

# The Sabbath Recorder

## DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, August 31, 1954

|                         | Receipts |           |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|
|                         | August   | 11 months |
| Balance August 1        | \$ 26.25 |           |
| Adams Center            | 45.00    | 495.65    |
| Albion                  | 48.09    | 463.70    |
| Andover                 | 18.00    | 18.00     |
| Alfred, First           | 340.10   | 2,689.74  |
| Alfred, Second          | 147.40   | 798.20    |
| Associations and groups | 1,011.03 | 1,331.78  |
| Battle Creek            | 314.05   | 4,473.23  |
| Berlin                  | 37.10    | 466.91    |
| Boulder                 | 33.53    | 359.85    |
| Brookfield, First       | 40.00    | 191.50    |
| Brookfield, Second      |          | 226.55    |
| Buffalo Fellowship      | 11.00    | 111.00    |
| Chicago                 | 128.00   | 1,039.00  |
| Daytona Beach           | 34.50    | 365.15    |
| Denver                  | 156.84   | 785.84    |
| De Ruyter               | 65.00    | 473.50    |
| Dodge Center            |          | 225.85    |
| Edinburg                |          | 199.25    |
| Farina                  | 63.55    | 238.55    |
| Fouke                   |          | 164.72    |
| Friendship              | 6.00     | 46.00     |
| Hammond                 | 25.70    | 111.70    |
| Hebron, First           | 10.97    | 94.13     |
| Hopkinton, First        | 320.90   | 1,291.40  |
| Hopkinton, Second       | 15.00    | 20.00     |
| Independence            | 45.00    | 477.00    |
| Indianapolis            | 25.78    | 86.88     |
| Individuals             | 45.00    | 322.25    |
| Irvington               | 25.00    | 325.00    |
| Jackson Center          | 14.25    | 49.25     |
| Little Genesee          | 144.56   | 547.92    |
| Los Angeles             | 80.50    | 746.93    |
| Los Angeles, Christ's   | 15.00    | 40.00     |
| Lost Creek              | 39.37    | 800.89    |
| Marlboro                | 59.00    | 2,152.07  |
| Middle Island           | 12.87    | 122.30    |
| Milton                  |          | 4,321.16  |
| Milton Junction         | 224.42   | 1,705.67  |
| New Auburn              | 38.52    | 97.29     |
| New York                |          | 297.44    |
| North Loup              | 123.11   | 844.46    |
| Nortonville             | 137.25   | 659.85    |
| Pawcatuck               | 59.61    | 3,830.41  |
| Philadelphia            |          | 173.25    |
| Piscataway              |          | 175.00    |
| Plainfield              | 167.21   | 4,061.62  |
| Putnam County           |          | 30.00     |
| Reedley-Dinuba          |          | 100.00    |

|                      |                   |                    |
|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Richburg             | 35.50             | 409.40             |
| Ritchie              | 25.00             | 155.00             |
| Riverside            | 349.80            | 2,374.07           |
| Roanoke              | 9.00              | 60.00              |
| Rockville            | 21.06             | 100.08             |
| Salem                | 120.00            | 930.50             |
| Salemville           | 58.80             | 149.21             |
| Shiloh               |                   | 2,423.27           |
| Stone Fort           |                   | 65.00              |
| Syracuse             | 5.00              | 55.00              |
| Twin Cities          | 106.61            | 106.61             |
| Verona               | 107.00            | 784.55             |
| Walworth             | 10.00             | 115.00             |
| Washington           | 11.00             | 86.00              |
| Washington, People's | 11.00             | 11.00              |
| Waterford            | 48.54             | 274.22             |
| White Cloud          |                   | 711.46             |
| Wilkes-Barre         |                   | 25.00              |
| <b>Totals</b>        | <b>\$5,072.77</b> | <b>\$47,483.21</b> |

### Disbursements

|                              | Budget            | Specials         |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Missionary Society           | \$1,826.66        | \$ 223.19        |
| Tract Society                | 424.12            | 9.00             |
| Board of Christian Education | 747.50            | 20.00            |
| Women's Society              | 258.52            | 12.50            |
| Historical Society           | 110.86            |                  |
| Ministerial Retirement       | 452.18            | 183.47           |
| S. D. B. Building            | 125.12            |                  |
| World Fellowship and Service | 18.40             |                  |
| General Conference           | 636.64            |                  |
| Balance, August 31           | 24.61             |                  |
| <b>Totals</b>                | <b>\$4,624.61</b> | <b>\$ 448.16</b> |

### Comparative Figures

|                                     | 1954       | 1953       |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Receipts in August:                 |            |            |
| Budget                              | \$4,598.36 | \$3,535.36 |
| Specials                            | 448.16     | 488.39     |
| Receipts in 11 months:              |            |            |
| Budget                              | 38,031.82  | 34,168.90  |
| Specials                            | 9,451.39   | 8,050.25   |
| Annual Budget                       | 63,121.22  | 46,635.00  |
| Percentage of budget raised to date | 60.2%      | 73.3%      |

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

### Best Seller in Japan

It is encouraging to learn that in Japan where still less than 1% of the population are Christians the Bible is by far the best seller every year. It is also significant that Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, Methodist Girl's School principal who was severely burned in the Hiroshima atom bomb explosion, is one of the translators of the New Testament into colloquial Japanese.

### Eschatology — The Study of Last Things

Two world wars, and particularly the atomic bombs, were needed to blast this dusty term from the theological dictionary out into the World Council Assembly and from there into our current speech. If the World Council had been formed even as short a time back as the 1920's, it would certainly not have concerned itself with this strange-sounding word. — Review and Herald.



Outdoor Communion Service at a Christian work camp somewhere in Greece.

See story inside.

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"In Old Testament times it was a miracle  
if an ass spoke. How times have changed."  
— Stanley J. Meyer.

## WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION

Throughout the United States and the world for a number of years there has been an attempt to create a feeling of Protestant oneness by designating the first Sunday of October as World-Wide Communion Sunday. In those numerous denominations which have Communion every week it means only calling attention to the fact that it is a special day. The same would be generally true of a large group of churches that celebrate the Lord's Supper the first weekend of each month. Then many others are included among those who celebrate the first Sabbath or Sunday of each quarter. But there are some who have Communion at other designated times, and a few who celebrate but once a year. If these latter groups join with others in holding a special service in October, that service comes as a change of custom and tradition for the purpose of capturing the spirit of oneness the world around.

