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nary apartments at 124 N. Albany St., Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Keller were active last year in Sabbath school work and are still teaching the junior and children's classes. They also helped conduct the children's camp last year.

Former Pastor and Mrs. David Williams have been greatly missed as have all our young student pastors and their wives when they have been called to fields of greater usefulness. Mr. Williams, who received his Master's degree at Northern Baptist Seminary last May, chose the Air Force chaplaincy as his field of service.

Recent news from the Williamses reveals that a few weeks after being joined by his family, he was sent for three months to the Bahama Islands where he expects to be until the middle of December. Mrs. Williams and their small children are remaining in Texas.

A former member of the Chicago Church, Mrs. Liniel Lewis, and daughter Myrtle, who have recently moved from Indianapolis to Evanston, Ill., are welcomed back into our group. — Correspondent.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for November 7, 1953

Stronger Churches — Better Communities

Lesson Scripture: Acts 2: 41-47;

Phil. 1: 27-30; 1 Peter 2: 4, 5, 9, 10.

Contributed by C. Harmon Dickinson

Births

Crandall. — A daughter, Gale Ann, to Boat-swain Mate and Mrs. John Lee Crandall of Ashaway, R. I., September 29, 1953.

McCorkel. — A son, Harry Hamilton II, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. McCorkel, Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 25, 1953.

Obituaries

Whitford. — Paul Abert, son of Abert and Ella E. Whitford, was born in Leonardsville, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1883, and died at his home in Plainfield, N. J., on Oct. 9, 1953.

His youth was spent in Leonardsville, N. Y., and at the age of 18, he moved to Plainfield to work for the Potter Printing Press Company.

In 1903 he went to Westerly, R. I., where he was employed by C. B. Cottrell & Sons Co., printing press manufacturers. In 1910 he returned to Plainfield and was office manager of various textile concerns in New York City over a period of 29 years. In 1922 he married Miss Celia Cottrell. To this union two children were born. Mr. Whitford was elected a trustee of the Memorial Fund in 1934 and became its

treasurer in 1941, which position he held until his death.

He was a member and actively engaged in the work of his church. He served for many years as assistant treasurer of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church, and was a trustee of Alfred University. For the past several years he has held the responsibility of treasurer of the American Sabbath Tract Society.

Surviving are his widow, a son, Roger C., and a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Van Buren; two brothers, Dr. Edwin Whitford of Westerly, and Ernest C. of Plainfield; a sister, Miss Lucy Whitford; a granddaughter, Susan Van Buren.

Services were held at the Memorial Home on Oct. 11 and 12 and interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J. L. M. M.

Burdick. — Mary Babcock, daughter of Herbert and Fanny Watrous Babcock, was born July 27, 1880, and passed away August 17, 1953, at the Westerly hospital after a brief illness.

She was married Oct. 10, 1900, to Elisha Burdick, who preceded her in death. There are no immediate relatives. Mrs. Burdick was active in church and community affairs for many years. Funeral services, held in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church August 20, were conducted by Rev. Eli F. Loofboro in the absence of Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor.

E. F. L.

Babcock. — Martin, was born March 6, 1875, and passed away May 8, 1953.

Mr. Babcock lived in and near Riverside, Calif., for fifty-eight years. In 1895, with his parents, he first came to Colony Heights, the original beginning of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church. Young Martin returned to Humboldt, Neb., for a time, where he married Laura Gilmore in 1897.

As a member of the Riverside Church, Mr. Babcock was very active, for a long time being a member of the choir, the men's chorus, the board of trustees, and holding other offices. He made many improvements and repairs on the buildings at Pacific Pines Camp, the church building, and other church property. His Christian thoughtfulness and helpfulness will long be a cherished memory.

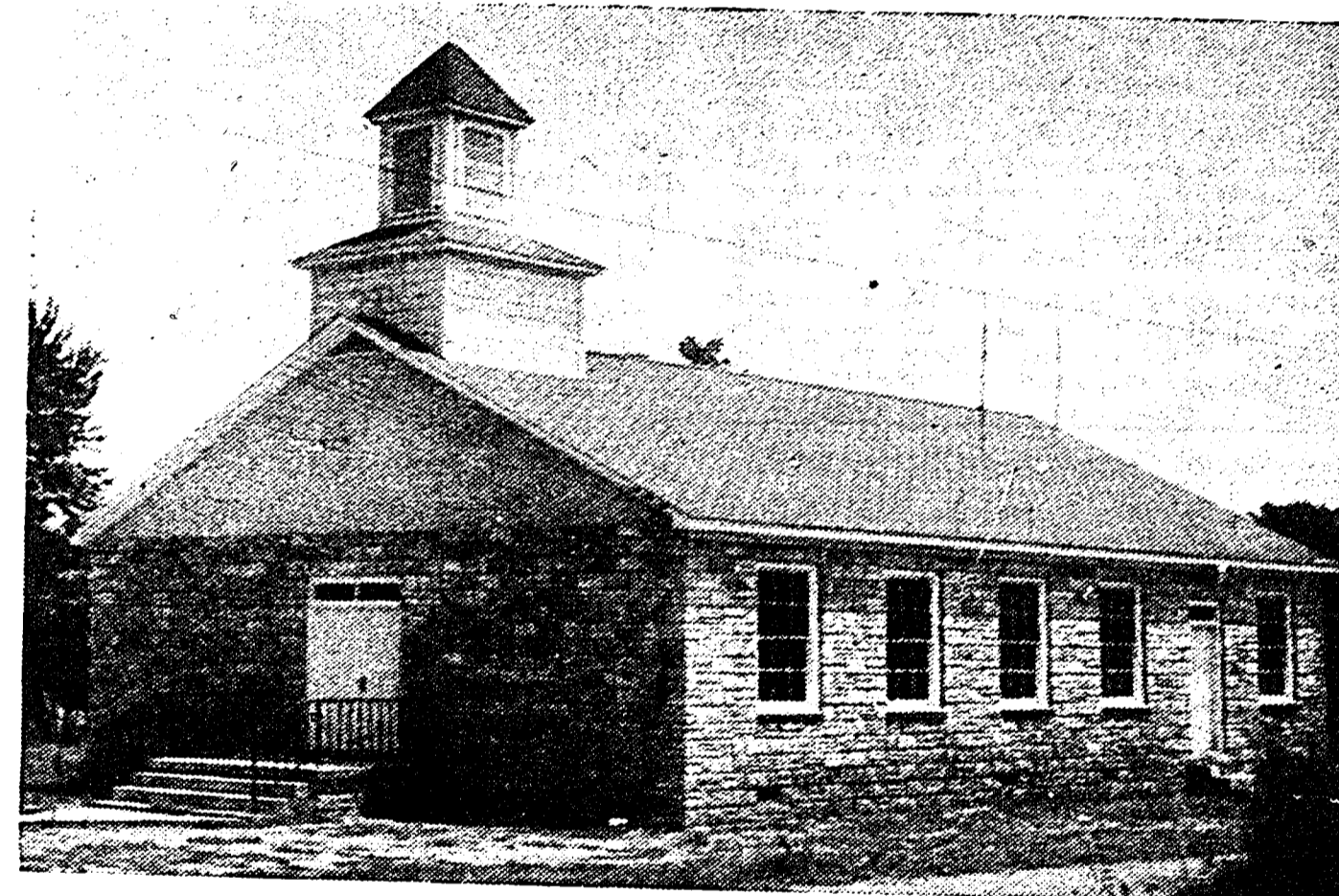
Mr. Babcock is survived by his wife; two daughters, Ada Sloan and Ethel Karstens; two sons, Charles Benjamin and Lewis Hubert; two sisters, Bessie Herbert and Lillian Babcock; one brother, Robert; several grandchildren, and a number of great-grandchildren. T. D. L.

