

The Sabbath Recorder

letter from the Milton Church, Mrs. E. O. Jeffrey of DeLand, Fla.

For the rest of October, our church and Sabbath school services have been combined by following the regular church worship service up to sermon time, and then taking up the Sabbath school lesson. On October 10 and 17 Dr. Waldo Titsworth conducted the worship service, with Dr. Crofoot teaching the Sabbath school lesson. On Oct. 24 Rev. S. H. Davis conducted the entire service.

The Sabbath school promotion project which was voted last spring has started under the leadership of Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph, assisted by Dr. Ruth Rogers and Mrs. John (Geraldine Thorngate) Leonard. The objective is, not only to give religious training to the children connected with our own church, but also to bring in other children who do not have such privileges. Very hopeful progress has already been made.

Some of our regular winter visitors have already arrived, and we hope many more old and new friends will be coming soon. Apparently Florida's "unusual" rainy season is over, and we have been enjoying some very lovely October weather since the rains stopped.

We have welcomed to our services recently, friends from Lake Helen, Fort Pierce, Orlando, DeLand, and Pomona Park. We hope that others located near enough to drive to Daytona Beach for services, will make the trip often. Services start at 10:30 A.M. We'll be looking for you! — Ruby C. Babcock, Correspondent.

ALBION, WIS. — Pastor Kenneth Smith again is attending the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Ill., and continues as pastor of the Milton Junction and Albion Churches.

We are glad to report some church improvements at Albion such as the lowering of the ceiling of the auditorium, the painting of all rooms above the dining room, and replacement of the old front doors with new ones.

The members have been busy with regular society meetings, as well as suppers, auctions, bake sales, collections of rags, paper, and scrap metal.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Wisconsin and Chicago Churches was held here Oct. 23 and 24. The Friday night vesper service was conducted by Dale Thorngate with Don Gray giving the

meditation, the Milton College quartet, Paul Green, Richard Sterns, LeRoy Burdick, and Dale Thorngate, singing two selections. Denise Kagarise of the Salemville, Pa., Church also sang for the gathering.

The Sabbath morning sermon was by Pastor Alfred Keller of the Chicago Church. The anthem by the Albion choir was led by Mrs. Clarence Lawton with Mrs. Willis Stillman at the electric organ. Mrs. Clair Slagg of Stockton, Ill., sang a solo. The collection was over \$70. Over three hundred were served dinner in the church dining room.

In the afternoon meeting many questions of denominational and quarterly meeting interest were discussed under the direction of Rev. Elmo F. Randolph.

The January meeting is to be with the Milton Junction Church. — P. Sheldon.

MILTON, WIS. — The monthly "Meal of Sharing" of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church was served by the Student Christian Association of Milton College, Sabbath noon, Oct. 31, as a benefit for college students in war-torn lands. Approximately \$60 was cleared, which will be forwarded through the agency of World University Service.

The president of the S.C.A. is LeRoy Burdick, a senior from New Enterprise, Pa. Chairman of the meal committee was Miriam Seager, a junior from Little Rock, Ark., who was assisted by Mrs. Mary Van Horn, advisor to the group, and Mrs. J. Paul Green, Sr.

