

## American Relief for Korea

Recently, Dr. You Chan Yang, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, in accepting the honorary chairmanship of American Relief for Korea, Inc., issued the following statement:

"I consider it a high privilege to accept the honorary chairmanship of American Relief for Korea.

"The great work that ARK is doing in war-torn and devastated Korea in fighting illness and starvation and in ministering to the ragged and destitute has already won the everlasting gratitude of my fellow countrymen. You have lost no time in seeking to alleviate their suffering and it is almost impossible to convey the extent of their thankfulness.

"I have only recently returned from Korea and I find it difficult to depict the agony and misery of my people as wave after wave of war has surged and pounded up and down virtually the entire peninsula. It is hard for anyone who has not seen it to imagine what this has meant in death, desolation, and human woe. Literally millions of people — even the well to do — have lost everything they owned — their homes, their possessions, their supplies of food: everything but the clothing they are actually wearing.

"One of the cruelest and most tragic aspects of the carnage and savagery of the Communist war is the plight of the children, who have lost their parents and become separated from them in the whirlwind of destruction. This has not happened so much to the tiny tots. Their mothers and fathers carry them as they travel afoot or on bullock carts, but it is the boys and girls of seven and eight and older, the ones who are big enough to walk and to run when they are frightened. Now they are homeless, with no food and no clothing and no way of knowing whether their parents are alive or dead. They need all the help that can be given them for the sight of them is enough to touch even the hardest of hearts.

"American Relief for Korea is truly a mission of mercy and must command the

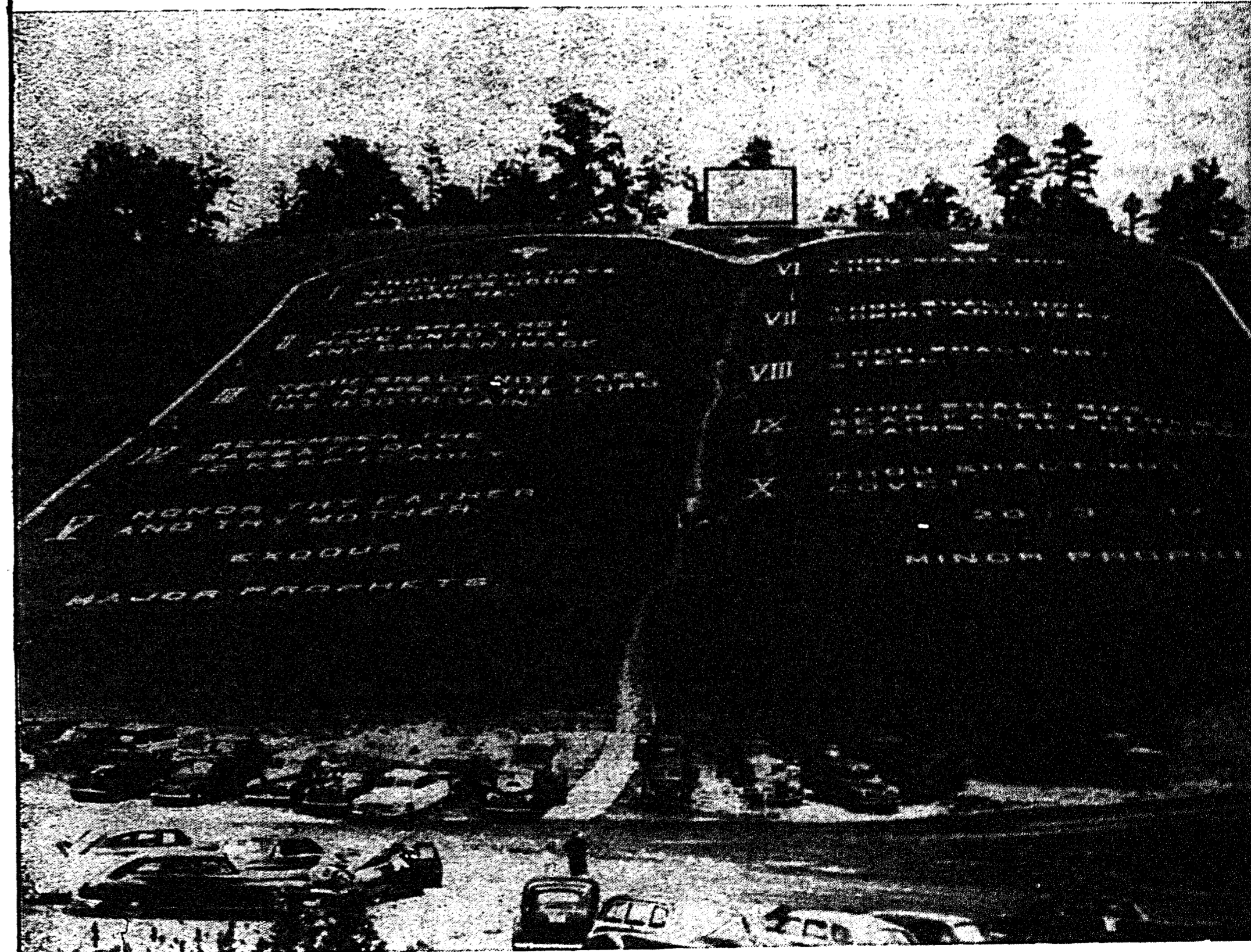
sympathy and assistance of everyone. The deeds you have already performed — deeds made possible by the most generous and compassionate people on the face of the earth, the American people — have lightened the long darkness of despair in my unhappy country and have given us hope once more. We know that your great humanitarian work cannot fail for we know it possesses the benediction of God."

Dr. Yang, distinguished diplomat, surgeon, and educator, has recently come to this country from Korea to assume his post as ambassador. He has had occasion to observe, first hand, refugee conditions in his homeland, and he estimates that, in addition to 10,000,000 of his countrymen who have lost all of their worldly possessions, 3,000,000 have been killed or have died of illnesses due to exposure caused by war conditions.

American Relief for Korea (ARK), with Douglas Fairbanks as national chairman, was recently organized by the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, Inc., in co-operation with the State Department and the U. S. Army. Its purpose is to stimulate greatly the flow of clothing and kindred relief supplies from the American people to the Korean people as a sincere gesture of humanitarian friendship; and to eliminate duplication of effort by establishing a central national channel through which supplies may move swiftly, systematically, and economically to those in Korea who so sorely need them.

ARK has established warehouses on the East and West Coasts, where clothing is sorted, baled, and delivered to shipside for shipment to Korea. Contributions of clothing should be sent PREPAID to The ARK, Maspeth, N. Y., or to The ARK, Oakland, Calif. Any clothing, clean and in good condition, is urgently needed. Contributions of money to cover cost of preparing clothing for shipment should be sent to American Relief for Korea, Inc., 133 East 39th Street, New York 16, N. Y. — Release.

