

# The Sabbath Recorder

the semiannual meeting of the Northern Association.

Reminiscing about early church activities were Frank B. Hunt, the only charter member still here, Mrs. B. H. Bottoms, Mrs. B. F. Johanson, Mrs. Gladys Hemminger, Mrs. W. B. Lewis, Mrs. Charles Aurand, and Mrs. Alice Fifield. Two tape recordings containing greetings from former pastors were heard — one from Rev. J. W. Crofoot, now of Daytona Beach, Fla., and the other from Rev. Alton L. Wheeler of Riverside, Calif.

The guest preacher Sabbath morning was Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, whose topic was "My Church — Thee I Cherish." Our perspective of the Church," he said, "must widen out until we realize that the Church is one. Its central symbol is not a babe in the manger, depicting God's humility; or a Bible and candle, showing that the truth of Christ must be taught; nor even an empty tomb, displaying His power over death — but a cross, the Cross."

After the service a fellowship dinner was served by the Ladies' Aid to over 200 people. The afternoon theme was "My Church at Work." Dr. W. B. Lewis told of the experiences of the members while striving to make their dream of a church building become a reality. Dr. B. F. Johanson recounted the accomplishments of groups within the church over the years.

At the well-attended supper a number of the members appeared in dresses, hats, etc., of former years. Among the dresses was a blue silk taffeta gown, worn by Mrs. Fifield, in which her mother was married in 1865.

A fellowship breakfast was served by the Pro-con group Sunday morning, after which the semiannual meeting of the Northern Association convened, presided over by Claire Merchant. The president of Conference, Clarence Rogers, spoke in regard to Conference business. The next meeting of the association is to be held at White Cloud next spring.

On the evening after the Sabbath, Oct. 22, the Battle Creek Church said good-by to one of its most active and best-loved members, Miss Jacqueline Wells, who planned to leave town the following Tuesday for Westerly, R. I. There she was to meet with the Missionary Board on Sunday, Oct. 31, and to fly the next day to Jamaica to become secretary to the

principal of Crandall High School, O. B. Bond. Gifts were presented to her by Mrs. James Gardner representing the Children's Division, where Jackie had taught for three years; by Mrs. R. T. Fetherston on behalf of the Women's Board, which Jackie has served as secretary; and by Pastor Davis for the church. — Correspondent.

CARRAWAY (PALATKA, FLA.) — At the regular church meeting in May it was voted to ask Clifford A. Beebe and Alfred L. Blix to take the pastorate jointly. They have been endeavoring to do so while working full time at other jobs.

With the help of a loan from the Memorial Fund, the church building has been moved from its former location onto property owned by the church, and a four-room parsonage is being built. Two rooms are finished and the other two are under construction.

In August, a five-day Vacation Bible School was held at the church with Mrs. C. A. Beebe, Paul Beebe, and Mrs. Lela Price as teachers, and with 13 children enrolled.

The congregation consists ordinarily of only three families, although others are interested and sometimes attend.

## Obituaries

Davis. — Diana Lynn, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Davis, was born Sept. 1, and died Sept. 2, 1954, at Boulder, Colo. She is survived by a brother, Rex LeRoy. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Davis of Boulder. Graveside services were conducted by pastor emeritus, Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, Sabbath afternoon, Sept. 4. E. E. S.

Ellis. — Oscar W., was born in Alfred, N. Y., and died in Bethesda Hospital in North Hornell, N. Y., July 28, 1954, at the age of 82.

He lived in Alfred, where he attended the university, until he was 20 years old. For 43 years he lived in Bound Brook, N. J., where he was in the upholstering business. He was a faithful member of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Mr. Ellis is survived by his widow, Carrie Pangborn Ellis; a daughter, Mrs. J. Scott MacLennan, of Bound Brook; three sisters: the Misses Iva and Loula Ellis of Alfred, N. Y., and Mrs. Robert L. Coon of Ashaway, R. I.; and three granddaughters.

Funeral services were held in the Taggart-Chamberlain Funeral Home, Bound Brook, and interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J., with his pastor, Rev. Lee Holloway, officiating. —L. H.



## PRAYER

A Thanksgiving prayer being used in thousands of Protestant churches across the nation.



O GOD, giver of all good, and fountain of all mercies, in whom are the springs of our life:

All glory, thanks, and praise be unto thee for thine un-failing goodness; for thy faithfulness which is from one generation to another; for thy mercies which are new each morning, fresh every moment, and more than we can number; for seedtime and harvest, and summer and winter, and nights and days throughout the year; for food and raiment and shelter; for health and reason; for thy fatherly hand upon us, in sickness and in health, in joy and in sorrow, in life and in death; for friends, kindred, and benefactors; for home and country, for thy church and for thy gospel. Thanks be unto thee, O Lord, our God. Amen.

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## IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

There are two verses in the Bible which contain only two words. One of those is "Rejoice evermore." (1 Thess. 5: 16.) It is in that same group of exhortations in St. Paul's most joyous epistle which includes "In every thing give thanks." Continuous rejoicing and thanksgiving in all circumstances are similar, distinctively Christian concepts of sublime strength and import.

We begin to give thanks when we become conscious that some very apparent and greatly appreciated blessing has come from the God above. If that consciousness of God's beneficent interest in us becomes a constant reality, a deep-seated experience, then we begin to enter into the joy of continuing in thanksgiving. No longer is our prayer of thanks conditioned upon some unusual material blessing. It wells up within us, finds cause for expression even when some of our outward circumstances seem adverse.

Our Pilgrim forefathers, whose example is the basis of our national prayer holiday, were indeed thankful for wild turkeys, venison, and the fruits of the soil, but of far greater importance to them was the spiritual food of which they had partaken. They had tasted Christ; they had fed on the Word; they had drunk of its unadulterated milk; they had long since found the "living bread." So they could give thanks in plenty and also in adversity. Their gratitude did not change with the weather.

We have said that to give thanks in everything is a Christian virtue, and so it is. However, we find its foundation or its counterpart in a glorious Old Testament passage in the words of a little-read prophet. Here is how Habakkuk closes his little three-chapter book:

"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

"Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation."

Fortunately, not many of us are experiencing famine in the fields or no meat for the table. Our blessings are beyond enumeration. Real thanksgiving is that which would not lose its fervor in the midst of hard times, and that which is coupled with compassion for those who lack material and spiritual blessings.

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## Small Jottings of Wide Interest

A well-known correspondent has observed that the United Nations is where everyone goes seeking peace but where no one brings any to take away. Before water can be drawn from the well there must be water in the well. Real peace can only be found at a divine source.

None have been persecuted so long and so frequently as the Jews. Now that they have their own land and government we would expect to find there a safeguarding of religious liberty. We find it not. Baptists in Israel do not have religious freedom. The Ministry of Religion has refused to permit the Nazareth pastor to perform wedding ceremonies; there is no civil ceremony in Israel.

Japan's population has increased 16 million over 1945 in spite of a continually dropping birth rate. (It has dropped 30% in 8 years.) The increase in population is due largely to public health measures which have lowered the death rate. It poses a world problem; the necessity of fostering migration to other countries. There are already 10 million industrially unemployed in the cities.

