

The Sabbath Recorder

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, May 31, 1954

Receipts		
	May	8 months
Balance, May 1	\$ 63.96	
Adams Center	101.25	378.25
Albion	18.67	273.60
Alfred, First		1,627.23
Alfred, Second		366.50
Associations and groups		54.20
Battle Creek	875.75	3,349.93
Berlin		345.46
Boulder	33.30	289.72
Brookfield, First		111.50
Brookfield, Second		127.95
Buffalo Fellowship		51.00
Chicago	90.00	676.00
Daytona Beach	52.25	250.25
Denver		411.32
De Ruyter	30.00	408.50
Dodge Center	59.40	225.85
Edinburg	150.00	184.95
Farina	40.00	145.00
Fouke		107.45
Friendship		40.00
Hammond	21.00	61.00
Hebron, First	7.74	83.16
Hopkinton, First	169.80	895.40
Hopkinton, Second	5.00	5.00
Independence	55.00	380.00
Indianapolis	10.00	61.10
Individuals	37.50	267.25
Irvington		200.00
Jackson Center		35.00
Little Genesee	10.00	312.44
Los Angeles	20.00	646.43
Los Angeles, Christ's		25.00
Lost Creek		761.52
Marlboro		1,343.11
Middle Island	12.55	88.17
Milton	635.25	3,032.94
Milton Junction	118.56	1,069.95
New Auburn	15.95	46.05
New York	93.50	252.44
North Loup		572.03
Nortonville	247.00	449.82
Pawcatuck		3,101.68
Philadelphia	20.00	153.25
Piscataway		121.50
Plainfield	234.97	3,384.96
Putnam County		10.00
Richburg	36.29	272.39
Ritchie		100.00
Riverside	153.95	1,574.85

Roanoke		41.00
Rockville	7.69	61.52
Salem	120.00	690.50
Salemville		63.98
Shiloh	200.00	1,655.13
Stone Fort		55.00
Syracuse		50.00
Verona	63.00	525.85
Walworth	5.00	70.00
Washington	75.00	75.00
Waterford	30.18	171.06
White Cloud	82.29	367.02
Wilkes-Barre		25.00
Totals	\$4,001.80	\$32,582.16

The figures in bold indicate which churches have met the eight months' target.

Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,151.59	\$ 728.25
Tract Society	267.38	
Board of		
Christian Education	471.25	10.00
Women's Society	162.98	40.00
Historical Society	69.89	
Ministerial Retirement	285.07	127.37
S. D. B. Building	78.88	
World Fellowship and Service	11.60	87.01
General Conference	401.36	
Memorial Fund		10.00
Bank of Milton, service charge	1.19	
Balance on hand	97.98	
Totals	\$2,999.17	\$1,002.63

Comparative Figures

	1954	1953
Receipts in May:		
Budget	\$2,935.21	\$2,056.84
Specials	1,002.63	671.46
Receipts in 8 months:		
Budget	25,603.47	21,744.12
Specials	6,978.69	4,934.30
Annual Budget	63,121.22	46,635.00
Percentage of budget raised to date	40.6%	46.6%

L. M. Van Horn,
Treasurer.

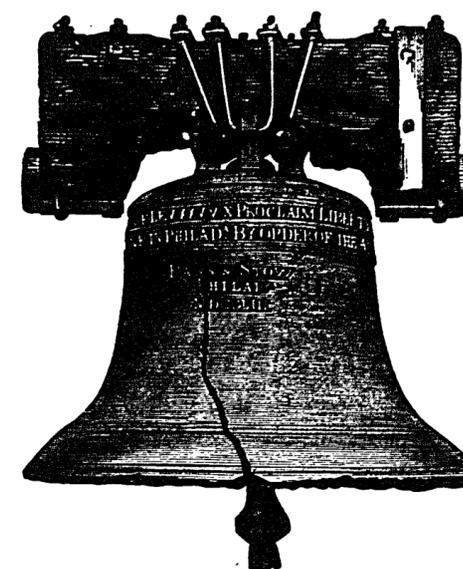
Milton, Wis.

ship." Mrs. Gardner in her usual delightful way gave the children's sermonette.

All groups within the church are carrying on with their usual zest. The last "project accomplished" of the Ladies' Aid was making garments for the children of migrant workers. We miss the Arch Moultons, who have gone to live near their daughter Virginia, Mrs. Wendell Burdick, at De Ruyter, N. Y. The Women's Board had the pleasant experi-

ence of "talking with" the women of the Riverside Church recently. It was in response to the combined tape recording and slide program prepared by the board, the Riverside women recorded their voices in greetings to send back to us. — E. M., Correspondent.

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Liberty Bell

The approach of Independence Day reminds us of the old liberty bell which is visited by so many thousands in Philadelphia each year. Seventh Day Baptists have long championed religious liberty and have often been denied it. Late in the seventeenth century several Seventh Day Baptist churches were organized in and near Philadelphia. They suffered the ravages of the Revolutionary War and the atheist-inspired persecution which filtered into the Capitol City from France in the years that followed. Persecution also came legally in 1794 when Pennsylvania passed a Sunday law over the protests of Sabbathkeepers and their influential friends. Elhanan Winchester of London wrote of these Pennsylvania Sabbathkeepers in 1788: "Such Christians I have never seen as they are, who take the Scriptures as their only guide, in matters both of faith and practice."

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"He who shall introduce into public
affairs the principles of primitive Chris-
tianity will revolutionize the world." —
Benjamin Franklin.

MOVIES AND MORAL LAW

It is hard to believe that during the
past twenty-five years the motion picture
industry has regulated itself by the moral
law as found in the Ten Commandments.
They do not expressly claim to have done
so but they do claim an attempt: "to effect
a practical application of the moral dog-
mas revealed in the Ten Commandments
to the function of motion picture pro-
duction."

We recently received a pamphlet, "The
Motion Picture Production Code — Its
Character and Purposes," by Martin Quig-
ley, from which the above quotation
comes. Mr. Quigley originated in 1930
this production code by which the industry
voluntarily regulates itself. In his in-
terpretation of it he states that the Deca-
logue was the ruling guide in its prepara-
tion. "It is negative in character," he
says, "only in the sense that the Ten Com-
mandments are negative. Just as the Ten
Commandments describe a code of be-
havior that men may live within the dic-
tates of the moral law, so does the Motion
Picture Code provide to motion picture
production an illumined and specialized
way to the same end."

Those are good-sounding, bold words
but we would have to see the code itself
before we could acknowledge a close simi-
larity to the high standards of Exodus 20.
It is also one thing to have a code and
another to live up to it or enforce it.
In this regard they do not claim to have
performed miracles. On the other hand,
Mr. Quigley maintains: "It has through
the years elevated the prevailing concepts
of production in relation to what consti-
tutes legitimately admissible screen ma-
terial within the moral law . . ." This
is undoubtedly true, and we should be
thankful for the restraining influence of
the measure of control that has been
possible.

