

The Sabbath Recorder

DEACON LESTER P. KELLEY

Lester P Kelley was born February 4, 1881, and died April 9, 1953, in the Edgerton Memorial Hospital.

He was a faithful deacon of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church. A retired farmer, he worked at the Edgerton Highway Trailer Co. and was active in church work until his death. His passing is a serious loss to his church and community. He was a source of wise judgment and a friend to his pastor. His eagerness to do his share and his passion to do his very best, will perpetuate his memory in the lives of those who loved him.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Wilma, at home; two sisters: Mrs. Roy Crandall, Belvidere, Ill.; and Mrs. Arden West, Wolf Summit, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted from the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, Pastor Kenneth E. Smith officiating. Burial was at the Evergreen Cemetery, Albion.
K. E. S.

Salem Alumni

New Jersey residents who have attended Salem College are reminded that there will be a Salem alumni reunion at Medford Lakes Lodge near Mount Holly on May 23, beginning with a dinner at 6 o'clock. Officials of the college will be present to help launch an alumni chapter.

Please get in touch with Mrs. Norman Harris, Box 114, Shiloh, N. J.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.,
AUGUST 18-23, 1953.

palms decorating the altar. The pastor brought an appropriate message concerning our Risen Lord.

Miss Mary Vicinus, a missionary home on furlough from South America, was with us for the weekend services of April 17 and 18. Sabbath eve, she gave an interesting and stirring report on the persecution of Christians in Colombia. Colored slides illustrated more fully the conditions there. She also brought a missionary challenge at the Sabbath morning services. — Mrs. Raymond Kenyon, Correspondent.

Marriages

Probasco - Ayars. — Owen Harris Probasco, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Probasco, and Ruth Mary Ayars, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ayars, were united in marriage March 29, 1953, in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church. Their pastor, Rev. Robert Lippincott, read the ceremony.

Births

Keller. — A son, David Carl, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Keller of Chicago, Ill., on March 31, 1953.

Darling. — A son, William Roy, to Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Darling (Neva Jacox), Alfred Station, N. Y., September 4, 1952.

Richards. — A son, Daniel Eugene, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Richards (Edna Ruth Randolph), Alfred, N. Y., March 7, 1953.

Obituaries

Ayars. — Oscar S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayars, was born March 2, 1883, and passed away at his home in Salem, N. J., March 31, 1953.

Mr. Ayars was a practicing dentist in Salem for 40 years and a member of the Shiloh Church. Surviving are his wife, Margaret, a son, Everett, and a daughter, Mrs. William Smith, and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted April 4 at the Garrison Funeral Home, Salem, N. J., with Rev. Robert Walke officiating, assisted by Rev. Robert Lippincott. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.
R. P. L.

Algrim. — Catherine Jane, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Algrim, was born September 9, 1947, and died April 9, 1953. She had been ill since birth and was faithfully attended for five years by her parents.

Surviving are her parents; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saunders, Albion; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Algrim, Jr., Edgerton.