Rowe. — John Clarence, was born March 14, 1884, and passed away July 15, 1953.

Mr. Rowe was educated from a child to young manhood at the Nebraska City School for the Blind at Nebraska City, Neb. He learned to teach violin and also to tune pianos. On Oct. 20, 1906, he married Eva Wright at Auburn, Neb. On June 7, 1952, they became faithful members of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have been Sabbathkeepers since 1908. Altogether they have lived in California twenty-three years.

Mr. Rowe is survived by his wife, a brother, W. T., of Pasadena, a sister, Mrs. Laura Russell of Sacramento, as well as other relatives.

T. D. L.



New Church Building at Paint Rock, Ala. See story inside.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

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THEME FOR NEXT CONFERENCE

To Know Him and Make Him Known

YEARLY MEETING THOUGHTS

The editor was privileged recently to attend the Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Seventh Day Baptist Churches. There were no members present from Berlin but one or two from New York City and a good delegation from the New Jersey churches. The meeting was held in the Marlboro Church which is a country church a few miles from Shiloh. It is one of those churches that gives one a feeling of refreshment when attending its services. It seems to be filled with people who are staunch and earnest, sure of their belief, helpful and Christian in their attitude. We do not suppose that the Marlboro Church is free from all troubles, any more than any other church, but there is a wholesomeness about that church which certainly impresses the visitor.

Previous notices in the Sabbath Recorder have mentioned the various fall meetings that have been held, or are to be held in the near future. This yearly meeting is not the most important of all the meetings being held this fall, and we would not overemphasize it, but the editor, of course, can only write about that which he himself has experienced. So we would like to put in just a few words about the meetings in the Marlboro Church.

We dare not say that New Jersey can boast the greatest beauties of nature or more evidences of the handiwork of God in painting the autumn foliage, but certainly we can voice the opinion of all who were able to make the trip from North Jersey to South Jersey that there were gorgeous colors, some of which perhaps might not be found in other areas of the country. Leisurely returning to Plainfield after the meetings were over, we were able to enjoy these beauties to the full and to enjoy them perhaps more than if we had seen them on the way to the meetings, for we had a feeling after being in the midst of this short series of meetings that God was closer to us than He had been before. Therefore the beauties of nature were enhanced by the experiences of the Sabbath.

The theme of the weekend meetings was "A Closer Walk with God." That theme was well adhered to. At the Sabbath eve service Brother Carlton Wilson, who is the active pastor of the Philadelphia

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Fellowship, brought the first message on "Walking Toward God Through Faith." Clearly, forcibly, and beautifully, he presented the thought that a step in faith is a step with God.

The editor brought the message on Sabbath morning on the assigned topic, "Walking with God in Consecration." He felt that the congregation was attentive and responsive as he brought out the thought that consecration is not a gift of God but a thing which is possessed by redeemed men and women.

"Walking with God in Service" was the subject or theme of the afternoon meeting. A young mother was introduced to the group by the moderator, Charles F. Harris. Her good words were strengthened by the information which he gave in the introduction that her young son had already expressed a desire to be a minister of the Gospel when he grew up. Mrs. Rex Ayars spoke on "Serving God in the Home" by training children. David Shepard, a successful farmer living some twenty-five miles from his home church at Marlboro, was introduced to speak about his experiences in Sabbathkeeping. After mentioning the fact that to him becoming a Christian and becoming a Sabbathkeeper were one and the same experience, he went on to speak of the opportunities that a truck farmer has to witness for the Sabbath and for his faith in Christ.

Frederik Bakker from Plainfield was introduced as a professional man, a lawyer who finds opportunity to let his light shine for Christ and the Sabbath in his professional work. Those who are acquainted with his legal practice and his office conversations would sense the sincerity with which he spoke of the opportunities of the lawyer in the realm of human relations even at the expense of losing some attractive fees.

The enthusiasm of youth was brought into the program the evening after the Sabbath when a trumpet trio from Kings College, Del., took over the main part of the service with music, testimony, and a lively sermon by one of the college students.

One of the significant blessings of meetings such as this one which are held throughout our denomination in the fall

or in the spring of the year is the fellowship with old and new friends between meetings. For the editor this fellowship was rewarding. We would like to mention some of the Sabbath testimonies we heard at the supper table.

A sweet-faced, soft-spoken little lady of seventy years wanted to tell of her recently found joy in keeping the Sabbath.

A tall, gray-haired man became convinced of the Sabbath truth but was disturbed about his shift work requiring him to work Friday nights. He put himself on a sort of probation for two years before asking for church membership. Now he thanks the Lord that he has been given daytime work five days a week.

A young man living near the church has been now for two years a Christian and a member of the church. His good-sized family occupied the front seat at the morning service.

Other new members, well-spoken-of, were in evidence but were too busy serving to visit with all the guests. In looking back over all the contacts with this rural church we could not help but remark to a Plainfield member that perhaps we ought to move all of our churches out in the country. Possibly the editor is prejudiced in favor of the country and its folks.

NO CONTINGENT FUND

The Missionary Board took action at its quarterly meeting on Oct. 25 toward adopting the new budget as revised at General Conference. New members of the board noted that the budget is concerned mostly with salaries and that it is a very tight budget. It seems to provide for the large anticipated needs of the many workers but is not flexible enough to cover some of the smaller and unanticipated needs that arise. The reason for this is probably that it takes money to maintain discretionary or contingent funds — money which might accumulate in such funds — money which is more urgently needed for salaries.

Two or three special needs were brought to the attention of the board with no apparent way for them to be met. Mrs. Clarence Crandall, chairman of the American Tropics Committee, presented the case of Mrs. Trotman, wife of one of our

British Guiana pastors, who needs eye surgery. She has lost the sight of one eye and the other is affected. An accomplished musician, she is the one who would play the organ which is being sent, as we understand, from the Marlboro, N. J., Church. We noticed a few dollars changing hands at the close of the meeting.

A new board member presented for discussion the need of Brother E. S. Graf of Argentina for a typewriter capable of doing stencil work. Mr. Graf has been for many years carrying on almost single-handedly an unrecognized Seventh Day Baptist Spanish work. To provide him a typewriter for his tract work (at the very favorable exchange rate) seemed to some to be a good investment. A board member offered a contribution toward it.

When the missionaries sailed for Nyasaland, they made a last-minute purchase of a secondhand paper cutter without knowing where the \$19 purchase price was coming from. Again, outside the meeting a five-dollar bill changed hands.

The above illustrations may indicate a budget situation that somehow ought to be changed. More than that, it shows that members of the board really believe in missions and sometimes try to solve by personal contributions some of the smaller problems which cannot be met by corporate action.

One significant action of the meeting was empowering the president to appoint an Africa Committee in addition to the other standing committees. Loren Osborn heads this new committee.

PASTORAL QUALIFICATIONS

We were impressed with the well-written-thoughts of the unnamed layman on "What I Expect of My Pastor" appearing in this issue. It seems to us that any pastor who could have a fair number of such laymen in his church would have a happy pastorate. If he could be sure that his people had such high and well-defined aims for him it would be a great help to him in living up to those aims, for we take them to be quite representative of the aims any self-respecting pastor has for himself.

