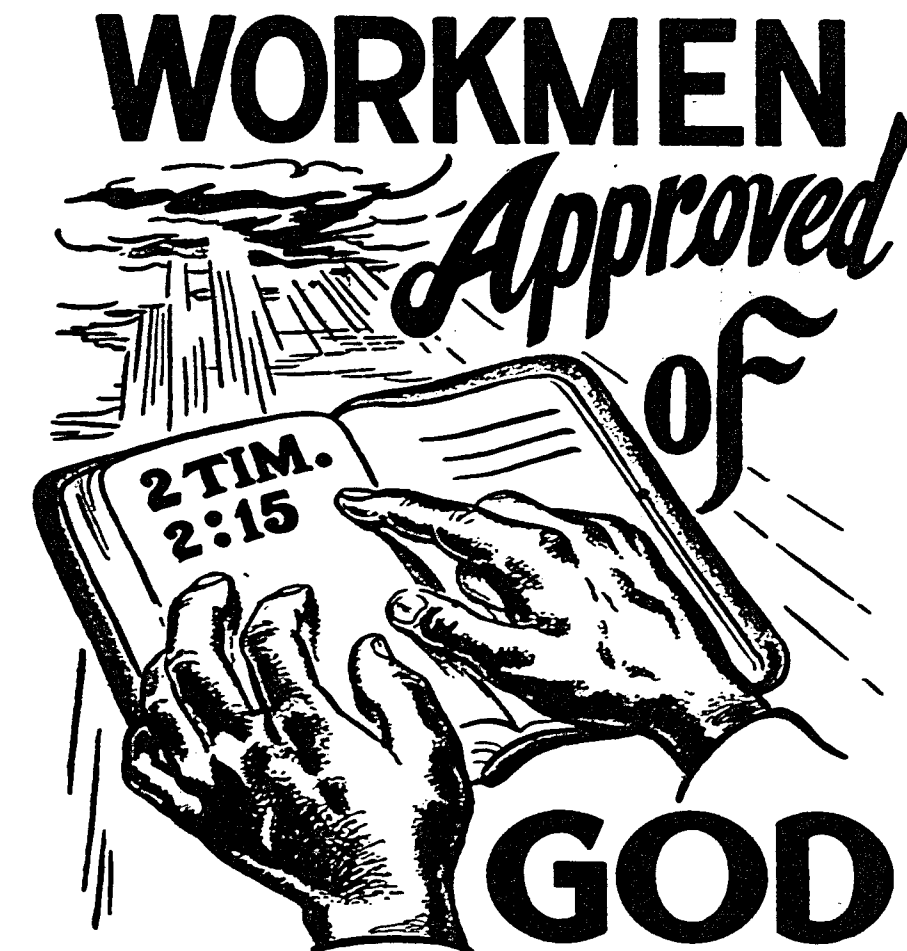


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Improved labor relations will result when those who work with their hands as well as those who work with the Word study to show themselves approved unto God.

## DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, July 31, 1954

Receipts		July	10 months
Balance, July 1	\$	88.97	
Adams Center			\$ 450.65
Albion	74.34		415.61
Alfred, First			2,349.64
Alfred, Second			650.80
Associations and groups	61.40		320.75
Battle Creek	355.68		4,159.18
Berlin			429.81
Boulder			326.32
Brookfield, First	40.00		151.50
Brookfield, Second			226.55
Buffalo Fellowship	49.00		100.00
Chicago	95.00		911.00
Daytona Beach			330.65
Denver	5.00		629.00
De Ruyter			408.50
Dodge Center			225.85
Edinburg			199.25
Farina	15.00		175.00
Fouke			164.72
Friendship			40.00
Hammond	25.00		86.00
Hebron, First			83.16
Hopkinton, First			970.50
Hopkinton, Second			5.00
Independence	34.00		432.00
Indianapolis			61.10
Individuals			277.25
Irvington	100.00		300.00
Jackson Center			35.00
Little Genesee	90.92		403.36
Los Angeles	10.00		666.43
Los Angeles, Christ's			25.00
Lost Creek			761.52
Marlboro	608.46		2,093.07
Middle Island	11.16		109.43
Milton	560.30		4,321.16
Milton Junction	253.92		1,481.25
New Auburn	12.72		58.77
New York	20.00		297.44
North Loup	5.00		721.35
Nortonville	20.00		522.60
Pawcatuck			3,770.80
Philadelphia			173.25
Piscataway	42.00		175.00
Plainfield	409.75		3,894.41
Putnam County			30.00
Reedley-Dinuba	100.00		100.00
Richburg	8.51		373.90

