

The Sabbath Recorder

Quite a bit of work is being done at Camp Harley this summer and preparations for camp, July 25 to August 7, are being made. — Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — The Ladies' Aid Society held its annual meeting June 24 at the home of Mrs. Zilla Vierow. Reports were given by officers and committees. The society voted out money for the Denominational Budget for the coming year, for the Women's Board, the pastor's salary, and the Building Fund of the local church.

Officers elected for the year were: president, Mrs. Elmina Warner; vice-president, Mrs. Marian Sholtz; secretary, Mrs. Mayola Warner; assistant secretary, Mrs. Jean Vierow; treasurer, Mrs. Lois Stone; key worker, Mrs. Leila Franklin.

Daily Vacation Bible School, held in our church and the Lutheran Church, began June 28 and closed July 9 with a picnic on the church lawn. The Verona Presbyterian Church, New London Methodist and Lutheran churches co-operated with our church in the school. There were 151 children registered with a staff of 16 teachers and helpers.

Several from our school went to the Central Association camp near Watertown, July 14-20. Leaders from our church: Pastor Skaggs, lifeguard; Mrs. Marian Bennett, camp nurse; Miss Joyce Sholtz, teacher. — Correspondent.

Marriages

Berry - Harris. — Benjamin B. Berry and Florence M. Harris, daughter of Mrs. Warren S. Harris and the late Mr. Harris, were united in marriage on Friday, June 25, 1954. The marriage was solemnized in Bel Air, Md.

Bothwell - Gibe. — Paul Bothwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bothwell of Collingswood, N. J., and Dorothy Gibe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibe of Bridgeton, N. J., were united in marriage on Sabbath Day, July 10, 1954. The vows were spoken in the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church with the bride's pastor, Rev. Rex Burdick, officiating.

Bergen - Nagy. — William Adrian Bergen and Rose Charlotte Nagy were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Plainfield, N. J., on July 3, 1954, with Rev. E. Wendell Stephan officiating. The former Miss Nagy has been the receptionist at the Recorder Press for the past nine years.

Births

Kenyon. — A daughter, Gay Denise, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kenyon of Hopkinton, R. I., on June 27, 1954.

Churchward. — A son, Richard Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Churchward of Sauk City, Wis., on June 11, 1954.

Babcock. — A son, Larry Dean, to Osmond and Louise Babcock of Nortonville, Kan., on July 14, 1954.

Obituaries

Allika. — Alexandra, was born in Russia, Jan. 30, 1859, and died at the Bethany Home for the Aged in Irvington, N. J., July 3, 1954.

Mrs. Allika was a widow when she came to this country over twenty years ago. She was among the first to unite with the German-speaking Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is survived by two grandsons and a daughter-in-law. The farewell service was conducted in German by her pastor, Rev. John G. Schmid. Another service in English was later conducted by a minister from the Bethany Home, both services being held at the Heilman Funeral Home. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery at Union. J. G. S.

MacPherson. — Josephine, daughter of the late William and Mary MacPherson, was born near Marlboro, N. J., Nov. 4, 1863, and died at the Allen Nursing Home in Leesburg, N. J., on July 2, 1954.

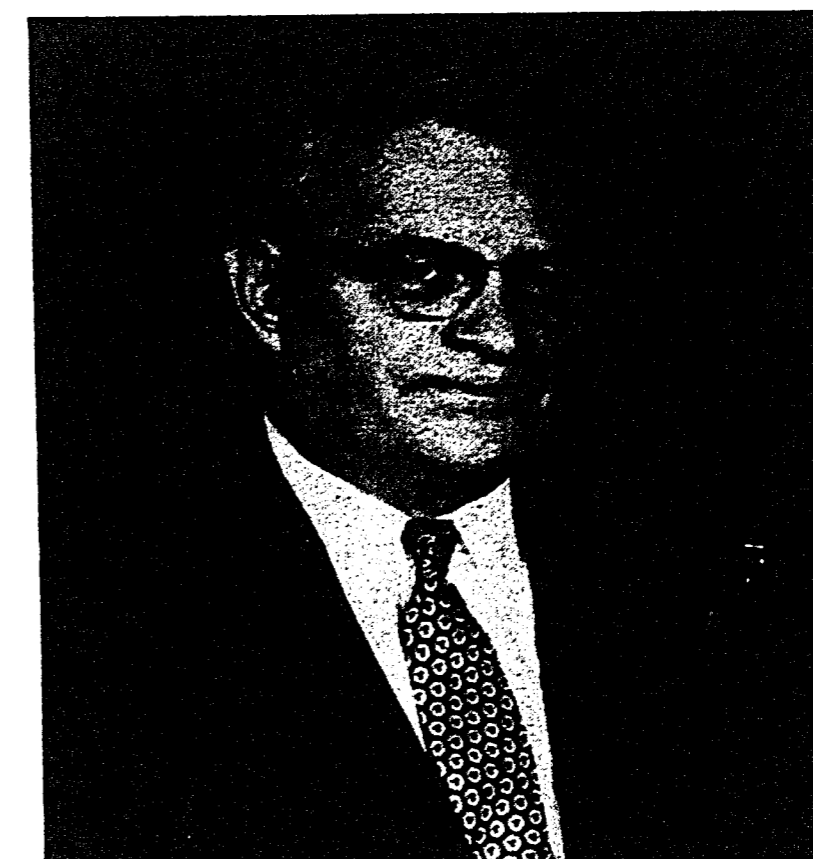
Miss MacPherson has been a member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church since early youth, but failing health has prevented an active participation in the work of the church in recent years. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Etta Booz, and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted from the Garrison Funeral Home in Bridgeton by her pastor, Rev. Rex Burdick. Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery. R. B.

Whitford. — Miss Fannie Evelyn, daughter of John B. and Mary Summerbell Whitford, was born at Nile, N. Y., November 21, 1888, and died in Cleveland, Ohio, June 30, 1954.

She joined the Nile Seventh Day Baptist Church by baptism and retained her membership there throughout her life. For many years she was the church organist. Equipped with degrees from Alfred and Columbia Universities and foreign travel, she was a successful teacher, having taught English in a Cleveland high school for the past 33 years. She is survived by four brothers, Frank of Stamford, Conn., J. Fred of Milton, Wis., Ferris of Little Genesee, N. Y., and William of Chicago, Ill.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Paul B. Osborn, assisted by Rev. Delmer Van Horn, and burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. P. B. O.