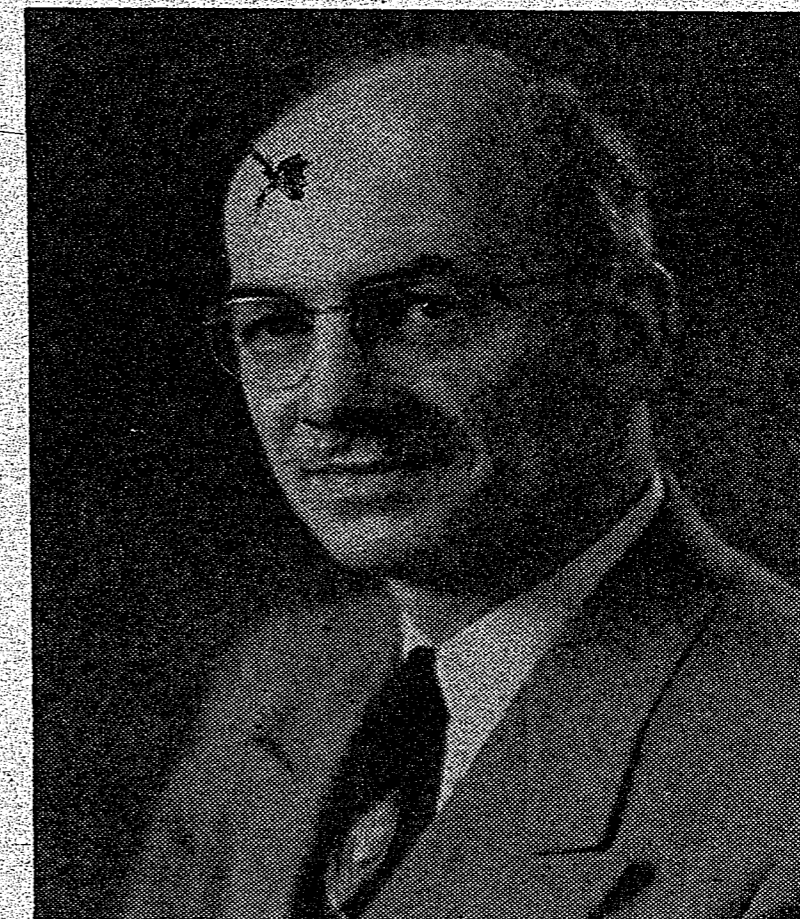
Private funeral services were conducted at the Jones Funeral Home, Edgerton, Pastor Kenneth E. Smith officiating. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Albion, Wis. K. E. S.

Peabody. — Edna A., of Bradford, R. I., died in the Westerly Hospital April 16, 1953, after a long illness.

She was born in Salem, Conn., September 19, 1883, the daughter of the late Joseph A. and Effie D. (Whitting) Peabody. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ethel Turnbull of Bradford, and several nieces and nephews.

Miss Peabody was an active member of the Pawcatuck Church and the SDB Society.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles H. Bond and Rev. Harold R. Crandall in the Schilke Funeral Home on April 18. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery.
C. H. B.



A. Burdet Crofoot

Mr. Crofoot began his duties in the new office of Executive Secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination on May 1. Having oriented himself with the ministers and the boards, he is undertaking his first major task, that of spear-heading a campaign to raise the Denominational Budget. Read his articles in this issue.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

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MEMORY TEXT

"And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Acts 20: 32.

MISSION NOTES

Another sixteen-page issue of Mission Notes edited by Rev. Leon Lawton and lithographed by the Beacon Printing of Redlands, Calif., has been mailed to a large list of Seventh Day Baptists who have indicated their desire to receive it. We understand that thirty-six people gathered at the Riverside Church May 2 to fold and mail the paper. Mailing costs are met by the Women's Board; other expenses depend on contributions from readers. We commend it to all our readers. It adds greatly to our knowledge of and love for our missionary work.

DIDN'T NEED SAVING

Under a Seoul date line the Associated Press recently reported the following as a sidelight on the revival that has been reportedly spreading through Korea and Japan:

A 210-pound Marine stood watching an evangelist preach to a group of soldiers.

Someone in the crowd walked over to Marine Cpl. Paul Dansky of Clinton, Mass., and said:

"Would you like to be saved?"

Dansky replied: "Mack, I don't need saving. I'm a Marine."

This is evidently quoted to produce a smile and to point up the traditional toughness of the Marines. Christian people should restrain the smile while at the same time recognizing the personal bravery and esprit de corps of the Marines. There has been enough in the news during recent months to indicate that many Marines desperately need salvation and some need to be saved from the electric chair. It can quite safely be assumed that the corporal mentioned above is better prepared to meet the Communists than to meet his God. If his statement were taken as the norm where would it place those thousands of Marines who have humbly taken Christ as their personal Saviour? Are they weaklings? Are they a discredit to the Corps? We say that most of them are not; their faith will carry them through trials that cause many a scoffer to flinch and falter. The need of salvation is universal. No branch of the military service is exempt from it. No civilian employment is free from it. We take off our hats to Marines and others who stand, not at the edge, but at the

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front of the crowd seeking salvation through Christ. Let us pray for those low ranking military leaders who seem to encourage godlessness under guise of toughness. "Enduring hardness" is a Christian virtue enjoined by Paul on Timothy whom he calls a Christian soldier.