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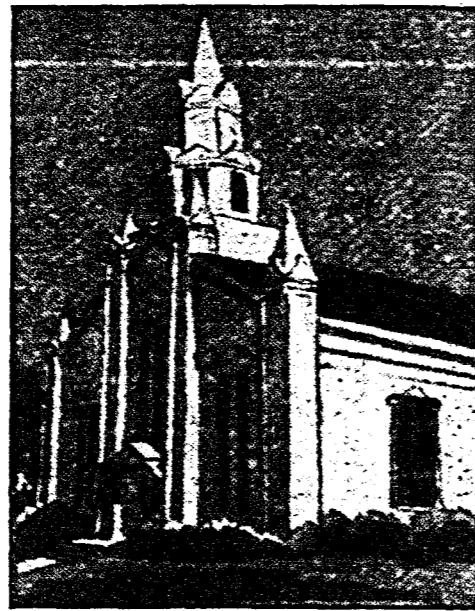
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**SEVENTH DAY  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH,  
ALFRED, N. Y.**

The sanctuary of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, the front elevation and steeple of which are pictured here, will be the scene of most of the sessions of the General Conference, August 14-19. Standing just a few paces west of Alfred's Main Street, and giving its name (Church) to its own street, the Church is located centrally to the entire village, and its commanding spire will locate it easily for newcomers to Alfred during Conference week. The building is also a religious and historic landmark in Alfred.

The erection of the building was voted by the members of the Church in December, 1852, and apparently the structure was completed and occupied early in 1854; its pinnacled pilasters are reminiscent of the detail and care lavished by craftsmen on public buildings a century ago. Plaques at its windows bear the names of honored Seventh Day Baptist pioneers. Its memorial organ is one of the best in Western New York State.

Significant, also, is the task of interior beautification completed within the past few years. Sessions of the Conference will be held in the sanctuary, while the nursery, lounges, and rooms for overflow congregations will be found in the community house next door and the parish house just behind the Church building. — Publicity Committee.

### Front Cover Picture

What are believed to be the largest Ten Commandments in the world are spelled out in huge white stones on a mountain side near Murphy, N. C. The commandments are laid out in two rows with a road between them, and each letter is taller than a man. Pilots and passengers in planes flying over the area can read them from the air. — RNS Photo.

## DENOMINATIONAL REORGANIZATION IS HERE!

Denominational organization is a process and not a program. It is a means of expressing ever more effectively the spirit of Christ's kingdom through the co-operative channels of the Church. " . . . You are Peter, and on this rock (of Peter's confession) I will build my church, and the powers of death shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16: 18 RSV), declared Jesus.

And His Church began!

Up through the centuries since, the Church of Jesus Christ has fared variously in the matter of organization, at times simple, at times complex. Regardless of type and form, her effectiveness can be measured by the manner in which she has fulfilled the spirit and purpose of her Founder, Jesus Christ.

According to the Gospel of Matthew, following the Resurrection the eleven disciples met Jesus on a mountain of Galilee as He had directed them to do. There He declared that "all authority in heaven and on earth" had been given to Him. Then He gave the Great Commission which sent the disciples forth to win multitudes to their Lord. That Commission has engaged the Church through the centuries and is her commanding program today.

In so far as Church organization, the process by which the program of the Great Commission is carried out, has fulfilled the spirit and purpose of her Founder, it has become effective. When the Great Commission has become obscured because of the prominence of organization, the Church has failed her mission.

Along with other denominations, Seventh Day Baptists are constantly seeking to make more effective the process by which their share of the Great Commission is accomplished. Ever since the Seventh Day Baptist denomination began, the process of reorganization has been going on. This must be so in order to meet the demands of changing conditions in the Spirit of Christ.

At certain stages of our history, reorganization has required considerable atten-

tion and has become quite revolutionary. We are now face to face with the necessity of considering further reorganization. As a friend remarked the other day: "That all is not right, I will agree. That something is needed, I will agree. What is needed is not clear."

The purpose of publishing certain proposals for denominational reorganization is to bring into the open for wider and fuller consideration the results of recent thought, prayer, and discussion in this important matter. Thus, Commission and Conference will be better able to recommend and adopt effective changes in organizational structure.

An excellent basis for further study of this subject is the article, "The Church Victorious," by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, which follows this editorial. This is largely the result of a study of the New Testament basis of Church organization which was made at the prayer meeting of the Denver, Colo., Church.

Two proposals for denominational reorganization, one by Albyn Mackintosh of Los Angeles, Calif., and the other by Rev. Wayne R. Rood of Alfred, N. Y., also appear in this issue of the Sabbath Recorder.

Mr. Mackintosh writes: "This outline for reorganization is prayerfully submitted for study. May God grant that the Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship may grow in His grace and favor."

Mr. Rood comments: "During the past Conference year there has been a great deal of provocative discussion of 'denominational reorganization,' but much of the thinking has been quite nebulous and vague. I have heard voiced on a number of occasions a desire for some specific proposal that concerned Seventh Day Baptists might shoot at. Feeling that this is a reasonable request, I make bold to offer a plan. . . ."

Let us carefully, prayerfully consider these three items and others that may appear. Then, may we be Spirit-guided in the action that we take.

## THE CHURCH VICTORIOUS

By Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson  
Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church,  
Denver, Colo.

Following the suggestion to have a Call to Study to acquaint each Seventh Day Baptist with the denomination's organization, to determine whether or not changes should be made in the denominational structure, the Denver Church gave several of its Sabbath eve prayer services to such a study. It seemed logical to use as a basis for further inquiry, a Biblical examination of Church organization.

The word "Church" originates in the Greek *kuriakos* which means "of or belonging to the Lord." However, most usage of the word "Church" in the Bible is translated from the Greek *ekklesia* which means "to call out." In the Greek world it was used to summon a group of citizens into a public assembly. In the New Testament *ekklesia* is readily used to indicate the body of Christ's followers (Matthew 16: 18), a Christian congregation (1 Corinthians 14: 4), the local Church (Romans 16: 1), and also to designate a group of Churches (Acts 9: 31).

The Church includes all those who belong to the Lord, a holy people, having been called out of the world into a society of the redeemed through Jesus Christ the Son of God and Saviour of mankind. In its widest sense it includes the whole company of born-again Christians, both the living and those who have passed on, those of all denominations and races — from the local group in the typical American community to the natives in the African jungle whose place of worship is but a crude structure.

The Church has been called out of pagan and materialistic philosophies of life unto Christ who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life," (John 14: 6) — out of confusion, frustration, and fear into victory for everyday living and the assurance of eternal life, out of wickedness into the righteousness of Christ, yes, out of death into life.