Seventh Day Baptists do not celebrate Communion on Sunday. None of our churches, to our knowledge, have weekly Communion and few monthly. Some hold the service bimonthly; more hold it quarterly; and a few believe it should be annual. It is a matter to be decided by the local congregation. Many of our churches make a change in their regular schedule of Communion services in order to join in a measure with the emphasis of other Protestants throughout the world. Pastors in their church bulletins are reminding their people that Sabbath day, Oct. 2, is World-Wide Communion Sabbath. In our opinion, some blessing has come from this emphasis in other years.

## Our Cover

The picture on the cover comes from the World Council of Churches and is chosen because it illustrates beautifully the idea of World-Wide Communion. It is a photo of an international group of young Christians participating in an outdoor Greek Orthodox Communion service in Riziani, northwestern Greece. The young people were members of an ecumenical work camp in Riziani which assisted in the construction of an Orthodox church. Ecumenical contacts such as this increase understanding and form strong bonds of Christian solidarity.

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There is question as to how far we can go in crossing denominational boundaries in partaking of the Lord's Supper. Your editor, wishing to give support to a fellow chaplain who had announced a Lutheran Communion service, attended such a service at Camp Drum last July. At the last moment he decided not to go forward to receive the Communion. He was soon glad for that decision, for the words used and the conditions laid down by the chaplain would have involved us in a breach of conscience. We cannot accept the Lutheran view of the relation between Christ's body and the bread. It is too close to the Catholic view. The same is true of some other denominations. They make the minister a priest who uses such terms as, "I commune thee," which we have heard in a Methodist service.

We are by no means a completely separatist people. We do not teach that we alone have the keys of heaven. Whenever we can conscientiously do so we co-operate locally, nationally, and in world-wide fellowship. Each in our own way, each on our own day we can celebrate the Lord's Supper, and can derive benefit from knowing that once each year most of the churches of the land are thinking as they partake of the elements that there is a basic unity of believers which centers in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The cross is the center of Christianity. If there is to be spiritual unity it must be at the center rather than on the perimeter. Broken bread and the fruit of the vine are symbols of that central doctrine that Christ died for sinners.

## FIRESIDE MUSINGS

Our fireplace does not get used very much in the summertime. Occasionally when it is a little cool we use it as a convenient place to burn light kindling and the paper that accumulates in the kitchen. You who have had experience with fireplaces know something of how the fireplace looks after several such burnings. The whole interior is black; the andirons are piled high with the black residue of burned paper — an unsightly mess in the living room.

As summer drew to an end we experienced several cool days and cooler nights

## MEMORY TEXT

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear 1 Peter 3: 15.

when a good fire was a welcome sight and a source of cozy comfort. On top of those black ashes in the dirty fireplace, a fire of oak was built in the cool of the evening. As the larger oak logs caught fire and glowed through the evening hours a change took place in our hearthstone. As if by magic the black ashes were consumed in the greater heat and the sooty firebox became whiter than any amount of scrubbing could have made it.

Perhaps there are lessons in this. In these summer months there may have been too much lightness in our home life, a little too much of the vacation spirit, not enough serious thinking. Possibly our fires of enthusiasm for the things of the Spirit have been intermittent, feeble, and flickering. As we look within at the place where the fires of devotion ought to burn brightly, perhaps we are disturbed by the amount of blackened embers of half-burned trash. If the fireplace in giving forth warmth for the home becomes purified with the use of heavier wood, how much more can we become pure within as new fires of consecration are kindled!

We rejoice with those who have found the summer a time of purifying, a time of regeneration, a long step forward in the Christian life. It can be so. But if you have a feeling that your summer experience has been like our fireplace, why not with the coming of fall make sure that your hearthstone is purified with the holy fire of new devotion. Let us remember the words of 1 Corinthians 3: 13, "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is."

"The shortest definition of conscience I know is: 'that part of the human personality which is soluble in alcohol.'"  
— Rev. John Rahe-Hughes.

## NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

In editing a denominational journal we do not have opportunity to devote much time to the secular press or to political issues. A recent Sabbath school lesson on good citizenship reminds all of us that we do have an obligation to study issues and to vote intelligently.

The current weekly news release of Walter Chamblin is of more than usual interest. He points out that the coming November elections constitute far more than a struggle for the mere control of Congress, "for these elections will determine whether Mr. Eisenhower will be able to complete his program or whether he will be forced to modify it materially as a result of a hostile Congress."

Mr. Chamblin is interested in the reduction of corporate taxes. Some of the rest of us are perhaps more interested in excise and income taxes and the problem of how the government can reduce them and at the same time avoid a more than \$3 billion deficit. A hostile Congress is thought to be one that would not keep government spending at a minimum.

We note that on April 1, 1955, lower excise taxes on automotive products, tobacco, and alcohol are scheduled to go into effect, which will cut off \$1 billion of revenue. It may be safe to assume that sufficient pressure on Congress by the people would save the government that \$1 billion, which must ultimately be paid to the U. S. Treasury by some form of taxation. Our attitude toward legislation and taxation should be Christian, unselfish, reasonable. Too often we are motivated by the selfish principle of seeking special privileges for ourselves or our group. It would seem to us that harmful and luxury items should be highly taxed no matter how many people (with votes) use them.

### A Good Example

In the church notices from Lost Creek, W. Va., we observe that the young adult group scheduled a Sunday evening meeting with a program featuring a study of the tract, "Has the Original Sabbath Day Been Lost?" That is a tract which other young people might well study and discuss.

## REV. ALVA L. DAVIS

A Personal Tribute by Loyal F. Hurley

In the passing of Alva L. Davis, Seventh Day Baptists have lost one of their strong leaders who for years was a preacher of Jesus Christ.

He was born in New Milton, W. Va., on April 10, 1870, and died at East Aurora, N. Y., on September 6, 1954.

On September 1, 1904, he was married to Flora Talbott. They celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary only a few days before his passing. Besides Mrs. Davis there survive two sons, Alfred of Rochester, N. Y., and George of Richmond, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Burdick of East Aurora, N. Y., in whose home his last days were spent; four granddaughters; two brothers; three sisters; and other more distant relatives.

His early schooling was in West Virginia. In 1899 he entered Alfred University from which he was graduated in 1903. He served as principal of the Leonardsville, N. Y., High School from 1903 to 1905, and then entered the ministry as pastor of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church. During his Verona pastorate he earned his Master's degree from Syracuse University in 1908 and 1909. Salem College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him in 1930.

On account of his daughter's health he accepted in 1910 a call to the Boulder Church which he served 6 years, doing much field and evangelistic work during that time. There followed 5 years at North Loup, Neb., 5 more at Ashaway, R. I., 6 at Little Genesee, N. Y., and 9 years back in Verona where he began and ended his ministerial career. Eight years of teaching Bible and Religious Education in Salem College made a total of 46 years as teacher and preacher. During part of those years in Salem I was his pastor and in an intimate fellowship that revealed more fully his attitudes and spirit. For the past two years we have had a monthly fellowship as I have ministered in Buffalo.