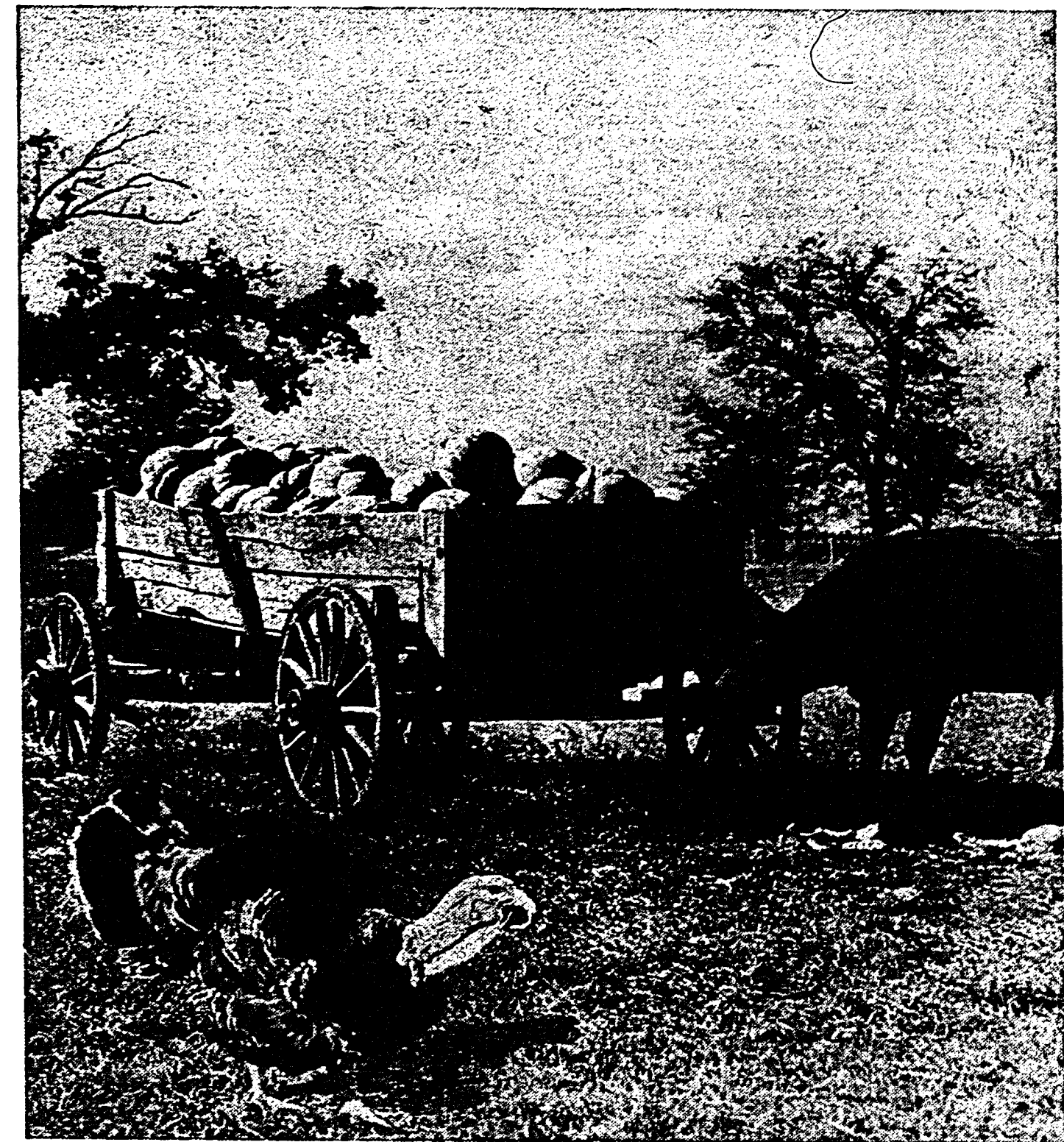
Marriages

Webster - Sutton. — On June 27, 1953, in the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Y., Lola May Sutton, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Harley Sutton of Alfred Station, N. Y., was married to William Webster of Alfred, N. Y., a ministerial student in Colgate-Rochester Divinity School and student pastor of the Andover Presbyterian Church. Rev. Everett T. Harris officiated. The couple resides in Andover.

Births

Patterson. — A daughter, Deborah Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Patterson, Denver, Colo., Oct. 11, 1953.

FOR SALE: Booklet, 15 stories for children. Pen and ink sketches by author. Order from author, R. Marion Carpenter, Alfred, N. Y. Price \$1.50 postpaid.



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Raise the song of harvest home:

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Prayer Thought

How can we best avoid the charge which our soul is wont to level at us that we pray only when we are in trouble? The answer is so simple. Pray more often; pray about your problems before they become problems; make prayer a habit. The Scripture says, "Pray without ceasing." When prayer is an easy-swinging door to the presence of God, it cannot be a magic wand waved at a distant deity. Carrel says: "It is when prayer becomes a habit that it operates on character."

THANKSGIVING AND HEAVEN

The Scripture says that our (the Christian's) citizenship is in heaven. Much of the New Testament is really written around the application of that theme. If we are citizens of heaven now it behooves us to live such lives as can naturally be continued in the greater joys of the fullness of heavenly citizenship which comes in the future aspects of our heavenly experiences.

