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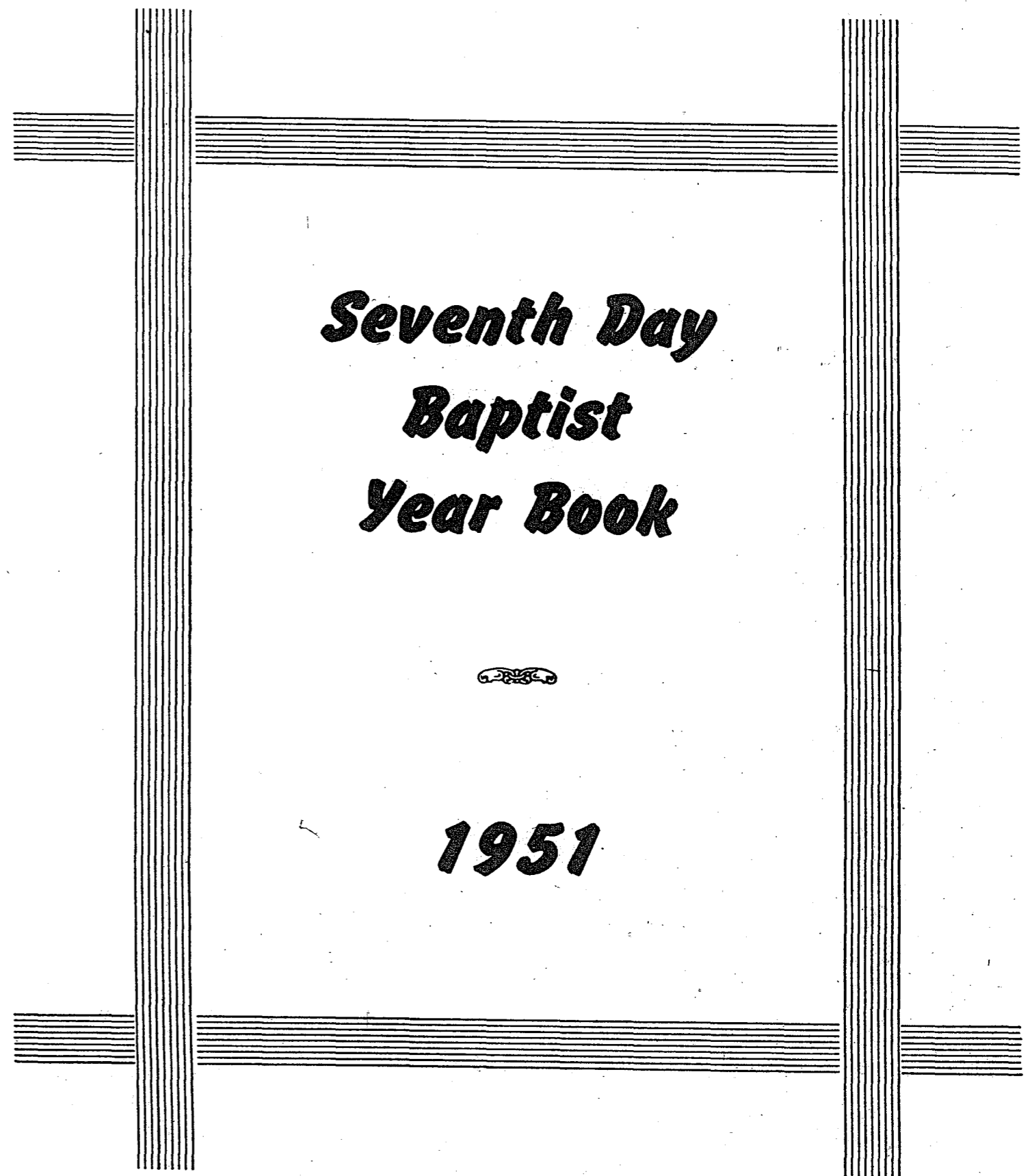
**A**gain it's Christmas! As we pay homage to the nativity of our Saviour, let us in our devotions rejoice and give thanks for the privilege of being free men—Americans—free to worship and to conduct our daily lives without fear of persecution. Let us preserve that heritage. Let us profit by the teachings of Christ to be charitable to our fellow men—let us pray for those who are burdened with the yoke of tyranny, for the sick and those in grief—for unity among nations and for divine guidance to our chosen leaders to work in harmony. Let us not forget to pray for those gallant men and women in our armed forces that their patriotism and sacrifices shall not be in vain. Ever onward, Christian soldiers!

