

**WORLDWIDE BIBLE READING**

THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS  
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 25

Theme: "The Way Out of the Dark"

These selections are among the greatest  
from the Bible.

Thanksgiving, Nov. 22	Psalm 116
23	Psalm 139
Sabbath, Nov. 24	Psalm 23
25	Psalm 34
26	Psalm 46
27	Deuteronomy 5: 1-24
28	Joshua 1
29	Isaiah 55
30	Micah 6: 1-15
Sabbath, Dec. 1	Matthew 25
2	John 1: 1-17
3	John 3
4	Matthew 5: 1-26
5	Matthew 5: 27-48
6	Matthew 6
7	Matthew 7
Bible Sabbath, Dec. 8	Luke 8: 1-21
9	Psalm 119:1-16
10	John 14
11	John 15
12	Luke 15: 11-32
13	Ephesians 4
14	2 Timothy 2
Sabbath, Dec. 15	Revelation 22
16	Romans 12
17	1 Corinthians 13
18	1 Corinthians 15: 1-34
19	1 Corinthians 15: 35-58
20	Galatians 6
21	Philippians 4: 1-13
Sabbath, Dec. 22	James 1
23	Luke 2: 1-20
24	Matthew 1: 18-25
Christmas, Dec. 25	Matthew 2: 1-15

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**REV. EARL CRUZAN TO BEGIN  
ADAMS CENTER PASTORATE**

Among changes in Seventh Day Baptist pastorates to become effective on January 1, 1952, is that of Rev. Earl Cruzan's going from Dodge Center, Minn., to Adams Center, N. Y.

Rev. Mr. Cruzan became pastor of the Dodge Center Church on August 15, 1946.

**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**  
Statement of Treasurer, October 31, 1951

Receipts	October
Albion	\$ 31.00
Alfred, First	420.95
Associations and groups	25.00
Battle Creek	337.25
Boulder	52.71
Chicago	5.00
Daytona Beach	79.25
Denver	62.20
De Ruyter	120.00
Edinburg	3.61
Farina	39.20
Hebron, First	20.34
Hopkinton, First	117.90
Independence	20.00
Little Genesee	74.71
Little Prairie	1.40
Marlboro	162.36
Milton Junction	87.80
New York City, First	48.50
Nortonville	51.00
Pawcatuck	280.00
Piscataway	33.50
Plainfield	132.05
Richburg	30.00
Riverside	10.00
Roanoke	5.00
Rochester	11.65
Salem	114.00
Salemville	82.84
Shiloh	329.10
Stone Fort	7.00
Waterford	24.97
White Cloud	23.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,843.55</b>

Disbursements	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 787.29	\$ 245.60
Tract Society	343.62	
Board of		
Christian Education	464.37	
Women's Society	10.58	15.00
Historical Society	63.02	
Ministerial Retirement	173.19	191.15
S. D. B. Building	72.22	
World Fellowship		
and Service	14.49	
General Conference	371.22	
Relief Appeals		25.00
Balance on hand	66.80	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$2,366.80</b>	<b>\$ 476.75</b>

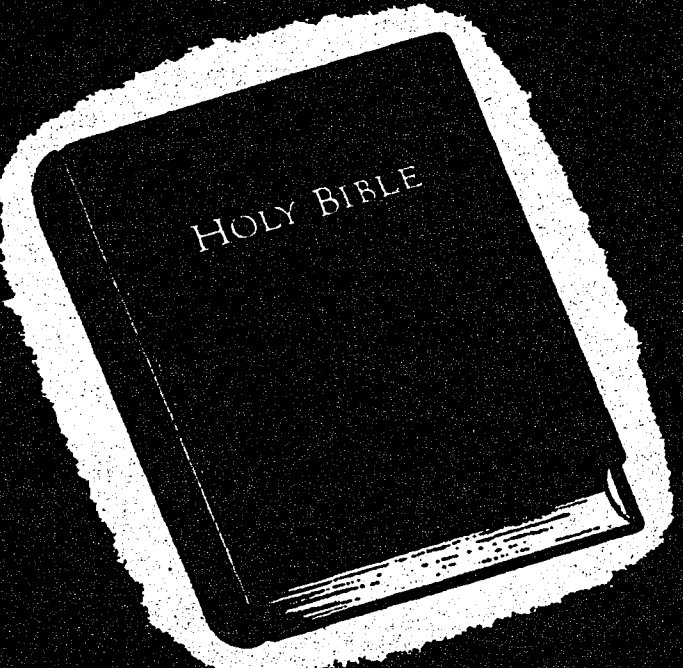
Comparative Figures	1951	1950
October receipts:		
Budget	\$2,366.80	\$1,503.30
Specials	476.75	160.39
Annual Budget	43,825.00	37,000.00
Amount raised		
in October	2,366.80	1,503.30
Percentage raised		
in October	5.4%	4.1%

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

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## ON THE EVANGELISTIC FRONT

"Nothing like this has been seen in Williamsport (Pa.) in more than 30 years," declared the Appelman Evangelistic Committee in reporting the recent 21-day campaign. Audiences repeatedly packed the Karlton Theater in the heart of the city, the largest available auditorium. "More than 800 first-time professions of faith were recorded," states a news release from the 20th Century Crusade for Christ headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. Also, there were recorded "many hundreds of rededications and transfers of membership, with many surrendering for full-time service."

"The entire city and territory round about were literally rocked for Christ with the impact of the revival," concludes the statement.

## 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 159 Potomac Avenue, Buffalo 13, N. Y. His phone is Grant 8359. He would be glad to receive any requests for further information.

## SCHENECTADY MISSION

Rev. Paul L. Maxson has informed us that the Schenectady Mission has organized a prayer meeting and Bible study which meet on Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Fatato, 1228 Foster Avenue, Schenectady.

Sabbath school at 2:30 and preaching service at 3:15 on Sabbath afternoon are held on the ground floor of the First Baptist Church on Union Street (Route 7).

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## THE SABBATH RECORDER

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## LET US THANK GOD

Let us thank God for:

The greatest privilege that we His children can enjoy, that of worshipping Him.

Let us thank God for:

The greatest assurance that we His children can know, that of knowing Him as a gracious and an almighty Comforter.

Let us thank God for:

The greatest blessing that He confers upon any people or nation, that of a knowledge of Himself through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us "sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving."