From all that we can learn from the Bible, which is our only source of revelation of the hereafter, we know that above all else heaven is the place of uninterrupted thanksgiving and praise. We need to do more practicing on this open stage of life so that we may be able at the raising of the curtain to express with perfection the thanksgiving and praise which duty tells us should well up to God our Saviour.

We pray that this Thanksgiving Day may stir the hearts of many families and of the nation as a whole to begin the cultivation of a habit of thankfulness which will please God, bring us peace of mind, and make us better citizens of the kingdom of heaven. Thanksgiving is the habit and language of heaven.

A REDUCING DIET?

Our statisticians might sometime turn their attention to determining how much money is spent per year advertising foods and drinks designed to make our figures slim. They might go into the money spent with doctors for the same purpose or the expenditures for countless figure-slimming gadgets. The figure arrived at would undoubtedly be very fat. Granting that there are health reasons involved, we would still probably all agree that almost as much money is wasted on decreasing the waistlines as on increasing them by overeating.

We sometimes quip about the waste lines at Washington. How about our denominational waistline? An examination of the back page of this Recorder will show that there are decidedly no bulges showing in the middle of our anatomy as we start off a new Conference year. The budget figures for October make it look as if our good people have been feeding the reducing diet to the wrong figure. We know that God made the little ant with a very constricted waistline and still

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endowed her with great strength. He didn't make men that way and He didn't make denominations that way.

It is distressing to see such a poor showing this first month. It looks like pinched waistlines for church and mission workers. It appears that pitiful cries for help may go unanswered. Are we remembering that many of our special appeals are now included in the budget and that slim budget receipts necessitate curtailment of the work we profess to love?

The editor may not have the true picture. Certainly there are encouraging features. Thirty-one churches sent money in to the denominational treasurer during October. That appears to be a normal number. Note how well some of the smaller churches did. We can't afford to be pessimistic over the figures of one month. The executive secretary will perhaps interpret the figures for us. However, the editor would be remiss in his duty if he did not follow the example of Peter in trying to stir up the readers a little. Listen to Peter:

"This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance" (2 Pet. 3: 1).

We believe that there are many pure minds among us, many devoted hearts, many who are as much concerned about the looks of our budget as their own looks. If we are going on a reducing diet let it be for the glory of the Gospel, but let's not starve Christ's work or workers! Speaking of budgets, let us carefully evaluate and weigh our Christmas budgets in relation to what we plan to give to the Christ of Christmas.

Mrs. Jay W. Crofoot

Another veteran China missionary has gone to glory. Mrs. Crofoot, who spent a large share of her life as a missionary in China with her husband Rev. Jay W. Crofoot, died suddenly from a stroke Thursday morning, Nov. 12, at Daytona Beach, Fla. Mr. and Mrs. A. Burdet Crofoot of Alfred and Mr. and Mrs. Harry North of Plainfield set out as soon as possible to be with their father.

MEMORY TEXT

"Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ, is born of God; and every one that loveth him that begat, loveth him also that is begotten of him." 1 John 5: 1.

THE BIBLE'S DAY

Rev. Charles H. Bond

The Bible is being proclaimed throughout the world as "The Book of Hope." This slogan along with the picture of the open Bible is seen on bulletin boards, bookmarks, letterheads, and church calendars. Why? Because the American Bible Society is at work not only printing and distributing the Scripture but is also encouraging individuals to read the Bible.

As our denominational representative on the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society I would call the following to your attention:

The tenth anniversary of Worldwide Bible Reading is at hand. More than 150,000,000 of these little bookmarks listing the daily Scripture passages from Thanksgiving to Christmas have been used during this period. You are urged to join in this worldwide Bible reading program again this year. Bookmarks can also be secured for daily readings for the entire year.

The Bible's Day or Universal Bible Sabbath will be observed on Dec. 12. Bulletin folders can be secured for your church service. There is an appropriate responsive reading on the back. Ministers are urged to speak about the Bible as "The Book of Hope." Remember the front cover carries the words "The Bible's Day" instead of "Universal Bible Sunday." This was done because of Seventh Day Baptists.

Free — The above materials can be ordered in quantity free of charge. In fact all our ministers should have already received sample packets of these materials. If you have delayed ordering, why not send a card today to: American Bible Society, 430 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y.