It might not be amiss to call on all our readers to think this thing through. What

do you expect of your pastor — the one you have or the one you hope will feel led to come to your church? Let's be fair about it. Don't stop with one or two qualifications. List them all in your mind or on a piece of paper. If you think of all the things you have a right to expect, then you may sense that you are asking a lot and you may be more charitable in your judgment if he does not come up to your expectations at every point in every time of need.

We cannot find any fault with what the writer has included. Some might wish to add other things. Intellectual attainments are not very specifically mentioned. They are implied in the specialized field where knowledge counts. The minister should be a man of the Word. He can't be that without study. When a man spends one or two years beyond college in other fields, he receives a master's degree. When he spends three years beyond college in Bible and theology studies, his degree is still bachelor of divinity or theology. It is a help toward ministering to his people but it is really only a minor part of the education of experience and private Bible study.

Pastors are well aware that they do not have all the qualifications needed for their God-given tasks, particularly in their first pastorate. In our years of experience we have never seen a young pastor who had the right stuff in him who didn't grow in ability during his ministry. Like the laymen they serve, they never do quite get over making mistakes. We wonder sometimes if churches and pastors should not make it a general rule that first pastorates be shorter than later pastorates. Mistakes or failures of youth can often be better corrected or capitalized upon in another church.

The joy of the pastor and church relation is in seeing the people grow spiritually. As the people grow the pastor grows, becomes more mature, more understanding, and sometimes more zealous. He works with ideas and doctrines, but more and more he works with people, leading them from earth to heaven with sure step.

When there's a piano to move, don't pick up the stool. — Selected.

Secretary's Column

Reviewing Budget Giving

Quite probably by the time this message appears, the budget giving for October will be completed, and the treasurer will be working on his first report for the current Conference year. In another week we should know how thoroughly the enthusiasm of the Battle Creek Conference has carried forward and whether the impetus of a progressive program is being realized. Meanwhile, however, it may be helpful to review a bit that happened during the Conference year recently closed.

Consistent with past years' records, total giving was once more greater than the amount asked of the denomination by Conference in its budget. Total receipts were \$49,700 while the budget was \$46,600. The difference of \$3,300 was sent through the budget treasurer, but was specially earmarked for some specific purpose or board, and so could not be counted in the general budget distribution approved by the 1952 Conference at Denver. Some of the boards also received gifts direct, and some gifts were also made direct to field operations of our agencies, so it is impossible to know exactly what Seventh Day Baptists did give for our denominational task last year. But the fact remains that, as always, we have proved ourselves willing and able to give beyond what was specifically set up for us by Conference.

It was precisely this situation which Conference at Battle Creek attempted to realize this last August. In fact, the resolution adopted by Conference includes the words "a budget which accurately reflects the total needs of our boards and agencies, without extra-budgetary askings . . ." The new budget was largely rewritten to include known and pledged gifts which have previously been recorded as "specials" by the budget treasurer or which go directly to their beneficiaries without ever appearing in the treasurer's records.

We are still asked to give more than we did last year, even including the unrecorded gifts of last year. We have undertaken a forward-looking program

MEMORY TEXT

"In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him." 1 John 4: 9.

LOCAL COLOR

Mary Cuhady

It is easy to "wax eloquent" about a New York State autumn; to remember and compare bright pasts with today's gay fall. So excuse me please, while I "wax" on about autumn.

A sumac, as far as I know, is just a bush, until October when it becomes the greatest scarlet on Mother Nature's palette. "Baldy Knob" across the valley from the church has a sumac fringe. The pine tree fingers on Langworthy Hill are wearing ruby rings and golden maple bands with an emerald set or two. Even the lowly thorn trees have an amethyst cast.

The field across from John Sanford's is a sunny brown and the tips of the birch trees in the gravel pit are soft yellow. The hill beyond is a gaudy calico print. The poplars on the flats are still in summer green as contrast to an occasional purple oak. The hard and soft maples of the back road and Salt Rising road are their usual gypsy selves.

This year the hills of home are not as vivid as they sometimes are. Mother Nature has used pastels on soft beige to replace the poster-paint color of other years.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth" and the flaming hills around us.

[The editor riding to and from work and observing the rapidly changing hues of Plainfield's beautiful trees has wished he could write some poetic prose, but he gladly bows out when he finds the above feature article in "The Belfry," the quarterly mimeographed paper of the Little Genesee, N. Y., Church edited by D. E. Van Horn, pastor. Ed.]

for God's work, and it will cost more. But it is God's work, and by His grace we can meet the added cost. A. B. C.

SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH PAINT ROCK, ALA.

This little church body has been through many trials, and has even experienced two migrations. It was first organized near Logan, Ala., in Cullman County, about sixty miles south of Athens where it became better known among Seventh Day Baptists. It was organized with ten members in the year 1909 by our dear Brother D. W. Leath, a very godly Seventh Day Baptist minister. Services were held on Sabbaths in our small community schoolhouse. This was of short duration as our pastor moved out of our community and soon became ill and passed away. The families moved away, some to Athens, Ala., where the church was reorganized after a few years, and Brother Verney A. Wilson was called to serve as pastor. God had planted the seed and though there were seasons when it lay dormant, it was God's work, and it could not die. While Brother Wilson served as pastor it grew spiritually and in numbers. This was to give way to another period of testing.

There were calls to our leaders. Our beloved pastor felt the Lord's leading to accept the call to the pastorate of the Jackson Center, Ohio, Church. A. T. Bottoms and Emmett H. Bottoms felt the call to the ministry and to preparation for it. With their leaving, other families moved away, and without a pastor the little body became dormant again.

Despite this dormancy there was at least one member who could never give up believing that God would revive this little church body again. Each year when the clerk received the blanks for the year's report it was filled out with the meager information that was available, but with a prayer, and a hope and a belief that God was in it and, in His own time, would bring the revival.

It was by the loving influence of the visit of Brother C. A. Beebe and Brother Zack White one summer after the return of several families that a regular Sabbath school was reorganized. After this, Rev. Walter E. Hancock served as our pastor for a year and brought many inspiring messages. Meetings were held alternately at Athens and Woodville (Route 1), for quite a few years with visiting ministers

supplying the pulpit when we were without a pastor. In 1950, Brother Edgar F. Wheeler served lovingly and efficiently as pastor until he was stricken with an illness which required a year's rest. Having the pastor taken away again, was felt as a great blow to the little church.

Being without a pastor for a year, the body had the blessing of a visit by Brother Wayne Marona, evangelist from Los Angeles, Calif. During the series of meetings held in the First Day Baptist Church in Cedar Point Community, there was a great moving of souls, and spiritual blessings upon all who attended with open hearts. There were spiritual experiences that will never be forgotten.

That year the little church was again bereft of one of its strongest and most beloved families, the B. H. Bottoms family, who sold their farm home and returned to Battle Creek, Mich. The remaining membership knew that they must only pray and seek for new fortitude to carry on with this added hardship.

The following year (1952) Brother Ralph M. Soper came in April to take up the pastorate. He and his beloved family won the love and respect of everyone, and it was a blessed year for the little church as a body. Sad circumstances again entered in to take Brother Soper and his family away, and also Miss Mary Alice Butler, one of the best workers. The little group felt heartbroken, but knew that God could and would take care. Brother Edgar Wheeler, having returned in the fall of 1951 as a lay member, was here to serve again as supply pastor till after the Southwestern Association convened, when he was to accept the call to pastor the DeRuyter, N. Y., Church. Brother Ralph Soper was called to return as our pastor, and at this date he is making arrangements to return to Paint Rock if it is the Lord's will.