## MUSIC AT CONFERENCE

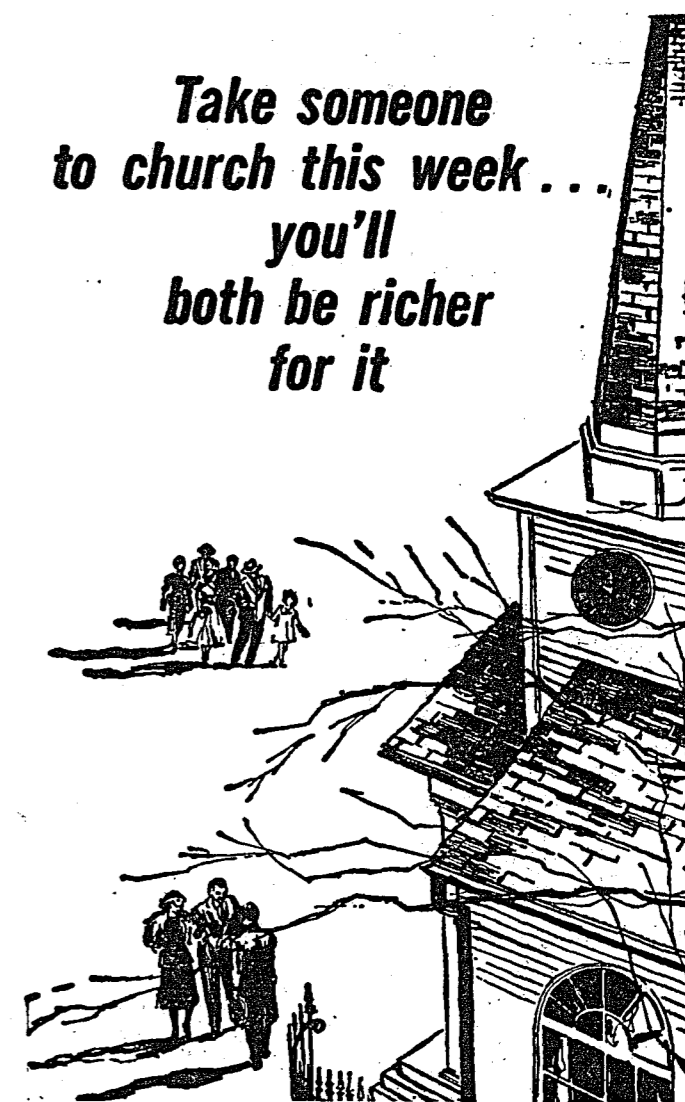
A few Conference items remain untold. One is the music that added so much to the sessions and was so greatly enjoyed by those present. We had hoped that an account by a musician would present more understandingly the beauty and uplift, the dignity and splendor, the simplicity and personal appeal of the music at the Alfred Conference.

Well-prepared instrumental and vocal numbers, the anthems, choruses, duets, solos, and quartets — all combined to present a well-balanced over-all program of religious numbers. That the inspiration of these, coupled with the unifying effect of consecrated congregational singing, played their part in well-ordered and forward-looking Conference sessions is beyond question.

It has long been a marvel to us how in the space of a limited number of rehearsals such finished music is possible. Of course much depends upon the directors, organists, and choir members. As has been mentioned before, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, was director of Conference music and Dr. Alfred E. Whitford directed the men's chorus. Fifty persons participated in the choir and about the same number in the chorus.

Mrs. Evert R. Percy, Mrs. Benjamin Crump, Mrs. Lillian Jacob, Mrs. Robert Fetherston, and Oscar C. Burdick served as organists.

Take someone  
to church this week...  
you'll  
both be richer  
for it



The organ music for the Sabbath morning Church service held in Alumni Hall "was recorded by Fred Palmer as played by Dr. Ray W. Wingate on the Sarah Burdick Rosebush Memorial Organ in the First Alfred Church."

"The Lord's Prayer" (Malotte-Deis) was the selection sung most frequently by the choir. It was received by the congregation with mounting appreciation. (As readers recall, the Conference theme was, "Thy Kingdom Come," with special sermons and addresses on the Lord's Prayer.)

The high point of music-prompted experience for choir and congregation, was reached on the final evening when the choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus" (Handel). A music reporter would call the understanding between director and singers, rapport. We call it an understanding which made possible a completely harmonious presentation of a great chorus which opened, for the time, a vision of "that great and notable day." At least that is what we saw in the faces of the singers as they followed the director's lead and together they worshiped the "King of kings, and Lord of lords."

**Chapter-A-Day  
MEDITATIONS**

By O. A. Davis

DECEMBER, 1951						
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DEUTERONOMY						1 33
2 34	3 *	*Psalm 90				
JOSHUA		4 1	5 2	6 3	7 4	8 5
9 6	10 7	11 8	12 9	13 10	14 11	15 12
16 13	17 14	18 15	19 16	20 17	21 18	22 19
23 20	24 21	25 22	26 23	27 24		
JUDGES					28 1	29 2
30 3	31 4	°				

The top number in each square is the date of the month. The bottom number is the number of the chapter for that day.

**JOSHUA**

"... Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him." And he, whose name meant "Jehovah is Salvation," was made leader of the Children of Israel succeeding Moses.

**Conquest of the Promised Land**

Chapters 1-12

In three bold campaigns the entire territory east of the Jordan River had been already conquered. See Numbers 21: 21-24; 25; Ch. 31.

God then spoke to Joshua, and he commanded the priests to step into the swollen

Jordan River. As they did so, for the second time in Israel's history, the waters parted; and they went across on dry ground.

The central conquest was principally against the cities of Jericho, Ai, and Shechem.

The southern conquest was first against five kings of the South arrayed for war at Gibeon. God's presence was manifested in the defeat, in the hail storm, and in the standing still of the sun and moon.

The northern conquest was finally ended after about seven years of warfare.

**Division and Occupation**

Chapters 13-24

"And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua," because Joshua, their leader, lived a God-fearing life. He demanded that they too follow God's command to live lives of separation from the sinful people around them.

"No man can serve two masters." You who think you can dabble in worldly pleasures should turn from your wickedness now. Your soul may be required of you at any moment! Be not "choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life." Luke 8: 14. For "the world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." 1 John 2: 17.

We have maps of Palestine covering this period of God's Word. They are yours without obligation. Address O. A. Davis, 1046 W. Taylor Street, Phoenix, Ariz.

**"ILLUSTRATED GOSPEL OF ACTS"**

Inquiries have been received concerning the price of the new "Illustrated Gospel of Acts" published by the American Bible Society which was announced in the Sabbath Recorder for August 27 on page 109. The American Bible Society informs us that these books are 6 cents per single copy. "However, when these books are ordered in quantities of 50 and 100 copies, or multiples thereof, we ship from our place of manufacture and charge a special price of 5 cents." Orders sent direct to the American Bible Society, Bible House, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y., will be filled promptly.

