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toms when he was serving in Korea. There were table displays of very interesting souvenirs from other lands. The program included the presentation of a Mexican family scene by the DeLand family, folk songs in Spanish and German, a Chinese song and one in French, and a boys' quartet singing a Dutch round, which was dramatized in Dutch costume. The program closed with an impressive film entitled "People Without Fear."

The Friday Vesper on Nov. 20, with a Thanksgiving theme, was in charge of Mrs. Ernest Thorngate, who read appropriate Scripture and other material. The music by the boys' quartet was much enjoyed and included both vocal and instrumental numbers. — E. M., Publicity.

INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — The Independence Church sponsored a Vacation Bible School for the children from the surrounding community. Three of the older girls of the church assisted in the teaching and with the music.

Nine from our church attended Camp Harley.

The upstairs classroom has been remodeled making it much more attractive to those attending Sabbath school.

We have enjoyed having the members of the Andover Church meet with us since the discontinuing of services there.

We were very fortunate to be able to have Rev. Loyal F. Hurley conduct a Preaching Mission in our church from Friday night to Sunday night, Nov. 13-15. The meetings were well attended. He gave messages challenging and inspirational to each one of us — and I believe the church will grow spiritually as a result of his efforts. — Grace C. Spicer, Press Com.

Obituaries

Prentice. — Donald Toop, of Peekskill, N. Y., son of Dr. Harry W. Prentice of Cranford, N. J., and the late Alice Toop Prentice (former music instructor in Alfred University), was born in Yonkers, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1906, and died in the Peekskill Hospital June 20, 1953.

He was graduated from Alfred University in 1927. On May 13, 1933, he married Dorothy Painter of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. Prentice served in World War II as a captain in the Signal Corps., being overseas three years. For the past twenty years he has been employed by the Bell Telephone Company of New York City and for some time in the

capacity of business engineer. He had been granted a year's leave of absence from the Bell Company and had worked with the National Heart Fund.

Don was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New York City.

Funeral services were held at the Beecher Funeral Home in Pleasantville, N. Y., June 22, with burial in Mount Kensico Cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, his father, and a sister, Eleanor Prentice Anderson of Cranford, N. J. E. P. A.

Clarke. — Judson Dwight, son of Sherrill Joseph and Harriet Saunders Clarke, was born Sept. 21, 1867, on the family farm near Milton, Wis., and passed away at his Milton home on Sabbath, June 20, 1953.

Being graduated from Milton College in 1891, Dwight Clarke was granted a Mitchell Scholarship in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin where he became an assistant to the late Dr. Stephen Babcock. He followed agriculture as a career throughout his active life.

On Oct. 12, 1904, Mr. Clarke was married to Beatrice Lowther, then head of the music department of Salem College, Salem, W. Va. One son, Walton Dwight, was born to their marriage.

Baptized by Rev. E. M. Dunn, at ten years of age, Mr. Clarke was for 75 years a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. At one time he served as treasurer of the Young People's Board of the denomination. He was an active, participating member of his beloved church.

Surviving him are his wife, Beatrice; his son, Walton; one sister, Cora Clarke; and two granddaughters. Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, with burial in the Milton Cemetery. E. F. R.