Rev. Lester G. Osborn

Mr. Osborn is president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, meeting for its One Hundred Forty-second session at Milton, Wis., August 17-22.

The president's address, "Sharing Our Fellowship," based on the theme verse, 1 John 1: 3, will be printed in our next issue.

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."

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CONFERENCE EXPECTATIONS

The annual Conference of Seventh Day Baptists is about to begin. For those who are able to make the trip to Milton, Wis., and to be present from Tuesday morning to Sunday evening there is one kind of high expectancy — the anticipation of participation as the program unfolds. For those who remain at home there is another kind of expectancy. These must wait until the news is published in the Recorder after the meetings are over or until the delegates bring back by word of mouth a report of action taken and inspiration received. For this latter group every delegate ought to feel a personal responsibility.

If we love our brethren we will seek opportunities to tell them about Conference and will not dodge the pastor's call to give public expression to the encouraging aspects of the work as we see it. The Sabbath Recorder hopes to report Conference as fully and as interestingly as possible so that lone Sabbathkeepers and others may not be disappointed in their high expectancy. However, this cannot take the place of personal conversations and group discussions. Many delegates will spend a week or more getting back to the home church. There will be sights to see and friends to visit along the way. The possibility exists that the blessings experienced will have somewhat dimmed and the clear understanding of problems discussed will have suffered considerable loss. We therefore appeal to all delegates not to think merely in terms of present enjoyment or understanding but to take adequate notes so that these things can be brought back to memory and can be passed on to those unable to attend.

Expectations ought to be high. It appears that the churches have attempted more in the way of evangelistic and "deeper life" meetings than usual. There has been more camp construction and wider camp participation than formerly. The Conference president has very consistently emphasized spiritual things in all of his publicity and his personal appearances. The place and preparation for prayer have been more prominent than sometimes. There is reason to expect that the two daily prayer meetings of Conference will produce results that will be apparent before the close of the sessions. The challenge of an outside speaker for

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three consecutive evenings may well strike a tone that will do much to produce a harmony throughout the meetings.

The business of Conference always has an air of uncertainty and expectancy. Even though it concerns board reports, Commission, and committee reports no one knows in advance what the special reviewing committees will recommend or what the assembled delegates will decide to do with these reports or with the unanticipated motions made on the floor of Conference. Will the various boards be able to justify increased askings from the budget? Will it be deemed wise to continue a progressive enlargement of our theological school or the eventual doubling of our payments to retired ministers? Will the denomination think that the Commission is showing foresight in its plans for a change of denominational headquarters and the rumored consideration of turning our publishing house into cash? How will our people react to a country school in Jamaica, to the problems of new leadership in Nyasaland, the open doors in Nigeria and The Philippines, and the less vocal calls from other lands?

No one at this moment has the answers to these questions because ours is a democratic organization with all the joys and the problems of such a type of church government. Whether we are at home or en route to Conference there is an air of expectancy. All of our people have a right to expect that the appointed delegates will be faithful both to their home churches and to the new light that dawns when there is concerted thinking in committees and the general session.

Most of our problems are closely related to financial limitations. The action of Conference will be contingent in most cases upon what can reasonably be expected as to the financial response of the hundreds who attend and the thousands who cannot attend Conference. Therefore, Conference will succeed or fail according to the consecrated giving of all these people who look forward to the Milton meetings with expectation. Let us all consistently express our high hopes with encouraging words, strong endeavors, and tithed incomes.

Great Church Meeting in Germany

While we in this country are thinking about our denominational Conference and the much-heralded second assembly of the World Council of Churches it is well to note that a great church meeting was recently held in Leipzig in East Germany. In this city of 600,000 there were reportedly 500,000 in attendance the last day of the conference. Free lodging was provided for 50,000 of the 60,000 who came from all over East and West Germany for the convocation in 69 special trains. Among them there were 25,000 young people, showing that the severe oppression of a year ago had not wiped out the Christian youth movement.

It is said that there were over 200 representatives of the ecumenical movement in attendance and guests from 27 countries. The theme of the conference, which closed on July 11, was, "Be Joyful in Hope," modeled after the World Council theme.

There were no doubt some opinions expressed in regard to the relation of Christianity with the western view of democracy that would not be very acceptable in this country. The leaders, however, seem to have tried to keep Christ central while avoiding political matters.

It would appear that they came closer to the real meaning of their theme than the American churchmen are likely to do at Evanston. At the first of the six study groups Pastor Hamel (student chaplain at Halle) drew attention to the Christian knowledge of God's judgment and grace under the title "The Forgotten Articles of Faith: Christ's Return." This emphasis confirms what has often been said in recent months, that the persecutions endured by Christians in Germany and other parts of Europe have caused them to give far more attention to the Second Coming than is common in our land of religious freedom. To them "Christ the Hope of the World" is not just a general slogan; it is personal, vital, and eschatological (if we may insist that Christians learn the meaning of that word for "last things"). When Christ returns, then the hope of the Christian world will be realized and the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

President's Column

Here We Are!

This issue will be distributed at Conference when Seventh Day Baptists from far and wide come together at Milton. In many ways this is a significant Conference. Important decisions are to be made.

How shall Commission be selected? Shall we maintain the status quo — a six-member body elected by the General Conference; or a six-member group with the president, past president, and president-elect (the first vice-president), three members chosen by regions, from the various associations in turn, elected upon nomination of the committee; or direct representation from the associations, each of the nine electing a member in turn?

Then there is the matter of the work of the denomination as proposed in the budgets of the various boards and agencies. Where can we appropriate the funds in sight to the greatest advantage for the cause of Christ as represented by Seventh Day Baptists? Where can we cut down our projects to our potential in finances?

Another decision facing us is the matter of theological training of our ministers. Which of the two propositions of the committee will we adopt? Shall we add several thousand dollars to our budget to continue a school of theology which will be acceptable to Alfred University, making our already too-heavy financial burden greater? What part of our program shall we discontinue to make this possible? Or shall we disband the school, let the students go to whatever seminary they choose, and give courses in Seventh Day Baptist history and polity in summer school, at Ministers Conference, by correspondence, or some other way?

What about the denominational building? Some think it a "white elephant" which costs us too much to maintain, and feel that we should sell it and move our historical library and museum and the other offices to some less expensive location. Perhaps this matter may come up for consideration.

