

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

The postman has a ready answer for the complaints of disappointed customers: "We only deliver letters, we don't write them."

This is a portion of the three columns reserved for "News from the Churches."

## Births

McAllister.—A daughter, Lynette Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McAllister, R.D. 3, Bridgeton, N. J., on April 15, 1955.

## Obituaries

Vars.—Raymond Charles, husband of Mary Wilcox Vars, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his home, 38 Grove Avenue, Westerly, R. I., May 3.

Mr. Vars was born in Bradford, R. I., July 29, 1894, the son of the late Enoch W. and Ruth (Crandall) Vars.

He leaves: his wife; a son, R. Charles; a daughter, Miss Ruth Vars; two sisters, Mrs. Mary C. Nichols of Bradford and Miss Effie H. Vars of Woonsocket; and his brother, Clarence A. of Westerly.

A graduate of the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy, he was a partner in Vars Brothers Drugstore on High Street.

Mr. Vars was a member of Franklin Lodge, Palmer Royal Arch Chapter, Narragansett Commandery, Knights Templar, and many other organizations. His church membership was with the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at the Schilke Funeral Home with Rev. Charles H. Bond, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, and Dr. John W. Elliott officiating. Burial was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery. C. H. B.

Babcock.—Louis A., son of Rev. Simeon and Elizabeth McCormick Babcock, was born March 9, 1873, at Albion, Wis., and died at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis., May 12, 1955, following a prolonged illness.

After being graduated from the Walworth, Wis., High School, he attended Milton College. On August 13, 1896, he was married to Lettie Lanphere, of Hammond, La., who survives him.

A member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist

Church, he served ably as its president over a period of years. Following his retirement from the Bank of Milton in 1945, he served as church custodian until ill health forced him to give it up. For many years he was a trustee of Milton College and, until his death, he was a director of the Bank of Milton and of the Milton Savings and Loan Association.

Surviving him, in addition to his wife and three children, Laurence of Rockford, Ill., Margaret (Mrs. Paul Blackbourn) of Elgin, Ill., and Kenneth of Milton, are a sister, Mrs. Abbie Van Horn, of Dunellen, N. J.; a brother, Milton, of Albion, Wis.; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; four nieces and five nephews.

Funeral services were conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, May 14, with the pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, officiating. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. E. F. R.

White.—Ernest H., the son of Frederick H. White, was born near Butte, Mont., July 2, 1894, and died Feb. 21, 1955, in the White Plains, N. Y., Hospital.

At sixteen he began his career as a teacher in a one-room school and four years later was an elementary and high school principal. He was graduated from Alfred University in 1917, and after a term of Army service in World War I, he earned the master's degree at Columbia University.

In 1919 Mr. White was married to Miss Eva Greene of Adams Center, N. Y., who survives with their son, Ernest B. of White Plains, and their daughter, Mrs. Henry Albert of Schenectady, N. Y. Also surviving are five grandchildren, a brother, F. Clifton of Ithaca, N. Y., and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Monaco, Jamaica, N. Y.

Mr. White was a member and trustee of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New York City and deeply interested in denominational matters. He was director of the White Plains Adult Education and Evening School from 1941 until his death.

Funeral services were conducted in the First Baptist Church of White Plains on Feb. 24 by Rev. J. R. Davidson, local pastor, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers of Alfred Station, former pastor of the New York City congregation. A committal service was conducted May 15, Rev. Earl Cruzan officiating, at the burial in the Union Cemetery, Adams Center, N. Y. A. N. R.

Bowden.—Joseph C., was born May 9, 1874, and passed away May 12, 1955, at Shiloh, N. J.

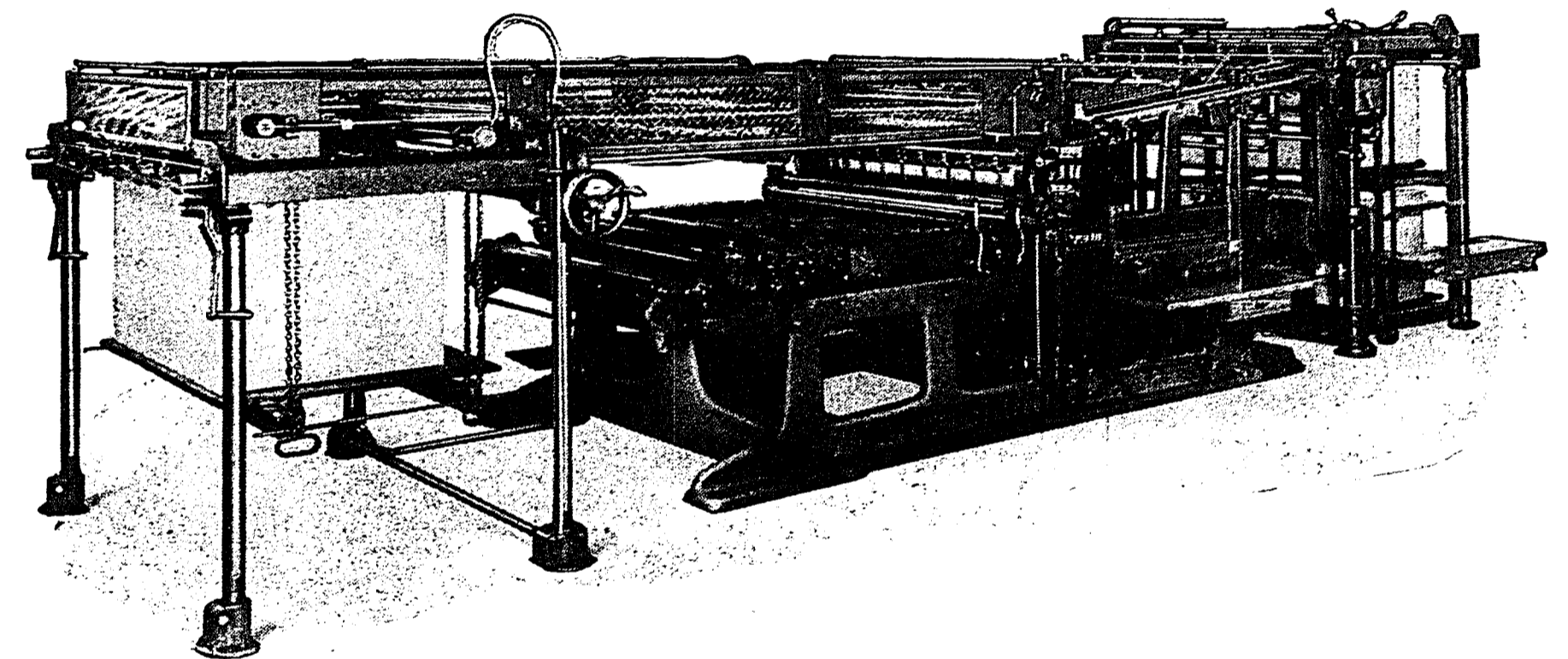
He became a member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church and later united with the Shiloh Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Miss Florence Bowden, and a sister, Mrs. Benjamin Davis, both of Shiloh, N. J., and two nieces and three nephews.