During the Southwestern Association meeting with our group, which had moved by this time to Paint Rock, Ala., Brother David Pearson, a young minister and member of this church, was ordained to the ministry. Upon Brother Wheeler's leaving, David was called to serve as supply pastor until another pastor came. He will take up the pastorate in Berea,

W. Va., in November. The group feels it a great blessing that it hasn't been without a pastor recently even in the many changes.

One by one the dear pastors have come and given loving service and gone on to other work, being bound to the little group with mutual love, and left aching hearts with their going.

The new building is a memorial in honor of James Edward Butler, son of Robert L. and Almira Bottoms Butler, who gave his life in World War II. It was financed largely by funds from insurance that named his mother as beneficiary. His life was dedicated to the Lord by his mother even before his birth, therefore she felt that God was answering her long years of prayer for a house of worship by a dearly bought sacrifice, and that these funds could be used for no other purpose. There was no doubt that God was leading in the plans and working out of the building project. Since its completion there have been some wonderful experiences among the group. At one service a young mother accepted the Lord, and since then there have been others. The Southwestern Association convened here; a young minister has been ordained; a memorial service for James E. Butler was held at the time of its dedication; five new members have been received into the church body, one of them the 73-year-old father of James E. Butler. God be praised! There has also been a wedding, the marriage of Miss Bettie A. Butler to David C. Pearson, the present supply pastor.

There is a hearty welcome extended to all Sabbath believers to come and worship with this group. Paint Rock is a small town in northeast Alabama, situated on Highway 72, about 18 miles east of Huntsville. The Seventh Day Baptist Church building is one block west of the highway, a marker standing at the intersection.

Sabbathkeeping people are invited to come to live in this area where there are many industries providing employment with Sabbath privileges. These people have open hearts and doors and extend to all a heart welcome.

Mrs. Robert L. Butler.

The best way to break a habit is to drop it.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION NOTES

Rev. Marion C. Van Horn

The fall session of the Central Association convened in the Leonardsville Church on Sabbath, October 10, with 175 delegates from the six churches. Pastors Earl Cruzan of Adams Center, Victor Skaggs of Verona, Edgar Wheeler of De Ruyter, and Marion Van Horn of Brookfield and Leonardsville conducted the various services of the day.

Four children's programs were conducted in the afternoon: Mrs. Erma Van Horn with the nursery group and Miss Joyce VanDresen, Mrs. Carol Crandall, Mrs. Mabel Cruzan, and Mrs. Mayola Warner with the beginners, primary, and junior groups.

Pastor Edgar Wheeler gave the morning sermon. The theme was "Stepping Out on Faith" from the text Heb. 11: 8-10. Mrs. Avis Schrag and Mrs. Elsie Croop of Leonardsville sang a duet, "I Ask No More."

A feature of the afternoon program was the tape-recorded sermon given by Rev. Ronald Barrar at the Battle Creek Conference. The Verona Men's Chorus sang a number of selections and conducted the closing devotions.

The pastors presented a plan for an associational program of evangelism. The association elected Charles Swing chairman of the Committee on Missions. Each church is to elect its own representative on this committee. The pastors are also members. Each church will release its pastor for two weeks once a year so that all pastors and some lay workers may concentrate all efforts on an evangelistic campaign in one church of the association each year. The committee is to meet this fall and begin plans for the first campaign for next spring. Besides this united effort each church was urged to plan a special annual evangelistic program in its own local area.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 14, 1953

Good Stewards of God's Gifts

Lesson Scripture: Psalm 24: 1;
Lev. 25: 18-22; Mal. 3: 7-10; 1 Cor. 16: 2.

THE BRIGHTER SIDE

Recently the writer had the opportunity to hear the president of Salem College speak on the theme, "What's Right About Salem College." It was different, it was challenging, and it was encouraging. All too often we hear our people speaking about what's wrong with our colleges, our boards, and our churches. Without blinking the fact that some things may be wrong and the picture may have a darker side, nevertheless, we appreciate having our eyes and minds drawn occasionally to the brighter side. Some things are right about our colleges, boards, and churches. We may well take heart and press on.

The particular emphasis of this article today is on the theme of what's right about our Missionary Society as the work is carried forward by the present Board of Managers. Without doubt the board has made mistakes in judgment occasionally, and who hasn't? But, by and large, the board makes right judgments and sees the total field of missions in better perspective than is generally recognized. The men and women who make up the board are keen, alert, and humble. They are busily employed in their professions, yet loving the Lord and the extension of His Kingdom at home and abroad enough to take the time and effort to meet regularly at board meetings and to serve on standing committees.

These board meetings are not cut-and-dried affairs. They are democratic and typically New England town meetings in the way they are conducted. Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit each member has the opportunity to express a point of view. The majority rules and the minority is loyal in support once the vote is taken. These board meetings begin promptly at two o'clock on the fourth Sunday of October, January, April, and July. They rarely close before five o'clock. For three hours, approximately twenty men and women give of their best time and thought to the problems of missions at home and abroad. Figured conservatively, this contributed time is equal to a gift to the denomination of over a hundred dollars a meeting. In addition, some members drive as far as fifty miles to attend, paying their own travel expense.

Now that several members of the Board of Managers will be coming from Plainfield, N. J., we might place the figure much higher than this.

The treasurer of the board is an executive who contributes of his time and talent beyond most people's realization. He has estimated, when pressed to do so, that it requires about twenty-four hours a week of his time to carry on the board's investment and financial affairs. He will not want this written and will probably protest when he reads it; nevertheless, our people ought to know that services equal to those he contributes could not be hired for less than thousands of dollars a year.

The secretary's office is a clearinghouse for the missionary work and interests of our denomination. Letters come in from all parts of the world and are answered, going out of the office at the rate of approximately two hundred letters a month and at a cost of over eight dollars a month as recorded by the postage meter. Within recent days an average of twenty-five letters a day has gone out in an effort to contact pastors and churches.

When the executive secretary was recently asked to make a job analysis for the Commission, he tried to sum up the work as follows: operating or assisting through correspondence in Seventh Day Baptist missions in Africa (Nyasaland and Nigeria), Australia, Denmark, Free China, Great Britain, Germany, Holland, Jamaica, New Zealand, Philippine Islands, South America (British Guiana, Brazil, and Argentina); assisting in home missions — through help given to six missionary churches, giving information and encouragement to all pastors, in recruiting for the ministry, in observing World-wide Communion, Men and Missions Sabbath, The Week of Prayer in the Churches, The Fellowship of Prayer preceding Easter, in promoting Preaching Missions, Visitation Evangelism, and the other methods of outreach; making field trips according to requests of churches, time and funds available; for presenting the work of missions in the churches, associations, and Conference, for conducting special evangelistic services; contributing missions information regularly to the Sabbath Recorder, Mission Notes (quarterly), and through the Mis-

sionary Reporter (quarterly); preparing quarterly reports for the Board of Managers, and an annual report for the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society and General Conference; undertaking to cooperate with other boards of the denomination which are carrying on related home and foreign mission work and also with the executive secretary of Conference; assisting board members and committees to keep informed regarding our mission fields as to current activities, problems, long-range goals, and progress toward these goals.

This analysis and this article were written with no thought of boasting but to help our people to realize what is being done. To take care of the executive work of the Missionary Society with the decisions that must be made and carried out, to be personnel man with all this implies as to thirty or more workers, to take care of the volume of correspondence, to contact churches presenting the work of missions, to represent the board at associations and Conference, this is a full-time job. When field trips for extended evangelistic programs are taken they are extra. They mean extra night work in preparation and in catching up. They mean telephone calls to try to keep affairs going in one's absence. They are the extra which preclude any possibility of the secretary doing creative reading and writing or planning of an aggressive program. How long one can keep it up and not run dry is only a question of time. Certainly the pastors who read this can appreciate the situation.

