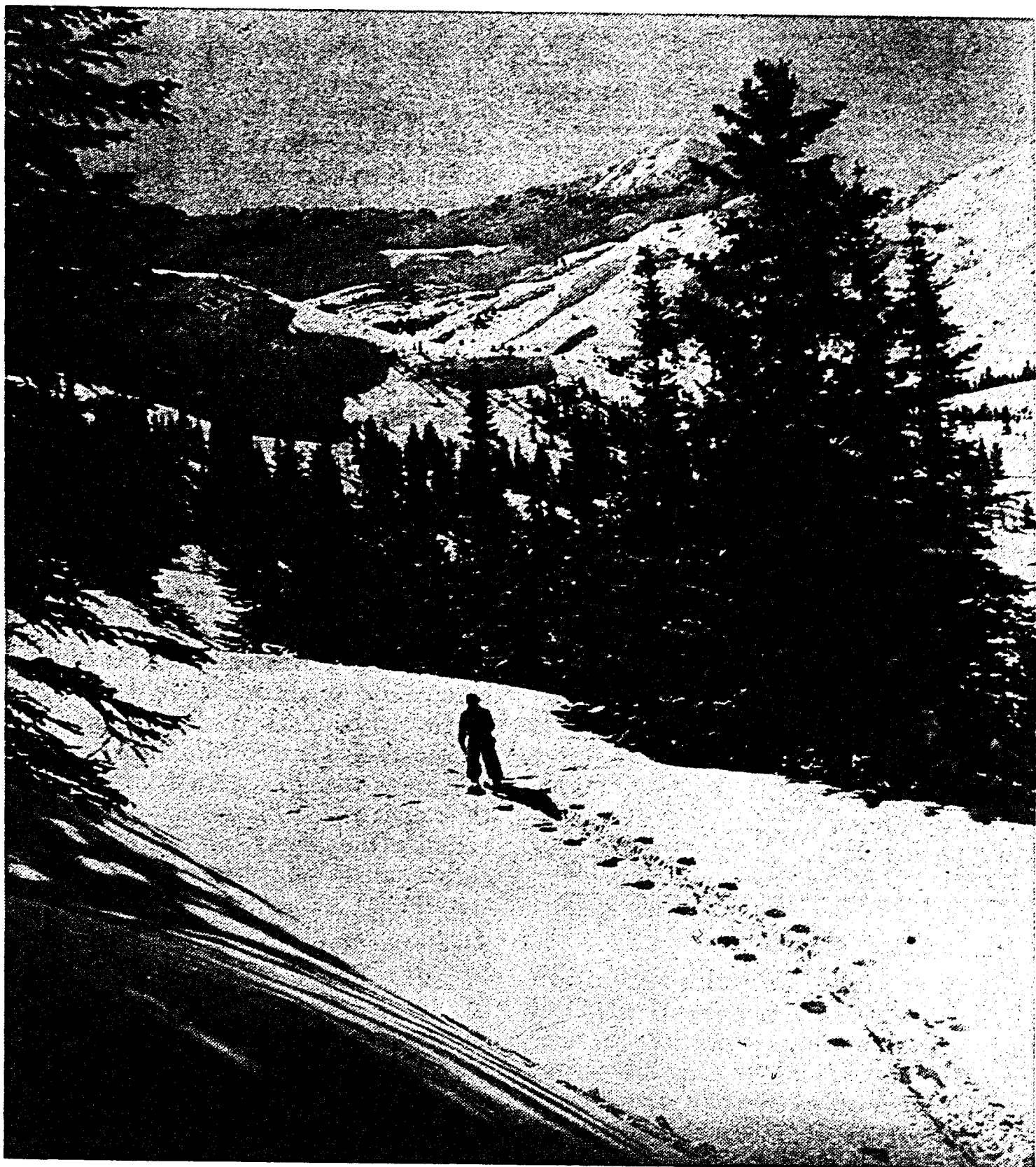


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## Our Cover

The lone skier traversing the mountain newly robed in white by the hand of God has his eyes on the vistas opening before him. We too, regardless of our location, are presented with a new year fresh and clean. May we face it with the appreciation and thrill of the skier beholding the lights and shadows of the valleys and the challenging heights of the range ahead.

