

# The Sabbath Recorder

## Association Themes Announced

The Pacific Coast Association, which for a number of years has had only a one-day meeting in the fall, is this year making it a full weekend, Oct. 8-10. The Friday-Sunday meetings are held in the new Los Angeles Church at 4976 North Figueroa Street. The theme is "Declaring the Glory of God."

The fall meeting of the Central Association will be held at DeRuyter, N. Y., on Oct. 9, 1954, convening at 11 a.m. The theme chosen is "The More Excellent Way." 1 Corinthians 12: 31.

For other fall meetings see page 135 of the Recorder of Sept. 27.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y. — Pastor Victor Skaggs gave an interesting report of Conference, Sabbath morning, September 11.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society was entertained for its August meeting at the home of Mrs. John Williams of Oneida. The worship program was in charge of Mrs. Craig Sholtz. Prayer was offered by Mrs. William Vierow. The work of the day was making aprons.

A variety shower was given Miss Twila Sholtz in the church basement on the evening of September 18. Many beautiful and useful gifts were received.

A new heating system is being installed in the church. — Correspondent.

ASHTABULA, OHIO. — The Sabbath-keeping group in Ashtabula which has been holding weekly meetings for some time under the direction of Rev. Albert E. S. McMahan is not yet a church but it is now promoting home mission work in another locality. During the month of September their minister was released to hold special meetings under the direction of the Missionary Board in the Indianapolis, Ind., Church. A report of that effort will be welcomed by Recorder readers when it comes.

The meetings have been kept up satisfactorily during the absence of the minister. S. Kenneth Davis of RD 1, Bristolville, Ohio, has had charge of the services. The meeting time is 11 o'clock. For further information call the McMahan residence, 4008 State Avenue, Ashtabula, or write to Kenneth Davis.

## College Courses in Religion

As a special encouragement to adults of the college area, the Executive Committee of the Milton College Board of Trustees has voted to reduce the auditing fee for the course in religion to \$5 per semester. This was done at the request of the local Ministers Council which sponsors the course and donates the services of its member to present it. The regular fee for auditing is \$15 per semester.

The course is entitled "Christian Religion Through the Centuries," and is one of the regular college classes. For the first semester it will be under the direction of Rev. Elmo F. Randolph of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church. It treats of the expansion of the Christian religion throughout the world under Catholic and Protestant auspices.

Salem College continues a rather wide selection of Christian education courses, although the resignation from the faculty of Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen entails the dropping of some courses in which he was especially qualified.

Rev. Rex Zwiebel of Lost Creek comes back to the campus to teach several of these courses in the day school. The president, K. Duane Hurley, also announces that Rev. Kenneth Kyre of Salem, W. Va., is the new professor teaching the courses for the night school classes.

## OUR SERVICEMEN

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## Births

Brown. — A son, Kenneth Harry, to Lewis and Verle (Rinear) Brown, Elmer, N. J., Aug. 15, 1954.

Lupton. — A daughter, Susan Elizabeth, to Charles and Charlotte (Bonham) Lupton, Shiloh, N. J., Aug. 16, 1954.

Probasco. — A son, Robert Walter, to Dr. Robert and Doris (Hardesty) Probasco, Lebanon, Pa., Sept. 2, 1954.

Harris. — A son, Steven Arthur, to L. Hoover and Velma (Roberts) Harris, Shiloh, N. J., Sept. 16, 1954.

Hemminger. — A son, Garreth Duane, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hemminger of Camino, Calif., on May 4, 1954.

Vantrease. — A son, Dennie Wayne, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vantrease of Battle Creek, Mich., on Sept. 17, 1954.



Beth Severe and Joan Clement, our missionary nurses serving at Makapwa Mission in Nyasaland, as they appeared a little more than a year ago before they left this country. We can imagine that their smiles were just as broad when they welcomed the young couple, Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson, who are presumed to have reached the mission station September 27.

LATE NEWS FLASH: The Pearsons arrived safely on schedule and planned to motor to the northern churches two days later. Look for letter in next issue. E. T. H.

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## PILING UP WORDS

When the Army-McCarthy hearings ended, it was announced that the record of the words spoken ran into 35 volumes, each the size of a big city telephone directory. The number of words piled up in that rather useless public spectacle is well over twice the number used in the Bible. Another phase of that controversy has been completed recently in the censure report of the Watkins Committee. Figures have not yet been released as to how many words that committee recorded. Another phase is yet to come when Congress debates this report. When all is said and done, who would be benefited by reading these millions of words?

The Bible, on the other hand, is such a rewarding book that every year sees it being translated into new languages and dialects. Every generation witnesses many new attempts to render its original languages into more perfect English. Commentaries continue to uncover the light in its pages. New versions flood the land with unprecedented sales, while the popularity of the older versions is unabated.

Senator McCarthy makes a splash as his questionable methods are investigated in two million words that will be remembered only as a painful, costly record. God's Word has value; it is authority; it is salvation. It, too, sometimes makes great men weep, not at the hurt of other men's sins against themselves, but at their own sins against God. The tears of repentance yield peaceable fruits of godliness.

From time to time well-meaning people try to shorten the Bible. They think it

## Correction Please

The editor was wrong. The book, **Blood, Sweat, and Prayers**, mentioned in the Sept. 20 issue is not a free book. The price is \$1.00. We are very sorry. The publishers say they are receiving a lot of requests from our readers. To partially correct the disappointment of our readers the editor will pay the publishers half the cost on all orders received prior to the appearance of this notice if those ordering want the book enough to pay the other half.

**Another Book.** We have received some orders for "A New Handbook of the Heavens." In the future please order from New American Library, 501 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

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might have more appeal to some readers if the number of pages were reduced. Currently a new attempt of this kind is on the market in a new 300-page, paper-bound "Mentor Book" which sells at drug-stores for 50 cents. It is called the Holy Bible in Brief. It is just that — portions of the King James text arranged as a continuous story. No doubt it will do much good. Certainly the way of salvation can be found in it. It is possible that some Christian truths are obscured or omitted in the shortening process. In price it cannot compete. Its New Testament section occupies half its pages but the whole thing, cheaply bound as it is, is three times the price of a well-bound New Testament, which has more material in it.

We have a tendency to sit idly by while Congress piles up 35 volumes of useless literature and then make a great fuss because the Bible is too big or a church service a few minutes too long. We ought to study human behavior beginning with our own.