### The Head and Foundation of the Church

In Colossians 1: 18 the Church is referred to as the body of Christ. "And he (Christ) is the head of the body, the

church: who is the beginning, the first-born from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence." Ephesians 1: 22, 23 also refers to Jesus as the head of the body, the Church. Not only is He the Head but the very Foundation upon which the Church is built. Do you remember Simon Peter's great confession? He said to Jesus, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, ". . . Thou art Peter, and upon this rock (this faith, confession) I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Matthew 16: 16, 18. In 1 Corinthians 3: 11 we read, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

It is clear from these passages that Christ is the basis for the Church, the centrality for her existence. Our first consideration, then, in our study of Church organization is whether it is founded and existing on the rock foundation of Jesus Christ and is giving due recognition to Him as the Head of our denominational body. Could it be that our problems are not really due to organizational weakness but to an improper recognition of Christ as the Head, the Foundation of the Body, the Church? In this connection, reference is made in 1 Corinthians 12: 27 to the fact that we are the "body of Christ." What a sacred privilege it is for any one of us to belong to the Church and have a part in promoting the work of Christ.

### The Organization of the Church

It may be somewhat surprising that our Lord in creating the institution of the Church, left no formal instructions for organizational machinery. The early Church began and flourished with very meager organization, if any. The reason is obviously due to the fact that the Church is primarily a spiritual organism depending upon the Holy Spirit, Christ's presence in the believer, as the dynamic for advancement. Of its very nature, organization could only be a means of assisting in the onward spiritual movement of the Church.

In one of his *Miscellanies*, Thomas Carlyle asks, "How did Christianity arise and spread abroad among men?" He replies, "It arose in the mystic depths of man's

soul and it spread abroad by the preaching of the Word, . . . and then it flew like hallowed fire from heart to heart till all whom it touched were purified and illumined by its power."

Thus it was the moving of God's Spirit upon the hearts of men through the fellowship, prayer, and witness of faithful followers that gave the early Church her expanding power. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." Acts 2: 47.

This is not to say or prove that Church organization is unimportant, or that denominational reorganization is not necessary. It does mean, however, that Church machinery is of little avail without a deep spiritual motivation centered in the Deity and redemptive message of Jesus Christ our Lord. This spiritual dynamic is based upon a fellowship of working believers, united in common convictions on what the Christ means to them and what He has to offer to a confused and dying world. For a progressive Church, this fellowship must give itself in aggressive witness both in profession and deed. This fellowship must renew its propagating power daily through a fresh application of essential Biblical doctrines, through inner cleanliness by confession and repentance, and through fervent prayer for the working of the Holy Spirit, especially as intercession is made for the needs of others. In such a Church, machinery cannot be the motivating force; it is a working tool, aiding in the accomplishment of an end. Without a spiritual awakening among Seventh Day Baptists, denominational reorganization will do little good, but accompanied by a rebirth of conviction of the importance of our denominational distinctives with a fresh zeal to promote that message throughout the world — then, reorganization could be a valuable aid to our onward march.

Christ left no plans for a complex Church organization. Emphasis is placed upon the individual and his relation to God and society. The progress of the Church recorded in The Acts and the Epistles indicates that the local Church is independent and autonomous. Each Church is committed to Christ and is responsible to Him. Paul wrote "Unto the church of

God which is at Corinth" (1 Corinthians 1: 2) an exhortation to Church unity. "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." 1 Corinthians 1: 10. Toward the end of the same epistle he warns them to "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14: 40).

We believe our emphasis upon democracy in national and Church life is well taken. Not only is the idea embodied in the original meaning of the Greek *ekklesia* commonly translated "Church" in the New Testament, but is in accord with the Scriptures on the worth of man and in his ability to decide the activity of the Church through the illumination of the Holy Spirit which makes him a regenerated child of God. Dr. Vincent Brushwyler makes a good summary of Church democracy when he writes in the May, 1951, issue of the *Conservative Baptist*, "Theoretically, individual members of a local Baptist Church have equal and final authority over all matter of the Church. We believe that each individual is responsible to God and that the teaching of the Word and the leadership of the Holy Spirit are to be personally appropriated by each Christian. Each member has equal voice and is to discover for himself through study of the Bible and the dictates of the Spirit what is the will of God in each matter to be decided. Although the pastor should be a spiritual leader and shepherd to his flock, in final matters of Church business he is to wield no more authority than the lowliest member. Nor is any outside man or group of men to dictate to the local Church."

In large bodies or because of geographical separation, it is difficult or even impossible for each member to cast his vote directly. In this case his desire is delegated to another. An example of this type of representative democracy is found in the record of the Council at Jerusalem in Acts, chapter 15. A dispute had arisen among the Churches over points of doctrine. "Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to

Jerusalem to the Apostles and the elders about this question." 15: 2 (RSV). They were "sent on their way by the church." 15: 3. The matter was discussed by the delegates. An agreement was reached and a decision was made, and Judas and Silas were chosen to accompany Paul and Barnabas in conveying the recommendations, "it has seemed good to us in assembly to choose men and send them to you. . . ." 15: 25. On their return to Antioch the congregation was gathered together and the letter was delivered. "And when they read it, they rejoiced at the exhortation." 15: 31. Here we see democracy at work, a good example for us as we consider how our denomination works as a democratic body.

**The Leadership of the Church**

When the Lord Jesus Christ established the Church, He gave no formal prescription regarding leaders and officers. He did, however, choose the twelve disciples to "spearhead" this leadership. Within this small group were Peter, James, and John who seemed to have a more intimate relationship to the Master. Judas was the treasurer of the assemblage. Later the seventy were trained and sent out to be His witnesses. The original disciples were often called apostles, but the term was used in the early Church to include many others who were "sent out" as messengers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul claimed to be an ordained apostle (1 Timothy 2: 7). When his authority as an apostle was questioned, Paul quoted three claims for apostleship: (a) He had seen Jesus, which qualified him to bear witness of the resurrection (1 Corinthians 9: 1; 15: 8); (b) He felt "called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God" (Romans 1: 1); (c) The seal of his apostleship was the fruit of his missionary labors resulting in many converts and new Churches (1 Corinthians 9: 2; 2 Corinthians 12: 12).

As the Church began to grow, other positions and ranks of leadership gradually began to take shape. In Acts 6 the work of the disciples had become so meticulous that it became necessary to pass some of those duties on to others. Seven men were chosen to "serve tables" or to take charge of administering alms to the needy.

This would leave the disciples free for a better preaching and teaching ministry. "It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables." 6: 2b. "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." 6: 4.

Three words, frequently used in ecclesiastical vocabulary today, were used in the early Church to denote leadership — deacon, bishop, and elder. These words having distinct meanings in their Greek form, were used somewhat interchangeably in the New Testament.

Deacon, from the Greek *diakonos*, has the general connotation of a servant. In Acts 6, mentioned above, this word is translated in verse 1, "ministration," verse 2, "serve," and verse 4, "ministry." John 2: 5, 9 uses the same word for the servants or waiters who served the wine when Jesus was at the marriage in Cana of Galilee. Romans 16: 1 refers to Phebe as "a servant of the church," in the RSV, "a deaconess." 1 Timothy 3: 8-13 gives qualifications for the office of a deacon and verse 9 (RSV) says, "They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience."

