

# The Sabbath Recorder

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**NORTONVILLE, KAN.** — The church extended congratulations to our graduates at the services on May 15. Darlene Crouch Smith was graduated from Nortonville High School as valedictorian of the class, Judy Wells and Billy Crandall from the eighth grade at Nortonville, and Danny Niemann and Jimmie August from Atchison County. Edward Robert Wheeler (Bob) received his M.D. degree from Kansas University.

Mr. and Mrs. Albyn Mackintosh and family visited our church June 5. As a member of Commission, he brought us a report of the problems of our denomination. A fellowship dinner was held in the basement following the morning service. In the afternoon Mr. Mackintosh showed slides of Seventh Day Baptist work.

Vacation Bible School ended Friday, June 11, with over 40 pupils enrolled. The teachers were Lila Rose Bond, kindergarten; Mrs. Floreen Bond and Mrs. Julia McCoy, primary; Miss Zella Babcock, the junior; and Pastor Davis the junior high. Pastor Davis was the supervisor. Mrs. Charles Wheeler had charge of the Bible School picnic. The school presented a very interesting and well-planned program, June 12.

On Sunday following the Bible School Miss Babcock entered Cushing Hospital for major surgery which was successful.

The Ottawa Fellowship met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Reser at Wellsville, on Sabbath afternoon, July 3. —Mrs. Laurence Niemann, Correspondent.

**RIVERSIDE, CALIF.** — Early in June, Pastor Alton L. Wheeler made a ten-day trip through much of the state visiting lone Sabbathkeepers. During his absence from the pulpit Dale Curtis was in charge of the Sabbath morning worship service with Robert Henry of Fontana as the speaker.

Upon his return, Pastor Wheeler devoted a Sabbath eve prayer service to recounting this trip in which he met both encouragement and heartbreak. Following the fellowship lunch Sabbath noon, he gave a further account and outlined some of the problems confronting the Pacific Coast Association in attempting a unified work over such a widely scattered area. Since the Bakersfield section is

reasonably near, and there is a good interest there, it was proposed that work be done in the near future under joint responsibility of the Riverside and Los Angeles Churches, with Bakersfield co-operating. This proposal was met with enthusiasm. There is a possibility that some work could be carried out during the summer in the San Francisco Bay area while Oscar Burdick is still in Berkeley. Later, it was hoped that other localities could be included.

A mid-June highlight was the graduation of two of our young people from Riverside Polytechnic High School along with some six hundred other students. Lloyd Curtis, who has college in his future plans, and Martin Sloan, keenly interested in forestry, were the graduates.

On June 27, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry of Fontana were congratulated by their many relatives and friends in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Intensive and sacrificial activity throughout the month has resulted in a nearly completed duplex boys' barracks at Pacific Pines Camp. For this near miracle we rejoice as we focus our prayers and attention on the camping season. — Correspondent.

## CAMP NEWS BITS

Camp Wakonda, the Seventh Day Baptist camp being developed in the Milton, Wis., area, entered a comical float in the 4th of July parade and won third place.

The Shiloh, N. J., Church, at its bi-monthly business meeting in July, voted to establish a fund for a campsite and appointed a committee to investigate possible future campsites. The South Jersey camp has had the use of the building belonging to the Shiloh Deer Hunters' Club.

Camp Holston at Battle Creek, Mich., like some of the other conveniently located permanent camps is widely used by the whole church, according to a recent bulletin.

Lewis Camp, our oldest camp, had to call in extra help to take care of an enrollment which was twice as large as had been anticipated (44). The campers worshiped in the Ashaway, R. I., Church, Sabbath morning, July 17, with the dean of the camp, Rev. Paul Maxson, preaching the sermon.



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## OUR MILITARY CHAPLAINS

At the present time to the best of our knowledge, there is only one Seventh Day Baptist chaplain on active duty — David Williams with the Air Force in Texas. He is reportedly finding an important and relatively satisfying field of labor, though he probably will not stay in the service indefinitely.

Kenneth A. Stickney, now employed at secular labor at Holland, Mich., was released from service more recently than any of our World War II chaplains. Due to a temporary health condition he was kept from going overseas. Since recovering his health the quotas have been full and he does not expect to be able to get back to active duty. He is therefore available for a suitable call to a church as the Lord may lead.

Several of our younger ministers have seen considerable military duty as enlisted men and are therefore well aware of the potentialities of the chaplaincy for consecrated men of God.

At least one young minister, Leland Davis, received part of his schooling under a Navy program looking toward the chaplaincy. However he was released and completed his training without government aid.

Of the four army chaplains who were on duty during World War II Chaplain Wayne Rood and Chaplain Leon Maltby have kept a connection with the Reserve Program of the Army. Chaplains Hurley Warren and Luther Crichlow, to the best of our knowledge, are not in the Reserve. As this Recorder reaches its readers the editor is doing his annual two weeks of active duty with the 78th Infantry Division at Camp Drum, N. Y.

## Our Cover

This year the Army celebrates the 179th anniversary of the establishment of the chaplaincy. On July 29, 1775, the Continental Congress passed a resolution establishing the pay of chaplains as twenty dollars per month. From this humble beginning the chaplaincy has grown into the present-day organization of more than 1,400 clergymen of the Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish faiths who serve American troops wherever they may be stationed. . . .

Attendance at religious services is en-

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## TOP-HEAVY WITH MISSIONS?

We raise the question again, are we as a denomination top-heavy with foreign missions? Some of our people have said so. We hope that no one at our forthcoming General Conference will voice that ill-founded opinion without some show of proof. Until we have seen that proof we will continue to believe that foreign missions is one of the highest expressions of firmly based Christianity. Top-heaviness is next to impossible when we are grounded on truth and reaching toward the highest calling of God.

It could be possible for a denomination to have several elements of error in its foundation and still be very strong in its foreign work. The Catholic church is not the only one to which that would apply. Success, as viewed by human eyes, would seem to depend even more on the zeal born from thinking that we alone possess the truth needed by the world than upon actually having that truth.

If we were to entertain the thought for the moment that we are top-heavy in foreign missions we would have to ascribe it either to lack of truth in the foundation

tirely voluntary in the Army. Regular sabbath and special holiday services are always scheduled, and the chaplain is always available for consultation and religious instruction. The rest is up to the individual soldier. The Army's religious program includes all the activities found in a civilian community from choirs and Bible study groups to Daily Vacation Bible Schools for the children of soldiers living on the post. . . .