Ritchie	30.00	130.00
Riverside		2,024.27
Roanoke	10.00	51.00
Rockville		79.02
Salem		810.50
Salemville		90.41
Shiloh	225.00	2,423.27
Stone Fort		65.00
Syracuse		50.00
Verona		677.55
Walworth	35.00	105.00
Washington		75.00
Waterford	37.17	225.68
White Cloud	88.77	711.46
Wilkes-Barre		25.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,522.07</b>	<b>\$42,436.69</b>

### Disbursements

	Budget	Specials
Missionary Society	\$1,191.30	\$ 211.59
Tract Society	276.60	
Board of Christian Education	487.50	
Women's Society	168.60	40.00
Historical Society	72.30	
Ministerial Retirement	294.90	226.26
S. D. B. Building	81.60	
World Fellowship and Service	12.00	
General Conference	415.20	
American Bible Society		16.25
Bank of Milton, service charge	1.72	
Balance, July 31	26.25	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,027.97</b>	<b>\$ 494.10</b>

### Comparative Figures

	1954	1953
Receipts in July:		
Budget	\$2,929.00	\$4,301.75
Specials	494.10	1,991.12
Receipts in 10 months:		
Budget	33,433.46	30,633.54
Specials	9,003.23	7,561.86
Annual Budget	63,121.22	46,635.00
Percentage of budget raised to date	53.00%	65.70%

L. M. Van Horn,  
Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

## Marriages

**Harvey - Spaine.** — At the First Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., Sabbath afternoon, August 14, 1954, Jack Crusen Harvey, R.D., Alfred Station, N. Y., son of the late Charles Harvey and Bernadine Crusen Harvey, and Patricia Anne Spaine, R.D., Alfred Station, N. Y., daughter of Thomas Spaine and the late Eva Jacox Spaine, were united in marriage, their pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. The new home will be at Alfred Station, N. Y.

## Births

**Tamburrine.** — A son, William David, to Mr. and Mrs. William Tamburrine of Baltimore, Md., on May 15, 1954.

**Halterman.** — A daughter, Marcia Ruth, to Mr. and Mrs. (nee Lucille Maltby) Joseph (Bud) Halterman of Boulder, Colo., on Aug. 4, 1954.

**Duffield.** — A daughter, Debbie Lou, to Mr. and Mrs. Chester Duffield, on May 13, 1954, in Amarillo, Tex.

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## New Handbook of the Heavens

This is not a religious book describing the believers' eternal abode but a highly recommended Mentor book which is a popular introduction to astronomy, selling for \$5.00. Arthur Draper, director of the Buhl Planetarium, calls this handbook fresh, stimulating, dependable — "one of the best introductions to the study of the sky available today." The Christian ought to know something about this subject. We believe that the Psalmist wrote the best introductory sentence to any study of the stars ever penned: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

## DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING

It was anticipated that the proposed sale of the Seventh Day Baptist Building in Plainfield, N. J., would be a live issue at the recent annual Conference at Milton, but it was not. The matter had been discussed rather thoroughly, we understand, at the midyear meeting of the Commission, and certain resolutions were passed which were not made public. We were surprised that the report of that midyear meeting (published in the Recorder of last week) made no specific reference to the matter. According to our information, the subject did not come up again for discussion at the five-day meeting just prior to Conference. It was aired, however, at the evening meeting of the Co-ordinating Council the night before Conference began. Most of the presidents and secretaries of our boards and societies, as well as members of the Commission were present.