Bishop is translated from *episkopos* which means "an overseer." Paul refers to the bishops and deacons in the Philippian Church (Philippians 1: 1).

Elder is from *presbuteros* meaning "age" or "rank." Titus 1: 5, 7 illustrates how elder and bishop are used interchangeably. Titus was left in Crete to appoint elders (presbuteros). When qualifications are given, verse 7 says, "A bishop (episkopon) must be blameless, . . ." The duty of an elder is similar to that of a deacon. "He must hold firm to the sure word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to confute those who contradict it." Titus 1: 9 (RSV). In Acts 20: 17-38 Paul addresses the Ephesian elders, *presbuteros*, verse 17, and in verse 28 they are referred to as overseers, *episkopous*. In Acts 11: 27-30, the elders in Judea received *diakonian* (from the same word as deacon), translated "relief," sent by the disciples at Antioch.

Still other leaders and workers in the great Church of Christ are mentioned in

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**DENOMINATIONAL REORGANIZATION PROPOSALS**

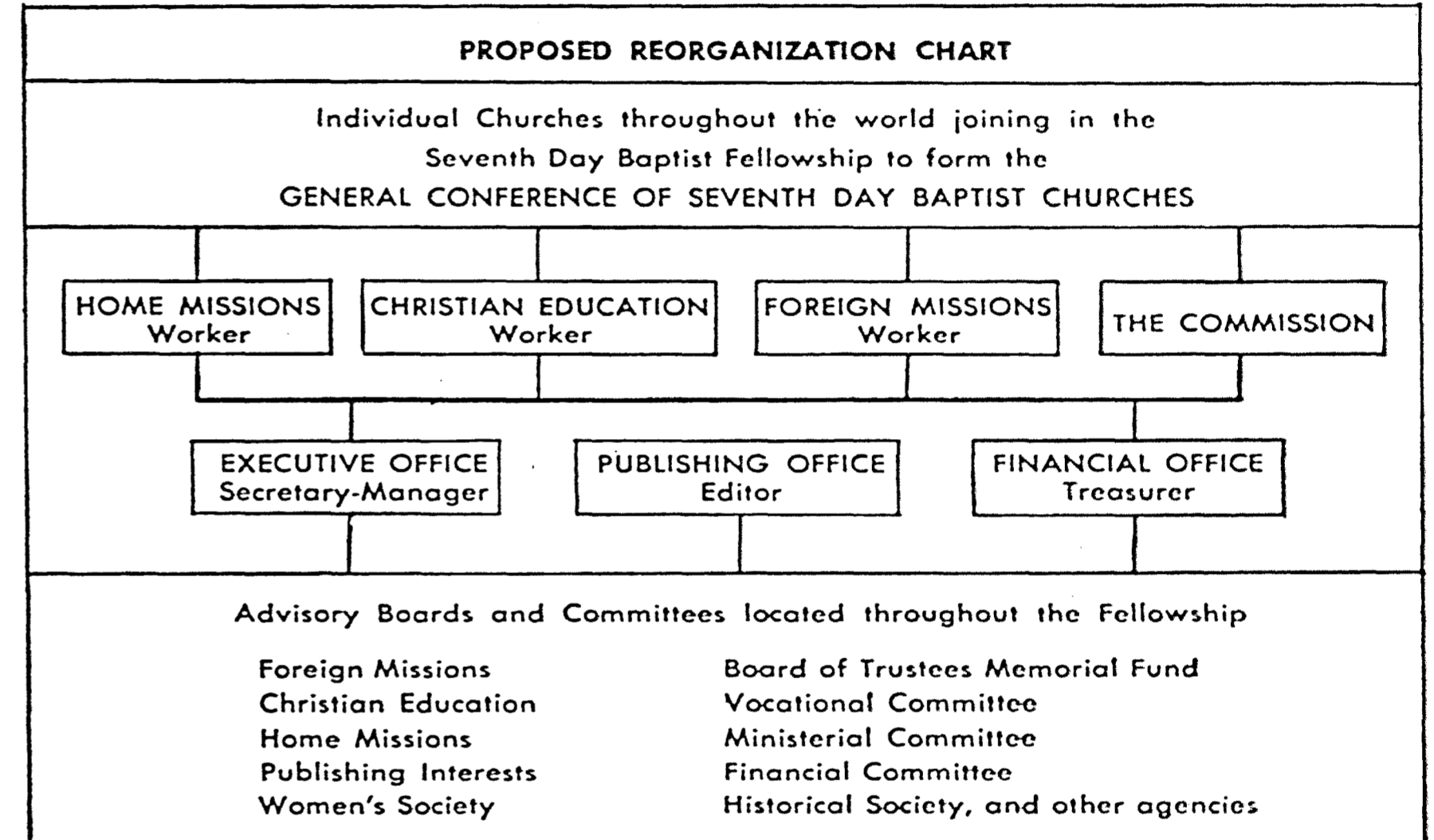
**PROPOSAL NUMBER ONE**

By Albyn Mackintosh

The General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists to meet once a year. All major questions to be submitted to the individual Churches for their consideration prior to the General Conference. Business at the

tary-manager in active charge. This office to handle the secretarial work and to act as a central co-ordinating office for the entire Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship.

The Financial Office to be under the direction of the Commission with a treasurer in active charge. This office to handle the complete financial program.



Conference to be limited and votes to be taken by Churches. Principal purpose of the Conference to be for spiritual inspiration and fellowship.

The Home Missions, Christian Education, and Foreign Missions workers to be ministers called by the General Conference at the recommendation of the Advisory Boards and the Commission. Each of these men to spend as much time as finances permit working in their respective fields. All office and co-ordinating work to be handled through the Executive Office.

The Commission to be elected by the people in the most democratic way that is feasible (to consist of seven persons).

The Executive Office to be under the direction of the Commission with a secre-

Investments to be under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Memorial Fund.

The raising of money to be by means of special appeals with a percentage set aside for overhead expenses.

For example:

Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Christian Education, and Publishing Interests could each be assigned two months in which to make appeals for their needs. Two months set aside for miscellaneous appeals. Two months left in which no appeals would be made. Fifteen per cent of all the money raised to be set aside for overhead expense which would be spent at the direction of the Commission.

The Publishing Office to be under the direction of the Commission with an editor in active charge. This office to handle the publishing interests of the Fellowship.

A suggested program for the Sabbath Recorder:

First week each month to be a special issue to appeal to the public. To include salvation and other material as well as Sabbath promotion.

Second week each month to be a special issue to appeal to young people and children.

Third week each month to be a special issue for the Bible student. Bible studies and material to help individuals to grow spiritually.

Fourth week each month to be a special issue for fellowship. News and reports bringing us in closer contact with each other.

Fifth week, whenever it occurs, to be a special issue giving everyone an opportunity to let off steam. Controversial questions and just anything contributors want to say to be published in this issue.