In spite of the handicap of a small physique and an extremely weak voice Alva Davis was a strong preacher. Some of us remember well his last sermon given at the Ministers Conference at Jackson's

## STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE



A. Addison Appel

Given at his ordination to the Gospel ministry, August 14, 1954. For an account of the proceedings see Recorder of September 13, p. 110.

I was born into the Christian home of Albert and Sallie Appel of Stonefort, Ill., October 25, 1916. I hadn't been around long when I became so very ill that Mother thought I would die. She dedicated the little life to the Lord, and the Lord heard and answered her prayer.

Some would probably say that my heredity had something to do with my becoming a minister. I am a great grandson of both Elders F. F. Johnson and Robert Lewis, the early leaders of the Stone Fort, Ill., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

As I grew up near the Old Stone Fort Church, many leaders of the denomination were entertained in the homes of my parents and grandparents, Deacon and Mrs. Howell Lewis. These men no doubt filled my young mind with great admiration, awe, and wonder; they were there for the Master.

When I was eight or nine years old, the new pastor from Farina came to Stonefort. He was staying at Grandma's. I got up early and went to see him. Grandma was starting breakfast when she saw me. She said, "Addison, what are you doing here so early?" "I like to hear that man talk," I answered. That man was Rev. Claude L. Hill, and I wanted to be like him.

I have always felt the call to enter the ministry. I knew that if I ever accepted Jesus Christ and gave my heart to Him, I'd have to accept the call. Maybe that is why I held out so long.

In high school I met a girl that had all the qualities that go to make up a

Mill and entitled "The Gospel for the Low Tide." It was a powerful message to close a record of well over 4,000 sermons.

He had a growing mind and heart. He not only earned two degrees in course, but deserved every degree and honor bestowed upon him. His growing mind mellowed and sweetened with the years. Intense in his convictions, he grew broad and charitable toward the opinions of others and remarkably mellow in spirit. He felt only disgust toward anyone, liberal or conservative, who tried to bolster his position by false statement or misrepresentation. He often spoke to me about one extreme liberal who was exactly opposite from himself in theology. Yet he loved him as a friend, and honored him as a Christian brother. "He was honest," Alva would say.

The memory of his years of service was a source of rich joy to him. He loved to talk about his work in various fields, and sometimes of his hardships, not to complain, but to make clear how God had sustained and guided. Alva and I differed in some of our opinions, but I never had a truer friend, and I want to voice my deep appreciation of his abiding love, his faith in God, and his devotion to the church which led him to attend the service of worship many times when he was not physically fit to go.

His family and friends will have many precious memories to cherish. May God help us all to live as faithfully and honorably in our day as he lived in his day; true to the truth as God gives us to see it; devoted to the Lord whom Alva Davis served so long and so well.

### Salem College Begins 67th Year

Salem College opened its 67th year with a full schedule of activities Sept. 14, with several new features added to the total school program for the coming year.

Nick Taral of Peoria, Ill., recently appointed director of campus student activities, will inaugurate a new and greatly expanded student life and recreational program for the college. He will be head resident at one of the men's dormitory units near the Student Union Building.

Advance registration indicates a large increase in freshmen enrollment for the new year.

good pastor's wife. I was no pastor, not even a Christian, but I courted and married her anyway July 23, 1938. December 13, 1942, our eldest son was born. "What a responsibility," I thought, "here I am a family man and I don't know how to look out for myself much less bring up a family in the proper training." There was a way. With God as head of the family the children would have all the advantages of a Christian home. I had known for a long time that I needed God; now I needed Him more than ever.

I was not attending church anywhere at the time. I prayed for myself, preached to myself, sang to myself, and cried for myself for the greater part of a month, sometimes praying all night. No matter how hard I prayed and tried to receive a revelation from God that I was accepted as His redeemed child, nothing happened. Always something seemed to cause me to think that I should be baptized and make a public profession. I had through many contacts with Pastor Hill grown to love and respect him as a spiritual leader, so I took my wife, who knew nothing of my conviction, and the baby and drove to Farina to see Pastor Hill.

I knew that I had accepted Christ as my personal Saviour, but I wanted to know that He had accepted me. When I told Pastor Hill of my dilemma, he said, "Christ accepted you when He was nailed to the cross." What a ray of light those words were to me. That agony of conviction and lack of understanding now help me to understand and help others in like difficulty. The next day being Sabbath August 7, 1943, we went to Farina Lake for a baptismal service. I knew I was doing what the Lord wanted me to do. That night after I went to bed and all was quiet, I knew what folks mean when they say, "the peace that passeth understanding." The next day I opened the Bible, by chance, to the fifth chapter of Romans and read, "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. . . ." I thank God for saving my soul.

I didn't join the church right then. My wife was a Methodist when we mar-

ried, but she had said to me, "If you are ever converted and want to join the church, I'll join with you." "That," I now told her, "will not be fair to you, me, or the church unless you really believe in the Sabbath." We set to work studying the question to see which way to go — first or seventh day. Of course there is but one way when one studies the matter with an open mind. We joined the Old Stone Fort Seventh Day Baptist Church in October, 1943.

During this time I didn't feel the call so much. I had pleaded with God, and He gave me rest for a season. When the call did come back, it came with a mighty force, and my will was lost in His. Several things seemed to point the way to entering the ministry. I saw the need; I felt the mighty call of God; I'd looked with favor on the calling all my life; some members of the church were led to speak to me about the ministry; and then my mother told me that I had been dedicated to the Lord to use as He saw fit. I accepted a license to preach from the Stone Fort Church June 17, 1944, and set out "to know Him and to make Him known."

In 1946 I was elected pastor of the Stone Fort Church for one year. I was elected pastor again in '49 and '50. In the fall of '50, I started to college in Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, driving 90 miles per day round trip. I wanted to get a teacher's certificate so I could teach in order to help support myself and family while serving a church as pastor. A teacher has Sabbaths off, and I like teaching. The work is closely connected with some church work being work with children during their formative period. I also like children, and they help me to stay young and alert. Of course what I learn in preparing to teach and keeping up my certificate helps me in my ministry.

I obtained a certificate by examination after finishing 90 quarter hours of work, and took a job teaching the four upper grades at East Ledford near Harrisburg, Ill. Near the end of the term, the call came to come to Farina and serve as pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. We were ready. God no doubt had led us in preparing for this very day.

I have finished the first year of teach-

### The Thousand Islands

Rose LaForge Maxson

When God created Nature's face  
With all its lineaments so fine,  
He saw that it was good, and rested  
From His blessed work sublime.