The frequent references to the moral law
in the above quotations are particularly
interesting to those of us who hold the
theological position that the Ten Com-
mandments have not been done away in
this age of grace — that their restraining
influence is still needed. It is probably
true that if all people were positively
righteous then there would be little need
for the "Thou shalt not's." Such a con-
dition does not exist as an automatic
sequence to the coming of Christ into

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the world. Neither does it appear to
prevail in a nominally Christian nation or
in the church.

The clearly stated standard of righteous-
ness found in the Decalogue is high
enough to cramp most Christians. To
take but one example, how do we measure
up to "Remember the sabbath day, to
keep it holy"? We could wonder how the
Motion Picture Association applies this
one in their code, but perhaps we might
better ponder how we apply it in our code.

WEIGHED BUT NOT WANTING

The Department of Defense has re-
leased a series of 6 photos of Lt. Col.
John P. Stapp taken within 7 seconds.
The pictures show the normal-weight,
smiling colonel of 43 years changing in
that brief span of time into a gruesome-
looking man whose weight was computed
at 3,960 pounds — probably one of the
world's heaviest men.

Unbelievable? Yes, but other strange
things have happened. We read in Daniel
5: 9 about an absolute monarch named
Belshazzar who was enjoying life to the
full in the company of 1,000 lords and
ladies. He was drinking wine from golden
vessels plundered from the temple of God.
In modern slang we would say that he
was throwing his weight around. Suddenly
the levity ceased and, like the Air Force
colonel, "his counterance was changed in
him." He saw an unattached, accusing
hand, writing strange words on the wall
before his eyes. He began to feel small
and insecure. When the words were
interpreted by the prophet of God, he
became very small indeed. He was told
that the meaning of one word, "Tekel,"
was this: "Thou art weighed in the
balances, and art found wanting."

What was it that happened in a physical
way to the Air Force officer? In order to
test the bodily effects of bailing out of
jet planes at supersonic speeds he was
riding a rocket-powered sled out at
Alamagordo, N. M., at a record-breaking
ground speed of 421 miles per hour. The
spectacular thing about this was that the
sled run was only 3,500 feet long and
terrific acceleration and deceleration were
required to attain that speed and to come

to a full stop in 7 seconds. It was that
quick stop which put upon his body a
pressure of 22 times the force of gravity
and gave him an assumed weight of
nearly 2 tons.

The last of the 6 pictures, showing his
face drawn forward and his short hair
extended in front of his forehead, reminds
us of the words of Jesus, "The very hairs
of your head are numbered." The differ-
ence here is that the very hairs are
weighed and thrown forward by a weight
22 times normal.

Here was a man who, in the interest
of saving lives, was weighed and not
found wanting. In the eternal plan of
God the sacrifice of Christ on the cross
outweighs the sins of the world. With our
eyes upon that picture let none of us
allow the Belshazzar spirit to get into our
lives. Unless we lay hold by faith upon
the Christ of Calvary we shall in no wise
be able to withstand the pressures. In
the balances of God, losing weight is
neither virtuous nor attractive. In the
service of Christ, how much do you weigh?

GOVERNOR'S MEMORY HONORED

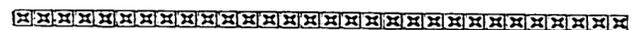
The Westerly (R. I.) Sun calls attention
to the fact that a bronze tablet has been
received from the State Soldiers' Welfare
organization to mark the grave of Gover-
nor George H. Utter. This circular bronze
marker designed by the state is inscribed,
"State of Rhode Island, Under the Consti-
tution, 1905-1907," and bears his name
and state seal. Unveiling and dedication
exercises were planned for a later date.
The governor died of a heart attack in
1912 while campaigning for re-election to
Congress.

The news item reads in part as follows:

"Governor Utter served one term, from
1905 to 1907, as the state's chief executive.
He is the only resident of Westerly to
serve as governor under the Rhode Island
constitution. Previously, however, the late
Samuel Ward, for whom the high school
was named, served as a Continental gover-
nor of the state. That was prior to the
adoption of the state constitution."

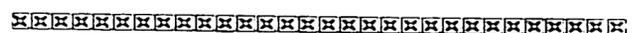
Seventh Day Baptists have as keen an
interest in this news item as the city of
Westerly, for both these governors from

Westerly were loyal members of the local Seventh Day Baptist Church and the denomination. Good citizenship often involves acceptance of great responsibility. Many of the country's most honored citizens trace their high ideals back to their early training in a small denomination such as ours which holds to an unpopular truth with deep conviction.



MEMORY TEXT

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. . . . Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. Romans 13: 1a-7.



Prayer Thought

One reason we do not see more answers to our prayers is that we ask amiss. See James 4: 1-4. Too many of our prayers are selfish. We must not expect to tap the hidden reservoirs of power when we desire to use that power for selfish or worldly ends. We need to abide in Him and He in us until His desires become our desires. Then our Lord can work through us. Then it will be most natural to open the floodgates of prayer and let the infinite power of God flow through us to a needy world. Our Father prefers to do His work through human agencies. He always has. Witness all of His great works as we find them described in the Bible. It will be seen that they are His works but that almost without exception some man of prayer is involved. That is the way He works, but how often we prevent Him from doing it by our shortsightedness and lack of prayer.

"Lord, teach us to pray."

Ralph H. Coon.

"Can you catch God in a test tube?" a student asked me one day half-sneeringly and half-inquiringly. "No, I cannot," I answered, "but the God that is revealed there is orderly, mathematical, and dependable. I can see His orderly footprints there." — E. Stanley Jones in a 12-page tract, "How Can I Find God?"

President's Column

"To Know Him" At Conference

The first part of our year's theme will be worked out in a series of messages at Conference, based on the "know" verses of First John. Some of the themes will be: "Knowing Him in Obedience"; "Life's Guiding Principle — Love"; "Knowing Him in Being Born of the Spirit"; "Our Magnificent Lord"; "The Know-So Christian"; "We Know that He Was Manifested to Take Away Our Sins"; and Dr. Koller's messages on "Knowing Him in a Deeper Experience."

You'll be praying, won't you, that we may come "to know Him" better, so that we can "make Him known" to others, so that they may share our fellowship "with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ." "Our Fellowship" will be the theme of the president's message.

For the Junior High Group

Miss Ethel Wilson, of Cheltenham, Pa., is enlisting a corps of helpers and arranging worship periods, discussion groups, recreation, and other things for the Junior High group. Part of these things will come during some of the Conference sessions, but there will be plenty of opportunity for you to attend other meetings. We want you with us at these special times.