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Ephesians 4: 11, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." What is the goal of these divinely appointed leaders and how do the organizational cogs mesh into the progression of Christ's Church? "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Ephesians 4: 12, 13.

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Junior Camp — July 22-27

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

## PROPOSAL NUMBER TWO

By Rev. Wayne R. Rood

### I. The Executive Secretary of the General Conference

1. Elected by the trustees of the General Conference from nominations made by the Education, Missionary, Tract, and Women's "Boards."

2. Term: Elected yearly for the first three years, thereafter for a single, non-repeatable five-year term.

3. Salary:

a. Paid by the treasurer of the General Conference from Denominational Budget funds;

b. The amount to be determined by the trustees, but at a starting figure of no less than 66 per cent of the total of salaries and allowances currently paid to secretaries and/or administrative employees of the four boards (the remaining 34 per cent to be used for hiring office help for the secretary).

4. Headquarters: The Seventh Day Baptist Building.

5. Duties:

a. To co-ordinate and administer the services of the four boards to the Churches of the denomination;

b. To report annually directly to the General Conference, and quarterly to the four boards;

c. To serve, ex officio, as a member of the board of managers of the four boards;

d. To serve, ex officio, as a member of the Commission.

### II. The Director of Religious Education for the General Conference

1. Elected jointly by the Board of Managers of the Christian Education Society and the Board of Managers of the School of Theology.

2. Salary to be named and shared equally by the Board of Christian Education and the School of Theology.

3. Duties:

a. To teach Religious Education courses at the School of Theology;

b. To conduct a program of educational extension for the board and the school;

c. To report quarterly to the Board of Christian Education and annually to the Board of Managers of the School of Theology through the dean;

d. To serve, ex officio, as a member of the Commission.

### III. The President of the General Conference

1. Elected by the General Conference.

2. Term: Two years.

3. Duties:

a. Representative head of the denomination;

b. Member and chairman of the Commission;

c. Plan and administer the program of the annual meeting of the General Conference.

### IV. The Commission of the General Conference

1. Membership:

a. The president of the General Conference (chairman);

b. The executive secretary of the General Conference;

c. The director of Religious Education for the General Conference;

d. One representative from each: the Missionary Board, the Tract Society, and the Woman's Board (the Board of Christian Education will be represented by its director of Religious Education);

e. Three members-at-large, elected by the General Conference in successive years for three-year terms.

2. Duties:

a. To approve and advise on the work of the secretary, the director of Religious Education, and the president of the General Conference;

b. To receive and consider interim reports from all denominational agencies, special committees, etc.;

c. To initiate actions to be considered by the annual General Conference;

d. To prepare and promote the Denominational Budget.

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## DR. MOWERY TO RECEIVE SAN FRANCISCO HONOR

Dr. Corma Mowery, president of the National Education Association, will be a special guest at a Salem College Alumni dinner to be given in her honor at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Calif., Thursday, July 5, at 6 p.m., it was announced recently by Salem College officials.

Dr. Mowery, a graduate of Salem College in 1931, will be in San Francisco to preside over the sessions of the 30th annual convention of the NEA which meets at the Palace Hotel, July 1-6.

Arrangements for the dinner, which will be attended by more than 50 Salem College alumni who live on the West Coast, have been completed by Mrs. Paul F. Randolph, 166 Pepper Drive, Los Altos, Calif., Professor Ford Lewis of 363 S. 14th Street, Richmond, Calif., and A. M. Swiger of the Salem College administrative staff.

Dr. J. Lowrey Fendrich, a former Salem College professor and now director of the Institute of Religious Science, Los Angeles, Calif., will serve as toastmaster and K. Duane Hurley of El Monte, Calif., newly elected president of Salem College will be the principal speaker.

Dr. Mowery, a teacher in Clarksburg, W. Va., Victory High School and for many years an active leader in West Virginia educational circles, is the second West Virginian and Salem College alumnus to serve as president of the NEA, the other being Dr. Joseph Rosier, former president of Fairmont State College. — Public Relations, Salem College, Salem, W. Va.

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The Historical Society is in need of one or more copies of "The Seventh Day Baptist Praise Book, Recommended for use in Seventh Day Baptist Churches, by a Committee of the General Conference." Published in 1870 by George B. Utter, Westerly, R. I., and A. S. Barnes and Company, New York and Chicago.

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Will the sender please put his/her name and address on the wrapper.

### MEALS AT CONFERENCE

Arrangements have been completed for the feeding of hungry delegates at the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference in Alfred, according to a statement made recently by Dean H. O. Burdick, chairman of the Commissary Committee of the entertaining Churches. The place selected is the cafeteria of the Student Union, a choice that represents the best available combination of economy and accessibility.

The Student Union is located back of the University Library, which is an easily identifiable building on the east side of Main Street in the middle of the village. Thus the cafeteria is situated almost midway between the Church in which sessions will be conducted, and the Brick, where many guests will be housed. It is now anticipated that meals can be obtained within the following price range: Breakfast, 35 cents; luncheon, 75 cents; supper, \$1. The first meal served will be breakfast on Tuesday, August 14, and the last meal served for Conference delegates will be breakfast on Monday, August 20. Delegates who arrive in Alfred on Monday before Conference will find one or more of the town restaurants available for their use.

"Because the meals are to be served cafeteria style," explained Dr. Burdick, "we will not need the help of many young people. It is suggested that pastors should send in the names of young people most in need of financial help. Only those young people who must have financial help and can provide effective service can be employed," he concluded. — Publicity Committee.

### BUFFALO FELLOWSHIP

The Buffalo Fellowship wishes to give an invitation to anyone interested in Sabbathkeeping and in seeking better financial opportunities in a metropolitan area to consider Buffalo. We are a small group meeting every third Sabbath of the month but very interested in growth. Visitors are always welcome. Our secretary and treasurer is Graydon Monroe at 41 AB Batsford Place, Buffalo 13, N. Y. His phone is Grant 8359. He would be glad to receive any requests for further information.

### 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.)

#### De Ruyter, N. Y.

Pfc Robert E. Parker, US51057883  
142nd Armored Sig. Co.  
Fort Hood, Tex.

#### Marlboro, N. J.

ETSN Charles W Cobb, 4168696  
NROTC Co. 2  
USN Prep. Training School  
Bainbridge, Md.

### SPECIAL OFFER

Public Relations Manual for Churches by Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, and published early this year by Doubleday & Company, Inc., Garden City, L. I., is one of the best, if not the best, in this field. It is a comprehensive, at-your-elbow book. Some endorsers maintain that a single section is well worth the price of the book.

The Sabbath Recorder will send prepaid to any person, society, group, or Church a free copy of Public Relations Manual for Churches for three new yearly subscriptions to the Sabbath Recorder at \$3 each per year.