The brighter side to all this might be stated briefly as follows: The work goes forward and the possibilities for even greater work are good if we can keep well and happy, loving and trusting each other, and giving God the glory.

E. T. H.

ASSOCIATION MISSION PLANS

It is encouraging to note the interest and plans in several associations in the matter of Preaching Missions or some special evangelistic effort to be made within coming months. The Conference president's theme for the year, "To know Him and to make Him known," provides a

wonderful rallying call for such an intensive effort on the part of every church within each association.

A representative of the Southeastern Association has written, "The Co-ordinating Council (the Southeastern Association Missionary Committee) asked me to report to you that we favor the Preaching Mission project. The council recommended that the churches consider the matter and report to the next council meeting their suggestions. We hope to rearrange the exchanges in a way that will be pleasing to all."

A pastor from the Central Association has written, "At our executive meeting to prepare for Fall Association, held in Verona, we worked out a plan for evangelism to be presented to the association for approval. The plan is for each church to release its pastor for two weekends and the week between to go and assist in evangelistic meetings in one of the other churches. Each year the other pastors would all go to help the local pastor of a church selected in an intensive evangelistic effort. From plans discussed, De Ruyter would be first to receive the benefits of the plan. Along with this plan the local church would be expected to carry on its own special meetings at another time of the year. The plan was submitted and approved, so we hope for big things. We need your prayers, for we all recognize that evangelism is our only hope for the future."

It is known that several other associations are adapting the suggested plans to the preference of each church. We are truly going about our Father's business when stronger churches assist weaker churches and pastors volunteer to give time and strength from busy local programs to help some sister church.

Some of our older retired pastors might respond favorably to a request for assistance in special services. Some Association Missions Committee chairmen might take it upon themselves to visit pastorless churches and fellowships, offering counsel and encouragement.

God grant us a sense of urgency in these matters. Now is an acceptable time to go labor in His vineyard.

E. T. H.

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November Worship Thought

Thanksgiving — Psalm 46: 1

Let's give our thanks for little things
That waking up each morning brings —
For eyes to see the friends we meet
Who make our tiny world complete.

Let's give our thanks for ears to hear
Familiar sounds that we hold dear —
The laughter and the gay refrain —
The wind — a robin in the rain!

Let's give our thanks that we've a heart
To understand when teardrops start —
Strong arms to hold the ones we love,
Two lips to pray to God above!

For real Thanksgiving never brings
Us peace — without these little things.
Nick Kenny.

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SABBATH ACTIVITIES

The Christian Culture Committee of the Women's Board has prepared a set of possible activities for every Sabbath afternoon in the year to be used in families with younger children. We would like every such family in our denomination to have one and use it. The booklet may be obtained from the Women's Board at 15c each. Requests for the booklet may be sent to Mrs. W. B. Lewis, 367 Champion St., Battle Creek, Mich.

WHAT MUST THE CHURCHES DO?

Mrs. Alberta D. Batson

Presented at the Thursday afternoon meeting at Conference

The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is His new creation
By water and the word;
From Heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her
And for her life he died.

In Ephesians 5: 23 we read, "For the husband is head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church," and again, in verse 25, "Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it."

What must the churches do? First of all, what is the responsibility of the church?

1. To teach Christ;
2. To minister to the needy;
3. To bring others to a fuller understanding of the love of God and a closer walk with Him.

Churches are the people and if the people are more closely yoked with Christ much more good can be accomplished by the church.

We must: Be more faithful; have a growing interest; let our light shine brighter.

Some churches are too much organized — that is we think too much of individual group progress and not enough of the real purpose of the church. In a Parkersburg, W. Va., church with which I am familiar, many people, far too many people, I would say, are active in **this** circle and **that** aid and **this** men's group or what have you, all of which in themselves are very good and important, but at the worship service these people are truly conspicuous by their absence. The Church, the church service needs its workers — men, women, and children — and what is even more important, they need it.

Then too, far too many people do not attend church at all. In the July 27 Sabbath Recorder there appeared an article from The Civic Bulletin entitled "Are We a Christian Nation?" Along with many other appalling facts stated, is the one as revealed to us by J. Edgar Hoover: "Only one out of 12 persons in our country attends church." Isn't at least part of what the churches can do found in our ever-growing need to make the church alive, real, vital, a necessity to these other eleven people so that they, too, may find their way to church? Dare we ever be asleep to that great need?

Then, again, perhaps it is true that too many of us go to church to be entertained, so sit idly by and listen to the sermon, the music, and even perhaps check on the new clothes — or even the old that may show up.

Churches, to grow, to accomplish much in God's great Kingdom, must have active, busy members, members with but one purpose — to speed the bringing of God's Word to all the people, to show the love

ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Board of Christian Education held at Alfred, N. Y., on Oct. 11, 1953, the following directors were elected: Darrell D. Barber, Ahva J. C. Bond, Gerald Burdick, Ben R. Crandall, Dora K. Degen, Everett T. Harris, Jr., J. Nelson Norwood, Neal D. Mills, Helen Ogden, Elizabeth Percy, Donald Richards, Miriam Shaw, Hurley S. Warren, Alfred E. Whitford, all of Alfred, N. Y.; Albert N. Rogers, of Alfred Station; Lola Sutton Webster, Don A. Sanford of Andover, N. Y.; Delmer Van Horn of Little Genesee, N. Y.; Paul Osborn of Richburg, N. Y.; Rogers Baker of Friendship, N. Y.

At the quarterly meeting held Oct. 18, the following officers were elected:

President — Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y.
Vice-President — Hurley S. Warren, Alfred, N. Y.
Executive Secretary — Neal D. Mills, Alfred, N. Y.
Recording Secretary — Don A. Sanford, Andover, N. Y.
Treasurer (Acting) — Ben R. Crandall, Alfred, N. Y.

The matter of establishing a correspondence or extension course in Seventh Day Baptist History and Beliefs was referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Neal D. Mills,
Executive Secretary.

Baptists in Russia have increased 800 per cent under Communism, according to Dr. F. Bredahl Peterson of Copenhagen, president of the European Baptist Federation. The number of Baptists has increased from 400,000 a generation ago to 3,200,000. The statistics were released by the Baptist Union in Russia and checked by the Russian Ministry of Cults. — Action.

of God in their hearts so that all will want to find this great love too.

What must the churches do?

Our churches need to be more vital, more alive, more active, more sincere, and more forgetful of self.

Are you yoked for life in Christ?

Children's Page**THE TWO GARDENS**

"It is springtime, lovely springtime," sang little Betty Lou one bright morning. "I do believe it is the nicest season in all the year," and out she hurried into the sparkling sunshine. "Oh, Dorothy May," she called to her little cousin, who had come to make her home with her for a whole long year, "let's plant a flower garden."

"Oh, Betty Lou, you do think of the pleasantest things," cried Dorothy May happily. "This weather just makes me want to dig and dig. Let's make a garden this very minute."

"We'll have to ask Daddy first," said Betty Lou. "He will let us have all the space we want, if we make really truly gardens and take care of them ourselves."

Betty Lou's father gladly helped the little girls choose small garden spaces, and they were soon busily planting.

At the back of each garden they stretched chicken wire, and there they planted sweet peas. "We'll have twin gardens," said Dorothy May, jumping up and down excitedly.