For the sake of interested readers who were not at Conference it should be reported that nothing came to the floor of Conference from any source or in any explicit remarks on the proposed sale of the denominational building. We believe that private conversations and reports may have convinced our elected leaders that the long-range prosperity of our denomination would not be promoted by the relocation of our Historical Society and the sale of our present headquarters building. Further investigations of all our denominational machinery are in order at any time so long as the people have the final voice in the matter.

## Our Cover

The Labor Day message requested to be read in the churches this past weekend is entitled, "Our Churches — the Conscience of Economic Life," and contains the following words in the opening and closing paragraphs:

"On Labor Day America pays respect to the progress and achievements of its workers, extols the dignity and importance of work, and revitalizes the tradition and ideal of people working together for the common good.

"Christian churches can be the conscience of our economic life. In interpreting the mind of Christ to workers and to management they can foster the moral climate in which 'community' will thrive."

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## CONFERENCE A SUCCESS

Now that our annual Conference has ended, we believe that it is possible to look back and say that it was successful. Success is, of course, relative. The president doubtless had some moments in which he felt that his hopes for a spiritual Conference were far short of realization. We would say, however, that his efforts were rewarded and that this 1954 meeting was marked by a much higher tone of spirituality than many of our previous gatherings.

The prayer program under the general leadership of Rev. Ralph H. Coon of Salem College met with response that was far better than usual. Both the evening prayer service at the close of the session and the 8 a.m. daily service outgrew the fairly large prayer room on the lower floor of the Milton Church. The attendance was frequently more than 100. One evening a large percentage of the audience remained to view some fresh slides from Nyasaland and then to close their eyes and pray for that field. With the pictures lingering in the mind's eye the praying was felt to be very effective. The participants were keenly conscious that if they could more clearly visualize the need in all fields in connection with prayer the needs would be met in answer to prayers of faith that would be expressed.

This larger response to prayer was definitely hopeful. The leaders were well chosen. At one of the few prayer meetings your editor was privileged to attend he was disturbed by one mental observation. Of the many voices raised in prayer there was scarcely one which he could not identify. We were happy to be able with closed eyes to know which one of God's faithful ones was leading the rest of us to the throne of grace, but how much better it would be if there were many new voices. Perhaps there were, at the meetings we did not attend. We trust that there were.

On Sabbath eve, at the close of a good sermon, opportunity was given as usual for testimonies from the main floor, balcony, choir, and basement. The leader, Rev. Charles Bond, thought best to close the meeting after about 65 had spoken

## MEMORY TEXT

It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matthew 4: 4.

briefly. Again we noticed that most but not all the voices were familiar. Some of the young people who spoke with radiant faces indicated that their experience was new and vital. Happily we remind ourselves that our Father in Heaven knows all those new voices as intimately as the older ones.

Conference was successful in new consecration. We hope to speak later of the many young hearts that were turned to the Lord in new professions of faith through the Junior and Middler conferences. There has been nothing like it for a generation, so far as we know. The young people's work also was unusually strong, taking its impetus from rich Pre-Con experiences under consecrated leadership and carrying through all the sessions of the main Conference. Never have we seen so many young people anxious to serve on committees such as the Missionary Committee or the one on Reference and Counsel, which might be termed the "strong-meat" committee since it handles the Commission's report. The climax of success in some respects was the closing consecration service when a number of young people stood for the first time to pledge their lives to full-time Christian service.

Applause is our natural but not always appropriate means of showing approval when problems are being weighed or when action is pending. However, when the voting is done and the assembly is about to adjourn, it may be an indication that the business was successfully carried on. On Sunday afternoon a delegation known to be on the opposite side from the president on the most-debated issue before us spoke of the fairness manifested by President Osborn. A rousing, spontaneous round of applause should have convinced the presiding officer that he had made a successful effort to guide the Conference.

## A PEOPLE WITH A PAST

Happy is that people, facing problems in the present, that can boast of a rich heritage of thought upon which it can draw for help in solving those problems. This was clearly brought out in the case of Seventh Day Baptists in the Historical Society program on the second afternoon of our General Conference.

