

FIRST DIRECTOR, UNITED FELLOWSHIP OF PROTESTANTS

The General Commission on Chaplains has announced the appointment of Dr. Fred C. Reynolds, former Army chaplain, as the first director of United Fellowship of Protestants. This is a youth fellowship which has been developed in response to requests from young servicemen and their chaplains for some type of program which will operate in the Army, Navy, and Air



Dr. Fred C. Reynolds (left), appointed director of United Fellowship of Protestants, and Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, chairman of the Committee on Youth Program of the General Commission on Chaplains.

Force as the various denominational youth organizations do in civilian life.

This has been a big order, but a committee composed of representatives of the General Commission on Chaplains, the United Christian Youth Movement, and the Chiefs of Chaplains of the Army, Navy, and Air Force has considered the servicemen's wishes and has developed a plan to fill the need. It is to be an inter-denominational Christian fellowship which will provide youth in the Armed Forces with an opportunity of continuing their civilian experiences as members of the various Christian youth groups. Small, cohesive groups will be formed in which servicemen and women, possibly with the addition of young women from neighborhood Churches, may develop a sense of

belonging and a freedom of expression. There may be several such groups on a single post, station, base, or ship, all integrated and guided by local chaplains.

Pastors of all Protestant Churches will be acquainted with the new fellowship and its purposes and program so that they may encourage their youth as they enter the service to affiliate with the U.F.P.

Civilians remaining in Church youth and young adult groups will be urged to maintain a corresponding fellowship and to continue vital contacts with those affiliated with U.F.P. units. It is expected, thus, that U.F.P. may be of aid to outside Churches and their youth as well as to those in the service.

Meetings of the U.F.P. groups will not interfere in any way with the regular worship services conducted by chaplains for all service personnel. Chaplains feel, on the contrary, that the new program may serve to stimulate interest in the regular Church services. It is hoped, too, that the U.F.P. program will facilitate the return of servicemen and women to their Church youth organizations when they are released from active duty.

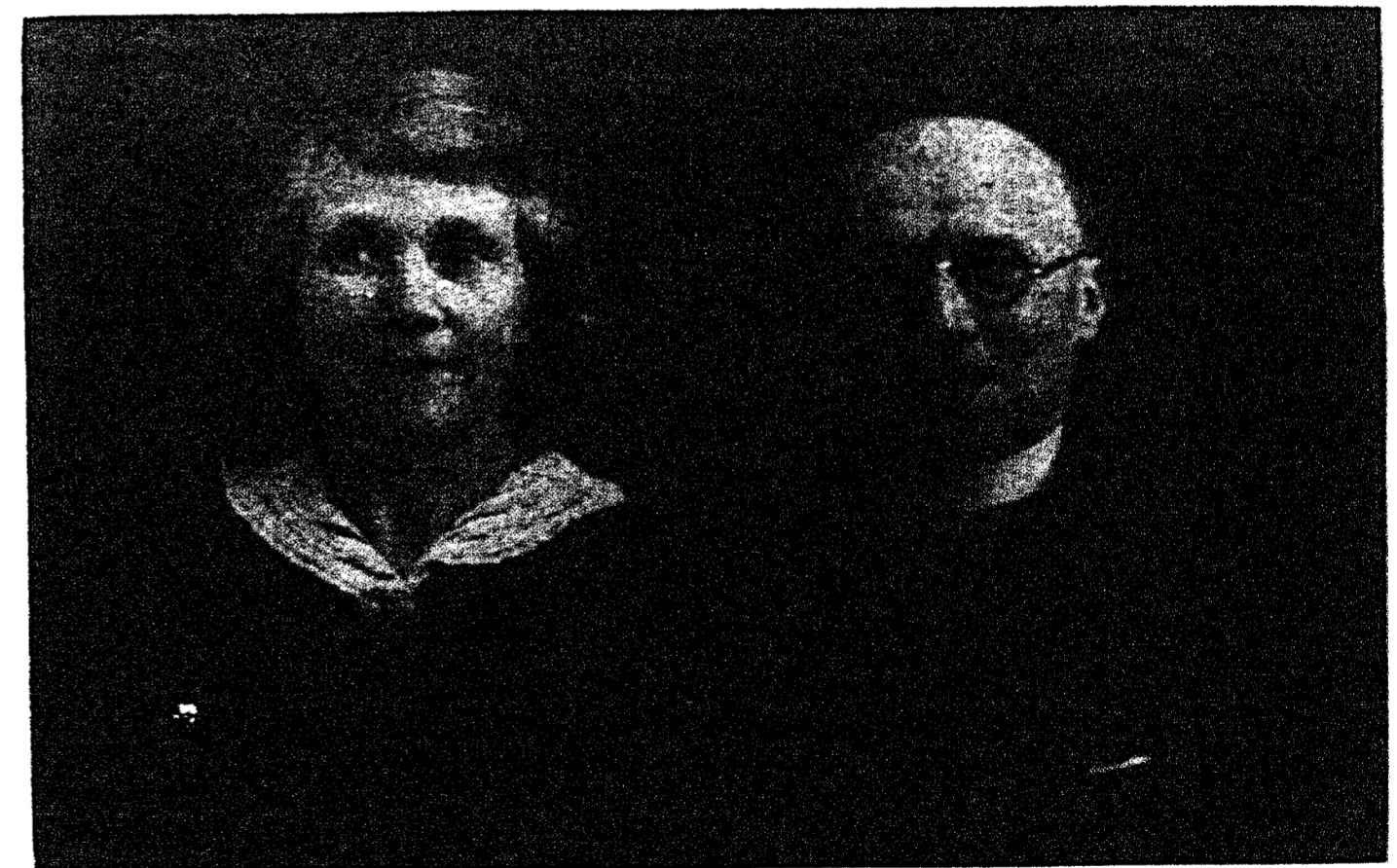
The budget for the fellowship will be the product of the leadership and personal gifts of Christian youth themselves, provided through the Mid-Century Call.

Dr. Reynolds retired from the Army chaplaincy in 1946 with the rank of brigadier general. Previously, he had held two pastorates in Baltimore and was pastor of the Wesley Methodist Church in Washington, D. C. At present he is completing six years as district superintendent of the Washington East District of the Methodist Church. He served a two-year term as president of the Military Chaplains' Association. He has traveled extensively in Europe. In 1948, at the request of the General Commission on Chaplains and the United States Army, he visited chaplains in the European Army of Occupation.

Dr. Reynolds looks upon his new situation as a rich and most unique opportunity for Christian service to youth. "Seventy per cent of those entering the Armed Forces are of the Protestant faith," he said. "We must provide opportunities in the service for a continuation of their spiritual development comparable to those found in our Churches." — Release.

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The McGeachys of London



Rev. and Mrs. James McGeachy

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AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS

By Courtland V. Davis

The Tract Board is including in its budget for next year an item of \$500 for Audio-Visual Aids. This program is still in the planning stages, but it is hoped that there can be made available for loan to our Churches and evangelistic workers a number of filmstrips and 2 x 2 slides dealing with the general field of instruction and inspiration in matters of religion and the Christian life. Special attention will be devoted to collecting material on the Sabbath and Sabbath observance.