What about the home field? Shall we put more emphasis on building up the

Prayer Thought

Rev. E. M. Bounds lived and wrote during the last century, but only few in this day have caught the spirit of prayer as he had it. His book, "Purpose in Prayer," begins with these paragraphs:

"The more praying there is in the world the better the world will be, the mightier the forces against evil everywhere. Prayer in one phase of its operation is a disinfectant and a preventative. It purifies the air; it destroys the contagion of evil. Prayer is not a fitful, short-lived thing. It is no voice crying unheard and unheeded in the silence. It is the voice which goes into God's ear, and it lives as long as God's ear is open to holy pleas, as long as God's heart is alive to holy things.

"God shapes the world by prayer. Prayers are deathless. The lips that uttered them may be closed in death, the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God's heart is set on them and prayers outlive the lives of those who uttered them; outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world.

"That man is the most immortal who has done the most and best praying. . . . A man can live holier because of the prayers of the past; the man of many and acceptable prayers has done the truest and greatest service to the incoming generation."

Truly the greatest men are those who leave the world after them better for all time. The power of God as He chooses to release it through prayer is not limited by space. How many people these days are praying for our two nurses in Nyasaland? Just ask them if it makes a difference. Their letters have already given the answer. God's power is not limited by time any more than it is by space. Truly the author quoted above is right in saying we can not set a time limit to the results of prayer. Any one of us can be truly great in that through prayer he can affect the lives of those in generations to come.

Ralph H. Coon.

home base, employing a full-time worker for evangelistic and promotional work?

Pray about these things, and ask the Lord to direct us wisely in the use of the funds entrusted to us.

Secretary's Column

According to a recent statement made by the National Council of Churches, church membership in the United States has increased 27 million since 1940 — more than twice the rate of our population growth. In 1940 the membership of our denomination was reported as 6,876. According to figures currently available, our present membership is somewhere between 6,200 and 6,300.

What does the fact that we are apparently losing membership at the same time that other churches are showing rapid gain mean? Do we lack conviction that the truths which make us a peculiar people are valid? Do we lack fervor in emphasizing these truths? Are we merely indifferent? Or has our difference become actually unimportant?

Most of us would flatly deny the last of the suggested reasons for our failure to participate in the growth of church membership, which seems to leave the others as possible explanations. It would almost appear that to many of us our distinctive tenets are not sufficiently important to stir us toward evangelistic effort.

For a long time Seventh Day Baptists have prided themselves on not being a proselytizing denomination. Perhaps we are right, or perhaps we are wrong in this attitude. But much of the gain which other Christian churches have shown must have come from persons previously unaffiliated with any church. Surely this group is as open to persuasion by Seventh Day Baptists as by any other particular sect. Have we been doing our share in carrying our beliefs to people who have a religious thirst but who so far have not affiliated with any church group?

While reports from our own churches are incomplete at the time this is being written, such statistics as have been received would seem to indicate a slightly increased membership as compared with a year ago. We know that evangelistic services and pastoral work conducted in many of our church communities have resulted in many baptisms and accessions during the past year and we can hope that the downward trend revealed since the

MEMORY TEXT

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Rom. 1: 16.

beginning of the century may be stopped. It now remains to reverse the trend and strengthen our churches numerically as well as spiritually. The goal suggested some time ago by the committee of board secretaries of 5 per cent annual increase in membership is well worth striving to attain.

Next Issue of Recorder

Please note again that the Sabbath Recorder takes a two weeks' vacation in August. There was none published on August 9, and the August 23 issue will also be omitted. We plan, however, to give extra value by printing 24 pages on August 30 in order to bring our readers more of the fresh news of the General Conference. The Tract Society has not requested additional funds from the Denominational Budget to restore the Recorder to a regular 16-page issue but we are praying for the time when increased subscriptions, greater efficiency, and added support will make this goal possible.

The name of Dr. John C. Trever has become very well known in religious and secular circles because of his close connection with the discovery and reproduction of the Dead Sea Scrolls of Isaiah and other Old Testament books. Many of our readers have no doubt heard him as he traveled about the nation promoting the new Revised Standard Version of the Bible. Dr. Trever has resigned that promotion work to become professor of religion at Morris Harvey College (Charleston, W. Va.). Dr. J. Carter Swaim of Western Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pa., has been appointed to take Dr. Trever's place in heading up a nation-wide program of interpreting the RSV to the American people. It is a name that our readers may wish to remember.

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

(Continued from July 26 issue)

Eternal Life

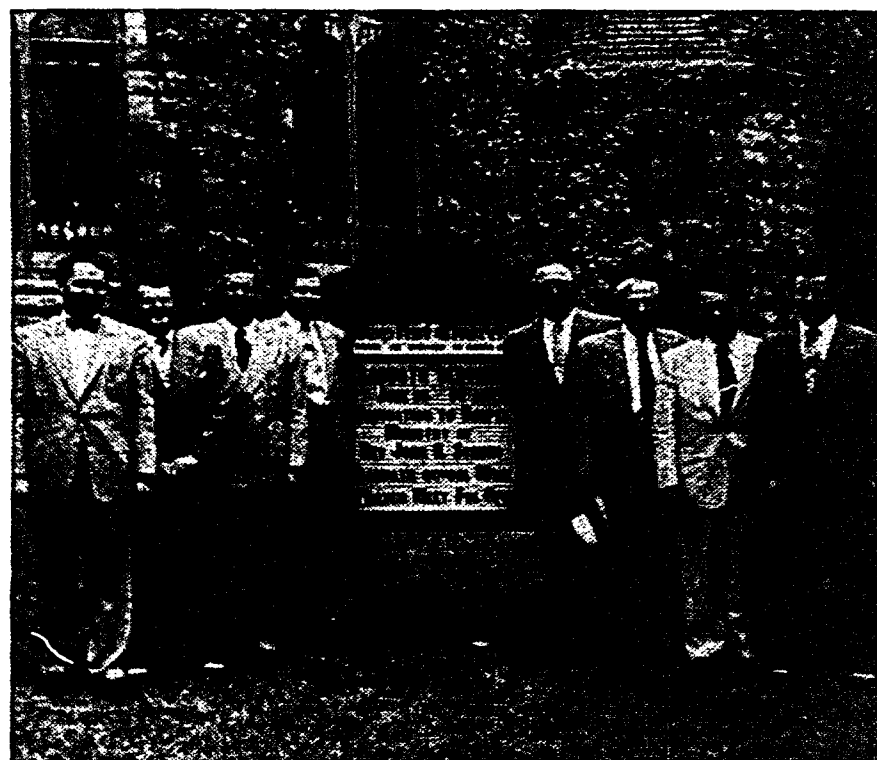
Eternal life is the fulfillment of the Christian hope. I believe eternal life is the gift of salvation and obedience to God. Hebrews 11: 10 tells us that Abraham "looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." I believe that the following quotations from the Bible are better statements than anyone could make.