The Protestant churches in Czechoslovakia are looking back at the Evanston Assembly. In their newsservice they make this significant statement:

"We perceive that we had better jettison all our enthusiasm for ecumenism unless it is based on the conviction that mistrust, aversion, and hatred cannot be broken down through organization and theological discussion, because they are fruits of sin." — EPS.

Did you know that more than 80 per cent of the population of East Germany is Protestant? Have you noticed that West Germany under the chancellorship of a Roman Catholic is showing a considerable increase in the ratio of Catholics to Protestants? The percentage is now about equal. Dr. Everett F. Harrison, just returned from a year of theological study in Germany, writes: "No doubt the menace of a burgeoning Catholicism in the West is the chief explanation for the attitude of

a church leader like Niemoller, namely, that Germany must become one again, even at the price of making concessions to Communism."

Professor Jerome G. Kerwin of the University of Chicago has pointed out that the founding fathers of our nation were more religious than we. He notes: "The Congress that proposed the First Amendment to the Constitution also passed the Northwest Ordinance, which made it a function of government to spread religion in the undeveloped territories." That is a far cry from the ruling of the New Jersey Supreme Court which declared it contrary to the First Amendment for Gideons to distribute Bibles to school students even with the written request of parents.

Church Management reports that when the publicity for the Revised Standard Version was launched, one of the enthusiasts stated that they had a quarter of a million dollars to spend on publicity and that when it was spent no one would remember that there ever was a King James Version. The editor took exception to that prediction. Now he observes that he was right, for the King James Version has not dropped in sales. He was wrong financially, however, for Church Management, which depends largely on its advertising, did not get any of the \$250,000 in RSV ads.

The Bible Society Record has the most stimulating article on Religion in American Life which your editor has seen in the early days of November. This article makes personal applications to habits of Bible distribution. It states that RIAL can only prepare the soil; it cannot sow; and that RIAL advertising does not win anyone to Christ. The concluding sentences read thus: "Hope for America grows dim wherever His Word is neglected. Here is your opportunity, with much to encourage you to do your part to strengthen Religion in American Life."

Sometimes God employs the acid of persecution or suffering to eat away the bonds that bind us to our past. — F. B. Meyer.

## October Budget Receipts

Attention is called to the Missions Page with its mention of a saddening letter that might have to be sent out to our workers if sufficient money does not come in to pay their salaries. Readers are also reminded to look on the back page for the October statement of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget. It would be well to refer at the same time to the Recorder of October 18 which gives the returns for September and the whole budget year.

It is encouraging to note that total contributions for the first month of the new year are much higher than last year. However, much of the increase seems to be accounted for by gifts to special causes by individuals coupled with the fact that six churches failed to get their larger year-end contributions sent in early enough to be counted in the statement of September 30. We are painfully aware that as we start the new year the list of contributing churches and groups is exactly half as long as at the end of the year. This is the usual pattern, but as the Scripture says, "My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

## Prayer Thought

Usually our "prayer thoughts" have emphasized the importance of prayer, its effectiveness, or its various aspects. Seldom have we given direct suggestions as to suitable objects for public and private prayer. We are glad to pass on the following suggestions copied from the weekly bulletin of one of our churches which is currently holding two prayer meetings a week.

"Remember to pray for: The Sabbath School, Young People's work, lost souls by name, cold and indifferent church members, the sick of our community, shut-ins, the secretaries of the various boards, the Sabbath Recorder editor as he makes up each issue of the Recorder, the new school in Jamaica, Ben Berry (in British Guiana), and for local evangelism."

The happiest people are less for getting and more forgiving — Hudson News Letter.

## MEMORY TEXT

And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Acts 13: 39.

## Secretary's Column

### Think in Terms of Monthly Needs Not in Terms of Annual Budgets

Our 1955 Denominational Budget needs \$5,896 a month to meet missionary payrolls, continue printing the Sabbath Recorder and the Helping Hand, and meet other monthly obligations that we as a denomination have accepted. Last month we gave undesignated budget gifts of \$3,212 — slightly over one half the monthly needs of our various agencies.

Examining the list reported by Treasurer Van Horn, we find that a number of the churches did not get their October contributions in to him in time for inclusion in the regular monthly report. This may in part have been due to the fact that the last Sabbath of the month so nearly coincided with the last day of the month, but the evidence so far available does not show a sufficient determination to keep the budget currently paid up.

This should be our objective this year more than ever before. With the largest budget we have ever had, it will become more nearly impossible than ever to "make it up" with a last-minute spurt of effort. Let's look on each month's budget requirement of \$5,896 as our aim and then hit the target monthly. It will be much easier, and it will insure that those who are dependent on our various agency payrolls eat. If the effort is postponed until next September, some of them might not be around to eat.

We adopted a budget at Conference. It is our responsibility. Let us forget for a while that it is an annual budget and remember only that the needs occur each month. Our monthly budget is \$5,896. We failed to meet it the first month of the Conference year. That increases the amount needed in November. Let us raise the November budget.

## LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Rev. E. S. Ballenger, Riverside, Calif.

After the Children of Israel had buried Aaron they made a request of the inhabitants of the land — to go through the territory belonging to Esau, or Edom. This request was refused. The Edomites were cousins to the Children of Israel, and as usual, there was a most acute controversy between cousins.

The Children of Israel then had to back-track toward the Red Sea, in order to get around the territory of Esau. The way was rugged and hot, being desert. The people began to complain, not only against Moses, but this time they complained against God. They were very much disappointed and dissatisfied with the food which the Lord had provided for them. The manna was becoming quite tasteless. They lusted for the fleshpots of Egypt.

However, the food which the Lord provided for them was the most perfectly balanced food that humanity has ever eaten. It is too bad that somebody didn't have a recipe for this food called "manna." There was not a single case of dyspepsia in the whole camp of the Israelites as long as they ate nothing but manna.

But, they became very bitter toward Moses, and even toward God. The rebellion became so pronounced that the record says, "The Lord sent fiery serpents among the people." Exodus 21: 6. Many of them were bitten by the reptiles and died, so many that those who were still alive began to recognize that something was wrong. They began to confess their wrongs, and called on Moses to pray for them, which he did. Moses interceded for the people with the Lord, and the Lord told him to make a brazen serpent and raise it on a pole where it could be seen by all the people. By merely looking at the brazen serpent, they were healed.

The Hebrew word from which "sent" is translated, is very frequently used in the sense of "let go," or "let loose." The serpents were abundant in that country, and God simply withdrew His protection from the people, and the serpents bit them right and left. God did not have to send the serpents; He simply removed

His restraint on them, so that the Children of Israel no longer had any protection from them.

What a foolish thing, one would say, just simply sticking a brass snake on a pole, as a healing agent for the toxic bites received by the people. You can well imagine how some of the people probably just laughed at the idea. How could one just look at a brass snake and expect to be healed. Of course, they should have believed Moses because Moses was honest and everything he promised came to pass. The method of cure certainly seemed foolish from the standpoint of human reasoning. But, it did work. That is the principal point. People might laugh, but when one of them was bitten by a serpent, and looked at the brass serpent, he immediately became cured. His testimony then caused others to believe and look, and hence their faith was rewarded in every instance.

