

The Sabbath Recorder

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.

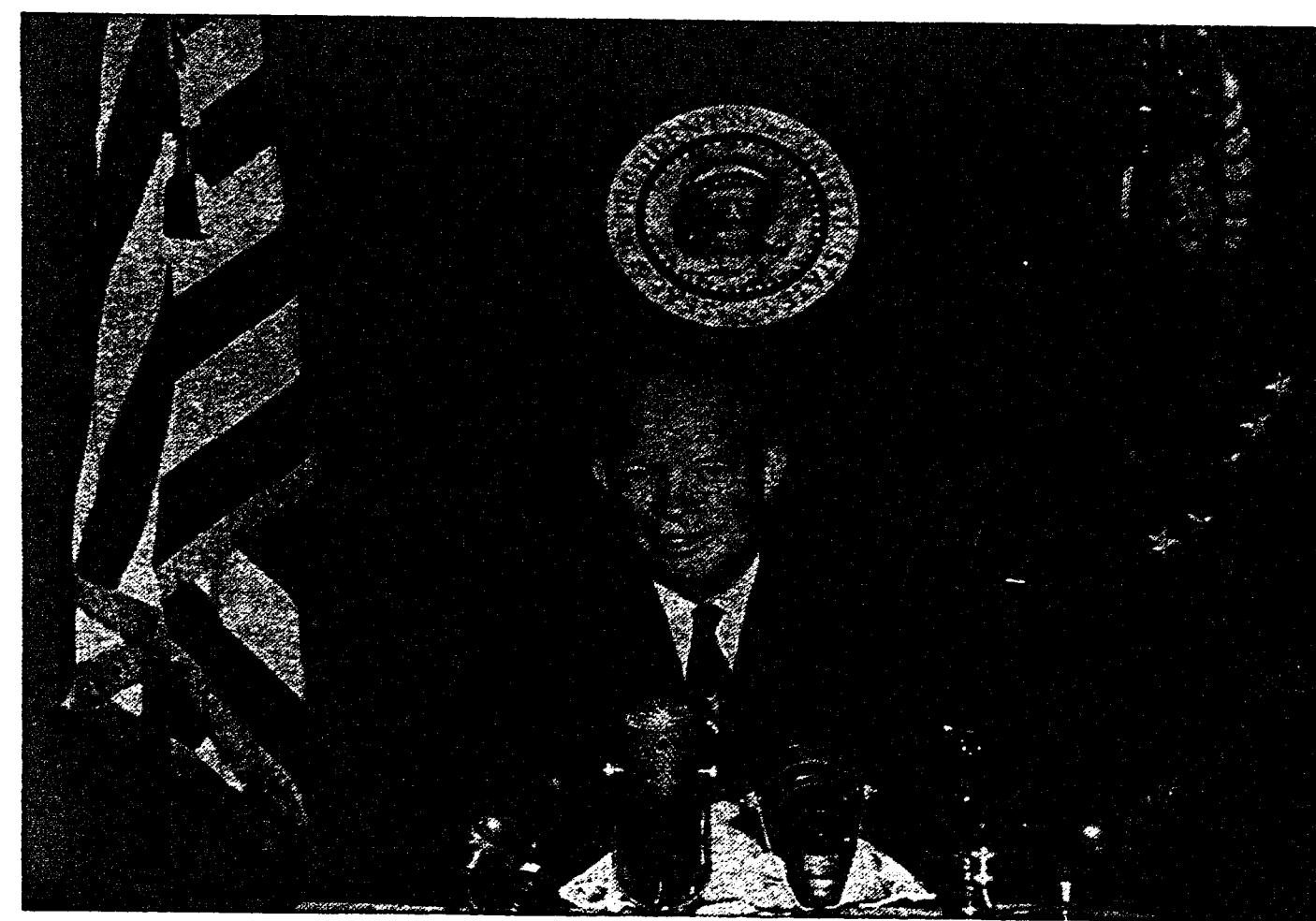
Born in Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 17, 1869, Mr. Palmer spent his boyhood in Rome, Ga., and came to this state as a young man. On Jan. 19, 1891, he married Jane Burdick, and to them were born four daughters. She died in 1901. A year later he was married to Mary Moland who became mother of his two sons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

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Ye Must Be Born Again!