His regal mountains, rolling hills,  
And wondrous seas are nobly fair,  
And, vying, are the vales and streams  
And islands in their beauty rare.

The ones endowed with special charm  
Are aptly named The Thousand Isles.  
They so enliven Nature's face  
They could be called its gracious smiles.

In fascinating sequence they  
Appear before those passing by.  
Revealing varied loveliness  
That stirs the soul, delights the eye.

They draw us close in spirit to the  
Master Artist, deft and sure,  
Inspiring noble sentiments  
Through true response to Nature's lure.

They are so divinely fashioned  
One could travel many miles  
And view no finer panorama  
Than the beauteous Thousand Isles.

(The 80-year-old author of this poem writes out of deep experience. She has spent 55 summers at this beautiful northern New York resort area.)

Prayers are the "fog-lamps" of life — they alone penetrate the mists of uncertainty. — Hudson News Letter.

ing and preaching in Farina with much joy and satisfaction and only hope that I have helped some of these good people a little while they have helped and encouraged me so much. I am grateful for the opportunity that was mine to study denominational history and polity this summer in the School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y. Besides these studies under Dean Rogers, I audited the Ralph Felton Workshop in "The Rural Church and Leadership."

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of" the many men and women who have helped us along the way and are still helping. As Martin Luther affirmed: "Here I stand, I can not do otherwise. God help me."

### COMMISSION NEWS

As is customary, the newly elected Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met for reorganization immediately following the Conference. The present members are Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Dr. Lloyd D. Seager, Clarence M. Rogers, Albyn Mackintosh, Rev. Charles H. Bond, and Rev. Earl Cruzan. At the above mentioned meeting certain actions were taken.

Albyn Mackintosh was chosen as chairman for the year.

A committee on Ecumenical Relations, as requested by Conference, was tentatively named as follows: Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, Mrs. H. C. Van Horn, Rev. Wayne R. Rood, David Beebe, Kenneth Smith, and Dr. J. Nelson Norwood.

A sub-committee of three was chosen to continue studying the problems arising out of the possession of a denominational building.

It was determined that the midyear meeting would be held at Salem, W. Va., beginning December 27.

### ASSOCIATIONS AND GROUPS

The annual fall meeting of the New England churches was held at Westerly, R. I., Sept. 18.

The churches of the West Virginia Seventh Day Baptist group will meet at Lost Creek on Oct. 9 for the semiannual meeting.

At Boulder, Colo., the Mid-Continent Association will gather for meetings on Oct. 8, 9, and 10.

The second weekend of October (8, 9, 10) is the time for the fall meeting of the Pacific Coast Association at the Los Angeles Church.

The Yearly Meeting of the Eastern New York and New Jersey churches will be held at Berlin, N. Y., Oct. 15 and 16.

Battle Creek, Mich., will be host to the Northern Association on the weekend of Oct. 15-17.

## Missions

### Pearsons Fly to Nyasaland

It seemed imperative that Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson arrive at Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, before September 30. A new law affecting their entry permit goes into effect on that date. In addition Joan and Beth had expressed their hope that the new missionaries might accompany them on a visit to the Northern Seventh Day Baptist Churches before the mid-October rains begin.

Reservations were made for David and Bettie to leave Idlewild Airport, New York, on September 21 at one o'clock. Secretary E. T. Harris saw them off. They were planning to fly to London, England, by Pan-American Lines. At London they were to take the British Overseas Airways to Nairobi, Kenya, and thence by Central or East African Airways to Blantyre to be met by the nurses in the mission car (a Morris Oxford station wagon).

Miss Beth Severe, acting head of the mission, wrote regarding the immediate coming of the Pearsons, "You will never know the depths of our joy in hearing someone has been chosen and will be coming. We trust in God's leading — that we have been guided by Him in our request for their coming without delay. If we were under different circumstances now, we would heartily agree to training there but you will have to trust our judgment in something that you will probably never understand, for without being here, we feel we can never convey to you people things as they really are."

The funds to pay the travel expenses of the Pearsons by air are at hand, made possible by a gift of the Los Angeles Church.

### Makapwa Mission Purchase Plans

Approximately \$1,700 is still needed to complete the purchase of the Makapwa Mission property. There is no amount in the Missionary Board's share of the 1954-1955 Denominational Budget recently adopted by General Conference to cover this need.

A letter from "Thorne and Collins," lawyers serving the interests of Rev.

Ronald Barrar, states, "We understand the terms of purchase (of the mission station) are that 500 pounds of the purchase price (1150 pounds) will be paid in cash against which the above mentioned deposit could be set off on completion and by accepting a mortgage for one year certain for the balance of 650 pounds."

The 500 pounds (or \$1,400) has been paid in amounts of \$805 deposits sent August 1 and \$595 sent within recent days. This leaves 650 pounds or \$1,820 as a mortgage on the property to be paid over the next twelve months at the rate of approximately \$152 a month.

The Shiloh Church by special effort raised over a thousand dollars toward the purchase of the Makapwa Mission. Their wonderful contribution made it possible for the Missionary Board to negotiate with Mr. Barrar in good faith and to make the initial payments. But there is no money at hand or in the budget to complete the payments. Who will volunteer to lift a monthly payment on the mortgage? Which month will you choose? Together we can pay off this mortgage within the year. Will your church help?

Note: This is a reminder, before the end of the current Conference year, that the above noted need constitutes a special request which was approved and publicized last April, 1954.

### Did You Know?

The full amount of \$500 has now been paid to Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills for the purchase of their furniture and household goods left at the Charles Street property, Kingston, Jamaica, for the use of our mission workers? This amount was included in the Denominational Budget for 1953-54.

The "across the board" increase in amounts paid to missionary churches in support of their pastors raised the maximum limit on salaries to \$1,600 a year from a former maximum of \$1,300? It was suggested last year that such increase be granted upon the agreement of the missionary churches, (1) to match one half the amount of increase and (2) to agree during the next four years to under-

take to cover an expected decrease of a proportionate amount such as would cover the board's increased payment within four years.

All of the missionary churches receiving aid agreed to raise their pastor's salary this past year, and most of them agreed to cover the proportionate amount of decrease from the board this coming year.

The purpose and hope of this plan is that over a period of years the salaries paid our hard-working pastors may gradually be increased to the point where they may give full time to their pastorates and not be driven to part-time secular labor.

The "Commissioning Service" held for Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church on September 18 was also the occasion of the annual meeting of the New England Seventh Day Baptist Churches?

During the Sabbath morning service, Missionary Pearson gave the sermon and spoke again in the afternoon. Mrs. Pearson also spoke in the afternoon telling of their hopes and plans as they go to Nyasaland as our missionaries.