America can well be proud of her military chaplains. Serving side by side with quiet heroism and high devotion to duty, these clergymen of various faiths are a shining example of brotherhood in action. Although they have reached the greatest heights of heroism and sacrifice in times of war, these chaplains, like the churches and the civilian congregations they represent, work and pray that this Nation under God shall lead the world into a new era of peace and security for all mankind.

Patrick J. Ryan, Maj. Gen.,  
Chief of Chaplains.

or lack of zeal at the home front. Who is willing to admit that there is Scriptural error in the fundamental teachings historically proclaimed by Seventh Day Baptists?

No one can truthfully say that Seventh Day Baptists are poorer in this world's goods than their neighbors or their Sabbathkeeping neighbors, the Seventh Day Adventists. If there is a lack anywhere it is a lack of consecration and zeal. We hold the truth but we hold it too loosely. We grip it with feeble hands and do not allow it to grip us.

For years the Seventh Day Adventists, we understand, contended that the tithes should all go to the ministry, and all local church expenses should be met by additional offerings. By the ministry they meant the foreign ministry. Their people responded to that appeal. They sent their money to foreign missions. The result is that they now have members outside the coasts of North America in the ratio of three to one on this continent. The home church did not suffer because of this foreign missions emphasis. Out of the total world-wide tithes and offerings of \$60,000,000 in 1953, it is claimed that \$47,000,000, or \$181.57 per capita, was given by Adventists in North America.

Not until we have tried foreign missions on a proportionate scale should we ever entertain the thought that we are top-heavy with missions.

For the time being at least, we have lost our opportunity to carry on our China work. We cannot even send clothing and food directly to our sister churches in East Germany. India has been calling for help but the Indian Government is fast closing the doors to missionaries. It is too late to send anyone to those teeming millions, but a missionary could be doing a great work if he had been sent previously. Several countries in South America are now closed to the Gospel. No one dares predict how long some of the countries on the continent of Africa will welcome new missionaries. However, there is still room in the world for all the missionaries that the churches can produce. While we talk about being top-heavy, the doors of opportunity close and the golden windows fade as with the setting sun. Now is the time for action, not argument.

## Secretary's Column

Giving to the Denominational Budget during June was the equivalent of 1 1/4 months' requirements of the budget. This would be excellent if it were at all consistent. However, in spite of the showing during June, the total giving for the first nine months of the Conference year is just under half the year's requirements. In other words, with three months of the Conference year yet to go, we have over six months' requirements to be raised.

Let's make August a month of denominational giving. There is still time to assure that July giving will be on a par with June giving, but generous gifts during August would seem particularly appropriate due to the fact that it is in August that Conference meets. If we all put our shoulders to the wheel during August, it is still possible to come up to the end of Conference year with the budget raised.

During past years it has been customary for congregations at home during the time of Conference to give their Sabbath morning offering to the Denominational Budget. Commission is requesting the home congregations to give their special Conference gifts the Sabbath prior to Conference so that the money may be included in the report of Conference while still in session. Let's go even a step farther and make the month of August a Budget-giving Month.

While giving at the end of June was only 48% of the budget as compared with 56% last year, total gifts through the Denominational Budget are 18% higher this year than they were a year ago. The budget itself is, of course, about 36% greater than last year's budget. Some encouragement may be found in the fact that total giving so far tops previous giving even though it does not come as close to meeting our budget requirements.

### News Item

As most readers of the Sabbath Recorder know, the World Council of Churches will be holding its Second Assembly at Evanston, Ill., during the time our Conference is in session at Milton. It is anticipated that attendance at the assembly

## A PRAYER FOR CONFERENCE

Lois Fay Powell

Dear Lord, enthroned in heaven above,  
Grant us full measure of Thy Love,  
With power to see Thee as Thou art —  
Thy constant faith within our heart.

We are beset with problems great,  
With handicaps in home and state;  
Grant purpose firm and visions clear,  
To follow with Thy Presence near.

We feel Thy Power in each day's sun  
Which opens up the race we run;  
May we draw closer to that Power,  
In wisdom's harmony each hour.

Why should we wander in distress  
When Thou hast promised blessedness?  
Why fail to grow in heavenly grace  
Which Thou dost promise to replace?

O draw us up and on to see  
Our part in Thine eternity;  
And may our hands not slip from Thine,  
But with Thy Holy Spirit twine,  
Till we attain, "Well done," complete,  
As we Thy Gospel themes repeat;  
And may we dedicate our all  
Responding to Thy loving call.

will crowd the facilities of Northwestern University where it is to be held, but arrangements have been made for a certain number of general visitor admissions to some of the open sessions.

These admissions are pro rated according to the size of the various denominations participating and are available on the payment of certain fees. We have five admissions for the entire group of general sessions, which costs \$12.50 for the entire series. In addition, it will be possible to purchase individual tickets for certain evening sessions as well as one or two afternoon sessions at \$1.00 apiece from offices of the World Council itself.

Executive Secretary Crofoot is holding the general admission tickets available to our denomination and will make them available according to the decisions of Commission. Information about the entire program or the purchase of tickets for the eleven public sessions may also be obtained from the executive secretary.

A. B. C.

## Prayer Thought

Sometimes I have tried to list the Scriptural conditions for having our prayers answered. However, since I have come to appreciate how anxious God is to have us fellowship with Him, I am sure He does not set any limiting conditions for our coming to Him. The Bible does suggest ways for us to come to Him. They are really aids to prayer which, if followed, will make prayer easier and more natural for us. Let us consider some of these passages.

1. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer. 29: 13. Do we have an intense desire to come into God's presence or do we feel that we would be embarrassed to have to talk with Him? Can one simply pump up such desire if he does not have it? Perhaps not, but if we learn of Him through nature, through people, through the Bible, and especially through Jesus, the longing for Him will come. An intense desire for something we know He is waiting to give us is surely an incentive to prayer.

2. This brings us to the second help found in 1 John 5: 14. "If we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us." Asking for questionable things sets up a barrier to prayer, but how easy it is to ask for things we know God wants us to have. Will He deny such petitions? What a foolish question!

3. We may come in His name. God is so far above us in every way that, if we are not accustomed to it, we may hesitate to come to Him. It is easier for us humans to understand the human Jesus and to come to love Him. How natural for Him to bring us to God. He Himself has cleared the way and after all He is God. "If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it." John 14: 14.