**MR. AND MRS. P. B. HURLEY  
CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING**

By Mrs. Alta H. Grieshaber

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Hurley (the former Polly Rice), residents of Riverside, Calif., since 1903, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Sunday, October 14, with open house at their home, 4751 Park Avenue.

P. B. Hurley is well known to Seventh Day Baptists, having served on the Com-



Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Hurley

mission from 1940 to 1946 and as Conference president in 1944 and 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurley have been deacon and deaconess in the Riverside Church for many years.

The Hurleys were married in Milton, Wis., in 1901, where both had attended Milton College. They have a daughter, Mrs. Lucille Stillman of Montebello, Calif., and a son, K. Duane Hurley, former editor of the Sabbath Recorder, now president of Salem College, Salem, W. Va. Owing to his duties in Salem

he was unable to be present but sent transcribed greetings from the family to his parents.

The occasion was planned by Mrs. Stillman and Miss Dora Hurley, sister of Mr. Hurley. Lovely bouquets of roses, chrysanthemums, and marigolds had been arranged by Mrs. Francis Hurley.

Over 100 friends and relatives from Kent, Wash.; Denver, Colo.; Anaheim, Pasadena, Alhambra, Redlands, and Orange, Calif.; as well as Riverside, signed the guest book. Miss Joyce Stillman, a granddaughter, greeted the guests at the door and Mrs. Gertrude Campbell, a cousin of Mr. Hurley, circulated the guest book.

Refreshments, carrying out the golden color scheme, were served by Miss Viola Van Campen, Miss Laila Spence of Alhambra, Mrs. A. J. Twogood, Mrs. Al Withrow, Mrs. Effie Houston, Mrs. R. C. Brewer, Mrs. Mary Moore, and Miss Dora Hurley.

Mrs. Hurley wore her wedding gown of ivory lansdowne, silk, and lace, and A. J. Twogood, father of Mrs. K. Duane Hurley, took several pictures of the happy couple.

Music during the reception included vocal solos by Mrs. Paul Sanford of Anaheim and Mrs. Nevah Roney of Riverside, trio selections by the Misses Carol Callison and Rose and Marilyn Kenyon, and piano numbers by Mrs. Gleason Curtis.

Besides other gifts and messages of congratulations and good wishes, a gift highly prized by Mrs. Hurley was a beautiful gold sugar bowl and cream pitcher, sent by her mother, Mrs. Carrie Rice, of Milton, Wis., who received the set on the occasion of her own fiftieth wedding anniversary.

A box of gold-wrapped coins was presented from the Seventh Day Baptist Church by the couple's pastor, Rev. L. M. Maltby.

**WALL MOTTOES**

Weekly Sabbath Mottoes (6 x 4) ..... .25  
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**MID-CONTINENT ASSOCIATION**

By Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson

"Light a Candle" was the theme of the Mid-Continent Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches which met in Denver, Colo., October 5-7, 1951. In addition to those from Denver, about sixty delegates were present from North Loup, Neb.; Nortonville, Kan.; and Boulder, Colo., of which forty were entertained in Denver homes. The Montrose, Colo., Sabbath Fellowship was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Byerrum.

The meetings began with the celebration of the Lord's Supper on Sabbath eve, with Rev. Erlo E. Sutton in charge and Rev. Francis Saunders, assisting. The sanctuary was arranged with tables on three sides focused on the Lord's table at the front. There were lighted candles and a beautiful array of flowers and palms. Pastor Sutton read the accounts of the Last Supper from the Synoptic Gospels and a large number gave sentence testimonies of blessings in Christ. Following the serving of the bread and the cup, symbolizing the body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, the eighty participants left the "Upper Room" quietly with a feeling of deep inspiration and a desire for renewed consecration.

At 10:30 Sabbath morning, 130 people came for the regular service under the direction of the local pastor, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson. A welcome was given by the Denver Church moderator, Grant Burdick, and Elno Davis gave Christian greetings as president of the association. Daryl White of Boulder gave a children's message. The sermon, "The Church with Candle Power," was delivered by Pastor Saunders showing commitment to Christ, Bible emphasis, prayer, evangelism, and missionary endeavor as the candle power of an active Church.

The afternoon service was given over to a young people's program. The topics, "What Young People Can Do — to Promote Missionary Activities, — to Promote Evangelism, — to Have an Efficient and Progressive Church, — to Help Honor and Promote the Sabbath," were presented by Bill Saunders, Boulder; Russel Clement, North Loup; Darlene Crouch, Nortonville; and Jeannette Haling, Denver.

A vesper service was presented by the Nortonville Church group with Miss Nannie Greeley in charge. The painting, "Christ in Gethsemane," flanked with candles, made an appropriate worship center, which helped challenge all to deeper loyalty to Christ.

Following the vesper, there was a social hour under the direction of Luther Hansen.

Activities began on Sunday with a fellowship breakfast with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shepard in charge.

A business session was called by President Elno Davis at 9:30 a.m. The missionary-evangelistic work at Montrose was presented with the reading of a well-written report of the student worker during the summer, David Pearson, and bringing of greetings by their pastoral leader, Ray Byerrum. The financial report showed that the four Churches had raised \$789.18 for the missionary-evangelistic fund during the past year. It was voted to continue a similar plan with each Church contributing \$50 every six months. The group voted as favoring associational representation on the Commission. Frequency of associational gatherings was discussed, with the feeling that with Churches so widely scattered as in the Mid-Continent Association, at least an annual meeting is necessary for mutual fellowship, inspiration, and encouragement.

Rev. Leland E. Davis of Boulder preached on Sunday afternoon on the theme, "Light for All the World." Our Christian mission is to share the light wherever the gospel has not been heard.

The service Sunday evening concluded with a message, entitled "Ye Are the Light of the World," by Pastor Dickinson. The Christian is light because he possesses the Holy Spirit of the One who said, "I am the light of the world." It is our nature to shine if Christ is within. Sometimes our candlelight may flicker, but the Spirit of God will bring revival to any individual Church or denomination which allows the oxidizing draft of God's Word to rekindle the spark of Christ's indwelling light. The service closed with a call to reconsecration with two young men leading the procession with candles lighted from the central candle symbolizing Christ

the Light of the World. As the congregation followed, a complete circle was formed around the sanctuary. Joining hands, all sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Music for the association by the Denver choir was under the direction of Mrs. Gerry Thorngate Van Dyke with Mrs. Mildred Jeffrey at the organ. Special music included a trio of girls from Nortonville — Helen Bond, Lila Bond, and Darlene Crouch. Luther Hansen played violin solos. Rev. and Mrs. Francis Saunders sang a duet.