Farewell services were conducted at Carl and Son Funeral Home, Bridgeton, N. J., May 15, by his pastor, Rev. Robert Lippincott. Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery. R. P. L.

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# The Sabbath Recorder



The new Miehle printing press recently installed in the publishing house of the American Sabbath Tract Society. (See story inside.)

Printing, one of the greatest inventions of modern man, still challenges his inventive genius, as the complicated machinery pictured here so clearly shows. Jesus resisted Satan with the words, "It is written." The leaders of the Reformation were able to say, "It is printed." The printed page as never before can be a power for good throughout the world when used to the glory of God.

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE

Mount Sequoyah

Fayetteville, Arkansas

August 15 - 20, 1955

## SPEECH IMPEDIMENTS

Many are the fund campaigns coming to our homes by way of newspaper, radio, and personal appeal. Our interest is solicited for such worthy causes as the polio fund, heart fund, cancer fund, TB fund, crippled children's fund, mental health fund, etc. We wonder how much we should give to such causes besides the usual charities and our regular church-centered contributions. Each of us must work out the answers according to our humanitarian love, conscience, and family budget.

Your editor would like to start another campaign to help those who have impediments in their speech. Certainly there ought to be some popularity in a well-worked-out appeal to help the poor folks who cannot speak distinctly. Just think of that terrible, blighting handicap which follows some people through life! What is being done about it? We haven't heard of any multimillion-dollar appropriations by Congress to help these unfortunates.

But wait a moment; our campaign will cost no money even though it would benefit multitudes of people who listen regularly or occasionally to a great number of religious and secular leaders who have impediments in their speech. The impediments which we would campaign to remove are not congenital, not inherited, not the result of accident, disease, or war injuries; they are the result of carelessness, self-consciousness, or neglect of the most basic principles of intelligible conversation or speech. The impediments of speech which we would remove in a nationwide campaign are those which are self-inflicted. A sergeant home from Korea on an emergency leave landed in the hospital at Camp Stoneman after "accidentally" shooting off his big toe. He came to the chaplain's office to confess that it was not an accident.

Did God give you a reasonably clear voice and lung power enough so that you could make yourself heard and understood in Sabbath school, prayer meeting, business meeting, or whenever you might have occasion to speak? Almost all of us would have to say, yes. And do we always make the necessary effort to keep impediments out of our speech? Most of us would have to answer, no, to that question. Even at home we cause family irritation by

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nursing these self-inflicted wounds to our vocal chords. God gave man a far more wonderful gift than He gave the animals. He built into his anatomy all the organs that are needed for speech. He gave us these organs so that we could communicate effectively with one another after proper training and practice. He gave us voices, not for ourselves but for others. The baby on the floor is a perfect example of self-expression. Our granddaughter at ten months can really make our ears ring with her high-pitched voice. She has not yet learned that the voice has a better mission than self-expression.

Adults, even ministers, when they are not in the pulpit, are often guilty of impeding their own voices in some of our less formal meetings. Let us list a few of the ways. There is little relation between a tired body and a tired voice. Do we have a right to depress our listeners that way? How about the impediment of a hand half way across the mouth, touching the nose, resting on the cheek, or propped under the chin? All of these things adversely affect the voice, as a little experimenting would prove. We could also mention that not the least of the evils of smoking is the annoying speech impediment of pipe and cigar.

Custom has decreed that men should wear collars. Clear words can come forth from the restrictions of a stiff collar only when we keep our heads erect so that our vocal chords do not rest on the collar.

The writer has raised a family. In cutting the children's hair he learned that he had to insist that they keep their feet still because every movement of a foot moved the head also. These are such simple things, so simple that we hardly think of them. Most of us are guilty. We call it guilt because anything worth saying at all is worth saying clearly.

Let none of us assume that clearness of speech should be reserved for large audiences or important people. There are personal applications as well as theological implications in the Scripture: "For if the trumpet give forth an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle?" If we can avoid giving forth uncertain sounds by a little conscious effort let us do it.

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## BILLY GRAHAM IN EUROPE

At the close of his six weeks' Scotland campaign and just before he began an eight-day return engagement in Wembley Stadium in London, *Newsweek* published a special report in its May 16 issue. The title, "Billy Graham Abroad: The Critics May Carp but Millions Listen to His Evangelical Message," was descriptive of the article throughout. The writer pointedly observed that while Oxford and Glasgow debating teams were battling to almost a tie decision the question, "Is Billy Graham an undesirable immigrant?" there were 80,000 crowding the stadium to hear him. Twenty thousand were standing in a driving rain. We wonder which vote was more important. The intellectuals (or a vocal minority of them) scorn the Gospel just as in the days of Jesus. It was said of Him, "The common people heard him gladly" (Mark 12: 37).

Not mentioned in the *Newsweek* article because it had not yet happened was an event which fits in perfectly at this point, i.e., Doctor Graham's sermon to the Queen of England and her family. We might add that before the evangelist returned to England it was reported that 150 members of Parliament were ready to actively support him. The question might be asked, "When will some of the intellectuals in the universities and seminaries catch up with some of the others who have long since completed their academic training and are now facing life — and eternity?"

Returning to the *Newsweek* article, we quote this sharply focused comment: "What the European intellectual critic generally discounts is the fact that behind the religious 'show' is a sound evangelical message which a great many Europeans are eager to hear — mostly because they have been deprived of it for so long."