Why did the Lord use what seemed to be such a foolish medium of healing, from the standpoint of human reasoning? If He had made a brazen serpent and told the people to touch it, that might have seemed more logical to the people. God wanted to teach these people a lesson; and that lesson was that the instrument was not responsible in the least degree for their healing. It was God that did the healing.

The New Testament uses this incident in a very forceful illustration. We are not required to look at a brazen serpent, but the instruction is to look at Christ crucified, for salvation, and it works in every case. One noted example of this was the thief who was crucified with Christ. He looked upon Christ and believed that there was a future life, and God accepted his faith. And, it is our privilege to meet the "thief" in the kingdom of God.

There is a very interesting episode in the history of the pioneers who settled in the Middle West. A very wicked family who paid no attention to religious matters, lived where rattlesnakes were common. One of the older boys of the family was bitten. While they had no confidence or faith in religion, nevertheless, they sent for an old circuit rider, to come and pray for Jimmie. The old man came, and

examined Jimmie and found him suffering terribly. He offered what seemed to be a very peculiar prayer. It is reported that he prayed as follows: "O Lord, we thank thee for rattlesnakes; we thank thee that one has bitten Jim. O Lord, send another snake to bite Bill. O Lord, send a big snake to bite the old man." This was a very effective prayer. Jimmie was restored to health, and the entire family accepted Christ as a result of this experience.

God's methods may look foolish to humanity, but so long as they work, let us try them. Let us have faith and look to God's methods whether it be reasonable from our point of view or not.

Later the Israelites began to worship their brass serpent, so that Hezekiah destroyed it. 2 Kings 18: 4.

—The Gathering Call.

### New Filmstrips Available

The Audio-Visual Committee of our Tract Society has recently purchased eight new filmstrips and is in the process of previewing and purchasing a number of others. Among these new filmstrips are several expensive ones accompanied by 78 or 33-1/3 rpm records. These are called sound filmstrips and require a record player as well as a projector. We would like to tell you about one of these.

"Seek Ye First" is a 17-minute sound filmstrip which tells the story of a young couple who have just joined the church and are asking the question, "What must I do to be a good church member?" The story outlines what it means to be a good Christian. It points out by means of the pictures that one must worship and share. They come to realize that they want to share their material possessions in gratitude to God. The minister explains to them that when they understand the needs of their church they will respond generously — with the traditional tithe, or even more.

This filmstrip could be used in starting off a financial campaign or on many other occasions where it is desired to appeal to youth and adults to lead a consistent Christian life.

There will be further notes about our other new material, some of which is for children.

### FRIEND OR FOE

Chaplain David J. Williams,  
Walters AFB, Texas

"Show me your friends and I'll tell you what kind of person you are," said Sally.

Don, a young teen-age soldier, retorted, "Awe, what difference does it make?"

It makes a lot of difference.

The choice of one's friends indicates which social level he prefers. It reveals whether he has intellectual interests, worth-while hobbies, top-notch morality toward such problems as drink, gambling, and sex. Furthermore, associates temper one as to religion, God, Jesus Christ, and the Church. It makes a lot of difference with whom we chum around.

The threadbare truth is this: many so-called friends are wolves (stab-in-the-backers) in sheeps' (friends') clothing. Sure — they make promises: "When I get my car, we'll do this," or, "Just wait until payday, we'll really fly high." A sad commentary on big talk is that, like a balloon, it will soon be deflated.

Quite often people talk much too confidentially, forgetting that any ear that will listen is also capable of betraying a confidence. Astronomical figures alone could begin to calculate the frequency of betrayal by a supposed friend. Friend or foe, daylight or darkness, sweet or bitter, good or bad — suffice it to say that the contrast between a genuine friend and a crawling enemy is very clear in the final analysis.

The world's outstanding literary masterpiece, the Bible, has this to say concerning friends: "A friend loveth at all times" (Prov. 17: 17). It also states the ultimate in friendship, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15: 13).

Recently the author talked with a soldier not yet 21. He said that he had never known a happy day in his life. When only 18, he attempted suicide. Being the victim of a broken home, though physically healthy he was terribly friendless and lonely. Everyone had let him down until his faith in humanity was shattered. Then he met the One who never fails — the Lord Jesus Christ. At last — solid rock, a friendship that was indissoluble. It was the Son of God who said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

This very day, YOU can receive life's greatest FRIEND. How? By admitting your need of a divine Saviour and by claiming God's exceeding great and precious promises.

Are your friends (?) vitally connected to the FRIEND? Only those who experientially know Christ will stand friends forever.

### TRACT EVANGELISM

#### A Means of Reaching the Lost

Though men are fallen by their iniquity and are to be recovered from their apostasy and condemnation only through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus there are various means of bringing them to a knowledge of the Saviour. One of the most effective is the printed page.

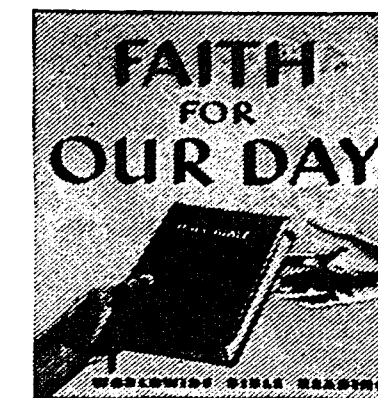
We are not ignorant of the alarming success with which Voltaire and his infidel associates proved the efficacy of the printed page in producing one of the most terrible moral convulsions which has ever shaken the world. Neither are we ignorant of the success in a different spirit through well-directed efforts in the cause of tracts, by which the continent was enlightened and reformed in the days of the great Reformation.

The ordinary man in the most obscure position can give away a tract; a minister may distribute them among his congregation and use them for counseling; the teacher and pupil, the parent and child, the master and servant, may become to each other the most effectual preachers by the circulation of tracts. The traveler may scatter them; merchants can place them on their counters; businessmen may transmit them in packages or in letters and invoices. The infinitely important truths of the Gospel (truths to make men "wise unto salvation"), may be emitted from numberless sources and in every direction.

An important thing to remember is to use tracts which appeal to the eye, yet have Bible-centered messages.

—American Tract Society.

More persons limit their capacity for accomplishment and enjoyment by believing nothing, rather than believing too much. — Selected.



### BIBLE READINGS THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

The Scripture selections which follow emphasize this theme.