When enough of these filmstrips and slides are available it may be wise to provide projectors for loan to Churches and evangelistic workers who do not have such equipment, so that they may determine for themselves the possible use and values of these visual aids.

In the audio field, through the efforts of the Commission of General Conference, a small beginning has already been made in building up a library of transcriptions of sermons and worship programs suitable for use in pastorless Churches and other groups where such material would be welcome. Here, too, the problem of providing the necessary reproducers for the use of such material must be considered.

Finally, plans are under consideration for beginning a library of sound motion-picture films dealing with matters of interest to Seventh Day Baptists. This would make readily available to our Churches, films which now can be secured only through the courtesy of denominational agencies of other communions. It would also make possible the cutting and editing of such films to make them more immediately useful to our people.

We plan to start with strip films and 2 x 2 slides because many of our Churches already have suitable projectors, and others may procure them without too great an expenditure. The other items will be added as resources and material are available and as demand seems to warrant their purchase.

COMING!

In the issue of July 9
Two concrete proposals for
Denominational Reorganization

PRAYER AT SALEM COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

MAY 31, 1951

By Rev. Erlo Everett Sutton

Our Heavenly Father, the Father of all wisdom, understanding, and true strength of body and mind, we thank Thee for this universe, for its vastness and its richness, for the earth on which we live, and for its teeming life of which we are a part, the crowning act of Thy creation. We praise Thee for the clouds that float above, and for the arching sky that encircles all. We thank Thee for the rivers, the lakes, the everlasting hills, the towering mountains of this beautiful state and of our land, for the trees that grow on the landscape, and for the grass under our feet.

We thank Thee for our senses by which we can see the splendor of this beautiful morning, smell the breath of the springtime, and hear the sweet songs of worship and love. We thank Thee for Christian institutions of learning like this, which help us to better interpret these things. Grant us, we pray, hearts open to all this joy and beauty, and save our souls from being so steeped in cares and worries, or so darkened by passion and greed, that we pass by heedless and unseeing, even when nature is aflame with the glory of God.

We pray thee, O Lord, for the graces of a pure and holy life, that we may not add to the heavy weight of the world's sins, which have been laid upon Thee, in the person of Thy Son. Through our consecrated lives may we share with Thee in the redemptive work of the whole world. Lay upon each one of us Thy Holy Spirit, and inspire us with a passion of Christlike love, that we may help bear the burdens of all who are oppressed. Fill us with a hunger and thirst for justice, not only in our own land, but throughout the whole world, so that wars may cease and there may be universal peace.

Bless this institution of learning in the future as Thou hast in the past, as it strives to plant in the hearts of young men and women the determination to live by truth, as Thou dost reveal truth to them. Help them to found their common life on the eternal foundations of righteousness, that they may make the welfare of all the supreme law of our land and of the world.

We thank Thee for the president of Salem College, and for his many years of service in the field of higher education in this state. Upon him we pray Thy continued blessing, and extended years of service in counseling the youth of our land. Bless also the consecrated teachers of this school, who are giving themselves in loving, sacrificial service for the youth of their day, teaching them the accumulated knowledge of the ages. Aided by such Christian colleges as this, may the Church of our Lord and Saviour help to bring about the doing of Thy will upon the earth. This we pray in the name and for the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRESENTATION SPEECH

By Dr. Wayne R. Rood

(This speech was given at Salem College Commencement, May 31, 1951.)

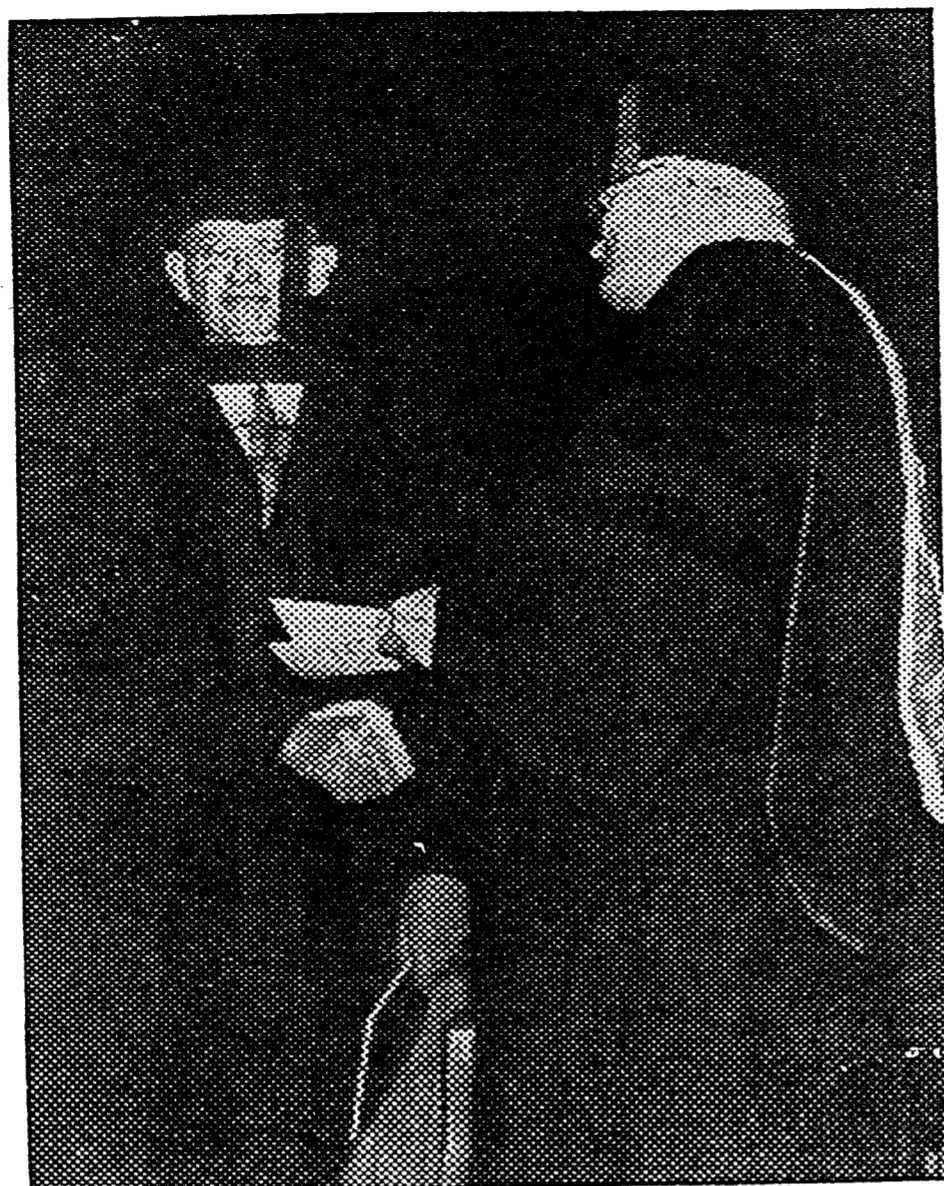
Mr. President, with authority from and on behalf of the Board of Directors of Salem College, it is my privilege to present to you Rev. Erlo E. Sutton.