Jesus Himself promised us: "In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14: 2, 3. "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." John 10: 28. "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life." 1 John 2: 25. "Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Tim. 4: 8.

In 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 Paul explains the second coming of Christ. I quote verses 16 and 17: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." In Corinthians 15: 51-53: "Behold, I show you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." Jesus says in Matthew 24: 42: "Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

The Church

The first Christians realized how necessary it was to worship together. "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." Acts 16: 5.



Group of ministers participating in the ordination of Pastor John G. Schmid

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2: 1. I believe that all Christians should have the desire to receive the blessings which are promised us in Matthew 18: 20: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

Every church must be built upon belief in Jesus Christ as the Son of God. The church should bind all believers together. I believe that it is God's will for the church to be the center of all Christian work. In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul expresses the thought in these words: "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." Eph. 1: 22, 23. Early in His ministry Jesus called 12 men to become His disciples. To them He gave power to heal the sick and administer the ordinances of the Gospel. Following Jesus' death, the work was carried on by His disciples.

The Sacraments

I believe in baptism because Jesus Himself gave us an example. "Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him." Matt. 3: 13. And in verse 15: ". . . for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness. . . ." In Acts 2: 38 we read, "Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you

in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.'" We have the example of Philip in Acts 8: 36, 38: "And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, 'See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?' And Philip said, 'If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest.' And he answered and said, 'I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.' And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him."

The Lord's Supper is a prophecy of Christ's second coming, of the perfect triumph of His Kingdom, for we are to celebrate it till He comes. Our last view of Christ in the Gospel is not of death, but of an ever-living Saviour who died for us, but now lives forevermore. The Lord's Supper was instituted by our Lord in memory of His sacrifice on the cross for us all. In 1 Corinthians 11: 23-25 we read, "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, 'Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.' After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, 'This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.'" The bread is a symbol of Christ's body broken for us, the wine of the blood He shed. During the celebration of the Lord's Supper there can come to the Christian taking part a feeling within, which I feel is the presence of the Holy Spirit. This has been my experience and can be that of any Christian.

The Sabbath

The Sabbath was given our first parents in Paradise, and on Mt. Sinai renewed as part of the Ten Commandments. I do not believe that in keeping Sabbath and disobeying one of the other commandments we are saved. If we believe in God, then we must believe His Word, and when we believe His Word, we must also believe in the Ten Commandments and the seventh day as the Sabbath. In the whole Bible, from Genesis through Revelation, we never

find one verse to show that we should not continue to keep Sabbath. I believe that if Jesus had wanted us to keep Sunday He would have told His disciples when He was with them. God set the Sabbath day aside from the other 6 days: Genesis 2: 3, "And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it; because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." See also Exodus 20: 8-11, which is the Sabbath commandment.

I believe that the Sabbath begins with sunset on the sixth day and ends with sunset on the seventh day. I believe that if we refuse to rest during this time every week, we are transgressors of the law, and transgression of the law is sin: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." James 2: 10.

Evangelism

If we believe the words of our Lord, "love thy neighbor as thyself," we all must be evangelists because we do not want to see our brother lost. In Ezekiel 3: 18, 19, we read, "When I say unto the wicked, 'Thou shalt surely die'; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

The following verse tells us of the rewards for being evangelists of God, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever." Dan. 12: 3. I believe that every Christian has a commission to spread the Gospel message and that each one must serve our Lord to the best of his ability. In Matthew 25: 15-30 we read of the parable of the talents and the reward.

This presentation has only touched upon my beliefs. The richness of the Bible's confirmation is so great that I could select only suggestions of the foundation it presents for me and all other Christians.

Think twice before you speak, especially if you intend to say what you think. — Hudson News Letter.

Missions

News from Germany

Mr. Heinrich Bruhn, treasurer of the German Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches, recently sent a report of funds received and expended during the year ended December 31, 1953. He wrote, "I thank you in the name of our community of Seventh Day Baptists for the generous help you give us."

Brother Bruhn's letter tells of a call having been extended to Brother Ulf Oldenburg of Copenhagen to come and serve as their pastor. He has accepted and will arrive to take up his duties in August. Quoting the letter again, "He is a good evangelist and missionary, speaks well German and English, and we hope that our work will be brighter than it has been in the past."

He commented further that they were looking forward to the arrival of Rev. and Mrs. John Schmid and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schober on July 16, coming from this country. He writes, "We are happy to have them with us and shall have on the same evening our first Conference meeting. (The annual meeting of the German Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches.) This time many brothers and sisters from Eastern Germany have announced their coming because the travel restrictions between Eastern and Western Germany have been relaxed. From Denmark and Holland we also expect visitors."

Letter from G. Zijlstra

July 22, 1954

Dear Brother Harris,

Your letter of the 19th inst.

I should already have sent you the data for the statistics and now give you them below.

Last Sunday I came back from the Conference of the German Seventh Day Baptist Churches. Brother Kohler visited ours in the last of June. I am glad I have been there and to see Brothers John Schmid and Frank Schober with their wives. There were several brethren from across the iron curtain, who were very glad to be able to attend the conference, so you may understand. Also Pastor Han-

sen and Brother Oldenburg from Denmark were present. We were altogether 105 present. On Sunday morning 4 young brothers were baptized. We hope this will be the beginning of a regular representation at each other's conference, as it was before the last war.

Perhaps you know already that Brother Ulf Oldenburg will go to Hamburg and, while studying there at the Baptist seminary, will serve the German churches, in the first place that at Hamburg.

A few members of our churches intend to attend the Scandinavian conference at Copenhagen. I myself will not be able to attend. I hope for another year. Brother Hansen also attended our conference.

It seemed our people appreciated a conference "in the country." They choose for the majority to hold our next conference again in a similar place.