#### NOVEMBER

25	Thanksgiving .....	Psalm 1
26	.....	Psalm 23
27	.....	Psalm 27
28	.....	John 1: 1-34
29	.....	Psalm 37
30	.....	Psalm 46

#### DECEMBER

1	.....	Psalm 51
2	.....	Psalm 91
3	.....	Psalm 103
4	.....	Psalm 121
5	.....	Isaiah 40
6	.....	Isaiah 53
7	.....	Isaiah 55
8	.....	Matthew 5
9	.....	Matthew 6
10	.....	Matthew 7
11	Bible Sabbath .....	Luke 15
12	.....	John 3
13	.....	John 10
14	.....	John 14
15	.....	John 15
16	.....	John 17
17	.....	Romans 8
18	.....	Romans 12
19	.....	1 Corinthians 13
20	.....	1 Corinthians 15
21	.....	Ephesians 6
22	.....	Philippians 4
23	.....	Hebrews 11
24	.....	Revelation 21
25	Christmas .....	Luke 2: 1-20

For 11 years ever-increasing numbers have used the Bible readings suggested by the American Bible Society. We hope that all of our readers as they follow them will remember to pray for the work of the Society.

## Missions

### Christmas Is Coming

The secretary may be required to write a sad letter to our mission workers along toward Christmas. You will recall that October and November budget receipts last year were so small that the salaries of Missionary Board workers were delayed. This affected approximately thirty heads of families.

It was learned after Christmas that one missionary pastor used the family's Christmas Club money, eked out bit by bit during the year, to pay the early December bills. The secretary never dared ask how that family managed for Christmas.

Do you want the following letter to have to be sent?

"Dear Missionary, I regret to inform that your December check will arrive late. I hope you will receive it before Christmas but it would be better not to plan on it. October budget receipts do not indicate that there will be enough to go 'round and somebody will have to wait. I trust that you will have a Merry Christmas anyway."

Just think for a moment as to how you would get along without your check for the labors of November. Would you be able to manage a Merry Christmas for your family? Please support the Denominational Budget generously enough and soon enough to make the writing of the above letter totally unnecessary.

### Nyasaland News

(Excerpts of letters received from Rev. David Pearson on Oct. 27 and Nov. 1.)

"We are staying with Beth and Joan in their home now. There were repairs to be made on the house before we moved in, and Ronald just moved out shortly before we arrived. There has been much to be done on the school buildings before school begins, so the workers have been putting their main forces toward that. Beth did a wonderful job of getting work done while we were gone north. The boardinghouses will be complete by tomorrow (October 14) when the boarding students arrive, and the two new schoolrooms will be done in fine shape by Mon-

day, October 18, the first day of school. The kitchen floor in our house had to be taken out and is now about replaced. Floors in about two more rooms will probably be redone because unburnt bricks were used and caused cracking and air spaces. Some walls may have to be repaired and painting done, and the roof needs some new thatching. We will probably move in about a week, and complete other things ourselves if needed. [They moved in about Oct. 20 as expected.]

"We enjoyed the trip north and found much of interest. Joan is going to write a complete log of it shortly so you can have the details. However, will mention some things of importance. At Nthinda, there were some problems in regard to tithing and disbelief in the resurrection which we tried to settle. We took along two native pastors to help in that, and they were valuable later, too. At Uzumara Church (which we had to walk about 12 miles to reach) we met Johnson Ernest (clerk of the church who had written to the board). . . . (It is almost 550 miles to Uzumara, the northernmost church.) Also on the trip some churches were discovered not listed in the Year Book, and others have a great increase in membership over that listed for them in '53. Wish we could have gotten an accurate report in for this Year Book but suppose it is too late to do it now."

"We plan to build some of the furniture for the house, so we won't have to buy much. That purchased must be specially built, then a truck hired to bring it, and then Africans have to carry it the last two miles because a truck cannot get across the bridges existing there now. One bridge was burned out yesterday by a grass fire, and we hope to put in a good one before too long."

"Signs of growth in the churches are encouraging. Last Sabbath was the third in a row that baptisms were conducted at our mission church. Tell the folks in the States to grow lest we surpass them in numbers.

"Joan asked me if I would teach a daily 40-minute class in religion for Standard 4. I was happy for the opportunity. Not being a teacher by profession I find it a novelty and a real joy. Certainly it is

a wonderful means of planting Christianity in the minds of the young. I'm teaching a survey of the New Testament. We are hoping also to teach a class of boys in Standard 6 along the lines of ministerial preparation. Wish to have just a small class of those who are God-called to the ministry."

### Plans at Indianapolis

Many who attended General Conference at Milton were happy for the privilege of meeting Rev. and Mrs. Albert E. S. McMahan. It will be recalled that Pastor McMahan is serving as spiritual leader of a group of Seventh Day Baptists at Ashtabula, Ohio, where he resides.

Plans were made while at Milton with Mrs. Helen Heilman, the Conference representative of the Indianapolis Seventh Day Baptist Church, to help their church. Pastor McMahan became interested in the effort to revive the work at Indianapolis and offered to go there immediately following Conference for a month, as a venture of faith, hoping to strengthen the church to the point where they might call a full-time pastor.

On Sept. 27 Mr. McMahan wrote as follows: "The month's visit to Indianapolis has come to a close with an encouraging outlook . . . with an official meeting of the congregation according to its own constitution, and all officers elected and the reception of two new members." Mrs. Heilman wrote, "The McMahan Mission was very worth while," and then she wrote of plans to extend a call to a possible pastor. A later letter wrote in discouragement that the pastor had written that he could not serve at the present time.

Out of a rather discouraging situation a plan was proposed whereby Pastor McMahan would serve the Indianapolis Church the third and fourth Sabbaths of each month and arrange for a program for the Sabbaths between. "This arrangement would be until Indianapolis would be strong enough for a full-time pastor. It would cut the budget for Indianapolis in half." Mr. McMahan felt that he could continue to serve the fellowship in Ashtabula during the first two Sabbaths of the month depending upon the assistance of

certain leaders in the fellowship. Word has been received that Kenneth Davis is serving as lay leader during Pastor McMahan's absences.

The above noted plan has been accepted by the Missionary Board with the understanding that the Shiloh and Battle Creek Churches will also assist as has been the plan in other years. According to present knowledge the plan has been found acceptable and Brother McMahan has served the Indianapolis group during the third and fourth Sabbaths of October. Remember this effort in your prayers.

### British Guiana Events

The Executive Council of Seventh Day Baptists was held at Vergenoegen, East Bank, Essequibo, on Wednesday, Sept. 8, with ten delegates from the churches in attendance. The meeting began at 9:40 a.m. with Rev. B. O. Berry as chairman. Rev. C. C. Belgrave served as secretary and supplied Supervisor Wardner Fitz-Randolph and the Missionary Board with a copy of the minutes of the meeting.

The statement of the treasurer, Brother James Agard, noted that "there was a sum of \$112.98 in the treasury." Other small sums were "yet to come in." After the listing of the delegates a hearty welcome was given to all by Mrs. B. O. Berry to which Rev. J. A. Tyrrell appropriately replied.

There were written reports presented from Georgetown, Wakenaam, and Vergenoegen. A letter from Sister A. English of the Pomeroon River was read regarding her "inability to attend and her failure to get anyone else to do so in order that the Pomeroon River may be represented. She also deplors the condition of the work in those parts."

The minutes further state:

"There were four motions presented to the council by the corresponding secretary. But inasmuch as the secretary had failed to inform all the churches in regard to his motions beforehand no discussions were made."