## HARVEST-HOME AT MARLBORO

We could wish for the finances to enable us to reproduce in color the most attractively arranged profusion of South Jersey fruits and vegetables which greeted the eyes of a churchful of worshipers at Marlboro's annual Harvest-Home celebration on September 25. Words fail us; we will not attempt a description. We are reasonably sure that the great display did not cost the decorating committee a cent.

During the service, before the guest speaker emphasized the example of Israel's sacrifices at the homecoming of the ark, the morning offering was taken. When the plates came back we noticed that there were comparatively few envelopes. There was then something new added to the decorations — two wooden altar vessels piled high with the green-paper sacrificial offering of the people of God. Without it, worship would not be complete.

Some people were visiting from the neighboring church of Shiloh, two miles away. Others had come from central and northern New Jersey, from Philadelphia, from southern Maryland, and perhaps from many other places. A deaconess, mother of six sons, had journeyed all the way from Riverside, Calif., and

## MEMORY TEXT

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. Proverbs 28: 13.

provided one of the most welcome testimonies at a later service. Little babies were quite in evidence. Besides these, we counted about 40 children in an audience of 158. Needless to say, there were many young adults and a few aged grandparents. One young mother said she well remembered giving her heart to the Lord in the assembly period of Vacation Bible School when the editor was conducting the assembly. She hastened to say that now her children attend.

Speaking of pleasing fruits laid at the altar, we must mention the feature of the service in which a happy girl of eleven or twelve came forward to receive the right hand of fellowship. With her came an adult woman recently baptized, whose life, we are told, had been completely changed by the faithful, patient ministry of pastor and people. Conversations with others who had rather recently experienced revival and rebirth in this rural church convinced us that where there is continual sowing and patient cultivation there can also be assurance that God will give the increase. These celebrations called "Harvest-Home" are annual events but the harvest of souls may come at any time through the moving of the Spirit of God.

## EMOTION HAS ITS USES

"A reader sends us a long letter on emotion in religion and says he disbelieves in it and it should be 'cut out.' Reason may, of course, do many things, but if it acts without any kind of feeling (or emotion, if you prefer that word) it will fail in what matters most. Modern teaching does not dismiss the emotions, but tries to harness them to a worthy purpose. The fact is that if the feelings are aroused they must find an outlet or trouble ensues. The famous psychologist, Professor James, said that people whose emotions were stirred without finding practical expression became 'moral paralytics, able to feel but

not to act.' When we see something that makes us feel sorry, and leave it at that, doing nothing to help, we are merely indulging our emotions at no cost, and without benefit to others. There is no need to be ashamed of emotional reactions or to sneer at them. It is more to the point to see that they are used to strengthen character."

Note: The above editorial in the June issue of the Sabbath Observer, organ of the Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church of London, England, came to our attention after publishing our editorial on "Emotionalism in Meetings" in our Sept. 13 issue. We agree with the sentiment expressed above.

### GIVING TO GOD

Under the heading, "Putting God in Our Giving," A. Wayne Carr in the Gospel Messenger points out the wrong emphasis of what he calls "project giving" — stressing choir robes, building funds, assessments, special mission workers, etc. He notes the educational value of such giving but has this to say on the other side:

"It has, however, an overbalancing disadvantage in that we are unwittingly made to depend upon the pull of these projects (worthy as they are) for the motivation of our giving rather than upon our relationship to God. "If giving is essentially an act of worship, which it is, then the object of adoration should be in the mind when the response is made. Project giving eliminates this intermediate step and prematurely focuses the attention of the giver on the disposition of the funds. As long as 'need' is lifted up to our people as the compelling reason for sharing, giving is wrenched out of its true character as being a great Christian conviction and reduced to the inferior status of humanitarianism. This leads to a weakened incentive. It also places the giver in the unfortunate position of having a 'pictured' need compete with his own demanding needs and wants. When this happens it is not hard to guess which wins!"

Roger Babson says it costs the people of this nation \$20 for every dollar received from the liquor business. — Prohibition is coming!

### LET'S REVERSE THE TREND

A. Burdet Crofoot

"Seventh Day Baptists must either evangelize or they will fossilize. 'Where there is no vision the people perish' . . . Our generation must be won today, or it will be lost tomorrow."

This is quoted from the bulletin of the Battle Creek Church for September 25 in a paragraph announcing an evangelistic series being held in Indianapolis. Which are we doing, evangelizing or fossilizing? It is a trite saying that we cannot stand still, but the truth of the statement is obvious. Our generation must be won today or it will be lost tomorrow.

Church statistics for the year ended June 30 of this year indicate that we may have shown a very slight increase in membership during the year. (Two churches remain to be heard from as this is written.) Twenty years ago, when your secretary's father was Conference president, he showed a chart of denominational membership since the beginning of the century. This revealed a fairly consistent decline from the high point of 9,592 in 1902 to 6,874 in 1934. Since then the rate of decline has been slower, and for the past five years there have been up-and-down fluctuations between 6,200 and 6,400.

Let's reverse the trend. An objective of five per cent increase in membership annually has been suggested — and is achievable. If realized, it would mean a doubling of our membership in fifteen years. It cannot be achieved, however, without consistent effort on the part of all of us. Pastors and laymen alike must direct more intelligent and continuous effort toward bringing in to active Christian confession and life those of our neighbors who are indifferent or uninformed of the blessings of church participation. How recently have you invited someone to attend church with you on Sabbath morning? Our generation must be won today, or . . .

Previous mention has been made of a general trend toward increased church membership. We Seventh Day Baptists have an element of truth that others have refused to acknowledge. It is no less important, and we should be sharing in the popular interest in church membership.

### ARE YOU TRAINING YOUR CHILD TO BE A ROMAN CATHOLIC?

Rev. Lester G. Osborn

"Who? Me? I certainly am not! What gave you such an idea?"

But let's look at the possibility, anyway. When we figured up the results of the April attendance emphasis and found that less than 60% of our able-bodied resident membership attends church at all regularly, we were reminded of an article with the above title by Graham R. Hodges in The Lookout for August 1, 1954. It set us to thinking. We hope it will have the same effect on you.

The article tells of a fine, fairly prosperous couple, brought up as Protestants, attending church with their parents every week and taking part in its work and worship. They were married in that church, and their names were still on its membership roll. They had looked forward to the day when their daughter would walk down the aisle of that same church to be married to some fine young man, with all their friends there. They had envisioned the preparations beforehand and a reception following the ceremony.