CHRISTIAN JEWS

The problem of Jewish-Christian relations is as much a live issue in Palestine today as it was when the converted Jews of New Testament times felt that they had a mission to their brethren according to the flesh.

The chief rabbinate of Israel on December 20, 1952, issued an edict to all rabbis and religious officials beginning with these words: "Over four hundred emissaries of Satan, missionaries . . . among them baptized Jews, traitors to their origin, have settled like a swarm of locusts on the land." He called his leaders "to battle against the activities of the missionaries."

One of Israel's liberal thinkers, Schalom Ben Chorin, took issue with this tirade in a published article. He noted that some Christian Jews were doing a new thing — trying to combine their national-Jewish position with their Christian religious conviction, and even trying to bring out the Hebrew-Jewish aspect of Christian worship in Israel. He proposes taking the sails out of missionary work by a better mutual understanding along this line.

We wonder how Paul would have reacted to such a proposal to take the sails out of his Spirit-led program of "to the Jew first and also to the Greek." We do not have to wonder. When the Christian Church ceases to be a missionary church, it just ceases to be.

An aged Negro got up one night at the revival meeting and said: "Brudders and sisters, you knows and I knows dat I ain't been what I oughter been. I has robbed hen houses and stole hogs, and told lies and got drunk, and slashed folks wid mah razor, and shot craps, and cussed, and swore, but I thank de Lord there's one thing I ain't never done; I hain't never lost mah religion." — National Voice.

MANY MINISTERS

Our readers are doubtless anxious to know who attended the annual Ministers' Conference held this year at Alfred, N. Y., May 4-7. The attendance at all but the public meetings was about forty. Of this number thirty-two were ordained ministers, five of whom are retired. The others were students and licensed ministers plus a foreign missionary and two or three important laymen. Of the latter we mention A. Burdet Crofoot, J. Nelson Norwood, and Ben R. Crandall who were present at most of the meetings.

Here are the names without designation as to status: Orville W. Babcock, Darrel D. Barber, Ronald H. F. Barrar, David L. Beebe, Ahva J. C. Bond, Charles H. Bond, Emmett H. Bottoms, C. Rex Burdick, Paul S. Burdick, Earl Cruzan, H. Eugene Davis, Clifford W. P. Hansen, Everett T. Harris, Loyal F. Hurley, Frank R. Kellogg, Leon R. Lawton, Robert P. Lippincott, Eli F. Loofboro, Leon M. Maltby, Wayne R. Marona, Paul L. Maxson, Lester G. Osborn, Paul B. Osborn, Herbert L. Polan, Elizabeth F. Randolph, Elmo F. Randolph, John F. Randolph, Donald E. Richards, Albert N. Rogers, Don A. Sanford, James L. Skaggs, Victor W. Skaggs, E. Wendell Stephan, Delmer E. Van Horn, Marion C. Van Horn, Hurley S. Warren, Alton L. Wheeler, Rex E. Zwiebel.

During the conference, greetings were read from the following ministers expressing their regrets at being unable to attend: Edward S. Ballenger, David S. Clarke, Ralph H. Coon, Harold R. Crandall, Jay W. Crofoot, Leland E. Davis, C. Harmon Dickinson, Marian H. Hargis, Carroll L. Hill, Lee Holloway, Melvin G. Nida, Madeleine J. Robinson, Wayne R. Rood, Kenneth A. Stickney, Trevah R. Sutton, David J. Williams, Verney A. Wilson.

Greetings were also received from Duane Davis, Alfred Keller, and Doyle Zwiebel, men in preparation but not yet ordained.

On the last day of the conference the whole group visited the bedside of Rev. Harley H. Sutton and sang several songs for him. His home is almost next door to the Second Alfred Church where the closing noon meal was served.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Secretary A. B. Crofoot

In daring to undertake the tasks of the new position of executive secretary for the Seventh Day Baptist denomination, I am very conscious of the need of strength and wisdom beyond that which I possess in the discharge of the duties involved. These duties have been broadly outlined in the Recorders of May 4 and 11, and call for a great deal of pioneering in the field of lay work within our denomination.