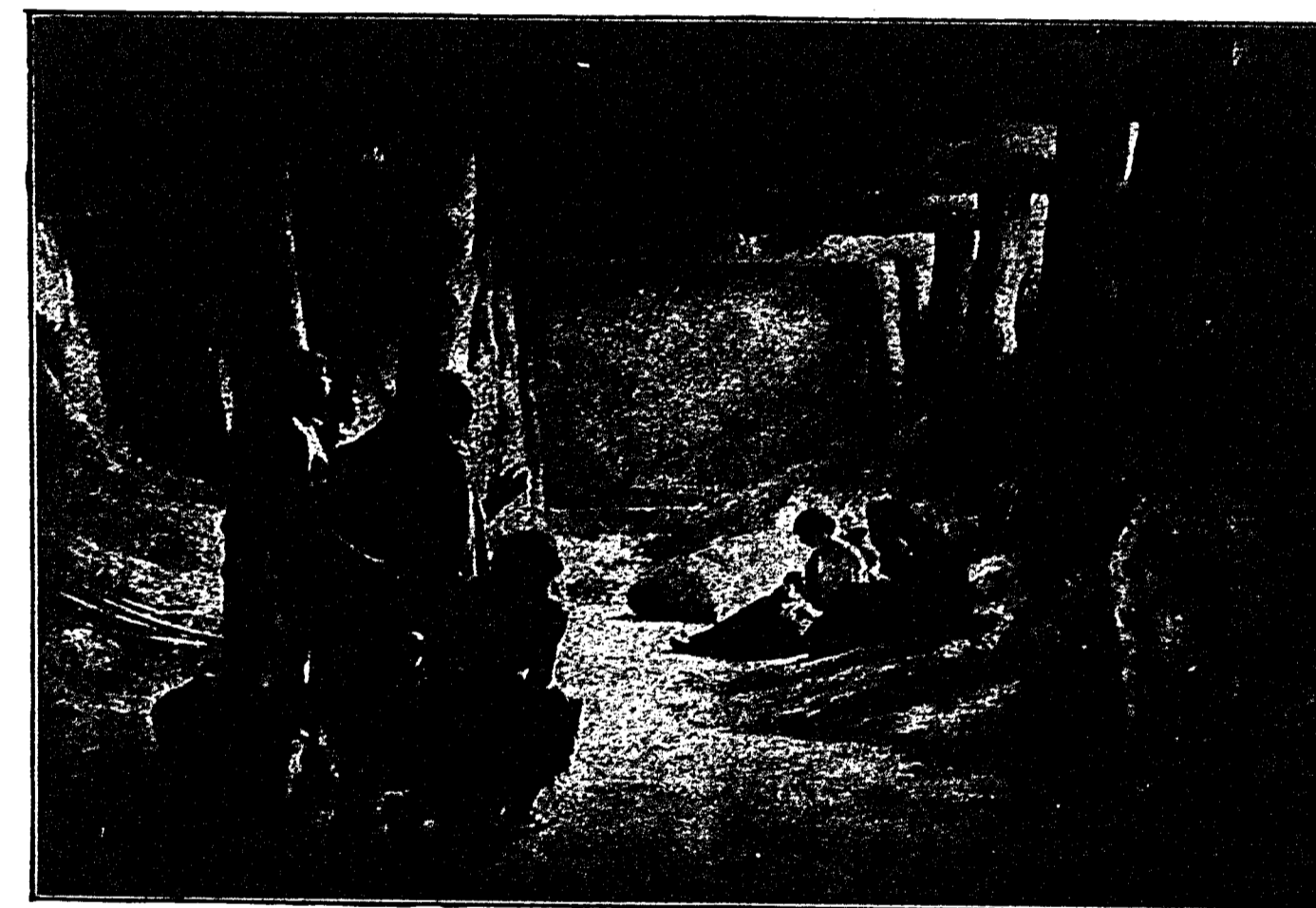
Bond. — Rebecca, daughter of Eli and Mary Batten Bond, was born January 22, 1862, and died November 25, 1953, at Lost Creek, W. Va.

"Aunt Becky" was a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church for 65 years. She is survived by 8 nieces and nephews, 17 great-nieces and nephews, and 21 great-great-nieces and nephews. Farewell services were conducted at the home of her nephew, John Curry, Sr., November 27, by her pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel. Burial was in the Frame Church Cemetery. R. E. Z.

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Not prophets or priests, but "certain poor shepherds" received a special revelation at the birth of Christ. Awestruck, like Mary many months previously, at the honor accorded, they proved the truth of the angel's word and stood wonderingly before the manger bed of the Saviour-King. Humbly we, too, must acknowledge that we are not worthy to possess the revelation of Christ unless we prove it in experience and pass it on to the waiting world. Christ is come! Salvation is accessible! The future is bright with eternal hope.

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Prayer Thought

How can I find time to pray? Did you ever stop to realize how many thoughts for good or ill can surge through your mind while the light is red at the intersection? We have found much refreshment in weary travel by closing the eyes during that brief moment when our line of traffic waited for the other fellow's right of way. How much better to grasp this interval for communion with God. Surely God would be nearer and the problems of the road less irritating.

A BRIEF FOR CHRISTMAS

In last week's editorial we tried to point out that the preciousness of the birth narratives helps us to accept the whole Word of God as precious. We stated that only the most radical critics tamper with the accounts of the incarnation. We still believe we were right in that statement even though there has come to our desk this morning the December issue of "The Universalist Leader," the leading article of which denies that we have any accurate knowledge of the birth of Jesus. Strangely enough, Rev. Theodore Webb, the writer, entitles his article, "A Brief for Christmas."