Loren Osborn, chairman of the Missionary Board Committee on African Interests, spoke on the theme, "The Why and How of this Occasion." Secretary Harris' subject was "Where Do We Go from Here?" Rev. Harold Crandall, president of the Missionary Society, offered a consecrating prayer as all ordained ministers present came forward, gathering around the Pearsons, representing our churches and people as their encircling love goes with these young mission workers on their way.

### Miss Jacqueline Wells Appointed to Assist at Crandall High School

A special committee of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society at the July 25, 1954, meeting was appointed to secure an additional helper at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica.

It was hoped that this worker would be one who might share some of the heavy administrative and teaching burden being carried by Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond, principal and teacher at the school.

The special committee consisted of

Mrs. Clarence Crandall, chairman of the American Tropics Committee, Rev. Lester Osborn, and Secretary Everett T. Harris. After consulting with Rev. Wardner Fitz-Randolph, headmaster of Crandall High, the committee requested Miss Jacqueline Wells of Battle Creek, Mich., to serve the above need. She consented to do this at the time of the last General Conference at Milton.

The committee felt that Miss Wells' secretarial training and experience, as well as her personal qualifications were such as would make it possible for her to give much assistance in the administrative details of the school, thus releasing Dr. Bond to give more time and thought to the current plans to establish a "country school." There was also the need for music and playground leadership as well as the teaching of certain subjects, all of which it was felt that Miss Wells could do.

If Miss Wells was to arrive at Kingston in time to begin her services at the opening of the school term it seemed necessary that she should begin at once to undertake to secure the necessary health certificate, passport, visa, and permit of entry. She began at once by applying for passport in Chicago on her way back to Battle Creek from Milton.

However, plans for immediate going have had to be deferred for a while. Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph wrote soon after his arrival back in Kingston (letter dated August 31): "Cases of polio are breaking out all over town. It might be well to hold up the sending of Jackie till epidemic clears up."

A letter written the same day (Aug. 31) from Dr. O. B. Bond states that school funds have had to be used to pay the cost of repairs on the school buildings, such that there would be none available to assist on Miss Wells' salary. The original plan had been for the Jamaica Board of Education to give some assistance on the salary of a new teacher.

All things considered, it seemed wise to defer Miss Wells' going to Jamaica at least until the beginning of the second school term. This will also give Miss Wells an opportunity for study and preparation in the classes she will be expected to teach.

## DEVOTIONAL PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

Susa E. Patterson, Denver, Colo.

Theme: Neglect is Tragedy

Text: "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?" Hebrews 2: 3.

### Thoughts

Neglect, whether caused by procrastination or indifference, is tragedy.

Neglect to avail ourselves of this "so great salvation" means the tragedy of being eternally lost instead of having an eternity of happiness.

Neglect to feed our soul daily by Bible reading and prayer will mean the tragedy of being a stunted spiritual cripple, unable to help our fellow men.

Neglect of our health means the tragedy of pain and suffering.

Neglect the use of a muscle, and it will soon mean the tragedy of uselessness.

Neglect to "go about doing good" as Jesus did while on earth will smother and kill the soul.

Neglect to maintain a weekly prayer meeting means the tragedy of a spiritually bankrupt church.

Poem: "If" — (with apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

"If you can go to church when all about you

Are going anywhere but to the House of Prayer;

If you can travel straight when others wobble,

And do not seem to have a righteous care;  
If you can teach and not get tired of teaching,

Or tell the truth when others lie like sin,  
Or pray and pay and carry heavy burdens  
And pay the heavy price it costs to win;  
If you can face the surge of things about you

And keep your moral balance in life's whirl;

If you can act with patience in each crisis,  
Nor be a coward, cynic, or a churl;

If you can live, and not be spoiled by sinners,

And give — without a Pharisee's vain pride —

Your life for God and man will pay real profit,

You'll be a saint no critic can deride!"  
—Trinity Lutheran Messenger.

Hymn: "Help Somebody Today"

## WOMEN AT CONFERENCE

Mrs. Fred Walters  
Albion, Wis.

With the 1954-1955 theme of "Doers of the Word," the women of Conference gathered for their first meeting in the Milton Congregational Church on Wednesday, Aug. 18, following the luncheon, to hear a short talk by Rev. Everett T. Harris, secretary of the Missionary Society.

Secretary Harris stressed three objectives: 1. To raise the level of the pastors' salaries in all missionary churches; 2. To raise the standard of all young pastors' salaries; 3. To put a full-time evangelist on the home field (which we were unable to do this past year). We learned that about 75% of our pastors have to resort to outside work to meet their financial obligations. A **minimum** salary of \$2,400 per year is a goal greatly to be desired.

Three suggestions were made by Secretary Harris that deserve our serious consideration: 1. Our own graded Sabbath school lessons for children; 2. The opportunities that are open for those gifted in writing to put the Jamaica and Nyasaland stories in a form for children; 3. Giving young women the opportunity of going out in quartet or similar singing groups to work on the evangelistic field. He pointed up for us the fact that the moving force in mission work is to bring all people into fellowship with God.

### Annual Meeting

The luncheon, Friday noon, was held in the basement of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with the annual meeting of the Women's Society held immediately following the meal. Credit was given Mrs. H. Eugene Davis as the author of "My Daily Meditation" for the coming year. Mrs. Davis was introduced to the group. Mrs. Elmo F. Randolph, wife of the pastor of the host church, led the devotional period with Scripture references and prayer; and the women repeated the 100th Psalm in unison.

The general business was transacted

during which time the Conference Committee on Women's Work presented a verbal synopsis of their report to be presented at Conference in which they commended the Women's Board on its accomplishments and activities.

A letter of greeting from "our" Joan and Beth to the women of the denomination was read. There was a plea for used clothing to be sent to the mission in Nyasaland. Also mentioned was the need for money for the purchase of books. The suggestion came from our president that any organization sending clothing also send money to the mission to help defray the duty on the shipment.

A spontaneous motion was made, and passed unanimously, that we have a money shower for Mrs. David Pearson, wife of our new Nyasaland missionary, for her personal use. Baskets soon made the rounds of the tables and \$226 was counted at the time. We understand that more was handed in later.

### Miracle of Influence

We then adjourned to the sanctuary where an all-Conference audience enjoyed a play, "The Miracle of Influence," by Mrs. Walter Wilkinson of Battle Creek.

A portion of Matthew 8 read at the breakfast table of Mr. and Mrs. Araby, in Scene 1, laid the groundwork for the play showing how the influence in Christian service and activities can play a big part in our own lives and the lives of those with whom we come in contact. The closing scene at Church Camp was a skillful and "painless" method of bringing out some of the main points of Seventh Day Baptist history; and the short talks by the "campers" gave us pertinent and vital facts about our present-day churches and missions throughout the world.