They were heartbroken when their girl married a Roman Catholic, in a church in California. They flew out to attend the wedding, and paid the bills, but had almost nothing to say about the details, which were attended to by the groom's parents and the priest. It distressed them that Mary had to sign the prenuptial contract, agreeing that all children would be Roman Catholic, and that she would not try to convert them or their father to her faith, nor even try to explain it to them. At the same time, it was understood that her husband had a sacred duty to convert her to Romanism if he could. At the wedding they sat among strangers — pleasant enough people, but no one they really knew, none of their own friends or of Mary's.

The author then goes on to answer the question: "Why did it turn out this way?" The father, active in the church men's club in the early days of his business career, soon found life growing hectic. He joined the Rotary Club for business

contacts, and soon became so busy in its activities, that he dropped out of the men's club, and had to say "No" when the pastor and finance committee of the church asked him to take part in the annual canvass. "There just wasn't time for everything!" As he became busier, often taking long trips for the firm, he found that the day set aside for rest and worship was the only one he had for himself. Besides, the morning worship service broke up the day, and he could not get to the club early enough to get on the crowded links for his game of golf. So he went to church less and less often.

The mother had been a member and worker in several of the church organizations. She enjoyed going to church but when her husband got "too busy" to go she gradually dropped out herself. Then, too, she felt that she had to join and work in various civic organizations, and to help in the Girl Scouts and Brownies, which were very important as Mary came to that age, for they had such a fine character-building program. She decided that she could "do her bit" as well there as in the church. One day when the minister asked her to teach a class in Bible school she said, "Not this year, I'm too involved." Mary, just nine, innocently asked, right in front of the minister, "Mother, why don't you drop one of the Brownie troops and teach? I'd love to have you for my teacher." But the mother was becoming rather irritated because they kept asking her to take jobs in the church. Teaching in the Bible school would wreck any weekend plans, and the Women's Society meetings conflicted with one of her club schedules.

Of course, they sent Mary to Bible school every week — that is, until she was in her teens, then she switched to Youth Fellowship. Her parents felt badly that she did not attend, but since neither of them got to church very often, they could not very well insist on her going.

Mr. Hodges goes on to record the mother's feelings as she pondered in her heart on the plane going home. Had she or her husband ever given their daughter any reason or example for church loyalty? She knew that they hadn't. But too late for regrets now. It came to her that she

would never be able to have her grandchildren sit down in church beside her. She began to realize what her own church meant to her as she recalled sitting among strangers in that church in California, seeing her daughter married, by an utterly strange liturgy, to a Roman Catholic.

Fellow Seventh Day Baptists, there is a lesson here for us. Can we wonder that many of our young people marry outside the church, lose interest in its work, leave the Sabbath, and often entirely lose their spirituality and their concern for the things of God, when all too many of their parents take their responsibility to the church so lightly, and allow such a host of things to keep them from its services, and from participating in its work? How can we expect any other attitude in our children than the same or worse indifference?

As the article points out, when such a child runs up against the demands of the Roman Catholic Church in the matter of "mixed marriages" there is nothing in his or her home background to sustain him against these claims; "but where the child has memories of parental loyalty to the church, she finds it hard to betray the sacrificial efforts of her parents."

We may well ask ourselves if we are training our children to be Roman Catholics. Yes, we may well ask ourselves if we are training them to be Seventh Day Baptists, or if they are getting a distorted notion of the value of the church and of the Sabbath and will eventually drop out and join the great body of the "Indifferentians." Isn't this one reason for our denominational decline? Whom are you leaving to take your place? Or, is your example influencing your children away from the church and the Sabbath? We need to "ponder these things in our hearts."

In living as in touring, it is well to know what route to follow before setting out.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for October 23, 1954

Guidance for Family Living

Lesson Scripture: Proverbs 4: 1-4;  
6: 20-23; 19: 13-14; 31: 10-12.

## YOUTH ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE

Rev. Charles H. Bond

General Conference Representative  
on the Advisory Council of the  
American Bible Society.

The dining hall in the Milton Junction Methodist Church was filled with Seventh Day Baptist young people on Tuesday evening of Conference, and I was given the opportunity to tell them about the work of the American Bible Society.

This fine world-wide organization had its beginning 150 years ago when Mary Jones, a Welsh girl who had saved for six years, walked barefoot twenty-five miles into the town of Bala to secure a Bible from the pastor. The few he had were all pledged, but because of her earnest desire, he decided someone else could wait. But the result was the establishing of the first Bible Society.

Since that time Christian people have worked hard to make the Bible available to everyone desiring it, regardless of race or language. We work through the American Bible Society and they work hand-in-hand with other societies throughout the world.

As a denomination we have a representative on the Bible Society's Advisory Council and he goes to the Bible House in New York City each year — this year November 30 through December 1 — and hears firsthand about the work being done and that which is planned. He, with representatives from other denominations, sees the proposed budget and votes on it. The denominations this year are to raise \$1,128,201 toward a budget of \$4,115,099. The goal set for our denomination, based on our membership, is \$500.

Now it is a fact that for the past several years our denomination has not reached this goal. In 1951 we gave \$114, in 1952 only \$243, and in 1953 just a little more or \$279.

Why have we given so little? I believe there are several reasons: (1) Some may send in contributions directly and not through our denominational treasurer; (2) an appropriation for this work is not included in our regular Denominational Budget; and (3) there is no individual or group to promote it in the local church.

Here is the challenge! Would the youth of our denomination be willing to

promote the work of the American Bible Society in their local churches? This may be done by getting signers for the World Good Will Book (packets are on hand for distribution and will be sent to any church desiring them) and by promoting Bible Reading and Bible Sabbath.

The youth accepted the challenge and the Committee on Young People's Work has endorsed the project. Young people, we are depending on you to put our denomination over the top this year.

Let me suggest that we make November "Bible Society Month." Promote the following:

1. **World Good Will Book** — Get all the signers you can. This is an interdenominational work. The instructions are inside the packet.

2. **Worldwide Bible Reading** — Promote Bible reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas by furnishing the bookmarks with suggested passages. Bookmarks with readings for the entire year may be ordered.

3. **Bible Sabbath** — Bulletins are furnished. Most churches observe Bible's Day the second week in December.

All of these materials can be ordered free, and certain filmstrips and motion pictures are also available without charge. The Bible House will also furnish you with all the leaflets you can use. Remember to order from your nearest depository.