The article goes on to speak of the cool reception of a large number of the clergy and college men which awaits Billy Graham in Germany and especially in France. The writer bases it on what Pastor Pierre Bungener, editor of the Protestant magazine *Reforme* put in his paper. Translated from the French it reads, "He is just not our type." In spite of all the social-

istic reforms of France there continues to be "a great gulf fixed" between the so-called intellectuals and the common people not only in France but throughout Europe. Billy Graham recognizes no such gulf. He has a message for the common people and also for the college men if they will listen. It will be remembered that he was a successful college president before the Lord called him into his present position as the world's Number 1 Evangelist.

### SOMETHING NEW IN THE PUBLISHING HOUSE

The readers of last week's Sabbath Recorder — the one with the blind girl on the cover — probably did not notice much difference in the quality of the printing. It would take an expert to pick out the improvements over previous issues, for a very old printing press can do good work if the pressman takes time enough and knows how to compensate for its weaknesses.

The picture on the cover of this issue tells the story, at least to those who know something about the printing process. Last week's Recorder was the first piece of printing run on the new Miehle 41 press which has been in the process of installation and adjustment in the publishing house of the American Sabbath Tract Society for the past six weeks. The office force and a number of the print shop employees gathered around the big new press to watch it print its first 16-page sheet of denominational literature.

For a number of years the management has been charging off depreciation on all of the 8 presses and the other equipment in the shop, looking forward to the time when there would be money enough saved up to replace the oldest and most nearly worn-out press and keep the rest of the shop equipment in shape for top efficiency. The old Miehle press of the same size which has now been replaced was purchased second hand in 1938, and was 30 years old. The new Miehle with its many improvements and refinements is costing upwards of \$30,000 installed. Though not quite the fastest press on the

### MEMORY TEXT

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way of escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 1 Corinthians 10: 13.

market, this one is confidently expected to be the most suited to the high quality commercial printing which keeps the plant at capacity performance. We hear that the operator of this press, Henry Poulin, has at least 600 hours of press work waiting for him. During the past few weeks one of the other presses has been running a double shift much of the time.

As we write this piece of news about our denominational publishing house we have on the desk the 84-page parts catalogue which pictures and describes every part. The numerical parts list in the back takes up 9 pages, 12 columns, 80 lines to the page. The machine has electrical controls which remind one of a telephone office and which took more than 2 weeks to install. The editor is only a layman and completely untrained in the highly technical business of a modern printer. He can see, however, that this wider, longer, higher press has feeding, delivery, and uniform impression features that will be of considerable advantage. The machine operates with comparative noiselessness. From our office we will notice the difference in that respect. One soon learns to distinguish, even two doors away, the characteristic sounds of the Kelly and Miehle presses, linotype machines, folders, or the big power paper cutter.

While the new press will probably be used largely for commercial work, it will add to the smooth efficiency of the shop, will undoubtedly make all of our denominational work easier, and will probably eventually increase the profits of the publishing house. The volume of business now being handled by Recorder Press enables the publishing house to turn over to the Tract Society an annual contribution of \$2,000.

## Secretary's Column

### Vital Statistics?

Is there any real significance to the fact that our monthly reports on denominational giving are published on the "vital statistics" page of the Sabbath Recorder? While there probably was no such intent on the part of the editor, we can certainly find some significance to this coincidence.

Just as births, marriages, church accessions, and deaths are "vital" parts of our growth or failure to grow as a church, so our giving or failure to give to the denomination are vital to its life. The budget-giving report is certainly a vital statistic as far as our denominational life is concerned. How does it show up?

There have been times when one was tempted to feel that the monthly report has appropriately appeared on the obituary page of the Recorder. The size of giving during some months in the past has been suggestive of lack of life. But definitely, we, as a denomination, are not yet ready for interment. Our denominational life holds a vital place in the interest of many — some having special interest in certain portions of our work, others being concerned about the entire program.

Obituaries are not the only items of vital statistics that are published. The frequent listing of church accessions is perhaps of more importance than the memorials to those who have completed their work on earth. They are indices of vitality. So may our budget giving be an index of the vitality of our concern for God's work.

Speaking of vital statistics, the period for a church attendance drive designated by our Conference president is now about four fifths past. Are we meeting goals in this section of church vitality?

### Northern Association

The Spring Meeting of the Northern Association will be held June 10 - 12 with the White Cloud Church, White Cloud, Mich. The theme is, "Manifestations of Our Faith."

Jane Gardner,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

### NATIONAL COUNCIL BUILDING PLANS

Decision to construct a block-long united church center on Riverside Drive in New York City as a national headquarters of Protestant and Orthodox church groups was announced May 17.

It is planned to erect a 17-story limestone-faced building in the block between 119th and 120th Streets overlooking the Hudson River. It will house the offices of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and a number of its 30-member communions, their boards, and agencies. The new building can accommodate at least 3,000 staff-workers.

In making the announcement, Edmund F. Wagner, president of the board of trustees of the center, said the Morningside Heights building will be modern in every respect. It will be completely air-conditioned, with asphalt-tile floors, acoustically treated ceilings, fluorescent lighting, and nine self-service elevators.

The first floor will include a chapel seating 300, an auditorium for 500, a cafeteria large enough to serve 300 at one time, and three dining rooms which can be thrown together to accommodate a total of 200.

Mr. Wagner said John D. Rockefeller, Jr., in addition to offering the site, has offered to pay for a modified Gothic limestone exterior which will harmonize with other non-commercial structures nearby.

Dr. Roy G. Ross, General Secretary of the National Council of Churches, issued a statement quoted here in part:

"A distinctive joint headquarters building overlooking the Hudson River on Morningside Heights, can and will symbolize autonomous churches working together in the same way that the United Nations building on the East River embodies the best hopes and noblest aspirations of the world's peoples for peace and improved living conditions through international co-operation.

"I am deeply gratified that the cherished dream of so many American church people is to be realized. Establishment of this

national center for organized religious activities marks a further significant advance in the growth of interchurch cooperation."

With reference to financing the \$14,000,000 project, Mr. Wagner said:

"We hope and believe at least 25% of the total will come through gifts. Another 25% will be provided by the 'investing beneficiary groups.' Officials of one of the largest life insurance companies in the country have indicated their readiness to work out details of a mortgage loan for the balance, to be repaid in 21½ years. Under the contemplated setup, payments of \$3.00 - \$3.25 per square foot for occupancy of space should cover operational costs and interests and amortization charges."

It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy within two years.