The most important decision in your life is the one you make in response to the question: "What will you do with Jesus?" Not only the rest of your life, but your eternal destiny rests upon your answer to this question.

Accept Him, and you are eternally saved — reject Him, and you will be consigned to eternal punishment.

"He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." — 1 John 5:12.—Alfred R. Keller, in The Chicago Call.

PANNING THE PASTOR

One of the services which the Sabbath Recorder renders is reporting deaths, births, marriages, and accessions to the church. Our high percentage of lone Sabbathkeepers and our growing tendency to migrate to churches other than the home town church make this service potentially more and more valuable.

We were quite amused the other day to read through the "50 Years Ago" column of the De Ruyter (N. Y.) Gleaner and find items of news like the following:

"Mrs. Sarah Maxson in Quaker Basin has been following the advice of Dr. Watson, using hot and cold water on her ankle that has been inflamed for a time, with very gratifying results.

"Elmer Crow of Cowles Settlement has a new horse.

"David Porter of Gooseville passed away quietly at his home."

Such notices would lose their interest without the heading, "50 Years Ago." Vital statistics published as news in the Sabbath Recorder come in most cases from the pastors who marry and bury their parishioners. If the busy pastors fail in their duty to the larger parish the Recorder fails and is frustrated. News that is six to nine months old is not very newsy; it belongs in some other column. Pastors, let's try a little harder to be as faithful to the distant relatives and friends as we are to the immediate families. Folks want to know about "David Porter of Gooseville" in the next issue, not in the "50 Years Ago" column.

RELIGION IS NEWS

Newspaper men sometimes are spoken of as being "hard-headed" with the insinuation that they are also hard-hearted and hard-boiled when it comes to church news. More and more, however, they are lending a sympathetic ear to the calls for printing religious news. Whether or not America is becoming a Christian nation in fact as well as name must still be considered an open question.

It is undeniably true that church news makes the headlines much easier now than a few years ago. Secular magazines and newspapers are assigning reporters not only to the big ecumenical meetings but to the denominational conventions and local gatherings. They are meeting the

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popular demand that religion be given its rightful and proportionate share of space. Religion is news. The unfortunate aspect is that it is all too frequently presented as nothing more than news, as if knowledge of the doings of Christians is good for people but knowledge of Christ and doing His will can be dismissed with a shrug.

The Bolivar (N. Y.) Breeze recently published a front-page three-column article on the history and beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists prepared by Delmer Van Horn, pastor of the Little Genesee, N. Y., Church. The article closed with the full text of our Statement of Belief. Many readers are apparently glad to receive information when it is not accompanied with argument.

The Plainfield, N. J., daily paper not long ago devoted more than a full page to a picture story of a local minister and his church, marking his forty-fifth year as pastor of the church.

Last month there was sent to the editor a Pasadena, Calif., paper which devoted the greater portion of eight pages to the opening of Fuller Theological Seminary in its new \$800,000 building. It is surprising that a secular paper would give so much space to a religious school with a student body of 250 when a university of 10,000 students is only one of the schools of higher learning in the city.

Illustrations such as these could be multiplied. The work of noted evangelists like Billy Graham is front-page news. Religion is news. Vital Christianity is just as newsworthy as any other kind. Churches should become more aware of the possibilities for publicity.

THE VALUE OF HUMILITY

The tremendously popular Arthur Godfrey in the closing moments of his television show on Oct. 19 dismissed his singer, Julius La Rosa. It is not our purpose to add to the space already taken in the press in reporting the incident. Neither would we take sides, though the romance of La Rosa seems to us to be off-color. It is said that the hiring of an outside manager by the singer was a contributing factor in his dismissal. We are more interested in the statement of

MEMORY TEXT

"And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him." 1 John 4: 16.

Godfrey that he fired the young man because he felt that he had lost the qualities for which he hired him — "which for want of a better word I call humility."

When little-known people are raised to stardom, it would be passing strange if they did not lose the quality of humility along with some other good qualities. Such losses are deplorable, but even more deplorable is the apparent fact that many people succeed very nicely without those charming qualities. It is an age-old lament of the righteous that "the wicked flourish like a green bay tree." The suggestion of the Scripture is that when one goes into the sanctuary he can begin to understand that problem. Closeness to God makes one conscious, not of present, but of ultimate values. Our Lord tells us of a final separation between good and bad, wise and foolish, wheat and chaff, believers and unbelievers.