Mr. Webb contends that the stories of the birth of Jesus should be appreciated rather than believed. He seems to say that those early "mythmakers" and "talebearers" were perhaps more astute than the theologians who described God with words. The writers of the early chapters of Matthew and Luke hit upon the wonderful idea of describing God as a babe in a manger. He designates as allegories the announcement by angels, the virginity of Mary, the star, and the shepherds hearing the angels sing.

In our opinion, a lawyer, presenting a brief for Christmas under such terms, would lose his case in any fair court. He implies that Universalists "who are intelligent, who are in the western, liberal tradition" should break away from those who have committed the blunder of taking these stories seriously.

We do not believe that Christmas as a name or as a church celebration can be argued directly from the Bible. We do believe that the nativity is worthy of celebration — that such a celebration can have great value in the great program of bringing people to a saving faith in Christ. We deny that the well-educated leaders of the Universalist-Unitarian group are necessarily clearer thinkers than those of other denominations who count as facts those things which Mr. Webb calls fiction.

If we were building a brief for Christmas we might well start with the unbelieving Jews who were forced to believe in the supernatural acts and heaven-directed words of Jesus. Those mighty works and words were the more unbelievable because they supposed that Jesus was the son of Joseph. They did not yet know the facts of His birth, and His resurrection was still

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in the future. We who have the whole story of Christ know that His oft-repeated claims of divine origin, authority, and presence were not fraudulent claims.

In the incomparable eighth chapter of John, Jesus said just after claiming to be the light of the world: "I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye cannot tell whence I come, and whither I go." The reason was that they had set up a mental block of presuppositions. There are those today who do the same thing. It is one thing to explain unbelief and quite another to accord it honor and esteem as if it were the sure and certain result of advanced knowledge. Perhaps we should judge ourselves for not making Christ fully known to those who know Him only in part.

PRAY FOR POOR SPAIN

Christian Century, Missions, United Evangelical Action, and other magazines have been commenting recently on the deplorable situation of Protestants in Spain following the new agreement made between our nation and the Spanish dictator. The plight of Evangelicals was bad before; now it is well nigh intolerable.

The editor of Missions says the Pentagon forced the government on the basis of military expediency to enter into a military and economic pact with this totalitarian country in order to effectively resist the threat of a larger totalitarian country to the East. He rightly blasts this sort of expediency diplomacy, which got us into the mess in which we now find ourselves.

It is probable that our military and diplomatic planners did not anticipate the effect upon Christian liberty in Spain itself. Clyde W. Taylor, just returned from an extensive tour of Spain in the interest of Protestant work there, informs us in a lengthy article in Action that almost immediately after our country agreed to help Spain in return for military bases a concordat treaty was concluded between Spain and the Vatican. This puts in writing the intolerance that was already largely in effect.

A Roman Catholic paper in Barcelona states, "They would rather have ten million Communists in Spain than one million Protestants." Protestants are theoretically

allowed to worship but their chapels can have no windows to the street, no signs, and must be licensed, which licenses are almost impossible to get. Since nearly all of the 8,000 Protestants are native Spaniards who were baptized as infants, they are counted as Catholics. They are not allowed to marry or bury their dead. If married in Protestant chapels their children are counted as illegitimate.

Spain is supposedly about 99 per cent Catholic. However, those familiar with the situation claim that the majority of Spanish citizens are in revolt against the church. Perhaps as many as 80 per cent oppose the activities and functions of the Roman Catholic priests while calling themselves Catholics.

Another strange fact is that a large percentage of the people on the street despise the United States for backing the present regime in its abuse of power and helping to perpetuate the terrific economic crisis in which they live.

We probably cannot do much about the suppression of religious liberty in Spain, but we can be aware of the facts and we can pray for those unfortunate thousands that their faith fail not.

RADIO TALKS ON THE BIBLE

The Mutual Broadcasting Company has invited Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, secretary for Public Relations of the American Bible Society, for the seventh successive season to speak on the Bible over the facilities of its coast to coast network. On Mutual's popular program entitled "Faith in Our Time," at 10:15 to 10:25 a.m., EST, Dr. Stifler will be heard on Mondays through January 25.