### Seventh Day Baptist Chaplain Commended

As I complete my work at Wolters Air Force Base, I want to express my appreciation of the worthy contribution, complete co-operation, and devotion to the Base-wide Chaplains' Program shown by your Battalion Chaplain (Lt.) David J. Williams, A02261756. I am certain you feel as I do that he merits your fullest consideration in every possible way that will promote a successful career in the chaplaincy." — Base Chaplain.

The Battalion Commander expressed his concurrence in this commendation.

[This indication of the recognition of good work being done by our young military chaplain was sent to A. Burdet Crofoot, executive secretary.]

## LET'S THINK IT OVER

### Antireligious Campaign

We never read of the dedication of churches or religious centers in countries behind the Iron Curtain. We do not read of the children in these unfortunate countries attending Sunday schools. But just the reverse is true. It was reported in the Religious News Service of August 9, 1954, that another antireligious campaign has been started in Russia. According to this news report, they say that "religious beliefs and convictions are remnants of the cursed, capitalistic past and hinder the progress of Communism in the Soviet Union. Antireligious propaganda must be waged systematically and with persistence." — Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Frank A. Tobey, at the dedication of the Chapel Center, Fort Monroe, Va.

**Obligated.** A church bulletin recently received was announcing the quarterly and annual business meeting of the church. The notice read, "Every member is obligated to come." Did the writer use too strong a word? We think not. The Catholic Church has a number of "days of holy obligation." Protestants in applying for church membership also obligate themselves, and then rather casually neglect the obligation to help in the decisions that the church must make. Why not check up on yourself? How honest was your excuse for not going to the last business meeting? Every church has to recognize absentee ballots at prayer meetings but not at business meetings. Your own conversion was probably the result of a prayer meeting. Absentee ballots at prayer meeting have to be read as negative votes. Do you want that?

### Thought-Provoking Words

Seen on the television screen recently was Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, personal ambassador to the U.S. of President Magsaysay of The Philippines, appealing to Americans to continue their contributions to CARE. Pointing his finger he said earnestly something like this: "You are being watched by the people of Asia — by your friends, by your enemies, of course — and by the millions who have not yet made up their minds."

## Missions

### Property Purchase for Crandall High Country School

Word has been received from Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph that a property containing "forty acres and a fairly good house on it" is being purchased for the purpose of laying "further plans for the early establishment of a 'country school'" as a development of Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica.

The purchase price is 1300 pounds (\$3,640) of which amount 600 pounds (\$1,680) is to be paid in cash and 700 pounds (\$1,960) on mortgage, with 100 pounds (\$280) to be paid annually. The Jamaica Conference is making the purchase with funds they have raised or will raise.

The house on the property needs repair. Mr. FitzRandolph writes: "The present building will need to be remodeled for school purposes, and a unit of the planned school built before we will be ready to open the school in even a small way. We are hoping that aid will be coming from the board and from private subscription. However, we are going ahead as best we can but cannot give you anything more definite till after the school board meets."

### A Visit to Germany

Our readers will remember the ordination statements of Rev. John G. Schmid earlier this summer. It will also be recalled that he and his German-speaking church at Irvington, N. J., were the center of an extensive German relief program after the devastation of World War II. It was only natural that there should be a mutual desire for a reunion in the native land of families and friends.

On Labor Day, Rev. and Mrs. John G. Schmid and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schober landed at Idlewild Airport to complete a trip begun six weeks earlier. When the leaders of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of Germany learned of the impending visit, they arranged to convene their conference in order to have as many as possible gathered together to listen to the greetings brought from this country

and to express their gratitude for the great assistance rendered to them in their difficult reconstruction days.

As we understand it, the German Conference is much more like the association meetings held in various parts of this country than our General Conference. At least in this case it was a weekend series of meetings beginning Friday night, July 16, at Hamburg. A goodly number of people had gathered at the airport that afternoon to welcome the Schmid and Schobers. As told to us it must have been a strenuous weekend, following so closely upon a sleepless transocean flight.

Besides the American representatives, Rev. E. J. P. Hansen and Pastor Ulf Oldenburg were welcomed from Denmark, and Brother G. Zijlstra from Holland. From the Eastern Zone of Germany about 40 church members were able to be present. Travel from East to West is now quite freely encouraged, we are told. However, the economic restrictions are severe. The visitors are not allowed to spend one penny; if they take money with them they must bring it all back. Someone has to take care of them free of charge. This difficulty was taken care of by the Irvington Church which provided about \$200 to feed the eastern guests. The local Christians in Hamburg also assisted by arranging free lodging in their homes and in the church building.

Such difficulties are not the only ones faced by our German brethren who are under Russian rule. Seventh Day Baptists are not allowed to hold meetings or to baptize believers. News reports indicate that the larger Baptist denomination in Russia is allowed considerable freedom of assembly, but not the smaller groups. In spite of this situation the faith does spread to some extent and believers cross the border for baptism.

On Sunday morning two large buses and one small one transported the conference delegates to a Seventh Day Adventist Church, about an hour's drive from Hamburg, where arrangements had been made for a baptismal service. Brother Schmid was the speaker of the occasion. Three of the candidates were young men from the Russian Zone, 19, 24, and 27 years of age. The fourth was an older

man from Brunswick. We were told that a few others had previously been baptized secretly in the middle of the night.



Pastor Schmid (center) and the four German candidates for baptism.

A story of great human interest comes in connection with the baptismal candidates mentioned above. It ties in with the story of the new church building at Paint Rock, Ala., which was told in the Nov. 2, 1953, issue. The church was built largely from the government insurance of James Butler who lost his life in the European Theater during World War II. His mother sent his military clothing through the Irvington Church to Germany. An uncle of one of the young men recently baptized had his clothing needs supplied by that gift. If our memory serves us, the outfit was completed by the gift of a necktie at the time of this recent conference. Brother Schmid reports with restrained emotion that there is absolutely no ill feeling among our German brethren towards America for the bombing losses of the late war. At the closing session of the conference all the people wanted to thank the American Christians who had helped them so much in recent years.

At another time we can perhaps carry the story of the extreme devotion of Bro. Ulf Oldenburg of Copenhagen, Denmark, who was installed as pastor of the Hamburg Church during this conference. Suffice it to say here that while this young man was working in Copenhagen he devoted 75% of his salary to the city mission work of Brother E. J. P. Hansen. It would appear that a man with such devotion would soon prove to be a valuable asset to the work in Germany. — Editor.

