he mentioned the great blessings of such witnessing by our gifts and prayers and consecrated workers.

It was voted that we adjourn to meet with the New Auburn Church in the first half of 1951. — Eva L. Payne, Secretary.

side. Mrs. Burdick was treasurer of the society at the time of her death. She was president of our aid for 15 years. We all feel the loss of a wonderful friend as well as an active member from our aid and the Church.

As our year is drawing to a close, we are already making plans for the coming one, 1951. We hope for a more profitable year in the Lord's work here in Denver. — Grayce White, Church Reporter, Mrs. Elna Davis, Key Worker, Seventh Day Baptist Ladies' Aid.

## MISSIONARY OFFERING

### Graded Department

#### Ashaway Sabbath School

The children in the graded department of the Ashaway, R. I. Sabbath School have been bringing each week for several years a missionary collection in addition to the regular collection. The children range from 2 to 13.

A glance at the figures shows that during the first quarter of last year \$11.66 was collected; the second, \$20.61; the third, \$20.31; and the fourth \$22.62, or a total of \$75.27.

How was this money spent? Ten dollars was sent to Mrs. Smalley; \$11 to Seal Bible Society; \$15 to British Guiana; \$15 to the Denominational Budget; \$3.77 to the American Bible Society; and \$2.50 was used to purchase flowers for the graded department superintendent when she was sick.

They also purchased 2 records at \$5 for the carillon system in our Church; paid \$11.50 for one member of the school to go to Lewis Camp; and \$11.50 was sent to the International Christian University of Japan.

Ruth Saretka,  
Secretary.

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DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET		Plainfield .....		158.65
Statement of Treasurer, October 31, 1950		Philadelphia .....		27.25
Receipts		Riverside .....		30.24
	October	Shiloh .....		94.00
Alfred, First .....	\$ 96.65	Walworth .....		27.60
Alfred, Second .....	188.40	Waterford .....		12.59
Andover .....	24.00	White Cloud .....		39.73
Associations and groups .....	36.80	Total .....	\$1,717.57	
Battle Creek .....	119.87	Disbursements		
Brookfield, Second .....	32.75			
Chicago .....	35.00			
Denver .....	29.18	Missionary Society .....	\$ 572.58	\$ 16.88
De Ruyter .....	142.94	Tract Society .....	274.06	10.00
Dodge Center .....	49.94	Board of		
Friendship .....	20.00	Christian Education .....	319.85	
Gentry .....	3.26	Women's Society .....	8.41	20.00
Hebron, First .....	22.81	Historical Society .....	26.94	
Los Angeles .....	12.00	Ministerial Retirement .....	126.44	55.34
Marlboro .....	73.00	S. D. B. Building .....	50.14	
Middle Island .....	7.66	World Fellowship		
Milton .....	277.37	and Service .....	11.52	
Milton Junction .....	50.88	General Conference .....	167.24	
New York City, First .....	32.50	Relief Appeals .....		58.17
Nortonville .....	52.50	Totals .....	\$1,557.18	\$ 160.39
Piscataway .....	20.00			

Comparative Figures

Total Budget .....	\$37,000			Normal
Receipts for October .....	\$1,557.18	4.20%	\$3,083.33	8 1/3%
Special gifts, designated:				
October .....	\$ 160.39			

Milton, Wis.

D. Nelson Inglis,  
Acting Treasurer.