It is an important thing in this era of standardized educational opportunity to know a man whose personal story reminds us of that irreducible element of individual personality and individual initiative that lies at the basis of all achievement. Born and reared at Berea, in Ritchie County, he seems to have drawn from the strength and security of his native West Virginia hills, and to have translated these physical elements into spiritual qualities of courage and determination. Without benefit of extended formal education he has given more to his fellow men than have many who have spent considerably more time in academic halls. Dedicating his life neither to the amassing of fortune nor to the pursuit of personal fame, he devoted himself to the enlargement of his abilities so that he might more effectively serve mankind.

His maternal grandfather was a pioneer Seventh Day Baptist minister in West Virginia, his father a deacon in the Berea Church in which Mr. Sutton was trained in the high ideals that have always guided him.

He attended the public schools of his county and came as a young man to Salem College where he studied for two years, receiving a normal school teacher's certificate. During these years he supported himself as a manual laborer, part of the time in the stone quarry where he handled the stone for the steps that still serve the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Salem.

Feeling the call to serve mankind in the ministry of the gospel, he interrupted his Salem studies to accept the call to the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Rockville, R. I., where he learned, in the university of experience, lessons not taught in the classrooms of any college. When the opportunity came he served Churches at Andover and Little Genesee, N. Y., and while there, in the vicinity of Alfred University, took classes at the School of

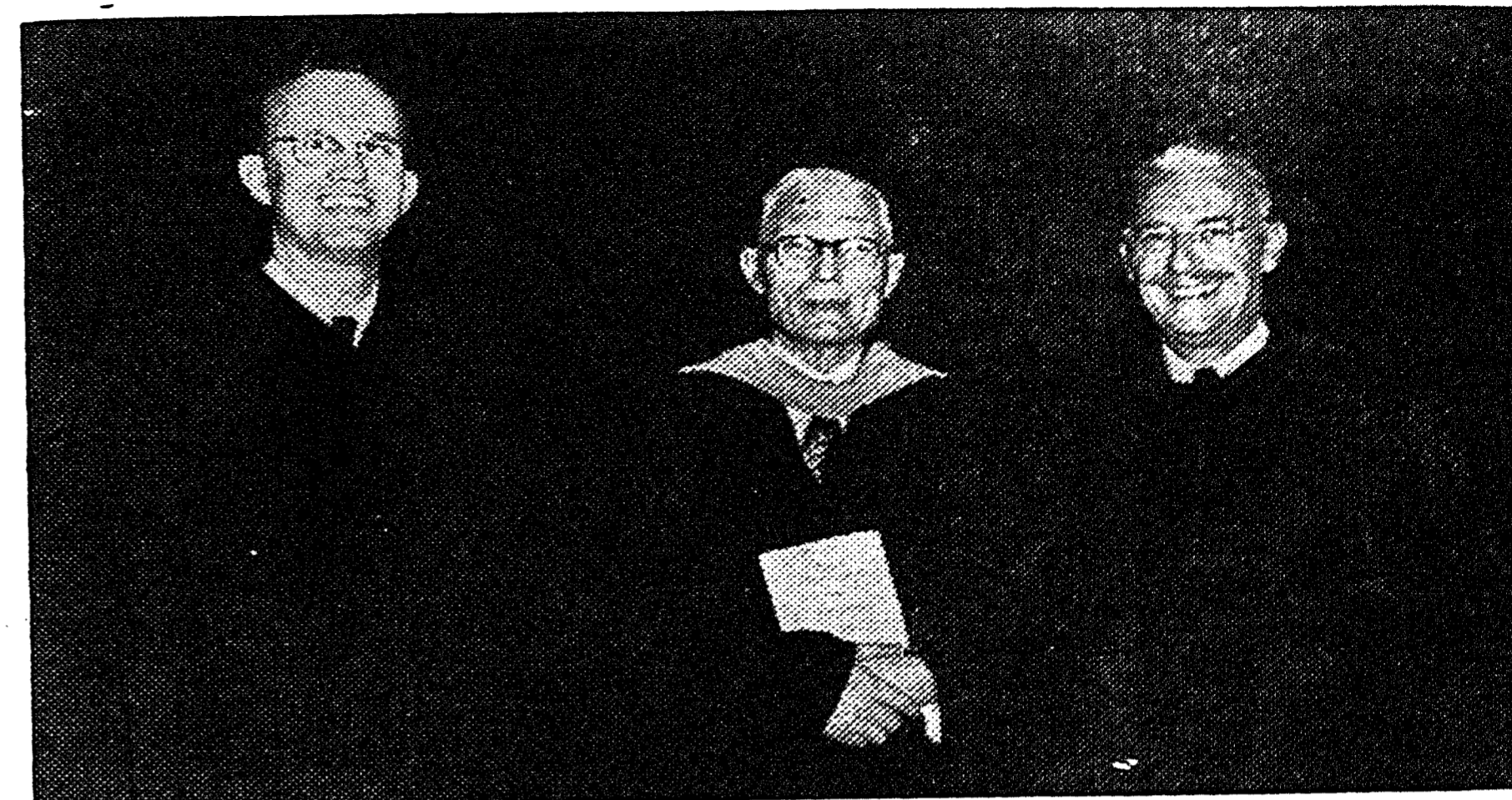


Rev. Erlo Everett Sutton, pastor emeritus of the Boulder, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church, receives honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at Salem College Commencement from the retiring president, Dr. S. O. Bond. — Courtesy of Public Relations Department.

Theology. In 1939, largely by the self-discipline of correspondence study, he was graduated from Milton College, from which his children had been graduated before him.

As pastor he has also served his denomination at Shiloh, N. J., Milton Junction, Wis., and Boulder and Denver in Colorado.

For a quarter of a century he has been editor of the *Helping Hand* in Bible School Work, the adult lesson study help of his denomination. As editor it was his responsibility to write almost all of the material from week to week, a task totaling well over six thousand pages of printed matter, or a library in the neighborhood of fifteen volumes. During this period he was a member of the International Council of Religious Education, serving in various capacities on several



Three of the principals of the sixty-third annual commencement of Salem College line up for a picture at the close of the exercises. They are from left to right: K. Duane Hurley, El Monte, Calif., president-elect of Salem; Dr. S. O. Bond, retiring president of Salem; and Colonel Paul G. Benedum of Pittsburgh, Pa., who delivered the commencement address on "Freedom — America's Greatest Resource." — Public Relations Department.

of its committees. For many years he was a member of the important Lesson Committee, and, recently, chairman of one of its subdivisions. His sound judgment was further recognized when his denomination made him a member, in 1935, of the Committee to Draft a New Statement of Belief, a difficult and delicate task. Just a year ago this month he delivered a series of distinguished lectures to the annual Ministers' Conference of his Church.

Through the years of his service he has become known and respected as an author of reliable scholarship and simple phrases; a writer of sound doctrine without dogmatism; he has become loved as a pastor of safe counsel without authoritarianism; he has been known as an evangelist of warmth and logic.

