

# The Sabbath Recorder

Following services on July 9, a church picnic was held in honor of the David Clarkes who will soon be leaving for the Boulder pastorate. They will be greatly missed by all of us. — Correspondent.

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — A few weeks ago it was reported that three churches in De Ruyter were holding separate Vacation Church Schools at about the same time. The church bulletin for July 9 tells this story: "We feel that out of the several Bible schools we have conducted, this was probably the most effective. Ten children declared their faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour. Our hearts were greatly stirred by the evident working of the Holy Spirit in our midst. This has indeed been a demonstration of what can be accomplished when people dedicated to God work together."

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — At the business meeting of the Sabbath school, it was voted to pay \$75 toward the expenses of a delegate from our church to the 23rd International Sunday School Convention in Cleveland, July 27 — 31.

At the quarterly church business meeting it was voted among other things:

That we go on record not favoring a biennial Conference.

That the church underwrite, if necessary, the expenses of any camp or retreat sponsored by the Religious Education Committee.

To adopt the recommendation of the Stewardship Committee to allow the Continuous Support Committee of the Alfred School of Theology to solicit money from church members.

To invite the Northern Association to meet with us in the spring of 1956. — Church Bulletin.

ASHAWAY, R. I. — Pastor Osborn will be holding special meetings in the Paint Rock, Ala., Church the weekend before Conference. Please make this a matter of prayer. — Ashaway Bulletin.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The North Loup Church people are happy to have the winter visitors home and in the pews: Mrs. Grace Mayo, Mrs. Jennie Bee, and Mrs. Florence Hutchins from California, and Mrs. Jessie Babcock from Omaha, Neb.

Resulting from the annual business meeting of the church was the re-election of officers: moderator, Aubrey Davis; clerk, Mrs. Edward Christensen; treasurer, Roy Cox. The Sabbath school officers elected are: superintendent, Mrs. R. C. Clement; assistant, Erlo Cox; secretary, Mrs. Menzo Fuller; treasurer, Sheldon Van Horn. The Sabbath school held the annual Fourth of July picnic at the Ely King farm, at a particularly pleasant place on the bank of the North Loup River.

Pastor Saunders took five young people, Jeanette and Verna Mae Williams, Sharolyn King, Betty Ann Williams, and Herbert Saunders, to the Rocky Mountain Summer Camp July 6-14.

The Missionary Societies enjoyed the regular quarterly joint meeting June 22. The primary Sabbath school classes are made happy with gay, freshly painted chairs — the work of the younger women.

At the time of writing the church is looking forward to the coming of Rev. Loyal Hurley and the evangelistic quartet for weekend services July 22-24. — Correspondent.

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## Accessions

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By letter:

Mrs. J. Michael Trede

## Marriages

Kastorff - Lippincott. — Ronald Roy Kastorff of Waterford, Wis., and DeEtta Rae Lippincott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Truman G. Lippincott, Milton, Wis., were united in marriage in a ceremony conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on July 3, 1955. Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, pastor of the bride, officiated. The Kastorffs will be at home in Waterford, Wis.

## Births

Nelson. — A daughter, Barbara Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Nelson of Chicago, Ill., on May 25, 1955.