### "CAST THY BREAD UPON THE WATERS . . ."

"Desiring to keep God's true Sabbath and still be of Baptist faith I seek to learn more about Seventh Day Baptists," wrote a woman recently from Tennessee. Being asked where she heard about Seventh Day Baptists, she replied, "I came across the address — Board of Christian Education, Alfred, N. Y. — while reading the book 'Christian Journalism for Today.' I had not known before that a Seventh Day Baptist denomination existed."

Such incidents are encouraging and they help to settle our doubts as to whether it pays for our denomination to belong to nation-wide organizations and be listed in nation-wide publications along with the big denominations among whom we often feel that "we are as grasshoppers."

Sometimes we wonder whether it pays to print and distribute tracts, so few of them seem to bring results. And then we hear of someone who picked up a tract in a strange or faraway place and was delighted to learn about our church.

And some doubt the necessity of spending more than a bare minimum in our churches for books, maps, pictures, blackboards, and classrooms for our own boys and girls. People say, "We didn't have all those frills and gadgets when we were kids." But if those consecrated saints who taught "when we were kids" had had more tools to work with, perhaps our generation would have made a better showing in Christian achievement. Let us cast more bread upon the waters, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and more will come back to us. N. D. M.

### YOUTH VIEW OF PRE-CON CAMP

Richard Warner

This year's Pre-Con Camp was my second such experience, the first being in Salem in 1950. Having heard from other young folks about the wonderful times they have had, I know that Pre-Con always means a lot to a great many people. I know that this year's experience caused a reawakening to my Christian covenant and Christian responsibilities.

The main theme for camp, and for our own thoughts, was presented by Rev. Alton Wheeler in a series of four lectures

on "Our Christian Faith." The first lecture, "The Christian Life," pointed out to us that our Christian life is a legacy. It is a heritage that we must always protect and respect.

The next lecture, "Regarding That Which We Believe," brought to us the abrupt question, "What do we believe?" We decided that as Seventh Day Baptists we can let our conscience be our guide, and I'm certain that no one who heard that lecture will ever have a clear conscience because of an empty head. If our conscience is clear it will be because we are living the best kind of life we know how.

The third lecture was, "Belonging to the Church." We discussed the offering of prizes to children to induce them to come to church. This wasn't favored by many of the group. We felt we would rather try to do our share and help the church present God to us as a Being, a Father, and a Holy Spirit. We must make God real in our own hearts as well as in the hearts of others.

The fourth and final lecture was, "Responsibility in Christianity." We must think of God first — first things first. We all know that as we go through life we can't live like a melody with everyone else. We can't all hit the same notes at the same time. It would be overwhelming. We can live in harmony and let this harmony be a credit to Christ.

We now better understand our Scripture because of a course in "Interpretive Bible Reading" led by Pastor Kenneth Smith.

We all learned more about the field of our choosing by studying in workshops.

Something we all loved and enjoyed was the singing. The choruses, hymns, and spirituals seemed to take on new meaning under the direction of Miss Lois Wells of Los Angeles. It really gave me a wonderful feeling to sing with such a group. They seemed to share the spirit of Christ.

The last devotional service was for all of us, I believe, a mountain-top experience. We started with group singing and a worship service, and then any one who wished to could come forward and give his testimony and renew his covenant with God. Then, casting a wood fagot upon the fire, one could feel the burden of his

heart being lifted with the smoke in an unbroken spire to the throne of God through the sheltering arches of branches, then upward through God's sparkling myriad of diamonds set in the deep purple of the Master's shroud called night.

This camp gave all of us a chance to find a brighter realization of what it means to us to be able to be Christians and followers of God. As was brought out in the final lecture: "Unless there is within us, that which is above us, we shall soon yield to that which is about us." It was a wonderful experience, and I know that we all came home with a definite goal in mind: To live in, for, and with Christ.

### YOUTH AT CONFERENCE

Did you notice at Conference that not many children were playing around the church during sessions, and not many sat propped against their parents during the long business sessions? Where were the children? They had a conference of their own. There was a more complete program for youth of all ages than ever before.

The Pre-Conference camp, under the direction of Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, was acclaimed by all as a most enjoyable and worth-while experience. With preparation made in camp, the young people led the morning devotional services of the Conference and inspired us all with their singing several evenings under the leadership of Miss Lois Wells. Besides the traditional fellowship breakfast there were fellowship suppers, discussion sessions, a tour to visit the sites of old churches and other historical places, a skating party, and a stunt night.

The "Middlers" (7th and 8th graders) had their own daily sessions under the leadership of Miss Ethel Wilson of the Philadelphia Fellowship, and the Juniors were under the direction of Miss Ellen Swinney of Waterford, Conn. These leaders had many helpers who assisted in storytelling, music, and recreation. The "Middlers" and Juniors, as well as the "Pre-Con" group, were featured once or twice in the evening singing.

We hope to have fuller reports of all these youth activities, and to have the names of all those who helped to make them successful.  
N. D. M.



### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mizpah S. Greene  
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Mrs. Van Horn and Mrs. Palmer are our leaders in Junior. Each one of us takes turns being leader. We are learning memory verses and have a contest to see how many points we can get. The side that gets the most points is entertained by the losing side.

I am eight years old and in the third grade. My birthday is November 5.

I go to the Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Rev. Marion Van Horn is my pastor.

Sincerely,  
Leona Welch.

West Winfield, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I go to Junior every Sabbath day. We have learned the Lord's Prayer, the twenty-third Psalm and new songs.

I am eight years old and in the third grade. Mrs. Miller is my teacher. My birthday is November 5.

I go to the Leonardsville Seventh Day Baptist Church. Rev. Marion Van Horn is my pastor.

Sincerely,  
Leola Welch.

West Winfield, N. Y.

Dear Leona and Leola:

I was pleased to receive your letters and will answer them next time.

In Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### A Little Girl in a Faraway Land

By Arlie Davis

Long, long ago a little girl went to live in a city faraway from home. We do not know what her real name was, but let us call her Judith. After a while Judith did not mind being there so much, because the people with whom she lived were very kind to her. It was only a short time before she learned to love them very much.

Every day Judith helped about the house. And her new mother taught her

many things little girls, and boys, too, should learn to do. What a busy, happy time Judith had.

In this faraway land Judith saw that the people did not worship the true God. As a wee little girl in her first home, she had been taught from God's Word. She loved to talk to her Father in Heaven every day because He was the one true God who had made the heaven and the earth. But here in this heathen country, they worshiped many gods. And unlike the loving Heavenly Father she knew, these heathen gods were terrible! The people who worshiped them did many wicked things in their temples. Judith was sure her Father was not pleased.