Entertainment chairman was Mrs. Maude Davis, assisted by Mrs. Lenora McComb. Dinner arrangements for Sabbath noon were under the direction of Mrs. Lola Thorngate, chairman, and Mrs. Esther Stanton. Beautiful and original decorations were by Mrs. Lura Benner.

**OUR GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGES GENEROUS GIVING**

These are bargain days for contributors to charity. The revised tax laws, effective November 1, give greater inducements for gifts to charity than has been possible prior to that date. There are literally billions of dollars that can be given to philanthropy before December 31, without increasing the outlay of donors if they so direct. Otherwise these dollars will be included in the federal income taxes payable for 1951.

Business corporations are permitted to give five per cent of their net income to benevolence before taxes. They are now giving less than one per cent. Individuals may give as much as fifteen per cent of their income. They are now giving less than two per cent. Over two billion dollars are thus available for philanthropy from corporations and about twenty billion dollars from individuals, provided the contributions are made before December 31, 1951. No promises, not even pledges, will suffice — only outright gifts actually contributed will satisfy the federal income tax collector. The money cannot be retained either by corporations or by individuals. It must pass to religious, educational, and welfare tax-exempt institutions, or it will become taxable.

The Golden Rule Foundation, 60 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N. Y., will send on request a table setting forth the revised tax deductions that are allowable and that are thus encouraged by the government. Such deductions are applicable both for those able to give only small amounts and also for those whose incomes are in the higher brackets. The general utilization of these generous provisions is a vital part of the American way of life. If even half the amounts that are thus possible could be realized for "Church and Charity" it would be a blessing both to the contributing corporations and individuals and to the vast avenues of philanthropy that would be enlarged for vital services. — Robert M. Hopkins, President.

**SALEM COLLEGE WHO'S WHO**

Three of the nine students recently selected by Salem College for the 1951-52 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities are Seventh Day Baptists.

Miss Marion Louise Coon — Daughter of Professor and Mrs. Ralph H. Coon. Rev. Mr. Coon teaches Bible and mathematics at Salem College. Born in Boulder, Colo., graduated from Richburg, N. Y., High School, valedictorian of her class. After attending Houghton College for one year, she entered Salem where she is majoring in music and education. She has been president of the Music Club, vice-president of the orchestra, program chairman, Y.W.C.A., and has been active in the Ki Ku Ko, glee club, and a member of the Green and White staff. She won the Laudati award for outstanding scholarship in her sophomore and junior years.

Donald E. Richards — Born Montrose, Colo., son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Richards. Graduated from Riverside, Calif., High School and attended Riverside College for two years. Parents now live in Riverside. He is studying social science and psychology at Salem. He has been active in the Y.M.C.A. and is now editor of the Dirigo, college annual.

David Warren — A graduate of Plainfield, N. J., High School in 1948, he is majoring in social studies and minoring in psychology. He has been active in the

(Continued on page 287)

**THE UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER**

For more than 100 years the first full week of each new year is the Week of Prayer in many lands around the earth. When groups of Christians, large or small, meet in any community throughout America, they are a part of a world fellowship of prayer that girdles the globe.

The Joint Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches, of which Seventh Day Baptist Churches are a part, sponsors the observance of the Universal Week of Prayer. The date is January 6-13, 1952. The general theme is, "Seven Decisions that Shape History," the title of a book by Sumner Wells, former Secretary of State. These were historical decisions made prior to and during the second world war.

The topics for the Universal Week of Prayer for 1952 have been prepared by Dr. David A. MacLennan of Yale Divinity School. They are as follows:

- January 6—"Choice of Supreme Commander"
- January 7—"Choice of Objective and Master Plan"
- January 8—"Decision to Join in the Active Force"
- January 9—"Decision to Use the Text-book of Strategy and Tactics"
- January 10—"Decision to Maintain the Line of Communication"
- January 11—"Decision to Engage in Combined Operations"
- January 12—"Choosing the Field of Operations"

These are subjects for brief messages and themes for prayer for each day. Appropriate hymns also have been selected.

Our Churches are urged to observe the Week of Prayer in united prayer services or in Church or cottage prayer meetings — whatever may seem to offer the most effective results.

The booklet on these daily prayer topics

prepared by Dr. MacLennan is published by the Joint Department of Evangelism and may be procured for 15 cents each or \$15.00 per 100 copies. Orders should be sent to the Joint Department of Evangelism, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

H. R. C.

**CHRISTmas or chri\$tm\$a\$?**

Early in November some communities begin to prepare for Christmas and the business that it will bring to the town. There is no question but that there is an increasing commercialization of Christmas. Lest this significant day lose much of its religious value, the Churches ought to give serious concern to the preservation of the spiritual character of its observance. The dollar sign is on it far too much.

It has been estimated that a billion and a half cards were exchanged last year and only one in five carried a religious message. This is some improvement over five years ago when that was true of one in ten. Let us urge the members of our congregations to purchase Christmas cards which have a definite Christian meaning and message and which honor the birth of Christ.

Those Churches that provide community-wide Christmas plans and programs in which all citizens may participate are to be commended. The singing of Christmas hymns and carols; a community Christmas tree; the singing of choirs in hospitals and over the radio and in musical programs are fine ways of displaying the Christmas spirit. This is a time of giving and sharing.

Christmas brings an opportunity to Christians to give a glorious Christian witness in the way they observe the season. They can well invite others to give themselves to Christ as their best Christmas gift to Him.

Let us emphasize the CHRIST in CHRISTmas.

H. R. C.

**YOUR MISSIONARY SOCIETY**

Do you realize that nearly thirty workers receive monthly payments from your Missionary Society? During the year 1951 the pastors of ten Churches in the United States have received a monthly sum to supplement the small salaries paid by the Churches. Rev. Wardner T. Fitzrandolph is superintendent of our work in Jamaica and in British Guiana. Rev. Neal D. Mills, the principal, and Mrs. Mills, a teacher in Crandall High School, are employees of the society. Five native workers in Jamaica receive small sums for their services. Four workers in British Guiana have monthly salaries. Monthly payments have been made for reimbursement for work done in China. Two missionaries are given retirement allowances. New Zealand has the services of Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms through the Missionary Society. The Churches in Germany receive aid. As in any business, it is necessary that the Missionary Society have a head, or an executive officer — the Corresponding Secretary — who must have an office and competent help in stenography, typing, and general office work.

The mission to New Zealand is financed at present by the Second Century Fund, and that portion for New Zealand will soon be exhausted. Additional funds must be forthcoming from the people of the denomination — through the budget, preferably — if Mr. Bottoms is to visit interests in Australia and Africa and thus accomplish the most possible while he is in that part of the world.

