

The Sabbath Recorder

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y. — Over fifty from our church attended some of the interesting sessions of the General Association held in the Brookfield Church June 5-7. Rev. Lester G. Osborn, delegate from the Eastern Association and a former pastor of our church, delivered a wonderful sermon Sabbath morning from the subject "Christ Reflected in Your Sabbathkeeping." The choir of the Verona Church furnished music for the service. The children's story was given by Miss Joyce Sholtz of our church. Sabbath afternoon the children's hour at the Parish House was conducted by Mrs. Garth Warner of Verona. In the afternoon there were panel presentations on "Christ Reflected in Family Worship" in which Mrs. Carol Crandall of Verona and several others took part. The afternoon session closed with a devotional service led by Pastor Victor W. Skaggs. The evening after the Sabbath a youth program arranged by Kenneth Davis, chairman of Youth Work in the association, was carried out.

The teachers of the Daily Vacation Bible School, to be held at our church July 6-17, met Thursday night to discuss plans for the school. Other churches joining with us are New London M. E., Verona Presbyterian, and Churchville Lutheran. Mrs. Garth Warner will be supervisor.

The monthly meeting of the Verona Youth Council was held at our church last Monday evening. Officers were elected and Pastor Skaggs was installed as one of the advisors. —Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — Recognition Day for Alfred University and Alfred-Almond graduates was held as the regular service on Sabbath, June 6. Duane Davis of Nortonville, Kan., preached the sermon. Pastor Warren led in prayer. Dean A. J. C. Bond read the Scripture lesson. Seminary graduates recognized were Duane L. Davis and Oscar C. Burdick (in absentia). Other graduates were: Randolph Webb, Pamela Davis, Nancy Lobaugh, Mary Ellen Tucker, Philip Saunders, John Albiston, Eleanor Armstrong, Marianne Bailey, Robert Burdick, Patricia Spaine, Joyce Tucker, and Barbara Warren.

An ice cream and cake social held in the park on Main Street netted the sum of \$63.28 for the Camp Harley Fund. The

Alfred-Almond Central School band, in their blue and gold uniforms, was the chief attraction, furnishing musical numbers throughout.

Children's Day was observed by an inspiring service at the regular church hour on June 13. The primary department had charge of the service, directed by Mrs. Evert Percy and Mrs. Gordon Ogden. Six girls greeted the worshipers in the vestry. The service began with a processional of some 40 children singing "Jesus Loves Me," each carrying a flower which he added to a great central bouquet. The service included: invocation; the Lord's Prayer; responsive reading; "A Child's Beatitudes"; and "A Child's Prayer." During the service, Miss Barbara Warren told an illustrated story on "Signs." At the close, she gave each primary child a miniature road sign which was a reminder of how to be a better boy or girl. Two choirs, the Teen-Agers and the Sub-Teen, filled the choirloft.

Pastor Warren, assisted by Mrs. George Potter, cradle roll superintendent, conducted a service for dedication of babies as a part of Children's Day. Those dedicated were John Hasten Crandall, William Roy Darling, Mary Anna Gaynor, David Eugene Ormsby, and Audrey Jane Reid.

The "Beth and Joan" pictures were enjoyed Friday night, June 12. They were sponsored by the Evangelical Society.

—Mrs. Ben R. Crandall, Correspondent.

Accessions

Albion, Wis.

Testimony:

William Baum
Mrs. Colleen Baum

Obituaries

Bardeen. — Edna Rogers, daughter of Daniel H. Rogers and Mattie Basset Rogers, was born July 8, 1889, at Alfred, N. Y., and died April 22, 1953, in Hollywood, Calif.

She joined the Alfred Church in early life and transferred her membership to the Los Angeles Church in 1913, where it remained till her death.

She is survived by her husband, Hugh A. Bardeen, a sister, Esther Rogers (both of Hollywood), seven children, and many grandchildren.

Private funeral services were held at the Wee Kirk of the Heather, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, Apr. 25, 1953, conducted by Rev. William Stoddard. Interment was in Forest Lawn, Los Angeles, Calif. L. R. L.

My Prayer

I do not ask that life be calm each day;
That raging storm ne'er cross my wind-swept way;
For storms must come, and — always it is best,
For storms my courage, or my weakness test.