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## Conference President's Corner

### GOOD SIGNS

Please keep your eyes open for short, snappy announcements from Denver, Colo. Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, chairman of publicity for General Conference, will open the way to Denver and point out the good things in store for us.

On October 27, the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church at New Milton, W. Va., was rededicated.

A new Seventh Day Baptist Church at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., is cause for rejoicing.

Literature to prompt planning for evangelism in the local Church, through the United Church Men Movement and the Lord's Acre activities, has been sent to every pastor in our denomination. Please consider, with your pastor, the use of this material in the planning for the growth of your Church.

The West Virginia Churches are considering the Every Member Plan for work in the local Churches. They are planning to adapt, not adopt, the Every Man Plan as set up by the United Church Men Movement.

I shall be happy to have any reaction to the use of the suggested literature, sent to the pastors, before the Commission meets in December.

May we find a way to get every member of every Church into active service. No growth without life. God, breathe into us the Breath of Life.

Our objective may be accomplished by "The everlasting teamwork of every bloom-  
in' soul."

O. B. Bond,  
Conference President.

### 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).

### "THE HORIZONS OF ETERNITY"

We are living in time.  
Will we live in eternity?

It all depends upon our attitude towards time and eternity. Do we use time as though it were part of eternity? Or, do we treat time as a traitor of reality and a temporary expedient?

Our attitude towards time and eternity revolves about our attitude towards the One who provides them. Do we regard the Creator as having created with a purpose, providing time for the beginning and eternity for the continuing of a noble life? Or, do we regard the Creator as having set in motion forces which will destroy even the imitation of Himself, man, within the limits of time?

A sane view of life, even in its more complex aspects, prompts a view of the future which promises a fulfillment of the present. We are not taking a sane view of life in this day of complexity.

Two proofs are apparent.

First, folks seem to be more and more self-centered and selfish. Increasingly, some want the limelight — anything to satisfy the ego, to be prominent, to be first. Increasingly, some are bound to get more and more regardless of the means — if a neighbor has a new car, a new car it must be; television, television; clothes, clothes. We had thought that keeping up with the Joneses was a lost art.

Second, human life becomes more and more cheap, is held less and less dear. Witness how freely men are offered to war's maw. Witness the carelessness on our nation's highways. Witness the exploiting of the weakness of men that sends them to a drunkard's grave or to an alcoholic's doom. Witness murder and vice and crime at every corner and crossroads of the world.

Men cannot play with Satan without getting scorched. He has not been put in chains yet. It may be that he is striking for the knockout blow, on the eve of his incarceration.

In this present maudlin mess, there is one way out. It is open to all alike — rich and poor, governors and governed, wise and foolish. That way? A glimpse of "the horizons of eternity." As one

writer suggests, if we have caught the meaning of God's purpose, we are certain that at this life's close there are "the boundless and limitless horizons of eternity."

We Christians believe that God's purpose was most fully fulfilled in His Son, Jesus Christ, who said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." John 10: 10b (RSV). The abundant life redeems time and readies us for eternity.

Behold, now, "the horizons of eternity"!

### THE 1951 YEAR BOOK

A spirit of anticipation reigns as the presses begin to roll. It will not be long now! The 1951 Year Book will soon be off the press.

We happened to hear the sigh of relief that came from the foreman the other day as he stuffed the last notation in the Year Book job jacket. All along the line of preparation and production, faithful work has been crowned with the satisfaction of passing the job on to the next person, thus bringing the task one step nearer to completion. Soon we shall have the first copy.

Back of this colossal accomplishment have been many minds and hands and spirits. Throughout the Conference year which the Year Book covers, the material recorded on its pages has been in the making. And now, the finished product! To try to mention the many people who have had a part in its realization would mean a long list of names with some unintentionally left out. Again, Miss Hazel V. Gamble was the editor, being ably assisted by the recording secretaries of General Conference, the manager of the publishing house, the ladies in the proofroom, and interested readers of the Sabbath Recorder who were kind enough to send corrections as certain material appeared.

The 1951 Year Book will not be worth the paper on which it is printed unless it is used. Let us use it.

Remember the School of Theology  
in your year's end giving.

**RECKLESS, MURDEROUS AMERICA!**

Delay that 1,000,000th traffic death! You can help, if you will.

These words might well be billboarded across the highways of these beautiful, yet bloody United States, flashed on every motion picture screen, and given prominence in every paper and magazine throughout the nation.