For Your Study

Here are some questions used by the "Bible Reading Fellowship" in the California churches in studying First John:

What is John's authority for writing as a witness of Jesus Christ? How is God pictured? What is the test of "fellowship"? What is God's wonderful promise in Chapter 1? How can we make this come to pass in our lives? These for Chapter 2: What way can we tell if we are "in Him"? How can we be sure we are in the Light? What warning is given (verse 15) and how is "sin" pictured?

We'll give you the questions on the rest next time.

We still have a few of the outline studies on First John in mimeograph form, which you may have at cost.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION NOTES

Albert N. Rogers

The 118th annual session of the Seventh Day Baptist Western Association was held Sabbath, June 12, and the Sunday following at the Second Alfred Church, Alfred Station, using the Conference theme, "To Know Him and Make Him Known," and a program arranged under the direction of Rev. Paul B. Osborn of Richburg, moderator.

Rev. Don A. Sanford of Independence preached in the opening service, Sabbath morning, to a congregation of 300, using the theme from 2 Timothy 4: 3, "Sound Doctrine or Itching Ears?" Mrs. R. T. Fetherston of Battle Creek, Mich., president of the Women's Society of General Conference, spoke at the Sabbath afternoon session on ways in which women may witness to Christ and make Him known in daily contacts.

At a supper served by the women of the host church at the close of the Sabbath, Mrs. Fetherston presented pictures and a tape recording of the members of her board in a discussion of their work and plans. Officers and keyworkers of the women's groups in the Western Association churches were gathered for this program by Mrs. Albert N. Rogers, women's secretary for the association.

Also presented Sabbath afternoon was a one-act play, "God Can Make a Way," written by Miss Miriam Shaw of Alfred with the help of Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills and directed by Mrs. Albert N. Rogers. It depicted life in Jamaica and problems of Crandall High School in its cramped quarters. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Burdick of Alfred were cast as Principal and Mrs. O. B. Bond; Mrs. L. Ray Polan of Alfred read the part of Mrs. Smellie, prominent Jamaican woman; Mrs. Mills portrayed Charlotte, the mission cook; Mrs. Donald Pierce of Alfred Station played the part of Mrs. Mildred Rankine Waugh; and Miss Rubie Clarke, also of Alfred Station, was narrator. Rev. Wardner T. Fitzrandolph and Pastor John E. Hamilton were represented by Rev. Albert N. Rogers and Rev. Neal D. Mills. A prayer for Crandall High School pupils climaxed the play.

A youth program at Camp Harley was timed to parallel the women's program the night after the Sabbath. Don Richards and a group of Alfred young people led devotions. Following a picnic supper a campfire program was led by Rev. Paul B. Osborn, and a film was presented in the camp lodge. Little Genesee young people presented two fun features led by Miss Wanda Van Horn. The camp was on display between sessions on Sabbath day under the supervision of Edson Langworthy of Andover.

A. Burdet Crofoot, General Conference executive secretary, spoke Sunday morning on the Commission's proposed by-law changes designed to strengthen the associations' part in denominational work, on developments in Nyasaland, and on the tentative report of the Conference Committee on Ministerial Training. "The recent crisis in Nyasaland," he said, "should not divert our attention from other needs such as those of our school in Jamaica. Denominational Budget giving fell off considerably when the appeal was made for funds to buy the Nyasaland Mission property. Month-by-month, year-round giving is needed to sustain our work." In the discussion which followed, Dr. Alfred E. Whitford of Alfred, N. Y., and Fort Pierce, Fla., urged the adoption of one Sabbath a year across the denomination for emphasis upon budget giving.

Paul C. Baker of Nile, treasurer of Camp Harley building committee, in the business session Sunday afternoon reported gifts during a three-year period totaling \$2,660.55. Rev. Albert N. Rogers, chairman of the committee, reported on work done, and recommended transfer of further development to the association trustees. Those who have served also include Mark Sanford of Little Genesee, Wayne Crandall and Rev. Don A. Sanford of Independence, Fred M. Palmer of Alfred Station, H. O. Burdick, Gerald Burdick, and Ben R. Crandall of Alfred, Eugene Burdick of Richburg, and Don Stearns of Hebron.

A board of trustees set up when the association was incorporated includes Ben R. Crandall, Mrs. Madge Sutton of Alfred Station, Clifford Burdick of Andover, Paul C. Baker, Don Stearns, C. Milford Cran-

dall of Independence, Mark Sanford, H. O. Burdick, and Elmer B. Cowles of Richburg. The last three named were elected for three-year terms. Immediately following adjournment of the association the board met and named a new construction and maintenance committee for Camp Harley to include H. O. Burdick, Stanley Butts, and Howard Jacox of Alfred, and Fred M. Palmer and Rev. Albert N. Rogers of Alfred Station.

A summary of activities at the camp during the year was given by Mrs. Evert Percy, chairman of the Camp Program Committee. Mrs. Neal D. Mills and Rev. Paul B. Osborn will direct junior and senior periods this summer, she said. Pastor Delmer Van Horn of Little Genesee reported on 33 radio programs which were presented from January through April with ten different speakers and two youth groups participating as well as the choirs of several of the churches and various announcers. The committee in charge included Pastors Van Horn and Osborn and Mrs. Madge Sutton and was aided by Fred M. Palmer in transcription work. The series was financed by special gifts.

Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee it was voted to pledge a minimum of \$300 for the British Guiana field, to be made part of the Missionary Board's budget next Conference year. Promotion of this project will be in the hands of the association's Missionary-Evangelistic Committee headed by Rev. Hurley S. Warren. A monthly contribution has been going from the association to Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin O. Berry in British Guiana since their return to the field from study in the Alfred School of Theology. A letter of greeting from the association is to be carried to them personally this summer, and to the Jamaica brethren, by Miss Josie E. Willis of Hornell.

Resolutions were adopted setting up an association Tract Committee and endorsing the plan of association representatives on Commission. On request of Conference officers, Rev. Hurley S. Warren and H. O. Burdick were named to the Conference Nominating Committee. Appreciation was expressed to the host church including those in charge of meals: Mrs. Leo Shaw, Mrs. Leon Lewis,

and Mrs. Irving V. Palmiter; and those who supervised children's activities: Mrs. Phyllis B. Mattison, Miss Dorothy Ormsby, and Mrs. Polan of Alfred.

Officers for next year include Donald S. Pierce of Alfred Station, moderator; Miss R. Marion Carpenter of Alfred, recording secretary; Mrs. Lynn Langworthy of Alfred, assistant recording secretary; Mrs. Fred J. Pierce, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Thelma Cowles, treasurer. The semiannual meeting will be held with the Richburg Church in October.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION NOTES

There is a good old custom not preserved in all of our associations. The churches of our denomination which date back to colonial times wrote many letters in those early days to sister churches — letters which described their spiritual condition or discussed doctrinal questions. At the association recently held in the Berlin, N. Y., Church one of the items of business Sunday morning was the reading of letters from the various churches. True, these brief summaries of church activity were not much like those of 100-200 years ago but they were good; the reading of them seemed to bind the congregations together as a unit.