Miss Evalois St. John, the employed assistant to the president, Dr. Corliss F. Randolph, had prepared a gripping program in which a number of Conference delegates of varying ages became voices from the past, reading portions of letters, Conference addresses, and other carefully selected material drawn from the historical library. The hour-long program was entitled "Making Him Known Through Our Heritage." One would need to have been present to fully appreciate its effectiveness. We cannot reproduce it on these pages.

We would commend to our subscribers a careful reading of the printed Annual Report of the Historical Society, especially the 4½-page resume of Miss St. John's activities. This will later take its place in the Year Book. A portion of it was read prior to the above-mentioned "voices from the past" by Professor D. N. Inglis, who presided over the whole program. The concluding paragraphs show what we mean by the opening sentence of this editorial. We quote:

We close our report with words of Rev. James L. Gamble, D.D., a convert to the Sabbath from the Methodist Episcopal Church, a former pastor of the First Alfred Church, and former professor of Church History and Homiletics in Alfred Theological Seminary. These words were spoken at the General Conference in 1896.

"O, brethren, you who have fought so long on this battlefield, be not weary, be no disheartened; do you not hear the sound of the going in the tops of the mulberry trees? Your past work is not in vain; you have some fruit of your diligent sowing. . . . Be stimulated, therefore, to greater efforts. I am glad you are not made of the stuff that grows weary and gives up hard work in despair. . . . The Lord of Hosts is with us, the God

of Jacob is on our side. It is something to know we are on the side of God and His truth. . . . You may well regard with pride the works of your fathers and pioneers; they built well, and laid foundations for the future. On these foundations you are building a structure worthy of your fathers, and you will do well to go forward with unflagging zeal and courage in the great work. . . . If the harvest be delayed, keep on sowing, brethren, 'be not weary in well doing,' for 'he that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him,' . . . In His name will we set up banners, and in His name will we triumph."

The historical program, intentionally, but without any collusion whatsoever, had a strong bearing on some of the problems faced by this particular Conference. For example, there were several voices pleading for a strong theological school. We heard the voice of Jonathan Allen more than once. If Seventh Day Baptists needed such a school in his day they undoubtedly need one today. Whether or not this particular program influenced the action of Conference when the matter of continuing the degree program of the School of Theology finally came to a vote, we cannot say. However, the result of that vote might be said to be quite in line with the emphasis of the over-all impact of it. It was a vote of organizational conservatism with overtones of hope, on the part of some, for a greater school in the future.

One point needs to be mentioned because it may have been overlooked by a large number of delegates listening to the voices of the past and voting the finances of the future. Jonathan Allen, and others whose words were again put on record, did plead for a theological school. They did not plead for a theologically liberal school or for a school that sought to represent both a liberal and a conservative attitude toward the Word of God. The plea was for a school that would mightily uphold the authority of the Word of God. He said in part, "As Bible Christians, it is our primary work to protest against every encroachment upon the authority of Scripture." What he would have said if

he could have entered the debate at the Milton Conference just ended is hard to say. It is certain, we believe, that his plea for a school of theology would still be conditioned upon theological orthodoxy — the Bible as the authoritative Word of God.

We do well to check ourselves against the standard implied in the words of Dr. Gamble quoted above: "It is something to know that we are on the side of God and His truth."

## WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

It was your editor's privilege along with quite a number of other Seventh Day Baptists to spend a little time at Evanston, Ill., attending some of the sessions of the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches. As editor of the Sabbath Recorder he was accorded all the privileges of the secular and religious press. Having indicated in advance a desire to attend, his badge awaited him and the box reserved for the Sabbath Recorder was full to overflowing with mimeographed material. There was so much, in fact, that the editor had to buy an expanding brief case to carry all the speeches and other material.