Therefore, Mr. President, for personal achievement and devoted service to his fellow man, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Salem College, I nominate Erlo Everett Sutton for the degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa; and recommend that the degree be granted.

OUR SERVICEMEN**Where They Are**

(The Church should keep in touch with those who have entered the armed services and alternate services of our country. As an aid in carrying out this privilege, the Sabbath Recorder will publish from time to time the names and most recent addresses of our servicemen. Please keep us informed. Correct information is most essential.)

Riverside, Calif.

Lt. Alfred E. Lewis, O-545422

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PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

Cuba Lake, N. Y.

August 9-13, 1951

REV. JAMES McGEACHY

By Dr. Corliss F. Randolph

President and Librarian,
Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

Rev. James McGeachy, son of James and Margaret *Williams* McGeachy, was born in Springburn, Glasgow, County of Lanarkshire, Scotland, on April 6, 1897. He was graduated from the Victoria and Albert Higher Grade School, Springburn, Glasgow, 1912; and from the Stanbury Park Seventh Day Adventist Missionary College, Watford, England, 1920.

As a boy he attended the Baptist Church in Glasgow, of which his father was a deacon, and its Sunday school. While yet in school, he read some Seventh Day Adventist books which he found in his father's library; and then attended some Seventh Day Adventist meetings in Glasgow in 1912. Subsequently he joined their Church and was baptized, September, 1913. He then resigned his position with the North British Locomotive Co., Ltd., in order to keep the Sabbath, and sold the Seventh Day Adventist paper *Good Health*, canvassed for electric torches, and did electric wiring and repairing, all Sabbath free.

In 1915, he entered Stanborough Park College, at Watford; but in 1916, he was conscripted into the British Army where, as a conscientious objector, he served in the 3rd Eastern Section of the Non-Combatant Corps. He now went to Boulogne and Les Attaque, Calais, in France. On refusing to work on the Sabbath, he was excused from it here. But after eight months, he was sent to Le Havre where Sabbath privileges were refused him. However, in company with others of his faith, he stopped work on Friday evening, was court-martialed for refusing to obey military orders, and sentenced to six months' hard labor in a military prison. Here, when he again refused to work on the Sabbath, he was knocked down and beaten, placed in solitary confinement with his hands fastened behind him with handcuffs, with a diet of bread and water. After a month, he was transferred to Wormwood Scrubbs Civil Prison in London. Some weeks later, he was sent to Knutsford Prison, near Manchester, where he worked with other extreme objectors. Next he was sent to the Chemical Manure Factory in Broxburn, near Edinburgh, and

thence to Wakefield Prison. Here he embraced an opportunity to work on a farm connected with Stanbury College, at Watford, studying in the evening. Here he remained till the end of the war in November, 1918.

In the summer of 1919, as a colporteur, he sold *Bible Readings* in the south of Scotland, his sales reaching as high as one hundred five pounds sterling (\$525.) in a single month.

In 1919, he attended the Seventh Day Adventist Conference in Derby where he was asked to go to Egypt as a missionary. He accepted the invitation and was in Egypt from 1920 to 1924. His headquarters were in Cairo with outlying stations in several villages in Upper Egypt. He was ordained to the gospel ministry, February 2, 1924, at Tetaliah, in Upper Egypt.

While in Egypt he acquired the use of the Arabic language which served him well in all his work there. He canvassed in the Delta with W. A. Spicer's *Our Day in The Light of Prophecy*. Each summer he spent a month in Alexandria soliciting funds for the "Harvest In-Gathering Campaign," usually collecting fifty pounds sterling (\$250.) in a month.

In February, 1924, he was sent to Mosul, Iraq, passing through Palestine, Syria, and Baghdad, where he remained until 1926, when he returned home on furlough.

Meantime, doubts had arisen in his mind as to certain doctrines of the Seventh Day Adventists, and he spent his year of furlough in careful investigation concerning them, finally becoming convinced that they were in error in a number of their views, including the teachings of Mrs. White. As a result, he severed his connection with them and became a member of the Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church of London, October 1, 1927, and was chosen its pastor, October 6, 1928.

Subsequently, some question arose as to whether his doctrinal views were in accord with those of Seventh Day Baptists. To determine that issue, the Church called a council which met, July 27, 1930, in the home of Mrs. Gertrude E. Richardson, the Church treasurer. The Mill Yard Church was represented by its officers; and Rev. Gerhard Velthuysen, of our Holland Churches; Mr. and Mrs. William M. Stillman, of our Plainfield Church; and Corliss

F. Randolph, of our New York City Church, all being present, were invited to sit in the council. A considerable number of members of Mill Yard Church and Mrs. Corliss F. Randolph were also present. Deacon B. A. Morris, of Mill Yard, was chosen chairman; George Vane, clerk of Mill Yard, was chosen clerk; and Corliss F. Randolph was asked to conduct the examination.

After some statements by Pastor McGeachy, he was asked if he had read the *Statement of Beliefs*, adopted by our General Conference in 1880. He replied that he had read it carefully and was fully in accord with it. He then read a supplementary statement, and after some further questioning, the candidate and spectators were dismissed. After a careful review of the examination, the council found the candidate acceptable, and recommended that he be recognized as a qualified Seventh Day Baptist minister by our General Conference. The candidate and spectators being recalled, the council so reported. In conclusion, a moving prayer was offered by Pastor Velthuysen in his native tongue.

After he became pastor of Mill Yard, Pastor McGeachy organized the Evangelical Sabbatarian Mission which published a series of eleven books of tales, written by him, entitled, *Tales from the East, Tales from the West, Tales from the North*, etc., etc., which, as a colporteur, he sold at a shilling each, four days in the week, to obtain funds to augment his salary, as the Church was unable to pay it in full. Other books so written and published, included *Christ, British Isles and The Sabbath; Expositions of Revelation and Daniel*, and various tracts, all from 1931 to 1932. Nearly 300,000 copies of the shilling tales were sold by the author and other colporteurs, besides some 20,000 other publications. Besides filling out the pastor's salary, the profits from these sales enabled help to be sent to our mission in British Guiana, with smaller appropriations to other missions.

Except for the publication of the quarterly magazine, *The Sabbath Observer*, of which Pastor McGeachy became editor on the death of Deacon Morris, and some small tracts, the paper shortage in World War II brought the work of the Evangelical Sabbatarian Mission to a full stop when its accumulated stock of books and tracts was exhausted.

During World War II, the pastor had a clerical position with a firm of furniture manufacturers, then engaged in aircraft construction. But with the close of the war and the return of the normal office force, he lost this position. At the present time, besides his pastoral duties for Mill Yard, on Sunday each week, he preaches for a Baptist Church in the south of London, does some colporteur work, is clerk of the trustees of the Joseph Davis Charity (of which more another time). He is also agent for the publications of the Jewish Christian Community, in which he is deeply interested, and its complement, the Jerusalem Fellowship.