In reference to the need for greater strength and wisdom than I possess, I naturally look to two sources. The first is, of course, the Divine Source which I hope to tap by prayer — both my own and those of others who are concerned with the continued useful existence of our denominational group. The other source is the confidence and active support of you, the members of the denomination.

While the tasks have been broadly outlined by the Commission and the General Conference, the details call for branching out in directions not previously taken by our group. These details I hope to meet, again with the above-mentioned assistance and by drawing on my previous experience in co-ordinated effort and in teaching. This last may seem a bit odd for this type of work, but closer examination will, I think, confirm the parallel which exists between teaching and that which I am now undertaking.

I am deeply conscious also of the problems of obtaining a close co-ordination of effort without in any way infringing upon the individual freedom of action of the separate church groups. Being myself a firm believer in that cardinal point in our church polity, I would be the last to attempt interference with the independence and autonomy of the local church. I believe however, that we have enough in common, that our appreciation of common objectives is sufficiently strong, that we can (as we have proved in the past) work together as a larger group, and that I can help to channel our various co-operative efforts for more efficient achievement.

As I have already indicated, however, none of this can I accomplish alone. I need the assistance of all the leaders in

our work, both pastoral and lay, and of every member throughout the denomination. This support I ask of you, together with your prayers that the truths held by Sabbathkeeping Christians may be advanced.

BUDGET CAMPAIGN

Conference President Elmo F. Randolph has designated June as a month in which special effort should be directed toward meeting our Denominational Budget. Figures released by the denominational treasurer reveal that on May 1, with only about three and a half months left before Conference, only 42.2% of the budget has been raised. It is hoped that by the end of June, when nine months of the Conference year are past, the Denominational Budget can be in the corresponding position of being three quarters completed.

We of the denomination have definitely obligated ourselves, through our General Conference, to the raising of \$46,635 for the carrying on of God's work this year. This is not a vast sum in comparison with modern expenditures for many less worthy purposes, and if each of us contributes his share, it would not require a large giving on the part of any individual. When one considers the various aspects of God's work that we are supporting through the Denominational Budget, the amounts asked are pitifully small. Carrying the message of redemption to the uninformed at home and abroad, the preparation and distribution of Sabbath literature, the education and training of future denominational leaders — these are but a few of the jobs which we are helping by supporting the budget.

A little over a year ago we were asked to bring last year's budget up to date by individual contributions of five dollars apiece. Response at that time was such that at the mid-point of the Conference years the budget was just about half raised. A similar giving during June should bring the budget at the end of the month to three quarters of the total amount needed. Surely we can do that. Let's give our Conference president a vote of confidence during the month of June. — A. Burdet Crofoot.

WHY I KEEP THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH

Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen

(Continued from last issue)

III. A Symbol for All People

"Yes," some people say, "I can see that. But wasn't that for the Jews?" This question brings me to my third major reason for keeping the seventh day Sabbath. What did the ancient prophets believe and teach on this question? Did they think of the Sabbath as only for the Jews?

Thus says the Lord: . . . "Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil." "And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, every one who keeps the sabbath, and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer." Isa. 56: 1, 2, 6, 7, RSV.

Along with that, notice what Paul thought and taught about the relationship of Christians to the Old Testament dispensation. "And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise." Gal. 3: 29, RSV.

According to these Scriptures, Isaiah taught that the blessings Israel had received from their worship of the one true God, the Creator, would also be poured out upon those Gentiles who would turn to worship this God and keep His Sabbath. And Paul spoke of Christians as the true "offspring, heirs" of Abraham.

The whole world recognizes today that it was the Jewish people who gave the world its best interpretation of religion, just as the Greeks gave the world art, and the Romans gave law. Most people today also recognize the value of one rest day in seven, and this idea was part and parcel of the religion the Jews gave to the world. If we accept the two basic teachings of the religion of the Jews — belief in the one true God who made the universe and belief that He is sanctifying or purifying men from the contamination that has come into the world — if we accept these two basic teachings of religion from the Jews, and if we accept the demonstrated value of one day's rest in seven, to be given to religious purposes, why shouldn't we ac-

cept the very day, the very same day which was originally set apart and sanctified to symbolize the creatorhood and redeemerhood of God? I think we should.