Each year sees the women taking a more active part in the Conference program, and a stronger recognition prevailing of the women as a force in denominational affairs.

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." James 1: 22a.

The old religions are not like our Christianity. I have no patience with these men who say that religions are all alike. — Frank Laubach.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEK

This week, September 26 to October 3, is Christian Education Week and the theme proposed by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council is "The Bible in the Home." All churches are asked to emphasize the importance of the home in the religious training of children. It points out that family experiences are basic in religious development. Family failure is evident as a cause in the rising rate of delinquency.

The increased interest in the Bible generated by the introduction of the Revised Standard Version in 1952 has created a demand among parents for more guidance in the use of the Bible in the home. This is an opportunity which churches and Sabbath schools must not miss. The Board of Christian Education has recently sent helpful material to all our churches. The following six suggestions are offered in the hope that every one of our churches will make profitable use of at least some of them.

1. Plan a Sabbath morning service, or a special service on Sabbath eve or some other time, using the theme, "Church and Home — Partners in Bible Teaching."

2. Initiate a discussion, or a series of lessons, for parents on the use and appreciation of the Bible in the home, or how to help your child to benefit by Sabbath school attendance.

3. Conduct a drive, perhaps by a youth group, to secure subscriptions to the Sabbath Recorder, the Secret Place, and other literature for family reading and worship.

4. Mail or deliver to every home in the parish a copy of "A Fresh Approach to Bible Reading" with a letter and perhaps other material to help people to better understand and share in the educational work of the church.

5. Arrange for Sabbath school teachers and leaders to visit every home where there are children to become better acquainted with both children and parents, and to promote better co-operation between home and church in serving the religious needs of children.

6. Plan for young people to provide regular Bible reading as a service in the homes of elderly and homebound people.

This is a time for families to evaluate

their own religious programs. We may be stimulated to improve our family programs by carefully considering these six questions:

1. What is your family's record of attendance at Sabbath school and morning worship?

2. How thoroughly do members of your family prepare for the Sabbath school sessions — physically, mentally, spiritually?

3. Do you provide at home good "tools" for preparation — books, Bibles, maps, quarterlies, Bible dictionary or commentary?

4. Is a regular time set aside in the home for "religious study" or are only "odds and ends" of time available?

5. What is the usual attitude of your family toward the Sabbath school program and leaders — critical? appreciative? indifferent?

6. Do you carry your family's share of leadership in Sabbath school and other church organizations? N. D. M.

### GOTHIC GLIMPSES

Rev. A. N. Rogers

The School of Theology opened for the new year at Alfred University with a convocation and reception in The Gothic, September 16. Rev. Melvin G. Nida who begins his teaching as Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Ethics gave the convocation sermon.

Mynor Soper, son of Rev. Ralph Soper of Paint Rock, Ala., and a recent graduate of Salem College, has enrolled for the B.D. course. His wife, Mrs. Marion Coon Soper, will be employed as assistant librarian, and they will live in The Gothic apartments.

Doyle K. Zwiebel of Jackson Center, Ohio, a brother of Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel of Lost Creek, W. Va., began his B.D. course with the fall semester, having been graduated from Salem College in June. He will room at The Gothic.

David Beebe, second-year student, who has been serving in the Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church during the summer months, will be employed as assistant pastor in the First Presbyterian

Church, Bath, N. Y., while continuing his study.

A collection of books on preaching and pastoral work from the library of the late George V. Wolf of Hornell was added to the School of Theology library this summer. Dean Emeritus A. J. C. Bond is giving a large collection of his books to the library also.

Rev. Richard Bredenberg, Alfred University chaplain, and Mrs. Bredenberg visited the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Amsterdam and met Miss A. (Ploon) Dijk on Sabbath day, August 21, as they were returning from a summer student work camp in Holland. Mrs. Bredenberg is teaching a Christian education course in the School of Theology during the fall semester. Miss Dijk visited in our churches and attended Conference at Riverside, Calif., in 1949.

### PRE-CONFERENCE YOUTH CAMP

The comments of campers and leaders agree that the Pre-Conference Camp held this year at Camp Indian Trails, a Boy Scout camp about ten miles from Milton, Wis., was a splendid success in every way. The Board of Christian Education feels a deep appreciation for the generous and skillful services of the director, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, and all the staff, to President Percy L. Dunn of Milton College for his challenging address, and for the co-operation of all the campers. We thank Richard Warner of Verona, N. Y., one of the campers, for his fine report of the camp. Space does not permit the publishing of the entire list of campers. Following is the list of the staff:

Director, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, Verona, N. Y.; business manager, Edward J. Rood, Milton, Wis.; worship director, Rev. Charles H. Bond, Westerly, R. I.; music director, Miss Lois Wells, El Monte, Calif.; recreation director, Miss Constance Coon, Ashaway R. I.; lecturer, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, Riverside, Calif.; Bible reading, Pastor Kenneth Smith, Albion, Wis.; publicity committee, Rev. Paul Osborn, Richburg, N. Y.; workshops: stewardship, Rev. Francis Saunders, North Loup, Neb.; churchmanship, Rev. Orville W. Babcock,

White Cloud, Mich.; personal evangelism, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, Salemville, Pa.; fellowship in the church, Miss Esther Burdick, Syracuse, N. Y.; counselors: Miss Joyce Sholtz, Verona, N. Y.; Miss Catherine Barber, Westerly, R. I.; Miss Emma Burdick, Waterford, Conn.; Miss Ellen Swinney, Waterford, Conn.; cooks: Mrs. Gladys Drake, head cook, Mrs. Mable Morse, Mrs. Elsie Rood of Milton, and Cpl. and Mrs. Ronald Goodrich, Vine Grove, Ky.

It is regretted that Rev. C. Rex Burdick of Marlboro, N. J., was prevented from giving a course on visual education on account of the death of his father.

N. D. M.

### Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My sister and I wrote to you a long time ago. I'm at my grandmother's (Mrs. Luther S. Davis) near Shiloh.

My cousin from Montclair is here with me and we just had a little accident. She got kicked in the head and mouth by a horse we were riding. It was an unfortunate accident but the horse wasn't mean and everyone was very sorry.

We took my cousin, Susie, to your son, Dr. Greene. He surely was very kind to her and fixed her up. It just happened this afternoon, and her parents are quite far away from her. We think she'll be okay though, and is as well as can be expected.

I read your stories quite a lot. I really enjoy them.

I'm so glad your son was near.

Sincerely,

Kathy Davis.

Roadstown, N. J.

P.S. It was my horse that kicked Susie Ward. His name is Sonyboy.