Do we realize that the death toll from automobile accidents is now well above 996,000? The National Safety Council predicts that the 1,000,000th traffic death will occur during the third week of December.

"This tragic event would make a mockery of all that Christmas stands for," Ned H. Dearborn, council president said. "I appeal to everyone to drive and walk with extreme caution during the next few weeks. The 1,000,000th traffic death can be delayed if everyone does his part," he continued.

Some theorists, who sanction slaughter as a means of depopulating the world for fear of overcrowding, are having their innings now. But wait until some of them get struck on the highway. It makes a slight difference who is getting slaughtered. No wonder Mars is jealous!

If the 1,000,000th traffic death is delayed, so can the 999,999th be delayed. Delay that 1,000,000th traffic death! You can help, if you will.

**FROM THE EDITOR'S MAILBOX**

November 13, 1951.

Dear Brother Warren:

I want to express my appreciation for the editorial entitled "Americans, Arise!" I note that you take issue with me at one point. I can say, however, that you and I are not in disagreement at all. It is possible that my statement was not as clear as it should have been, for the reason we were issuing statements under great pressure immediately following the President's announcement.

We had at that time inside information that General Clark's appointment was to be made immediately, subject to a Senate confirmation later. I think you were quite right that a full ambassadorship could

not obtain short of proper Senate confirmation. I am sure it was the thought of the President to make a recess appointment thus making it perhaps more embarrassing for the senators to deny confirmation. It would have been according to legal terms a *de facto* ambassadorship awaiting a *de jure* relationship by Senate confirmation.

It may interest you to know that our legal staff had something to do with the discovery of the old law. I refer to the old law that Army personnel may not hold two governmental positions at the same time. The discovery of this law may have had something to do with the President's decision not to make a recess appointment. One other factor, perhaps more important than the law, was the reaction of protest.

I write this letter to assure you that your point is valid.

Glenn L. Archer,  
Executive Director.

(Note: Dr. Archer, 1633 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington 6, D. C., is executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.)

**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.)

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The one who provides in advance for Sabbath rest, and devotes the day to worship and to meditation upon divine things, will be better able always and in everything to do God's holy will. — Sabbath Motto.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

The Brookfield (N. Y.) Courier reports that Rev. Marion C. Van Horn was elected chairman of the Brookfield Red Cross at its annual meeting held at the Brookfield Central School on November 28.

A copy of the Eternal Gospel Herald has just reached our desk. It is the "organ of the Lord's Church of Seventh Day Christians." The editor is Dr. A. Kube, formerly of Poland, and the associate editor, S. Kube, both of Valley Heights, N. S. W., Australia. Some of our people will recall the visit of Dr. Kube to this country several years ago.

In reporting for the Supervisory Committee of the Tract Board at its meeting held at Shiloh, N. J., November 11, Business Manager L. Harrison North stated that gross sales of the publishing house were \$50,169.97 for the period from July 1 to October 31, 1951. For the same period in 1950 gross sales were \$42,484.00. The net profit for the four months this year was \$2,171.19 as compared to a loss of \$1,982.33 for the same period last year.

**NEWS IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION**

By W. W. Reid

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, of Clarksville, Md., and Bombay, India, world-renowned missionary and evangelist, has completed evangelistic campaigns in 41 leading cities of Japan during a period of three months. The meetings were under the auspices of the National Christian Council of Japan. During the meetings, 21,390 persons — many of them government officials and important professional and businessmen — made decisions to become Christians. Says Dr. Jones: "With military defeat, the inner life of Japan went to pieces — her whole philosophy of life broke down, a vacuum was left. Into that vacuum five great forces are moving to take over the chaos and reorganize and redirect it: Buddhism, Shintoism, Secularism, Communism, and Christianity. Buddhism and Shintoism are deeply imbedded in Japan's life, but are morally too feeble to reorganize the ruin. Among the last three, Christianity seems to be making the strongest bid to win the inner allegiance of Japan. Communism is not as strong as it was four or five years ago."

**INTERNATIONAL REGULATION  
AND REDUCTION  
OF ARMAMENTS**

(A statement adopted by the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., November 28, 1951.)

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. believes it is essential that the United States exercise its moral leadership by demonstrating its determination to discover and develop peaceful alternatives to war.

We welcome, therefore, the disarmament proposals laid before the General Assembly of the United Nations (November 18, 1951) by the United States, Great Britain, and France. Without presuming to pass judgment on the specifics of these proposals, we believe they constitute a satisfactory basis for a workable program of progressive disarmament. Bold action by the General Assembly will be required if the race in armaments is to be stopped and the drift toward war arrested.