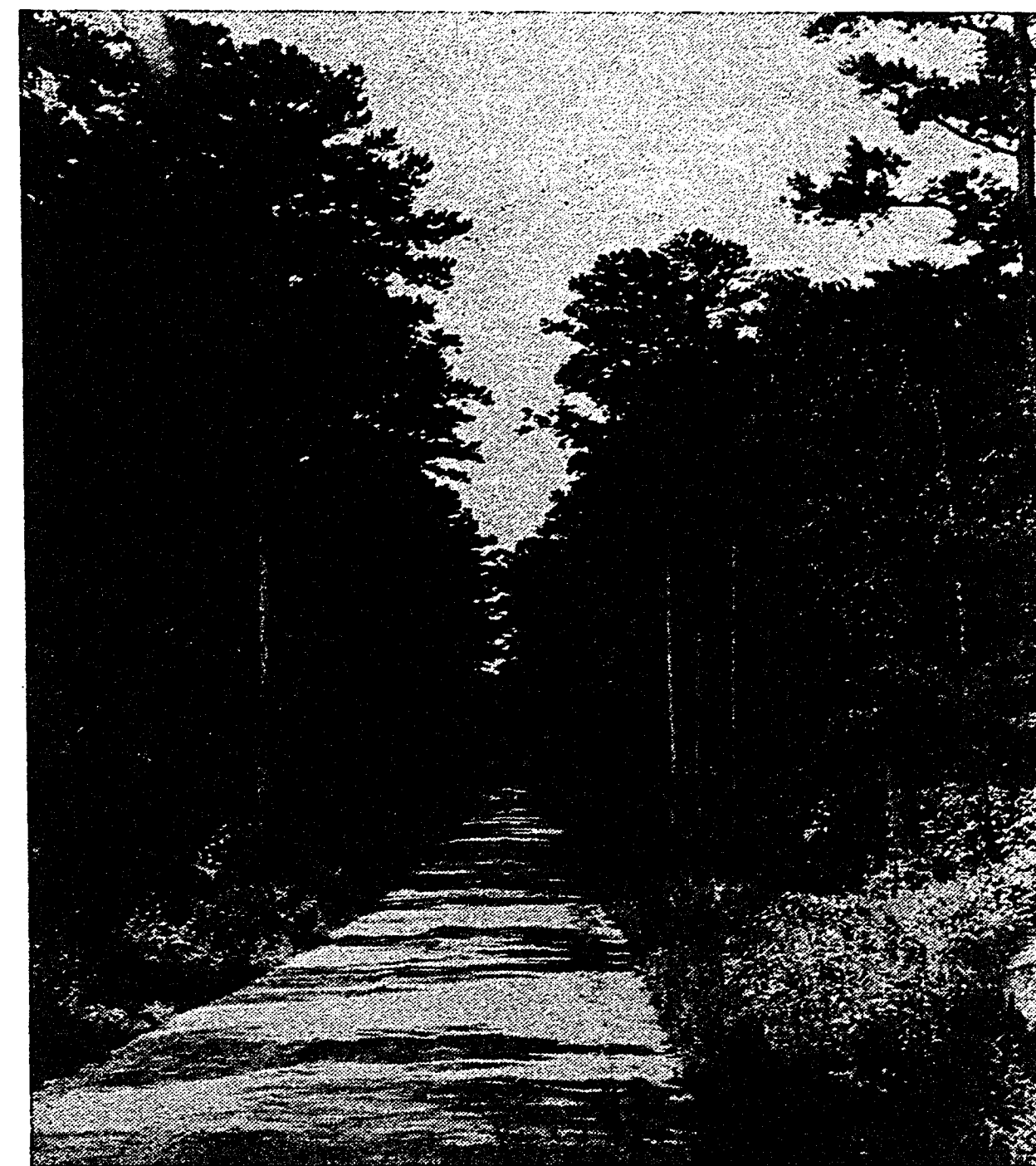


Photo by U. S. Forest Service.

Nestled in the beautiful Ozark Mountains of modest elevation is Fayetteville, Ark. Scenes such as the above are inviting to the travelers en route to the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference on Mount Sequoyah, just outside the city. The spot is compared with the Garden of Eden, and its view is said to be expansive. It is a place where our people may well enjoy the intimate presence of God and discover anew the wide purpose of God for us. — Conference dates, August 15-20.

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## THE RIGHT TO TRAVEL

The Seventh Day Baptist General Conference is soon to convene in northwestern Arkansas, the first time it has ever been held in that section of the nation. To be there is highly desirable. The location is said to be excellent, the accommodations fine, and the fellowship promises to be sweet — as usual. But to get there will involve travel for everyone who attends because we have no local church in the vicinity of Fayetteville. Do we have a right to travel from one town to another, from one state to another? What a foolish question!