There was a general discussion of problems affecting the field. It was reported that the next meeting will take place at Wakenaam. The meeting was brought to

a close at 4:40 p.m. with singing and a prayer by the chairman.

The quarterly reports of the four pastors show many pastoral calls being made and much Sabbath literature being distributed. Prayer meetings and Sabbath morning worship services are held regularly. Two Sabbath converts and one conversion were reported.

### Joint Department on Evangelism

Dr. Berlyn V. Farris has succeeded Dr. Jesse Bader as executive director of the Joint Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches. There are fourteen members of the staff of the joint department of which Dr. Farris will serve as executive secretary.

Dr. Farris was welcomed to the Board of Managers of the Joint Department of Evangelism as one coming "with great experience out of a pastorate and with tremendous convictions regarding the primacy of evangelism."

"Dr. Roy G. Ross represented the National Council of Churches as its general secretary and spoke with warmth and enthusiasm of the great lineage with which Mr. Farris will enter, which stretches all the way from Peter at Pentecost down to the present day. He told of the great interest in religion which is manifesting itself in the life of our country at this time, and that it is a great day for evangelism in the interdenominational life of the Church, hoping that the Joint Department of Evangelism would not let down on the specific things which it is now doing; that it would explore new techniques such as television; that it would be the sparking center, keeping all the departments of the National Council of Churches aware of the need of a strong evangelistic thrust; and that ultimately, it could join hands with others around the globe in our common task of winning the world for Jesus Christ."

Pastor Charles Bond and Secretary Everett T. Harris have been chosen as Seventh Day Baptist representatives on the Board of Managers of the Joint Department of Evangelism for the ensuing year. The next meeting will be held December 8, 1954.

### Recent Happenings

Miss Jacqueline Wells flew from Idlewild Airport to Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I., Wednesday evening, November 3. She planned to arrive at 9 a.m., Thursday. Our Jamaica leaders were notified of time of arrival so that they might welcome her.

Gifts and pledges have been received toward the purchase of Makapwa Mission property such that the full amount is assured. Appreciation is expressed in behalf of the Missionary Society to our many friends for your generous gifts.

It was voted at the October 31 Missionary Board meeting to transfer a bequest from Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg amounting to \$1,253.48 to the General Fund. This was done in order to carry out her wish not to create a trust fund but to use the full amount "in missionary effort in furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ within a period of two years from the time of her death."

E.T.H.

### WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER

Mrs. Addison Appel, Farina, Ill.

**Topic:** The Priceless Gift of Peace

**Hymns:** It Came Upon the Midnight Clear  
There's a Song in the Air

**Responsive Reading:** Luke 2: 1-20.

**Duet:** "The Peace of God" — by Gounod.

**Leader:** Read John 14: 27 aloud.

**Prayer:** Almighty God, open our hearts in this Christmas season and teach us love, patience, and understanding. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Leader's Comments:** In this Christmas season, one's thoughts naturally turn to Jesus and the story of His life, birth, and death. We remember again the message of the angel to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men." Then we are apt to ask ourselves, "Where is the goodwill? Will peace on earth ever come?" It is true that our world is not peaceful; the threat of atom and hydrogen bombs hangs over us; we hear of wars, uprisings,

cold wars, rebellions, and discontent. Where, then, is peace in the world?

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, do I give to you." This wonderful gift of peace which was so freely given is ours if we but accept Christ. We don't have to pay a large sum of money in this transaction. If that were true, there would be few people who could afford peace. On the contrary, peace in our hearts is available to us all, rich and poor alike. How much peace do you have in your heart? Once we've accepted this priceless gift, we want to show to others the joy and love in our hearts that Christ gives. Let us all reconsecrate and rededicate our hearts, lives, minds, and loyalties anew in this Christmas season. Let us believe in Jesus' own words, "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

**Poem:** Christmastide, by Rev. A. J. C. Bond

When Jesus came to Bethlehem,  
A babe to Mary born,  
The world in darkness did not know  
That it was Christmas morn.

The heavens knew; the angels sang  
Glad songs to shepherds mild;  
The star that drew the wise men on  
Led to the Holy Child.

Today the Christmas anthems ring  
Throughout the whole wide earth,  
And Christmas stars in all our homes  
Proclaim the Saviour's birth.

New-born within our hearts today,  
O Christ, with us abide;  
By thy great love make all the year  
A happy Christmastide.

### NEWS BITS

Mrs. Leland Davis has been elected recording secretary of the Women's Board, to fill the vacancy made when Miss Jacqueline Wells resigned to leave for service in Jamaica.

Mrs. David Pearson writes from Nyasaland, where she and her husband are newly arrived missionaries, to thank the women for their generous gift of money and the love and thoughtfulness that prompted it. One purchase from this money was a

sewing machine, which she says will be a great help to her. All our missionaries at home and in far places, need our prayers. Let us keep them on our hearts.

Our women's societies contributed more than \$550 to the Continuous Support Plan of Alfred Theological School in the year 1953-54.

### CAMP MILES REPORT

Camp Miles was held July 6-12 at Columbus, Tex., on the ranch generously provided by James I. Stillman. Our staff consisted of Pastor and Mrs. Trevah Sutton, Pastor and Mrs. Clifford Beebe, Mrs. Austa Coalwell, George Stillman, and Mrs. Anne Looney. The campers were Evelyn FitzRandolph, Harold Bealor, Floyd and Judith Coalwell, Harold Deland, Susan Hall, Sandra Rogers, Lewis, Earl, Pearl, and Estrillita Hibbard, Kathy and Timmy Looney.