Audio-visual materials are also available. Loaned free are: "At Work with the Word," "Thy Word Giveth Light," and "The Whole Armor," 20 min., 16 mm.

NOTED AUTHOR TO LECTURE AT SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

Rev. Margaret K. Henrichsen, rural minister and author, will be the annual special lecturer at the Alfred University School of Theology early next month, it has been announced by Dr. A. J. C. Bond, acting dean.

Mrs. Henrichsen, who serves a seven-point Methodist circuit in Maine, will lecture Dec. 1, 2, and 3 on the work of the rural pastor. Her book, "Seven Steeples," is on the current best-seller list and was recently featured in Life magazine.

Dean Bond officiated at the marriage of the author and her late husband in Plainfield, N. J., where the Kimball family is well known. Mrs. Henrichsen is the granddaughter of Dr. Abram H. Lewis, sometime pastor of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church and editor of the Sabbath Recorder. He also served for a time on the School of Theology faculty at Alfred, in the late seventies.

Clergymen and their wives in the Alfred area are being invited to hear the lectures, and one of the series will be open to the public.
A. N. R.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 28, 1953

Opportunity for All

Scripture: Deut. 24: 14-15, 19;
Amos 5: 10-15; 2 Thess. 3: 7-10.

sound films in color. Others can also be secured for a small rental fee.

Offering Envelopes should be ordered along with your supplies. Then make your contribution through the local church. If you should send direct put the name of your denomination on the envelope so that it will be credited for that amount. The goal set for our denomination is only \$500. I believe we should give more than that to this great work, don't you?

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL will meet at the Bible House, corner of Park Avenue at 57th Street, New York City, on Dec. 1 and 2. I am planning to attend.

"The best reformers the world has ever had are those who have commenced upon themselves." — H. W. Shaw.

ROSEMARY WRITES

Rosemary Hare and her father from Paeroa, New Zealand, became well known to Seventh Day Baptists at the Battle Creek Conference and on their extended trip around this country. A letter mailed October 10 near the Suez Canal on their return trip asked for space in the Sabbath Recorder to thank all the folks "for the overwhelming hospitality and Christian love which we received from so many."

She says that she hopes to return to the U.S.A. soon, a hope that may well be shared by those who were refreshed by her acquaintance. There was something delightfully different about her testimony and manner of speaking, part of which was captured on a tape recording which brings back her reading of the Scripture on one of the Conference programs. With the presence of Rev. Ronald Barrar from Christchurch and the Hares from Auckland and Rev. and Mrs. Emmett Bottoms who have so recently worked in both churches the Conference delegates felt that New Zealand is a close neighbor.

Rosemary doesn't write of any of those pleasures which were ours but tells of her own in these words:

"We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to your wonderful country and meeting so many of you dear people, seeing so many of our churches, and finally attending Conference. . . . We will carry home with us many happy memories and thoughts of the friends we leave behind. . . ."

"Our stay in dear old England was all too short, but during the time at our disposal we saw many of the historic landmarks and beauty spots and much of the old tradition which makes the Mother Country so appealing. Up in Scotland we had the privilege of attending a church service at which the Royal Family was present, seated just a few yards opposite us, and you can imagine how thrilled we were. They are a truly wonderful family, and I was delighted when the Queen actually smiled at me. She is all we could wish for as a queen.

"We contacted the few remaining members of the Mill Yard Church in London and met with them on Sabbath telling them about Conference. They are very earnest."

President's Column

Attendance month started off badly. Apparently Nov. 7 was stormy all over the East and Middle West. A seven-inch snow, with high winds, made it impossible for anyone to get to church at Marlboro. North Loup says, "Due to snow, bad roads, and almost blizzard conditions, this is the smallest attendance we have had in a long time." (They had 52 at that!) In New England there was a bad storm during the night (no snow in our area) but it cleared about 9 a.m. However, since it was Yearly Meeting at Rockville, there were no services in the other churches, hence no attendance to report. Nortonville says of their attendance of 63, "Big snowstorm! Lowest attendance since Conference Sabbath." What a time to begin! Brookfield: "We were caught in a blizzard." Milton reports 183, "The lowest so far this fall." And so on down the line. Of course, California was not affected by the storm, so their attendance is probably normal — 50 at Los Angeles, and 140 at Riverside.