4. Perhaps faith is most commonly thought of as a condition for answered prayer. Let us think of it as one of the most important aids to true prayer. How natural to come to God if we have complete faith in Him. We have perfect faith that our loved ones will do what they think is best for us. We know they will not take advantage of us. May we not have at least that much faith in God?

## President's Column

### More Questions on First John

We promised you questions on the other chapters of our Conference "Book-of-the-Year." Here they are: Chapter 3 — What did Christ do for us? to Satan? What assurance can we have for a future life? How does this assurance affect our living? How is true love known? What are the signs of a false love? Does John lead us to believe that one should "let conscience be his guide"?

Chapter 4 — Of what are we to beware? What is the test of God's presence? Give the verse which gives the great test of our love.

Chapter 5 — How is one born of God? How is love to our brethren to be shown? What is the result of being born of God? Why did John write this epistle?

Thanks to the Pacific Coast Bible Reading Fellowship for these.

### Music At Conference

Seventh Day Baptists are a singing people. Professor Leman Stringer, chorister of the Milton Church, is music director for Conference. The Conference choir will bring a special number each night, and of course on Sabbath morning. Sunday night under "The Choir Sings," they will bring us half an hour of their best.

Three "Youth Sings" sessions are planned, under the leadership of Miss Lois M. Wells. "The Men Sing" is on Thursday night. If you have a "Towner" bring it along. Sabbath eve "The Congregation Sings" features some the good old hymns of the church.

Of course there will be other special numbers, and congregational singing. Our Conference hymn is "I Know Whom I Have Believed," and the theme chorus, "To Know Him."

### "More Things are Wrought by Prayer"

Rev. Ralph H. Coon is setting up our Conference prayer program. There will be special meetings for prayer each morning at 8 o'clock and each evening at approximately 9:15 o'clock, under the leadership of various pastors and laymen. A prayer room will be open at all times for anyone, or any group, wishing to spend a few moments at "the throne of grace." If

## MEMORY TEXT

To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins. Acts 10: 43.

## MILTON TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULES

The Conference Transportation Committee hopes the following travel information will help Conference and Pre-Con Camp visitors plan their travel schedules. The Transportation Committee will be glad to meet trains, buses, and planes if notified as to method of travel and time of arrival.

## Bus travel (Standard Time)

Greyhound bus leaves Chicago	Arrives at
9:30 A.M. ....	Milton, 2:15 P.M.
12:45 P.M. ....	Milton, 6:00 P.M.
4:00 P.M. ....	Milton, 8:58 P.M.
12:45 A.M. ....	Janesville, 4:35 A.M.
5:30 A.M. ....	Janesville, 10:40 A.M.
7:45 A.M. ....	Janesville, 12:10 P.M.
2:10 P.M. ....	Janesville, 6:48 P.M.

## Train travel (Standard Time)

Milwaukee Road	
Leave Chicago	9:30 P.M.,
	arrive Milton Jct. 11:42 P.M.
Northwestern Road	
Leave Chicago	6:30 P.M.,
	arrive Janesville 8:47 P.M.
Leave Chicago	10:05 A.M.,
	arrive Janesville 1:10 P.M.
Leave Chicago	10:00 A.M.,
	arrive Janesville 11:52 A.M.
(No checked baggage)	

## Plane travel (Central Daylight Time)

Three planes from Chicago to Janesville via North Central Airlines at 9 A.M., 11 A.M., and 6:30 P.M.

C. M. Todd, chairman,  
Transportation Committee.

our Conference is to be more than just a "family get-together" it must be brought about by prayer. So keep praying earnestly for an outpouring of the Spirit, and a deeper experience for yourself and all of us.

## Missions

## Some Things to Be Remembered in Considering Missions

(Reprint of major portion of address delivered by Secretary William L. Burdick at the General Conference in Boulder, Colo., August 19, 1936.)

This is missionary day and you expect to hear subjects pertaining to missions discussed. There are many things I would like to say in the presence of the delegates here assembled, but we can consider only a few of them. Therefore my subject may be said to be, "Some Things to Be Remembered in Considering Missions."

## I

Love is the fundamental principle in Christian missions.

Viewed in a certain way, there are two kinds of love, namely, the incoming and the outgoing love. The incoming love is that which we receive from others — God the Father and our friends. Outgoing love is that which goes out from our hearts to others — to God and our fellow men. We often complain because other people do not love us. It is both delightful and helpful to be loved by others, but it is vastly more important that we have the outgoing love. All except God may conspire and turn against us, and in spite of this we can triumph gloriously. But not so if the outgoing love is lacking; nothing can save us; all is lost.

It is, I say, this outgoing love that is the fundamental principle in missions. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him need not perish, but have eternal life." Love in the heart of God started Christian missions, and outgoing love has promoted them through the ages. If the church has love, it will promote missions. If the individual has the outgoing love, he will promote missions; he cannot help it. The missionary spirit and activity are the measure of our religion.

## II

In considering missions, we need to keep in mind their purpose.

There are different ways of stating the purpose of missions. The object of missions is to evangelize and Christianize the world.

To evangelize the world in this generation is to present the Gospel to every intelligent creature in such a way that he may have the opportunity to know and accept it, if he will; while to Christianize goes a step farther, namely, it means to lead all to accept the Gospel, or Christ's way of life. This God alone can do. We can, we must, present the Gospel to every creature in our day. God can and will lead men to accept.

Considered in the light of the individual it is the purpose of the Christian Church and missions to produce transformed and redeemed men. A redeemed man is the noblest fruit earth ever offered to heaven. Missions and evangelism bring to all men the glad message that God is love, that if they will turn to Him and lead lives of love, He will wash their sins away and fill their lives with joy and blessedness. Physical education is to improve and perfect the physical; intellectual education is to improve and perfect the intellectual; and spiritual education is to improve and perfect the spiritual. It includes the development of the entire being.

The Bible carries this a step farther, and we ought to. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him might have eternal life." Have what? Have eternal life. What is eternal life? "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." Eternal life is to know God, and who is God? "God is love." Eternal life then is to know love. It is to bask in the love of God and all good men; but more, it is to have our own hearts beat and throb with perfect love; it is to love for evermore as Christ loved in word and deed.

The work of the church and missions, considered from the standpoint of human institutions, has its chief field in reference to the home and state. Church and missions are God's means of producing and maintaining homes that are a type of the heavenly home and that will be a constant help, uplift, and benediction to all members of the home. It is God's intention that homes should be places where each generation is reared in peace, love, and righteousness. The church and missions endeavor to bring this about.