Crandall High School at Kingston, Jamaica, was largely financed by the Second Century Fund, and the salaries of Rev. Neal D. Mills and Mrs. Mills were paid from that fund until the portion for Jamaica was used up. These salaries now have to be met by the regular budget of the society.

It has been possible to undertake projects in the United States because of the Second Century Fund. In the not distant future this fund will be completely liquidated. Calls for expanding our work are continuous. There is need of increasing salaries. How can we meet these calls and needs? Pastors, leaders, won't you urge increased giving to the Denominational Budget? Other societies and agencies participate in the Denominational Budget and are dependent upon the contributions of our people in the Churches. The work of the denomination is your work. The responsibility is yours. You can meet it. Will you? You know that God will do His part; will you do yours?

H. R. C.

**SECRETARIAL CONFERENCE**

Notes on the Secretarial Conference of the General Department of United Church Women

By Mrs. L. H. North

As co-ordinator, appointed by our Women's Board, I attended the second meeting of the Secretarial Conference of the General Department of United Church Women, held at the Riverside Church, New York City, N. Y., on September 13 and 14. I was present on the 13th only. This Secretarial Conference consists of the staff of United Church Women, executive secretaries, and other professional workers in women's work of various denominations, and a few laywomen who have been appointed by their boards as "co-ordinators."

Several denominations not represented at the meeting in December, 1950, had representatives at this meeting — African Methodist Episcopal, Colored Methodist Episcopal, Friends, and the Salvation Army.



*Some one is waiting for this invitation*

*Take some one to church this week...you'll both be richer for it!*





**OUR CHILDREN'S  
LETTER EXCHANGE**

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? I am fine. I am in the fifth grade in school. I like school very much. I like arithmetic and social studies the best.

I have a collection of napkins. I have twenty napkins in all.

It is snowing very hard outside. It has been snowing all day. Has it snowed in New York State yet?

I take piano lessons. I can play hymns and other songs now. I have played in Church two or three times.

That is all for now.

Your friend,  
Barbara Cruzan.

Dodge Center, Minn.

Dear Barbara:

I guess I am fine, too, and happy because the weather is beginning to warm up a little. We have the promise of "Indian Summer" before we have to settle down to real zero weather. The thermometer did get down to four degrees above zero last week. For two hours the afternoon before I had raked leaves outside the curb and decided to finish raking the next morning. But there was a heavy fall of snow during the night and all the leaves were completely buried. Yesterday the snow had disappeared and the town truck gathered up the leaves outside the curb. Tomorrow I'll have to rake the rest of them out there.

We didn't have social studies when I was in school, but arithmetic and English were my favorite studies. By the way, I used to teach fifth grade; I'll let you guess how many years ago.

I was ever so glad to receive your letter and hope you will not wait so long before writing again.

Yours lovingly,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you? It is snowing here. This morning when I woke up there was snow on the ground. This is the most snow we have had this year.

Miss Edith Groner, associate general director, United Church Women, spoke to me about her pleasure in speaking to us at Alfred. She liked the spirit manifested there. She was especially pleased that so many women went up to speak to her after the program.

Because the Methodists had requested that the Washington office of the National Council send out more information about pending legislation, Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert spoke to the group on the present setup and problems of the Washington office. At present the staff is small. Within the council there is a wide divergence of opinion as to the basic philosophy underlying the relation of Church and State. The council does not lobby for legislation, but the Washington office must develop more information service to the constituting bodies.

The crux of a discussion on Christian social relations was that we must strive to create Christian attitudes on the part of every Christian woman in every community.

The Committee on Christian World Relations is preparing a booklet on Christian Foundations for Lasting Peace. This will consist of 64 pages, to cost about 60 cents, and is to be ready November 15 so it may be used as "follow-up" for World Community Day.

The highlight of the day was the dinner meeting with Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt as guest speaker. She said that we in the United States are living under the eyes of the world. Anything that happens here is quickly reported throughout the world, especially things unfavorable to democracy. The leadership of the United States is accepted in the military and economic fields, but is not in the spiritual or intellectual fields. We must live our beliefs with as much of a crusading spirit as the Communists do theirs.

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**CHURCH NEWS**

We are moving to Adams Center, N. Y., the sixteenth of December.

I have a scrapbook of postmarks. I do not have very many.

It is snowing harder every minute. That is all for now.

Your friend,  
Wayne Cruzan.

Dear Wayne:

It is good that you and Barbara and I are in good health. I do hope all my Recorder children are feeling fine this sunny day; you see, I'm hoping you, too, in Dodge Center are having sunny weather by this time.

I went to Conference in Adams Center once upon a time; to be more exact that was nearly fifty-one years ago. There I met the man who has been my husband nearly forty-eight years. You will take a nice long trip, will you not, from Dodge Center to Adams Center? I have never been in Dodge Center.

I heard a true story the other day which I'm going to tell to you. In a certain Church the people had met to fill a missionary barrel with clothing for a very poor family. In this family were two children, a boy and a girl, and the children of the Church were asked to bring clothing for them. Some of the children brought clothing that they thought was too worn out to wear themselves, but two children, a boy and a girl wanted to bring the very best they had. The little girl brought one of her nicest dresses and also brought what to her was her very best dolly in its very best dress. She was very happy to give them, saying, "I have dresses all right for myself and I love to play with my second best dolly."

The little boy brought his best coat, saying, "My other coat is plenty good enough for me to wear, and this poor little boy can wear this best coat a long time."

In the pocket of the coat he put five large marbles and a note, stating, "I have nine marbles, so I'm giving you five of them."

Please write again soon.

With love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

VERONA, N. Y. — Rev. Mr. Bertram, pastor of the Lutheran Church here, delivered a very interesting sermon in our Church on October 27 from the text, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." Philippians 2: 5.

Our Ladies' Benevolent Society was entertained at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Davis for its October meeting. Mrs. Anna Davis conducted the worship program and gave a short talk on the book, "Latin America." The ladies also worked on articles for the bazaar to be held in connection with the roast beef and roast pork supper in the Church dining room on November 1.

The Young People's Social Club sponsored a Halloween social held in the Church parlors on the evening of October 27. Several prizes were given. The following officers of the club were elected: Richard Warner, president; Twila Sholtz, vice-president; Marie Waters, secretary; Robert Sholtz, treasurer; Jean Vierow, pianist; LaVerne Davis, critic.

The Booster Class met Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Stone in Rome. Mr. and Mrs. Granton Jewett conducted the worship program.