His themes will be:

- Dec. 28 — The Year that You've Been Waiting For
- Jan. 4 — Bible Hungry Europe
- Jan. 11 — The Ten Commandments
- Jan. 18 — The Psalms
- Jan. 25 — The Sermon on the Mount

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for January 2, 1954

God Revealed in Christ
Lesson Scripture John 1: 14-23, 29-36.

CHRISTMAS

Robert G. Lee, D.D.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." (Luke 2: 15.)

These shepherds — poor, honest, industrious — were not leaders of armies, not expounders of philosophies, not advocates of political theories, not bankers counting piles of money — rather, just throwers of stones to keep the wolves away, watchers of their flocks. To these who were dutifully diligent in their common tasks, the good news was first announced. To the shepherds the angel of the Lord said, "Fear not . . . for unto you is born . . . a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2: 10-11). To these same shepherds a multitude from the heavenly choir sang, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2: 14).

The information God gave, the shepherds wisely put into action immediately. Not the delay of a week, nor a day, nor an hour, nor a minute. The Saviour of men born in the City of David? "Let us go and see Him now." Not when a more convenient time presents itself. Not after we go home and talk it over with our families. But NOW. Not after we visit again the sheep markets. But NOW. Not when we make sure no wolves will attack our sheep. But NOW. Not when we make sure no money will be lost. But NOW. The wise men made the same improvement of their information. In a distant country they saw His star and followed its direction, defiant of all distances, discouraged by no vast expanse, downcast by no far reach of miles. "They came with haste." To inquire after Jesus, to see Jesus, to serve Jesus, to follow Jesus is our first business — the one thing most importantly needful.

Christ was holy, undefiled, separate from sinners, fit to become sin for us because He knew no sin.

Jesus is God manifest in the flesh. Having glory with God before the world began, loved by the Father before the foundation of the world, Jesus Christ was virgin born. When Mary, overshadowed

MEMORY TEXT

"And this is the confidence that we have in him, that if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us." 1 John 5: 14.

by the power of the highest, went down into the mysterious land of motherhood, she came back holding in her arms the eternal Son of God! Christ's virgin birth, on which rests the credibility of the Scriptures and the sinlessness of Jesus, is the Alpha of our Christian faith. Accept that, and all else rightly follows.

What was the grand design of the Saviour's birth? The redemption, by His death, of fallen, guilty, helpless man. That was why He came. "God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law" (Galatians 4: 4-5). He was named Jesus, because He came to "save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1: 21). There is something sublime and delightful in the name SAVIOUR.

As the shepherds and the wise men on the first Christmas Day made haste to come unto the Saviour, will you not hasten to the cross and see there the Christ who died for you?

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation of our sins" (1 John 4: 10).

"Now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 6: 2).

This is the story of Christmas: "God so loved the world, that he GAVE his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3: 16).

[For additional copies of this message printed attractively in two colors in folder form write to: American Tract Society, 21 West 46th Street, New York 36, N. Y.]

It will be clearly seen that those churches which are most deeply spiritual in their message and ministry are, in proportion to their financial ability, most successful in their financial undertakings. — H. W. Ellis.

Author of "Seven Steeples"
Lectures to Seminary Students

Rev. Margaret K. Henrichsen, who received great acclaim as author of "Seven Steeples," a recent best seller, gave four lectures at Alfred, N. Y., School of Theology the first three days of December. The granddaughter of Dr. A. H. Lewis, who was without question the ablest exponent of Seventh Day Baptist beliefs, Mrs. Henrichsen is said to have given a warmly spiritual and human treatment of the role of the pastor in the life of his or her people.

While in Alfred this circuit-riding Methodist preacher from Maine stayed at the home of Dr. A. J. C. Bond, a long-time friend. She paid tribute in her closing lecture to the Plainfield, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist pastors under whose ministry she had sat calling them "spiritual giants." She mentioned George Shaw, Edwin Shaw, James Skaggs, A. J. C. Bond, Hurley Warren, and Wendell Stephan.

Instead of writing a book and wondering if she could find a publisher, Mrs. Henrichsen had four publishers asking to publish a book by her. Something of that story is told by Ogareta Ehret Potter, herself a preacher's daughter, in the Alfred Sun. We quote:

"Mrs. Henrichsen is a warm, vital personality who finds every human being, every phase of life, interesting. Looking for comfort and occupation after the death of her husband ten years ago, she began to concentrate on church work. In the decade since, she has completed her theology work, and gradually acquired pastoral charge of seven Methodist churches in rural Maine. Her 84-mile circuit every Sunday includes about 600 families in the areas where her churches are the only ones in each little community.