The rest of their gardens they planted alike, too, with nasturtiums, asters, and in front, low-blossoming plants. Every day, and many times a day, they looked carefully to see if anything had come up. At last, one rainy morning, they shouted with glee for tiny green leaves were beginning to peep through the sod, and before long the little garden spaces were filled with soft green flower plants, which after patient waiting, began to show many colored blossoms.

Two little girls were as busy and happy as bees tending their gardens, and you may be sure they found plenty of work to do — thinning out the plants so that they would not crowd each other, weeding, loosening the soil, and watering the thirsty plants when the weather became hot and dry. Ah! surely it was not all play, but they loved it, every bit.

"Isn't this the very nicest game you ever played, Dorothy May?" said Betty Lou one bright morning as she pressed a pink sweet pea blossom against one rosy cheek.

"And just think how happy we can make people with our pretty flowers. I'm going to pick a bouquet this very minute for poor, sick Mrs. Barton. I just know they will make her feel better."

But Dorothy May shook her curly head and said, "No, no, Betty Lou! I'm not going to pick my posies. I'm going to leave them right where they are so everyone can admire them. I'm not going to spoil the looks of my pretty garden."

"But if you pick them, more blossoms will come," said wise little Betty Lou. "Do pick some of them, Dorothy May."

But Dorothy May again shook her head decidedly and refused to pick one precious blossom. The little girls came as near to quarreling as they ever did in all their lives. At last they went to Betty Lou's mother with their troubles. She patted their little heads tenderly and said, "Suppose you each do what you think best with your flowers and see how you come out. When you have found out whose plan is best come together and let me know."

"All right! All right!" they cried merrily as they hurried down to their pretty gardens. As often as she could, Betty Lou picked her blossoms. She always kept a bouquet on the dining room table and carried many to her friends far and near, while Dorothy May never picked any of her flowers unless they were all dried and wilted.

Day by day Betty Lou's garden was a mass of beautiful blooms, and day by day Dorothy May had fewer and fewer blossoms to treasure, and her little face grew very sober as she looked at the two gardens.

One day she climbed into her auntie's lap, sobbing as if her poor little heart would break, and cried out, "Oh, Auntie, Auntie! Betty Lou's plan was best. I kept all my pretty flowers, but now I have hardly any blossoms left, while Betty Lou has heaps of them. "Oh, dear! Oh, dear!"

"Never mind!" cried generous Betty Lou. "You can have all you want of mine, Dorothy May."

Soon they ran merrily out to play, and Dorothy May was heard to say, "Next time I will not be so selfish. I'll give my flowers to other people, too."

Mizpah S. Greene.

WHAT I EXPECT OF MY PASTOR

A Seventh Day Baptist Layman

Let me tell you what I expect of my pastor. Maybe I expect too much but I think not for he should surely be as Paul advised Timothy: "Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

First of all I want my pastor to be a man of God — an earnest sincere Christian, on fire for the Lord — "zealous of good works."

Second, I want him to be a leader in things both spiritual and physical. He should suggest, guide, direct and still be glad to accept the suggestions of his congregation, working with and co-operating with his flock. We hear much about the need of co-operation on the part of the layman (and it is very important); it is just as important for the pastor to co-operate with his flock and consider their ideas and needs.

I want my pastor to be busy with visitation among his parishioners, those who are not church members, those who are sick and afflicted, those in hospitals, jails, and other institutions. I want him to be vitally interested in the physical welfare of those with whom he comes in contact, and, what is more, I want him to freely talk to sinners about their souls' salvation, to pray with and comfort those in need. In other words I want him to be a good personal worker.

I want my pastor to be just as interested in the need of the poor, the uneducated, the "undesirables" as he is in the wealthy, those with good educations, those who have influence and position.

I want my pastor to spend time in study and preparation to preach strong Bible sermons even though he may "step on my toes." That is his business, to show me where I am failing and yet encourage by word and deed. I want him to listen to the counsel of Paul to Titus and "speak thou the things which become sound doctrine."

I want my pastor to love the young people and to encourage them in taking on responsibility in the church. At the same time he must remember the older adults and the elderly people, making all

feel that they are useful in God's work. His counsel and example if of a godly nature are of utmost value: "Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock."

I want my pastor to be a helpful, considerate husband and father — in case he has a family. And I might add that I believe that it is important that he have a wife whose main desire is to obey the Lord that she might be a fitting "help meet" for her minister husband.

I want my pastor to be prompt in meeting appointments of the church, prompt in both beginning and closing services unless there is good cause for running overtime (occasionally). I want him to be able to keep his class on the subject in Bible study or discussion groups, to conduct testimony and prayer meetings in such a way that all may take part and be drawn nearer to God.

Such a pastor will influence his flock to renewed efforts at using their talents to the glory of God in the church, the home, the community! There will be little room for discouragement, and pastor and laymen will be busy with the Lord's work. Surely then, many souls will be added to the Church of God.

RIAL

The November nationwide emphasis on Religion In American Life (RIAL) has become well known to every pastor and cannot escape the eye of any newspaper reader. It is a concerted effort to publicize the value of religion by newspaper, radio and television, and all other means. Local ministerial associations promote it in the papers and in the churches.

It has a double emphasis. The whole month is a go-to-church month. Our Conference president has asked for such promotion and for records of attendance to be sent to him promptly. The other emphasis is stewardship. Many communities are sponsoring simultaneous financial canvasses by all the churches, taking advantage of large display advertisements in the paper. Alert pastors and church officials among our people may have already laid their plans to co-operate in and take advantage of this church-building publicity. Ed.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Anna C. North

More than three thousand women from all forty-eight states and Hawaii attended the sixth national assembly of United Church Women at Atlantic City, N. J., October 5-8.

There were also guests from France, Japan, and China. About a third of the forty organizations invited to do so sent fraternal delegates. These included the American Bible Society, National Conference of Christians and Jews, National Council of Jewish Women, National W.C.T.U., and Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. Seventh Day Baptists attended from Wisconsin and New Jersey.

Christian greetings were read from three queens — Juliana of The Netherlands, the Queen of Uganda, and the Queen of Tonga on the international date line where the World Day of Prayer begins each year.

As representative of the Women's Board it was my privilege to carry the Seventh Day Baptist banner in the processional which opened the assembly on Monday night.

The theme of the assembly was "Christ Calls to Mission and Unity — What Must the Churches Do?"

Some of the outstanding speakers and topics were as follows: Bishop William C. Martin, president of the National Council of Churches, "Christ Calls to Mission"; Dr. Walter Van Kirk, director of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill, N. C. C., "The Christian Struggle for World Order"; Mrs. Douglas Horton, former commander of the Waves and former president of Wellesley, "Status of Women in the Churches"; Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary, "The World Council and the Church Women of America"; Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, "Challenge of the Church in the World Today."

We were thrilled at the presence and address of President Eisenhower on Tuesday morning, but greatly disturbed by the false impression given in the headlines reporting his speech. On some inside page most newspapers had a fairly accurate report of what the President really said. He said that we must choose between the horror

of wasteful and devastating contest in the production of weapons of inconceivable power, and a world ever advancing in peace and prosperity through the cooperative effort of its nations and peoples. He told how we must work and pray for the only possible choice, the second alternative.

In the Communion meditation Dr. Ferre jolted us by saying that the fanfare accompanying the coming of the President might seem to imply that we hadn't expected to find God at the assembly. While there is some justification for the criticism we know that such fanfare normally accompanies one holding Mr. Eisenhower's high office while the Spirit of God comes as a "still, small voice."