In Communist countries no one has a right to travel even from one town to another. It is a matter of getting permission from proper government authorities. It is like the army where the soldiers are reminded that a pass is a privilege, not a right. Yet in our country it appears that no class of people travel as much as the military on leave. In civilian life the only restrictions on travel are financial. If we can spare the time and raise the funds we can travel all over this fair land without even thinking whether it is a right or a privilege.

Our State Department in recent years has exercised the power to regulate the foreign travel of citizens by arbitrarily withholding passports to those whose presence abroad would be a disadvantage to our nation. Some citizens have felt that the right to travel abroad was as fundamental as the right to travel within our country. The U. S. Court of Appeals has now upheld that view and has thereby curbed the power of the State Department in the matter of foreign travel. At a time when other countries are becoming more and more strict about issuing visas to foreigners to enter their countries our nation is guaranteeing the right to travel by court decision.

Let us not abuse this right within our borders or beyond. Many of us have had unpleasant experiences with traffic officers because people from our state or city had established a bad reputation. Not many face the problem of being ambassadors of good will to another country. Most of us, however, cannot avoid the responsibility of creating a good name for our town and state as we travel from place to place.

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There ought to be purpose in travel just as there ought to be purpose in life. Let us leave the worldly, pleasure-seeking travel to those who have never professed to leave the world. We who are Seventh Day Baptists and are thinking about a trip to the General Conference ought constantly to remember that we are ambassadors for Christ wherever we go.

A new book which retells the Gospel of Luke in modern language has a chapter which emphasizes that Jesus had "a passion for people." Our Lord is also our example and pattern. May we well remember that ours is the right to travel, but that right to travel must be coupled with the responsibility to represent Christ as we journey. The desire to go to Conference is not purpose enough to gloss over any aloofness to people along the route or any lack of Christian courtesy. May we have as much passion for people in our casual contacts as in our missionary meetings!

## An Article of Much Interest

The article to which we refer is something beyond the ordinary magazine article. It occupies 41 pages of the 48-page *Biblical Archeologist* for May, 1955, just recently received. This quarterly publication available from Drawer 93A, Yale Station, New Haven, Conn., at \$1.00 per calendar year has as its purpose "meeting the need for a readable, nontechnical, yet thoroughly reliable account of archaeological discoveries as they are related to the Bible." We have found reading it to be one of the cheapest and most stimulating ways of keeping abreast of happenings in this important field.

Ernest W. Saunders of Garrett Biblical Institute, Chicago, is the author of the article entitled, "Operation Microfilm at Mount Athos." It is the story of his experiences in numerous inaccessible monasteries of the Greek Orthodox Church along the Aegean Sea in Macedonia. With microfilm camera equipment loaned by the Library of Congress, Mr. Saunders worked under a U. S. Educational Exchange Grant for six months filming 263 ancient documents, mostly medieval copies of the New Testament. It brings authentic

## MEMORY TEXT

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. Isaiah 59: 1-2.

copies of these old manuscripts to the Library of Congress where they are already being used in preparing what the scholars call a new critical apparatus to the Greek New Testament.

The story is interesting for its glimpse of these old monasteries as well as for the ambitiousness of the undertaking. The writer tells how amazed he was at the wealth of material found in the libraries of these old monasteries, a little of which dates back as far as the sixth century. It is interesting to note that the monks were cordial and helpful but that they themselves make no use of the libraries, most of which are closed except to foreign scholars. One of the libraries contained a manuscript copy of Chrysostom's Commentary on the Pauline Epistles, a treasure, but probably not contributing much that is not available in present English translations of the great fourth-century preacher's works.

Mr. Saunders tells how some of the lost pages of one copy of Galatians and Second Corinthians were reconstructed 50 years ago by developing their impressions on adjoining pages. With what infinite care have men endeavored to preserve the lost pages of handwritten copies of the world's greatest book!

Not very much new material was discovered in this expedition, but some that dates back to the 13th century. None of the discoveries will make any changes in our English Bible that will be noticeable to the layman, but the account is interesting, and scholars will rejoice to have so much old material gathered together in one place where it can be studied with little expense. It adds greatly to our pride in our nation's greatest library.