IV. Jesus Taught Sabbathkeeping

But I come to a far greater reason for Christians keeping the Sabbath — the fourth reason in this study. That reason is this: that Jesus Himself both kept and recommended the keeping of this day.

And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. Luke 4: 16, RSV.

And he said to them, "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath; so the Son of man is lord even of the sabbath." Mark 2: 27, 28, RSV.

Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a sabbath. Matt. 24: 20, RSV.

I think it is plain from these passages of Scripture that Jesus Himself recognized and appreciated the values of Sabbathkeeping built up in Old Testament times. Why shouldn't the Christian Church, which professes to follow Christ, follow Him in this regard also?

We profess to believe in Jesus. We profess to follow Him. Why should we disregard His example whose custom was to attend public worship on the Sabbath day? Why should we disregard His Word when He said the Sabbath was made for man?

My four chief reasons for keeping the seventh day Sabbath, then, are these: (1) It is the symbol and memorial of God's action in creation. (2) It is the symbol and memorial of God's action in redemption. (3) It was envisioned by the prophets as a rallying point for the Gentiles who would accept from the Jews these great truths about the one God whose power alone brought the world into being and whose power alone is sanctifying or purifying this world. These prophets pronounced God's blessing upon all who would accept God and His mark or sign — the Sabbath. (4) It was the day, the only day, kept and recommended by Jesus, the Christ, my Lord.

Properly kept, the Sabbath makes us partakers of eternity, and of the life of God who inhabits eternity. It brings rest to body, mind, and soul, by making us partakers of divine peace.

RESOLUTION OF ACP

The following is one of seven resolutions adopted unanimously by the Associated Church Press meeting in Washington, April 10. The ACP includes about 120 religious periodicals of which the Sabbath Recorder is one. We were not represented this year, but we would no doubt have concurred in this and the other resolutions.

4. Whereas, It is our opinion that appointment of a United States ambassador to the Vatican is a fundamental violation of the national principle of separation of church and state,

Resolved, That the Associated Church Press express its gratification that the nomination of such an ambassador was withdrawn by the previous administration and has not been made by the present administration, and urge the President of the United States not to disregard the steadfast conviction of a majority of the American people that no diplomatic representative of the United States should be assigned to the Holy See.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

June 5-7

The Central Association will meet in Brookfield, N. Y., with the Second Brookfield Church, June 5-7, 1953.

The theme of the association, "Christ Reflected in You," has been taken from the words found in Acts 4: 13, "And they took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus."

Edgar F. Wheeler, the recently chosen pastor of the De Ruyter Church, will preach Friday evening. He will develop the idea, "Christ Reflected in Your Brotherhood."

On Sabbath morning Rev. Lester G. Osborn, delegate from the Eastern Association, will show how "Christ Is Reflected in Your Sabbath."

Rev. Marion C. Van Horn, pastor of the Second Brookfield Church, will conduct the panel discussion Sunday afternoon on the theme, "Christ Reflected in Your Church." Mr. Van Horn will be assisted in this discussion by Rev. Paul S. Burdick, delegate from the South-eastern Association. — Myra S. Brown, Corresponding Secretary.

A CLOSING PRAYER

Our gracious heavenly Father, we thank Thee for Thy love. We thank Thee for Thy love which was manifested on Calvary's tree, the salvation which we have in Christ Jesus, the love that we have in Him. O Lord, help us to show it in our everyday lives that others may see Jesus manifested in us. Help us to show it forth. Help us to think about it. Help us to be conscious of Thy presence. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Note: This little prayer (taken from a tape recording) brought to a close the Sabbath afternoon program of the Pacific Coast Association. It was given by Daniel Judy, a Sabbathkeeper, who is completing his junior year at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. Mr. Judy gave the afternoon message, "The Love of Christ."

Fouke Evangelistic Crusade

Rev. Trevah R. Sutton

During the first three months of 1953 we of the Fouke, Ark., Church had an evangelistic crusade. It was a time devoted to a revival of our spiritual lives and interests in our Christian responsibilities. Not that we limited our evangelism to a crusade, but it was a time devoted to preparation of ourselves for a greater week-by-week and day-by-day witnessing for Christ.