I cannot ask that life be always bright;
That never darkness shroud me in its night;
For often darkness comes. 'Tis always best,
For in the night I see my selfishness.

I would not ask that I from pain be free;
That never grief or anguish come to me;
'Tis best that pain and grief and anguish be,
For then my helplessness I clearly see.

But every day my fervent prayer shall be:
"When storm or night or anguish comes to me,
As Thou didst speak to storm-swept Galilee,
Speak, Lord, to give Thy peace and calm to me."



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Many churches have a driveway all around the building these days. That's so Dad doesn't have to back out after delivering the family — Dodge Center Star-Record.

OUR COVER

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DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAM AND LOCAL CHURCH AUTONOMY

We are on the eve of what may be a real, forward-looking General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists. It may be an opportune time to emphasize again the relation between the denominational program and the independence of the local church.

It is probable that members of some centralized denominations laugh at some of the problems of the congregational-type denominations such as ours. Bishops and superintendents no doubt make for unity and efficiency for the over-all program. They laugh at us because we can never be sure that the local churches will carry out what their representatives have voted at Conference. There is no compulsion, no ax held over any congregation. The church may or may not support the Denominational Budget without fear of penalty. Our system has worked because of confidence and loyalty.

We want a somewhat centralized program and a well-thought-out budget but we do not want centralized control. We want to preserve local autonomy to the extent of determining how our gifts shall be used. In our system we have that right, and we laugh at those who have forfeited it.

At General Conference or by vote of the Commission the boards and agencies may be instructed not to make special appeals outside the budget. The boards, though fairly autonomous in some matters, do abide by these decisions. What would happen if they did not is an interesting question. On the other hand, churches and individuals are moved more by appeals than by the force of Commission action.

We have experimented and we know that we need central planning and a well-apportioned budget. But if we should try to muzzle the spontaneous sacrificial giving of our people and churches we would violate our principles of government and would stifle the spirit we are trying to develop. We cannot be Baptist and Methodist at the same time. If we are Baptist or Congregational our individual churches will support missionaries in addition to their Denominational Budget support, like the Baptists and Congregationalists do. We might as well face it; we might

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better pray for it than criticize it, in the opinion of the editor.

The question of whether a church can or will adequately support the Denominational Budget and at the same time take on one or more personalized missionary projects is an open question which can best be decided within the local church. The churches of our acquaintance that handle additional projects handle considerable additional money. Our Los Angeles Church is a notable example of this.

PROMOTING TEMPERANCE

Of the mass of material coming to the editor's desk, other than religious periodicals, temperance literature runs a close second to ecumenical releases. The Sabbath Recorder is glad to get most of this material and to use as much of it as is consistent with a well-balanced emphasis. Ours is neither a church union nor a temperance journal. It is rather "a magazine for Christian enlightenment and inspiration" intended to serve primarily the needs of Sabbathkeeping Baptists. As such we must try to bring enlightenment and inspiration to every department of Christian living.

The National Temperance and Prohibition Council may be a new organization to some of our readers. It is one of many; it is comprised of twenty-three denominational and other civic and religious groups including the WCTU — an imposing list. They have asked us to give them a write-up to oppose the advertising of liquor, wine, and beer on the air waves and in magazines. This we are glad to do.

Undoubtedly the most effective way to curb such advertising is by individual protest to the local station or to the magazine. The volume, the sincerity, and the reasonableness of written protests are what count. The liquor traffic is spending two hundred fifty million dollars per year in deceptive, glamorous advertising not just to extol a certain brand but to brand our uncertain youth with a new and pernicious habit.

Does the liquor industry have a right to advertise its product the same as any other industry. Some would say yes, but

the Supreme Court says no in the following words:

"There is no inherent right in a citizen to sell liquor. As it is a business attended with such dangers to the community it may be entirely prohibited, or permitted under such conditions as will limit to the utmost its evils." — *Crowley vs. Christianson* (137 U. S. 86).

Therefore, since our highest tribunal has ruled that it is only a special privilege to sell liquor, the citizens have a perfect right to try to curb the advertising of it in our homes. It should be remembered that hard liquor is not allowed to be advertised over radio and TV.