The state is a divine institution intended to protect all men in the right to hold property, and to enjoy life, liberty, and an equal opportunity. Also it is its province to prevent injustice in industrial, economic, social, and religious affairs, and to do whatever is necessary for the common welfare and happiness of the people. The thing governments need most of all is righteousness. They are as righteous as those who constitute them and as godless as those in power. It is the history of governments, through the ages, that they fall because of unrighteousness. It the purpose of the Church and missions to produce righteous governments by producing righteous citizens and officers in government.

This, then, is the purpose of missions: To transform men the world over and nurture them till they are perfected into the likeness of Christ, and to transform human institutions till they are really types of heaven itself.

(To be continued)

## Report From Student Quartet

[Note: The following article was written by Mynor Soper, a member of the student quartet at the request of Secretary Harris. Mr. Soper will present a more detailed report on the Missionary Society's Program at General Conference. E. T. H.]

Perhaps you folks would like to know just what the Gospel Quartet, which you voted at Conference to put on the field, has been doing this summer. I shall try to give an account of what has taken place and what we have done.

The quartet, including Herbert Soper, bass, Doyle Zwiebel, baritone, Mynor Soper, second tenor, and Tom Bond, first tenor, started from Salem, W. Va., on June 5, the day after two of us were graduated from Salem College. En route to Fouke, Ark., where we were to hold our first meetings, we stopped at Paint Rock, Ala., where we spent our first weekend with the Sopers. While there we were initiated into the work we had set out to do — that of proclaiming the Gospel message in song. At Fouke we helped Pastor Sutton for a couple of days in a retreat for the very young people of that church and community. We were joined

there by Pastor Hurley and began a series of ten days of meetings in that church on July 11. During our stay there we were not only blessed by our experience of participating in evangelistic meetings, but we were afforded the opportunity to do some evangelistic visitation under the experienced eye of Pastor Hurley. Also, we had the privilege of studying about evangelism almost every forenoon with Pastor Hurley and Pastor Sutton. There we began to gain an insight into the great task we were attempting to perform.

From Fouke we went to Little Rock to do what we could to encourage the little fellowship there. Since we had two days before our meetings were to start there, Dr. Seager sponsored a two-day trip for Pastor and Mrs. Hurley and the quartet through northern Arkansas to seek out and visit a few of our lone Sabbathkeepers. The visits were of necessity short. The weather was very hot and the country beautiful. We arrived back in Little Rock two hours before time for our first meeting to begin. The group at Little Rock was small but the spirit was exceptionally good. After our Sabbath afternoon meeting, we journeyed to Nady, about a hundred miles distant, for an evening meeting and then returned. Again on Sunday evening we held a meeting at the Nady Church. These meetings were very well attended.

The question of whether or not we were to attend the Southwestern Association in Edinburg, Tex., was left up to us by Secretary Harris. After deciding to attend, Pastor Hurley and the quartet took slightly different routes down through Texas to again contact as many lone Sabbathkeepers as possible. At Edinburg we met many Seventh Day Baptists whom we had never met before. To meet these people who had been strangers 2,000 miles away and still feel the close bond of Christian fellowship among them is only possible because we are Christians.

From Edinburg we drove directly to Hammond, La. After a few minutes' visit there we were determined to journey on, but a short distance from Hammond we broke a spring in the car and were forced to return to spend the night and get the car fixed. That night we sang at the

home of a shut-in and from there to three other shut-ins over the telephone.

As I write this article we have only one more meeting in a series of three at the Paint Rock Church. This will be our last meeting as a Gospel team. What you probably want to know is what good was accomplished. The report as to the actual outcome of the summer's work is not for me to give. I know many were drawn close to the Lord as a result of the meetings in which we participated. Everywhere we went we were received heartily by people who were glad that a Gospel team was sent to them. We received thanks from many people — heartfelt thanks of appreciation that will not be heard on the Conference floor. This more than paid us for our very small efforts. Whether or not we accomplished the work you intended us to do, God only knows. But one thing I can assure you of is that we are four boys who have had an opportunity to serve the Lord and who have had some very wonderful and deepening Christian experiences that cannot be taken from us and for which we give God the glory and praise.

### Comparisons Are Odious

According to a brief item in Signs of the Times the domestic consumption of cigarettes declined 2 per cent in 1953. Coupled with a drop in exports this brings the total output of this commodity down 3.1 per cent. It is the first drop in 21 years.

The year just past is the first year that the public has been alerted to the dangerous relation between lung cancer and cigarettes. If we were less acquainted with human nature we would wonder why this cry of alarm has not caused a greater drop in sales. Certain denominations have specialized on a cry of doom as their distinctive message. One such denomination has had a rate of growth just about the same as the rate of decline in cigarette sales. Probably no significance.

### OUR SERVICEMEN

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### WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR AUGUST

By Mrs. Percy Wright  
Battle Creek, Mich.

Theme: Getting Rid of the Overload

Scripture: Psalm 55: 22

Hymn: Take Time to Be Holy

Leader: Our hearts quake with fear sometimes at the tragedies which befall our friends and neighbors. Rumors of things happening in all parts of the world load down minds already burdened with the worries of everyday living. We need some way of pushing these worries away. As the mother of small children I find my relaxation at home.

The Bible says of children, "of such is the kingdom of heaven." Now children are not perfect, as we all know. If they were, we would be, also. The thing is to discover how they are a symbol of heaven.

The Bible also lays much stress on believing and having faith. Children do that. They enjoy fairy stories and stories of the imagination. It is only when we get older that our minds get practical and push out such things. Children have faith in all around them, including their parents. It is a blessing many times that they cannot see us for what we are.

Adults need to learn to live each moment fully as children do. Take time to be holy. God cannot find His way into a rushed and cluttered mind. Think back to when you were a child. Time was not something you could not find; it was something of which you had an overabundance. Of course we cannot go back to the days of childhood, but just remembering helps one to know its value.

How can one get rid of the overload? By praying and believing and trusting that as long as one is truly seeking God's Way the world cannot hurt him; then boldly seeking His way for one's self and leaning on Him as we follow in it.

Prayer is so simple,  
It is like quietly opening a door  
And slipping into the presence of God,  
There in the stillness  
To listen to His voice.  
Perhaps in petition:  
Or only to listen,

It matters not:  
Just to be there  
In His presence,  
Is prayer.