### Eastern Association Notice

Eastern Association meets with the Marlboro, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church, Friday, June 10, to Sunday, June 12. The Sabbath eve service starts at 8 o'clock and the Sabbath morning service at 10:30. Meals will be served by the church women at minimum cost. The Entertainment Committee asks that the names of all who wish overnight lodging be sent to Mrs. Katherine Bunting, RFD 3, Bridgeton, N. J.

### BUILDING CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

[The following article from the New Jersey Baptist Bulletin should be of interest to all pastors and leaders.]

#### How to Secure Prospect Lists

The future of the church is dependent always upon having a good list of prospects. There is always a future in your present field if you have the prospects. Many times a church can put her fingers on the lack of a prospect list as the reason for failure to win more for Christ and to enlist more in moving their membership.

Dr. Dawson C. Bryan, in his materful book, "Building Church Membership

Through Evangelism," says: "Our religion is basically a personal one. The chief mission of the church is to find all the people one by one, name by name, person by person, home by home. We might say of the crowds and masses, 'Individualize and Conquer!'"

#### Sources of Prospect List

1. Religious census.
2. The Sunday School roll, listing those not members of the church.
3. The church roll, making a list of relatives who are not members.
4. Registration of visitors at church services.
5. Ask members to hand in names.
6. Through the "Welcome Wagon," Chamber of Commerce, public schools, etc.
7. Keeping members alert to report new people moving into community.

#### How Many Times Visit Prospects?

The question often arises as to how many times to visit a prospect. A survey made by the National Retail Dry Goods Association throws significant light on this problem.

48 per cent of the salesmen make 1 call and quit.

25 per cent of the salesmen make 2 calls and quit.

15 per cent of the salesmen make 3 calls and quit.

88 per cent of the salesmen quit after 1, 2, or 3 calls.

12 per cent of the salesmen keep on calling.

The 12 per cent who keep on calling do 80 per cent of the business.

The 88 per cent of the salesmen who quit after the third call do 20 per cent of the business.

— Alhambra, First Baptist, News.

Professor Halford E. Luccock, warning a Yale divinity school convocation against what he called "packaging the Christian message as a sort of glorified aspirin tablet," said recently, "Some preachers have discovered a new verb which seems to have superseded the old ones such as agonize, follow, sacrifice. It is the lovely verb relax."

Signs of the Times.



### MINISTERS CONFERENCE GROUP, MAY 11, 1955

The informal picture shown above was not received in time to be printed with the names of those attending the conference. Many of our readers will be able to compare the list of names printed in last week's leading editorial with the faces shown here and identify most of the men and the two ladies. The woman whose face is hidden is Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph. The picture taken on top of Mount Brumbaugh may remind the readers of our attempted description of that mountaintop experience on missionary day in the May 23 issue. The ministers had the splendid view of the valley below while the pictures were being taken, therefore, the amateur photographer, Rev. Orville Babcock, could not show both the wide expanse and the ministers.

### Tract Distribution

Who says that the day of effective tract distribution has gone by or that radio and TV have made the printed page an obsolete method of presenting ideas or wares to the public? Ponder these facts: The American Tract Society found 1954 to be its most successful year of tract distribution to date, with a total of 13,000,000 booklets and tracts given out. In a recent survey of advertising practices of department stores all over the country it was found that the typical store allocates 80 per cent of its advertising dollar to newspapers, nine per cent to television, four to radio, three to direct mail, and four to other media.

In our desire to make more use of radio and TV in our religious work let us not forget the proven power of the printed page.

### Unto the Least of These

Valiente is a dialect spoken by 8,000 people who live on the Caribbean side of Panama near the Costa Rican border. The American Bible Society has published Scripture portions in this dialect. Recently a shipment of 500 copies was sent to Central America. "Every Indian who could read and had the money on hand bought copies," one missionary wrote to the American Bible Society. "At once they set out to read them with avidity. Questions began to arise about the meaning of phrases and words and idioms. They reveled in the parables, the historic accounts of Acts, and expressed great joy that the Word has come to them in their own tongue."

The Bible has also been printed in three Peruvian dialects: Avachucho Quechua, Junin Quechua, and Shipibo.

## Missions

### Nyasaland News

(Excerpts of letter from Rev. David C. Pearson, dated May 9, 1955.)

Yesterday was a big day at Makapwa — a day when our pastors in the area assembled with us, also some deacons. The main purpose in our gathering was to make plans for our conference to convene in late July. The definite date is not established as we await word from the Government as to when their exams are to be offered for Standard VI. We plan to have graduation exercises to be followed by our conference. Students have the option of leaving for home or staying.

It was also decided that we recommend to conference: Nedson Gorman (deacon of Armstrong Memorial Church) for 3 years; Pastor Readson Mwanga, 2 years; and Pastor Leman Mgoni, 1 year — these to form our African representation on our Executive Committee of seven. Other pastors in the area, deacons, etc., will comprise an advisory board not only to the African representation of the committee but to us Americans as well.

It appears that there will be from one to three ordinations of pastors at our conference this year. This ought to make a conference high light. The theme is to be "Stand Fast in the Lord"; the conference hymn, "Firmly Stand for God."

Recently I traveled to Zomba, approximately 100 miles, to one of our churches and conducted services. I was well received. There was opportunity for a good deal of preaching. In coming back over our mission road one of the rear wheels of the car fell through one of our bamboo bridges. We secured African labor which enabled us to get on our way again. The mission car, a Morris, weighing less than a typical American car, can be lifted relatively easy. Its weight is some 23 cwt (2576 lbs.).

The work is progressing — thanks to God — and there is much to be done. We are now building a new bridge (where I fell through); the dispensary is coming fine (walls as high as the tops of doors

or thereabouts). I need to get busy on some study helps for next quarter's Sabbath school lessons.

### Crandall High News

Miss Jackie Wells always writes interesting letters. Several items will be reviewed from her letter of May 20, 1955.

She tells of planting carnation seeds and several small carnation plants, hoping they will grow in spite of hot weather and no rainfall. We recall how beautiful the flowers and shrubs are at the Charles Street property and also at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph on William Street. The FitzRandolphs are taking a much needed vacation in the country. Probably the Japheth Andersons are taking care of their place in their absence.

The letter tells of furniture being secured to replace that which had been borrowed for use at 29 Charles St. The Missionary Board voted recently to make \$150 available for assisting on this project.

An office is being set up at the school rather than in the home of the principal. A four-drawer filing cabinet has been secured, also a desk, both being made possible through special gifts.