With sincere greetings,

Yours faithfully,

G. Zijlstra.

A Letter from the Jamaica S. D. B. Conference

(A letter from the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference was brought before the board meeting on July 25, expressing appreciation for its service and requesting continued help. It was signed by a committee delegated by the conference consisting of S. A. Thompson, M. M. Rankine Waugh, H. J. Waugh, and Gem A. Smellie. It was addressed to Conference and requested that it be sent to the Recorder.) The letter follows:

American S. D. B. General Conference,
Milton, Wis.

Dear Brethren,

We the members of the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference extend sincere greetings to you as you assemble to plan for the furtherance of the work of the Kingdom.

We wish to express our greatest appreciation for the work which you have been doing in our island; especially in the saving of souls and in the training of our boys and girls.

Your invaluable help in the form of personnel and finance has brought forth much fruit. Many churches have been

established and local men have been prepared for more efficient leadership. These we feel, have been a great blessing to us.

Crandall High School has become the educational centre, not only for our own boys and girls, but for many other Jamaicans as well. We are extremely thankful to those individuals whose unflinching generosity has opened doors of opportunity to our young people. We regard this as true Christian service and as coming from our Heavenly Father. Many of these students are filling their places as helpers in the work and we look forward to the time when many of them will play leading roles in the church and school.

There are those, however, who would receive greater benefits from vocational training, and we are working and praying for the day when our dream of a vocational school will be a reality. We know that you share this hope with us and are grateful for the interest which you are taking in the venture.

Once more this Jamaica Conference expresses its gratitude for the interest taken and the help given to us at all times.

May our Heavenly Father bless you as a people and nation, as you assume leadership in a needy world, and enable you to continue to lead souls into the Kingdom of God.

Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph Visits

The July meeting of the Missionary Board was attended by Rev. Wardner T. FitzRandolph, head of our missionary work in Jamaica and supervisor of the British Guiana Field.

Mr. FitzRandolph was present as a result of a request which had been sent to the Jamaica Seventh Day Baptist Conference to select a representative who might present to the board and General Conference the needs and problems of our Jamaica "Country School" as a part of an expanded program for Crandall High School.

Brother FitzRandolph spoke feelingly of the need to act at once, not only because of the need for educational expansion and to encourage our faithful pastors and workers in Jamaica, but also because this

should be done while Dr. O. B. Bond is on the field, one especially able and fitted to assist in the establishment of a country school.

The board voted to add to the tentative budget an item of \$1,000 toward assisting with the country school on a proposed continuing basis of four years. An item of \$500 was approved also toward funds to repair and improve the Charles Street property.

A letter from Dr. O. B. Bond was read which presented several points in favor of such a school. They are as follows:

"First, the location of the new school building would provide a rural atmosphere where our youth may live in the environment of a homelike influence and cultivate the attitudes prompted by such circumstances.

"Second, we are anxious that the beauty of rural life may be magnified and that the sweetness of home life may be revealed in the orderliness of well-regulated home units on the campus of Crandall High School.

"Third, we would wish to make the facilities of this school available for annual conferences for the ministers and church leaders.

"Fourth, the campus of Crandall High School might be used each year for the Seventh Day Baptist Young People's Conference. Sabbath school teachers could hold annually a retreat under favorable circumstances; teen-age campers might be provided for here, also adult laymen's and women's camps, and annual young adult camps."

News Flash

A cablegram from Miss Beth Severe in Nyasaland was received by Secretary Harris, August 9. It stated that the negotiations to purchase the Makapwa Mission station and property have now been completed.

Funds in hand make possible the initial payment. Approximately \$1,700 is still needed. Plans are progressing to find a successor as head of the mission. It is confidently expected that announcement can be made at the General Conference as to who will go for us.

Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland

Report of Committee on Negotiations for Purchase of Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland

Three phases of the negotiations for purchasing the Makapwa Mission property from Rev. Ronald Barrar are noted in this report.

1. The committee carried on extensive correspondence to learn whether the price which Mr. Barrar was asking for the property (£ 1150) was fair. Confirmation was received from Barclay's Bank in Blantyre, from the Commissioner of Southern Province located at Cholo, and from the head of the Adventist Mission station at Malamulo. All said it was a fair price.

2. The committee undertook to secure agreement of Mr. Barrar to the condition of purchase voted by the board, namely: that "he will agree to sever all connections with any missionary work in Nyasaland." This was interpreted to mean any missionary work carried on by Seventh Day Baptists. Mr. Barrar first agreed not to interfere with any "organized" Seventh Day Baptist work and later changed it to "any" Seventh Day Baptist missionary work carried on in Nyasaland.

3. On July 19, 1954, after two extensions of negotiating time had been requested and granted by Mr. Barrar giving the Missionary Society option until August 1, 1954, legal counsel was contacted by the Negotiating Committee and a cablegram sent to a firm of lawyers recommended to us by Miss Beth Severe. This firm, "Lilley, Wills and Company," was requested to represent us by contacting attorneys for Mr. Barrar, "Thorne and Collin," into whose hands he has apparently placed the matter. Our lawyers were authorized to draw upon funds cabled to Barclay's Bank in Blantyre sufficient to cover the initial payment (\$805) which had been stated as required by Mr. Barrar before August 1, 1954. The above amount has been sent.

Miss Beth Severe has been informed of the action of the board appointing her as acting head of the mission upon completion of the transfer of ownership of the Makapwa Mission property. A Power of Attorney was sent to her during the past week. (Signed by the committee, Karl G. Stillman, treasurer, and Everett T. Harris, secretary.)

Women's Meetings at the Western Association

Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, Mrs. John Cornish, and Mrs. John Hudson of Battle Creek, Mich., were welcome guests at the Western Association as it met in June with the Second Alfred Church, Alfred Station, N. Y.

Mrs. Fetherston was asked to speak at the Sabbath afternoon session. The Hebron women led a worship service preceding her talk, and a play, "God Can Show the Way," written by Miss Miriam Shaw with the help of Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills, concluded the program. The play was an impressive presentation of the work and needs of Crandall High School in Jamaica.

The women of the host church served supper to about sixty guests that evening. Mrs. Fetherston presented a tape recording and pictures of the Women's Board which were very well received. The group was impressed with the work which these women do and their dedication to it. The women of the association had a discussion of their work in the light of the total program of the denomination. As a demonstration of their concern for the raising of the Denominational Budget, a collection of \$19 was received.