The official delegate of Seventh Day Baptists to this Assembly was Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen who has promised a number of brief articles evaluating the Assembly in ways that will be of interest to our readers. We would only like to make one or two comments at this point. The distinctive native garb of many of the overseas delegates made one aware that this was a nearly world-wide attempt to discover a greater degree of unity in faith and in action. Time will tell to what degree the attempt succeeded.

In this regard an extemporaneous message by Dr. Roger Mehl of the Reformed Church of Alsace-Lorraine is rather revealing. His message to the accredited visitors was delivered in French but heard in English over the portable translation sets available to all in attendance. He had many negative things to say. It was his belief that this Assembly would not mark a step forward in unity. He pointed out that Christ is both the cause of our unity and the cause of our lack of unity, that

our loyalty to Christ both binds us together and keeps us separate from those who do not see all truth as we see it. He did not see any way out of this impasse, pointing out that there will never be an ecumenical technique to settle our problems. He admonished us to guard against the idea that with good will and good humor all would work out. His suggestion, which not all of us could accept, was that even though we could not achieve unity of organization we could have a unity around the Lord's Table. It is probable that many American theologians would not take as dim a view of the prospects of unity as this French professor did. We suggest that our readers keep their eyes open for articles in the secular and religious press.

In a brief extemporaneous report to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference on its closing day Mr. Hansen, who had been at the World Council all through the previous week, made two significant statements. He pointed out that there was great interest at the World Council in the Bible as final authority and in the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ which was presented as the hope of the world.

## The Power of a Tract

Tracts have led some of our greatest men to Christ. John Bunyan was first moved to think of Christ by a tract. Hudson Taylor, founder of China Inland Mission, was brought to Christ when a boy gave him a tract. With tracts John Huss (who was converted by a tract) helped to bring the Reformation to Czechoslovakia; John Calvin to Switzerland; Hans Hauge to Sweden; John Wesley to England; Martin Luther (the supreme tract writer) to Germany. Tracts have met a tremendous need in every great Spiritual Awakening. Wycliffe, Wesley, Whitefield, Spurgeon, Meuller, and Moody used them by the millions in their great spiritual ministries to the world. What we need today is "a resumption of the old evangelistic practice of tract distribution." Our plan of "one a day" will succeed as you weekly take your "Pack of Seven," and watch for opportunities to pass them out. — Battle Creek Bulletin.

## Secretary's Column

Including receipts at Conference, giving to the Denominational Budget through Sabbath day, August 21, amounted to a total of \$40,278.53. In addition to the special Conference offerings, this includes a proper allocation of certain funds previously listed as specials, but properly credited to the budget.

This represents 63.7% of the budget for the 1954 Conference year after almost eleven months of the year has passed. In other words there is still 36% of the budget to be raised and about one month to do it in.

Conference itself exhibited confidence that a budget of \$70,000 can be raised. If we "let down" during the final month of the Conference year, we will be betraying the confidence of Conference.

We still have approximately a month before the new budget year starts. It is possible to complete the year without carrying a deficit into the new year if we will but do it. It will require conscientious and sacrificial giving to meet the goal, but Seventh Day Baptists are convinced that the goal is worth the effort.

### Conference Motion Passed

Whereas, Seventh Day Baptists, through the General Conference, have delegated to the Commission certain duties; and

Whereas, to make the work of the Commission more effective, the denomination should be kept fully informed of the plans, proposals, and recommendations of that body; be it therefore

Resolved, That immediately following the regular midyear or any special meeting the Commission be requested to furnish to the Sabbath Recorder for publication a copy of all resolutions adopted or motions voted upon and passed.

[The Sabbath Recorder will print only such actions as are of general interest to our readers.]

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for September 18, 1954

Growing in Christian Love  
Matthew 5: 43-48; 1 John 4: 11-19.

## EXPANDED SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY Proposal "A" as Revised and Adopted by Conference

It is proposed that the Seventh Day Baptist denomination through the General Conference pledge itself to the maintenance of a satisfactory School of Theology upon the campus of Alfred University, controlled by the university administration, including its Advisory Council, so far as academic qualifications are concerned, but directly responsible to the General Conference for program and course of study through the committee proposed below. In the event the General Conference should find itself unable or unwilling to continue its support of the school, notice of at least one complete academic year shall be given to Alfred University of the intention of the denomination to discontinue such support.