The three subscriptions under this offer should be sent at the same time and specified as PRMC subscriptions.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

The next special issue of the Sabbath Recorder will be dated July 30, 1951. Thus there will be two regular issues published in August, those of August 13 and 27, instead of one. The issues of August 6 and 20 will be omitted since the Sabbath Recorder is published biweekly during August.

### "FRIENDSHIP GRAIN FOR INDIA"

A meal a day for famine victims is the aim of a Friendship Grain for India appeal launched by the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) at a news conference in Chicago. Madame Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit, Indian Ambassador to the United States, accepted a token gift of 40,000 bushels of wheat at the conference "with deep gratitude on behalf of my hungry people."

"Governors of every state are being asked to set up citizens' committees to direct the collection of the grain contributions," John D. Metzler, chairman of the CROP board told the gathering. "The Indian government has agreed to pay all handling costs from point of origin to point of destination."

In accepting the token gift of 40,000 bushels of wheat, Madame Pandit said, "This is part of a generous plan to feed India and strengthen the ties of friendship. This grain is going to India, not only as food, but as something that will bind the peoples of India to the people of America in a manner in which no treaty can. Not only will it feed my people — fill their empty stomachs — but revive their spirits and show them the warmth and generosity of the American people. It will build a bridge of friendship between our countries that the people will walk across."

Communities, clubs, and farm, civic, educational, and fraternal groups will be asked to organize Friendship Grain programs. These groups will solicit bulk grain in carload lots, or cash that can be converted into grain.

The contributions of grain or currency through CROP will go toward supplementing the provisions of the Aid to India bill being considered by Congress. The bill proposes to lend \$190,000,000 to India for the purchase of two million tons of American grain. It has been estimated that an additional 5,000,000 tons would be required to provide all of India's 350 million people with a meal a day.

"The need for grain is a big story," Madame Pandit stated at the conference. "The loan requested of the American government is needed to make up for a series

of natural calamities that began last August 15 — earthquake, floods, droughts, locusts. With it we hope to achieve a regular flow so that the ration shops can distribute evenly all the time.

"The general need magnifies the present difficulty," Madame Pandit continued. "Since the end of the war and the partitioning, there has been a normal deficiency to be made up. Millions of people are out of jobs and do not have money for the ration shops. In the rural areas the ration system is not even in effect."

Madame Pandit, who worked in Bengal during the famine disaster of 1943, compared the disaster with the present situations of Bihar in the north and Madras in the south. Rations in these areas have been reduced from 16 to as little as 7½ ounces a day. "The lowest thing you could imagine could not be as low as actual conditions in these sectors," Madame Pandit said.

"A great danger is that when famine starts and the rural population feels there is no grain available, a trek to the cities commences," she explained. "The cities become overcrowded and breeding places for epidemics and plagues. We hope to get enough help before the people get panicky and seek food in the towns."

"It is estimated that between three and six million people in India face death by starvation this year," Mr. Metzler added. "How much food will be available to them will be determined largely by the response of the American people to CROP's Friendship Grain for India appeal."

The CROP gift of 40,000 bushels of wheat was drawn from contributions of top agricultural states to the program's ongoing campaign for world relief. It is being shipped immediately to Bombay by CROP. The Churches of America through CROP will work with the government of India to insure just, efficient, and free distribution of all grain contributions on the basis of need.

CROP, whose national headquarters are at 308 W. Washington Street in Chicago, is sponsored by Catholic Rural Life, Church World Service, and Lutheran World Relief. — Release.

## RANDOLPHS RETURNING TO JAMAICA

Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph, Mrs. Randolph, and their son, Ronald, will return to Jamaica and their work there in the Seventh Day Baptist mission and school after attending General Conference in Alfred. Passage has been booked for them on the SS Nuevo Dominicano, sailing from Miami, Fla., September 17. In the interim after Conference they will visit among relatives and friends as they make their way to the port of embarkation.

Mr. Randolph has visited many of our Churches during his furlough and has done much to increase interest in the work in Jamaica. He will be one of the speakers on the Missionary Society's program at the Conference in Alfred. With these friends will go the good wishes and prayers, not only of the Missionary Board and pastors in our land but also of their personal friends and the friends of Jamaica, many of whom have been won by personal contacts during their stay in the homeland. H. R. C.

## THANKS FROM NEW ZEALAND

Brother Francis S. Johnson of the Auckland, New Zealand, Church, writes, "I feel I must write and express to you and the Missionary Board our deep appreciation of your sending Brother and Sister Bottoms to help us in the work here. They have already won a deep affection in our hearts." At present a Sunday night mission is being conducted in the city. They are doing a commendable amount of advertising, but say that it is very expensive. Many of the isolated members have been visited, entailing hundreds of miles of travel. It is the hope of the Church of Auckland to have a building of their own and the Ladies' Committee has raised quite a sum towards this object. Brother Johnson reiterates the "sincere thanks of Seventh Day Baptists in New Zealand for the great help you are giving to the Lord's work." H. R. C.

## MISSIONS AND PEACE

The burning desire for peace is universal in our land. Those in authority are striving desperately to bring it about. In their zeal they are devising ever more destructive weapons of warfare, hoping that the fear of superior weapons may eventually halt the aggressor. All this that peace may come as speedily as possible. All of us have a measure of impatience; permanent peace cannot come soon enough to please us.

The greatest power is all too lacking and that is fellowship with God. We need saintly men and women who crave a deeper fellowship with God, those who will find it in earnest, fervent prayer. Those whom God has blessed with His Spirit in unusual power in the past have been those who would wait before God. This does not mean sitting idly by and waiting for something to come to pass, but doing the Lord's work with a confidence in Him that can give a calm patience. Isaiah was a busy man, but he could say, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

In a true sense the evangelistic and missionary work of the Church of Jesus Christ is the greatest of all peace movements. Christian individuals live together in peace. Christian nations can live together in peace. Other nations, other than those influenced by the Spirit of Christ, cause the spirit of hatred and war to exist in the world.

The power of the Church must be felt more in the world, first through the righteous lives of the individual members and then through the resultant increase of financial contributions to kingdom work. The Gospel of Christ is the one and only remedy for the ills of the world, the only means of peace. Through just what process it may be necessary to work only God knows. As Paul admonished the Philipians, we must "stand fast in the Spirit with one mind, striving together for the faith of the Gospel." H. R. C.

## WORLD COMMUNITY DAY

Letter from Chairman and Director  
Dear Friends:

You are called again to carry the challenge of World Community Day — "Live Thy Faith" — into your own community and from there into all the world. You are called to join with Church women everywhere to plan for this day — November 2 — set aside to mark the hopeful and determined beginning of another year of prayer, study, and action together for world peace.

World Community Day is built upon our faith that peace is possible; that love is stronger than hate; that good can overcome the evils of our time; that Christ is the world's "great alternative."

We believe that international friendship is achieved through rumors ignored; propaganda challenged and exposed; help freely given wherever help is needed and merited. Peace is the product of such day-to-day living of our faith.