Of particular interest to me was an address by Dr. Frank Price on "Convulsion in Asia — So What?" Dr. Price, son of missionary parents, and his wife returned last year from Shanghai after thirty years of mission work, the last three under Communism. They endured a public trial as "spies for imperialist America" but apparently were not confined to prison, for he said they were never treated with anything but friendliness by the common people. He urged that we help to secure true democracy and a strong faith in God and man in Asia.

Resolutions were passed on Human Rights: urging the United States to explore every possible avenue to secure agreement within the United Nations for reduction and regulation of armaments; urging the continuance of United Nations Technical Assistance to Underdeveloped Countries; opposing segregation in the public schools; and encouraging Christian women to help in all ways possible the 214,000 uprooted persons admitted to this country by the Refugee Relief Act.

During the final call to Christian Commitment our president, Mrs. Wyker, quoted Rosa Page Welch, concert singer and goodwill ambassador on a recent journey around the world, as saying, "I wish we would stop talking and passing resolutions about interracial relations and start praying and living our faith." We were dismissed to return to our homes to transform the world by our prayers and Christian lives.

History of Churches in the Buckeye State

Corliss F. Randolph

As a part of Ohio's Sesquicentennial Celebration, the Ohio Council of Churches is sponsoring the publication of a book entitled "Churches in The Buckeye Country," a history of the various religious denominations, Protestants, Roman Catholics, and Jews, in that state. These denominations include Seventh Day Baptists of course. They are represented in an outline history beginning with the earliest Seventh Day Baptists in Ohio down to the present day. The book is of interest to all Seventh Day Baptists and especially so to those now resident in Ohio and those whose family history dates back in Ohio. The book, of about 100 pages, is expected to be published soon after November 1.

Prices are as follows:

Single copies	\$.75, paper bound
2 - 9 copies60
10 - 50 copies55
Over 50 copies50
Cloth binding	2.00 each

Orders should be sent to Ohio Council of Churches, 35 West Gay St., Columbus, Ohio.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Church World Service hopes that as families check over their wardrobes at the turn of the year and as the weather grows colder, they may think of the people in Europe and Asia without even one decent warm garment, and select just as many good warm suits or separate pieces as possible. Send them to the nearest CWS center.

Church World Service is unable to make any appeal for East Germany. It cannot even receive gifts of clothing designated for East Germany, since there is no means of guaranteeing delivery there. Since last December, in view of the greatly increased number of refugees in West Berlin and in Western Germany as a whole, the Germany proportion of available supplies has been increased substantially says W. C. Fairfield of CWS.

The National Service Board for Religious Objectors reports that out of 1,943 conscientious objectors who are perform-

ing alternative civilian service, 1,454 are Mennonites or Amish. The board listed the Church of the Brethren as next in the number of objectors, with 178. Among the remainder, Baptists have 7 objectors. — Watchman Examiner.

Daily newspapers throughout the U. S. are finding it necessary to print more religious news in order to retain their readers, the ninth annual Christian Writers Institute was told by Robert Walker of Chicago, editor of Christian Life magazine.

President Eisenhower has signed into law a bill that will allow religious and other nonprofit organizations to send movie films and other audio-visual aids through the mail at the book rate of eight cents for the first pound, and four cents for each additional pound, regardless of destination. Sponsored by Sen. Frank Carlson (R.-Kan.), chairman of the Senate Post Office Committee, the bill passed both Houses of Congress without opposition. RNS.

[This rate can be claimed on tape recordings and religious slides used for audio-visual purposes. Ed.]

Church membership in the U.S., excluding the territories, has reached an all-time high of 92,277,129. Last year's gain, announced by the National Council of the Churches, was 3,604,124 or 4.1 per cent. Church membership gains for the year were two and a half times population gains. Protestant and Roman Catholic church membership gains were virtually the same, as they have been for years past: 3.9 per cent Protestant, 3.5 Roman Catholic.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BERLIN, N. Y. — The long period of dry weather has brought hardship and hard labor to many families whose wells have dried up. In spite of this, the hills are showing the usual gorgeous autumn coloring, although it is not quite as bright as usual. We have already had some heavy frost.

The interior of the church and exterior of the parsonage are receiving a new coat

of paint. Our pastor has become an expert painter. New gas heaters have been installed and a few fluorescent lights added.

Once a month we have a fellowship supper, sometimes in a home and sometimes in the church. This month we enjoyed beautiful colored slides of scenes in Mexico, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, etc., as displayed by Alton Young, a photographer from Albany (a former Berlin resident), who has traveled over a large part of North America with his camera.

We were favored with two visits by Missionary Barrar and one by Joan and Beth. We were happy to become acquainted with them and learn something of their experiences, hopes, and aspirations. We pray God's blessing upon their efforts. — Mildred Greene, Correspondent.

WATERFORD, CONN. — The Waterford Church has had a spiritually rich spring and summer. In April, Rev. Ronald Barrar, accompanied by Secretary Harris of the Missionary Board, spent a Friday evening with us, and spoke of the work in Nyasaland. On May 16, Secretary Harris again visited us and conducted a Sabbath Rally Day service. Following a fellowship luncheon, he spoke of the work of the Missionary Board. In June, several of our members attended sessions of the Eastern Association at Westerly, R. I.

On August 8, Secretary Harris again conducted our worship service. Rev. Arthur Darby of the Adams, Mass., Baptist Church conducted the service on August 15. The service on August 22 was conducted by Rev. Edith Northrop of Niantic, Conn.

Reports from our General Conference were given by Rev. Paul S. Burdick, Miss Emma Burdick, Victor Burdick, and Leroy Burdick on August 29. September 5 brought us Joan Clement, Beth Severe, Rev. Ronald Barrar, and Secretary Harris, all of whom participated in the morning service. After a fellowship luncheon an informal meeting was held.

Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm of the Niantic Baptist Church is serving us as supply pastor, and Rev. Edith M. North-

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rop, also of Niantic, is leading us in a study of the Book of Romans on Friday evenings.

The Ladies' Aid Society continued its regular meetings throughout the summer, with larger than usual attendance. A Daily Vacation Bible School was held in August under the direction of Miss Ellen Swinney. She was assisted by Mrs. Leslie Avery and Mrs. Mildred Klug. — Morton R. Swinney, Correspondent.

Marriages

Jackson - Berry. — William Lee Jackson, son of Mrs. Claudia Jackson of Briersfield, Ala., and Ethyl Lenore Berry, daughter of Mr. Jule Berry of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage at Sister Sylvia's Mission in Los Angeles, Calif., on March 24, 1953, with Brother Tommy Ryan officiating. They are living at Briersfield, Ala.

Orr - Kester. — Floyd Arthur Orr, son of Dora Orr, Loma Linda, Calif., and Anita Marie Kester of Colton, Calif., daughter of Herbert H. Kester, of Missouri, were united in marriage at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church May 22, 1953, Rev. T. Denton Lee officiating. They are now residing at 9270 Magnolia, Riverside, Calif.

Taylor - Averitt. — Harold Taylor, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor of Riverside, Calif., and Lola Averitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Averitt of Riverside, were united in marriage at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, June 24, 1953, Dr. Roy Hofstetter officiating. They are living at 5969 Greenfield Ave., Riverside, Calif.

Pantell - Babcock. — George Pantell, son of Mrs. Mary Pantazopoulos of Turlock, Calif., and Anne Babcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Babcock of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, July 25, 1953, Rev. Leon Lawton officiating. They are living at 211 Calvadoes Avenue, North Sacramento, Calif.