There is an intriguing side light to the firing of La Rosa for lack of "humility." Singers on the Arthur Godfrey show receive weekly salaries that to some seem fabulous. Can we then reason that qualities like humility have great monetary value? Christian virtues are worth something in the commercial world — at least with the employers whose senses are keen enough to perceive those intangible qualities. We could wish that more folks could see the difference between technical skill and Christian personality.

Is there a further moral to this story? Are we sure that the pristine qualities coming to us by contact with the redemptive love of Christ are at this moment as clear-shining as when we found Christ? Have material success, contact with the world, or the hard knocks of life dimmed the virtues which are approved of God and recognized by men? Let us take stock of ourselves.

Secretary's Column

Since the war several of our trained ministers have quit pastoral work, some of them to leave denominational work entirely. The majority of these men were sincere in believing that they could render a wider and more valuable service outside the pastoral field. Those men who have left pastorates to become secretaries of our Seventh Day Baptist boards were doubtless called to these positions because it was practically impossible to find laymen of comparable ability who would be willing to make the sacrifices necessary for the financial returns which the boards were able to pay. Undoubtedly the economic prospect had some bearing, either consciously or otherwise, in the decisions of most of these men.

Two weeks ago The Sabbath Recorder (p. 190) commented on the pay scales of ministers in general as compared with men working in manufacturing and other industries. The comparison was very discouraging. Especially is this true when it is remembered that the minister needs seven years of training beyond the high school level before he is considered equipped to assume a full pastoral job. Many persons in factory employment have never even completed high school. Yet the additional training required for the ministry is expensive and represents a real capital investment on which the returns are woefully inadequate.

The wages of factory workers as reported are now approximately \$3,611 per year. The average wage of a Seventh Day Baptist pastor as reported by our churches for 1953 is less than \$1,900. The highest paid Seventh Day Baptist pastor receives \$4,000 a year. He pays his own rent and a rather heavy expense for transportation to and from the church he serves.

How can we expect to attract and hold men of leadership capacity when they have to drive school buses, paint houses, work as printers, test milk, and put their wives to work as teachers and stenographers in order to feed, clothe, and educate their own families? How can we expect them to render effective pastoral service when

large portions of their time, of necessity, must be consumed in other than pastoral work?

We are a small group and cannot pay more, you say? This may be true, but the obvious answer to that is to increase our numbers so that there will be more contributors so that our ministers can receive a living wage. At a recent meeting of denominational board secretaries a desirable goal of five per cent increase in membership per year was deemed to be worth an effort on our part. Responsibility for attaining such a goal lies as much with our membership as it does with our pastors. Especially is this true when we consider that our pastors cannot afford to devote their full time to the task.

Membership in the denomination, as reported at Conference in Battle Creek, was around 6,200. A five per cent increase this year would bring our next year's report up to between 6,500 and 6,600. This does not seem like a difficult goal to achieve but if we are to meet it, each one of our churches must increase its membership by five per cent, and each one of us as laymen must use his influence to that end.

A. Burdet Crofoot.

Christmas Gift Suggestion

A Bible is an ideal Christmas gift, especially if with the gift you can somehow impart a strong desire to use the Book regularly through the year.

A subscription to a religious periodical may also bring year-long pleasure to a friend. Some people have felt that they could do nothing better for Seventh Day Baptist friends or relatives than to arrange for a gift subscription to the Sabbath Recorder. If you want to add to the Christian family solidarity of all the people of like precious faith, why not send out two or three subscriptions. It will add to your own feeling of well-being too.

We can work out a lay-away plan if you wish. We are not sure that the element of surprise is always a good thing. We suggest that you write to your friend and prepare him for the gift so he will not think it is a sample copy from the editor.

STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Duane L. Davis

Note: A picture of this new minister together with a portion of his Statement of Belief as given on Oct. 10 will appear in the next issue.

I was born on May 7, 1929, in a Christian home, at Verona, N. Y.