Annual Meeting Women's Society

The annual meeting of the Women's Society will be held following the Women's Luncheon on Friday of Conference. One item of business will be the election of officers. The report of the Committee on Women's Work will be presented with the recommendations this committee will have for future plans. We hope there will be time for a full discussion of this report. All women who are members of Seventh Day Baptist churches are voting members of the Women's Society. We wish every church and fellowship could be represented by at least one person, and that many of our women living far away from the home church will be present also. This is an opportunity to talk over things together. Hope to see you there.

The regular Conference program of the Women's Society will be presented at 3 o'clock following the luncheon. A part of this program is the dramatization, "The Miracle of Influence."

Hansen Teaches at the School of Theology

Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen of Salem, W. Va., has been teaching a two weeks' course at the Alfred University School of Theology.

The course offered was entitled "Sabbath Philosophy" and dealt with the principles of Seventh Day Baptists which distinguish them from other Sabbath-keeping groups and from Baptists. A. H. Lewis' "Spiritual Sabbathism" was the text. Those enrolled included Rev. David Pearson of Berea, W. Va., Rev. and Mrs. Paul Osborn of Richburg, N. Y., Pastor Delmer Van Horn of Little Genesee, N. Y., and Donald Richards of Alfred.

Mr. Hansen is a doctoral candidate at Dropsie College for Hebrew and Cognate Learning at Philadelphia, Pa. He came to the Salem Church after several years' service as a minister in another denomination.

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Christian Education Notes

At an adjourned meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education held the evening after the Sabbath, July 24, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, was elected president of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Albert N. Rogers who has held the office for the past ten years. Mr. Warren has been vice-president for two years. Mr. Rogers felt it necessary to be relieved on account of his increased responsibilities as acting dean of the School of Theology, to which office he was recently appointed.

At the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education at Cincinnati last February, Professor Biddle of Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., described the ways in which college students, under the supervision of their professors, are doing social and educational field work in surrounding churches and other organizations. Widespread interest in the relationship of colleges to their surrounding communities has been stimulated by Professor Biddle's book, "The Cultivation of Community Leaders," published last year by Harpers.

A consultative conference was recently held at Waynesburg College where Dr. Harry Gardner, vice-president and professor of Christian Education, has been supervising this type of student field work for nearly twenty years. Seven colleges were represented and a study was made of projects that have been undertaken and the principles underlying such student community work. The results of this study are yet available.

Many of our Seventh Day Baptist college students have engaged in evangelistic work in quartets and have been personally blessed in the experience. Many students teach Sabbath school classes or lead youth groups in churches of the college community. Much more of that sort of service could be done, and there are other forms of community service which might well be attempted by students under supervision and in co-operation with local civic clubs, W.C.T.U.'s, welfare agencies, and other groups. Such experience would be of great value in training young people for social and religious service in their home communities.

The eleventh International Workshop in Audio-Visual Education will be held at Green Lake, Wis., Aug. 30-Sept. 4. The purpose of the workshop is to provide time and resources both of materials and leadership for all who are seeking to use new and better tools for achieving the Christian mission. The registration fee is \$20. The workshop is under the auspices of the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches.

A TV program equivalent to a leadership education course in the field of family life is to be presented over station WLWD-TV for thirteen weeks this fall. It is being planned by a committee of the Church Federation of Greater Dayton, Ohio, and three members of the National Council staff. The plan includes the enrollment of individual viewers for a course by television and correspondence and of informal groups of viewers in homes and churches.

N. D. M.

Faith is blended with the baby's first food. — Ralph W. Sockman.

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY PRESENTS ITS CASE

Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Dean

Many Recorder readers have studied carefully the Tentative Report of the Committee on Ministerial Training which appeared in the issues of May 17 and June 14. The Advisory Council of the School of Theology in a recent series of meetings gave consideration to this report and feels there is much to commend in its discussion of theological education.

The Advisory Council has voted to support Proposal "A" of the Tentative Report providing it is understood that the standing Committee on Ministerial Training shall work in conjunction with existing agencies. [Proposal "A" would strengthen the school financially and otherwise. Proposal "B" would discontinue the degree program for the time being.]

In the first paragraph of the report under Proposal "A" it is difficult to know just what is meant to be the responsibility of the proposed standing committee. The Advisory Council is not mentioned but it is nominated by the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education and elected by the Board of Trustees of Alfred University to supervise the school's work in the interest of Seventh Day Baptists. The Board of Christian Education is nominated by Conference, of course, and only delegates to Conference may vote at its annual meetings. These two bodies have largely determined the policies of the school.

A Conference Committee on Ministerial Training might well assist the Advisory Council through the years in recruiting students, in allotting scholarship funds, in financial programs, and in other ways. Conference might well delegate to such a committee the handling of all matters related to accrediting of ministers. The Advisory Council and the School of Theology faculty will always welcome the sympathetic interest of its constituents.

The charter and by-laws of Alfred University place responsibility for the School of Theology with the Advisory Council, particularly with reference to the hiring of its faculty and the preparation of its annual budget. As the Davis Committee states, \$12,000 to \$15,000 will be

required annually to maintain the school in a satisfactory manner, but we know full well that no such amount is available immediately. We are asking the Board of Christian Education to request from the Denominational Budget \$6,543 for the next Conference year.

Minimum requirements placed before the School of Theology by our accrediting agencies include at least three full-time professors and a dean, increased library expenditures, a student body of 15, faculty salaries comparable to those paid in the College of Liberal Arts, and renovation of The Gothic. To meet these requirements the Advisory Council plans certain steps, i.e., an increased student recruiting program, faculty salary increments, continued library expansion, repair and improvement of The Gothic, and the addition of another assistant professor.

We are outlining these plans in detail to the Davis Committee and will present them as fully as possible to Conference.

Children's Page

A NEW SORT OF PLAYTHING

One day Alice said that she was tired of all her playthings and wanted a new toy. "How nice it would be," she said, "if one could have a doll that could walk about, and come when it was called, and could drink tea out of the little china cups!"

Robert laughed when he heard Alice say this; and he said, "Yes, if it could be, it would be very amusing. Fancy if dolls, and wooden horses, and all the animals in our Noah's Ark, could walk about, and go in and out of the ark when they pleased! And if all the butterflies, and the great, green grasshopper, and the dove with the olive leaf in its mouth would fly about the room! But it cannot be, Alice."