Probably we should not count this Sabbath in figuring our averages, for it seems unfair to some churches. We will just average the last three Sabbaths in the month. In many cases it was impossible to get to church. But one cannot help but wonder! Would the storm have kept us away from business or school, or from our lodge, entertainment, or supper? How many do you suppose said, "It's such a stormy day, let's stay in bed and not go to church today"? We hope not many. We do admire and commend those who loved the Lord and the Church enough to get out in spite of the bad weather.

I think it was Dr. Bob Jones who said, "Not even a shipwreck dampened Paul's ardor to preach a risen Christ. Be careful the next rain shower does not keep you from attending Sabbath school and church service."

Could it have been the storm that affected our denominational giving? No, for the report just received was for October. Only 3.81% instead of 8.33% — less than half of the \$5,260 we should have raised. This means holding back

PREACHING CRUSADE AT WESTERLY

Charles H. Bond, Pastor

It was five o'clock on Friday afternoon, Oct. 23, when the doorbell at the parsonage rang. The crusade team from the Alfred University School of Theology had arrived. I was happy to see standing there Dr. Loyal F. Hurley, professor of Biblical Interpretation, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers, instructor in Practical Theology, and the four students: Darrell Barber, David Beebe, Donald Richards, and Delmer Van Horn. I knew they must be tired after traveling more than four hundred miles but everyone was in a happy mood. They had come to Westerly to do a job for Christ and His Church. They were ready to go to work.

No one realized at that moment just how busy they were to be. The truth is that the ten-day crusade, Oct. 23 - Nov. 1, gave them but little time to sleep. Each day there was an article to be written for the local paper, a radio program to prepare, an evening service to be arranged, and a class to attend in "Methods of Evangelism," taught by Secretary E. T. Harris. Then in addition to this there were calls to be made, a visit to the Mystic Marine Museum, a trip to the historic Seventh Day Baptist Church at Newport, R. I., and twenty-nine meals to be eaten.

But let us get back to that first Friday evening. The Preaching Crusade was launched from the prayer room in the church vestry where more than sixty consecrated people gathered to ask God's guidance in the project and to meet the team. Prayers for this crusade had been made on previous occasions but now it was different, for the hour had arrived.

salaries of missionaries and other workers, and otherwise curtailing our work. Let us take the week's Sabbath school lesson on stewardship to heart, and support the Lord's work as represented in our Denominational Budget. Read 1 John 4: 9-11a. "Beloved, if God so loved us. . . ." He gave His Son for us; His Son gave His life for us. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits?" L.G.O.

As each member of the team spoke briefly of his Christian experience and the call of God to the ministry the heart of each person present was touched. We knew that God had worked in our lives and would work through us to bring His message to a hungry community.

Dr. Loyal F. Hurley, the crusade preacher, delivered eight searching and dynamic sermons on such subjects as: "You, too, May Be a Crusader," "How God Deals with Us," and "Certainty of Salvation." On Friday night he dealt with our particular belief as Seventh Day Baptists under the topic: "Sabbath and Sunday, the Real Difference." Every message was enthusiastically received and hearts were stirred. The Spirit of God worked.

Rev. Albert N. Rogers was worship leader. He and our church organist, Mrs. Gaynor MacIntyre, worked together to bring the finest in church music. There were selections by the choir, men's chorus, seminarian sextet, and vocal and instrumental solos. Between selections were appropriate remarks by the worship leader, the evening lesson from the Bible, read by one of the students, and prayer. How wonderful it is to praise God from whom all blessings come.

The church felt that such a wonderful program deserved the best in publicity and we gave it everything possible through the local paper and radio station. An ad was placed in the "Westerly Sun" each evening for a week before the crusade team arrived and almost every evening during the crusade. There were eleven ads in thirteen days using 109 inches of space, and nine articles or news stories. During the crusade there were fourteen spot-announcements carried over Station WERI — two each day for seven days — and six five-minute programs broadcast each noon. These brief programs placed on tape carried an announcement of the evening service, a selection by the sextet, and an interview of a team member.

Three thousand Preaching Crusade leaflets were also printed and distributed by church members. This attractive six-page folder carried four pictures, the sermon topics, a word of welcome, and the purpose of the crusade.

Perhaps you will be able to get something of the total picture from these

statistics. The cost of the crusade was \$424.53 which was met by offerings and special gifts. The average attendance was a little over one hundred.