Mrs. Mabel Mason, president of Oneida County W.C.T.U., gave a report during the Sabbath school hour of the state convention recently held in Buffalo. — Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — On October 7 the annual Church dinner and business meeting were held at the Church. The Ladies' Aid Society had charge of the carry-in dinner and Dr. B. F. Johanson, moderator, conducted the business meeting. The main item of business was the election of the following officers: Arnold Davis, moderator; Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, clerk; George Parrish, treasurer; Dr. Ellis Johanson, chorister; Roderick Moulton, head usher. Also elected were trustees, ushers, and other committee members.

The October Church family night was held on October 27 with a large crowd present to view the hobby displays brought by the members. This was arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Claire Merchant and proved

**"LEAD US"**

By Rev. Loyal F. Hurley

Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church,  
Salem, W. Va.(Sermon preached at General Conference,  
Alfred, N. Y., Sabbath morning, August 18,  
1951. One of a series on the Lord's Prayer.)

"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

We have spent most of this week against the background of the Lord's Prayer. Over and over we have stressed the phrases, "Thy kingdom come" and "Thy will be done." Our hearts have been quickened and stirred to the depths as different ones have brought to us the challenge of our Saviour's lesson in praying. What is the significance of "Our Father"? What do we mean when we pray "Thy kingdom come"? How are we to share in the task of seeing that His will is done on the earth as it is in heaven? How completely do we trust Him to provide "our daily bread"? Do we share with Him the task of providing it both for ourselves and others? And how earnestly do we seek His forgiving grace for "our debts," even as we sincerely "forgive our debtors"? Clarity of understanding has surely come to us in these days. Have purity of purpose and devotion to duty come also? Only our increased sacrifice and service in the days ahead will give the answer to this last question.

President Wheeler has suggested the theme "Lead Us" as we study this morning the last petition in the Lord's Prayer. "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Some of our versions give us a different wording, and some translators say our common version is entirely misleading. They say that God never leads into temptation, apparently ignoring the statement that "Jesus was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." The Revised Standard Version has retained the exact wording which the King James Version has made so familiar, "And lead

to be one of the most interesting evenings of the year. — (Mrs. Geo.) Madelene Parrish, Correspondent.

us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." It may be that our thinking is wrong, rather than the phrasing of this prayer. Does God ever lead us into temptation? And should we beg Him not to do so if it is His pleasure to subject us to temptation? Just what is implied here? So as we consider our theme "Lead Us" we study:

**I. The Necessity of It**

I wish to quote from E. Stanley Jones in his book *Victorious Living*, where he refers to this petition. "Temptation has its uses. As we grapple, we grow. Goethe says, 'Difficulties prove men.' When Jesus went into the wilderness, it was said that He went in 'full of the Holy Spirit,' but He came out 'in the power of the Spirit.' Luke 4: 1, 14. Mere fullness had turned to power under temptation. His spiritual tissues had been hardened in the struggle. So it is with us. Two things happen as we grow spiritually: (1) Our temptations move on up to a higher plane, and (2) we outgrow many of them.

"The temptations of Jesus were on a very high plane indeed. In the wilderness He did not struggle with lust and passion, but with the subtle questions of how to bring in the kingdom, and here light could very easily become darkness. It is a compliment to be tempted on that plane. As you grow spiritually, you find your temptations less gross and more subtle. The battle with things like spiritual pride takes the place of the battle with dishonesty and lies. And then there comes the time when you outgrow temptations entirely. This is the highest state of all — to be on a spiritual level where these things no longer touch you, or incite you. You have gone beyond them.

"The last petition in the Lord's Prayer is, 'And lead us not into temptation.' I used to think it an anticlimax, but I now see that it was the highest petition of all and is the very climax of all: Lead me to the place where temptation has lost its grip, where there is literally no temptation. We do that in many things. We say, 'He can't be tempted by bribery.' His character now automatically spurns it. It will be so with us in thing after thing. We will get the habit of victory. The unconscious effort will more and more

take over the functions of the conscious effort. We become fixed in goodness. Habit is working with us now, not against us." — From *Victorious Living* by E. Stanley Jones. Copyright, 1936, by E. Stanley Jones. Used by permission of the publisher, Abingdon-Cokesbury Press.

I have read this rather long quotation from E. Stanley Jones to point out one gripping truth: Unless God leads us we shall never rise above temptation into victory. For victory over the world and the flesh and the devil is not in man's power, but in God's. Unless we are constantly in touch with His presence, submissive to His direction, and receptive of His power, we shall continually fail. "Lead us" must be the continual prayer of all who would be triumphant.

**II. The Method of It**

How does God lead us? Well, there are three principal methods He employs.

1. First of all, the Bible. All the basic ideals and practices of the Christian life are there proclaimed for everyone to know. The Bible is the source book of the Christian religion. All that we really need to know about the nature of the Deity, the character and sacrifice of Christ, and the general principles of man's duty and responsibility, are revealed to us there. And since the Bible came by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we need not expect to find the Spirit guiding us contrary to its teachings. If we are disobeying the Bible, we shall seek in vain for special guidance.

2. Then God guides through circumstances. He closes one door here, and opens another one there. He hems us in on one side, and opens up opportunity on the other. So long as we keep close to the Saviour we recognize His handling of circumstances. "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him." He goes before to open the way, so that we never need to force open a way or gain our ends by wirepulling and intrigue. Of course, if we are blind to the open doors, or stubborn about the closed ones, we are apt to find nothing but closed ones. But there is guidance in circumstances.

3. All of us need personal direction.

And that can be found in the special illumination of the Holy Spirit. You may know your Bible from cover to cover, and you may watch all the favorable or unfavorable circumstances that arise, and still not learn many things you ought to know. Shall you be a lawyer, or doctor, or farmer, or minister, or secretary, or miner, or missionary, or housewife? The Bible will not tell you, neither will events tell you. God's final gift to the Church in this age is the Holy Spirit. Jesus said "He, when he is come, he will guide you." He not only illumines the Bible, and glorifies Christ, and throws light on events, but He directs the daily life of all who recognize and follow His guidance. He shall guide YOU. The Holy Spirit not only leads us to the acceptance of Christ as our Saviour and Lord, and gives us the assurance that we are the children of God, but He will guide those who trust His leadership into a recognition of the will of God for the intimate details of daily living. For what calling shall one prepare? What shall one study in his college course? Whom shall one marry? Where and how shall one serve? When perplexing problems arise the Holy Spirit can lead one to the proper solution.

Here then are the principal methods of guidance. The Bible gives us the revelation of God's general principles of moral and spiritual living, and He always guides in harmony with those general principles. Then the circumstances of life may direct us by the overruling providence of an all-wise Father. Accepting these circumstances gracefully we are blessed and strengthened; rebelling against them we find ourselves baffled and defeated, growing daily more critical and unco-operative with God and man. Finally, we may learn God's will through the leadership of the Holy Spirit who guides yielded lives into the divine solution of their most intimate and individual problems. When we pray, "Lead us," we should follow Biblical principles, accept divine providences, and walk in the illumination of the Holy Spirit.