"When asked how her book, and, subsequently, its illustrated coverage in Life magazine originated, she explained, 'About two years ago I wrote a simple little article giving my thoughts on the place of women in the ministry, especially in rural churches, and it was published in a quarterly religious magazine.

"The editor of Time magazine saw it and wrote a column about it. I was excited when as well known a magazine

as that mentioned my work, so you can imagine my feelings when that resulted in four publishing firms writing to ask that I consider a book about my work. . . .

"The biggest thrill about all this has been the reaction the book and the Life article are receiving. The many letters coming my way now all show how the country is really hungry for a simple, humble religion and how the trend is now to get closer to God."

Her topics at Alfred were grouped under the subject, "As Disciples Sent" as follows: (1) "That They Might Know," (2) "That They Might See," (3) "That They Might Believe," (4) "That They Might Live."

SPIRITUAL LIFE CLINIC
AT ASHAWAY, R. I.

Rev. C. Rex Burdick of the Marlboro Church, was speaker and consultant at the Ashaway "Spiritual Life Clinic" this month. The campaign was designed to help people to a deeper Christian experience.

The "Clinic" began on Home-Coming Day, November 28, and continued through Sabbath morning, December 5, with meetings each night during the week. Pastor Burdick brought eight soul-searching sermons, challenging his hearers to a closer walk with God and to a more earnest consecration to the cause of Christ.

The worship services each night were built around masterpieces of religious art, interpreted by the pastor. The theme was developed by the use of appropriate Scripture passages, poetry, and story, and music by congregation, soloists, and instrumentalists.

The prayer program undergirding the campaign included, besides prayer-lists, a daily prayer minute, with the church bell ringing at 1 o'clock each afternoon, and a prayer room at the church open for use before and after the services.

At the closing service on Sabbath morning a rededication service followed the sermon. Those attending found the slogan, "Tune up your life!" becoming a reality in their personal experience.—Correspondent.

When the heart is converted the purse will be inverted. — Selected.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

Youth and leaders of youth from many parts of North America attended the dedication service of the new Christian Endeavor headquarters at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 6. The new structure was named the Daniel A. Poling Building in honor of the World's Christian Endeavor Union president.

More than 400 people attended the service of worship held in the Broad Street Christian Church, Columbus, when Dr. Daniel A. Poling gave the main address. Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of the International Society, presided.

Following the meeting in the church the group marched in procession two squares east to the new, modern two-story building, the "capitol" of Christian Endeavor, where Rev. Robert C. Ross, associate president of International Society, led the assemblage in a litany of dedication, followed by the prayer of dedication given by Dr. Ernest R. Bryan.

A picture of Dr. Poling and a plaque designating the naming of the building, both located in the foyer, were unveiled. Dr. Poling in his message said: "This new building dedicated today is the simple but beautiful and adequate headquarters of the first world-wide youth society of our Protestant faith. It is also a living memorial of what is, I believe, the first ecumenical movement of the Christian Church within the Church herself. Columbus, Ohio, is now in deed and in truth the Christian Endeavor capital of the world."

Ministerial Training Committee

At the Battle Creek Conference, Commission was instructed to name a successor to Clarence M. Rogers on the Committee to Study the Training of Ministers. Mr. Rogers, at that time, expressed his desire to be relieved in view of the added responsibilities he was undertaking as First Vice-President of Conference and member of the Commission.

Since Conference, Mr. Rogers has been prevailed upon to change his mind and has agreed to continue serving on this committee. It is understood that the committee is functioning by correspondence in advance of a full meeting some time between now and the next Conference at

IN THE REINDEER COUNTRY

E. J. P. Hansen

We are glad of tidings from you both in letters and the Sabbath Recorder. We are ourselves in peace and labouring for the Gospel, for which sake I was on a long journey to the most northern part of Norway near the Russian border, to visit faithful assemblies there. For 6 days and nights I sailed along the coast of Norway rounding the top of Norway, and after landing I took a sledge-automobil a long distance into the inland, which is very desolate and only populated with ever travelling shepherds of reindeer, and there are only very few towns in this large country. The natives called Samer are isolated from the population of the rest of Scandinavia and have their own habits and living.