Then there are some who ask what was really accomplished. Only God has the answer. I feel as pastor that the undertaking of such a project was good for the church. Christ means more to us than before. We continue to find those who through the newspaper and radio were made aware that our church is doing a vital work. But more important is to bring the Good News to those outside the kingdom and to tie confessing Christians into the church program. The team and pastor made eighteen such calls. Three are planning to transfer their membership and four are planning to be baptized. The pastor is continuing to make follow-up calls and this number could be doubled before Membership Sabbath, Nov. 21.

The church is satisfied that we went a long way toward fulfilling our purpose which was fourfold:

1. To bring the message of God's love to a torn world.
2. To deepen the spiritual life of faithful Christians.
3. To call out those who have joined Christ's Church but seem to have forgotten.
4. To search out those who know not the Saviour.

Our church is deeply indebted to Alfred University and the School of Theology for sending this team to our community. Money cannot pay for spiritual blessings. We were impressed by the deep consecration of each team member, by their concern to do what was best for the church and community, and by the tireless way in which each gave of himself. May God continue to bless this kingdom-building effort.

You are citizens of a nation that can no longer live apart from the rest of the world. Once this could be done, but now the scope of American interests is as extensive as the little white crosses that mark the graves of American soldiers beneath the entire pathway of the sun. —Walter Chamblin, Jr.

WE VISITED PAINT ROCK

Elizabeth Fisher Davis

In the article, "The Seventh Day Baptist Church, Paint Rock, Ala.," which appeared in the Nov. 2 issue of the Recorder this sentence appeared — "There is a hearty welcome extended to all Sabbath believers to come and worship with this group." Mr. Davis and I proved it true. We had desired for many years to visit the Alabama field, but had decided, it was impossible. However, thanks to the kind Heavenly Father, it was graciously arranged so we could accompany our youngest son, Fisher, to southeastern Tennessee in his auto and from there to continue by bus to Woodville, Ala., where we arrived Tuesday evening, Oct. 20. The gracious welcome of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Butler was a delightful combination of southern hospitality and denominational loyalty. (And we didn't see that sentence in the Recorder of Nov. 2 till we returned to New Jersey!)

It was a blessing to attend the service on Wednesday evening in the church when the promising young pastor, Rev. David Pearson, conducted a study on the references in the Bible to the Sabbath; also to attend the Sabbath school and church services on the Sabbath. In the congregation were Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Bottoms of northeastern Alabama and a friend who had driven her car 65 miles; four others from near the old Attala, Ala., Church; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potts and three children of Florence, Ala. (Mrs. Potts was formerly Miss Ruth Butler); and our son, E. Fisher, who had arrived Friday evening.

A large part of the congregation came back to the beautiful home of the Butlers and enjoyed a lunch and fellowship together.

In the evening a community gathering was held at the home. This is a regular weekly meeting held in various homes. About 20 were present, among them a pastor and wife of a Sunday church and about 6 young people. The meeting was guided by the pastor, David Pearson, and the Spirit was definitely felt in songs, witnessing, and prayer.

The Nov. 2 article says, "There was at least one member who could never give up believing that God would revive this

little church body again." And thank God that the same one, the faithful believing mother, never failed to gather about her on the Sabbath for Bible reading and prayer the eight children that had come to their home. Her faith has been rewarded in her children and the husband's decision made only a few weeks ago.

We thank God for the blessing of visiting in the Butler home and meeting the people of the Paint Rock Church; may His rich blessings continue to pour out upon them.

[Mr. and Mrs. Luther S. Davis, now elderly, were pioneers in the Fouke, Ark., school of years gone by. She is the composer of the rally song "We Young Folks Are Seventh Day Baptists." For many years their outstanding faith and works have blessed the Marlboro, N. J., Church. We can name at least 3 ministers whose incentive to enter the ministry dates from residence in the Davis home, which we believe has had as strong an influence as the one she describes in the above article. Ed.]

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Since October 31 the Chicago Church has had a new meeting place which is readily accessible. The new location is 5052 W. Division St., two blocks east of Laramie, and can be reached by Division or Laramie Street buses. Sabbath school is at 10:30 and church worship at 11:30 as in the previous location. Alfred Keller of 124 N. Albany is the student pastor of the church.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — We are glad to report activities as usual at the Battle Creek Church. Sabbath school promotion exercises were held in September, reminding us of the patience and devotion of the teachers in the children's department. As in the past, New Testaments were given to those passing from the beginners to the primary department, and Bibles to those from primary to the junior department. This is done through the Fifield Bible Fund.