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Prayer: Dear Father God; Thou who hast made the universe and given us our very lives, forgive us for our lack of faith and trust. May we know and have the humility that Jesus showed when He walked this earth. Open our minds and hearts that they may be at peace in Thee and that we may be as little children. Above all, may we be in Thy service, and may our leaders recognize the need of Thy presence in all things. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### Women's Hour at Southeastern Association

Posters announcing missionary work, accompanied by material about missions and women's work, provided a fitting environment for the Women's Hour at the Southeastern Association. Mrs. Rex Zwiebel announced the program. It had been well planned by Miss Ada Bond, who was unable to be present. Mrs. Walter Wilkinson, secretary of the Women's Board of General Conference, presented a short challenge, emphasizing the work of the women and the importance of prayer with their work. She also mentioned several magazines which help with the interest and projects of the women.

Mrs. Wilkinson then introduced a program of colored slides and a tape recording of the women of the board. They were shown first as a group. Then the individual officers and committees were seen separately. As each was on the screen, she spoke on the tape of her particular work or the work of the committee.

As each of the women presented her work, much insight into the broad field of their activities was given. Their encouragement of high school students to continue in Christian education, furthering World Day of Prayer and Christian Family Week, publishing booklets about our mission fields and helping in their study are only a few of these worthy activities.

After the program, several of the congregation recorded their own greetings

to the women in Battle Creek on the opposite side of the tape used in bringing the board's work to them. These were sent back to the women of the board. They expressed the sentiment of all, it is felt, by giving sincere appreciation. As a result of the program, a new understanding of the work of the women was gained.

Mrs. David Pearson.

### BIBLE SCHOOL AND CAMP ATTENDANCE

Knowing that there is no more interesting news than that which has to do with the religious training and conversion experiences of our youth, we are gathering together here some of the attendance statistics for the Vacation Bible schools and camps. Please remember that these figures are incomplete. More comprehensive reports can be expected later. These "first fruits" seem to indicate that more children and young people than usual are enjoying the blessings of camp this summer.

#### Vacation Bible Schools

Alfred Station, N. Y., 58; Battle Creek, Mich. (branch school at Convis), 60; Denver, Colo., 56; DeRuyter, N. Y. (2 churches co-operating), 122; Dodge Center, Minn., 40; Ashaway, R. I., 112; Los Angeles, Calif., 47; Lost Creek, W. Va., 52; Shiloh - Marlboro, N. J., 180; Nortonville, Kan., 40; Plainfield, N. J. (3 churches), 190; Verona, N. Y. (co-operative), 151. If your school has been held and is not mentioned in the above list it is because the information was not readily available. Official reports should be sent to the secretary of the Board of Christian Education so that a complete tabulation can be made.

#### Bible Camps

Lewis Camp in Rhode Island closed July 18 with 44 young folks in attendance. The preregistration for the South Jersey junior-intermediate camp was announced as 25-30. Camp Harmony, the Central Association camp, also a junior-intermediate age group, had 40 campers on July 15. Camp Holston at Battle Creek had 35 at a one-day primary camp and 17 at junior camp. Figures for the intermediate camp beginning July 18 are not yet available.

Pacific Pines in the mountains near Riverside, Calif., appears to have had 21 young people at a weekend camp, 35 primary children at a short-term camp, and about 50 and 25 respectively for the junior and intermediate week-long camps.

The Westerly Sun announced a Seventh Day Baptist picnic at Lewis Camp for 4 p.m., Sunday, July 18. It is left to the reader's imagination as to why that day and hour were picked. The campers departed after breakfast that morning. Was there some food left over? Was there some camp clean-up work to be done? Was there a desire to use the camp while it was still open — a desire to capture in some measure the spirit of camp while the tracks (both physical and spiritual) of nearly 50 campers were still fresh on the grounds? Camp experiences are rich. In our opinion, more people of all ages ought to have them.

Rev. Lee Holloway, one of the Lewis Camp leaders, preached the sermon at the Ashaway Church service, July 17, not Rev. Paul Maxson as reported in the last issue.

L. M. M.

### Children's Page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am Carole Sue Johnson. I am eight years old and in the third grade.

I have a cat and a dog.

We have a new baby.

We are now in Church School. My teacher's name is Miss Rench.

Carole Sue Johnson.

1506 Deloss Ave.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Carole:

I was pleased to receive your letter and hope now you have started to write you will be one of the most faithful of my Recorder children, and that you will write often.

It is nice to have dogs and cats for pets. I enjoyed my cat, Skeezics, who lived to be nearly fifteen years old, but nowadays I am away from home so much that I have to be satisfied to make friends with my neighbors' pets.

Congratulations on the birth of the new baby. Of course my babies are grown up, and two of my grandchildren are taller than I, but there is a dear little girl named Christine who comes in to see me often. She will be three years old July 18.

Yours in love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Fellow Worker:

The children and I enjoy your letters from "Letter Exchange."

Mrs. Helen Heilman.

Dear Mrs. Heilman:

Thank you for your kind message and for helping Carole to join our band of Sabbath Recorder children.

In Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

### A HOME FOR JIMMY

Jimmy's mother died when Jimmy was only a few months old and his father was ill and unable to take care of him. So when Jimmy was about eleven months old his father took him to the orphans' home up on the hill just above the town in which they lived. He rang the night bell, and when the matron came to answer it she found the baby wrapped in blankets lying close beside the door.

Pinned to the blankets wrapped around the child she found a note from the father begging her to mother poor little Jim, for he was too ill to care for the boy.

The poor little baby was so wan and frail that the kindly matron prayed, "Dear Father, take this baby home with Thee," but held him close in her arms and kissed him tenderly. He raised his tiny baby hand and stroked her cheek to make her understand how much he needed her, and cuddled down within her arms till lovingly she called him "Little Son." She was a real mother to little Jim until he was nearly ten years old. At last she became too old and feeble to continue as matron of the home. A younger woman, tall and thin, severe of face, came to take her place. She was very cross with Jimmy and seemed to have no love for him.

One night a lovely lady, sweet and fair, came to sing to the children of the home and told them wonderful stories. One

story was about an orphan boy who found a home and kind foster parents to love and care for him. When Jimmy slept upon his tumbled bed that night he dreamed that he had gained a home and loving parents, and when he awoke he began to look for the answer to his dream.