Rymer - Ritz. — William H. Rymer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rymer, Riverside, Calif., and Evelyn M. Ritz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Ritz, of Riverside, were united in marriage at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sept. 12, 1953, with Rev. George Rymer officiating and Rev. T. Denton Lee assisting. They are living at 4196 St. Paul Place, Riverside, Calif.

Ritz - Hartson. — Merlin C. Ritz, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Ritz of Riverside, Calif., and Mildred Hartson, R.N., daughter of Mrs. Albert Oerding, of Sonoma, Calif., were united in marriage on Oct. 3, 1953, at Santa Rosa, Calif. Their address is: Ensign and Mrs. Merlin C. Ritz, U.S.S. Herbert J. Thomas DDR 833, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Births

Henry. — A daughter, Dinah Natalie, to Mr. and Mrs. David Henry on Sept. 30, 1953, of 3620 Camella Dr., Del Rosa, San Bernardino, Calif., members of the Riverside Church.

Obituaries

Stephan. — Mary Jane Hatfield, daughter of Thomas A. and Nancy Ann Hatfield, was born in DeWitte, Iowa, on Sept. 26, 1861, and passed away in Whiting, Kan., Oct. 11, 1953.

She moved with her family to Kansas as a girl. On Dec. 31, 1878, she was married to Daniel F. Stephan, who passed away Aug. 15, 1939.

She became a follower of Christ at an early age, and with her husband, she accepted the challenge to follow wherever God's truth led. She was a faithful keeper of the seventh day Sabbath.

She is survived by five sons: Alfred D., Earl, Lee, Tom, and William, all of Nortonville, Kan.; two daughters, Mrs. Florence DeLand of Whiting, and Mrs. Ruth Zeek of Farmington, Kan.; twenty-nine grandchildren, fifty-four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; four brothers and a sister. A son, Claude, passed away in 1952.

Farewell services were conducted at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. Duane L. Davis, and a grandson-in-law, Rev. Francis D. Saunders, North Loup, Neb. Interment was in Valley Falls, Kan.

Palmer. — Milo L., farmer, citizen, and churchman of Alfred Station, N. Y., died June 11, 1953, at the age of 83.

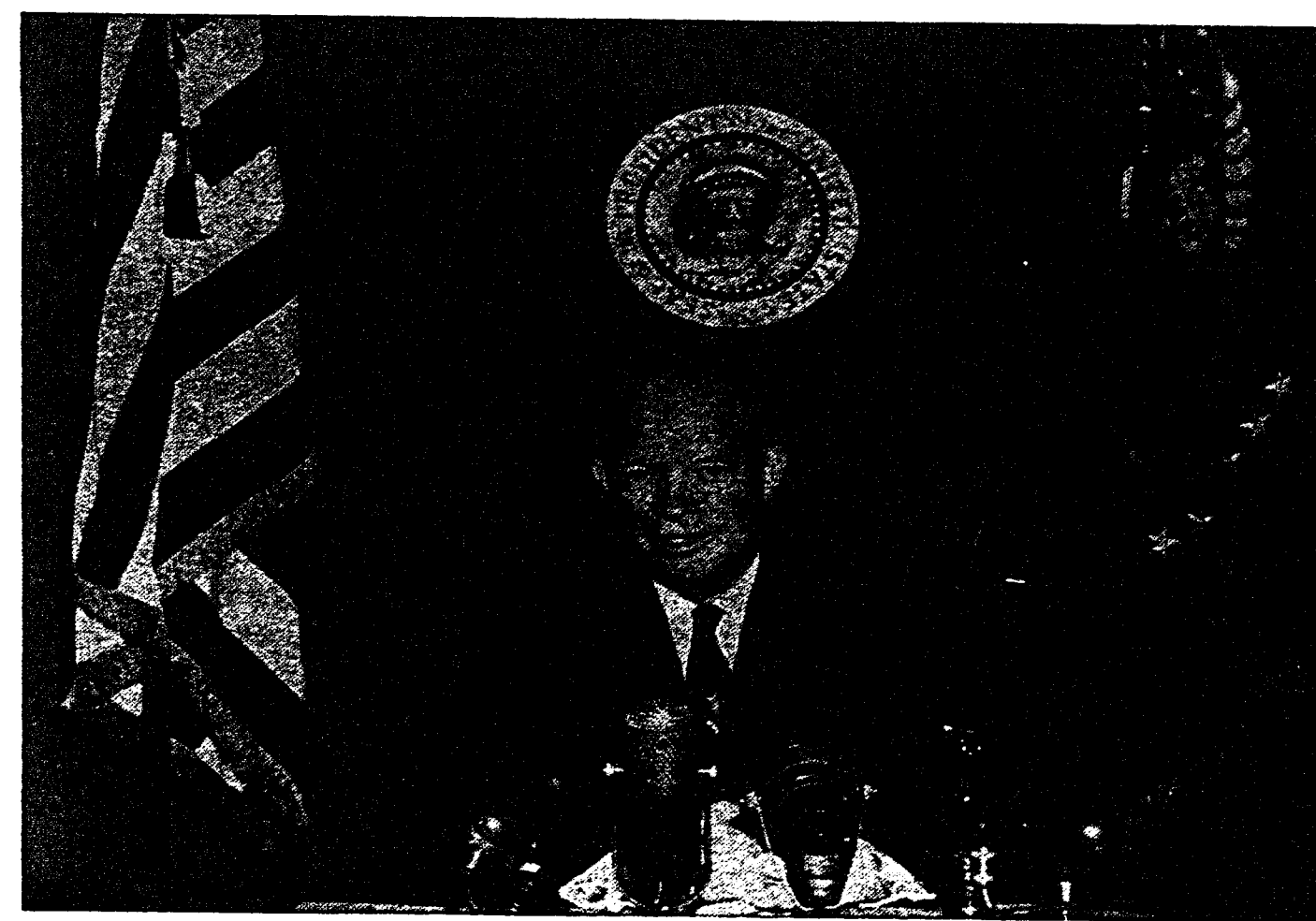
Born in Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 17, 1869, Mr. Palmer spent his boyhood in Rome, Ga., and came to this state as a young man. On Jan. 19, 1891, he married Jane Burdick, and to them were born four daughters. She died in 1901. A year later he was married to Mary Moland who became mother of his two sons and who survives him.

For more than sixty-six years Mr. Palmer was actively interested in the work of his church and denomination. Early in his long term as trustee he supervised major repairs and improvements in the church basement. Besides singing in the church choir he was a member of a male quartet including his two sons which sang widely through a period of years. He was keenly interested in his last years in the building of Camp Harley, and friends contributed to the camp in his memory.

In addition to his widow, survivors include two daughters, Mrs. J. R. Berry of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. M. W. Moland of Akron, O.; his sons, Fred M. and Francis Palmer of Alfred Station; two sisters, Mrs. Susan Maples and Mrs. Mary Tillotson and a brother, Charles Palmer, all of Mineral Wells, Tex.; 11 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a niece, and two nephews.

Services in his honor were held at his church and in the Alfred Rural Cemetery, Rev. Albert N. Rogers officiating.

A. N. R.



President Eisenhower is seen here at his desk at the White House, as he issued a special message to open the fifth annual campaign of the Religion In American Life (RIAL) program. The President said:

"Each year the Committee on Religion In American Life reminds us of the importance of faithful church attendance. . . .

"By strengthening religious institutions, the Committee on Religion In American Life is helping to keep America good. Thus it helps each of us to keep America great.

"I earnestly hope that during November, and throughout this and every year, each American citizen will actively support the religious institution of his own choice."