With me I had 6 large packs of clothes from the assemblies in Oslo and Copenhagen, and arriving to the assemblies it took me several days to distribute all the clothes, and there was exceedingly rejoicing in the Lord. I preached in the country on several occasions and after having spent many days with the holy, before departing, a reindeer was slaughtered and a love-feast was prepared, at which we spent glorious hours together and having feet-washing together.

On my journey home our ship was met with a furious hurricane, and I became sick and suffered. It was extremely cold and dark up there and already at midday it was as night here. I stopped for some days at Oslo and brought greetings from the high north to the assembly, and after having spent some time with the brethren I departed and returned to Copenhagen.

The brethren and sisters in our assembly greet you all in the Lord. Peace and the love of Jesus Christ be with you all.

[The above paragraphs are from a letter dated Dec. 2 by Rev. E. J. P. Hansen, the young pastor of the newly recognized church in Denmark. One can readily catch the spirit of his ministry though he writes in a language that is foreign to him. Ed.]

Milton. It is expected that the committee will make some definite recommendations for consideration at the Milton Conference.

A. B. C.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BROOKFIELD, N. Y. — The Christian Comrades group of young people of the First and Second Brookfield Churches meets twice a month for a devotional and business meeting under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn. The officers are: president, Billy Palmer; vice-president, Lowell Welch; treasurer, Carl Greene; secretary, Marjorie Greene. Their Halloween social, at which everyone wore a costume and brought a guest, was enjoyed by all. These young people are now selling Ready-Jell to raise money for mission funds and a trip to New Jersey to see other Seventh Day Baptist churches.

On Oct. 17 several laymen of the church assisted the pastor in the morning worship in the observance of Men and Missions Week. In the evening the Fellowship Committee sponsored a radio and television social featuring a juvenile jury, amateur hour, and Dr. I. Q.

The local Girl Scouts were invited to attend the church service on Sabbath Day, Oct. 31, and were given special recognition in honor of Juliette Low, the founder of that organization.

On Thursday, Nov. 5, the Woman's Missionary Aid Society served a luncheon to the members of the local town board and other men of the community. This was followed by a food sale and bazaar in the afternoon.

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — Our correspondent wishes to correct the address of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Jones which appeared in this column three weeks ago. It should read 122 N. Wild Olive Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.

Publicity from the church brings information of a new pulpit Bible and light dedicated on Dec. 12. They were given by friends and relatives as a memorial to Mrs. Bess Glass.

The total local budget proposed for the year amounts to \$2,682 and contains 13 items besides the pastor's salary.

The "Lord's Acre" with its many and varied projects was recently garnered in with a total of \$187.65.

DENVER, COLO. — Sabbath morning, Nov. 7, the Boulder Church helped us celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the organization of the Denver Seventh Day

Baptist Church, and assisted in the ordination service for two deacons, Bernard Benner and Elno R. Davis, whom we had called.

The opening Scripture, 1 Tim. 3: 1-13, on the qualifications of deacons, was read and prayer offered by Rev. Melvin G. Nida. The call to ordination was given by Pastor Dickinson.

Statements of Christian experience and beliefs were made by the two new candidates, followed by the charge to deacons by the pastor. The charge to the church was given by Rev. Leland E. Davis of the Boulder Church.

The consecration prayer and laying on of hands was indeed an impressive part of the service. Rev. Erlo E. Sutton called for all the deacons and deaconesses present to come to the platform and join the four ministers while he voiced the consecration prayer.

Welcome to the diaconate was extended by Orsen E. Davis, senior deacon in the Denver Church, and Deacon Willard Wells of the Boulder Church. The hymn, "Breathe on Me, Breath of God," was sung in closing.

Dinner was served in the social room, where the 25th Anniversary theme was carried out in the decorations.

The afternoon commemorating service, with moderator Richard Shepard presiding, opened with the singing of "Faith of Our Fathers," followed by Scripture and prayer. The church covenant and expose of faith were read by the church clerk, Nedra Shepard. To the roll call of charter members thirteen responded and occupied the front seats.

The church historian, Mildred Jeffrey, gave a short, interesting report of early Seventh Day Baptists in Denver. As early as 1914 they met in homes. The Sabbath school was organized in 1925. The church was organized Nov. 17, 1928, by Rev. Carl Hansen with 30 charter members. The present membership is 110.