## SCIENCE BAFFLED BY ITS OWN MACHINES

Christians have rejoiced and critics have scoffed at the words of First Peter 1: 10, 11 which tells us that the prophets searched for but did not know the full meaning of the grace which they prophesied. It says that they, having the Spirit of Christ, searched diligently for the meaning of the sufferings and glory of Christ of which they were speaking by divine revelation. That is one of the great passages to prove that the Bible is a supernatural book.

Science has problems with its own scientific instruments, which on the natural level can be compared with the problem of how Moses, David, and the prophets could speak clearly of things that could be understood only after the coming of Christ.

On December 16 it was reported by Associated Press that for three months John Kuykendall in Pittsylvania County, Virginia, has been complaining that his clock radio was picking up all the telephone conversations — from the opening ring to the final "goodbye." It is a bit disconcerting to think of all that you might say on a private wire being picked up on a radio receiver. It was not good business for the telephone company. Strange as it may seem, the company technicians had no explanation or cure. They could only promise that "higher level" technicians would be called in to assist.

Several morals might be drawn from that little story. If man cannot understand the communication instruments he has made with his own hands, has he any right to question the supernatural revelation of God? Perhaps also we have been far too hasty in formulating the laws of nature and far too prone to put limitations on the God who is back of both radio and telephone.

Another baffling quirk of science was reported on Dec. 12 from Blue Point, N. Y. The television screen in the home of Jerry Travers for two days had a face pictured on it whether the TV was on or off. At first the TV experts said, "It can't happen." However, the face was photographed for the paper and identified as the pretty face of Francey Lane. Later the experts suggested that an explosion of electrons in the picture tube might have

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burned the image on to the fluorescent lining of the tube. They were a little vague as to what made it fade away after two days.

Some people say that Moses borrowed the Ten Commandments from some older code of laws. If that were so, there is no very satisfactory explanation of the glory of the countenance of Moses when he brought the engraved tablets down from the mountain. According to the New Testament there was such a glory lingering on the face of Moses that the people could not bear it; he had to veil his face while speaking to them.

Let us not wonder at the marvels and problems of scientific inventions and then view with skepticism what God can do to the face of a man. To a lesser degree than with Moses the faces of many, many people, young men and maidens fair, have been lifted, glorified, transformed by an experience with Christ. The change is observed by scientific minds but cannot be explained by such terms as "explosion of electrons." The transformation, wondered at by the world, is normal for God and perfectly possible for any unconverted person who may read this editorial.

## THE REDEEMERS

A book with the above title is briefly reviewed by Leo W. Schwarz in the Nov.-Dec. issue of "Land Reborn," a small magazine published by the American Christian Palestine Committee. The title is striking because it is in the plural. New Testament Christianity (and there really is no other) knows but one Redeemer for both Jews and Gentiles. This book is concerned with the struggle for survival of the European Jews during the years 1945-1952. The review does not mention any "redeemers," much less the Redeemer. We may conclude that the title is an example of the all-too-common profanation of sacred terms.

Except for the editorial which mentions the angels' advent message of "Peace on earth" and adds that the Saviour might better be born somewhere else than Bethlehem even this year, the whole issue has little to show it to be a Christian rather than a Jewish magazine.

## THE WORLD AT A GLANCE

There is something fascinating about a globe. To the astronomer it is a representation of one of the spheres rotating in space. To the schoolteacher it is a means of teaching the relation of continents. To the military chief it is something for planning strategy of defense or conquest. To the Christian it is a missionary map outlining areas for prayer and labor.

Is the world growing smaller? At Wellesley, Mass., it is growing larger. Associated Press tells of the construction by the Babson Institute of Business Administration of the world's largest rotating globe. Made of quarter-inch welded steel plates it will be 28 feet in diameter, weighing 37½ tons when mounted on its tripod. With a scale of 24 miles to the inch there is indeed the possibility of seeing the world at a glance as never before. Floodlights playing upon it will give the effect of day and night as it rotates. Important cities will be represented by glowing lights.

To what purpose is the expenditure of \$200,000 for such a colossal globe? The president of the institute, Edward B. Hinckley, says it will be used "for studies in global planning, both military and economic." We do not doubt that it will be a valuable visual aid in such studies.