On March 7, 1922, in Cairo, Egypt, Pastor McGeachy was married to Miss Florence Edwards, daughter of Thomas Slater Edwards and Hannah Maria (Holmes) Edwards. August 12, 1923, in Upper Egypt, twins (James and Ethel Miriam) were born, but they died soon afterward. On April 23, 1927, their son, Alan, was born; but after a charming childhood of five years, he, too, passed on. Their daughter, Ruth, now a bright young woman away from home at school, was born June 16, 1932. There can be no question but that throughout their entire married life, Mrs. McGeachy has been a loyal, stalwart supporter of her husband in all his work. They are much beloved by the members of Mill Yard.

Note: It may not be out of place here to state that the McGeachy home had its front blown out by a bomb in the late war, and that the home of Deacon Morris was wholly destroyed.

"American Christians View Israel"

Radio Station WLIB has been awarded a bronze plaque "for outstanding public service in the field of intercultural affairs and interfaith activities," according to a recent press release from the American Christian Palestine Committee.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, chairman of the committee, presented the plaque to Harry Novik, general manager of the radio station. The presentation took place in the offices of Christian Herald, of which Dr. Poling is the editor.

"American Christians View Israel," is a weekly broadcast of the American Christian Palestine Committee for which WLIB received the commendation mentioned.

This program may be heard over WLIB each Sunday at 5:15 p.m., E.D.S.T.

"STEADY AND TRUE"

In his brief address as president of the Eastern Seventh Day Baptist Association, Rev. Harold R. Crandall declared that "the religion of Jesus Christ is the only remedy for the evils of this world." He stressed the necessity of our keeping everlastingly at the task of sharing the glorious gospel of our Lord and Saviour as indicated in the Scripture text chosen for the association, as follows: "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." Acts 5: 42.

The theme selected for the one hundred thirteenth session of the Eastern Association was "Steady and True." Throughout the meetings the theme was emphasized and frequent reference made to it.

All sessions of the association were held with the Rockville, R. I., Seventh Day Baptist Church. The first session was held on Sabbath eve, June 8, and the last session closed Sunday noon, June 10.

At the opening session, Rev. Kenneth A. Stickney, pastor of the entertaining Church, welcomed the delegates "in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

Rev. Carl R. Maxson, pastor of the Waterford, Conn., Church, responded by saying, "Thank you," and by pointing out that the amount of inspiration and the depth of spiritual experience at the association depended on each one present.

Rev. Lester G. Osborn, pastor of the First Hopkinton Church at Ashaway, conducted the devotional and praise service, interspersing appropriate remarks as he introduced and related the singing of gospel hymns and songs. He also read selections from the Book of Acts. Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, pastor of the Plainfield, N. J., Church, sang a solo, "Come, Ye Blessed," accompanied by Mrs. Clinton L. Armstrong at the piano.

Hospitality and Meals

As we are privileged to go from association to association, our appreciation of the open homes and hearty welcome grows. The spirit of uplift and fellowship are greatly enhanced by the Christian friendliness of the entertaining Churches.

At Rockville, some delegates arrived early, yet were nonetheless welcome.

Most of the delegates were entertained in the homes of the Rockville Church and community. We were deeply impressed by the spirit of co-operation which prevails in the community. Especially was this true in the serving of meals at a nominal charge Sabbath noon and evening and Sunday noon at the parish house. We were told that half the folks helping in this way were from outside the Church.

The Loyal Workers of Rockville were in charge of preparing and serving the meals, with Mrs. John Kenney and Mrs. Walter Reynolds as cho-chairmen. Miss Carolyn Spencer was in charge of the dining room.

The parish house is the center of many community gatherings as evidenced by the improvements in kitchen equipment and facilities and the care taken of them.

Messages

The sermons, addresses, testimonies, and remarks all combined to make a season of inspiration, instruction, and fellowship in Christ.

Sabbath Eve

The Sabbath eve sermon was preached by Rev. A. Clyde Ehret, delegate from the Central Association, and pastor of the De Ruyter, N. Y., Church, who used as the subject and text, "Enlistment for Living," "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" Acts 16: 30b. Pastor Ehret referred to his experience of 41 years ago when he attended the Eastern Association at Rockville as a delegate from the Southeastern Association.

He stated that the words of the text are the most searching question in Scripture. "To be saved," he continued, "is to develop a personality in this life that will be worth while extending into the next life."

First comes commitment to Christ; then, the enlistment of the will; and third, consecration of the whole life. "Here is where many of us fail of being Christian. We are not consecrated in the whole of life," declared the preacher.

"... What must I do to be saved?"
 "... Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."
 "... I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against

that day." "Such is the power that saves even unto the end," he concluded.

Rev. William J. Kimshel, pastor of the Pine Street Gospel Chapel, Middletown, Conn., conducted the conference meeting which followed. A goodly number took part in this blessed experience of Christian witness and sharing. A large delegation from this Sabbathkeeping congregation was present for all day Sabbath.

Sabbath Morning

The Sabbath morning worship was in charge of Rev. Kenneth A. Stickney, with the Scripture lesson and the pastoral prayer being read and offered by Rev. Carl R. Maxson.

The boys' and girls' sermon was given by Rev. C. Rex Burdick of the Marlboro, N. J., Church. By means of a flannel-board, he taught that one of the ways to be "steady and true" is by having a clean heart. For, he quoted, "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

The morning sermon, "You, too, May Be an Evangelist," was preached by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, delegate from the Southeastern Association and pastor of the Salem, W. Va., Church. Calling attention to the Great Commission, Jesus' command to His disciples to evangelize the world, and to Paul's instruction to Timothy, Mr. Hurley declared that to accept Christ as our Saviour is to accept Him as Master and Guide and to tell others of Him.

"There are only a few who can be evangelistic singers, musicians, and preachers," he stated. All can be evangelists in the following ways: (1) By inviting people to go to Church, (2) Prayer, (3) Personal work, (4) Carrying and handing out simple gospel tracts and New Testaments and portions, (5) Writing letters, (6) Character, (7) Kindness, and (8) Being a confessor friend.

"If you want to win people to the Lord Jesus, keep out of sight yourself. Do not try to win people to you, win them to the Lord. Only after the Spirit of the Lord came upon the disciples" were they "daily in the temple and in every house, (where) they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus."

"Everyone can be an evangelist. Will you be?" challenged the preacher.

Sabbath Afternoon

The devotional service Sabbath afternoon was conducted by Donald A. Smith, of the Pawcatuck Church at Westerly, and vice-president of the association, who based his remarks on 2 Timothy 2: 15. He said that we need workmen and quoted Annie Johnson Flint's poem, "Jesus Christ — And We," which begins,

"Christ has no hands but our hands
 To do His work today."

President Harold R. Crandall conducted the afternoon program which consisted of addresses on the work of the Tract Society by Secretary Frank R. Kellogg, the Missionary Society by Treasurer Karl G. Stillman, the Women's Society by Miss A. Mildred Greene, associational correspondent, and the mission of the Sabbath Recorder was presented by the editor.

Sabbath Night

The Sabbath night devotional service was in charge of Fred Spencer, of the Pine Street Gospel Chapel, a nephew of Rev. Mr. Kimshel, and a sophomore at Salem College next fall. He read 1 Corinthians 13 and stated that love is the greatest thing in the universe; that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son"; the two greatest commandments spring from love; and it is most important to love God and our neighbor.