I can never measure or appreciate the values taught me by my parents, nor the ways in which the spirit of Christian love was exemplified. I was the second of a family of five boys, and we have always been aware of our parents' love for us and the high standard of Christian living that is expected of followers of Christ. The rich experiences of faith and Christian living that have been mine as a member of a family were strong influences in the shaping of my life.

Almost the first thing in my memory of childhood days is the memory of Sabbath day and church. There, in the long pew with the family, we worshiped together. There was never any question about going to church. It was one of the parts of the family life we expected and came to love. . . . One of my earliest memories is of singing in church the words of the old Gospel song, "And He walks with me, and He talks with me"; and I remember my recognition that this meant Jesus was my friend.

Attending Sabbath school, church, and Vacation Bible School brought me to a realization of the fact that God is Love, and that He wants us to be His children. During a membership training class, with Pastor A. L. Davis as our teacher, I came to the recognition that I needed to ask God's forgiveness in my life, and I accepted Jesus as my Saviour. I was baptized in a beautiful stream on July 20, 1940, while the members of the church stood on the banks singing, "Living for Jesus." I made the pledge of the chorus of that song my own promise to Jesus. . . .

While a young person, I often considered the possibility that God might be calling me to the ministry, and I often prayed that He would show me some way to know His will for my life. Finally, following my graduation from Verona High School (1946), I came to feel that either the ministry or work in foreign

missions was the vocation for which the Lord wanted me to prepare. Feeling this call, and with this purpose, I entered Salem College in the fall of '46 as a ministerial student.

During the three and a half years at Salem, there were many opportunities for Christian service, such as work with the college YMCA, singing in the church choir, and teaching a Sabbath school class of junior age boys and girls. During my Junior year a group of Seventh Day Baptist young people acting as a Gospel Team served as pulpit supply for the Lost Creek Church. The following summer, I stayed in West Virginia to help Pastor Loyal Hurley with the summer work of the Salem Church. There were a great many Christian friends at Salem who encouraged and helped me in gaining an education.

During this time the Verona Church expressed their confidence in me by licensing me to preach (March 6, 1948).

In January, 1950, I completed my work for the A.B. degree, and entered the School of Theology at Alfred University for the second semester. There, too, I met a host of friends and felt the influence of strong Christian teachers and leaders. The fellowship and comradeship of fellow students living, studying, and praying together in The Gothic had a lasting effect upon by Christian faith. During two school years I worked with Pastor Everett Harris as his assistant in the First Alfred Church, and found it a valuable help in preparation.

I can never measure the value of my education in the School of Theology. Receiving an education in Christian leadership with Seventh Day Baptist instructors and fellow students helped me catch the spirit of Seventh Day Baptist heritage and faith. I thank God for this Seventh Day Baptist education.

During the summers of 1951 and 1952, I was called to act as assistant pastor in Battle Creek, Mich., where I had the privilege of being a co-worker with Rev. Alton Wheeler. The intensive work of these weeks both years was truly an education in the work of the ministry.

On Sept. 1, 1952, I became the pastor of the Nortonville, Kan., Seventh Day Baptist Church. During the thirteen

months I have been here, I have finished my classwork at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kan., and completed the thesis requirement for seminary graduation. I received the bachelor of divinity degree from Alfred, on June 8, 1953.

The year at Nortonville has been a fruitful one in many ways. My church has been faithful in their love, and God has richly blessed us in His Kingdom's task.

There are a great many Christians whose influence has guided me in the paths of Kingdom work. Looking back, one can see many guideposts which have pointed the way. I would mention my parents and my brothers and the sacrifices they have made. Then there is the influence of Pastor and Mrs. Alva L. Davis, of Pastor Herbert Polan and the late Mrs. Polan, of Rev. James L. Skaggs, Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, and of college and seminary teachers and friends, especially Dean A. J. C. Bond and Dr. Wayne Rood. Victor Skaggs, Harley Sutton, and other ministers have pointed the way. Guiding "teachers" in practical, pastoral theology have been Everett T. Harris, Albert N. Rogers, and Alton L. Wheeler. There are innumerable relatives, schoolmates, and friends, and my present church members who have done much to aid my Christian experience. These have been "so great a cloud of witnesses." I thank God for them!