Business was not the main purpose of the Berlin meeting; it was all taken care of on Sunday morning prior to the closing sermon. Committees reported and officers were elected, most of them being from the Marlboro Church where the association will meet next June. To take care of the proposed home mission plans within the association and to provide for meeting other rising expenses it was voted to double the church assessment, bringing it up to 30 cents per member (still less than in the Central Association).

This home mission work planned by the committee envisions using all the pastors in a concerted evangelistic effort at Waterford, Conn., next fall and the exchange of pastors for special meetings in other churches. Radio work is also being investigated.

"The Whole Armor of God" was the theme of the association, taken from the sixth chapter of Ephesians. The Sabbath morning sermon by Rev. Rex Zwiebel of

Lost Creek, W. Va., was directly on the theme, under the title, "Putting on God's Armor." He pointed out that when the UN forces in the early days of the Korean conflict were fighting a rear-guard action and were in danger of being driven into the sea at Pusan it was because they did not have sufficient armor. The Christian need not fight with stoic courage a losing battle, for God has provided him with the complete armor mentioned in the Scripture which we had read.

The speaker briefly illustrated and expounded each article, pointing out that when Paul wrote these words he was a prisoner, with ample time to ponder the lessons that could be learned from the armor of those Roman soldiers who guarded him.

The belt of truth is significant in the present world struggle with Communism, a system which must ultimately fail because of its atheistic untruths. In a special way Seventh Day Baptists have the protection of truth.

The breastplate of righteousness is not just something shiny to be put on once, for without constant polishing it will rust away and cease to provide safety.

Paul knew the value of shoes for he had walked and walked. The shoes of the Gospel of peace are strong shoes such as the prophet mentioned, of iron and brass, to take the Christian unhurt through the rough places of life.

The shield of faith, the minister felt, must refer to a full-length shield. Faith is likewise a full and complete protection, effective at all times.

Soldiers are taught when in an area of possible danger to put on the steel helmet and keep it on. This is definitely applicable to youth. Our efforts should be to get our youth to take early the helmet of salvation and to keep it firmly in place.

The sword of the Spirit was pointed out to be the only weapon of offense. It, like the rest of the armor, is of no value unless we gird it on. God has provided us a complete self-fitting armor. What a pity, Mr. Zwiebel concluded, that we fight the Christian battle with so little armor. Let us put it on and use it.

The Sabbath eve message by Rev. Victor Skaggs, delegate from the Central Asso-

ciation, was entitled, "If You Are God's Son." In a word, if you are God's son by regeneration you can live victoriously in the battle of life. Jesus won His battles through truth. God offers truth through Christ. Ours is a Gospel that brings faith and power, a salvation with a promise of victory both now and in the future.

The third principal sermon of the association, "Possessors of the Holy Spirit," given on Sunday morning by Rev. Rex Burdick of the Marlboro Church, was recorded on tape and may be available for these pages at a later date.

The Sabbath afternoon session was full. There were two fifteen-minute talks on tract work, "Tracts and Our Defensive Armor" by the secretary, and "Making Our Weapons Effective" by Rev. C. Rex Burdick. Under the theme "Forward in the Faith," Rev. Robert Lippincott of the Shiloh Church gave a stirring 15-minute talk on "Associational Missions," and Secretary E. T. Harris spoke briefly on "Missions Around the World." This was followed by a general discussion of some phases of our Nyasaland Mission work. Conference President Osborn then took the floor to present some of the issues that will face our General Conference when it meets at Milton, Wis., in August. Discussion centered around such things as Conference program, Denominational Budget, organization, and the education of our ministerial students.

Young people were quite in evidence throughout the meetings, especially on the evening after the Sabbath. Chorus singing and a worship service, nicely led by the local group, started off the program. Under the direction of Rev. Charles Bond of Westerly, two motion pictures were shown, the American Bible Society's, "The Whole Armor," and a city mission film, "In His Name." There was also a presentation of the two summer camps of the association and an outline of the program of the Pre-Conference Retreat, all of which sounded very interesting. — L. M. M.

"It (Independence Day) ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty." — John Adams.

Missions

Makapwa Mission Projects

Miss Beth Severe has written on May 24 concerning the progress being made on various building projects at the Makapwa Mission Station in Nyasaland. Her letter states regarding the building of the Beth and Joan cottage with funds supplied chiefly by the Plainfield Church: "Our home is going up quite rapidly, for the walls are about eight feet high at present. We will not have a tile roof as was originally stated nor a grass one as we were told later. It will be aluminum, made possible through a gift from Mrs. E. M. Clement (Joan's mother)."

The digging of the channel which will make possible the electrification system at the mission is progressing. She writes: "Occasionally the boarding boys spend their working time digging, which gives a tremendous boost. The actual digging is nearing completion." It will be remembered that the Riverside Church sponsored this project and it was included in the total budget plan adopted last Conference.

The Frank Fatatos of the Schenectady Mission had made a special gift toward plumbing for the Beth and Joan cottage and the letter states: "The gift for the purchase of the plumbing in our home is being realized; the things have been obtained and will arrive by rail shortly. Our gratitude will know no bounds when we actually get to using them."

The slide projector is mentioned as being extremely popular. When the boys and girls are asked if they would like to see pictures the reply is always, "Yes, but we want lots of them." Beth adds, "The second showing is always as good as the first."

Part of the gift toward the medical work was used for stock supplies. However, now that the dispensary more than pays for current supplies the fund is accumulating with the hope of some day building a new dispensary in combination with a maternity service.

Beth's letter concludes: "Space limits us in naming you all, and then many who are supporting the budget, we don't even know. Therefore we would say that bricks

are now being made for the schoolrooms which will replace the two that are falling apart (Amen.), and we hope to see a concrete floor in the church in the near future.

"This year will see much added to the material facilities of the mission. However, this is of little lasting value. We hope that Christ has been manifested. We ask for your continued spiritual support."

Beth and Joan.

"Making Him Known in Nyasaland"

No doubt you all have read the results to Bible questions given at random in the public schools in the United States. Usually the results are sobering, bringing to mind the lack of Bible training in our schools. Therefore, we are very grateful that here Bible training holds an important role in education, though for how long we do not know.

We would like to share with you some of the results that have come forth. Therefore we are setting down for you a few answers that were given on a recent Bible test given to Joan's Standard V, (Grade 7).

Question:

What does it mean in the Scripture when Jesus said, "I am the bread of life"?