We might add that every young person in New England who feels the call to serve God ought to make a pilgrimage to Wellesley to spend some time in meditation while gazing at this globe. We might catch a vision of the greatness of the missionary task. At the same time he ought to cross the state to the campus of another college and view the Haystack Monument where more than a century ago four young students caught the vision of foreign missions and translated their prayers into action.

The huge globe will not be completed for two years. In the meanwhile tens of thousands will die without Christ and hundreds of young folks will be responding to the call of missions. We pray that the Holy Spirit may continue to prepare hearts within our church for a service that is greater than military or economic.

### Prayer Thought

The observance of the Universal Week of Prayer stems from the World Evangelical Alliance. The Alliance has been responsible for arranging this Week of Prayer since 1846.

The call to prayer for this year contained the thought of the following paragraph.

"It is a sad fact that all too often our effectiveness in prayer is hampered by our small conception of God and His ability to grant our requests. Yet 'with God all things are possible,' and 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and for ever.' Therefore in His name we may come boldly to the throne of grace, fully assured that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, and that He is the reward of them that diligently seek Him."

### THANK-YOU NOTE

The editor wishes to express appreciation for the many greetings received from a very wide circle of friends. Some of these greetings come from families we have learned to love through pastoral connections. Others were closely related to the denominational work we are now doing. It was apparent that a number of people could not remember the editor or his family without also remembering the expiration date on the Sabbath Recorder. There is no way of knowing how many were hindered from sending greetings by not having readily at hand \$3.00 for a new subscription or a renewal. We do not relish that close connection between friendship and financial obligation, but we are willing to accept it as something that goes with the work.

We were pleased to note that some people did send gift subscriptions. We shall do our best to see that those who receive the year-long gift are not disappointed in what they receive. There is still constant need for your co-operation. The Sabbath Recorder is the pen of the people even more than the pen of the editor. Our readers look for the news and views of the people as well as of the regular departmental contributors. Let us hear from you throughout the new year. Again the editor says, "Thank you."

### MEMORY TEXT

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Cor. 5: 17.

### TRACT SOCIETY MEETING

The Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in regular session in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, with Franklin A. Langworthy presiding. There were 11 members present including three from South Jersey, and two visitors, A. Burdet Crofoot and Rev. Lee Holloway. Later in the meeting Mr. Holloway was elected a member of the board filling out to 30, the authorized number.

The corresponding secretary gave a somewhat detailed report of his first full quarter in that capacity. He pointed out an increase in the number of tracts distributed. The records show 6,792 tracts sent out in the summer quarter and 13,725 sent out during the fall quarter. He called to the attention of the board the fact that the supply of a number of our tracts had been exhausted. Later in the meeting the Committee on Publications reported a recommendation to reprint three more of our tracts. This brings the total of new tracts and reprints on order to 8 which will increase our stocks by about 37,000. The secretary also mentioned some activity in the distribution of audio-visual materials, particularly film slides. The exchange of tape recordings both of Conference programs and of radio programs indicates entrance into an enlarging field of service in that department. The board encourages associations and churches to make tape recordings of their radio programs and to deposit them with those already on hand in the denominational building. The correspondence of the secretary included 93 letters sent out to 10 foreign fields and to 22 churches and pastors and to other people in California, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Illinois, Tennessee, New York, Idaho, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Georgia.

The editor of the Sabbath Recorder in his report mentioned the routine matter of producing the regular issues of the Recorder and the writing of 118 letters. He was glad to call to the attention of the board that from September 13 to December 1, 16 Recorders were discontinued and 43 new subscribers were added. He urged the board to keep ever before it the goal of a 16-page Recorder each week. It was estimated unofficially that it would cost about \$50 biweekly to do this.

L. H. North, manager of the publishing house, reported for the Supervisory Committee. By the use of a large chart he showed the unusually good financial situation in the publishing house. Commercial work has kept the plant running at full capacity throughout the quarter. He called attention to the recent purchase of an automatic folder at a cost of \$8,585 plus installation. This replaces a secondhand machine which had been purchased in 1931. Though this machine will primarily be used for greater efficiency in the commercial work Mr. North pointed out that it would reduce considerably the bindery cost of such jobs as the Helping Hand because it requires only one man to operate and can fold larger sheets. The December 28 issue of the Sabbath Recorder was the first of our own publications to be folded on this beautiful new machine.