The following nine magazines with a 1952 circulation of over twenty-five million accept various kinds of alcoholic beverage advertisements: Life, Time, Fortune, Collier's, Look, McCall's, Woman's Home Companion, Newsweek, The American Magazine. In 1952 their revenue from the liquor industry increased half a million dollars over the previous year and amounted to about ten per cent of their total advertising revenue.

Please note and commend the following magazines with a circulation of nearly thirty-eight million which accept neither liquor, wine, nor beer advertising: Reader's Digest, Ladies' Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post, Better Homes and Gardens, Good Housekeeping, American Home, Country Gentleman, Capper Household, National Geographic, Capper Farmer, Parents' Magazine, and Pathfinder.

The true Christian is potentially able to curb his fleshly appetites and to resist the temptations of seductive advertising, but his responsibility includes also the weaker brother. Just as cities have the right to zone out business and even churches, so citizen sentiment has a right to zone out liquor advertising. Some people think we are on the verge of a national subversive hysteria. Let the Christians, with Seventh Day Baptists in the vanguard, grapple with the ever-present subversive menace of drink in a sane, determined crusade!

VACATION REVERIE: A driver is safest when the roads are dry, but the roads are safest when the driver is dry. — Better Homes and Gardens.

PERSONAL INVITATION TO CONFERENCE

We of the Battle Creek Church are busy with our part of the preparation for General Conference, August 18-23, and this letter is to remind you of your job in making these meetings a success. The Lord's work through our denomination can best be carried out by a good representation from each and every church in making the important decisions that are called for at Conference. Every Seventh Day Baptist needs the spiritual uplift that always comes through meeting with so many others of our denomination and learning the full scope of the work which God has for us to do.

The local Housing Committee is ready to receive your registration, and their work will be made easier if you write them as soon as possible. The address is: Mrs. John Cornish, 492 Emmett Street, Battle Creek, Mich. They are planning to house as many as possible in private homes. The committee also has a list of hotels, motels, tourist homes, and trailer parks to recommend to those who desire them. There are fourteen motel rooms equipped for light housekeeping if any families would like to prepare their own meals. Other than the luncheons and suppers planned for special groups, delegates may get their meals from any of the convenient restaurants or cafeteria recommended by the local committee.

A nursery is planned for all infants and children up to the Junior Conference age and will be open each day from 9 to 12 and 1 to 4, as well as evenings from 7 o'clock until the close of the meeting.

Battle Creek is served by two railroads, bus, and airplane, and the local Transportation Committee will be glad to meet you on arrival if you will send your schedule along with your reservation.

All young people will want to arrive in time for Pre-Conference Camp, August 13-18.

Those who have additional time to spend will find Battle Creek and surroundings an ideal place to spend a vacation. Many lakes are close to town and Lake Michigan with several state parks is only 75 miles away. The local cereal plants, museum, bird sanctuary, etc., all

MEMORY TEXT

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Hebrews 10: 25.

WE CANNOT STAND STILL

Secretary A. B. Crofoot

It has been pointed out so often, and in so many different ways as to seem unnecessary to repeat, that we cannot stand still. If it were possible, the rest of the world would so quickly pass us by that we would soon be lost in oblivion.

Have we, as Seventh Day Baptists, been attempting this impossible feat? Have we been content to worship in our own small circles, contributing occasionally to missions somewhere "out there"; answering questions about our distinctive beliefs in a half-embarrassed manner; and feeling that so long as we were right, nothing else really mattered? Or are we as individuals embracing every opportunity to keep alive God's truth as we know it?

Many of our once thriving churches are now struggling for bare existence and several have succumbed; but we also have new and growing churches among our number. We once supported three or more active publications — today we heavily subsidize what we print. We once had in a single foreign missionary field more persons than we send abroad to the entire world today, but we have powerful evidence of a renewed interest in fields which have not been closed to us as has the China field, with more workers going out. Does all this measure up to progress or to retrogression?

We must progress, if only to survive. If the truths we hold precious are important to God, and we believe they are, He will not let them perish — but WE may lose the blessing of standing before the world as the exponents of these truths. If we wish to retain more than a toe-hold

welcome visitors. The time is coming soon, so please let us know that YOU will be here!

Conference Publicity Committee.

on continued existence and usefulness, we must do more than attempt to hold our own — we must move forward.