The central emphasis of this crusade was two weekends of special evangelistic meetings, February 20 to March 1, with visitation between. We had the good fortune of having Rev. Everett T. Harris of the Missionary Society with us to share his experiences both in his preaching and in visitation. We felt ourselves drawn closer to God and we definitely felt the presence of the Holy Spirit working with us.

The crusade was only a steppingstone for continued efforts in evangelism through preaching, teaching, worship, and personal witness, showing how God's redemption can mold every phase of life. We now rejoice that past influences as well as the crusade have contributed in leading some of our young people to profession of faith in Christ by baptism, and along with others, into church membership.

LETTER TO THE SECRETARY OF THE MISSIONARY BOARD

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Bath Seventh Day Baptist Church, I am penning these few lines to the Mission Board, in sincere appreciation of the return to our field of Rev. W. T. Fitzrandolph and his family. He has proven to be to us a man of sterling qualities.

His shrewd judgment and keen foresight have been of greatest value to our church.

We bless God for him. His labours amongst us have been a boon. He returned to us after the disastrous hurricane of 17 Aug., 1951, and right away he tackled the job of restoring our disabled church which today stands a monument of beauty in our community. Thank God for stalwart men as Rev. Fitzrandolph has proven himself.

He is a friend in need and deed, coupled with dear Mrs. Fitzrandolph in her labours of love and patience amongst us.

We do hope for them long life, and visible signs of success, amongst the flocks they are ministering in.

In conclusion, may God bless our dear American brethren for the continued support of our field; and when our Redeemer hands out the rewards to those who love their fellow men, may Jamaica sparkle as a bright gem in America's crown. God bless you!

Yours working for Christ,

Mary Mae Churnside, Clerk,
Japheth Anderson, Asst. Clerk,
Deacon W. Reginald Ross,
Supt. Harold P. Ross,
Edgar Ross,
Deacon Emanuel Anderson,
Louise Campbell.

Bath, Jamaica, B. W. I.,

December 2, 1952.

Eastern Association

The Eastern Association will meet at Westerly, R. I., June 12-14 — theme: "Our Faith." The first service will be on Friday at 8 p.m., Daylight Saving Time, and the closing service Sunday morning.

Mrs. Tacy A. Saretzki,
Corresponding Secretary.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y. — The World Day of Prayer service was held in our church, which joined with the Bolivar Methodist Church, the Bolivar Episcopal Church, and the Richburg Adventist Church. A very inspiring program was carried out by the ladies of these churches. After the meeting, tea was served at the Community Center from a table decorated with small flags of the United Nations made by Mrs. Amy Crandall and Mrs. Leta DeGroff.

Prayer meetings are held each Friday evening with an average attendance of twenty. The meetings are planned and carried out on alternate Friday evenings by the young people and by an adult, with Pastor Van Horn always ready to help and encourage.

The four Friday evening meetings before Easter were in charge of Mark Sanford who used a series of related topics: "The Christian Measure of Success," "The Principle of Growth," "The Meaning of Faith," concluding with "The Power of Choice."

Sabbath morning, April 4, a baptismal service was held when four of our young boys, Robert Enos, Stanley Ray DeGroff, Douglas Polan, and Tommy Grantier, were baptized. Three requested membership in our church. Special music was rendered by both the junior and senior choirs.

Easter morning a sunrise service was held on the church lawn. This service was entirely prepared and carried out by the young people. Thirty-two attended.

At the Communion service on Sabbath day, April 11, those requesting membership were received into the church.