"Doing Something Vital" was the subject of the sermon preached by Rev. E. Wendell Stephan, pastor of the Plainfield, N. J., Church. Quoting Maltbie D. Babcock's poem, "Be Strong!" he called attention to some of the issues involved in living and declared that "Jesus has not offered a longer life by believing in Him." Continuing, he said, "The world's most productive life, the world's most happy life, was lived in the brief span of thirty-three years."

Further, the preacher quoted James 4: 13ff. and pointed out how dependent we are on God for our life. He declared, "Life is what you make it." By telling illustrations he unfolded three ways of facing life as follows: First, by running away from it; second, by running with life; third, by running life.

"Jesus was here to transform the world, not to conform to it," he stated. "We

as Seventh Day Baptists are standing for something even though some may have a minority complex. . . . Life must have a purpose" and will be lived at its highest and best when that purpose centers in Jesus Christ.

Sunday Morning

The devotional service on Sunday morning was conducted by Rev. C. Rex Burdick who read Psalm 119: 9-16 and Matthew 5: 17-20. Pastor Burdick stressed the fact that to be "steady and true" we must have an objective. That objective is Jesus Christ and His Word.

The sermon of the morning was preached by Rev. Paul L. Maxson, pastor of the Berlin, N. Y., Church and was based on Acts 14: 19-28. He said that the disciples formed a circle of loyalty around Paul and Barnabas so that they were encouraged to come back into the city and to go on to Derbe. "We should form a circle of loyalty around those who need such support." "Had not the disciples formed such a circle around Paul, he might have gone to defeat and the New Testament Church would have been the loser as well as we." "We must encourage each other. We must complete this circle of loyalty." "How can we do this? . . . By forming circles of prayer, circles of money, circles of encouragement, circles of co-operation, and circles of love."

"Shall we stand by and see the circle broken and loved ones go down into defeat? We need to let God direct our lives."

The association closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and the benediction pronounced by Pastor Maxson.

Music

The music rendered Sabbath morning was furnished by the choir of the Pawcatuck Church at Westerly, of which Mrs. J. Gaynor MacIntyre is organist and director. Two anthems were sung, "O Lamb of God," Stainer, and "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," West. A solo, "Shepherd, Take Me by the Hand," Ward Stevens, was sung by Mrs. Harold Batchelder.

Miss Shirley Smith of the Pawcatuck Church sang a solo, "Green Pastures," at the Sabbath afternoon service.

The Ashaway Young People's Choir,

with Mrs. Elliott Wells as director and Mrs. James G. Waite as organist, sang, "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord All Ye Lands," at the Sabbath night service.

Pastor E. Wendell Stephan sang, "Immortal Love, Forever Full," accompanied at the piano by Professor Albert Crandall, on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Clinton L. Armstrong was organist and director of music for the association.

Business

The annual business session of the association was held on Sunday morning, the necessary committees having been appointed by the president on Sabbath night.

During the business session, letters from sister associations were presented, letters from sister Churches of the association were read, and reports of delegates to sister associations were also presented. The reports of the executive committee and the officers were given.

After discussion it was voted to mimeograph the minutes of the association instead of having them printed, the size of the page form to be the same as the printed form and the paper to be of the best quality obtainable for mimeographing.

The report of the Lewis Camp Committee evoked much discussion, one matter being the relationship of Lewis Camp to the Eastern Association. This matter was referred to a special committee for consideration and report at next year's association. The dates of Lewis Camp are July 23-31, 1951.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected at this session.

Appreciation of the hospitality of the Rockville Church and community was expressed.

Upon invitation of the Shiloh, N. J., Church, it was voted to hold the next session of the association with that Church.

Youth Program

Following the service at the Church on Sabbath night a youth program was conducted at Camp Yawgoog, with Rev. Charles H. Bond in charge. The main lodge at Camp Yawgoog was made available to the youth group, which upon invitation included adults also, through the courtesy of Clinton L. Armstrong, warden

FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX

To the Sabbath Recorder:

Enclosed is three dollars for another year. I enjoy the paper and don't want to be without it.

N. Ward Davis.

4037 Mennes Ave.,
Riverside, Calif.

Dear Hurley:

Congratulations for your "Wheat for India" editorial. Congress' failure to apply promptly the principles of brotherhood in India's critical famine needed to be called to the attention of Christians. This country's reputation for generosity and compassion is in danger of being lost through default. Congress is willing to spend 60 billion dollars a year for armaments but shudders at the thought of providing a fraction of that for purposes of peace and the relief of suffering.

India has asked for bread. Shall we reply, with Marie Antoinette, "Let them eat cake"? Or shall we give them a stone?

Voluntary contributions may be made through Friendship Grain, American National Red Cross, Foreign Operations, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely,
Ford Lewis.

Richmond, Calif.,
June 1, 1951.

Dear Dr. Warren:

We appreciate your cordial response and assistance, requested by us, regarding our Pamphlet Display here at The Chaplain School. It is gratifying to know that

of the camp. A program of games was in full swing when we arrived. They were being hugely enjoyed by spectators as well as by participants. Following the games, Miss Shirley Smith conducted the singing of gospel choruses. Then, two sound motion pictures were shown, "The Way of Peace" and "A Boy and His Prayer." Refreshments, served by Mrs. Harold R. Crandall and Mrs. Clinton L. Armstrong, assisted by Mr. Crandall, brought the delightful evening to a close.

our Churches are making a real effort to contribute to The Chaplain School. I am sure that all chaplains, regardless of denomination, will want to see what other Churches have available; and the possible use that they might make of materials available from sources other than their own. It has been my experience in the field that a varied assortment of religious pamphlets is appreciated by the men.

We sincerely appreciate your co-operation and assure you that The Chaplain School is interested in the materials you may have available for chaplains.

Sincerely yours,

Mitchell W. Phillips,
Chaplain (Lt. Col.) USA,
Executive Officer.

May 28, 1951.

PACIFIC PINES CAMP Crestline, Calif.

Children (Ages 7-13) — June 24 - July 1
Adults and families — July 1-8

CAMP JOY Camp Caesar, W. Va. Ages — 10-18 year June 25 - July 1

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION CAMP YWCA Camp about 6 miles east of Texarkana First week of July

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CAMP Lee's Hill, Colo. Junior Camp — July 5-10 Senior Camp — July 10-19

CHICAGO CHURCH CAMP Dr. A. L. Burdick's cottage on Fox River Ages — 8-13 years July 8-13

LEWIS CAMP Ashaway, R. I. Ages — 12-18 years July 23-31

CHRISTIAN TOGETHERNESS AIM OF NATIONAL COUNCIL

Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert, administrative head of the newly-formed National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., recently called upon Christians to stand together in magnifying their common central faith in the face of "the widespread assumption in this country that we can build our social order without recognizing a divine order."

The Protestant leader asserted that the great differences are not between different groups of Christians but between Christians and non-Christians.

"All Christians of whatever historical background," he told Protestant churchmen at the Copley Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass., "are confronted today with a materialistic and secularized view of life which challenges the gospel which they all alike hold. The Communist movement has made us more sharply aware of this confrontation."