One effective means to assure progress is to have some definite plan and then to work for the accomplishment of that plan. We ought to have some idea of where we hope to be, both spiritually and statistically, five, ten, twenty-five years from now; blueprint our plans for attaining those objectives; and then work for the accomplishment of the objectives. Our board secretaries, Commission, Conference officers, and other leaders are thinking ahead — planning future programs, hoping and praying for growth. But plans alone are not enough. We must all work for the accomplishment of these plans. And that requires inner growth within ourselves before it can become manifested in growth of our existence as a group, charged by God with the preservation and propagation of His Truth.

THE BIRTH OF A CAMP

Camp Harley near Alfred Station, N. Y., is about to be born and to take its place among the other camps owned or operated by Seventh Day Baptists. Named for Rev. Harley Sutton who was education secretary for the denomination until stricken with creeping paralysis several years ago, it will open its doors this summer. Madge Sutton, wife of Harley, is on the board of trustees of the Western Association which owns the camp.

The following report of the building committee read at the Western Association June 21, may well be considered a description of the birth of a camp and may be valuable to other groups of churches contemplating the building of a camp.

Two years have passed since the Western Association voted at its 1951 session at Little Genesee to accept the site for Camp Harley offered by H. O. and Hannah Burdick near Alfred Station. One year ago we began tearing down the old carpenter shop on the Alfred campus to move it to the camp site. At that time, the well had been drilled, a road built, and a diversion terrace had been graded above the ball field.

Fred Palmer supervised the razing and

moving of the building, and the committee asked Lloyd Pierce to be head carpenter for its erection. Piers were poured during the summer and on Labor Day a bee was called to put up the frame. By snow time most of the roof was on and more than half of the sheathing. Our first job this spring was to complete the roofing and lay flooring. A stairway has been built to the second floor and new matched flooring laid upstairs. Most of the windows have been put in with two or three subject to change. In the fall we would like to put roll siding on the outside of the building and in a year or two a first-grade roofing should be laid over the present roof.

Electricity will be brought to the lodge by camp time and the building is being wired within the next few days. A kitchen is being built on the north end and a library and director's office in the east wing. The Andover Church has given its dishes and kitchenware to the camp; and numerous tables, chairs, cots, stoves, and other equipment are being assembled.

It would be impossible to list all who have donated time or materials for our building project. H. O. Burdick has had a pond built near our property and his son, Dr. Kenneth Burdick, has given sand and gravel for a "beach." The Little Genesee Church has given lumber. The family of Milo Palmer requested gifts to Camp Harley in lieu of flowers at the time of his funeral, a practice particularly fitting in the light of his keen interest in the camp. Paul C. Baker, our committee treasurer, will make a separate report. We would like to thank all who have shared in this project, but we believe they already feel repaid.

Albert N. Rogers, Chairman.

Pre-Conference Camp

With my Bible and my folder, and my rucksack on my shoulder,
That's how I'll leave the place that I was born in,

For my eager heart is yearning for the things that we'll be learning,

And I'm off to Camp Ben Johnston in the morning.
E. M.

(Fits chorus of "Off to Philadelphia.")

PATTERNS FOR POWER FOR PRE-CON CAMP

Patterns for Power is the theme of the 1953 Pre-Con Retreat for youth above the 9th grade. Director David Clarke has announced the fee of \$10 for the camp to be held from Thursday afternoon to Monday afternoon, Aug. 13-17. Registration forms will be coming to each church soon.

It is planned that all through the day, from the Alone Hour early in the morning to the recreation and swimming in the mid-afternoon heat, campers will grow in those patterns of disciplined action which contribute to kingdom usefulness.

All the way from Pastor Clifford Hansen's theme course to the practical courses in mimeographing, mission models, and recreation methods, there will be emphasis on patterns of life that let God's power flow through us.

Campers will share the life of famine-stalked peoples when they eat a "Meals for Millions" supper and will find patterns for meeting the famine of hearing the Word of God as well as famines of bread.

Cabin groups will experience growth in group prayer, and other fellowship hours will provide inspiration from God. O. Frederick Nolde and Paul Hoh have written a leaders' study of the Bible emphasizing service, which will point up our Alone Hour thoughts.

The entire facilities of Camp Ben Johnston are at our disposal to help us in providing such a program of experimental Christian growth. Since the publication of the June Beacon telling you of Pre-Con, these new developments can now be reported: Duane Davis, pastor at Nortonville, will conduct a recreational workshop; Ronald Barrar will build a model of Makapwa Mission in a workshop class; Marion Burdick Maxson will bring the experience and warmth of feeling needed for a fine choral program. See you there?