With real sorrow and regret we said farewell on Oct. 3 to Pastor Wheeler and his family. His final sermon was on the Conference theme, "To know Him and make Him known." A week before this,

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in the evening, we held a recognition social. This was promoted by the Goodwill Class, the program being arranged by Mrs. Lester Nelson. Besides musical and other numbers, tributes were presented from the Senior C. E., from Rev. Herbert L. Polan as a retired minister, from Russell Maxson for the Sabbath school, and from Rev. Homer Shafer of the First Baptist Church for the Ministerial Association. Four groups told of a "joint accomplishment." These were the Senior C. E., the Pro-con, the Mothers' Counsel, and the Senior Young People's Class. On behalf of these groups a gift of a slide projector was presented by Mrs. James Gardner. By means of a "radio quiz" conducted by Rod Moulton the Wheelers were awarded the "jackpot," a well-filled purse from the congregation and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crandall of Riverside welcomed Pastor Wheeler as their new pastor. The Wheelers gave as a parting gift to this church an electric wall clock, for use in the downstairs portion of the building.

Our pulpit is being filled by Rev. E. A. Coltrin, a Baptist pastor from Denver, who is on leave from his church. As a result of his own studies, Mr. Coltrin has been keeping the Sabbath for some time.

The parsonage is being cleaned and repainted to receive our new pastor, Rev. Leland Davis, and his family when they arrive next January. — E. M., Correspondent.

Marriages

Thorngate - Putnam.—Dale D. Thorngate, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Thorngate of Battle Creek, Mich., and Roberta Putnam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald M. Putnam, also of Battle Creek, were united in marriage in the Christian Endeavor Room of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church on October 30, 1953, by Rev. Herbert L. Polan. Their new home is at Milton, Wis.

Births

McClure.—A daughter, Diane Ruth, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald McClure of Gashland, Mo., October 22, 1953. Mrs. McClure was formerly Alma Bond.

Siedhoff.—A son, John Blake, to Mr. and Mrs. John Allison Siedhoff, 4245 Ninth St., Ecorse (Detroit) 29, Mich., Oct. 9, 1953.

Thorngate.—A son, Stephen, to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thorngate (Beverly Burdick) of St. Paul, Minn., October 14, 1953.