Protestant laymen attended a dinner given by the Massachusetts Council of Churches, at which Dr. Cavert spoke.

Alluding to the Kefauver Committee's disclosures about the loss of moral integrity in the nation, the National Council's general secretary said that Senator Fulbright put his finger on our condition when he said: "Too many people in our nation do not believe anything with conviction. The values of life which were clear to the Pilgrims and Founding Fathers have grown dim and fuzzy in outline."

This sense of values has grown dim, Dr. Cavert suggested, because religious faith has grown dim.

"Our moral standards cannot be strongly and permanently maintained apart from the faith that produced and nourishes them. Nothing is so crucial for America as an evangelistic and missionary ardor which will win the rank and file of our people to a robust Christian faith."

Modern scholars, Dr. Cavert said, often "poke fun" at the "lopsided" kind of education which prevailed in the Middle Ages.

"But modern education is lopsided in exactly the opposite direction. We have

an education so divorced from any spiritual outlook that a course in ancient history can provide an intensive study of Julius Caesar and not have even a casual reference to Jesus Christ."

Dr. Cavert said that "this defection on the side of public education throws a great responsibility upon the Church school, on the Christian family, and on the Christian college."

"It is on these institutions which the Church directly touches that we must rely for inculcating a Christian understanding of the meaning of life in children and youth. Otherwise we may have a generation surfeited with material goods but with no spiritual insight."

Strengthening the evangelistic and missionary impulse of the Church, a greater concern for Christian education, and giving united expression to the Christian social conscience — all are part of the program of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Cavert said.

To express the wholeness of the American Church to the fullest extent possible, he described as the National Council's "most important function."

"The National Council of Churches is the best approximation to wholeness in the Church that has thus far been achieved." It not only brings together, he pointed out, many diverse Christian groups, including such extremes as the Eastern Orthodox and the Quakers into one family circle, but also unites twelve separate interdenominational agencies.

Within the National Council's constituency, Dr. Cavert said, there are divergent views about Church union.

"The National Council has no official view on this point. Its aim is rather to secure the maximum fellowship and united action which can be had within the framework of our denominational structure, convinced that it is only by following this path today with all our hearts that we shall make real progress toward some greater goal beyond." — National Council of Churches release, adapted.

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

NEW ZEALAND

Rev. Francis Johnson has sent road maps of New Zealand to the office of the Missionary Society. He has indicated locations of members of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Auckland and Christchurch. As Rev. Emmett Bottoms has written of visits to several of these on North Island, where he is working the first months there, it has been interesting to follow the routes traveled. On the first trip, Rev. and Mrs. Francis Johnson accompanied him and Mrs. Bottoms. He tells of visiting in six different homes, and the distance traveled was 314 miles.

Mr. Bottoms writes, "All those whom we visited seemed happy to have us in their homes and demonstrated a great interest in the Church and the evangelistic project which we are launching." Special services were to begin on May 20.

He writes of the many religious isms of New Zealand, which, he says, "sow seeds of wrath, malice, and hatred. So it is far too early to know how we shall get along with the project."

At the present time they are having beautiful autumn weather, just cool enough to need a little fire. A booklet of Auckland received from Rev. Mr. Johnson gives the impression of a beautiful modern city with a number of parks of various sizes.

The booklet, *Introducing Auckland, New Zealand*, begins: "Auckland is still small enough to be friendly — and large enough to be important. It is the gateway to New Zealand, and in this air age is on the doorstep of the world. It works for its living but has taken time off to grow graceful."

"Over 300,000 people live in Auckland. They live well. They are with reason proud of their city. And on the occasions when they and their visitors go to one of the high places overlooking the city, they marvel that so much has been accomplished within 110 years."

Auckland's climate is pleasant. They never have snow and can grow all kinds of subtropical fruits. The harbor, Waitemata, is "broad and deep and ranks with Sydney and Rio de Janeiro for world honors."

Some of New Zealand's mountains exceed 10,000 feet in altitude. With its

varying elevation and its length of approximately 1,500 miles, there should be a climate to suit each one.

In these, to us, unusual and beautiful surroundings, Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms are finding new friends and having the privilege of working in the kingdom of our Lord. Let us remember them in our prayers, that they may have an abundance of the Spirit of our Master and accomplish His purpose on this mission. H. R. C.

BROTHER G. ZIJLSTRA WRITES

(A letter from G. Zijlstra to the secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board.)

Dear Brother:

We esteem it a great value that the Missionary Board made it possible for Rev. and Mrs. Emmett H. Bottoms to visit Holland, too. We are always glad to see one of the brethren from America. It was my privilege to have a few quiet hours to talk with Pastor and Mrs. Bottoms and to hear many things from our American Churches, and about our mutual interests.

As the evidence of their stay in Holland I herewith enclose a photo, taken on March 12, near the station at The Hague, on our way from Haarlem to Rotterdam, and back to London that night.

At our next conference on July 7, I hope to give a historical survey of the Seventh Day Baptists. Many of our people know little, if anything, of our American Churches and their missions.

Until now there has not come any word from the flock at Pangoengsen, Java.

With fraternal greetings, I remain,

Yours faithfully,
G. Zijlstra.

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION

The Fouke Church is making preparations for the association June 28 - July 1, 1951. The first session will be Thursday morning at ten o'clock.

The entertainment committee understands that plans must be changed sometimes but will you do your part by sending your name if you now plan to attend.

Transportation from Texarkana will be available if you notify the committee.

Mrs. Nathan Monroe,
Fouke, Ark. Chairman.

THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S ACTION PROGRAM FOR WORLD PEACE

I.

We recommend that the president of the General Department of United Church Women of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America issue a call to Christian women in the United States who are working through council and denominational channels, initiating a program to interpret a Christian woman's personal responsibility for peace.

II.

We recommend a program of action for world peace based on the following:

1. We believe that we should strengthen and use our spiritual resources.

Therefore: We shall pray that we may be used for peace.

2. We believe that "This Nation Under God" can be a Christian democracy.

Therefore: We will live democracy in our home town every day.

3. We believe that, next to the Churches, today's best instrument for peace is the United Nations.

Therefore: We will know it and support it.

4. We believe that we must identify ourselves with the needs, the sufferings, the longings of the people of the world.

Therefore: We will discipline ourselves to share our abundance of spiritual and material resources.

5. We believe we must understand the issues in the world struggle for peace.

Therefore: We will study and discuss with our family and neighbors the issues of the peace.

III.

We recommend that the General Department of United Church Women make plans immediately to send a deputation to Washington to visit the President of the United States. This deputation should include the president of the General Department of United Church Women and four other members to be appointed by her. The purpose of this deputation shall

be to ask the President of the United States to issue a declaration at the earliest possible date reaffirming his pledge to the world that he will do all in his power to prevent the United States from becoming the aggressor in any war; that our resources be used for building the peace through all the channels at our disposal, including the United Nations. And further that the President of the United States be informed about the Christian Woman's Action Program for World Peace.

IV.

We recommend that the Christian Woman's Action Program for World Peace include the following:

1. Every woman be urged as an interpreter of peace to give time and accept disciplines comparable to the time given and the disciplines accepted by the youth who are serving our nation.