Greetings were read from former Pastor Ralph Coon and wife, and nonresident members, Dr. and Mrs. E. Keith Davis, Katherine Davis, Jeannette Haling, Mrs. Wear, Bruce Kitzman, and Milford Maul. Former Pastor Sutton gave some of the most interesting highlights from his wife's

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journal covering the accomplishments and happenings of his pastorate here.

Elois Burdick had charge of the memorial service for our beloved deceased members which was touching and beautiful. The hymns, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "Beyond the Sunset," were sung by Betty Davis, Myrna Davis, and Helena Knox.

Expectations for the future were given by Kenneth Wear of the Junior Christian Endeavor and Helena Knox of the Young People's Society. Pastor Dickinson congratulated the church on its progress in the past 25 years, and expressed the hope for a doubled membership, 220, by 1978.

The celebration was concluded in the evening by a social hour of special music and games under the direction of Luther Hansen. — Susa Patterson, Correspondent.

Accessions

Westerly, R. I., Nov. 21, 1953

Regular Membership:

Baptism:

Miss Martha J. Gavitt
John J. Cahoon
Jared A. H. Van Horn
Ronald Ray Bond

Letter:

Mrs. Dwight E. Wilson
Dwight E. Wilson

Associate Membership:

Baptism:

Mrs. Ruth F. Drew

Nortonville, Kan., Nov. 28, 1953

Testimony:

Lloyd E. August

Baptism:

William August	James Wells
Stanley Bond	Judy Wells
Georgia Mitchell	Robert Wells
Melvin Francis	Stephan

Births

Richardson. — A son, Robert William, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson, Jr., of Shiloh, N. J., on Oct. 8, 1953.

McAllister. — A son, Maynard Monroe, born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McAllister (Eleanor Dickinson) of Shiloh, N. J., on Nov. 16, 1953.

McAllister. — A son, Stephen Robert, born to Mr. and Mrs. William E. McAllister (Jean Davis) of Somerville, N. J., on Dec. 11, 1953.

Dittner. — A son, Richard Brian, to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Dittner of Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 4, 1953.

Bottoms. — A daughter, Suzan Glen, to Mr. and Mrs. George Bottoms of Battle Creek, Mich., Nov. 27, 1953.

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Obituaries

Spafford. — Bertha Bliss, was born April 21, 1875, in Milton Junction, Wis., and passed away June 20, 1953, after a few hours' illness at St. Anthony's Hospital in Rockford, Ill.

She was married on Aug. 3, 1892, to Ezra Ernest Spafford. She became a follower of Christ at an early age and was a member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is survived by one son and six daughters: Ralph of Moline, Ill., Dorcas Lee, Ruth Aurand, and Ellen Thompson of Rockford, Ill., Ruby Hodges of Winnebago, Ill., Isabel Austin of Boynton Beach, Fla., and Ila Charles of Long Beach, Calif. There are thirty grandchildren and sixty-four great-grandchildren.

[Mrs. Spafford would be best identified to many Recorder readers as the aunt of Mrs. Walter Rogers. This delayed obituary was furnished by Mrs. Ruby Hodges, and forwarded by Mrs. Nelson Inglis. Ed.]

Skinner. — Archie Brooks, son of William and Adeane Brooks Skinner, was born at Waterford, Conn., Aug. 15, 1908, and died at Uncas-on-Thames, Dec. 2, 1953.

Archie attended Chapman Technical High School in New London. He worked for the Connecticut Light and Power Company for over 20 years. Increasing ill health caused him to spend over three years in the tuberculosis sanitarium. He had hoped to be returned home in a few months when death came suddenly. Surviving are his mother and his sister, Doris, of Waterford and a brother, Philip, of New London.

The farewell service was conducted by Rev. Paul Burdick and burial was in Great Neck Cemetery. P. S. B.

Knight. — Minnie Alberta Ward, was born near Jackson Center, Ohio, on May 28, 1866, and passed away at her home in Topeka, Kan., Nov. 26, 1953.

She became a member of the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church when about 15 years of age, and at the time of her passing had been a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church for fifty years.

In 1884 she was married to Edmund C. Knight who preceded her in death in 1936. Survivors are one brother, Calvin C. Snay, Valley Falls, Kan.; two daughters: Olive Washburn and Velora Wood of Topeka, Kan.; two sons: Raymond A. of Topeka and Roy W. of Philadelphia, Pa.; two granddaughters, and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, Nov. 28, 1953, conducted by Rev. Duane L. Davis, and burial was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

D. L. D.

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