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

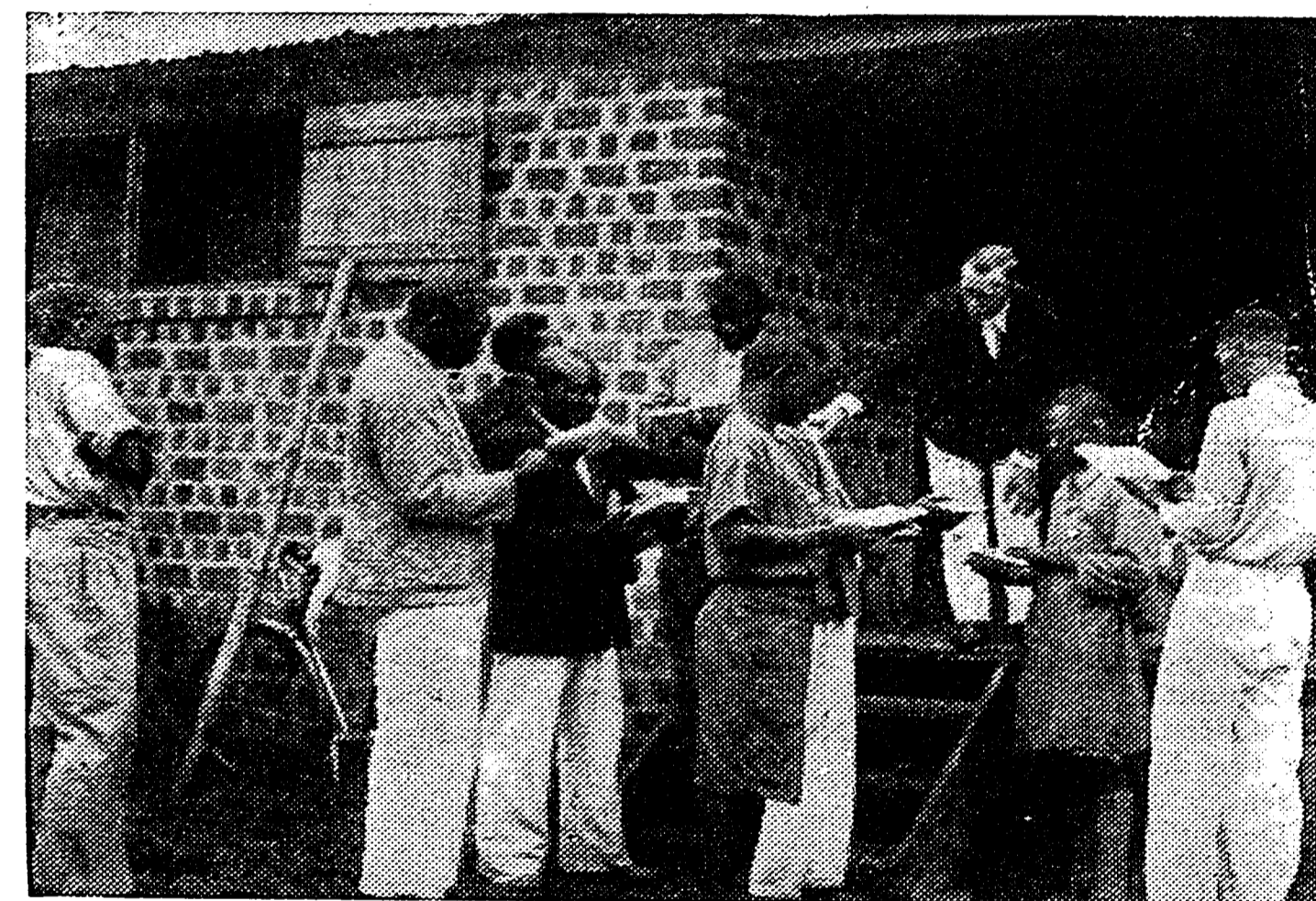
Statement of the Treasurer, October 31, 1953

Receipts		October
Albion		\$ 79.41
Alfred, First		385.90
Associations and groups		25.80
Battle Creek		30.00
Berlin		68.92
Boulder		32.80
Brookfield, Second		64.85
Chicago		40.00
Daytona Beach		49.60
De Ruyter		111.00
Dodge Center		48.10
Farina		15.00
Hebron, First		8.60
Hopkinton, First		238.55
Independence		22.00
Indianapolis		13.70
Little Genesee		21.10
Lost Creek		150.00
Marlboro		260.00
Middle Island		13.82
Milton		249.55
Milton Junction		50.00
Pawcatuck		280.00
Piscataway		27.50
Plainfield		208.65
Richburg		19.35
Rockville		7.35
Shiloh		150.00
Verona		30.00
Walworth		20.00
Waterford		22.75
White Cloud		34.43
Total		\$2,778.73

Disbursements		
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$ 941.52	\$ 94.20
Tract Society	218.64	
Board of		
Christian Education	414.48	
Women's Society	132.96	40.00
Historical Society	57.12	
Ministerial Retirement	232.80	241.22
S. D. B. Building	65.04	
World Fellowship and Service	9.60	
General Conference	327.84	
Balance on hand		
October 31	3.31	
Totals	\$2,403.31	\$ 375.42

Comparative Figures		
	1953	1952
Receipts in October:		
Budget	\$2,403.31	\$2,365.53
Specials	375.42	262.11
Annual Budget	63,121.22	46,635.00
Portion of budget raised to date	3.81%	5.07%
	L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.	
	Milton, Wis.	

THEME FOR NEXT CONFERENCE
To Know Him and Make Him Known



American Bible Society Representative
Distributing Scriptures in Africa

Too long Christian people have been content to speak of Africa as the Dark Continent. The forces of darkness are indeed strong in that vast land. When the Word of God gets into the hearts of the many nations and tribes of Africa, then the darkness will turn to dawning. The men seen somewhat indistinctly in the above picture are certainly expressing the thought —

"Holy Bible, Book divine,
Precious treasure, thou art mine."