David Clarke.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 25, 1953

Growing in Christ

Basic Scripture: Luke 2: 52; Ephesians 4.

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION

Rev. Paul S. Burdick

Theme: "Who knoweth whether thou art come into the kingdom for such a time as this." Esther 4: 14.

The Lost Creek Church has an advantage not shared by many of our churches, in its beautiful location on a knoll overlooking the town. It is surrounded by a wide expanse of lawn, adorned by many shade trees. This inviting prospect brought many of the delegates and friends who gathered there into the open, between sessions, to talk over old times or to make new acquaintances.

Carol Bond, in his welcoming address, after devotions by the Roanoke Church, reviewed the history of the Lost Creek Church from the early days when settlers from New Jersey and Pennsylvania moved over into "Virginia" to establish communities where the Sabbath would be kept. Orlo Kagarise of Salemville made a fitting response.

In the sermon that followed, Rev. Clifford Hansen pointed out that the Moslem faith need not have spread across Arabia and begun its march of conquest if Christianity had pressed out with missionary zeal instead of engaging in internal strife. Similarly, China and Russia and other countries that were open at times to the entrance of the true Gospel, became closed, and the opportunity was lost. Sundayism, representing the age-old rift between Jew and Gentile, and the setting up of an authoritarian church, is scarcely in line with the free evangelistic approach of the early church, asserted Mr. Hansen. Let us give ourselves unreservedly to the leading of the Holy Spirit and accept the challenge that is uniquely ours, as Seventh Day Baptists, was his concluding appeal.

Continuing the theme, "For such a time as this," Rev. Loyal F. Hurley on Sabbath morning presented the contrast of a materialistic philosophy pressing its claims with a zeal that once belonged exclusively to the Christian Church. Communists are working hard to capture the minds of the youth of our day, while Christians sit back at ease or engage in strife one with another. We believe in a God who works

in and through us to bring all things to a successful termination. Let us rise up and act our creed, he challenged.

Following a presentation of the opportunity in Denmark to contact Sabbathkeepers there, an amount was raised to send Rev. James McGeachy from London to investigate that field.

Sabbath afternoon was devoted to the cause of Christian education. Interest ranged from a consideration of our School of Theology to the beginnings of our churches on this continent, their history, and the history of our General Conference, till we arrive at the present again with its call for more trained leaders to direct our work in the future. This historical sketch was well illustrated by a simple pageant that helped to fix these events in memory. A fitting climax to this part of the program was the solo by Mrs. Eldred Batson, "Rise Up, O Men of God." Some ideas on the working out of a program of improvement in Bible school work were then given by Ernest Bond as he told of the work he and Mrs. Bond had been doing in the Grant District Bible School Convention.

The evening service was in charge of young people of Lost Creek, introducing the delegate from the Eastern Association, Rev. Paul Maxson of the Berlin Church. His text was the statement of John the Baptist regarding Jesus, "He must increase but I must decrease." He emphasized the following thoughts: It takes real unselfishness and humility to see a rival prosper. We have many words for pain and suffering but only one for joy. That John could "rejoice while the bridegroom was with them" showed his utter devotion to the one "greater than himself." As the glory of the stars is hidden when the sun arises, so our glory is gladly merged in His, who is the Sun of Righteousness.

The young people of the association enjoyed a social hour on the parsonage lawn following this service, and some of them were up early the next morning to attend the sunrise service.

Much interest was shown in the report of the committee on religious education of the association. As other associations are similarly taking an interest in the education of our young people, an effort was

made to bring our recommendations in line. In helping students with tuition, preference will be given to those preparing themselves in some way for work in the churches. Direct help is given in this association to the Department of Religious Education in Salem College, while one church is leading in helping to provide a "living endowment" for the college.

Plans for a camp for young people are being made. Near Fairmont, W. Va., where camp was held last year, reservations have been made for the first week in August.