Miss Wells writes that school progresses well. Five weeks of the twelve-week term have flown by.

Here is the story in her own words: "Since we have three Chinese boys in the first-year class we try to work especially hard to help them understand our language.

"We started a handicraft club for the girls. I'm helping with the knitting; Sarah Wynter and Enid Atkins (two of the students) are instructing those who want to learn tatting. We have located a woman who will come in and supervise the crocheting on Tuesdays from 3:30 until 5. It all started some weeks ago when Dorothy Johnston and Alethea Miller (two of my second-year 'Life of Christ' students) saw me knitting a pair of socks and wanted to learn."

By simple and sincere faith we should link our impotence with omnipotence. — Ralph M. Soper.

## American Tropics

Recommendations regarding Jamaica, approved by the Missionary Board at its last meeting:

1. Because the work of the Jamaica field is quite demanding on the health, and since Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph will have reached the age of possible retirement before the close of their furlough beginning in the summer of 1956, we recommend that the board begin laying plans for securing and sending their successors to the field as early in 1956 as can be arranged.

2. In recognition of services rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph during the past ten years we recommend that the board grant an increase of \$200 annually in their salary beginning as of July 1, 1955.

3. We recommend that the Jamaica Board of Christian Education be requested:

(a) To give consideration to renting dormitory space and employing a house matron to provide accommodations for several students who are now living in undesirable quarters.

(b) To study the possibility of adding a vocational course in agriculture to the curriculum of Crandall High School, with occasional field trips to the Maiden Hall property for practical application of the course being taught.

4. In view of the valiant effort being made by the Jamaica churches to repair the damage caused by the 1951 hurricane, and in some instances to enlarge their buildings to meet the need of increasing membership, it is recommended that the indebtedness in the amount of \$847 of the following churches in Jamaica be waived: Wakefield, Bowensville, Bath, and Waterford. (Loans made to these churches in 1945 and 1946 are to be marked off and the funds which had been borrowed by the Missionary Board from the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund are to be repaid to the Memorial Fund by the Missionary Board.)

5. It is recommended that an amount be placed in the 1956 budget for Jamaica

to assist on church building and repair, to be used upon the recommendation of the supervisor on a self-help basis (matching funds by local church). It is suggested that the amount of this item be decided by the Budget Committee and submitted to a later meeting of the board.

Recommendations regarding British Guiana, approved by the Missionary Board:

1. That we again go on record as favoring the sending of a full-time mission worker, preferably a married couple, to the British Guiana mission field as soon as financial support is assured and the workers can be found, referring this to the Budget Committee of the board to determine the amount necessary for salary, rental allowance, and traveling expense to and on the field.

2. That if an American missionary goes to British Guiana it be the expectation of the board that he will serve as pastor of the church at Georgetown, as well as general supervisor of the field. That the salary of Rev. C. C. Belgrave be discontinued as of June 1, 1955.

3. That an item be placed in the 1956 budget for British Guiana designated for church building and repair to be used upon the recommendation of the supervisor of the field on a "self-help" basis. It is suggested that the amount of this item also be referred to the Budget Committee and submitted to a later meeting of the board.

4. That in view of the travel distance necessary to serve both the Bona Ventura and Uitvlugt Churches, that there be an increase in Pastor Trotman's traveling expense allowance. (The board voted \$10 a month beginning as of April 1, 1955.)

5. That an increase in salary be granted to Pastors Trotman and Tyrrell beginning January 1, 1956.

6. That Secretary Harris be directed to write Rev. Benjamin O. Berry advising him that since he is an employee of the Missionary Society and is needed in his present position, the board does not feel that he should be released from his work at the present time for the purpose of continuing his studies in the United States.

## WOMEN'S WORK

NOTE: The faithful editor of the Women's Page, Mrs. A. Russell Maxson, sent word this week that because of serious illness in the family she had been unable to prepare material for this page. We have taken the liberty of gathering together here some items which may be of special interest to the women among our readers. Many of you, we are sure, will want to pray for the sustaining grace of God to be manifested in the home of this Battle Creek, Mich., family.

### SELECTING YOUR GUESTS

By Mrs. Virginia Reum

Since the dawn of civilization, one of its blessings has been the privilege of entertaining guests in the home. How many stories have centered around this theme! In the Bible we read of Elijah rewarding his hostess with a never-failing supply of oil and meal, and of Jesus in Bethany, feeding His friends with spiritual food. There is a pleasant connotation to the word "guest," calling to mind many rewards for one's hospitality.

We naturally think of guests as those we have invited to share our home with us for a time. These persons usually are selected because of a common interest, because we expect to derive mutual pleasure from association with them. Most of us look back with delight to some very special people who have been our guests in the past, whose presence gave us joy that is still vivid in recollection. In choosing our guests we like to feel that the time they spend in our home will be worth while for the children as well as for the adults and that their visit will leave a pleasant memory. Most of us can remember how we were influenced by guests in our parents' home.

Today our homes are smaller and our lives so filled with other demands that we have lost much of the old-time custom of hospitality; but when we do invite guests to our home we generally use care in selecting those who are congenial and who will exert a beneficial influence upon our children.

However, in spite of small homes and

limited time for entertaining, there are guests who enter freely, their only invitation being the turn of a knob on radio or TV set. These are the guests I ask you to use care in selecting. Would you invite into your home a man or a woman who, with glowing words of praise, would be constantly urging all members of your family to partake of the "golden brew," offered in an attractive glass? Would you consider such urging a good thing for your children to see and hear? Or, would you invite the guest who insists that wine is a part of "gracious living"? Knowing the fallacy of the popular argument that beer and wine are "beverages of moderation," and knowing that such "moderation" often is the first step to alcoholism — you will turn off the radio or TV when they are advertised. The children will learn to follow your example and they, too, will turn off the ads, or they may say, as does one small boy I know, "We don't drink it." This response is giving him a simple and automatic answer to all future invitations to drink. — Department of Radio and Television, WCTU.

Japan recently celebrated the seventh anniversary of the granting of suffrage to women (at the age of 20) with meetings, debates, radio programs, etc., all around the topic, "What women should do as social beings"; and urging women to take an active part in the community life — in the old Japan they were pretty much confined to the home. The government has taken over the promotion of the anniversary now as "Women's Week," aimed at "the elevation of women's position in society."