Further progress was made toward studying the recommendations of the Conference Committee on Publishing Interests as they relate to the work of the Tract Society. There was discussion but no definite action taken in regard to the current deficit of the Helping Hand. This deficit was noted in the report to General Conference with the suggestion that the Board of Christian Education should assume the deficit. Commission and Conference failed to do anything about it at that time. Several board members expressed the view that for the Tract Board to assume a deficit rightly belonging to another board in effect curtails the publishing work which is the primary responsibility of this board.

From the report of the acting treasurer, Charles H. North, only a few figures of more general interest are quoted here.

### MY PRAYER FOR TODAY

Mrs. L. A. Wing

A new day dawns! Blot out, I pray, the sins of yesterday,  
And help keep the new page clean, unmarred.  
Teach me acceptance of Thy promised grace, and guard my feet  
That they wander not in paths forbidden.  
Give me a love for all mankind,  
A special love for those who are my own.  
Keep them from every evil, Lord, I pray;  
And fill their day with gladness and with joy.  
Be mindful of the world's great needs.  
Endue Thy ministers with love like the Master's,  
And send them forth to comfort, and to heal.  
Show me Thy face today, my Father,  
And may its radiance find reflection in my own;  
For the clouds of life hang heavy over all the world.  
Help me to brighten by my faith and trust  
A little corner of the way for some sad heart.  
Accept my gratitude, Father of All, for my many blessings,  
And send me forth in loving ministry  
With "beauty for ashes," the "oil of joy for mourning,"  
And a "garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness."

The light that shines farthest shines brightest at home. — Selected.

Receipts from the Denominational Budget for the General Fund were \$1,414.54, from the Sabbath Recorder \$750.28, from the Helping Hand \$509.75, from general printing and distribution of literature \$56.88. The expenses of the Sabbath Recorder for three months \$2,978.82, for the Helping Hand \$786.00, for publishing of tracts \$176.00, for radio broadcast at Hammond, La., \$112.00. These figures cannot readily be used for comparison but copies of the full report are available upon request. Ed.

## IT MAKES NO DIFFERENCE WHICH DAY WE KEEP?

George A. Main

Since the "no difference" claim of Sunday advocates is probably the most common of all attempted defenses of Sabbath violation, and since it is the one purported argument for Sundayism that few Sabbath-observers seem able to refute convincingly, it may be worth briefly considering.

If it really makes no difference, then any other day, the seventh day for instance, would be just as suitable for a holy Sabbath as Sunday would be, and perhaps more so. It is begging the question to say that, since most of the world keeps Sunday, we should all accept it. The advantages of uniformity are self-evident; but the fact in the case is that most of the world keeps no day at all!

It is probably generally agreed that whatever day is to be observed as a weekly rest day it should be uniform, for the convenience of business, regardless of religious aspects.

However, there are few religious facts more definitely established than those which reveal some of the countless proofs of purpose and design in creation — facts revealed through the study of teleology [conscious design].

To deny that the all-wise Creator contemplated uniformity in the matter of the weekly rest day is to deny that He gave to the utilization of TIME the same infinite wisdom accorded to all of the rest of His perfect creation. It is inconceivable that the All-wise should have left the appointment of His Sabbath indefinite, and even less believable that a changeless Creator should have contemplated the later abrogation of His weekly Sabbath, or that He would approve of even the slightest change therein.

Here are the FACTS:

The seventh-day Sabbath was originally made for and given to all mankind.

Centuries before the birth of Abraham, the founder of the Hebrew people, at least as early as 3,800 B.C., the word used for the last day of the week in Assyria (and possibly the only word then used for the seventh day of the week — for

we are told that the whole world was then of one language and one speech) was "sa-ba-tu," which meant "sabbath," or "rest day."

Moreover, this universal seventh-day Sabbath was originally accepted, not solely by the Jews as some would have us believe, but by over one hundred other peoples.

As languages multiplied, over two thirds of the world's leading languages, both ancient and modern, originally designated and still designate the seventh day of the week by words meaning, and often sounding like "sabbath."

Not one of these principal languages designates any other day than the seventh by words meaning sabbath or rest day.

Can there be the remotest doubt in the minds of God-fearing men and women that —

The SEVENTH DAY SABBATH was originally an inherent part of the Heavenly Father's beneficent creation?