"No," replied Alice, "all the toys stand still. I want one that can run about."

Then Robert clapped his hands and said, "I know something that will just do; something nicer than a toy. Tom has told me that his mother has some kittens to give away; she will give us one."

Alice jumped up and said, "I will get

a basket, and we will go and fetch one."

"But we must ask Mother first," said Robert, and away they both went.

"May we have a kitten?" they asked.

"Yes, if you will take care of it," said their mother.

"Oh, that we will be sure to do," they both said.

"Very well," said their mother, "if I see that you look after it, and see that it has its food at the proper time every day I will let you keep it; but if I find you forget it, I shall send it to someone else who will think more about it."

So Alice and Robert promised; and then they went off to choose a kitten. They chose a very pretty tabby one, with a white breast and a white nose. It was a very playful kitten, and would run after a ball or a bit of paper and could lap milk out of a saucer as well as an old cat.

"But," said Alice, "our kitten must learn to eat out of a spoon, too,"

So Robert poured the milk out of the jug into a saucer, and Alice took the kitten on her knee. She did not allow it to put its nose into the saucer, but took a spoon, and the kitten gravely lapped the milk out of the spoon, to the great delight of Alice and her brother.

"See," said Robert, "you have now what you wanted, a plaything that can run about and come when it is called. Are you not pleased?"

"And not only a plaything," said their mother who had heard them talking, "but a sensible creature who will grow fond of you if you are kind to her, and will repay your kindness by a faithful attachment."

O. M. Dunham.

Dear Recorder Children:

Although I visit the post office three times every day expecting to find at least two letters from my Recorder children, not one have I received for the last four weeks. A good many people who read the Children's Page like your letters best of all. So please do write often. I enjoy your letters, too.

Thinking about the story "A New Sort of Plaything," I remember how much more I liked my pet kitty than the very best toys I had, but I never thought of her as a toy.

Some time before Christmas last year I was surprised to see a beautiful doll that could walk and talk, but of course you had to wind it up and it would soon stand still and keep still. But it was fun to watch it in action, but surely kitties and dogs are much more fun, don't you think?

A little next-door neighbor of mine was three years old July 18. As my gift to her I found at the drugstore a cute toy swan. It floats on her bath water and makes a funny noise which sounds almost like a swan's song. The little girl, Christine Gibbs, loves the swan and has lots of fun with it. She would probably like to take baths often now. She said, "thank you" to me over and over again.

In Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Who can say, I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin? Prov 20: 9.



No Catholics at Evanston. The World Council of Churches through its secretary, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, had expressed a readiness to invite some Roman Catholic observers to attend the Evanston Assembly knowing that some Catholics in several countries have shown great interest in the work of the Council. Cardinal Stritch, archbishop of Chicago, on July 8 issued a letter forbidding Catholic clergy and laity to attend. The cardinal's fifteen-page letter referred to the World Council in these words:

"... there are men outside the church professing the Christian name who deplore the divisions which exist among them. They talk about setting up and establishing a Christian unity. . . ." He said the Catholic Church could not participate because to do so would "be to admit that she is but one of the many forms in which the true Church of Christ may or may not exist."

What's Ahead? -- Eternity

Defined by Webster, eternity is: Infinite duration; eternal existence. The state after death. An endless, or immeasurable, time.

The Bible says: God "inhabiteh eternity" (Isaiah 57: 15.) and has an "eternal purpose" (Ephesians 3: 11.) for every believer — eternal life. For all who reject Him: eternal death.

Without God

"Without Christ . . . having no hope, and without God in the world." Ephesians 2: 12.

"In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power." 2 Thessalonians 1: 8, 9.

"And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Matthew 25: 46.

"The wages of sin is death." Romans 6: 23.

"And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." Daniel 12: 2.

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

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." Jude 7.

Where Will You Spend Eternity?

There are two possibilities. Think it over, then honestly make your choice.

1. IN HEAVEN, because I trust and now accept Jesus Christ, God's sinless Son as my personal Saviour from the penalty and power of sin.

2. IN HELL, because I now reject Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 28, 1954

Growth Through Christian Service
Lesson Scripture: Gal. 6: 1-2; James 1: 22, 26-27; 2: 14-17; 1 John 3: 16-18.

With God

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deuteronomy 33: 27.

"Whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." John 3: 15.

"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life." John 6: 68.

"And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves." John 17: 13.

"The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6: 23.

"Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." 2 Corinthians 4: 17.

"We know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." 2 Corinthians 5: 1.

"Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life." 1 Timothy 6: 19.

The above is a tract printed attractively in two colors and available free from the American Tract Society, 21 W. 46th St., New York 36, N. Y. We encourage our readers to supplement the literature published by our own presses with material from other nonprofit tract publishers such as the one mentioned above.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for September 4, 1954

Growth Through Sabbath Observance
Lesson Scripture: Ex. 20: 8-11;
Mark 2: 27-28; Luke 4: 16; 13: 10-17.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — The Independence Church under the efficient leadership of our pastor, Rev. Don Sanford, has conducted one of the largest Vacation Bible Schools we have ever had. Forty children were enrolled in the primary, intermediate, and junior departments.

Adeline Miars and Sally Clarke directed the work of the primary group. These classes were held in the recently redecorated classrooms upstairs in the church.

Mrs. Robert Clarke, assisted by Sylvia Clarke, taught the intermediate group, and Pastor Sanford, the juniors, both in the parish house. The demonstration program which was held in the church showed good work done by each group. All courses were Bible-centered.

For several months the pastor has been holding a class for young people who desired baptism. On Sabbath Day, July 17, following Bible School we had a beautiful and impressive service in the stream near the church. Six candidates were baptized, most of whom planned to join the church the next Sabbath. — Mrs. C. M. Crandall, Correspondent.

ALBION, WIS. — The Albion Church has completed the largest Vacation Bible School since such schools were started here in 1925. Sixty-five boys and girls were enrolled. The previous high was forty-five in 1952. Since the Seventh Day Baptist Church is the only one in the community there were many boys and girls of other denominations, including Lutheran and Catholic. More than half of those enrolled had perfect attendance for the two weeks. The school was directed by Pastor Kenneth Smith who taught the juniors; Mrs. Evelyn Marsden and Miss Adele Walters were primary teachers; Mrs. Dorothy Smith and Miss Connie Mathison, kindergarten; and Miss Roselyn Reiersen and Miss Carole Loveless, nursery.