So that night, after a trying day, he quietly slipped away to seek the home and parents of his dream. From house to house he went with courage strong, but found it hard to find a home and parents suited to his needs. Each home seemed full of children and to spare. There seemed no place for Jimmy anywhere, until he saw a cottage just in sight. He hurried there and looked inside to see before the fireplace, hand in hand, a sweet-faced woman and her husband standing, and in their brooding eyes unanswered dreams.

Straight through the doorway came a radiant boy. "Oh, don't you want a little boy?" he cried; and soon a sunny head was pressed to loving arms that gladly opened wide. There was no doubt of loving welcome here, and as the days went by he grew more dear to loving hearts that beat for very joy. They were so sure that in his boundless love, straight from an understanding God above, had come this precious boy.

Mizpah S. Greene.

### What is the Christian Attitude Toward Unions

"One of the most significant disclosures to have come out of the labor movement in recent years is the news that the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America is today worth more than \$250 millions. . . . The Amalgamated and other unions similarly endowed with wealth are in effect capitalistic institutions. The only difference between the 'capitalistic' unions and the 'capitalistic' corporations is that the former's revenue from dues is not taxable whereas the latter's are subject to high tax levies." — Newark (N. J.) Star-Ledger.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 7, 1954

Choosing the Best

The Lesson Scripture: Matthew 6: 25-33;  
Philippians 1: 9-11; 4: 8.



## STATEMENT OF BELIEF

Pastor John Schmid  
at his ordination,  
June 26, 1954

I believe devoutly all the Articles of Faith as stated in the Seventh Day Baptist Manual. To each I shall add my own further comment.

### God

"I believe in God, the one personal, perfect, and eternal Spirit, Creator, and Sustainer of the universe, our Father, who manifests a holy, redeeming love toward all men." In Genesis 1: 1 we read: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." And in John 1: 13, "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made." I believe that God created man of the dust. See Gen. 2: 7. For His children He prepared a new Heaven and a new earth. See Isa. 66: 22. I believe in the existence of God because "he that cometh to God must believe that he is. . . ." See Heb. 11: 6. I believe that "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4: 24.

I believe that God comes to us in the form of man as well as in many different ways. An example is Jacob's experience when "a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day." See Gen. 32: 24-30. To know God we must know Christ. In John 14: 9 Jesus tells Philip: ". . . he that hath seen me hath seen the Father. . . ." And in verse 11: "Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: . . . or else believe me for the very works' sake."

### Jesus Christ

God's Word give many assurances for the belief in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our Saviour, Teacher, and Guide, who draws to Himself all men who will come to Him in love and trustful obedience. In the following verses we read: "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2: 11. "And

we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world." 1 John 4: 14. And in Matthew 3: 17, "And lo, a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.'"

It is very important for us to know and love Him if we want to live a good Christian life. 1 Peter 2: 21 shows us that Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow His steps. In Matthew 11: 28-30 we find the beautiful invitation, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who came for us and for our salvation. He was both God and man; at once the Revealer of God and the Saviour of man. He was willing to give His life on Calvary for our sins because He loved us. Eph. 5: 2.

On the first day after His Resurrection, "when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said unto them, 'Peace be unto you.'" I believe that after seeing Jesus again, their doubts left them, and peace and happiness returned, and the same will happen to all Christians when Jesus comes into their hearts.

### The Holy Spirit

Jesus tells His disciples in John 16: 7, "It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you." And in John 14: 26, we read, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." Also, in John 4: 24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." In 2 Peter 1: 21 we read, "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

In Acts 2 we see what man were able to do when they were full of the Holy Ghost. If we are filled with the Holy Ghost, we will show the fruits of it. Gal. 5: 22, 23. And in verse 25: "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." In Ephesians 4: 30 we receive a warning concerning the Holy Ghost: "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

### The Bible

The Bible presents proof for Christian beliefs from writers of godly origin. No other book can answer your questions so well or can bring you such inner peace as does the Bible, which is a book for all ages, for poor and rich alike. It is able, if we believe in it, to change our lives. The Bible manifests our Lord to us.

I believe that the Bible is the progressive revelation of God's will for men and is written under the inspiration of God: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." See 2 Timothy 3: 16, 17. Paul, in a letter to the Romans, explained the reason God gave us the Bible: "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." Rom. 15: 4.

The teachings of Jesus are all based on the Bible. "And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." Luke 24: 27. Jesus Himself gave these references to the Bible: John 5: 39, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." John 17: 17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." Matthew 24: 35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

### Man

I believe that God made man with free will and gave him the choice to do good or bad. God does not rule man's will, but leaves him free to do what he likes. We have proof of this in Adam and Eve in Paradise. God paid the highest price to redeem man from sin and save him from eternal death. Man is the only one among all creatures that has this promise. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3: 16. While men are lost through sin, God is willing to accept them into His heavenly family: "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."

John 1: 12. Man in reality is a child of God. Consequently, all men are brothers in a very real sense. Man is God's greatest creation and God is much concerned about his welfare.

### Sin and Salvation

I believe that salvation is not earned by good works but is the gift of God. Good works are the fruits of men that are born again and proof that we are growing in grace and in the knowledge of Christ. I believe that salvation is found only through a complete commitment and surrender to God as He is revealed in Christ. God is willing to forgive us our sins. In 1 John 1: 9 we read, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." And in John 1: 29, "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, 'Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.'" Also, in 1 Timothy 2: 5, 6 we read, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

(To be continued)

### LET'S THINK IT OVER

We have previously reported that the various Catholic societies which were sponsoring "worker priests" in France have abandoned the project, ostensibly because some of the priests have come too close to Communism in their thinking. It now appears that the priests are not "taking it lying down." Seventy of the priests have published a statement justifying their efforts in behalf of the working class and affirming in conclusion: "All our decisions will be made with consideration for the state of the working class and their struggle for freedom."

The French paper, "Le Monde," quoted by EPS, asserts that it does not necessarily follow that all the 70 priests will leave the church. A considerable number of them will remain in the church and try to persuade the more radical ones of their number to do the same.

In a sermon on "Christian Faith and the Hydrogen Bomb," Rev. Robert E. Luccock reminds us that like Adam we now stand under God's judgment which

we cannot escape. "There it is hanging over us like a great cloud," he says. "We have eaten of the fruit of the tree of knowledge. We have opened one of the secrets of creation. And now we stand under God's judgment in our use of this vast power."

A little later he points out that the touch of eternity is now upon everything that man does. The question, "What think ye of Christ?" can no longer be considered remote or academic.