That the specific day and the specific hours of His sacred Sabbath were fixed by Him for man's physical, mental, and spiritual benefit?

That such ideal provisions are everlasting and unchangeable by any acts of finite man? And finally —

That the fourth commandment of the perfect law of God, which enjoins the observance of the seventh day of the week as His Sabbath, and which requires that the other six days be known as work days, was embodied in Christ's eternal pronouncement, that, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments"?

### LET'S THINK IT OVER

The clergy investigation has proved to be a boomerang, as might have been expected. J. B. Matthews, since ousted from the government, charged in an article in American Mercury that there were 7,000 Communists and fellow-travelers among the Protestant clergy of the United States. He was able to name a few, but only a few.

The American Council of Churches apparently had a strong hand in pushing the widespread charges against the American clergy through a close tie-up with Congressman Jackson's office at the time of the Oxnam hearing.

Now the chickens have come home to roost; the boomerang has returned to

wound the cause of Protestant missions in Brazil. According to an article in the Nov. 25 Christian Century the Roman Catholic hierarchy of Brazil has made great capital of the unproved charges of J. B. Matthews to spearhead an unbridled press attack against Protestantism as a communist front. We wonder whether the leaders of the ACC who would like to do missionary work in Brazil are now happy about the help they gave to "shooting an arrow into the air." Ed.

"There can be no more important task, in our troubled time, than the rediscovery of the secret or power among the early Christians," says Professor Elton Trueblood, Quaker philosopher. "How could a handful of men and women, with no worldly advantages on their side, win against the intellectual power of Greece and the political power of Rome? Fortunately we know the answer. They won because every member was a missionary. They had many different secular occupations, but that was no barrier. Instead it was a help. It meant that various avenues of common life could be penetrated by the power of the Living Christ as represented in the daily lives of committed men. We know now that the slave told his master, that the woman told the merchant, that the merchant told the customer. Each Christian had a double vocation. One was the vocation of daily toil, but the other was the vocation of the spread of the Christian cause. If this can become the rule again, the Christian movement can win against the paganism of our time as it won, long ago, against the paganism of the ancient world. Our task is to repeat the miracle!"

### OUR SERVICEMEN

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### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for January 16, 1954

Jesus and Nicodemus

The Lesson Scripture: John 3: 1-16.

### WORLD GOOD WILL BOOK

An unprecedented program of world-wide scope to reawaken interest in Bible reading and to supply Scriptures to people who want them will be launched in 1954, it was announced by the American Bible Society.

The project will be conducted simultaneously during the entire year of 1954 by 24 national Bible societies, all members of the United Bible Societies.

Among the program's goals will be to increase the distribution of the 24 societies from 20,000,000 volumes of Scriptures annually, the present total, to 25,000,000 in 1954, and to 50,000,000 by 1960.

One of the focal points of the observance will be the World Good Will Book, a compilation of signatures by people all over the world who will contribute to a fund to make Scriptures available to others.

"The World Good Will Book will be one of the greatest mass statements of faith in human history," said Rev. Dr. Robert T. Taylor, general secretary of the American society. "People in more than 60 nations will sign their names on the pages of this book of testimony to their love for the Bible, their faith in its teachings, and their desire to share it with others."

Each participating nation will collect its signatures on pages of the same size, 22 by 26 inches, and send them to the United States for binding. Signatures will be grouped by country, major subdivision, and by city.

The program of the United Bible Societies is an outgrowth of a much smaller project conducted by the American society to provide Scriptures for the Japanese people in 1950. Since that year, the American society has made gifts to Japan which have permitted distribution of more than 15,000,000 Japanese Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels.

This great program of advance was laid before the religious editors of the nation at an expense-paid meeting in New York on December 4. The editor of The Sabbath Recorder was privileged to be among those invited to the occasion.

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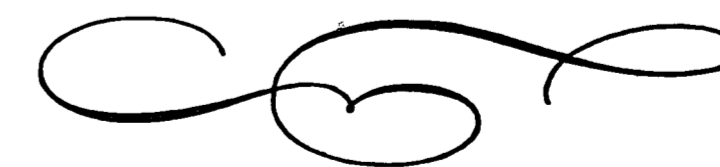
## AT SABBATH'S CLOSE

The Sabbath day is ending as it came  
 With lovely calm pervading every care,  
 With hopes renewed by silent, heartfelt prayer  
 Imbued with life through Jesus' holy name.  
 Remembering to keep each Sabbath day  
 A holy day, an honor to the One  
 Who formed and hallowed it, will let the Son,  
 The Father, and the Spirit have full sway.