Answers:

"He means whosoever will eat that kind of bread will not be hungry and will bring him into eternal life. Jesus Himself is bread. This bread is not the same as we eat, for this bread which we eat will bring us to death."

"Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life,' because He said that everybody who will eat His body, he will be saved. He said to His disciples, 'This is my body and do it all the time.' Then because many people wanted to follow Him because of the bread that He gave them (feeding of 5,000) He said, 'Don't follow me because of this bread, but follow me that I shall give you the bread of life.'"

"He meant that if we leave our sins and believe on Him and then He is our Saviour, then we shall not feel hunger, but we shall be filled forever."

"When Jesus said that I am the bread of life, He meant that he that receiveth His word and believeth in Him, shall

never hunger nor will he see death, but he will receive everlasting life which is to come. He did not mean the bread which we eat for our bodies, but the bread for our spirit."

Question:

Write John 1: 14, and explain the verse.

Answers:

"'And the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.' It means that the word from God was made flesh, which is Jesus, and He dwelt with us, and is our Saviour. He was as a man but full of grace and truth."

"This verse explains that the Word of God was manifested through the body of a man, and through this also the people beheld the glory which Jesus spoke among the people, and also the glory which the people beheld was full of grace and truth."

Maybe you have caught a glimpse of the joy it is to serve the Lord in this part of the world. It is a joy to hear in reply to a question, "Where will you spend your summer vacation?" — an answer such as this: "I am going home to my family, and tell my mother and father, and brothers about the Saviour Jesus Christ." Would that we all were so in love with Jesus, that we would want to "Make Him Known."

Pastor Hansen Writes of Conference Plans

It will be of interest to all Seventh Day Baptists that Pastor John Schmid of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Irvington, New Jersey, has consented to represent the Missionary Society at the Conference of Sabbathkeeping Christians at Gentofte, Denmark, at the invitation of Pastor E. J. P. Hansen. Plans for the ordination of Pastor Schmid are being made and Secretary E. T. Harris has been asked to preach the ordination sermon on that occasion.

E. T. H.

Gentofte, Denmark

Dear Brother Everett T. Harris:

God's Peace and Grace from our Lord be with you and all the beloved brethren. I write to you that you may know that we by the grace of the Almighty are in

peace and pursue our work for His name's sake. We must say that it is with great earnestness that we preach the gospel to God's children in this very last time just before the glorious arrival of our Lord Jesus Christ. We believe that He will come to fetch a sanctified Bride who has been proved faithful and victorious in her life by the power of the blood of the Lamb of God. We believe that we must be altered to His very likeness through His humiliation, reproach and sufferings to be glorified as His only bride, and that He will fetch His saints from any part of the whole earth. Might it be our constant rejoicing and eternal praise to concentrate our lives about this heavenly calling.

I was very happy a short time ago to be able to follow the invitation from brethren in England, Holland and Germany to visit them. I had long prayed to visit the assemblies of our faith with whom we had come into close contact, and I was now sent from the assembly in Copenhagen to visit the brethren in these countries and bring greetings from us. This visit to the brethren has enjoyed me much, and I stayed for many days both in England, Holland and Germany and I was invited to preach the gospel of sanctification in all assemblies. I praise the Lord for this travel, and we can now carry the brethren in any place in our prayers.

Recently I have been in Stockholm and Norway and preached the gospel and souls have been converted and the saints have been strengthened by His power. Two Norwegian brethren have visited us in Copenhagen and have both of them preached the holy gospel in the assembly every evening for several days. It has been a great joy to meet with these earnest brethren and to experience their fiery sanctifying message.

We are already preparing our yearly conference with us which is to take place from the first to the eighth of August, so that Sunday will be the last conference day. To this conference we now invite the brethren from all the assemblies to be assembled with us like last year. You are also all most heartily invited to this great conference, and we hope greatly that you will be able to visit us, all who can

WORSHIP THOUGHT FOR JULY

Theme: Availing Ourselves of God's Help

Scripture: Matt. 7: 7-12; Matt. 17: 14-18.

"What we are is God's gift to us.

What we make of ourselves is our gift to Him."

What if I say
The Bible is God's Holy Word
Complete, inspired, without a flaw —
But let its pages stay
Unread from day to day,
And fail to learn therefrom God's law;
What if I go not there to seek
The truth of which I glibly speak,
For guidance on this earthly way —
Does it matter what I say?

Author Unknown.

Roy L. Smith in an article in Christian Advocate entitled, "Salve for Sick Saints," quotes the following words from a successful woman lawyer recently converted:

"When I sit in my pew in the house of the Lord on the Sabbath day, I want my preacher to open my eyes, to probe my mind, to drive me to new dedication. I do not go to church to be comforted. I expect to be thrust out into the struggle of the working world with renewed purpose and confidence.

"Time and again I have benefited most from the sermon that disturbed me terribly — one in which there was absolutely no element of comfort."

from the assemblies. It is a great wish to see you among us, and you will meet brethren from all Scandinavia, Germany, Holland and Palestina and other countries, who all have our faith. The theme of the conference is the preparation of God's people to the return of Christ, and because of this earnest theme the conference is prepared through much prayer. The conference will not cost anything, and your lodging is in our mission home. We hope that you can come as many of the brethren who can, and we pray for this. Grace and Love be with you all. Brother greetings from all brethren here.

Faithfully,
E. J. P. Hansen.

SUMMER CAMPS

Many of our young people and others will be interested to know the times and places of our Seventh Day Baptist camps. Camps provide splendid opportunities for instruction, inspiration, fun, and fellowship. The youth of our nonresident families should be especially urged to attend camp along with their friends of the home church unless some other Seventh Day Baptist camp is more accessible or convenient. And all who can should plan to attend the Pre-Conference Retreat. A fine staff and a fine program await you.

Here is the information so far as we have it. We would be glad to publish the dates of other camps, and the names of leaders, too, if we had them.

Eastern Association, Lewis Camp — July 11 - 18

South Jersey

Deer Woods, ages 10-16 — July 18 - 25

Youth Retreat, age 16 up — July 31 - Aug. 1

Southeastern Association, Camp Joy,
(Marion Co. 4H Camp) — July 12 - 18

Central Association, Camp Wabasco,
Youth — July 14 - 20

Western Association, Camp Harley,
Senior — July 25 - 31
Junior — Aug. 1 - 7

Southwestern Association, Stillman Ranch,
Columbus, Tex. — July 5 - 12

Also Keel Mountain, Ala. — July 14 - 18

Northern Association, Camp Holston,
Primary Day Camp, ages 6-8, July 7
Junior, ages 9-11 — July 11 - 16

Young People, ages 12 up — July 18-25

Pacific Coast Association, Pacific Pines
Camp,

Senior, ages 15 and up — July 2 - 5

Primary, ages 6, 7, 8 — July 6 - 8

Intermediate, ages 12-14 — July 11 - 18

Junior, ages 9-11 — July 18 - 25

(Ages figured as of Dec. 1, 1953.)