Sunday morning devotions were in charge of the young people of Salemville. The sermon was by Rev. Victor Skaggs of Verona, the delegate from the Central Association. Taking his text from the words of Jesus, "Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it," the speaker reminded us that the rule applies in many realms of life, not only personally, but also to nations or denominations. Too much attention to health leads to sickness. Too much effort for wealth leads to poverty of soul. It is only that person or that nation losing itself in unselfish service to others that will truly live and grow.

The afternoon service was given to the interests of three boards: the Women's, the Missionary, and the Tract. A projector was used to show pictures of the work of the United Church Women's Council. The work of the Missionary and Tract Boards has recently been reviewed in the pages of the Recorder, but new interest seems to be springing up over special projects which churches or associations can sponsor. The Plainfield Church is to build a home for the nurses who go to Africa; Riverside is planning a hydroelectric and irrigation project for that field; while the Southeastern Association was inspired to take over the Denmark interest. It is notable also that the offering for the Denominational Budget did not suffer, but was actually increased over previous years.

A committee which had been appointed to consider denominational reorganization, especially as it related to our association, brought in a mimeographed report, which, because of time limitations could not be

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considered in detail. The committee was continued for another year. Anyone desiring a concise statement of the problems involved might be able to secure a copy of this report by writing to President K. Duane Hurley of Salem College.

Pastor David Beebe of the Middle Island Church brought the message on Sunday evening, after devotions by the Salem people. The sermon was an exposition of Isaiah 30. The children of Israel were seeking help from outside sources rather than from the quietness that God supplies, and the strength that comes from confidence in Him. "Egypt cannot help; swift horses cannot save," the prophet was saying; but, "In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength." This message is greatly needed in our day. We need to remember that our God is a God of justice in all His dealings. He is nevertheless gracious and merciful toward the repentant. And to those who will hear, His voice is calling, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

Pastor Beebe, we might say in passing, made an excellent moderator of the meetings. Next year the Middle Island Church will be host to the association, with Edwin Bond as moderator.

The associations are history, but the spirit and tone of them seems to call for a new forward movement all along the line. May we go to our General Conference at Battle Creek with hearts aglow and minds made up for greater challenges under the directing hand of our God.

Accessions

Adams Center, N. Y.

Baptism:

David Moore
Mrs. David Moore (Jane Whitford)
Mrs. Holly Whitford

Births

Lockard. — A daughter, Sandra Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. James Lockard of Washington, D. C., on February 12, 1953.

Allen. — A son, Thomas Bond, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Allen of Petersburg, W. Va., on May 26, 1953.

Bond. — A son, Harley Davis, born January 23, 1953, and adopted June 2 by Mr. and Mrs. Richard R. Bond of Madison, Wis.

Langworthy. — A son, Dennis James, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Fred Langworthy of Adams Center, N. Y., on May 9, 1953.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTONVILLE, KAN.—Vacation Bible School was held for two weeks in May with an enrollment of 45. Pastor Davis was director with Miss Nannie Greeley as his assistant. Teachers were: Pastor Davis, Mrs. Jack Mitchell, Mrs. Melvin Stephan, Mrs. Marvin Stephan, Mrs. Alena Bond, and Miss Zella Babcock. Miss Babcock and Pastor Davis entertained the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grades at a breakfast during the school. The offering was sent to our African Mission.

Our pastor has just returned from two weeks' absence in which he was graduated from the Alfred University School of Theology where he received his bachelor of divinity degree. He attended the alumni banquet at Salem College, brought the message at the Sabbath morning service at Alfred, and visited his parents at Verona for a week.

Pastor Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Hatfield Stephan represented our church on a Gospel team the weekend of June 26 at Boulder, Colo.

Nine young people from the church will attend Rocky Mountain Camp. Pastor Davis will be a teacher and counselor at the camp.