We feel deeply grateful to God for putting it into the heart of our pastor, Delmer Van Horn, to accept the call to our church. We have grown to love him and his fine family who are doing such a splendid work in our church and community. — Mrs. Ferris S. Whitford, Correspondent.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 30, 1953

The Way of Christian Love
Lesson Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, April 30, 1953

Receipts		April	7 months
Balance on hand Apr. 1	\$	65.00	
Adams Center			168.55
Albion			136.02
Alfred, First			1,275.69
Alfred, Second			434.90
Andover			10.00
Associations and groups			45.00
Battle Creek	895.94		2,635.50
Berlin	44.06		448.58
Boulder			246.14
Brookfield, First			100.00
Brookfield, Second			163.55
Chicago	62.00		443.81
Daytona Beach	27.30		309.25
Denver	121.56		394.09
De Ruyter			60.00
Dodge Center			125.00
Edinburg			15.94
Farina	15.00		201.60
Fouke			61.10
Friendship			5.00
Hammond	10.00		10.00
Hebron, First	21.22		104.04
Hopkinton, First	165.70		683.50
Hopkinton, Second			20.00
Independence	16.00		288.00
Indianapolis			47.15
Individuals	45.00		210.00
Irvington			200.00
Little Genesee	13.00		259.47
Little Prairie	3.50		21.70
Los Angeles			299.00
Lost Creek			359.02
Marlboro			1,126.33
Middle Island	11.00		76.35
Milton	377.24		2,464.93
Milton Junction	137.84		921.98
New Auburn	12.00		100.85
New York			82.30
North Loup			320.52
Nortonville	55.00		195.00
Pawcatuck	923.01		2,237.15
Philadelphia	15.00		107.50
Piscataway	21.00		103.50
Plainfield	317.29		2,069.80
Richburg			148.56
Ritchie			30.00
Riverside	621.23		1,157.27
Roanoke			36.00
Rockville			55.59
Salem			378.80
Salemville			45.00
Schenectady			40.00
Shiloh	160.00		1,429.46
Syracuse			100.00
Verona	41.00		464.78
Walworth			30.00
Washington			81.00
Waterford	13.26		117.18
Welton			10.00
White Cloud	21.70		238.67
Totals	\$4,231.85		\$23,950.12

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,043.46	\$ 248.03
Tract Society	408.54	20.00
Board of Christian Education	565.95	
Women's Society	74.91	30.00
Historical Society	125.40	
Ministerial Retirement	374.88	227.27
S. D. B. Building	104.94	
World Fellowship and Service	19.80	201.84
General Conference	582.12	12.84
S. D. B. Memorial Fund		105.00
American Bible Society		5.10
Balance on hand	81.77	
Totals	\$3,381.77	\$ 850.08

Comparative Figures

	1953	1952
Receipts in April		
Budget	\$3,316.77	\$2,969.94
Specials	850.08	1,058.07
Receipts in 7 months		
Budget	19,687.28	24,049.37
Specials	4,262.84	6,803.96
Annual Budget	46,635.00	43,825.00
Percentage of budget raised to date	42.2%	54.9%

L. M. Van Horn,

Milton, Wis.

Treasurer.

Obituaries

Armsby. — Eva Bentley, daughter of Caleb and Emma Whitford Bentley, was born September 3, 1867, and died January 7, 1953, at Berlin, N. Y.

She was baptized by Rev. B. F. Rogers in 1885. She joined the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church of which she was a member until her death.

She was the wife of the late John Armsby who died in 1918. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Carlton L. Greene, Mrs. Charles Knight, Mrs. Roy Wright; one son, Leland Armsby; a sister, Mrs. Janie Hull; and two brothers, Arlie C. and William U. Bentley, all of Berlin, N. Y. There are 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Charles F. White Funeral Home on January 10, 1953, conducted by Rev. A. E. Hanney. Her pastor, Rev. Paul L. Maxson, was unable to conduct the service due to illness. Interment was in Meadowlawn Cemetery, Petersburg, N. Y.

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Patriotic Prayer

O God who touchest mankind by word and example the ways to true peace —

— Inspire the minds of all our leaders with the wisdom to bring about a peace according to Thy designs.

— Strengthen the wills of our fighting men and women lest in the pursuit of their vocations they succumb to the temptation to rejoice in the power of material might and gain over true righteousness.

— Enlighten the minds of those in positions of responsibility to the awareness of Thy Commandments which must be the basis for a true peace.

— Touch with Thy outstretched hand of forgiveness the souls of tyrants who would, by abandoning Thy teachings, lead us to disaster.

— With humility and sincerity, do we beg Thy blessings on all those throughout the world who strive to bring about a peace which can be gained by Thy leadership. Amen.