A compromise is frequently an attempt to save the name at the cost of the essence.

### Minutes of Northern Association

The Northern Association which met with the Jackson Center, Ohio, Church, May 21 to 23, was not adequately reported in these columns. From a copy of the minutes recently received we glean a few items.

Rev. O. W. Babcock of the White Cloud, Mich., Church was the speaker on Sabbath eve. The Sabbath morning sermon was delivered by Rev. Leland Davis of the Battle Creek Church. On the evening after the Sabbath, the host pastor, Rev. E. T. Bottoms, gave a missionary message, showing slides of some of our foreign work. Rev. Don Sanford of the Independence, N. Y., Church was present as a delegate from the Western Association. He brought greetings from that association and a report from the Board of Christian Education at the Sunday morning session.

The business of this semiannual meeting was presided over by Curtis Groves, president. In addition to the election of officers, it appears that the most important business centered around the report of the Missionary Committee with special reference to assisting the Indianapolis group in holding a Vacation Bible School.

The new officers are: Claire Merchant, president; Mrs. James Gardner, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. E. T. Bottoms, Verne Babcock, Arthur Millar, and Mrs. Ernest Heilman, first, second, third, and fourth vice-presidents respectively. Rev. E. T. Bottoms will head the new Missionary Committee. The next meeting will be in Battle Creek, Mich., Oct. 15-17, 1954.

### WALWORTH CHURCH STORY

Stories with a happy ending are found both in fact and fiction. In real life the happiness or the sadness of the ending is usually relative and depends upon the viewpoint. We do not like to speak about the story of a church organization or building as having an ending. Churches should go on, and we trust the Walworth, Wis., Seventh Day Baptist Church will go on even though its buildings have gone into other hands.

The story, too briefly told, is that about 100 years ago before there was a village of Walworth, 16 settlers worshiping in a home constituted a church which later grew in membership to 175 with a fine house of worship and an adequate parsonage. In April of this year the church membership was down again to 16 and meetings were being held in homes. The church has been weak for many years, the resident membership thirty years ago being only 55.

We like the opening paragraph of an article in the Janesville Daily Gazette which reads as follows:

#### League for Handicapped Buys Walworth Church

"The Seventh Day Baptist Church property of Walworth is taking on a new form of service and activity. The entire remaining property owned by the church, which includes the church building and parsonage, has been sold to the Christian League for the Handicapped. The league is a non-profit corporation which aids the physically handicapped."

The article goes on to explain the use that will be made of the property by this Christian League. (The church building will be used as a chapel.) When funds are available, another building will be erected for more working space and display of handwork. We quote:

"Officers of the league believe that many handicapped persons can be self-supporting, or at least partially so. For this reason it was decided to obtain a place where handicapped persons could be housed and at the same time be given handwork to help them toward self-support. Such activity will be carried on in the new quarters in Walworth."

In another article in the April 17 paper we find the following paragraph explaining that the congregation will continue to have the use of the church building:

"Following redecoration, use of the church has been offered by the league to the Seventh Day Baptist worshipers for their services. At the present time Charles Pederson, vice-president and general director of the league, conducts the society's Bible study classes held in homes on Friday evenings. Sabbath school meets in the home of Miss Minnie Godfrey at 2 p.m., Saturdays."

#### Interesting History

"According to a history of the church written in 1945 by Vivian Bonham Kimball, the society first worshiped in a public building in the year 1845, when what is known as the Cobblestone School was built. The church pledged additional funds for enlargement of the structure in order that they might be privileged to hold their meetings there.

"Almost 10 years later the continued growth of the community brought about the erection of Big Foot Academy on the ground where the present school stands. The academy — like Cobblestone — was used jointly as an institution of education and worship.

"After a few years, the church bought all interest in the organization and became sole owner of the academy, allowing it to be used as a school, rent free.

"This property was retained by the Seventh Day Baptist Society until 1886, when it was sold to the school district of Walworth. Funds from this sale were used to build the present parsonage which will also become a part of the League for the Handicapped project.

"The present church was built in 1871 at a cost of \$6,000 including labor, material, and furnishings. Stone, sand, and all hauling were donated at an estimated value of \$700.

"The original pews are still in use, each bearing a number at the end — the distinguishing mark of the old rental system.

"Renting of the seats was conducted much as at present-day auctions — each member decided where he would like to sit, and the highest bidder was given the privilege of occupying that pew, with his family, if any, for the allotted time."

How does the church story end? The newspaper writer, Barbara Porter, quoted in the preceding paragraphs, suggests that it does not end. She says: "It is entirely possible that the league, in assisting handicapped people, may also be lending a helping hand to a regrowth of the Seventh Day Baptist Society."

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BEREA, W. VA. — Miss Conza Meathrell of Berea, W. Va., having taught 14 years in the Harrisville High School, was honored by the alumni and friends of that school at the alumni banquet, the evening of May 22. The celebration attracted a record crowd of 400 persons.

Miss Meathrell, a life-long member of the Berea Seventh Day Baptist Church, was graduated from Salem College in 1916 and since that time has taught school until her recent retirement. — Submitted by Sylvia Davis.

DENVER, COLO. — The church was blessed and renewed in courage and spirit by the series of sermons preached by Pastor Coltrin of Boulder at our regular quarterly meeting held here in May. His topics, in keeping with the annual Sabbath Rally Day, were "The Lord's Commandments," Friday night; "The Lord's Day," Sabbath morning; "The Lord's Walk," in the afternoon. Pastor Dickinson showed the movie, "Call of the Navajo," on the evening after the Sabbath, preceding a social time. Pastor Coltrin's closing topic Sunday evening was, "The Lord's Church."

Vacation Bible School, with Pastor Dickinson as supervisor, was held June 14-25. The beginners were taught by Mrs. Fay Wear and Myrna Davis; the primary class by Mrs. Donna Hastings, assisted by Phyllis Shepard and Audrey Hastings; the juniors by Katherine Davis, assisted by Joan Davis and Connie White. In addition to the regular program of Bible study, music, recreation, and worship, a temperance filmstrip was shown by the pastor. There was a total enrollment of 56, with an average attendance of 43, 24 having perfect attendance. Their missionary collection of \$13.41 was sent to Jamaica.