It took great love to form this day of peace.  
 The Sabbath, blest of days, was made for man.  
 May holy thoughts and righteous deeds increase;  
 Through guidance meet may each his nature scan.  
 Fine blessings unto one will never cease  
 Who humbly receives God's gracious plan.

R. J. F. Smith.

Texarkana, Ark.



## In Students' "Who's Who"

Another minister's son has received distinction in the "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." LeRoy D. Burdick, son of Rev. Paul S. Burdick of the Salemville, Pa., Seventh Day Baptist Church, is one of the three seniors of Milton College to be selected for the honor of being thus listed. He is planning to become a music teacher. The other two, both veterans, are probably not known to many of our readers.

From Salem College comes word via The Salem Herald of six seniors selected by the faculty for listing in Who's Who. Of these six, two are Seventh Day Baptists and both are closely connected with the ministry.

Mynor Soper, son of one of our pastors, Rev. Ralph M. Soper, married a minister's daughter, Marian Coon, of Salem, W. Va. He too has dedicated his life to the ministry and is now engaged in religious work both on and off campus.

Doyle Zwiebel is the younger brother of Rex Zwiebel, pastor of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church and part-time teacher of religious education at the college. Doyle has achieved scholastic honors, is active in Christian work, and is preparing for the Gospel ministry.

It is evident that firm convictions imparted in godly homes, when coupled with the noble aims that come with personal religious experience, raise young people who might not otherwise achieve it to public recognition and honor.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ASHAWAY, R. I. — The Ladies' Aid Society's annual turkey supper and Christmas sale was largely attended on Armistice Day and it boosted the treasury by a considerable amount. Approximately 200 suppers were sold. There was also a candy table, apron rack, and a Christmas gift table with various articles for sale.

Home-coming Sabbath was observed on Nov. 28. The morning message was brought by Rev. C. Rex Burdick of the Marlboro Church, who was with us for a "Spiritual Life Clinic" preaching mission. A covered dish luncheon was served in the parish house following this service.

Pastor Rex Burdick brought some soul-searching messages beginning on Sunday

evening, Nov. 29, and concluding on Dec. 5. Though the attendance was small, nevertheless we feel it helped those attending to find a deeper experience with the Lord. There was special music each night and a worship service centered around a slide picture projected on a screen. The final service in the series was "Consecration Sabbath" on Dec. 5. As part of this service, pledge cards for the 1954 church budget were given.

The "Gold Miners," the intermediate group, are meeting regularly again at the parsonage. Officers were elected at their meeting on Dec. 9. — Correspondent.

COUDERSPORT, PA. — On Sabbath, November 28, Deacons Don Stearns and Steven Snyder took charge of the morning worship in the absence of the pastor.

The annual Christmas program was held Sunday evening, Dec. 20, in the church.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stearns are spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stearns. — Correspondent.

## Marriages

Russell - Williams. — On Sabbath day, Dec. 12., 1953, in the parsonage of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, Lost Creek, W. Va., Lenora Williams, daughter of Mrs. Susie Williams of Lost Creek, was married to James R. Russell, son of Mrs. Iowa Russell, Williamstown, W. Va. Mr. Russell is serving in the U. S. Air Force. The bride's pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, officiated.

## Obituaries

White. — Ella May, daughter of Harry and Lavina Franklin, was born in Dodge Center, Minn., May 29, 1869, and passed away at the home of her son, D. Stanley Fox, Milton, Wis., Nov. 8, 1953.

She was married on June 1, 1892, to Frank Fox, who died Jan. 31, 1920.

On Aug. 15, 1924, she married Charles White and moved from Milton, Wis., to North Loup, Neb.

Mrs. White is survived by her two sons, Howard V. of Gary, Ind., and D. Stanley Fox, of Milton, four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. George Crow, of Grand Marsh, Wis.

Farewell services were conducted Nov. 10 from the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, in charge of Rev. John F. Randolph in the absence of the pastor, Rev. Elmo F. Randolph. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

J. F. R.