How Judith's little heart ached to be able to tell them of her God. She wanted so much to tell them how God loved them, and could make their hearts clean and sweet. Most of all, she wanted her new parents to have peace in their hearts. So she prayed about it every day, telling her Father in Heaven about how much she loved those people and how she wanted them to know Him as she did.

What do you think happened? God answered Judith's prayers in a very miraculous way. We will tell you about it in the next Children's Page. I know you won't want to miss it.

### Corky, Pet Crow of Norfolk Family (Concluded)

Corky is quite distrustful of strangers. He has to size them up and make his own decision before he will approach anyone, and even then a stranger cannot pick him up. However, I made friends with Corky in a few minutes to the extent that he let me stroke his shiny black back and give him the red pencil.

Louise C. Blake.

### Unflinching Devotion

Being examined for baptism the daughter of a Gold Coast chieftain told the pastor:

"Every time I come to Sabbath school, my husband beats me when I return home."

The pastor asked, "How often do you come to Sabbath school?"

"I always come to Sabbath school."

—Review and Herald.

## STATEMENT OF BELIEF

For picture and Statement of Christian Experience of A. Addison Appel see Recorder of September 27.

With the consent of Rev. Addison Appel, and at the suggestion of some of those present at the ordination, we are printing only extracts from his statement of belief. Every item in our denominational statement was quoted as his sincere conviction. To these brief sentences printed in tract form, Mr. Appel added words of his own and made considerable use of the explanatory remarks in the book "Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs," a manual for study, now available from the American Sabbath Tract Society at \$.25 per copy.

Here are some of the things he affirmed about God and Jesus Christ:

"God is a Spirit without origin and without end. He is here and at the same time He is everywhere. . . .

"Jesus Christ was both God and man. As man He had a beginning and an end. He was born, grew up, and died. As God He had no beginning nor end. He was with the Father before the world was. He is in the world today drawing all men to Him. He came to earth in the form of man to take upon Himself the sins of man. He died on the cross for the sins of man so man might be saved through Him. . . .

"He came to seek and to save the lost. We are expected to help Him find and lead sinful men to a saving knowledge of Him. He gave His life for us; because He loved us even in our sins, we should show our love to Him by giving our lives to Him."

The Holy Spirit is partially described as follows:

"The third person in the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, was active in the creation (Genesis 1: 2). The Holy Spirit is spoken of as coming upon certain men and equipping them for specific work. I believe that He still, as in the Old Testament days, leads and equips men for service."

Under "The Bible" the candidate used this closing paragraph:

"The Bible is the rule and guide of our faith because it is not an ordinary book but a book of authority, with truth

to convey, written by inspired men. It is the most wonderful book in the world because it is a guide for human life at every stage of development, a help in every perplexity, a source of comfort in time of sorrow."

In the statement about "Man" we left the middle paragraph as a sample of what was said on this subject:

"God's purpose in creating this earth and all that is in it, was to make provision for beings who could love Him, and whom He could love. God is love, but there had to be an object of love before He could complete the acts of love; therefore, He created man. Having been created capable of love and faith and obedience, man has missed the mark. He has failed to live up to God's high purpose for him. But even yet God is working out His purpose for man in that He provides a way for his redemption."

Under "Sin and Salvation" Mr. Appel expressed his views in three brief paragraphs taken from the manual published in 1941. We quote:

"All sin is 'enmity against God' (Rom. 8: 7). Not every sinner is conscious of this enmity. Sin is a principle that grows and 'when it is full-grown, bringeth forth death' (James 1: 15).

"Since all who have arrived at moral consciousness are sinners, there is need of salvation from sin. Through His death on the cross, Jesus Christ made atonement for all who believe on Him (Mark 16: 16; John 3: 3-5; Acts 4: 12).

"Salvation from sin includes what is usually designated by the terms 'repentance,' 'conversion,' and 'regeneration.' Repentance is a real sorrow for sin; conversion is that voluntary change in the mind of the sinner in which he turns from sin to Christ; regeneration is the change wrought in the life by the Holy Spirit (John 3: 1-8). All three of these are essential elements in salvation. God impresses the individual to turn from sin, but the individual must give his consent and turn from it. True repentance and salvation exist only in connection with faith: faith in Christ as Saviour, faith in the atoning power of the cross.

His belief about "Eternal Life" can be shown by this sentence which he used:

"Because Jesus Christ arose from the

dead and lives with the Father, we, too, have hope of eternal life (1 Corinthians 15: 12-23). I believe that at death the soul returns to God who gave it, and we will be in the presence and likeness of Jesus."

"The church," said Mr. Appel, "is not an end in itself, but it is the means to a greater end. It is for proclaiming and interpreting the will of God, for the perpetuation of the teachings of Jesus Christ, and to minister to the needs of people."

Under the heading "Sacraments," the candidate expressed his belief in baptism of believers by immersion and emphasized that the Lord's Supper is a time of "looking for that blessed hope and glorious appearing of the great God and Saviour Jesus Christ."

In regard to the Sabbath, after expressing his belief in it as a perpetual sign between God and man, he quoted the concluding words found in the manual for study as follows:

"The crowning glory of the Sabbath of the Bible is its holy character. It has been made sacred by divine appointment, by the place it has taken in the revelation of God through the centuries, and by the place it occupied in the ministry of Jesus.

"The degree of faithfulness and devotion with which we give the hours of the Sabbath to the things of the Spirit, is the measure of our love to God. This is the high level upon which Jesus placed all our commandment keeping. It is on that lofty plane that Sabbathkeeping becomes one of our greatest spiritual assets, a frequent and regular reminder of God's love for His children, and a constant and faithful expression of our love to Him. Our souls require a Sabbath, and the holy seventh day of the Scripture answers that demand of our busy and needy lives."

Under the final heading, "Evangelism," the candidate, among other things, said this: "The chief business of the church is to spread abroad the Gospel everywhere and to nourish and train members of the new Christian community. While the local church has special responsibility for the territory in which it is situated, it shares with the Church Universal the task of world evangelism, missions, and religious education."

## JEALOUS FOR THE LORD

Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler

"And he said I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant. . . ." 1 Kings 19: 10.