Looking backward upon one's Christian experience, one realizes shortcomings and failures, but he can also see a growing knowledge of the grace — the unmerited favor — of God, and can recognize a guidance of the all-abiding love of the Holy Spirit. With this awareness of divine love and a consciousness of His task, I stand, with Isaiah, before God to humbly say, "Here am I, send me."

When you dig another out of his troubles, you find a place to bury your own. — Selected.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for November 21, 1953

Christian Compassion for a Needy World

Lesson Scripture: Matt. 9: 35-36;
Mark 1: 32-34a; 8: 1-9

Contributed by Trevah R. Sutton

SAFE ARRIVAL OF NYASALAND MISSIONARIES

First word after their month-long trip comes from Rev. Ronald Barrar, Beth Severe, and Joan Clement. A hasty note coming via Los Angeles and the missionary secretary reached the Recorder just before the publication deadline.

The missionaries left New York late on the twelfth of September and arrived safely at the Makapwa Mission on Tuesday the thirteenth of October. They report: "A safe and pleasant journey with blessings of the Lord evident all the way." A warm welcome awaited them at Sandama.

As to the work, they write that the dispensary work is heavy and that school began the eighteenth. It is evident that no time was wasted in getting into action in these two departments. It is not hard to imagine how busy Missionary Barrar is after his long absence from his station and his home. The nurses say they are more and more aware that this is the work and place where the Lord wants them. They request the prayers of all who are interested in this work. Prayers have been answered and needs met wonderfully in the past.

PREACH THIS AT MY FUNERAL

An old man in Mentone, (near Redlands) Calif., was converted in his old age because there was a new church in his community and an active pastor. He had something that he wanted preached at his funeral, as reported in the October issue of Missions. With labored breath he said to the pastor:

"Tell them at my funeral that if it hadn't been for Mr. Gregory and the new church in our community — I'd have died an awful sinner! Tell 'em too, that I wish they would attend your church and find Christ and peace just like I did! Their lives will never be the same after Christ gets hold of them!"

The pastor quoted these words at the funeral. A few weeks later most of his relatives were faithful in attendance and a son-in-law joined the church. Who can measure the value of an available church with a faithful pastor who cares for the souls of the old as well as the young?

TRACT BOARD NOTES

The recent death of Paul A. Whitford, treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society, necessitated a special meeting of the board to select a new treasurer. Such a meeting was held in Plainfield Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1, with about eighteen members and guests present, three of whom were from the South Jersey area. A resolution of respect for the faithful work of Mr. Whitford was authorized.

After due deliberation Charles North was elected acting treasurer with the understanding that the matter of a regular treasurer would be considered again after the Board of Trustees of the Memorial Fund secures a treasurer. Mr. Whitford filled both offices, his work for the Tract Society being without salary. Dr. Lavern C. Bassett was made chairman of the Investment Committee, and the president was given authority to fill vacancies on all standing committees. Miss Ruth Hunting, recently elected to the board, announced that she was unable to serve. Mrs. William Ayars of Shiloh was elected in her place, bringing the number of trustees up to 29, one short of authorized membership.

The corresponding secretary reported that tracts had been sent out in rather large numbers since Conference and that the supply of quite a few titles was exhausted. Two new tracts are in the process of publication. The committee which examines new manuscripts and authorizes reprints had recently held a meeting at the Marlboro Church and recommended immediate reprint of three Sabbath tracts: "Has the Original Sabbath Day Been Lost?", "How Honest Are You?", and "Lovest Thou Me?" The board adopted the recommendation.

Charles E. Hughes, former Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court: "I smoked regularly till nine years ago when I cut it out completely. I have found this enormously beneficial. In fact it has changed my whole life. I am able to sleep better. I can safely say that giving up tobacco has increased my efficiency twenty-five per cent." — Bible Advocate.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

"Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped . . . and the tongue of the dumb sing . . ."

With these words from the Book of Isaiah, a Korean charity institution gave thanks to the American benefactors who made its greatest dream a reality.

Thus, the Taegu School for the Blind and Deaf — first befriended by U. S. soldiers who had never seen Korea — celebrated the halfway mark in construction of its new \$22,000 home with ridge-pole-raising ceremonies.

The ceremonies were held to honor and thank the men of the Third U. S. Army, whose donations started the school building fund, and the Korean Communications Zone.