Mid-Continent Association, Rocky Mountain
Camp,

Young People — July 6 - 14

Juniors — July 14 - 18

Daily Vacation Schools, too, are being held in many of our churches and they deserve the patronage of boys and girls. Although some of them follow closely

upon the close of public school, the sessions are short and the programs so varied that they should not add to the strain that some children feel at the end of the school year. The experiences and impressions gained in Vacation Bible School are highly worth while.

N. D. M.

1954 PRE-CON CAMP

Don Richards

The Pre-Con Camp dates of August 12-16 will soon be here. All Seventh Day Baptist young people having completed the ninth grade or having reached their fifteenth birthday are urged to assemble at Camp Indian Trails near Milton, Wis., for five days of rich spiritual training and social fellowship. The registration fee of \$10, which includes insurance, meals, transportation from Milton to camp — everything except extra spending money — is the total cost per camper.

Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, director of this year's camp, or retreat, as it is sometimes called, has done a bang-up job in planning the program and selecting the personnel to serve on the staff. Edward J. Rood of Milton, business manager, is making arrangements for the camp facilities and the many items necessary to the running of a camp.

It is now time to catch a brief preview of the activities planned for all 1954 PRE-CONERS.

Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, "main course" speaker, will develop the theme, "For the Facing of This Hour" — a course of study on our Christian faith. A discussion on the material presented will follow, the campers having divided into smaller groups.

Instinctively, Christians have a desire to worship God, but how poor we are in doing it! The worship leader, Rev. Charles H. Bond, will direct our thoughts Godward in a study of ways in which worship may become more meaningful.

Pre-Con is a singing time, especially this year under the leadership of Miss Lois Wells of Los Angeles. A pre-breakfast singspiration has been planned in addition to the other regular music periods and activities.

The Bible, when read correctly, speaks to the human heart. Pastor Ken Smith,

in his course on "Interpretive Bible Reading," aims to give suggestions and allow time for practice which will make public Bible reading easier and more expressive.

The recreational facilities of Camp Indian Trails, which are many and varied, will be utilized under the leadership of Miss Constance Coon. Camp will also be a time of fun for all.

Five workshops are planned. A workshop is a session combining study and practice in skills that are useful in the local church and the denomination which "retreaters" can use. Pre-Con is a training program and the retreaters' problem for this year will be to make a choice as to the workshop in which he or she is most interested.

The Stewardship Workshop under Rev. Francis D. Saunders will consider church stewardship and its meaning. Rev. C. Rex Burdick will conduct a study entitled "Teaching by Eye and Ear," where various types of teaching techniques and equipment will be used. Miss Esther A. Burdick will lead a study on the Social Fellowship in Church. Those enrolled in Rev. Orville W. Babcock's workshop will consider the meaning of Churchmanship and the part youth can play in the local church. Rev. Paul S. Burdick will conduct a workshop on Personal Evangelism.

Two volunteer work committees — Worship and Publicity — will plan the morning worship services in Conference and publish a newsheet. These will be under the leadership of Rev. Charles H. Bond and Rev. Paul B. Osborn, respectively.

A rich and blessed experience is in store for all who attend the 1954 Pre-Conference Camp. Why not bring a car full from your church? Send your registration blank (in the June issue of **The Beacon**) or write Edward J. Rood, Box 841, Milton, Wis.

The Bible Societies report a constant increase in interest, reaching record figures. One society alone distributed 37,000 Hebrew Bibles, Testaments, and portions during the past year. **EPS.**

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
August 17-22, Milton, Wis.

Children's Page

WHAT NELLIE SEES

"Go to sleep, my darling baby,
Shut your pretty eyes,
Till the morning finds my darling
Waiting for the sun to rise."

Nellie has been singing this song to her dolly for a long time, but dolly's eyes are just as wide open as ever.

"Doesn't she know I can't shut them?" dolly is thinking. "Doesn't she know I am not one of the open-and-shut kind? I have to sleep with my eyes open."

Of course dolly never tells what she thinks, but Nellie talks for her sometimes. Nellie makes her voice sound so little that you would think sure enough that dolly was talking herself.

What a pretty story Nellie has been reading in that book, "Jack and the Beanstalk." Did you ever read it?

Nobody has thrown the pictures of it in the fire, and yet Nellie is seeing them there; first, the handful of beans that Jack got for his cow; then the stalk that grew up in a single night from the bean that Jack planted; then the glass house that grew on the top of the beanstalk; then the giant that lived in the glass house. She seemed to see Jack cutting off the giant's head; then she saw his head roll down — of course it was only a piece of coal. At last she saw the beanstalk tumble.

Nellie likes to read stories, and then look in the fire to find the pictures. Her mother saw that she did, and so she had some pretty tile pictures put around the fireplace in the library — pictures about Moses. The whole story of Moses is in the pictures — where he is hid in the little basket among the rushes of the Nile; where Pharaoh's daughter and her maids are finding him; where God is speaking to him in the burning bush, etc. Nellie likes to hear her mamma tell about the tiles, but I think she likes best to see the pictures in the fire that keep changing all the while.

How do the pictures get in the fire? Nobody puts them in — Nellie thinks them, and then seems to see them. In the summer, she likes to lie in the grass and see pictures in the clouds. You can

have so many pictures that way, and it is so easy to make them. It is easier to think them than to draw them on paper.

A little girl was once asked how she could draw pictures. She answered: "I think, and then I draw around my think."

O. M. Dunham.

Dear Recorder Children:

I wonder how many of you have an imagination like Nellie's. Perhaps when she grew up she was able to write interesting stories. I think all children like to hear fairy stories; at least I did, but my father taught me that I must be careful to know the difference between fairy tales and true stories.

Most children like to learn what are called nursery rhymes, and there is one which many children learn first of all:

"Little Bo Peep had lost her sheep,
And didn't know where to find them.
Let them alone and they'll come home
Wagging their tails behind them."

For the past two weeks I have been looking for many children's letters, but haven't received even a single one. Here's hoping I'll not meet with a like disappointment next time.

Well, vacation days will soon be here, and then for most of you it will be time for Vacation Bible School. Last Sabbath day with several others I went out to Camp Harley, near Alfred Station, which is the camp for our Western Association. Attractive shingles are being added to the outside of the building which will greatly improve its appearance. I hope not only many, but all of you will be able to attend Vacation Bible School this summer.

In Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

SOMETHING NEW—PARENTS, TOO

The Vacation Bible School announcement of our Los Angeles Church mentions something really new — a class for parents who bring the children to the school. Some of them travel long distances. Older brothers and sisters and other Bible-interested adults were invited to join the informal class studying "The Person and Work of the Lord Jesus Christ," under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Leon R. Lawton. The Bible School continues from June 21 to July 2.

CHRIST PROVIDES SALVATION

O. A. Davis
Phoenix, Ariz.

Our Pre-Existent Christ

Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I am." (John 8: 58.)

In the Garden, Christ prayed, "O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was . . ." (John 17: 5, 24.) In Heaven, He was the Word. (John 1: 1-14; Rev. 19: 13.)

Our Lord's redemptive work was planned "before the foundation of the world." (1 Pet. 1: 19, 20; Eph. 3: 9, 11; 2 Tim. 1: 9, 10; Titus 1: 2, 3; Rev. 13: 8.) These and many other verses refer also to Christ as Creator of all.

Redemption has two sides, a divine and a human. Christ on His cross said, "It is finished." That was the divine side. Full atonement for every sin was paid in that hour.

But on our part, full redemption will be completed only in the resurrection body. Our spirit is redeemed, made alive, here; but our old nature, "the man of sin," and our disease-wrecked body will not be changed until Christ's return. (1 Cor. 15: 53.)

Our Incarnate God

One day, as John was baptizing, some priests and Levites came to him asking if he were Christ. His answer, "No."

"Elijah?"

"No."

"That prophet?"

"No."

"Then who?"

"I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias." (John 1: 19-23.)

Isaiah's exact words were, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." (40: 3.) Christ is God. (John 1: 1-14; Heb. 1: 8; Ps. 45: 6; 1 Tim. 3: 16.)

Our pre-existent God necessitated a virgin birth. There is no alternative. Could the seed of man produce God? Of course not!

"Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which

being interpreted is, God with us." (Matt. 1: 22, 23.) This is a direct reference to Isaiah 7: 14.

"A body hast thou prepared me." (Heb. 10: 5.) "Behold, the Lamb of God" — not of man. (John 1: 29.)

Our Living Saviour

Isaiah records, "Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me. I, even I, am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour." (43: 10, 11; 45: 21.)

Mary said of Christ, "And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." (Luke 1: 47.) Note these further precious thoughts on "God my Saviour" in Titus 1: 3; 2: 11-13; 3: 4-6.

After the cross and the tomb, Christ arose in His resurrection body.

As Stephen was being stoned, he looked up into heaven, and he beheld God's glory and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. (Acts 7: 55.) There Christ is today, interceding on behalf of the redeemed. (Rom. 8: 34; Heb. 9: 24; 10: 12; 1 Tim. 2: 5; Heb. 1: 3.)

Friend, do you believe it? Have you received the pre-existent Christ, the God-Man, the living Saviour? If you have, tell others of this great, eternal hope. If you haven't, believe God's Word, and receive my Christ as your Saviour today! — From Bible Meditations.

STATEMENT ON SEGREGATION

The attitude of southern as well as northern churches on the recent Supreme Court decision on racial segregation in the public schools is supposedly reflected in the following statement adopted by a 48-3 vote of the 125-member General Board of the National Council of Churches on May 19:

"The unanimous decision of the Supreme Court that segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional gives a clear status in law to a fundamental Christian and American principle. The decision will have far-reaching effects in the whole nation and the world.

"It offers the promise of further steps for translating into reality Christian and democratic ideals. The decision is a milestone in the achievement of human rights,

another evidence of the endeavor to respect the dignity and worth of all men.

"The complexity of implementing the decision is recognized by the Court which has set the cases for further reargument on the formulation of the decrees. To put the decision into effect will test the goodwill and discipline of people in many communities. Adjustments will be more difficult in some localities than in others. In the period of transition from one pattern to another (whatever the length of the period to be prescribed by the Court), we know that the churches and individual Christians will continue to exert their influence and leadership to help the authorized agencies in the several communities to bring about a complete compliance with the decision of the Supreme Court. The law of neighborliness is the great guide available to Christians as they deal with this situation in their local communities. 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.' The second part of the Great Commandment contains the potential for lifting men to a new level of social responsibility and for creating new dimensions of human brotherhood."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Billy Graham's report on the Greater London Crusade indicates that attendances at Harringay reached the total of 1,336,500; recorded decisions for Christ were 28,209. Since April 16, when meetings began to be relayed to the provinces, there have been 405 relays. This was the largest system of extensions ever handled, and lines were put into service that had not been used since the war.

Asked whether he thought there were signs of a religious awakening in Britain, Billy Graham replied that he felt "we were on the verge of the greatest spiritual awakening in our history." One indication of this had been the response of undergraduates in the universities. At Cambridge he had addressed 3,500, nearly half the total number of students, and after twice repeating the invitation, because he thought they had misunderstood, about two thirds of the company signified their acceptance of Christ. Dr. Graham strongly emphasized that he was not establishing an organization in the wake

of the Crusade. The object was to get the converts into the churches, and he rejoiced to know that the membership of many had increased. (EPS.)

Under a plan worked out jointly by British and American churches there will be an interchange of preachers this summer. Twenty ministers from the United States will have speaking engagements in the British Isles and ten from there will be speaking at various places in this country. Those coming to us include 3 from the Church of England, 1 from the Church of Scotland, 1 Baptist, 1 Congregational, 2 Methodist, and 2 Presbyterian. The points most accessible to Seventh Day Baptist churches include: Hartford, Conn.; New York; Philadelphia; Schenectady, N. Y.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Princeton, Basking Ridge, and Westfield, N. J.; Chicago; Washington; and Los Angeles. It is possible that some of these speakers would be available for Seventh Day Baptist pulpits if arrangements were made early. The Sabbath Recorder will be glad to answer inquiries.

While the World Council of Churches is meeting at Evanston in August there will be two week-long conferences of American and foreign students discussing the same theme, "Christ, the Hope of the World." About 170 undergraduates are expected the first week, and the same number of graduates, theological students, and faculty the second week, according to plans announced at the May meeting of the Executive Committee of the United Christian Council. This council through its member movements reaches students on 800 campuses. Some of the World Council speakers will address these youth meetings at a nearby location.

Methodist churches in Korea have had an increase in membership of 22,000 in the past two years in spite of the terrible catastrophe of war, reports Bishop Arthur G. Moore, president of the Methodist Board of Missions. The total number of Methodists in Korea is given as 84,327.

What wine adds to a nation's wealth
It takes back in ruined health.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SHILOH, N. J. — Baby dedication was held on May 29 in conjunction with Children's Day. The babies dedicated were Lois Etta Dickinson, Ronald Owen Probasco, Ralf Edward Peck, Susan Lynn Pettit, Whilmina Kathleen Rainear, Robert William Richardson, Gary Lewis Lippincott, and Maynard Monroe McAllister. Each baby was presented with a red rose and a certificate of dedication. The children of the primary gave recitations and songs. The anthem was by the junior choir. Prayer and Scriptures were given by the Junior and Intermediate C. E. Societies.