**III. The Area of It**

1. The Personal Character. This final petition in the Lord's Prayer aims first at the individual. An earlier petition has sought forgiveness and cleansing from

past iniquities. But this last one is a prayer for moral and spiritual wholeness, for complete deliverance from evil. From other teachings of Jesus we know that this is a necessary preparation for the other area of divine guidance, which is

2. Christian Service. We are not saved merely to be saved. We are saved to serve in Christ's name and for His sake. The words "saved to serve" have been so frequently expressed that we may miss their real meaning. Jesus assured His first disciples that He had chosen them in order that they should go and bring forth fruit. He sent them to preach the gospel to the whole world, and to reveal the love of God to every creature.

The relationship between the cleansing of personal character and the rendering of Christian service is made clear in Jesus' teaching about mote-picking. "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

Most people consider this a command against mote-picking. But a careful study of the entire passage will show that it is a command to get ourselves prepared for mote-picking by the process of getting rid of the beams and planks in our own eyes. That is, we are first to seek cleansing from our own sins before we are fit to help another with his sins. Before the priest in the wilderness tabernacle assisted a sinner in the offering of some sacrifice, or ministered before God in the Holy Place, he must first wash at the laver. David prayed for forgiveness from his great sin, and asked God to wash him so that he would be whiter than snow. He besought God to create in him a clean heart and renew a right spirit within him. And the outcome was to be in a dedicated and effective life, "Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee."

I remember a very prominent and influential minister in California who one

day in his study, said to another minister and to me, "I wish my people would forget about their sins, and go out to render service." But he was mistaken in his attitude. We are first to be delivered from evil to fit us for worthy and effective service. Isaiah wrote, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." The area of divine leadership is first in inner character, and then in outer service.

#### IV. The Outcome of It

Our modern psychiatrists tell us that of all the devils that torment the bodies and minds and spirits of men today, none are more devastating than guilt complexes and fear complexes. But in these realms no remedy has been found to compare with the gospel. When the Lord leads us not into temptation, but through it, and above it, and then delivers us from evil, there is no place left for a guilt complex. We may still have regret for the past, and wish we had not done this or that, but the gnawing, damning sense of guilt that blasts life at its center is gone.

Again, when the leadership of our lives is turned over to God and we begin to follow the principles of the Word, to accept the providences which His wisdom brings for our training, and to seek the guidance of His Spirit in the daily personal problems of life, there grows upon us a sense of peace and poise in the assurance that the Lord is directing our lives, and we have no need for worry and fear. There is peace and rest, and out of that freedom from conflict within comes greater power for service. How much men need to pray "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

(To be continued)

#### GREETING

We gladly welcome you to our Church home, trusting that if you are seeking Christ you will find Him here — if sorrowing, you will receive comfort; if discouraged, you will rejoice in hope; if troubled in spirit, you will gain the blessings of peace; if friendless, you will receive companionship and love in Christ. That these and other blessings may be your portion is our earnest prayer. — Ashaway, R. I., Church Bulletin.

### COMING EVENTS Meetings of Denominational Boards and Agencies

Commission of General Conference — Midyear Meeting, Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., December 26-30.

Planning Conference — Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., December 30.

#### Association of American Colleges

38th Annual Meeting — Hotel Statler, Washington, D. C., January 8-10, 1952. Dr. John Foster Dulles, chief speaker.

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college Y.M.C.A. work since he first entered and has vigorously pursued activities in electrical engineering and radio work.

His father is editor of the Sabbath Recorder, official publication of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, distributed throughout the United States.

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Herbert L. Baker.

#### Obituaries

**Baker.** — Lottie Leona Gray, daughter of Chauncy and Lydia Elmina Monroe Gray, was born July 31, 1879, in Milton Junction, Wis., and was called to her eternal reward on October 30, 1951, at her home in Milton Junction.

She was a member of the Rock River and later the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She was united in marriage with Herbert L. Baker of Juneau, Wis., on July 31, 1909.

She leaves to honor her memory her husband; a sister, Mrs. Erving McWilliams of Milton, Wis.; three brothers, Carl, Fred, and Winferd of Milton Junction, Wis.; several nieces and nephews.

The farewell services were held at 2 p.m. Sabbath day, November 3, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, officiating. Burial was in the Milton Junction Cemetery. K. B. V. H.