"Miss Charity," a Heifer Project, Inc., celebrity, sailed for Germany with 62 shipmates recently. Contributed by the Rotary Club of McPherson, Kan., she was the 2,000th heifer shipped to Western Germany.

Magic is a method of making God or the gods your servant.

Religion is the effort to become the servant of God.

— Robert Fitch, Ph.D.

## A VACATION SCHOOL WORKSHOP

The third workshop held this year in the Western Association dealt with the problems of Daily Vacation Church Schools and with a study of curriculum materials. It was held in the parish house of the First Alfred Church, Sunday afternoon, May 22, at 2:30 o'clock. Besides those of our own churches, there were leaders from the Union University Church, the Federated Church of Almond, the Presbyterian Church of Andover, and even some from Hornell. Rev. Don Sanford and Mrs. Madge Sutton helped with the planning and Secretary Neal Mills conducted the workshop.

The opening service, planned and led by Rev. Richard Bredenberg and his wife, was indeed worshipful. Mr. Bredenberg is chaplain of Alfred University and teacher of courses in religion. Mrs. Bredenberg is well trained in Christian education and taught a course in the School of Theology last fall.

Mr. Mills spoke on the planning, organization, and supervision of Vacation Bible Schools, and Mrs. Bredenberg discussed worship, giving many splendid ideas to make it more meaningful to boys and girls. Creative activities of a wide variety were explained by Mrs. Grace Nease of Alfred. She showed a table full of articles and described still others that children of various ages could make to illustrate their lessons and which would develop their character in the making of them. There were pictures on paper, muslin, and oilcloth; spatter prints; figures made of pipestem cleaners; a scroll; puppets; etc.

After a short period of relaxation Mr. Sanford, Pastor Delmer Van Horn, and Mr. Mills explained the study of Vacation School materials to be carried on by leaders of various age groups later in the evening. Then there was a period of browsing for people to look over the handwork articles, books, and materials on display.

Mrs. Martha Mills had made the arrangements for a pot-luck supper and had coffee and tea ready to serve. After supper Miss Laura Burdick of Little Genesee and Secretary Mills discussed teaching music

to children, making suggestions as to procedure, the selection of songs, and the explanation of their meaning to the children.

The workshop later divided into three groups to study and evaluate materials from various publishers. Mrs. Letha Polen of Little Genesee led the group studying beginner material; Mrs. Helen Ogden of Alfred led those evaluating the primary material; and Mr. Van Horn led those dealing with junior material.

At nine o'clock Mrs. Bredenberg led the group in a consecration service with the room lighted only by two candles at the front. After some soft music, the leader read from the Bible and spoke briefly of the privilege and responsibility of teachers to let the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ shine through them to all and not to let it be hidden under a bushel. As we sang "Spirit of the Living God," each one lighted his candle from those at the worship center and carried it out of the room.

— N. D. M.

### Golden Opportunities

The season for Vacation Schools and camps is close at hand. These occasions afford golden opportunities for making deep and lasting impressions upon young people. If skillfully used these occasions may bring experiences that will help to shape fine Christian character; if bungled they may become very unchristian experiences. Every leader of youth has a heavy responsibility to prepare himself for his task. Many libraries have good books and magazines for youth leaders. The Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches has very helpful books and pamphlets at reasonable prices. Some suggestions and good materials may be had by writing to Secretary Neal Mills, Alfred, N. Y. — N. D. M.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 18, 1955

Josiah Prepares for Worship

Lesson Scripture:

2 Chronicles 35: 1-6, 16-19.



### OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Shelly:

I was very much pleased to receive your letter and to add another to my group of Recorder children. You see from time to time Recorder children become grownups and then stop writing. How I miss their letters, your dear mother's among them.

I know you enjoy your dog, Snooper. My granddaughter, Joyce, in Wellsville enjoys her dog, Cheka, who tries to follow her everywhere, even to school if she would let her. My grandchildren in Bridgeton are very fond of their dog, Kelly. They are Karen, Kris, and Kathy; that's why Kris named the dog Kelly. I must be brief this time as you see I have other letters to answer and still others to copy and answer. I hope to hear from you often.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Kendell:

I'm glad my little rhyme caused you to write to me. I'm answering and copying as many children's letters this time as I can, so that next time I can send the last chapter of Mr. Arlie Davis' interesting story.

I think you have given your pets cute names. You must have lots of fun with them. I never had a turtle for a pet when I was your age. I always had cats, and one time I even had a woodchuck — but finally had to get rid of him as he was digging great holes under the house.

Please write often.

In Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am in the first grade. I couldn't go to quarterly meeting in Denver today because I had the chicken pox when I woke up. Daddy and Grandpa and my brother, Buckie, went to church down there.

Mother and Sister Geneva stayed with me.

Every Sabbath day I listen to the children's program on the radio.

Love,  
Jennie Lou Wells.  
Boulder, Colo.

Dear Jennie Lou:

Do you know I had to smile when I read about your chicken pox for I remembered the last time my grandson, Kris, came with the rest of my son's family to visit me. He had just come in when he said to my doctor son, "Daddy, my wrists and backs of my hands feel smarty." His father looked and said, "Kris, you are coming down with the chicken pox." He was disappointed for he was planning to stay nights with a boy friend. For two days he was willing to stay in bed, but after that, when I was getting dinner the third day for my two families, he kept sticking his head out of the bedroom door which opens out of the kitchen. He enjoyed seeing me jump every time he shouted, "Boo!"

In Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I have a mother cat. Her name is Tabby. I am six years old. My birthday is August the fifth.

School is out the last of June.

De Ruyter, N. Y. Robert Wheeler.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My name is Annita. I am eight years old. I go to Sabbath school and I go to church and Junior C.E., too. It is hard to be still when the preacher has the sermon.

There are eight in our family. My father is the preacher at our church.

I am in the second grade. My teacher at school is Mrs. Wood.

I have a cat. His name is Snowball.

De Ruyter, N. Y. Annita Wheeler.

Dear Annita and Robert:

It was good to receive your letters, but I must wait until later to answer them.

In Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

Last week we went to a place called Pleasant Point. We had a picnic and then went fishing. One fish bit two hooks at once. It was a lot of fun.

In school last Friday we handed in some booklets on Russia we made. I do hope I get an A on mine. My teacher is Mr. Gardner. He is quite strict.