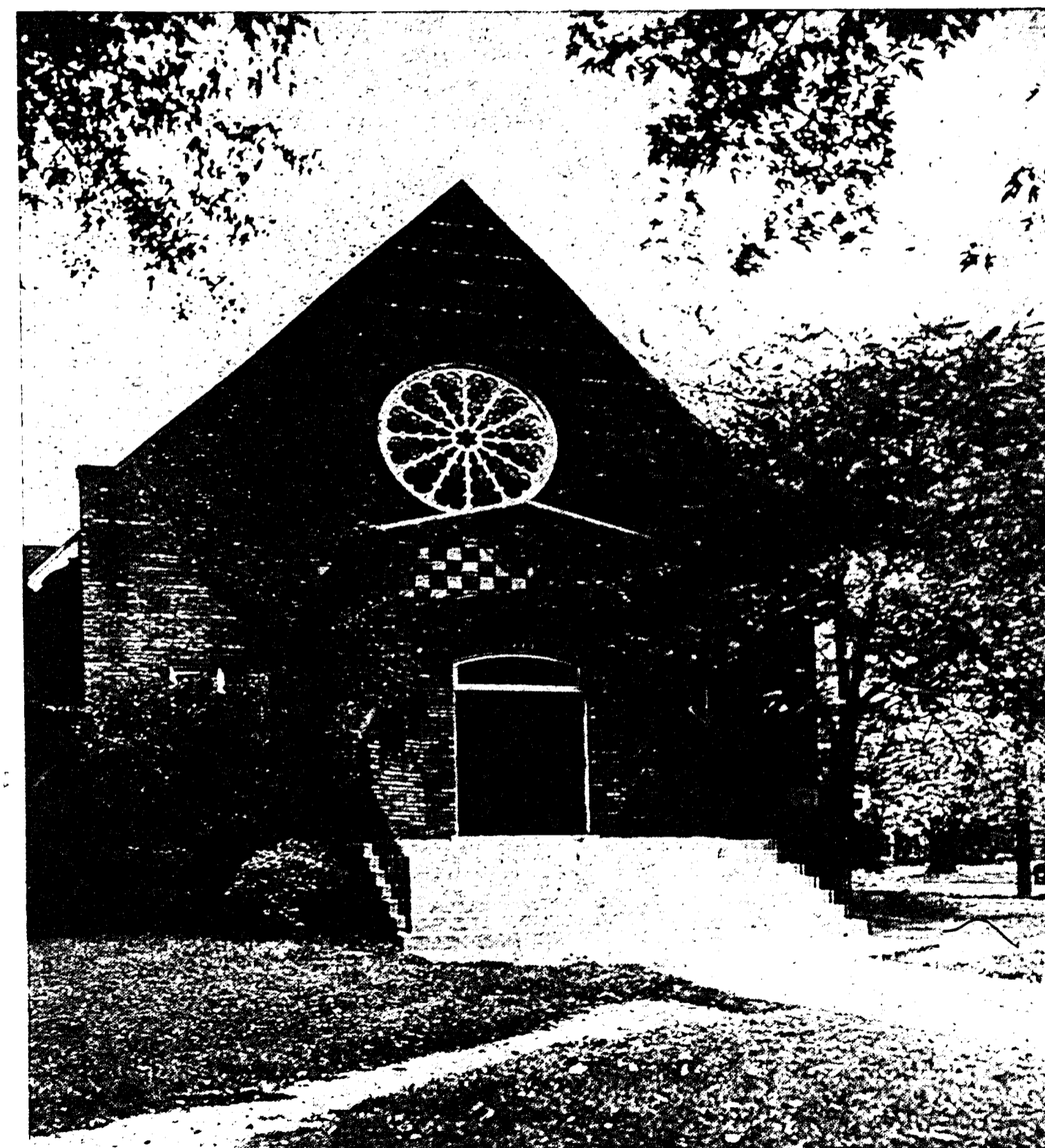
Missionary Barrar of Nyasaland recently visited our church and showed very interesting pictures of the mission. A collection of \$14 was presented to him for his work. The Sabbath school also gave him \$50.

Our pastor was given cash graduation gifts from the church, Sabbath school, and Missionary Society. The Missionary Society also remembered his birthday.

We are very glad to welcome Mrs. Mary Crandall, Beth, and Billy as new members of our church by letter, and Jack Mitchell by testimony. —Correspondent.

State Goes to Church

First Presbyterian Church in Trenton, N. J., held a special "nonpartisan and non-sectarian" worship in connection with the convening of the state legislature for its 1953 session. Invitations went to Governor Alfred Driscoll (a Presbyterian), members of his cabinet, the state supreme court, and state representatives to the United States Congress. This service is conducted regularly each year. — Presbyterian Tribune.



Seventh Day Baptist Church of Battle Creek, Mich.

For the third time in its brief history of fifty years, our Battle Creek Church entertains the General Conference next month. The interesting story of the congregation and building appears in this issue.