Rarely do those looking at this picture of Elijah in despair, fleeing for his life, perceive a heroic character. But let us bear in mind the incidents which preceded this scene. Before a nation gone mad in idolatry, Elijah alone stood forth for God. By God's help, he proved the falsehood of the Baal worship by the contest of Mt. Carmel (See 1 Kings 18.) and destroyed the false prophets. Only after this ordeal was Elijah overwhelmed by the apparent hopelessness of trying to lead Israel back to God, and by his sense of personal danger.

The picture of a faithful saint of God in a moment of despair and dejection after he has fought the good fight of faith is more magnificent by far than that of the professing Christian who has averted battle by drifting with the tide.

The Church needs those today who are "jealous for the Lord, who are wounded by irreverence and disregard for God as deeply as they would be by a personal affront. For this is an age when shallowness is often regarded as broadness; avoiding the issues is accepted as victory; blending with the world in interpreted as a goal, rather than as a danger to be avoided. The abandonment of high ideals, the loss of moral discernment, easy tolerance of immorality, acceptance of the world's habits, supplanting the pure and virtuous with the vulgar and sensational, irreverence for spiritual things — these are the characteristics of our times.

Worst of all, many professing faith in Christ are trying to rob Him of His glory and to obscure God's grace in His plan of salvation for man.

It is high time that we become jealous for the honor of the name of the Lord and all that He claims to be. God's grace has been held in contempt long enough! We can no longer bear to see His righteousness flouted, His just demands ignored!

The world needs a true picture of God — His character, His righteousness, His

### Tract Distribution Urged

1. Always enclose a carefully selected tract in your letters, whether private or business. Remember we are ambassadors for Christ and here on business for the King.

2. People think seriously when loved ones die or are seriously ill, or when they themselves are very sick. When you visit them leave a tract of comfort.

3. Have a supply of tracts near the doors of your home, or in some convenient place in your office, so you can hand a tract to any one who may call.

4. When you go on errands, place some in the postoffice, depot, bus station, grocery store, hospital, barber shop. In this way you are sowing the Scripture.

5. For best results remember to pray before giving one out. Be courteous and tactful. Never force a tract upon an individual. Use appropriate tracts — those that fit the needs of the person. Distribute only those which are stamped with the church return and those **not** soiled.

—Battle Creek church bulletin.

### "The Way, The Truth, The Life"

By Irene Post Hulett

The Way?

'Tis straight and narrow,  
This good Christian way,  
Yet Faith and Hope and Love  
Keep cheerful company  
If we obey —  
Trust and obey.

The Truth?

'Twas often Christ said, "Verily"  
To those He loved —  
Interpreted, that word means "true,"  
His followers proved,  
Who daily walked  
And with Him talked.

The Life?

Abundant, over-flowing life  
Supplying very need,  
Then flowing on to others  
In kindly words and deeds —  
This is the goal  
For every Christian soul.

demands, His grace. It is up to us who know Him through Jesus Christ to rise to the defense of His glory. — De Ruyter Church Bulletin.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

A picture recently appearing in the Watchman Examiner showed the Chaplains Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Two of the seven men, pictured in civilian clothes, hold the rank of major general. It is significant that the Southern Baptists have in recent years furnished two men for the office of Chief of Chaplains, which now calls for a two-star general. They are Major Gen. Roy H. Parker and Major Gen. Ivan L. Bennett. The present chief is a Roman Catholic.

Out of more than 18,000 Protestant missionaries serving overseas during 1952, nearly half were in Africa or Latin America and the West Indies.

The next largest number, totaling almost one third, were in East Asia, India, Pakistan, and Ceylon, according to a report on American Protestant mission work during 1952.

The report, issued by the Missionary Research Library, noted that 94 per cent of the missionaries worked as evangelists, educators, or medical missionaries.

Two thirds of the American Protestant missionary force were lay workers rather than ordained ministers. Nearly 70 per cent of the missionaries were married and had children, and of the unmarried personnel 3 per cent were men and 28 per cent women. Short-term missionaries made up only 2.5 per cent of the total force.

As an aid to building greater mutual understanding among men and women of different heritages, New York City's Protestant churches are conducting services in 23 different languages for their thousands of non-English-speaking members. According to the New York Protestant Council, there are 137 churches within the city's five boroughs preaching in foreign languages. These include Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Italian, Spanish, Czechoslovakian, Hungarian, German, Polish, Russian, Estonian, Swedish, Ukrainian, Finnish, Latvian, Welsh, French, Norwegian, Danish, Slovak, Yugoslavian. There is also a Lutheran church for deaf-mutes where sermons are preached in sign language.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**WATERFORD, CONN.** — The Waterford Church has had a busy summer. Rev. Edith M. Northrop of Niantic has conducted our Friday evening Bible studies and Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm, pastor of the Niantic Baptist Church, has conducted the Sabbath morning worship services.

Rev. Neal Mills visited us and conducted a Sabbath service early in May, and Rev. Harold R. Crandall conducted the service on Sabbath Rally Day. On May 23 the men of the church played host to the New England Laymen's Fellowship. A tour of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy was followed by refreshments at the church.

A two weeks' Vacation Bible School was held in late July under the direction of Miss Ellen Swinney.

The Ladies' Aid Society has been active all summer. An auction and a food sale were held in August.

On Sept. 18, several of our members attended the annual gathering of the New England Seventh Day Baptist churches at Westerly.

We are looking forward to a visit from Secretary Everett T. Harris on Men and Missions Sabbath, October 9. — Morton R. Swinney.

**RIVERSIDE, CALIF.** — On August 2, following the sermon, some fruitage of the work at camp was seen, when three earnest juniors presented themselves for baptism and later for church membership.

Guest speakers served our church during the time the pastor was away at Conference. On August 28, young William Rymer filled our pulpit quite ably. We are also deeply indebted to Robert Henry for his fine sermons on several occasions. Before the sessions closed, Pastor Wheeler was called back by plane to officiate at the funeral services for our beloved brother, Ray W. Rood, an active and familiar figure at former Conferences, whose brilliant mind added luster to his dedicated life. He is missed so much!

Pastor Wheeler conducted the Sabbath service at Pacific Pines Camp where the Labor Day weekend family retreat was held. Amid the beauty of God's handiwork the exploration of His Word again brought refreshment to mind, body, and

spirit. The special emphasis was on denominational beliefs. Following the retreat the Wheeler family took a week's outing.