We recognize that, pending the acceptance by all nations of a trustworthy system whereby all armaments, including atomic weapons, can be placed under international control, it is unavoidable that the United States should strengthen its military defenses. Our recognition of this fact, however, must not be construed to mean that we are ignorant of, or indifferent to, the dire consequences that may befall our own and other nations unless the race in armaments now under way can be stopped. History offers convincing evidence that the kind of peace for which Christians pray cannot be achieved by piling gun upon gun and bomb upon bomb. We warn the people of our Churches that the civilization which they treasure may be destroyed unless the nations agree on a plan for the control of armaments on a global scale.

As the production of atomic weapons is accelerated, the danger will increase that these weapons may some day be used. As the race in armaments continues, the more likely it is that reliance upon military power will provoke some nation to precipitate the very conflict which these armaments were designed to prevent. We are fearful lest there deepen in our country

a disposition to place primary reliance upon the preponderance of military strength; to subordinate the civil to the military in the formulation of policy; and to despair of the possibility of composing differences between the United States and the Soviet Union by means other than war. It would be a calamity if the people of other lands, who in times past looked to our country for moral leadership, were to conclude that the United States had abandoned the search for peaceful alternatives to war.

It is a matter of record in which we take pride that the United States, on many occasions, has declared its readiness to participate in arrangements that would bring the armaments of the nations under international control. To this record is now added the statement of President Truman (November 7, 1951) that once the burden of armaments is lifted, "new energies and resources would be liberated for greatly enlarged programs of reconstruction and development." This is a goal toward which the National Council of Churches strives. We believe a peace offensive of the kind here envisaged would capture the imagination of the free peoples of the world, and would offer promise that conditions of poverty and social injustice upon which Communism thrives would be largely overcome.

We request our Department of International Justice and Goodwill to transmit copies of this action to the President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the members of Congress, and the United States Mission to the United Nations. We further request the Department of International Justice and Goodwill to advise the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs of this action, and to suggest that copies of this resolution be transmitted to its constituent units throughout the world. — Release.

#### "THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD"

The ABC announces the broadcast of "No Room at the Inn" on Sunday, December 23, and "Flight into Egypt" on Sunday, December 30. The first will appear over television. Please consult schedules.

### CHURCH NEWS

VERONA, N. Y. — Rev. Gerald Wright, pastor of Wesleyan Methodist Church of Rome, N. Y., was guest speaker at our Church on Sabbath, November 10. During the Sabbath school hour Miss Jean Stone read an interesting letter from a pen pal in Auckland, New Zealand. She has corresponded with this young lady for the past three years. After telling of conditions there, she expressed the hope that she may come to America in the near future for study.

Mrs. John Williams and daughter, Mayola Warner and son, Mark, made a short visit with her son, David and family, in Chicago. David is serving the Seventh Day Baptist Church there while studying for the ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Warner and mother, Mrs. Waters, have returned from Ormond, Fla., after a visit with Mrs. Waters' daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. Allison Smith and daughter, Hermine, recently spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Babcock in Milton, Wis. Warner Thayer, a student in Syracuse University, and Leora Sholtz, a librarian at Delanson, spent Thanksgiving with their respective parents. Mrs. Louise Hyde who has been employed by Walker Company, Syracuse, has accepted a position in the Research Department of the Revere Copper and Brass Plant in Rome.

The annual Church meeting was held on December 2, which included a covered dish supper.

The following officers were elected in our Sabbath school for the ensuing year: Superintendent, Olin Davis; assistant superintendent, Mrs. Geo. Davis; secretary, Richard Warner; treasurer, John Williams; assistant treasurer, Gerald Sholtz.

Duane Davis, a student in the Alfred University School of Theology, gave us a fine, interesting sermon on Sabbath, November 24. His theme was "The Sure Foundation." We wish him the greatest success in his preparation for the gospel ministry.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Sholtz. Mrs. Stanley Warner conducted the worship program and read from the book we are studying, "We Americans:

North and South." One new member was received. The society finished tying a quilt. — Correspondent.

MILTON, WIS. — The congregation of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church observed Loyalty Sabbath in the morning worship service on Sabbath, December 1, according to an announcement made by Theron Ochs, chairman of the Church Finance Committee.