Dear Kathy:

I was pleased to receive your letter and hope you will write more often after this. I sincerely hope that your cousin has recovered from her unfortunate accident. It rather spoiled your visit with her, I'm afraid. I'm glad my son was able to help her.

I'm glad you enjoy our Children's Page, and hope you will help to make it interesting. How I do enjoy the children's letters and stories. Don't you?

In Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Your son fixed my broken collarbone. He was kind and gentle. It was about two years ago and it was the last day of school. I am visiting the same farm on which it happened.

I am ten years old and going in the sixth grade.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca J. Davis.

Star Route,  
Bridgeton, N. J.

Dear Rebecca:

It was surely bad luck to have such an accident but fortunate it happened at the close of school. What would we do without our doctors? I surely could not get along without my dear doctor son. I spent from the sixteenth to the twenty-fourth of August with him and his family and had a very pleasant time.

I do hope you will write again and many, many times.

In Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### Corky, Pet Crow of Norfolk Family

(For the first part of this story look in the Sept. 13 issue of the Recorder.)

When "interviewing" Corky recently, I had a bright red pencil which seemed to attract his attention. I offered the pencil to him and he walked over to me and took it. He carried it proudly around the lawn, and even his close companion, Gary Wagstaff, aged nine, could not take it away from him.

Corky's menu consists of raw hamburger, cooked spaghetti, and various tidbits from the table. If he is given more than he wants to eat at the time, he will hide it in the grass, carefully covering it over with tufts of grass he pulls up for that purpose. He seems to like to hide it for future reference.

Unlike most wild birds, Corky has not had any desire to leave his home for a warmer climate during the winter. During the cold months, the family keep him in a box in the kitchen at night and in the

**More News of Ministers**

Rev. E. Wendell Stephan has a new address. He is more or less permanently located at 835 Atom Court, Uniondale, N. Y. He is a chaplain at Creedmoor State Hospital in Queens Village, N. Y. C.

Rev. Trevah R. Sutton is now teaching school and informs us that his address is 929 Beech, Texarkana, Ark.

Rev. Verney A. Wilson, retired, can be reached at P. O. Box 156, Eaton, Ohio.

Rev. Carroll L. Hill, former president of Milton College and more recently assistant to the president of Beloit College, has been formally installed as the pastor of the Rock Prairie United Presbyterian Church, eight miles east of Janesville on County Trunk A. His address is R.D. 1, Janesville.

Rev. Melvin G. Nida and his family are now living in the Methodist parsonage at Troupsburg, N. Y., some 20 miles from Alfred. His mail address is P. O. Box 742, Alfred.

**Notice**

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., will be held in The Gothic, Alfred, N. Y., on Sunday the 10th of October, 1954, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before it. All delegates to the last session of the General Conference are entitled to vote at this meeting.

Neal D. Mills,  
Executive Secretary.

shed during the day. Mrs. Wagstaff said that one particularly mild day last winter she noticed that Corky was uneasy to get outdoors, so she let him out. He flew up into one of the trees, then looked down at her and said clearly, "Tain't cold."

Corky goes to bed at night in the shed, but is up early every morning for his breakfast and his fun out on the lawns. He is always playful and most anything seems to amuse him, from small pebbles to sticks which he likes to carry around. It is said that Mr. Wagstaff seems to be his favorite of the entire household, although Gary, their youngest son, comes a close second.

Louise C. Blake.  
(Concluded next time)

**TRACT SOCIETY NEWS**

On Sunday afternoon, September 12, twenty-one members of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society met in the board room of the denominational building for the regular quarterly meeting, to hear reports and to transact new business. This meeting was followed after a brief intermission by the annual meeting of the society for the election of officers and other business. After this brief meeting, the new Board of Trustees was called to order for the naming of committees and the transacting of such business as was necessary. Since the three meetings involved essentially the same people this report to the people will treat them as one meeting.

The officers of the society are the same as those nominated at the General Conference. Franklin A. Langworthy continues as president. The positions of second and third vice-president are filled by new men, Charles F. Harris and David Sheppard. Charles H. North was elevated from acting treasurer to treasurer and was later placed on the Investment Committee. The personnel of the Board of Trustees remains practically the same as last year. Most of the members are from the Plainfield area but there are three from Rhode Island, one from Berlin, N. Y., one from New York City, one from Philadelphia, and nine from the Bridgeton, N. J., area. Six of the latter group were present at this meeting as well as the member from Philadelphia, and Secretary Crofoot from Alfred, N. Y. New England and Eastern New York are not usually represented and were not at this meeting.

The quarterly reports in general showed slightly less than average activity during the summer months although the work of the board seemed to be progressing satisfactorily. Tract distribution showed 8,769 pieces of free literature distributed. Audio-visual work was not formally reported but the chairman of the committee has selected a considerable number of new filmstrips which have been ordered on approval, some of which will probably soon be available for use in the churches.

Without going into the details of a carefully prepared treasurer's report we

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**BATTLE CREEK, MICH.** — The pastor of this church, which for a number of years has been one of our most active city churches, informs us that the latest accessions to the church by baptism are all adults who have recently accepted the truth of the Sabbath. Church bulletins indicate that Battle Creek is strongly pushing tract distribution. The Women's Board, which is engaging on a denomination-wide project of increasing Sabbath Recorder subscriptions, is also located at Battle Creek. It appears again that Christians cannot devote themselves to unselfish service to others without seeing some growth in the local church. Ed.

**MILTON, WIS.** — Conference is over but there lingers the blessing received from the various sermons, worship services, prayer meetings, and music. The reports of the boards gave us an insight of work done and the needs of our denomination. I am sure we were all made glad by the renewing of old acquaintances and the making of new friendships. May our inspiration, as a result of Conference, increase our desire for witnessing for Christ during the year ahead.

A ten-day Vacation Bible School closed August 6 with a picnic at Camp Wakonda for the children, their parents, and the staff. There were sixty children in attendance. The teachers were: Mrs. William Heinig, Jr., Mrs. Edwin Shaw, Mrs. Russell Maxson, Mrs. Edward Rood, Mrs. Milton Van Horn; assistants: Jeannette Babcock and Anne Randolph.

Our Intermediate Choir has been and is sponsoring bake sales on Sunday mornings to earn money for their new choir robes which are to arrive in early October. The ladies of the church are donating the baked goods.

Over eighty persons from our locality, in chartered buses, attended the Festival of Faith held in Soldier Field, Chicago, on August 15, in connection with the World Council of Churches.