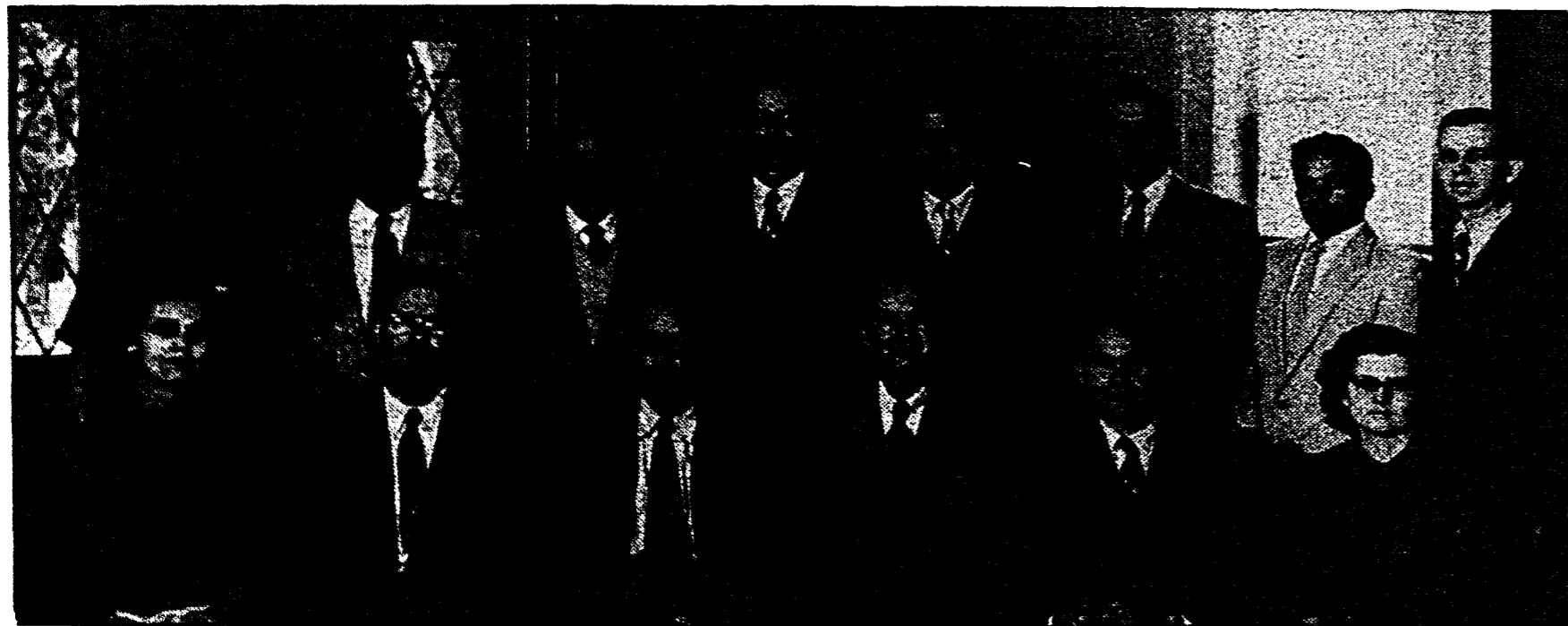
After a long and tiring journey, the campers in the two loads from Edinburg and Hammond drank cool water and made for the cots, but not for long. Aunt Austa called, "Come on! There's work to be done!" From that moment we worked, making up our cots, putting away food, posting bulletins, etc. Aunt Mary and Uncle Trevah, being wonderful directors, had us all pretty well situated by supper time. Car trouble prevented the Beebes, Looneys, Harold Deland, and Lewis Hibbard from arriving until Wednesday morning.

Sabbath day we had visitors from Hammond and Houston. After a wonderful morning church service and a large dinner, the adults sat under the trees and talked, and Mrs. Catharine Stillman took the campers for a hike. We collected beautiful stones and two or three new plants. We had our Youth's Counseling and camp singing program, and in the evening a campfire service in which everyone took part.

Most of us left early Sunday morning after a wonderful camp experience. We went our separate ways hoping to meet again, and God went with us and blessed us.

Sincerely,  
Beatrice Pearl Hibbard,  
Vice-President.

**SEMINARY FAMILY**  
**School of Theology, Alfred University**



Pictured from left to right: first row — Mrs. Janette Rogers; Rev. Albert N. Rogers, acting dean; Rev. Ahva J. C. Bond, dean emeritus; Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, professor of Biblical Interpretation; Rev. Melvin G. Nida, assistant professor of New Testament and Christian Ethics; Mrs. Marian Soper, assistant librarian; second row — Mrs. Huldah D. Bredenberg, lecturer in Christian Education; Rev. Richard Bredenberg, university chaplain; David Beebe, Rev. Paul Osborn, Delmar Van Horn, Doyle Zwiebel, Mynor Soper, Donald Richards; not in picture — Rev. Neal D. Mills, instructor in Christian Education; Rev. Ernest W. Bittner, Rev. John Beeson, Darrell Barber, students. Of the men mentioned above 7 are Seventh Day Baptist students, two or three on a part-time basis. Three of these students are pastors of churches in the Western Association. The others are assistants in other churches.

**WEST VIRGINIA FIELD TRIP**

See Nov. 8 issue for first part of article.

On Sunday, October 31, I drove from Lost Creek to Salem and went that evening with Rev. Ralph Coon to Berea where I gave my illustrated talk on Jamaica along with a short presentation of Christian education objectives. I was particularly thankful to visit for the first time the church of which my father was pastor before I was born. One or two people present remembered him and my mother who rode behind the saddle with him as their faithful horse climbed the hills and forded the streams when roads were little more than muddy trails.

The rest of the week was spent in Salem. On Friday night the World Community Day service was held in the Methodist Church. The speaker was Dr. M. C. Guha, professor of Chemistry in Salem College. He is an Indian and the inventor of a synthetic rice which will do much to relieve starvation in India.

The Sabbath morning service was in

charge of Deacon A. G. T. Brissey. I read the Scripture lesson and made the prayer. A challenging sermon was given by Dr. Robert S. Hicks, associate director of the American Institute of Family Relations. I observed some very excellent teaching in the Sabbath school. In the afternoon I presented the "Project Program," discussed Sabbath school problems, and showed the filmstrip, "Guiding Children in Worship," to an interested and receptive group of teachers and leaders.

Following the fellowship supper on Sunday night I spoke on Jamaica and showed my color pictures. An offering amounting to \$13 was given to me for the work of the Board of Christian Education. I had also received \$10 from the Middle Island Church. On Monday I drove home to Alfred having been away nearly three weeks. The trip was well worth while to me and I believe it created an increased interest in missions and a greater appreciation of the importance of the work of the local church and Sabbath school.

N. D. M.



**OUR CHILDREN'S  
 LETTER EXCHANGE**

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

Dear Mrs. Greene,

I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. My teacher is Miss Westfield and I like her very much. My Sabbath school teacher is Marie Bee.

My brother is in Little Genesee now with my aunt and uncle from Salem. They are visiting my aunt and uncle, Pastor and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn, and their family.

I read the letters in the Sabbath Recorder any time I look through it.

I went to church camp and liked it very much, all except it was my first year. I go to the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church.

I take piano lessons now, and like them. My piano teacher is Mrs. Ica Lyon.

Sincerely yours,  
 Carolyn Randolph.

Salem, W. Va.

Dear Carolyn:

Your letter was very welcome and I hope after this you will write often. Not only children but many grown people enjoy reading children's letters. I'm pretty sure you do.

We in the Western Association are proud of our church camp near Alfred Station. Many of our men are working each Sunday if the weather is suitable to improve its appearance and convenience. This week they were planning to finish putting on the new roof.

I'm glad you enjoy your piano lessons, for I think that means you will practice faithfully. "Practice makes perfect" is an old saying, and usually true.

Yours in Christian love,  
 Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

Did you have Halloween costumes as our Andover children did and go out ringing doorbells shouting "Trick-or-treat"? Before that begins in Andover there is a procession of boys and girls in all sorts of comical costumes, led by the school band and sponsored by the Exchange Club. Afterwards they go from house to house

with paper bags, asking for tricks or treats. About twenty-five came to my door and when I ran out of treats, the last five children said, "Never mind; our bags are almost full." The only mischief they were guilty of was to soap windows, but they did not soap mine this year. Still I wonder, as does the editor of the Sabbath Recorder, if children are acting like little Christians when they go out begging for things they don't need and don't even want. What do you think, Recorder boys and girls?