Our Girl Scout troop is going on a weekend hike soon. We are going to a place called Shady Hollow. The Scout leader is going to go with us.

Sincerely yours,  
Judy Wellman.

North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My little green turtle is named Smokey. He wins in races with my brother's turtle, usually. Our neighbor's gray cat, Figaro, comes here visiting often. Our cat, Gus, likes him, but we are afraid they will catch our turtles.

We have big bouquets of daffodils and flowering azalea. I have a Davy Crockett comic, and nice new brown shoes.

Your friend,  
David Wellman.

North Tonawanda, N. Y.

Dear Judy and David:

I'll have to wait until next time to answer your letters as I sent them to the Recorder last time and evidently there wasn't room to get them in that issue. I'll have to be a little late in answering them, as I must wait for them to be printed.

In Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

## Youth News

### Church Youth Win Prizes

Three Seventh Day Baptist students at Salem College were among the six winners of cash prizes in the first annual Mackintosh essay contest.

Herbert Soper, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Soper of Paint Rock, Ala., tied for the first place award and received a prize of \$75, half of the original first and second prize. He was tied with Mrs. Sara Stalnaker Casey, daughter of Board of Director member Sam Stalnaker of Salem.

Berwin Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan O. Monroe of Route 2, Fouke, Ark., won the third prize of \$25.

Miss Marie Bee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Bee of Reform, Ala., placed fourth and received a \$10 award.

Albyn Mackintosh established the contest this year to promote interest among Salem College students in creative expression. Mr. Mackintosh, a Los Angeles consulting engineer, is president of the Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Contest arrangements were managed by a three-member faculty committee at the college. Attorney Clarence M. Rogers of Salem participated as one of three judges of the essay manuscripts.

All contestants wrote on the same subject. — Salem College publicity.

### How Is Individual Responsibility Best Fostered in Life?

By Herbert Soper

[This is one of the top prize-winning essays in a Salem College contest sponsored by Albyn Mackintosh of Los Angeles. The writer is the son of Rev. R. M. Soper of Paint Rock, Ala.]

The sense of responsibility in the individual can best be fostered by the development of one of the basic God-given instincts of that individual — love. Certainly every person is born with the desire to love and the need to be loved. It is my contention that if a person is loved and taught to love he will become a reliable and responsible individual. However, if this yearning for love is left unsatisfied and the ability to love never given opportunity for expression, that person's personality might become warped and undesirable. He would become an irresponsible citizen without respect for others; or on a lesser scale he might be merely an unhappy person who contributes much less to, and receives less from, society than might otherwise be possible had he known the joys of Christian love.

Very frequently we are reminded of the way in which love stimulates a sense of responsibility in individuals. Think of men such as Albert Schweitzer who have

given their lives in service to humanity. Has not love augmented their sense of responsibility both to God and to mankind? Think of the responsibility Christian mothers feel for their children. If necessary they would give their lives for them.

Is it not frequently true that when the average American young man falls in love with a young lady his sense of responsibility deepens? He has more interest in life and in his work, or perhaps he becomes more interested in preparing himself to assume the responsibility of supporting a family.

I would cite Christ as the ultimate example of one whose life reflected His love, for this compassion was the motivating factor which brought Him into this world. Certainly He possessed within His being a greater, more noble love and a deeper feeling of responsibility than any other human being who has ever lived. But from where did this sense of responsibility come? Surely Christ did not have to come into this world of lowly men, yet He not only came but suffered and died as His love for humanity dictated to Him. Thus, love is the cornerstone in the foundation of the Christian principle.

This is why I believe that individual responsibility is best fostered in life in the instilling of love into individuals. The child who is reared in an atmosphere of love, in a home where loving-kindness is the rule of conduct, will in turn transmit to the society and world of which he is a part, a spirit of wholeheartedness — his life will have purpose. The individual who has a philosophy rooted in love for God and for his fellow men will put his whole self into living a life of service and usefulness. Such a person can hardly be self-centered and selfish, but rather will want to make a contribution to the society in which he lives so that his posterity will have a better world in which to live.

As indicated in the Bible, "Charity never faileth," but it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things and accomplishes all things, for love is responsible for responsibility.

### ITEMS OF INTEREST

The Executive Branch of the United States Government has recommended to the Congress that the U. S. contribution to the United Nations Children's Fund be \$9,000,000 for the calendar year 1955 and \$9,700,000 for the calendar year 1956. The U. S. Committee for UNICEF is pleased with this evidence of continuing support for the important work of UNICEF but believes that a moderate increase in these amounts should be considered, raising it to \$12,000,000.

UNICEF is currently assisting 254 programs in 91 countries and territories. Its projects brought food, medical care, and other aid to more than 28,000,000 children and mothers in 1954. Approved projects for 1955 will reach more than 32,000,000. These are impressive figures, but they must be increased as long as two-thirds of the world's children, 600,000,000 of them, need help of this kind.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Equally commendable is the President's desire to have Congress appropriate \$28,000,000 so that the children of 10,000,000 low-income families may have the Salk antipolio vaccine without cost. When we set the two needs side by side, it would appear that the need of the children in other lands is far greater. Our contribution to them in 1954 was only 5.1¢ per capita. The committee would like to see it raised to 7.29¢.]

High school students in Dearborn, Mich., have confounded the skeptics. They said it was only youthful enthusiasm and wouldn't last when more than a year ago students began holding before-school worship services on Wednesday morning. But attendance has grown steadily and now nearly 200 are present each week. The services are planned and led entirely by the students.

"Laymen are naturally inclined to be more ecumenically minded than the clergy because of their contacts in everyday situations with men of many different religious backgrounds. Nor are laymen as acutely aware of differences in theology as are the clergy. Perhaps this is not entirely a liability. The witness of the laity is an important part of the ecumenical

movement . . ." — From report of the Workshop on the Laity at WCC Conference, Buck Hill Falls, Pa.

One of the many items of business for the Quadrennial meeting of the Free Methodist Church, convening as usual at the Winona Lake, Ind., Conference grounds, is the proposed merger of the denomination with the Wesleyan Methodists. The Conference session continues from June 7 to 17, according to announcement.

### DEACON WILLIAM LAWRENCE

William Roscoe Lawrence grew up on the family farm located just west of the community of Cohansey, N. J. He attended the Horse Branch School, the West Jersey Academy, Bridgeton, N. J., and Winona Military Academy, Winona, N. J.