Such a school would require the expenditure of approximately \$12,000 to \$15,000 annually by General Conference to provide additional qualified teaching personnel, additional library resources, and additional maintenance of physical facilities.

This proposal would include the establishment by Conference of a standing committee to consist of five members, one to be elected by the Commission each year for a term of five years, and to be called the Ministerial Training Committee. (In setting up this committee one member shall be elected for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years.) This committee would be responsible for:

1. Recruiting candidates for the Seventh Day Baptist ministry.
2. Allotting scholarship funds for students in ministerial training.
3. Reviewing the program of the School of Theology offered for accreditation requirements and denominational needs.
4. Providing suitable examination for the recognition by Conference of ministers of the Gospel.
5. The review of the budget of the School of Theology and its presentation to the Commission. (The school would thus share in the Denominational Budget directly instead of as a part of the Board of Christian Education budget.)

6. Studying plans for the future development of the school and its relation to other denominational activities. (This last would include such matters as the possibility of a qualified individual as a part-time professor of Christian Education and executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, etc.)

7. Submitting to the Commission proposed budgets and programs for such future development.

### PASTORAL CHANGES

Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, pastor of the Salem, W. Va., Church, has resigned in order to spend the next two years working on his doctor's dissertation at Dropsie College in Philadelphia. It is understood that he will continue to edit the new journal, "The Sabbath Interpreter," and will carry on his other denominational responsibilities.

Rev. E. A. Coltrin, who has been pastor of the Boulder Church for the past few months and has endeared himself to the congregation, has resigned for health reasons and will make his home at Lamar, Colorado (P. O. Box 466). It is reported that he hopes to be able to establish one or two Seventh Day Baptist fellowships among his friends in the southern part of the state.

Word has been received that Rev. Trevah R. Sutton leaves the pastorate at Fouke, Ark., shortly but that he and his family will reside in that general area for the time being at least.

The Washington, D. C., Church is happy to announce that Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph is taking over the pastorate which has been vacant since last December. Miss Randolph, who will reside at 5010 Edmonstron Road, Hyattsville, Md., is anxious for Recorder readers to furnish her addresses of people of Seventh Day Baptist persuasion who may be in the area. The meeting place of the church is the same as formerly, 1628 16th St. NW, Washington (Phone: WA 4132).

The Daytona Beach Church has also been successful in securing a pastor, Oscar Burdick, who has been taking advanced seminary work at Berkeley School of Religion in California. Mr. Burdick is

about to assume his new duties. It is something new for this resort area church to have a young pastor. The church encourages interested people going South for the winter to locate at Daytona Beach and enjoy the church privileges.

The Ritchie Church (Berea, W. Va.) and the Middle Island Church (Blandville, W. Va.) have graciously released their relatively new pastor, Rev. David Pearson, to the Nyasaland mission field.

Rev. Melvin G. Nida and family have moved from Colorado to the vicinity of Alfred, N. Y., where he will be teaching in the theological school.

The newly recognized church at Schenectady, N. Y., has had a student pastor for the summer, Harold Pearson, who will soon be returning to school.

There are, it appears, several churches without pastors and some ministers without pastorates. The executive secretary, A. Burdet Crofoot, has been designated by Conference as a one-man committee to help in these relations.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — A home missionary talk at Conference by Albyn Mackintosh reveals some interesting news about his home church. He said that there had been special evangelistic services conducted in the church every year since the new church was built. Besides these meetings there are frequent one-evening services with well-known speakers from outside the denomination. At such meetings the audience is often 90 per cent non-members. The church budget calls for \$1,000 to be spent in local missions in addition to \$1,200 for publicity. The evangelistic meetings for this fall will feature Rev. Alton Wheeler from Riverside as guest speaker.