Helena Knox, a member of our church, was honored by being chosen the out-



# The Sabbath Recorder

## DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, June 30, 1954

Receipts		June	9 months
Balance, June 1	\$	97.98	
Adams Center		72.40	450.65
Albion		67.67	341.27
Alfred, First		722.41	2,349.64
Alfred, Second		284.30	650.80
Associations and groups		205.15	259.35
Battle Creek		453.57	3,803.50
Berlin		84.35	429.81
Boulder		36.60	326.32
Brookfield, First			111.50
Brookfield, Second		98.60	226.55
Buffalo Fellowship			51.00
Chicago		140.00	816.00
Daytona Beach		80.40	330.65
Denver		212.68	624.00
De Ruyter			408.50
Dodge Center			225.85
Edinburg		14.30	199.25
Farina		15.00	160.00
Fouke		57.27	164.72
Friendship			40.00
Hammond			61.00
Hebron, First			83.16
Hopkinton, First		75.10	970.50
Hopkinton, Second			5.00
Independence		18.00	398.00
Indianapolis			61.10
Individuals		10.00	277.25
Irvington			200.00
Jackson Center			35.00
Little Genesee			312.44
Los Angeles		10.00	656.43
Los Angeles, Christ's			25.00
Lost Creek			761.52
Marlboro		141.50	1,484.61
Middle Island		10.10	98.27
Milton		727.92	3,760.86
Milton Junction		157.38	1,227.33
New Auburn			46.05
New York		25.00	277.44
North Loup		144.32	716.35
Nortonville		52.78	502.60
Pawcatuck		669.12	3,770.80
Philadelphia		20.00	173.25
Piscataway		11.50	133.00
Plainfield		99.70	3,484.66
Putnam County		20.00	30.00

Richburg	93.00	365.39
Ritchie		100.00
Riverside	449.42	2,024.27
Roanoke		41.00
Rockville	17.50	79.02
Salem	120.00	810.50
Salemville	26.43	90.41
Shiloh	543.14	2,198.27
Stone Fort	10.00	65.00
Syracuse		50.00
Verona	151.70	677.55
Walworth		70.00
Washington		75.00
Waterford	17.45	188.51
White Cloud	255.67	622.69
Wilkes-Barre		25.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$6,519.41</b>	<b>\$39,003.59</b>

### Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,945.79	\$ 675.20
Tract Society	451.78	5.00
Board of		
Christian Education	796.25	70.00
Women's Society	275.38	45.00
Historical Society	118.09	
Ministerial Retirement	481.67	410.24
S. D. B. Building	133.28	
World Fellowship and Service	19.60	
General Conference	678.16	
Memorial Fund		325.00
Balance, June 30	88.97	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$4,988.97</b>	<b>\$1,530.44</b>

### Comparative Figures

	1954	1953
Receipts in June:		
Budget	\$4,890.99	\$4,587.67
Specials	1,530.44	636.44
Receipts in 9 months:		
Budget	30,494.46	26,331.79
Specials	8,509.13	5,570.74
Annual Budget	63,121.22	46,635.00
Percentage of budget raised to date	48.3%	56.5%

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

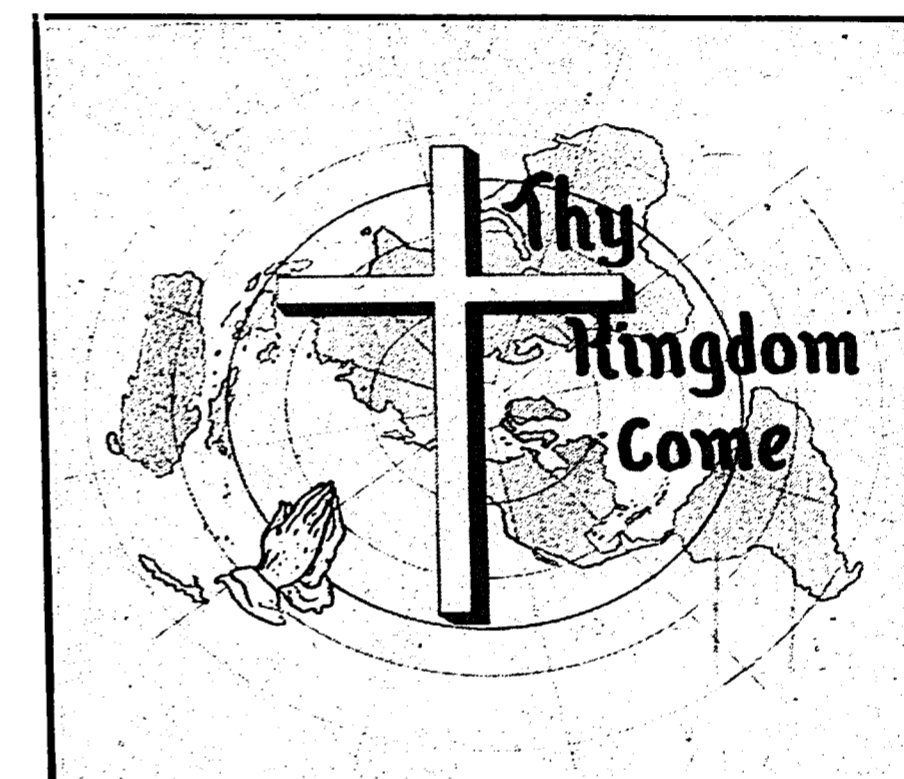
Milton, Wis.

standing Christian Endeavorer in the city of Denver for 1954. She will be a senior in high school this fall. Graduates this year from eighth grade were Beverly Davis and Phyllis Shepard. Bob Shepard was graduated from high school.

The usual fine quarterly missionary program was prepared and given by Luther and Geneva Hansen, telling the historical facts and showing pictures of our British Guiana Mission in South America. The offering to be sent to this mission amounted to \$20.55.

A birthday guest luncheon was served in the social room of the church by the Ladies' Aid Society on Thursday, July 1, followed by a short program in the sanctuary. This was their final meeting before the summer vacation. — Mrs. Susa Patterson, Correspondent.

Justification is the strait gate through which we enter the narrow way to sanctification which leads to glory. — E. J. Forrester.



## The Power of Prayer

J. EDGAR HOOVER  
Director of the F.B.I.

"The spectacle of a nation praying is more awe-inspiring than the explosion of an atomic bomb. The force of prayer is greater than any possible combination of man-made or man-controlled powers, because prayer is man's greatest means of tapping the infinite resources of God. Invoking by prayer the mercy and might of God is our most efficacious means of guaranteeing peace and security for the harassed and helpless peoples of the earth."

—National Voice.