Our projects this year will provide scholarships for foreign students and material aid for the world's homeless people.

Now is the time when we must begin our day-to-day planning toward the day which will grow into a year of faith at work. Now is the time to organize your committee and to order necessary program materials.

On World Community Day, as part of our observance, we will make our offering to support the work of United Church Women for peace.

Through our prayer, study, and work together World Community Day can be a powerful force projecting us into a year of unprecedented achievement.

So we say, "Live Thy Faith," that others throughout the world may live to find it for themselves, and finding it may find with us the way to lasting peace.

Sincerely,

Thelma Marx, Chairman,  
World Community Day,  
Luella Reckmeyer, Director,  
Christian World Relations.

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT  
Cuba Lake, N. Y.  
August 9-13, 1951

## LIVE THY FAITH!

By Mrs. H. B. Marx Chairman, and  
Miss Luella Reckmeyer, Director

The turmoil and confusion in the world about us increases the need to re-examine and reaffirm our Christian faith. Christianity is not a theorem to be proved — it is a life to be lived! Life must be built fearlessly upon faith. Our theme for 1951 is "Live Thy Faith."

Peace — the achievement of a just and durable peace is, as it has been, our objective on World Community Day. In 1951, while subversive groups are using our very phrases and ideas to mislead, it is important to emphasize our belief that peace is possible and that it is our responsibility.

The program develops the idea that through worship, study, and work — together — we implement our theme, move toward our goal. There will be suggestions for a worship service, a leader's guide, and a program for children.

1. Call a meeting of your World Community Day Committee now. Plan the kind of observance that will be most effective in your community. Allocate responsibility and set up subcommittees, if needed. Use as many women and different Churches as possible. Draw in specialists who have firsthand information.

2. Order program materials.

3. Plan the details of your observance carefully: program, project, offering.

The project has two parts:

1. Scholarships for international students. Because we believe that trained leadership is vital to the work of the Church in every land, we co-operate in the Ecumenical Exchange. Dedicated young students need our help. We can provide the opportunity to complete their specialized training. Contributions in any amount are acceptable. Work out details to fit your local program (Iowa's 1950 "Cash instead of Cloth" envelopes were most successful. The idea might be adapted to fit this project).

2. Aid for the homeless. The desperate plight of refugees in various parts of the world is a challenge to all Christians! Because we care, we share!

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY.

This year we will provide something for the "home" which may be a corner in a drafty barracks, a tent, or even a cave. A warm blanket, clean and carefully mended, can bring new hope as well as physical comfort. During spring house cleaning, select a blanket which you will share.

As a summer project: replace a worn binding or mend as needed. Make baby blankets out of the whole portion. Weave colorful squares and sew together as an afghan.

**DO NOT BUY NEW MATERIALS!** Save 8 cents per pound for processing. Start investigating the possibilities for free transportation to your nearest Church World Service Center — The Church Woman, May, 1951.

### CHURCH NEWS

**BATTLE CREEK, MICH.** — The Easter season was observed in the Battle Creek Church with an abundance of special music appropriate to the occasion. On Friday night the vesper service was music by a quintet and ladies' trio arranged by Mrs. George Parrish. The singers were Mrs. LeRoy DeLand, Mrs. Parrish, Miss Neva Brannon, Dr. DeLand, and Mr. Parrish. At the Sabbath morning Church service, the choir presented the cantata, "The Crucifixion," by Stainer, directed by Dr. Ellis C. Johanson. Soloists in addition to those previously mentioned for the vesper program were: Mrs. Arnold Davis, Dr. B. F. Johanson, Arthur Millar, and Dale Thorngate. Accompanists were: Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, organist; Miss Brannon, pianist; and Miss Ruth Johanson, violinist. The service closed with the singing of the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah."

At the close of the Church service, April 27, Pastor Wheeler baptized Mrs. Keith Thorngate and Miss Barbara Dowell. The following week four new members joined our Church: Mrs. Claire Bunce, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dowell and daughter, Barbara. Also at this service a large group of parents came forward to dedicate their babies, born during the past year. This was truly an inspiring morning!

Our pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, is

kept extremely busy with his duties as president of General Conference in addition to his local work. In March and April he attended Commission meetings and the Ministers' Conference. On May 11-13, he and seventeen others of our congregation attended the Northern Association meetings held with the Indianapolis, Ind., Church. Other delegates were in attendance from the White Cloud, Mich., and Jackson Center, Ohio, Churches. Although not so great in number, the members of the host Church certainly made up for it in spirit, and were an inspiration to each of us who had the privilege of attending the first association meetings to be held in their Church. Following these meetings our pastor visited Seventh Day Baptist Churches in Illinois and Kansas in connection with his Conference program.

Duane Davis, who has just completed his second year at Alfred School of Theology, has accepted our call and will be our assistant pastor for the summer months. We are looking forward to a busy summer which will include Vacation Bible School and three camping periods at Holston Camp on Cotton Lake. — Mrs. George (Madelene) Parrish, Correspondent.



### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? I am eight years old. I am a Brownie Scout.

I have only sent one letter to you. That was when I was seven years old.

I am spelling this letter all by myself. School is out. When I go back to school I will be in the fourth grade.

Sincerely,

Judith Ellen Van Horn.

Milton, Wis.

Dear Judith:

I am ever so glad you decided to write to me once more but hope you'll not wait a whole year before you write to me again.

We have quite a bunch of Brownie Scouts here in Andover. I think the

Brownie Scout suits are very neat and attractive. Andover also boasts of large numbers of Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Girl Scouts and all seem to have very happy times together.

You must be doing good work in school to enter fourth grade so soon. I can tell, too, that you already spell like a fourth grader, and you are a pretty good writer.

With love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I wish I could see you. I have three more days of school. I shall pass into the second grade. Bobby's school is out. He will be in first grade. My teacher is going to be married.

I think we will go to Vacation Bible School.

We have nine little calves and twenty cows. Daddy is building a garage.

Nancy Brannon and I had a nice time at the Eastern Association. She lives at Ithaca, N. Y.

We have lots of birds in our trees.

Good-bye for this time,

Barbara Jean Kenyon.

Ashaway, R. I.

Dear Barbara:

It was nice to receive another good letter from you and I hope you will write even more often.

Summer vacation passes so swiftly that already I can almost see you in second grade. I remember when our son Claire was in his first year in school he used to talk proudly about "we first graders," but the last day of that school year he came home talking even more proudly about "we second graders."

Nine little calves must keep your daddy very busy with all his other farm work. I remember when I was not much older than you that I used to feed some of the calves. One time a very active calf knocked me over and spilled most of the milk.

Lovingly yours,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have missed the letters on the Children's Page lately, so thought I'd better have "mommy" write one for me.

Since I wrote you we have moved to

Beaver, Pa. We live two miles from town on a high hill, and I have a wonderful time climbing and playing. Yesterday, Tuffy, my dog, got a ground hog. We heard him barking at the foot of the hill and went down. I was pretty excited! We have seen several red fox here, too.