Mr. Mackintosh noted that to keep their local witness going it requires contributions of \$10 per week from every adult member. He did not go on to say that some members do not attend or contribute regularly, but it is safe to assume that such is the case.

The Sabbath morning attendance is usually one third nonmembers. This again is a very encouraging sign, but the percentage would probably not be quite as

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high if all members within the wide parish were present every week.

News like this ought to stir other churches to greater consecration and activity. — Ed.

SHILOH, N. J. — A midsummer vesper service was conducted by the choir under their director Mrs. Charles F. Harris. The theme was "The Lord's Prayer." Scripture was fitted into the program at intervals by Miss Florence B. Bowden. Preceding the choir numbers a piano and organ duo was played by Miss Carol F. Harris and Miss Nathalie A. Davis.

During the month of August the choir took a recess and special numbers were sung in place of the anthem.

South Jersey Camp ended July 25. Rev. Rex Burdick had a class in Genesis and Pastor Lippincott one in Galatians. There were nine new campers this year.

A new church sign has been placed along Highway 49. This replaces a painted board sign which served many years.

The Female Mite Society met in July. The president, Mrs. Bessie Rainear, presided. Mr. Carlton Wilson was the guest speaker. He used Jamaica for his discussion.

Miss Christine Davis was the only young person from our church to attend Pre-Con Retreat. About twelve of our people were Conference delegates.

J. Harold Fogg, Jr., was discharged from the Army in July after serving in Korea for 18 months where much of his time was spent on the front line.

Baptism was held at Rhodo Lake on Friday evening, August 13. Emily Fogg and Mrs. Jane Pettit were the candidates. — Mrs. Percy C. Davis.

## The Council and the Kingdom

"Stanley Jones acutely observed that 'the mustard seed (present) kingdom gives us our task; the apocalyptic (future) kingdom gives us our hope.'

"When offering the petition from the Lord's Prayer, 'Thy kingdom come . . . on earth as in heaven,' the Americans tend to emphasize 'on earth'; the Europeans bear down hard on 'in heaven.' But they are both true. The kingdom is here (partially) in the life of every soul fully committed to God, it will come (perfectly) in the future."

—Alabama Christian Advocate.

## Annual Meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society

The annual meeting of the members of the American Sabbath Tract Society, for the election of officers and trustees and for the transaction of such business as may properly come before them, will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J., on Sunday, September 12, 1954, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Franklin A. Langworthy,  
President,  
Frederik J. Bakker,  
Recording Secretary.

## Marriages

**Maxson - Lane.** — Lyle E. Maxson of 3345 So. Dale Court, Englewood, Colo., and Mrs. Hattie P. Lane of Scottsbluff, Neb., were united in marriage August 12 at the home of her son, Erlo Lane, near Scottsbluff, Pastor Knight of the First Baptist Church officiating.

## Births

**Probasco.** — A son, Ronald Owen, to Mr. and Mrs. Owen Probasco of Shiloh, N. J., on May 18, 1954.

**Rankin.** — A son, Edward Richard, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rankin of Shiloh, N. J., on Feb. 25, 1954.

**Blackmon.** — A daughter, Sandra May, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blackmon, Jr., of Shiloh, N. J., on July 10, 1954.

**Bowen.** — A son, William Edwin, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. William Bowen of Bridgeton, N. J., on June 15, 1954.