Ground was first broken for construction on July 1, and the building was expected to be ready for occupation and dedication around Oct. 1.

Salem College Speaker

A news release from Salem College, Salem, W. Va., praises the work of Rev. Lester G. Osborn who was the speaker for the annual Christian Emphasis Week of the college. It was a week of special chapel talks and student counseling from Oct. 12-23.

The news release states that Mr. Osborn, president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference and pastor of the church at Ashaway, R. I., discussed in a very clear and direct manner the subject, "How Nature Proves God's Creation." Each day's topic took up phases of things that "in the beginning God created and later science discovered."

Mr. Osborn is acclaimed as being especially capable and useful in the position of special counselor for the students. He dealt with many students on the campus and met with several clubs and groups of students.

Each evening during the week the New England pastor spoke at the Salem Baptist Church in a series of evangelistic meetings sponsored by the Salem Christian Endeavor Youth Fellowship. Perhaps some evaluation of this effort will be available at a later date.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y. — Worldwide Communion was observed at our church on October 3 at the Sabbath morning service. The Junior Choir conducted by Mrs. Orville Williams presented special music.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Davis motored to Nortonville, Kans., to attend the ordination to the Gospel ministry of their son, Duane, which occurred October 10. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Stone.

The Helpers Sabbath school class has been helping in publishing the quarterly newsheet, *The Verona Messenger*.

There was no service at our church October 10 as most of the congregation attended the Fall Association held in the Leonardsville Church. The Men's Chorus from Verona gave several selections and conducted the closing devotional service.

The wall for the addition to the church is up and the men are working on the structure.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Davis of Rochester were recent guests at the home of his brother George. Mr. Davis is connected with the public relations department of Rochester Institute of Technology and spoke at Rome Free Academy and other schools in this area on "Vocational Guidance" during his stay here. — Correspondent.

EDINBURG, TEX. — During the Sabbath morning worship service Sept. 26, the Edinburg Church had a dedication service for 19 hymnbooks (Tabernacle Hymns No. 3) which are a gift to the church from the Edinburg W.C.T.U. in memory of Mrs. Angeline P. Allen. Highlight of the service was a solo by Mrs. James M. Mitchell, "If I Can Help," written by Mrs. Allen. Pastor Mitchell spoke briefly of the importance of hymns in our worship of God. The congregation joined in singing from the memorial books some of Mrs. Allen's favorite songs, including "Jesus Loves Even Me," and "I Am Happy in the Service of the King."

Mrs. Allen had been active in the W.C.T.U. for years. At present another member of our church is president of the Edinburg group. Two others of our members have started an L.T.L. organization to be held bimonthly in our church. Ten boys and girls attended the first

meeting Sept. 28. Fifteen were present the next time.

After the prolonged drought which killed many Rio Grande Valley lawns our church lawn is a beautiful green carpet because of the use of city water, irrigation, and rain.

The Benevolent Society has had a number of work meetings during August and September with one all-day meeting at which some quilted and others prepared rags for sale. The proceeds from the quilting and sale of rags go into our Building Fund.

We hope that some of our Seventh Day Baptist brethren will seek out the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas for their 1953-54 winter vacation. Ours is a lovely vacationland, next door to Mexico. The Edinburg Seventh Day Baptist Church is farther south than any other of our own churches in the United States, and hence is cut off from the denomination to a great extent. We need you, we covet your presence for any time — from one Sabbath to a year-round residence. — M.H.V.H.

Obituaries

Sanford. — Grace M., 74, widow of Albert C. Sanford, and a lifelong resident of Little Genesee, died Sept. 26, 1953, at her home after several months' illness.

The daughter of H. Benson and Flora Barber Clark, she was born Sept. 10, 1879, in the Town of Genesee. She was a member of the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church for 65 years.

Surviving are two sisters: Miss Anna Clark and Mrs. Leslie Bliss, both of Little Genesee; a brother, Virgil A. Clark, North Sacramento, Calif.; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Amy Crandall; and two stepsons: John A. and Mark R. Sanford, all of Little Genesee.

Funeral services were conducted Sept. 28, 1953, at the residence with Pastor Delmer Van Horn officiating, and burial was in the Little Genesee Cemetery. D. V. H.

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