2. That the local council and denominational leaders make immediate plans to enlist interpreters of peace from their councils and denominations, using the plan of organization best suited to their community.

3. That a simple, brief, pictorial leaflet be prepared immediately presenting the Christian Woman's Action Program for World Peace. This leaflet and the Daily Noon-Hour Prayer should be distributed by the interpreters as they call on their neighbors to present the action program for peace.

4. Full use be made of all mass media for interpreting this program.

5. Prayer groups, discussion groups, and study groups be planned to serve as a basis of action for peace. — United Church Women General Department, National Council of Churches.

Marriages

Warner - Waters. — Maurice W. Warner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley N. Warner of Durhamville, N. Y., and Dorothy E. Waters, daughter of Mrs. Roland A. Waters, and the late Mr. Waters, of Oneida, N. Y., were united in marriage at the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church on November 19, 1950. Rev. Herbert L. Polan officiated. The couple live in Durhamville, N. Y.



OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mizpah S. Greene
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It is about time I wrote to you again, I think. Since I wrote you the last time I have a new baby sister whose name is Carol Ruth. She is six months old now.

We have a nice garden and my little brother and sister and I are watching the plants come up.

I am getting so old I am losing my teeth! I'll be six in August and I've lost four teeth already.

I'm going to Bible school soon and hope to get my new little neighbor to go, too.

Love,

Emma Mae Soper.

Arthur, Neb.

Dear Emma Mae:

Your very welcome letter came just after I had sent a full-page story to the Recorder, so I had to wait until this week before sending your message.

Congratulations on the arrival of that dear, new baby sister. I remember how happy I was, as a little girl, over the arrival of a new baby brother. I had wanted a baby sister but was ready to love a baby brother instead. My granddaughter, Joyce, was some over three when her sister, Gretchen, was born. She liked to stand and watch me give Gretchen her bath. One morning Gretchen began to cry lustily and I discovered that Joyce was pulling her feet as hard as she could hoping to make her grow faster.

You are losing your teeth quite fast, but then you'll soon have four more to take their places. I got so old that I had to lose all my teeth. What do you think of that? Now I have teeth that I can take out and then put back in again. A little four-year-old boy who comes in to see me often coaxes to see me do that very thing. His name is Douglas but everyone calls him Dougie.

This forenoon I attended a Children's Day program at the Presbyterian Church. Dougie was to recite a piece called, "If I Could Sing." He was so frightened

when he got up to speak that he forgot his piece, began to cry, and said, "I can't even speak." I felt like crying, too.

Lovingly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am eight years old and I will be in the fourth grade next fall. I am a Brownie.

I am at my Grandma Lippincott's this afternoon. Daddy is in the hospital and Mama has gone to see him. I think he will come home late this afternoon. I will be glad, for it is lonesome without him.

I have a brother five years old.

Yours with love,
Janet Lippincott.

Dear Janet:

I'm sure you must be doing good work in school to enter fourth grade so soon. Here's hoping you will be able to keep up the good work. In fact, I feel pretty sure you will.

We have a nice band of Brownies here in Andover. I think the Brownies' suits are very attractive, don't you?

I hope your daddy will soon be well and strong again. No wonder you are lonesome without him.

Do you have any hobby? A little five-year-old boy who often comes in to call on me has the hobby of collecting burned-out electric bulbs and has a large collection of them. He seems to think I ought to have a new supply of them for him very often. The other day he was a very happy little boy when I gave him the standard of a worn-out bridge lamp. The next day he came in to thank me for it once more and said, "I have come in to thank you for my tall lamp and to make you a little visit." Then he began to turn on all my lights to see if any were burned out. When I made him stop he said, "I'll go home now but look for me again soon." But he promised to let my lights alone after this. I discovered after he left that he had been down cellar and left my two lights burning.

Please do write again soon and often.

Lovingly yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, May 31, 1951

Receipts		
	May	8 months
Adams Center		\$ 198.35
Albion		164.00
Alfred, First	159.75	1,515.20
Alfred, Second		515.70
Andover		24.00
Associations and groups ..	81.00	117.80
Battle Creek	243.90	1,361.72
Berlin		209.04
Boulder	31.53	254.53
Brookfield, First		158.22
Brookfield, Second	36.10	178.60
Chicago		234.50
Daytona Beach		294.61
Denver	38.31	381.60
De Ruyter	55.00	321.94
Dinuba		5.00
Dodge Center		151.69
Edinburg	7.85	144.72
Farina	15.00	145.00
Fouke	13.44	70.25
Friendship		20.00
Gentry	5.71	25.44
Hammond	60.00	106.59
Healdsburg-Ukiah	25.00	58.77
Hebron, First	82.33	168.80
Hopkinton, First	66.40	469.35
Hopkinton, Second		5.00
Indianapolis		25.00
Independence	22.00	213.00
Individuals	1,016.08	1,132.58
Irvington		100.00
Little Genesee		384.68
Little Prairie	1.40	26.40
Los Angeles	60.00	137.00
Los Angeles, Christ's	15.00	15.00
Lost Creek		297.41
Marlboro	144.00	648.00
Middle Island	7.86	46.17
Milton	285.87	2,793.49

Milton Junction	165.73	678.55
New Auburn	6.00	42.60
New York City, First		266.17
North Loup		253.26
Nortonville		164.50
Pawcatuck		2,138.00
Piscataway		147.25
Plainfield	140.30	2,300.70
Philadelphia	3.00	66.25
Richburg		233.00
Riverside		1,331.97
Ritchie		30.00
Rockville		58.40
Roanoke	10.00	15.00
Salem		447.22
Salemville	10.00	52.53
Shiloh	235.00	1,323.30
Verona	207.30	552.05
Walworth		52.60
*Washington, Evangelical ..	10.00	120.00
Waterford	12.42	122.93
White Cloud	85.90	245.41
Totals	\$3,359.18	\$23,760.84

Disbursements		
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 958.76	\$ 130.71
Tract Society	458.91	5.00
Board of		
Christian Education ..	535.57	16.00
Women's Society	14.08	5.00
Historical Society	45.11	500.00
Ministerial Retirement ..	211.73	95.01
S. D. B. Building	83.96	
General Conference	280.04	
World Fellowship and Service	19.30	
Totals	\$2,607.46	\$ 751.72

* By vote of the Evangelical Church, "no part of . . . amount is to go to the National Council."

Comparative Figures

Total Budget	\$37,000			
Receipts for October	\$1,557.18	4.20%	\$3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for November	1,558.98	4.20%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for December	2,386.43	6.45%	3,083.34	8 1/3%
Receipts for January	2,639.98	7.13%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for February	2,772.63	7.52%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for March	3,004.25	8.12%	3,083.34	8 1/3%
Receipts for April	2,733.45	7.39%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Receipts for May	2,607.46	7.12%	3,083.33	8 1/3%
Totals	\$19,260.36	52.13%	\$24,666.66	66 2/3%
Special gifts, designated:				
October to April	\$3,748.76			
May	751.72			
Total	\$4,500.48			

D. Nelson Inglis,
Acting Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.