The Senior Choir sang over Station WTMJ-TV, Milwaukee, August 22, for the Wisconsin State Fair worship service conducted under the auspices of the Wisconsin Council of Churches. Pastor Randolph had charge of the service.

may note that the general fund, which is the operating fund, is only slightly lower at the end than at the beginning of the quarter. It has been maintained at approximately the same level throughout the budget year. The Sabbath Recorder is expected to show at the end of September, expenditures slightly above what were anticipated in last year's budget. Provision was made in the new budget for an increase in production costs. It is perhaps normal that these increased costs have begun to show up already.

The corresponding secretary in his report called attention to what Commission and Conference did in paring down the Tract Society askings from the Denominational Budget. The total asking of \$6,650 was cut to \$6,400. To the Sabbath Recorder was allocated more than was asked for; other items were cut \$550. The amount allowed for literature publication and distribution shows in the new budget as \$680 compared with \$1,000 allowed last year.

An informal report from the publishing house called attention to the recently completed installation of a new freight elevator at a total cost of \$5,700. It is operated by a 7½ HP motor and will make possible the full use of the basement for storage of paper stocks. The prospects for commercial work were reported as good.

The Tract Society looks upon its work as a "hopeful ministry" (using the title of the secretary's Conference remarks). The meeting took note of the Conference suggestions applying to its work and will study these matters, watching with interest the work of the special Conference Committee to Study the Publishing Needs of the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination. The members of this committee chosen at Milton are: Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, Eugene C. Van Horn, Mrs. H. C. Van Horn, Rev. Orville W. Babcock, Dr. LeRoy DeLand, and A. Burdet Crofoot as ex officio.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON  
for October 9, 1954**

God's Answer to Job's Perplexity  
Lesson Scripture: Job 38—42.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## Then Answered the Lord

The cry of man's anguish went up to God,  
 "Lord, take away pain!  
 The shadow that darkens the world Thou hast made;  
 The close coiling chain  
 That strangles the heart; the burden that weighs  
 On the wings that would soar —  
 Lord, take away pain from the world Thou hast made  
 That it love Thee the more."  
 Then answered the Lord to the cry of the world,  
 "Shall I take away pain,  
 And with it the power of the soul to endure,  
 Made strong by the strain?  
 Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart,  
 And sacrifice high?  
 Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the fire  
 White brows to the sky?  
 Shall I take away love that redeems with a price,  
 And smiles with its loss?  
 Can ye spare from your lives that would cling unto mine  
 The Christ on His cross?"

— Author Unknown.

A number of young married couples with their families enjoyed camping at Camp Wakonda during the summer and report happy times together. The camp was in constant use by campers from the last of June until after Conference. Many of our Conference guests also made use of it.

At the hymn sing at Camp Wakonda, Sabbath afternoon, September 4, a new Estey portable reed organ was used. This organ was recently presented to the church and camp by Professor and Mrs. J. Fred Whitford in memory of their daughter Gladys.

Pastor Randolph was recently presented with a new pulpit robe as a birthday gift from friends.  
 G. R. L.

**NORTONVILLE, KAN.** — Seven young people attended our Mid-Continent Association Youth Camp, at Rocky Mountain Camp near Boulder, Colo., in June. Pastor Davis was one of the instructors.

The annual Sabbath school picnic was held July 25 in the August woods near Atchison. Over 100 people enjoyed the dinner and visiting. Mrs. Iris Maltby and son Allen, from New Jersey, who were visiting the pastor, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Sharp and Nancy from New York came the greatest distance.

Pastor Davis spent his vacation in Verona, N. Y., then attended Conference at Milton, where he led the daily worship services at the Junior Conference. Deacon Asa Prentice, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Johnson, Billy Stephan also attended Conference.

Miss Lois Wells, of Los Angeles, played the organ at the morning services, Aug. 28, in the absence of Mrs. Merlin Wheeler.  
 — Correspondent.

No age has ever been without the voice of God. There have been, however, in every age, men without ears. — Selected.

## Accessions

Milton Junction, Wis.

By letter:

Harris, Roy  
 Loofboro, Clara (Mrs. Wesley)

Battle Creek, Mich.

By baptism:

Judy Corfitsen                      Mrs. Rachel Reames  
 Mrs. Ira Williams                      Orland Reames

## Marriages

**Williams - Gray.** — At the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton, Wis., August 23, 1954, James Orson Williams, son of Mrs. Susie Bond Williams, Lost Creek, W. Va., and Donna Jean Gray, daughter of Donald Vincent and Caroline Randolph Gray of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage, Rev. John Fitz Randolph, grandfather of the bride, officiating. The new home will be at Lost Creek, W. Va.

## Births

**Hansen.** — A daughter, Karen Ann, to Edmar and Wanda Hansen, Milton Junction, Wis., on June 5, 1954.

**Loofboro.** — A son, Rodney Lee, to Carroll and Iva Belle Loofboro, Milton Junction, Wis., on July 3, 1954.

**Hess.** — A son, Jerome Willard, to Kenneth and Lois Hess, Albion, Wis., on July 7, 1954.

**Cavinder.** — A son, John Gary, to Mr. and Mrs. Lisle Cavinder of Tekonsha, Mich., on July 28, 1954.

**Lewis.** — A daughter, Kaye Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Damon Lewis (Lois Babcock) of East LeRoy, Mich., on Aug. 16, 1954.

**Hanke.** — A son, James Leonard, to Sgt. and Mrs. Rolland Hanke of Battle Creek, Mich., on Aug. 26, 1954. The father is stationed in a camp in South Dakota at present.

## Obituaries

**Davis.** — Rev. Alva L., was born in New Milton, W. Va., on April 10, 1870, and died at East Aurora, N. Y., on Sept. 6, 1954. A service of prayer was held in East Aurora the night of Sept. 7 with Rev. Mr. Emmons of the Baptist Church in charge. Funeral services were conducted at Verona, N. Y., on Sept. 9, 1954, by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley and Pastor Victor W. Skaggs. The body was laid to rest in the Verona Cemetery.  
 L. F. H.  
 (More extended obituary elsewhere in this issue.)

**Strother.** — Charles Emmit, son of the late James L. and Phebiann Flowers Strother, was born in Harrison County, W. Va., on April 28, 1887, and died in Weston, W. Va., on Aug. 31, 1954.

Mr. Strother was a Spanish-American War veteran and a member of the Roanoke Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Those who survive are his wife, Eva B.; a foster son, Clarence McMasters, of Massillon, Ohio; two brothers, Hiram and Fred, both of Stinnett, Tex.; three sisters: Mrs. Libby Quick of South Dakota; Mrs. Lucy Currey and Mrs. Cora Stamm, both of Industrial, W. Va.

Farewell services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, at the Floyd Funeral Home in Weston. The American Legion Post of that city conducted the committal service at the grave. Burial was in the Mitchell Cemetery at Roanoke.  
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