On March 23, 1907, William was united in holy matrimony with the late Katherine Ellen Lawrence, daughter of Deacon and Mrs. Henry L. Davis. To this union were born six children, four of whom survive to honor their memory.

All his life William was a sincere and devout Christian. During his early boyhood he united with and attended the Deerfield Presbyterian Church. After his marriage he attended the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church, was baptized and joined this church on April 4, 1909. In 1931 he was ordained a deacon of the church and served in this office faithfully until the Lord called him home.

William was elected a member of the Quinton Township Committee in 1915. An exponent of honest, progressive local government he continued to serve on the Township Committee for the balance of his life except for one brief period.

His children: William R., Jr., of Arlington, Va.; Margaret (Mrs. David Sheppard) of Cedarville, N. J.; Edward D., who operates the home farm; and Katherine G. Lawrence, a teacher in the Salem, N. J., High School; and eight grandchildren are the close relatives surviving him.

Farewell services were held in the Marlboro Church on May 7, with Pastor Paul Osborn and Rev. Henry Lawrence, a cousin, officiating. Burial was in Shiloh Cemetery.

P. B. O.

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS AVAILABLE — ARE YOU?

By Doyle Zwiebel

The story of education is a fascinating one. From beginning to end the history of formal instruction holds one spellbound. In the United States the founding of schools started early, yet slowly at first.

In the middle of the movement were pioneer Seventh Day Baptists who realized the extreme need for the training of our people. In the schools which our forefathers worked so hard to build was the underlying principle of religion. Although the first academies taught secular subjects, a good part of the student's education came from the religious subjects taught and, also, from the association with teachers and fellow-students with Christian ideals. Hence, from early times down to today, Seventh Day Baptists have seen the importance of education. With the ever-expanding programs of our schools, Christian education is being stressed more and more; and well it should be. We have a need for more and better trained church members. If we are to progress along with other Christian denominations it is imperative that we thoroughly educate and equip our workers in the field of Christian education.

Our denomination is small, it is true. But still there is an urgent need for field workers — trained field workers. Our large churches could make use of Christian education directors. The smaller churches have need for help in Vacation Church School programs and other such youth activity, and those churches and areas which are without pastors or any qualified leadership are definitely open for evangelistic teams or other on-the-spot field workers.

Today the Southeastern Association is continuing to provide a Christian education curriculum through the departments of Bible and Christian Education at Salem College. There are many who are now taking advantage of the courses open for such training in these departments — persons of other denominations as well as our own.

The problem for us, as a denomination, is not the lack of suitable facilities for



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the training of layworkers, but the lack of layworkers themselves. With an open field such as we have in which to labor, people are needed to go out.

We have lately been thrilled with the decisions of several young people to enter into foreign mission fields, yet here in our own country, there appear to be few who wish to commit themselves to work for the spreading of the Gospel. Content they are to find themselves in other occupations. Can it not be said that if we do not start applying ourselves to a more extensive program for the propagation of the ideals on which our denomination rests, that it shall soon fade out of the picture completely?

Last year at our Conference the youth of the denomination became enthusiastic over several aspects of the denominational organization and function. This fiery blaze was fanned from what appeared to be only glowing embers of interest on the part of the youth.

This new interest in the workings of the denomination is fine; it is encouraging, but will this flame burn out? It will unless these same young people will carry through with their interest enough to be willing to dedicate themselves to the very evident need which is present. To be willing to spend their lives full-time or even part-time in definite Christian service is the only answer. Only in this way can new logs replenish the fuel supply for that fire of enthusiasm which must continue to burn if the denomination is to live. — The Highlighter.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Following the Sabbath day church service on May 21 a brief business meeting was held at which Theodore Brissey and Wilmer Wheeler were called to be deacons and Mrs. Martha Jenner and Mrs. Herbert Cottrell were called to be deaconesses of our church.

It was voted that the ordination service be held on Sabbath Day, June 18, beginning at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at the usual place of worship, 1628 16th St. NW.

A total of sixty-two or more people have attended frequently during the past nine weeks. Our attendance has averaged about 36. The largest number at any one service during this period was 45.

— Elizabeth F. Randolph, Pastor.

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — The trip to Ministers Conference was an enjoyable one. The hospitality of the Salemville people was a delight. The meetings dealt with matters of grave concern to both our ministers and Seventh Day Baptists generally. These problems will be reflected in the messages of the coming weeks. — Edgar F. Wheeler, in church bulletin.

## Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

By Letter:

Burdick, Paul

By Testimony:

Brooks, Kate

Brooks, Amos F.

Triplett, Vesta

## Births

Ashcraft.—A daughter, Patricia Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ashcraft of Petaluma, Calif., on April 25, 1955.

Berard.—A daughter, Rae Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Bonnie Evans) Berard of El Monte, Calif., on April 28, 1955.

## Obituaries

DuBois.—Leona Bowen, daughter of Lucy and Joseph Bowen, was born in the Shiloh area Oct. 22, 1884, and passed away May 19, 1955.

Surviving are: her husband, Mortimer DuBois; a son, Joseph; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Floyd Harris; three brothers: Earl, Ralph, and Everett; and one grandson.

Farewell services were conducted at the Garrison Funeral Home, Bridgeton, N. J., May 21, 1955, by her pastor, Rev. Robert Lippincott. Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery. R. L.

Wilcox.—Gerald Earl, son of Irvin G. and Clara Belle Kimm Wilcox, was born at Crosby, Pa., March 10, 1893, and died at Coudersport, Pa., on May 7, 1955.

He is survived by his wife, Ella; two sisters, Mrs. Alta Kilcoin, Port Allegany, Pa., and Mrs. Hazel McGee, Kane, Pa.; and one brother, Merle of Mt. Jewett, Pa.

Mr. Wilcox was a member of the Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church and farewell services were conducted there with Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel officiating. Burial was made in Woodlawn Cemetery, Hebron, Pa. R. E. Z.

Lawrence.—William Roscoe, son of William R. and Phoebe Fletsinger Lawrence, was born in the community of Cohansy, N. J., April 26, 1886, and died at his farm home near the Marlboro, N. J., Church May 7, 1955.

A more extended story of his life appears elsewhere.

## FAITH

The more you use it

The greater it grows;

Ask the man who has tried it,

He's the fellow who knows;

The more you use it

The greater it is;

Try faith like your friend has,

You cannot use his.

— Hannah F. Hummel.