I go to Sunday school on a school bus with lots of children, and come home with daddy and "mommy." I am going to Vacation Bible School now, too, and love it.

I must tell you of my playmates. One day I was in my room talking and "mommy" asked to whom I was talking. I said I was talking to my friend, Minshall. She came to the door and saw no one with me. But I had so much fun with Minshall that his little brother, Doomer, came to play, too. After a few days another boy came. His name is Dinger. We all have good times together, and Minshall, Doomer, and Dinger sleep in my top bunk bed every night. Of course I have real playmates, too, but I have fun with the imaginary ones.

I hope you will have lots of mail so we all can read it.

With love,

Billy Markoff.

Beaver, Pa.

Dear Billy:

How I have enjoyed your nice long letter, but my page is full and I'll have to wait until later to answer it. The children will surely like hearing about your imaginary playmates.

Lovingly,

Mizpah S. Greene.

### BIRTHS

**Turnbull.** — A son, Robert Kerry, to Robert and Patricia Crofoot Turnbull of Alfred, N. Y., on March 26, 1951.

**Adams.** — A daughter, Mary Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. John Quincy Adams of Battle Creek, Mich., on March 13, 1951.

**Stonestreet.** — A son, Wayne Stephan, to Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Stonestreet of Dunbar, W. Va., on April 14, 1951.

**Wright.** — A son, David Franklin, to Mr. and Mrs. Perce Wright of Battle Creek, Mich., on June 7, 1951.

**Fulmer.** — A son, Michael Earl, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fulmer of Battle Creek, Mich., on June 9, 1951.



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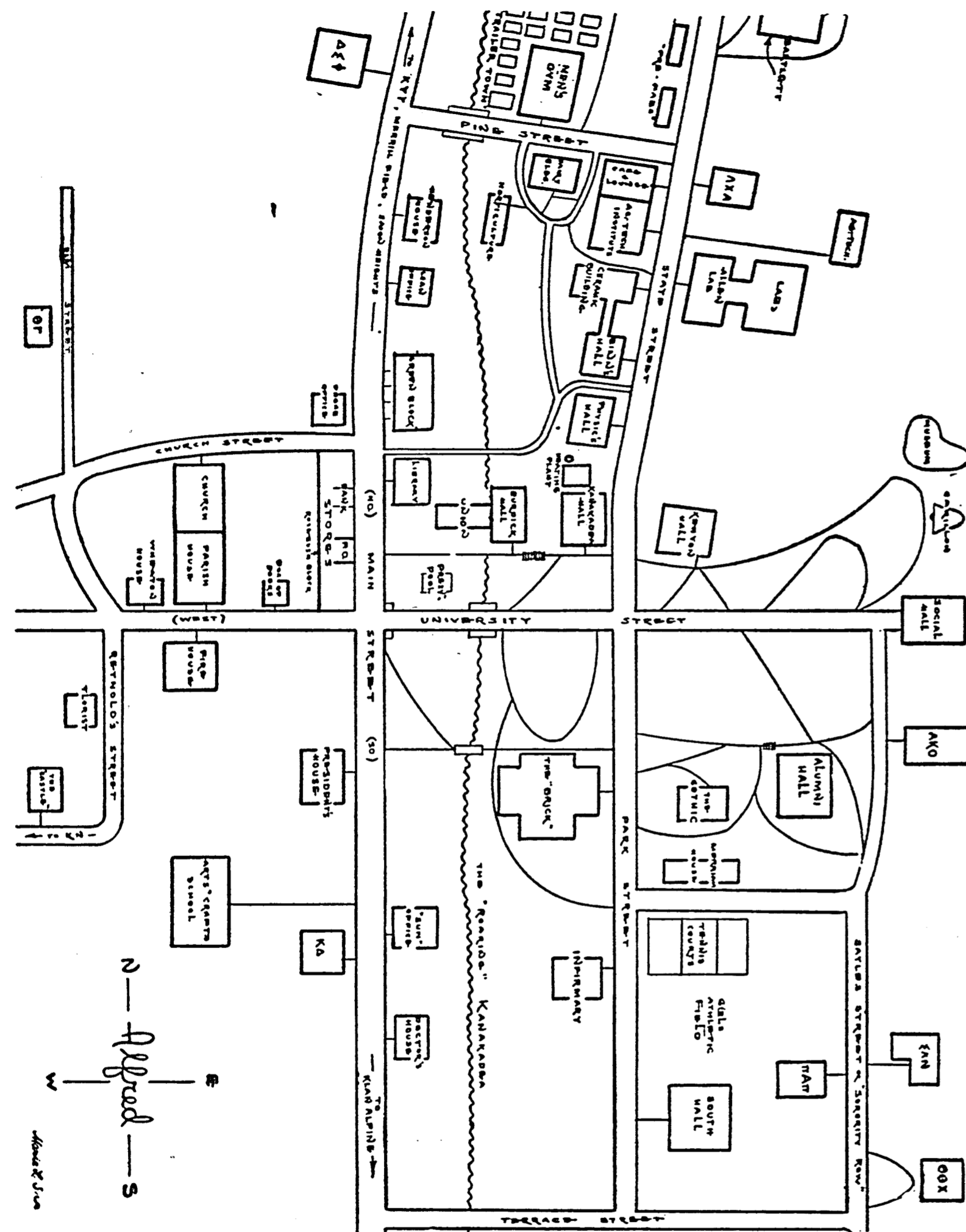
## Prayer

I asked for bread; God gave a stone instead.  
 Yet, while I pillowed there my weary head,  
 The angels made a ladder of my dreams,  
 Which upward to celestial mountains led.  
 And when I woke beneath the morning's beams,  
 Around my resting place fresh manna lay;  
 And, praising God, I went upon my way,  
 For I was fed.

God answers prayer; sometimes, when hearts are weak,  
 He gives the very gifts believers seek.  
 But often faith must learn a deeper rest,  
 And trust God's silence when He does not speak;  
 For He whose name is Love will send the best.  
 Stars may burn out, nor mountain walls endure,  
 But God is true, His promises are sure  
 For those who seek.

—Author unknown.

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### MAP OF ALFRED, N. Y.

Changes have taken place in Alfred even since this rather recent map was drawn. For example, the "Box of Books" is now across the street from where it is shown, the telephone office has moved to the back of the store building in which the post office is located, Binns Hall is now the site of an impressive building operation, and several of the Greek-letter houses have moved. However the major points of interest to Conference delegates are clearly indicated. The Church, with the parish house in the rear, and the community house alongside the Church, will be the center of Conference activities. Incoming delegates will register in the Greek Building on Main Street. The Student Union, where Conference meals will be served, is shown behind the University Library. "The Brick," "The Gothic," and Alumni Hall will also be important places on the Conference program. — Publicity Committee.