The climax of the Loyalty Sabbath service, to which every member of the Church received a special invitation, was the presentation and dedication of the individual pledges to the local and denominational work of the Church for 1952.

In addition to the presentation and dedication of pledges, the worship service included anthems sung by the three choirs of the Church. The Junior Choir is under the direction of Kenneth Babcock, Herbert Crouch directs the Intermediate Choir, and Leman H. Stringer is chorister for the Senior Choir. Miss Josephine Harvey, Milton College soprano soloist, sang "Praise Thou the Lord, O My Spirit" from Mendelssohn's oratorio, "Hymn of Praise." — Milton and Milton Junction Courier.

### Marriages

Cole - Miars. — Sandford S. Cole, Jr., of Metuchen, N. J., and Joy Miars, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. J. Miars of Jackson Center, Ohio, were united in marriage on November 21, 1951, in the Gothic Chapel at Alfred by the bride's brother-in-law, Don Sanford, pastor of the Independence and Andover Seventh Day Baptist Churches. The couple are making their home in Alfred where both are students in the university.

### BIRTHS

Osborn. — A daughter, Karen Sue, to Pastor and Mrs. Paul Osborn, Friendship, N. Y., November 27, 1951.

Davis. — A daughter, Deborah Gayle, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Kenneth Davis, New Market, N. J., December 9, 1951.

### Obituaries

Johnson. — Rebecca Ann, baby daughter of Virgil and Marion Burrows Johnson, Friendship, N. Y., passed away Tuesday, Novem-

ber 27, 1951, in Cuba Hospital where she was born October 2, 1951.

Survivors, besides the parents, are: a sister, Frances; a brother, Lloyd; maternal grandfather, Clayton Burrows, Friendship, N. Y.; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson, Friendship, N. Y.

Funeral services were held on November 30, 1951, conducted by Rev. Mr. Casler, Obi, N. Y. (Notice furnished by Mrs. Floyd Carpenter at request of parents.)

Lawhead. — Elva Hughes, daughter of William and Elizabeth Smith Hughes, was born in Jackson Center, Ohio, September 14, 1873, and was called to her eternal home from St. Johns, Ohio, November 30, 1951.

She was married to J. L. Lawhead March 2, 1893, who preceded her in death in 1949. She is survived by two daughters, Bernice (Mrs. Lewis Dobbie) of St. Johns, and Irma (Mrs. Chester Gibbs) of Sidney; by four sons, William and Howard of Jackson Center, Joseph of Galesburg, Mich., and Hewitt of Celina, Ohio; by a half sister, Mrs. Althea Zwiabel of Lost Creek, W. Va.; and by 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was a lifetime member of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church at which place her funeral was conducted, December 3, by her pastor, Rev. T. R. Sutton. Burial was in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery.

T. R. S.

### 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.

(Announcements will be published in this calendar as received, but must reach the Sabbath Recorder office at least two weeks prior to publication date. Increasingly let us remember these events and meetings in prayer.)

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## New Year's Message From The Baptist World Alliance

### *The New and the Old*

From the president and secretaries of the Baptist World Alliance to our Baptist Churches throughout the world:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Master.

Tennyson once described a journey of two people who were closely bound to each other in affection in these lines:

"And far across the hills they went  
In that new world which is the old."

Baptists are bound together by ties of affection in the common cause, which is one of the reasons why our Alliance theme song from 1905 has remained "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." We link hands and hearts across the oceans as together we face the year that is new.

For some of us there are new opportunities for bearing our witness — what stirring stories come to us from fields ripe unto harvest like those in Japan! For some of us there may be new difficulties and perils; but as we face them it is surely with the strength which comes to men and women who are linked first of all to their Lord and then in fellowship to one another.

But if we face the new, it is with the confidence we have derived from the old. Our world is indeed new in its methods and organizations, in the emergence of special problems; but it is old in its needs. The change from the last fleeting hours of a December to the gray dawn of a January still leaves us where we were as far as human minds and hearts are concerned. The world has not outgrown its need of a Saviour, nor of those who would declare Him faithfully, bearing in their voices the challenge of the Son of God and in their hands the compassion of the Son of Man. The finest greeting we can give to one another as a new year dawns is that which the Apostle Paul bequeathed to every generation of Christian men, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

So may our Heavenly Father make 1952 memorable for all our Churches. May the old gospel make the new year to be a year of blessing, crowned with revival and the honoring of that Name which is above every name.

F. Townley Lord, President,  
Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary,  
Walter O. Lewis, Associate Secretary,  
Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary.

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