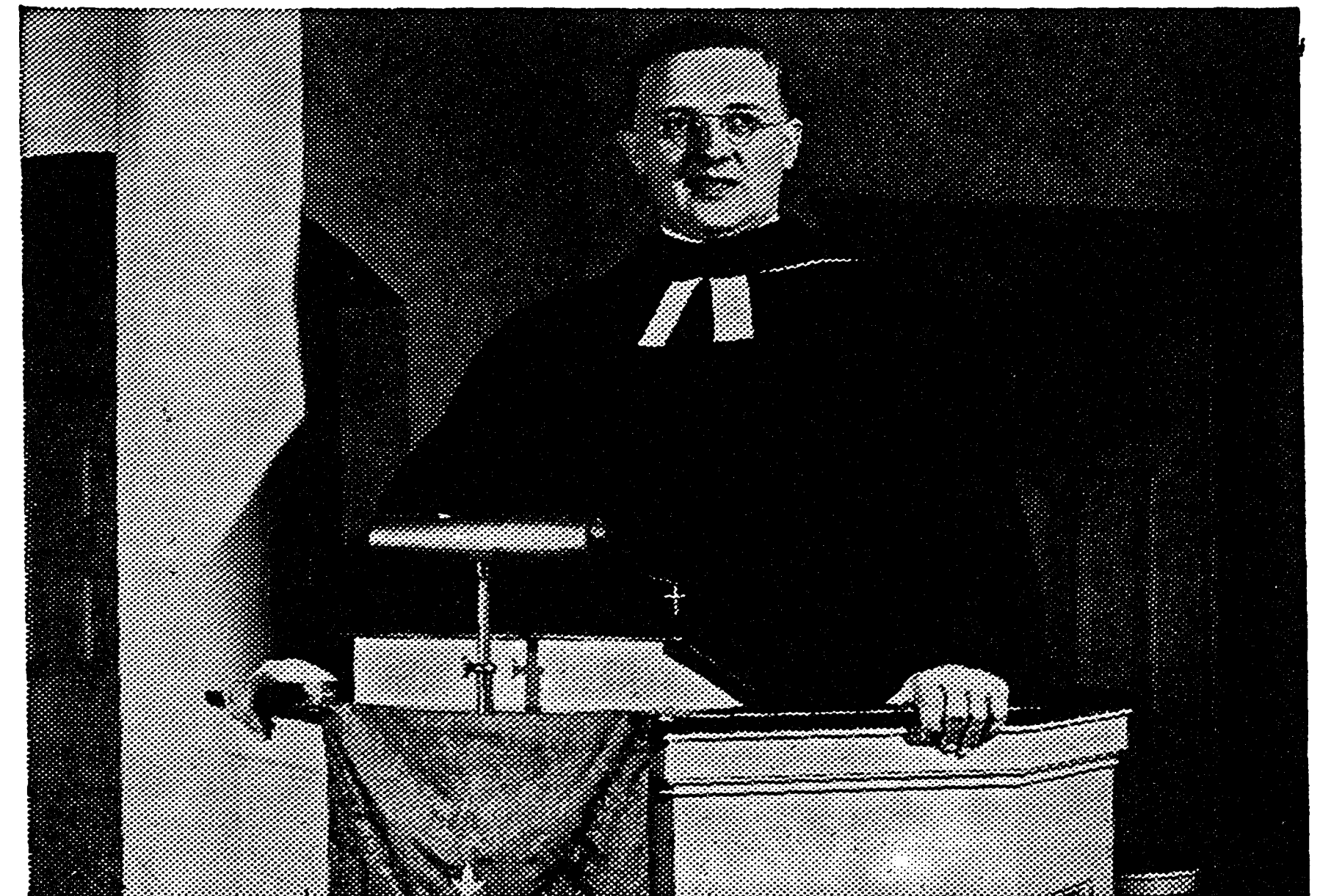
**Ferguson.** — A son, Dale, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Ferguson of Salem, N. J., on March 7, 1954.

## Obituaries

**Scouten.** — R. Gertrude, daughter of Joel B. and Susan Lippincott Babcock was born at Western, Neb., Oct. 26, 1872, and died at Texarkana, Ark., Aug. 9, 1954.

She was the wife of Elias G. Scouten who died Jan. 20, 1936. They were members of the Long Branch Seventh Day Baptist Church at Humboldt, Neb., later moving to Fouke in 1904 to be near that church and its mission school. Mrs. Scouten is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Ethel Davis and Mrs. Hazel Robertson of Fouke, Ark., Mrs. Neva Jensen of Topeka, Kan., and Mrs. Pansy Green, Milton Junction, Wis.; 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted from the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church with burial in Fouke Cemetery, Rev. Howard L. Wilson officiating. — Hazel Robertson.



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