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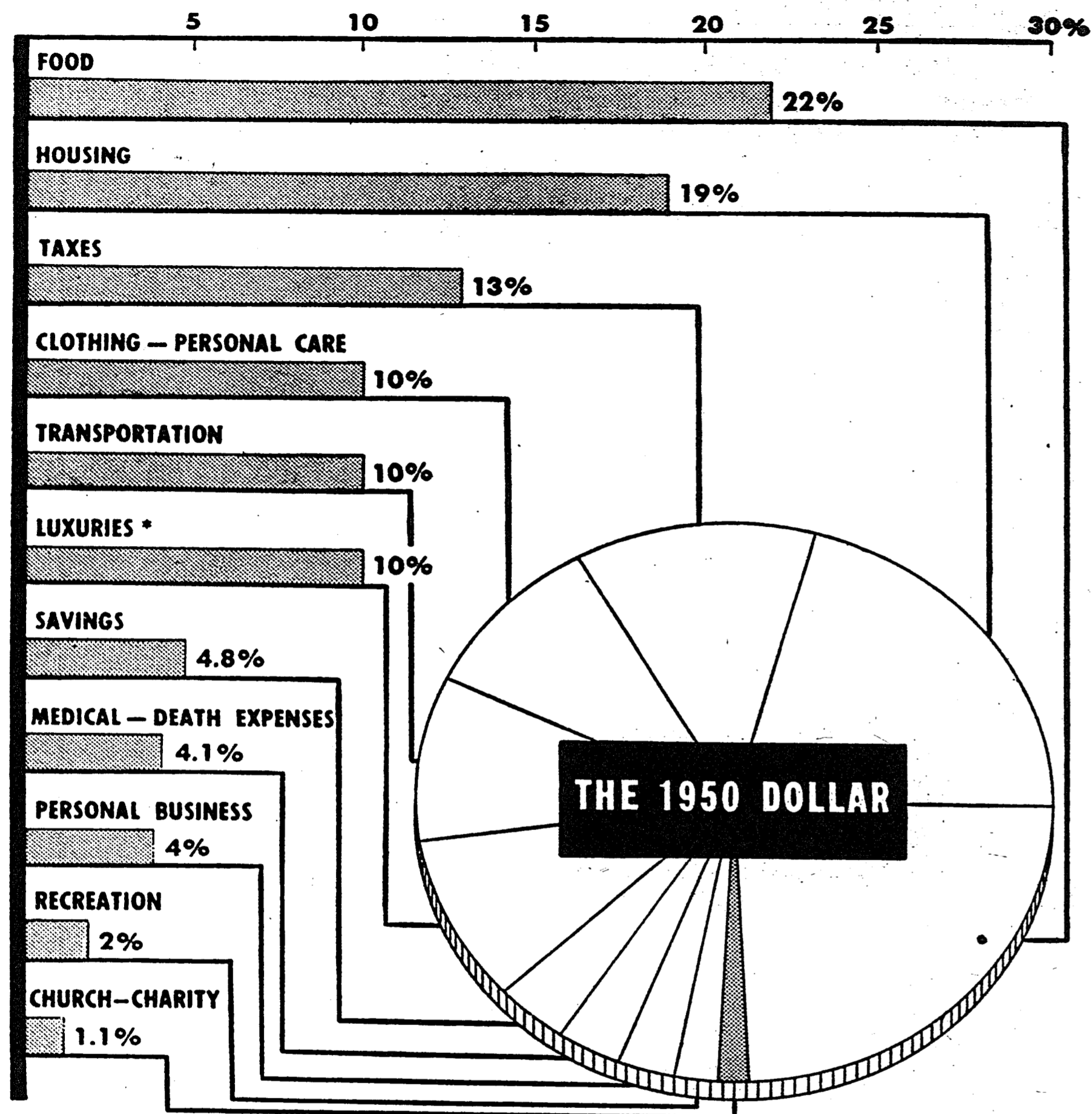
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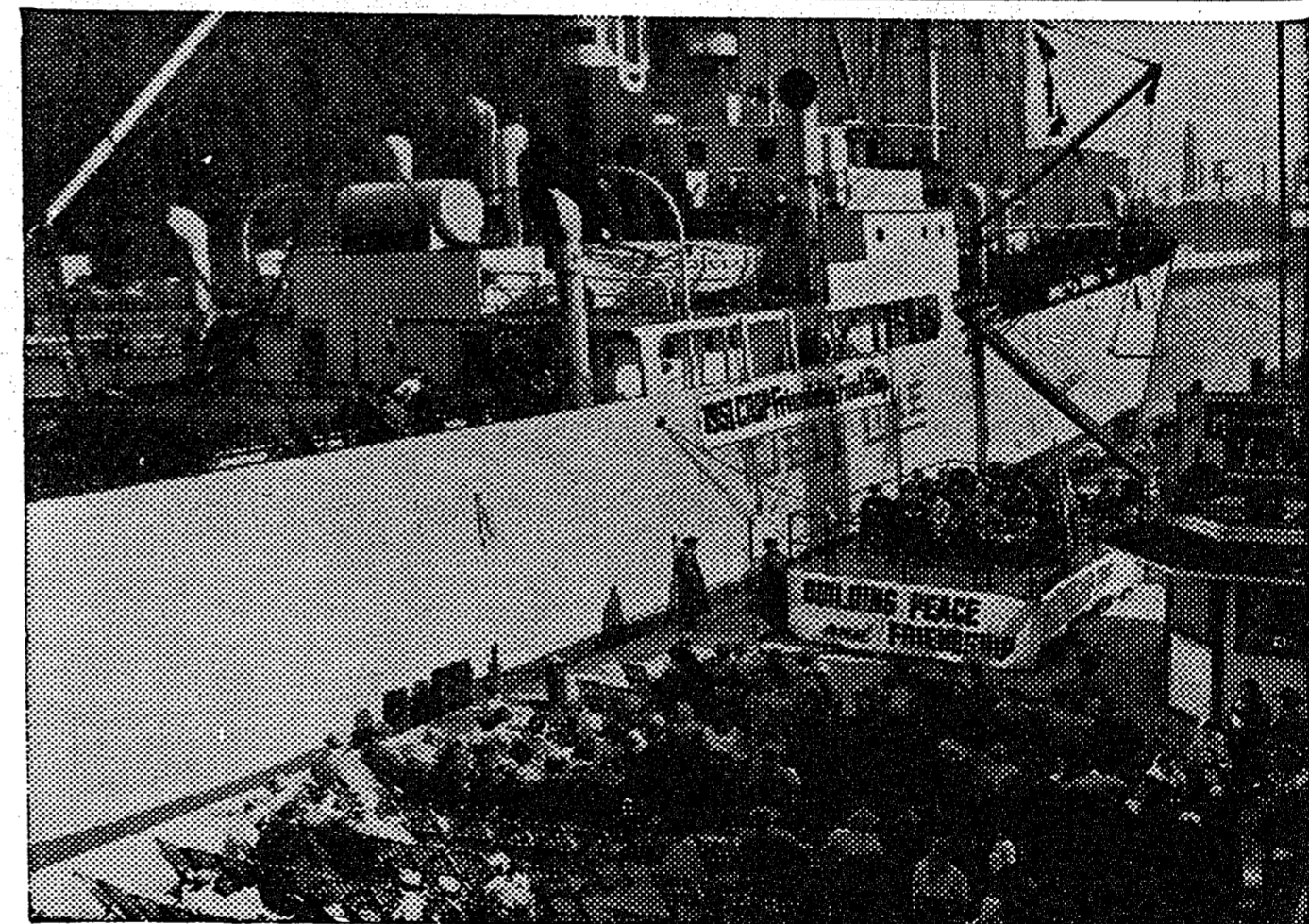
Some say, "We'd rather give Uncle Sam 20 cents and keep 80 cents than to give 100 cents away."

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DECEMBER 3, 1951

# The Sabbath Recorder

## FRIENDSHIP FOOD SENT ABROAD



Colorful dedication ceremony was held on United Nations Day for a Friendship Food Shipment contributed by American farmers to refugees in Germany through the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP). Part of the hundreds in attendance are seen being seated for the ceremony at the foot of Chicago's Michigan Avenue Bridge. The ship is the Norwegian overseas freighter SS. Ornefjell. Its gift cargo is the first of an estimated 1400 carloads of bulk foodstuffs that will be contributed to CROP's program of world relief this year. Four other shipments, destined for Italy, Greece, Central Europe, the Holy Land, Turkey and India, are clearing the Port of Philadelphia this month. Since 1947 CROP has collected 5400 freight carloads of foodstuffs for overseas distribution by its parent agencies, Catholic Rural Life, Church World Service and Lutheran World Relief.