Returning delegates from Conference participated in the Sabbath morning service, September 11, with Dale Curtis presiding. Mrs. Gleason Curtis spoke on "General Impressions," Alice Hayward on "Missionary Interests," Dale Curtis on "Young People's Activities," and P. B. Hurley on "Inspirational Messages." These talks were followed by the Conference theme chorus, "To Know Him," which originated at Riverside.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lewis have now returned from their summer in the East, where Phil has been furthering his education. He is now principal of the Menafee School. En route homeward they attended a Sabbath service at the Old Stone Fort Church, at Stonefort, Ill. His mother, Mrs. Dollie Lewis of this church, was also in attendance. She has been visiting her sons in Indiana, New Jersey, and West Virginia.

When a general call was made at the close of the September 25 worship service the president of our congregation, Don Watkins, went quietly forward. He asked that others join him, as he, our representative, made a new dedication. It was a thrilling sight when from the already standing congregation a goodly number surged forward, or indicated with uplifted hand, their high resolve.

The church year draws to a close. We have tried to set our financial house in order so that the new year can begin without encumbrance. The Social Committee presented its final successful social the evening of September 25. Industrial movies provided educational and entertaining features. — Correspondent.

**Missionary Church.** The People's Church, Toronto, Canada, cannot afford a new church building though the present 100-year-old auditorium often fails to accommodate the congregation. Why is this? To build a new church would cut off the support of some of the 350 missionaries now being supported by the church. The people in People's Church would rather have missionaries in foreign lands than a new building on a Toronto church lot.



# The Sabbath Recorder



The First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Y., the only church building in this university town, which celebrated the one hundredth anniversary of the use of the building with impressive ceremonies on October 2. The present pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, is the former editor of the Sabbath Recorder.

See story inside.

## Northwestern Association

Charles Williams of Albion, president of the Northwestern Association, announces that the association will convene at Milton Junction, Wis., on Oct. 16 and 17. As a special feature, Rev. Charles H. Bond, of the Westerly, R. I., Church, will preach a series of four sermons from Thursday evening, Oct. 14, through Sunday evening, Oct. 17. The association theme is "God's Plan for Life." [Sorry we did not have this notice for an earlier issue.]

## Marriages

**Lewis - Dirr.** — Captain Alfred E. Lewis of Culver Military Academy, son of Mrs. Dollie Lewis of Riverside, Calif., and Miss Betty Dirr of Knox, Ind., daughter of Mrs. Erman Dirr of Angola, Ind., were united in marriage at Knox, Ind., with Rev. George Long, minister of the Christian Church, officiating.

**Bond - Ford.** — Robert L. Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bond of Nortonville, Kan., and Wilma Ford of Austin, Texas, were united in marriage at Austin on Sept. 6, 1954. The couple will reside at 408 East 10th St., Apt. C, Austin, where the groom is stationed at Bergstrom Air Force Base.

## Births

**Brissey.** — A son, Douglas Eugene, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Theodore Brissey of Laurel, Md., on August 20, 1954.

**Burdick.** — A son, Gary Owen, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burdick of DeRuyter, N. Y., on Sept. 23, 1954.

**Williams.** — A daughter, Romona Jeanne, to Chaplain and Mrs. David J. Williams of Wolters Air Force Base on Sept. 7, 1954. Ramona Jeanne is their third child.

## Obituaries

**Rood.** — Warren Ray, son of George Burrell and Virginia Saxton Rood, was born June 11, 1874, at North Loup, Neb., of pioneer parents who helped to seek out and found a new colony. He was called to rest Aug. 21, 1954, at Riverside, Calif.

He completed his elementary education in Nebraska, attended Milton College, and did graduate work at Madison, Wis. He held positions as principal, city superintendent, and teacher in the Wisconsin and California schools. He and his wife were members successively of the Seventh Day Baptist churches of North Loup, Neb.; Milton, Wis.; and Riverside, Calif.

Throughout his years he maintained a deep interest in educational, religious, community, national, and world affairs. Having organized the Junior Institute of World Affairs in River-

side, he served as adult sponsor for twelve years. Although he spent the concluding thirteen years of his life in retirement, he manifested a very active interest in and gave loyal support to the work of the Lord.

He is survived by his son, Wayne R., Associate Professor of Religious Education at Berkeley School of Religion, and two grandchildren of El Cerrito, Calif.; two sisters: Mrs. Jay Van Horn, Edinburg, Texas; and Mrs. D. N. Inglis, Milton, Wis.; and by a host of friends in the denomination, community, and church. His wife, Ella B. Rood, preceded him in death on January 6, 1948.

Interment was in the Olivewood Cemetery, Riverside, services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler. A. L. W.

**Bassett.** — Dr. Lavern C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bassett, was born in Richburg, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1879, and died at his home in Dunellen, N. J., Sept. 20, 1954.

Dr. Bassett had been a physician in Dunellen since 1918. A graduate of Alfred University, he served his internship in a Chicago hospital.

He was past president of the Rotary Club, past commander of the Dunellen American Legion, Post 119, a member of the Middlesex County Medical Association, and served in a medical detachment with the U. S. Army in World War I.

As a member of the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church of New Market, N. J., he served efficiently and lovingly in several capacities and was chairman of the Board of Trustees at the time of his death. He was also a member and past president of the American Sabbath Tract Society, serving in recent years as chairman of the Investment Committee.

He is survived by his widow, Jennie Bender Bassett, a daughter, Faith E. Brechtlien, at home, and a grandson, Lavern C. Brechtlien.

Farewell services were conducted jointly by Rev. Clarence E. Getz of the local Presbyterian Church and Frank R. Kellogg, pastor of the Piscataway Church. The remains were taken to Alfred, N. Y., for burial. F. R. K.

**Lawrence.** — Katherine Davis, daughter of Deacon Henry and Ida Shimp Davis, was born at Marlboro, N. J., Oct. 7, 1884, and passed away at the Bridgeton Hospital, Sept. 14, 1954.

She became a member of the Marlboro Church in her early youth and has remained active in the work of her church until the time of her death. On March 23, 1907, she was married to William R. Lawrence who later became a deacon of the Marlboro Church. To this union were born six children, two of whom preceded their mother in death. Besides her husband, she is survived by a brother, David S. Davis, of Elmer, N. J.; a sister, Mrs. George Ellis, of Madison, Wis.; and four children: Roscoe, of Arlington, Va.; Mrs. David T. Sheppard, of Cedarville, N. J.; Edward, and Miss Katherine Lawrence, both of Marlboro; and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Johnson Funeral Home in Bridgeton by Rev. Henry Lawrence, a relative of the family, with her pastor, Rev. Rex Burdick, assisting. Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery. C. R. B.