A class of candidates for baptism is meeting regularly with the pastor, looking to the sacrament about the first of September. The group will include some who have recently returned from a week at Camp Wakonda.

Our church is looking forward to the entertainment of Commission members

just previous to the General Conference. We invite delegates to the Conference to drive ten miles north of Milton and visit our church and the old Albion Academy. Our church has a new sign which may be a help to visitors this summer. — Correspondent.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. — Mrs. May Henke has returned to Tucson, Ariz., after visiting here in June and July. She attended our Sabbath school and gave us a helping hand. She had a good article published in the first Sabbath Interpreter. Let's read it!

Other visitors have been Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Kime from St. Louis, Mo., William Arbegust from Lafayette, and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis W. Ridgeway and sons from Bainbridge, Ind. On August 14 and 15, Rev. Everett T. Harris plans to visit us on his way to Conference (Let us call it the Emmaus Way).

The church attendance has increased. When one comes away from the church of his choice, one feels more charitable toward all the world. May we all be wholehearted, truehearted, and faithful to one another, as we go to Milton. We have our churches to protect — with malice toward none, more love and understanding to all.

Would anyone know whether any of the Ora, Indiana, group are still in existence? Who is Willis Logan? I understand the Chicago Church did send Elder G. E. Fifield down there quite often in 1918-1919. — Helen Heilman, Correspondent.

BERLIN, N. Y. — The Eastern Association meeting with us is now a thing of the past, but we are still feeling its spiritual uplift and recalling with pleasure the wonderful spirit of fellowship and co-operation which existed. There was a large attendance, with over seventy outsiders in our own association and a few visitors from the Central Association on Sabbath day. We are grateful to our friends in the other Baptist church for their generous aid in solving the sleeping problem.

A member of our congregation, Mrs. Robert Bentley, was in charge of the Vacation Bible School, drawing children

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from the three Protestant churches in the town, also seven or eight from the Catholic church. Three of her assistants were Ruby and Eunice Maxson and Mrs. Arlie Greene. There was an enrollment of over 100 and an average attendance of over 90. There have been expressions of regret that it did not last longer. The Ten Commandments were the subject for study.

Our new kitchen is one of beauty and greatly improved convenience. A fine sink with hot and cold water connections with the parsonage was the donation of Nicholas Fatato and Son, steam fitters from Schenectady, and is indeed a joy after many, many years of carrying in water for dishwashing. New lights, added cupboards and plastic top counters, new gas range, as well as new paint, have increased its beauty and usefulness.

Twelve young people went from here to Lewis Camp, and have come home full of enthusiasm and a desire to go again next year. Mrs. Paul Maxson was in charge of the cooking, assisted by Mrs. Robert Bentley. Both are noted for their fine cooking. — Correspondent.

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — The Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church was organized in 1904, and to commemorate our fifty years of existence we are planning a golden anniversary celebration next October 15, 16, and 17. This will coincide with the regular fall meetings of the Northern Association, and we plan to carry out our anniversary theme throughout the weekend.

We are hoping that a great many non-resident members, former members, and friends of our church will be with us for this occasion. Will you not start planning now to be with us for this very special celebration, or send a word of greeting? — (Mrs. Geo.) Madelene Parrish, chairman, Anniversary Committee.

Marriages

Stillman - Coon. — James Irish Stillman, Jr., of Houston, Tex., and Carolyn Jean Coon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garrelt D. Coon of Burbank, Calif., were united in marriage June 12, in the Fireside Room of the First Presbyterian Church of Burbank with Dr. Chester Buley officiating. The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fay B. Coon of Milton, Wis. The groom is the grandson of Dr. and Mrs. George B. Shaw of Alfred, N. Y.

Births

Van Dyke. — A daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Van Dyke, Littleton, Colo., February 22, 1954.

Thorngate. — A son, Tommy Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thorngate, Arvada, Colo., June 22, 1954.

Thorngate. — A daughter, Debrah, to Dr. and Mrs. David Thorngate, April 16, 1954. They are living in Monterey, Calif.

Moulton. — A son, Todd Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Moulton, of Kalamazoo, Mich., July 23, 1954.

Babcock. — A daughter, Susan Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. David Babcock of Battle Creek, Mich., July 21, 1954.

Wentworth. — A daughter, Nancy Carol, to Mr. and Mrs. James Wentworth of Battle Creek, Mich., July 17, 1954.

Obituaries

Kennedy. — Nora Dell, daughter of John W. and Nancy Fletcher Radcliffe, and widow of Charles E. Kennedy, was born June 6, 1888, and died suddenly July 17, 1954.

Mrs. Kennedy was a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. Surviving are four sons: Lloyd W. and Ray of Clarksburg, W. Va., Erlo of Lost Creek, W. Va., and O. Glenn of Chatham, N. J.; two daughters, Mrs. Thelma Sleeth of Clarksburg and Mrs. Wylma Jeffries of Atlanta, Ga.; an adopted son, Carl Winters, USN; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Farewell services were held in the church on July 19, 1954, and the body interred in the Brick Church Cemetery. Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel officiated. R. E. Z.

Monroe. — Elva Scouten, was born in Nebraska, August 11, 1898, and died at Little Rock, Ark., July 14, 1954. She resided at Fouke, Ark., and was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Mrs. Monroe is survived by her husband, Nathan Monroe, two daughters, Mrs. Ira Soper, Wellfleet, Neb., and Miss Meleta Monroe, Fouke, Ark.; four sons: Lusbert of Texarkana, Ark.; Berwin, Glathan, and Everon, all of Fouke; her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Scouten, Fouke; four sisters: Mrs. Ethel Davis and Mrs. Hazel Robertson of Fouke; Mrs. Neva Jensen of Topeka, Kan.; Mrs. Pansey Green, Milton Junction, Wis.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church conducted by her pastor, Rev. T. R. Sutton, assisted by Rev. Howard Wilson of the Arabella Heights Baptist Church. Burial was in the Fouke Cemetery. T. R. S.



Clarence M. Rogers, Salem, W. Va.

Mr. Rogers, newly elected president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference and a prominent young attorney, will lead the Conference during the year under the theme, "To Serve Him." The next annual session will be held at Camp Sequoia, Fayetteville, Ark., at a time in August to be determined by the Commission.