"James E. Ayars, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ayars, has been appointed as midshipman at Annapolis Naval Academy and will begin his term on June 28, 1954. Ayars was graduated from Bridgeton High School with the class of 1953 and from Bullis Prep School in Silver Spring, Md., on May 15. He has passed his academic and physical examination and received his appointment at Annapolis through the Naval Reserve." — Bridgeton Evening News.

The Sabbath school voted to purchase and pay the cost of shipping of two typewriters to be used in Crandall High School at Kingston, Jamaica.

Preparations are being made for the Daily Vacation Bible School to be held June 21 to July 2. The superintendent is Pastor Lippincott.

The delegates from Shiloh to the Eastern Association, held June 11-13, were Pastor Lippincott, Miss Katherine Davis, Mrs. LeRoy Rainear, and Mrs. Bert Cruzan.

The semiannual chicken pot-pie dinner was served by the Ladies' Benevolent Society in the church dining room on Memorial Day. This was a very successful dinner and the proceeds are used by the society in many ways to further the work of the Lord.

The junior choir will take a recess for the summer as is the custom every year.

The graduates this year from eighth grade are Earle Robinson and Edwin Harris, Jr. Those being graduated from twelfth grade are Arah Mae Davis and

Elsa Nimitzek. These four will be honored Sabbath morning, June 19. — Mrs. Percy C. Davis.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — The lure of May-time skies and flowers did not attract too many of our people from their attendance at church, but we must ever be mindful of the admonition of the Lord through the Apostle Paul, "Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, . . . and so much the more as ye see the day approaching."

Pastor Wheeler closed his series of sermons on the theme "To Know Him and Make Him Known" with a stirring one the last Sabbath of May entitled, "Jesus the Christ Will Return."

Looking back, we see a recent innovation introduced by the Sabbath school superintendent, Dora Hurley, receiving hearty acceptance. Sabbath school now closes with the entire school assembled in the sanctuary. The opening exercises of Sabbath school are cut down a little; classes separate for study; then in the fifteen minutes following the lesson the teachers of intermediate and primary classes bring their class groups into the pews. Beginning with the older and ending with the younger, the classes present their memory verses with a little coaching from their teachers. The tiniest children sit on the front row. They have not ventured to give any verses, as yet, but they do try to join in on the general benediction, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." We like this united front.

The last three Sundays in May, and Memorial Day Monday, witnessed a great deal of activity at Pacific Pines Camp, in preparation of the opening, July 2. On Memorial Day at 10 a.m. sixty-three persons were present at the ground-breaking ceremony for the new duplex boys' barracks, which we hope to be complete enough to use this year. Pastor Wheeler led the service with Pastor Leon Lawton, of the Los Angeles Church, assisting. Two young campers were called upon: Lloyd Curtis who read from 1 Cor. 3: 6-11, and Lois Ritz who gave a short talk on "The Value of Camp." Nevah Roney sang the

camp song, "Above the World, Kept by the Word," for which she had written the lyrics and Ethlyn Copeland the score. Don Watkins, our church president, presented a challenging talk on "The Project Before Us." Pastor Wheeler exhorted us to do our work heartily as unto the Lord, and offered a fitting prayer. Bill Lewis, project foreman, asked the pastor to take the shovel in ground-breaking. Albyn Mackintosh of the Los Angeles Church is architect for the structure now under way and for a proposed "cook-house" and dining area to be constructed soon.

Following the ceremony, work began in earnest. It included cleaning, repair, tree removal, and the digging of the trench for the foundation. Some loyal workers remained overnight and forms were nearly finished according to schedule. We rejoice that soon more and more boys and girls will be able to share the experience of camp.

VERONA, N. Y. — Rev. Earl Cruzan, member of the Commission of the General Conference, spoke on denominational interests in our church Sabbath afternoon, May 22. He showed slides taken at the mission stations and schools in Africa, Jamaica, and China. Rural Life Sabbath was observed in May, and a dedication service of Lord's Acre projects was held. Pastor Victor Skaggs was speaker of the day at the Memorial Day ceremonies in Verona. Deacon Marion Dillman was given a pleasant birthday surprise party by relatives and friends May 26.

A roast turkey supper sponsored by the Helpers and Boosters Sabbath School Classes was served in our church basement on the evening of June 3. It was well attended and netted \$250 to be applied on the church addition building fund. There was no service in our church June 5 as most of our members attended the Central Association held in the Adams Center Church. — Correspondent.

"Show me a minister who has taken ground against the Temperance Reformation, who has had a revival! The man's hands are red with blood, who stands aloof from the Temperance Cause." — Charles G. Finney.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for July 10, 1954

Are We Growing as Christians?
Lesson Scripture: 1 Cor. 3: 1-3;
Eph. 4: 11-16; 2 Pet. 1: 5-8; 3: 18.

Births

- Davis.** — A daughter, Cynthia Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis of Verona, N. Y., on May 15, 1954.
- Stickney.** — A daughter, Judith Ann, to Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Stickney of Holland, Mich., on Feb. 23, 1954.
- Stewart.** — A daughter, Pamela, to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Stewart of Marshall, Mich., on April 8, 1954.
- Walton.** — A daughter, Judy Marlene, to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Walton of Battle Creek, Mich., on May 18, 1954.
- Leigon.** — A daughter, Julie Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Leigon of Battle Creek, Mich., on May 30, 1954.
- Stephan.** — A son, John Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stephan, of Nortonville, Kan., on May 23, 1954.

Marriages

- Williams - Ong.** — Dane Williams, son of Mrs. Susie Williams, and Miss Nancy Ong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ong, were united in marriage by their pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, at the home of the bride on June 1, 1954.
- Burdick - Springer.** — Elvin Burdick, son of Mrs. Leta Burdick, and Miss Dorothy Springer were united in marriage on June 5, 1954, in the parsonage of the First Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church, Pastor Darrell D. Barber officiating.

Obituaries

Stillman. — Charlie Sanford, son of Sanford and Addie Maxson Stillman, was born near Peoria, Ill., June 7, 1871, and passed away at Kansas City, Kan., April 21, 1954.

He was educated in the public schools of Atchison County, Kan., and at Milton College. As a youth, he was baptized and joined the West Hallock, Ill., Seventh Day Baptist Church, and later united with the Nortonville Church, where he was a member at the time of his death.

On March 8, 1898, he married Edna Titsworth in Nortonville, where most of their married life was spent. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this spring. He is survived by his wife, two nephews, and several cousins. Farewell services held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Nortonville, Kan., were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Duane L. Davis, and interment was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

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