I'm sure the children of Alfred and Alfred Station celebrated Halloween. About seventy-five children in those towns solicited money which will buy over one million glasses of milk for hungry people overseas. "Sponsored by six church groups in Alfred and the Alfred Station Fellowship in Alfred Station, the children in Halloween costume rang doorbells between 6 and 8 p.m., asking for donations to send dried milk overseas through the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Contributions totaled over \$173, which means 1,107,200 glasses of milk can be provided in areas where persons are literally starving.

"Cocoa and cookies were ready for the Alfred children as they turned in their containers at the parish house, while cider and doughnuts were given the Alfred Station children in the church basement.

"This is the second year these solicitation have been made in the two communities, at Halloween time, giving the children an excuse to ring doorbells and show off their costumes."

Recorder boys and girls, don't you wish you could all spend Halloween in this wonderful way?

Yours in Christian love,  
 Mizpah S. Greene.

**Old Timer.** One such made no mention of oxcarts. He said that he came to Minnesota before there were any railroads, rats, or dandelions west of the Mississippi. We have yet to hear of any man who came to pioneer country prior to the entrance of sin. It follows on his heels more closely than rats and dandelions. The proclamation of salvation, unfortunately, spreads more slowly. Ed.

## Youth News

### Christian Leadership at Milton

Students of Seventh Day Baptist faith are not in the majority at Milton College, Wis. But when it comes to Christian leadership, they seem to predominate. When the Student Christian Association, a nondenominational Christian organization affiliated with regional and national YMCA and YWCA, elected its officers recently, five of the seven offices were filled with Seventh Day Baptist students.

Dick Stearns of Coudersport, Pa., was chosen president. Other officers that may be known to Recorder readers are: Justin Camenga, Beaver Dam, Wis., vice-president; Edwin Johnson, Milton Junction, Wis., social committee chairman; Eleanor Fick, Battle Creek, Mich., worship committee chairman; Denise Kagarise, New Enterprise, Pa., chairman of World University Service drive.

Another news report from Milton informs us that among those receiving the Tallman Scholarship for the second semester is J. Paul Green, a senior preparing for medical school. Justin Camenga, a freshman, and Joan Burdick, daughter of Russell W. Burdick of Milton, have been named for the Lynde Bradley Scholarship, which will ease the financial burden for them the second semester.

The annual meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Western Association of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches was held Friday night, October 15. Three carloads of young people from Little Genesee attended. In Bill Traver's car were Laura Burdick, Bob Greene, Wanda Van Horn, Shirley Knox, and Nina Traver. Mrs. Enos took Betty Enos, Peggy Stone, Mary Stone, Sue Ritter, Nancy Beck, and Sandra Pielow. In Pastor Van Horn's car were Arnold Van Horn, Andrea Reynolds, Delbert Wardner, Johnny Knox, Tom Grantier, and Duffie Allen. Chaplain Bredenberg of Alfred University was the speaker for the evening. Little Genesee was in charge of the devotions. In spite of the storm everyone had a very good time. — The Belfry.

### Salem Youth Evangelize

The Christian Endeavor Youth Fellowship of Salem, W. Va., annually conducts evangelistic meetings with a youth emphasis. Last year Rev. Lester G. Osborn was invited to be the guest speaker. This fall the responsibility for conducting the meetings was passed around to the Christian Endeavor societies of the participating churches. The week of special meetings was inaugurated with a prayer meeting at the Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m., led by Bob Casey, evangelistic committee chairman. The Seventh Day Baptist group was made responsible for the closing Friday evening meeting, Oct. 22.

### Churches Meet at Richburg

The semiannual meeting of the Western Association was held Sabbath day, Oct. 16, at the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church. The morning sermon was given by Rev. Melvin Nida, a professor in the Alfred School of Theology.

In the afternoon the students of the seminary each gave a short talk on the work of a seminarian. The talks were all worth while and well presented. Rev. Paul Osborn of the Richburg and Nile Churches gave a prayer for the growth in Christian service. Rev. Albert Rogers conducted the afternoon service and a chorus in which all the students and faculty members sang. A fine Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all. — The Belfry.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — October 2 was a big date for the Sabbath school, with the children receiving promotions to new classes. Instead of regular class study, everyone met in the sanctuary and enjoyed a special program under the direction of Miss Dora Hurley, superintendent. The children's songs were rendered with touching sincerity.

The annual business meeting was held the evening of October 3, preceded by a pot-luck fellowship dinner. Only part of the business was accomplished and the meeting was adjourned till the 17th. Pastor Alton L. Wheeler was unanimously

re-elected and the following new officers were installed: Philip Lewis, president; David Henry, vice-president; and Mrs. William Rymer, secretary. Mrs. Albert Withrow was retained as treasurer, Mrs. Gleason Curtis as director of music, and Mrs. Philip Lewis as organist. The trustees are: Merrill Van Noty, R. C. Brewer, Rex Brewer, Elmer Maddox, and Robert Babcock.

Despite our heavy financial program the report of the treasurer showed a narrow margin of solvency.

Plans for enlarging and making more classrooms were made in the Sabbath school business meeting on October 17. It is a joy to see so many children coming to hear the Word of God. We also voted to hold a special mission emphasis program as a corollary of the Sabbath school with a special offering for missions each thirteenth Sabbath. Our first mission program was given October 23. Slides and tape recordings made our mission fields come alive and made the need vivid. Our people responded with a gift of \$80.82.

A special service was held on Sabbath afternoon, October 23, for the purpose of ordaining four of our consecrated members previously elected to the diaconate: Laroy Maxson, Dale Curtis, Mrs. Laroy Maxson, and Mrs. Rex Brewer. Pastor Wheeler delivered the charge with Rev. Leon R. Lawton and Elder E. S. Ballenger assisting in other parts of the service.

The Bible Reading Fellowship has been resumed with studies from the Old Testament. Pastor Wheeler has been leading us in penetrating studies from the Book of Genesis each Sabbath eve of October, with good attendance. A large number from both of our Los Angeles Churches are joining the reading program.

Many of our people participated in the three-day fall meeting of the Pacific Coast Association at Los Angeles, October 8-10. On the last Sabbath of the month, we were blessed by the showing of the first of a series of three films entitled "Formation of the Bible." That evening there was a party at Pacific Pines Camp and many stayed overnight in order to put in the last day of the month in the service of God, working on the interior finishing of the boys' barracks. We are thankful to

God and those faithful hands which have brought so much to pass.—Correspondent.

BERLIN, N. Y. — Once again we had the pleasure of entertaining on October 15-16 the yearly meeting of the New Jersey, New York City, and Berlin, N. Y., Churches. Sermons by Rev. Carl Maxson, Rev. Lee Holloway, Rev. Leon Maltby, and Rev. Rex Burdick, with worship services and a testimony meeting gave us much food for thought. In spite of the rapid approach of "Hurricane Hazel," the attendance was good and except for a heavy downpour and wind on Friday night, the weather was fairly good.

Shortly before the yearly meeting, Miss Hattie Peckham, who had the longest term of membership in our church, was laid to rest in the Berlin cemetery.

We are happy to learn that the heart specialist has given our pastor a clean bill of health.

We are glad to welcome back Mrs. L. A. Wing who spent the summer in Wisconsin with her sister-in-law. Just before leaving, she was given a tea by her daughter-in-law in honor of her eighty-ninth birthday. — Correspondent.

MARLBORO, N. J. — The news has been released that Pastor C. Rex Burdick has resigned in order to accept a call to the Salem, W. Va., Church. It is with reluctance that the church has accepted the resignation of a pastor who has so effectively led the congregation. However, there is a feeling that he is going on to a field of great service as he ministers to a college-town church where young people from many congregations spend four of their formative years. Mr. Burdick not only completed his theological seminary requirements while pastoring the Marlboro Church, but went on to secure a master's degree in theology. His experience and training should fit him well for the duties he expects to undertake at Salem next February.

Members of the church have been giving prayerful thought to the securing of a new pastor. A call has already been extended and the people are hopeful that the pulpit will soon be filled. — Ed.



**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**  
Statement of the Treasurer, October 31, 1954

Receipts	
	October
Albion .....	\$ 17.67
Associations and groups .....	36.13
Battle Creek .....	428.88
Berlin .....	24.00
Boulder .....	41.77
Brookfield, First .....	10.00
Chicago .....	120.00
Daytona Beach .....	43.70
De Ruyter .....	341.63
Dodge Center .....	95.00
Farina .....	15.00
Independence .....	30.00
Indianapolis .....	15.90
Individuals .....	1,953.11
Little Genesee .....	64.29
Los Angeles .....	76.50
Marlboro .....	317.82
Middle Island .....	16.13
Milton .....	363.75
Milton Junction .....	127.69
New Auburn .....	18.72
Nortonville .....	34.50
Philadelphia .....	20.00
Piscataway .....	12.00
Plainfield .....	207.50
Putnam County .....	10.00
Rockville .....	11.00
Salemville .....	68.00
Schenectady .....	100.00
Shiloh .....	230.00
Walworth .....	25.00
Waterford .....	21.35
White Cloud .....	31.59
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$4,928.63</b>

Disbursements		
	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society .....	\$1,238.08	\$ 400.85
Tract Society .....	289.60	
Board of		
Christian Education .....	566.08	25.00
Women's Society .....	140.48	85.00
Historical Society .....	51.52	976.56
Ministerial Retirement .....	398.72	228.84
S. D. B. Building .....	55.36	
General Conference .....	448.96	
World Fellowship and Service .....	11.20	
Balance on hand		
October 31 .....	12.38	
<b>Totals .....</b>	<b>\$3,212.38</b>	<b>\$1,716.25</b>

Comparative Figures		
	1954	1953
Receipts in October:		
Budget .....	\$3,212.38	\$2,403.31
Specials .....	1,716.25	375.42
Annual Budget .....	70,750.00	63,121.22
Portion of budget raised to date .....	4.5%	3.8%

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**  
for December 4, 1954  
The Use of the Sabbath  
Lesson Scripture: Mark 2: 23—3: 6.

**Accessions**

Lost Creek, W. Va.  
By Baptism:  
  Carolyn Loofboro  
  David Curry  
By Testimony:  
  Mrs. David (Helen Ruth) Curry  
  Mrs. James (Donna) Williams

**Obituaries**

**Johnson.** — Bertha G., daughter of Louis Frank and Anna Ayers Glaspey, was born in Farina, Ill., on June 1, 1874, and died in Point Pleasant, N. J., on Oct. 20, 1954.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Charles A. Manson, of Point Pleasant; Dr. Isabel Johnson and Mrs. Joseph G. Hancock, both of Greenwich, N. J.; and a son, Arthur G. Johnson, of Point Pleasant. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, N. J. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Benjamin R. Durham at the Van Hise Funeral Home with burial in the White Lawn Cemetery in Point Pleasant. — B. J. M.

**Van Horn.** — Alberto Jay, was born Feb. 23, 1868, at Welton, Iowa, and died at a Cedar Rapids hospital Oct. 4, 1954.

Mr. Van Horn resided at Garwin, Iowa, most of his life and was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of that community until its dissolution. His first wife and mother of his children, Lucy Babcock, died many years ago. His second wife, Mrs. Mary McPheran, whom he married in 1922 died in 1936. At the death of his third spouse last spring he returned from Oakland, Calif., to make his home with a daughter in Cedar Rapids.

Survivors are a son, Harold, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Van Horn, both of Cedar Rapids; 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Blanche Furrow, of Blair, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jackson Burns of St. Paul's Methodist Church of Cedar Rapids and burial was at the Garwin Union Cemetery. — Mrs. Blanche Furrow.

**CALENDARS WITH THE SABBATHS IN RED**

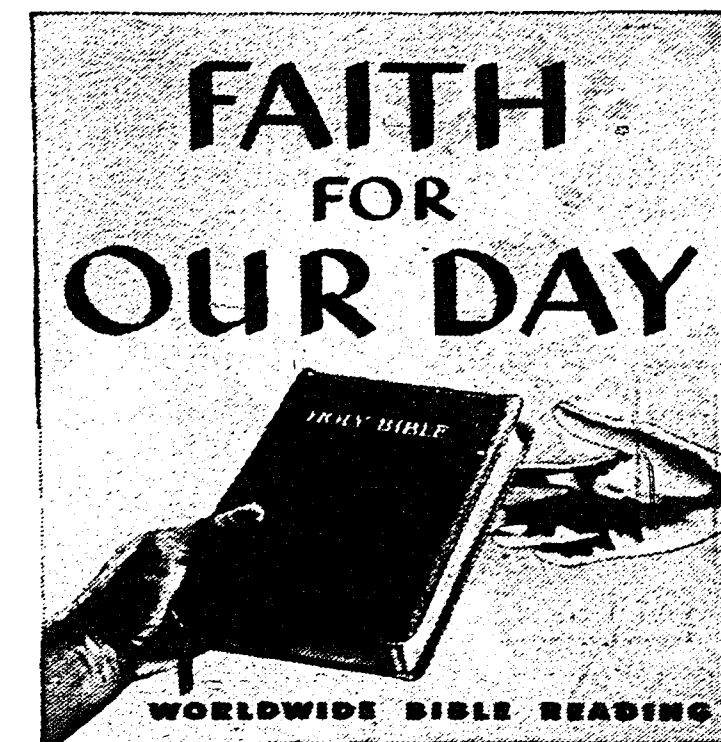
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"Religious faith, in our time, is under massive attack by a strongly entrenched atheistic materialism. In such a time, how clear it is that we should treasure and further every act which fuels the flame of our faith. The observance of Worldwide Bible Reading is such an act; and I prayerfully hope that its success this year will be greater — that its imprint in the hearts and minds of the peoples of the world this year be more pervasive—than ever before.

"I am sure that all who value faith and freedom join with me in congratulating those good people who annually bring to pass this meaningful observance."

DECEMBER 11 IS BIBLE SABBATH. OBSERVE THE DAY!