### Challenging Figures

There was an editorial in a recent Sabbath Recorder urging our people to compare their missionary giving with one of the top denominations rather than those of average giving records. The challenge of that editorial appears to be answered by the financial report for June of the Los Angeles Church. That church is listed in the Year Book as having 102 members. According to the treasurer's June statement in the church bulletin these are the rather staggering needs for each month:

Local Missions .....	\$ 85.00
World Missions .....	146.00
Publicity .....	85.00
Denominational Budget .....	85.00
Pastor's Salary .....	300.00
Welfare .....	20.00
Building .....	300.00
General Expenses .....	225.00

\$1,226.00

Receipts for June showed slightly more than enough to cover the Denominational Budget, pastor's salary, and general expenses. The other items were short a total of \$232.69. However, a total of \$273.41 was received for "specials." We wonder how such a small church can undertake such a large budget, and just about meet it. Perhaps some of the members of that church wonder why other churches operate on such small budgets.

### MERCY PLEA GRANTED

George Marvin Dortch, Jr., of Westerly, R. I., was convicted on February 23, 1950, for the fatal stabbing of his former landlady and mistress, Mrs. Dorothy Sebastian of Pawcatuck, R. I. The sentence was death by electrocution. While appeals were pending he became the senior man in "death row" at the penitentiary. For five long years he was never allowed to sleep in darkness lest he should make some suicide attempt in his solitary cell. Now he has been transferred to the prison proper where he can sleep with the lights out until he completes his commuted sentence — 20 years to life. His mercy plea was granted on July 11, 1955.

The plea was granted by the Board of Pardons just five hours before his scheduled execution. At one other time, February 16, 1953, he sat through the hour of death. Five minutes before the switch was to be pulled a reprieve was granted by the governor. The condemned man sat alone with the chaplain for 25 minutes beyond the moment of death before he learned what had happened. Our newspaper report does not attempt to tell us his thoughts as the long minutes dragged by.

It is to be assumed that Dortch has often been sorry that he committed the crime. There has never been any question but that he killed the woman, and there seems to be no mention of true repentance. The plea of his attorney for mercy was not based on possible innocence or on good behavior but principally on the claim that it was a killing "arising out of alcoholic amnesia."

We are inclined to agree that the Pardons Board did right in allowing him life within prison walls rather than insisting on the death which he undoubtedly deserved. We could hope that his experiences with justice, now mixed with mercy, would lead him to a recognition of the sinfulness of sin and the divine provision for redemption through Jesus Christ.

That provision of love is far more lofty than the attorney's argument. Can drink be both the cause and the excuse for crime? Will this man look to alcohol as his savior as well as one of the causes of his downfall? Or will he somehow be led to the real Saviour who rescues men from the consequences of sin and keeps them from the committing of it? How can we show men the folly of voluntarily yielding to the enslavement of drink with all its accompanying sins and the wisdom of taking Christ as the Lord of their lives? "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness" (Rom. 6: 16)?

Wisdom is knowing what to do next; skill is knowing how to do it, and virtue is doing it. — David Starr Jordan.

## President's Column

### Conference Calls

Rev. Mr. Hook, superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly Ground at Mt. Sequoyah, our Conference location, has offered to take care of any of our people who want to arrive on Friday, August 12. The charge will be \$1.00 per night. For those who find it desirable to get to Fayetteville Friday, this offers an opportunity to have rooming accommodations at a very reasonable price and makes it possible for those who might otherwise have to travel on Sabbath to spend Sabbath at Mt. Sequoyah without undue added expense.

To those who can arrive at Mt. Sequoyah early, I believe a special treat is in store. To have time to relax and rest a bit before the activities of Conference begin and to gain a truer perspective by having time to meditate on the values of your Christian faith will be an experience which will strengthen and inspire you for the days ahead.

Before breakfast each morning, Fred Spencer, of Little Rock, will direct a nature walk for all persons who would enjoy such activity. Fred is a member of the Salem Church doing graduate research work under the direction of Dr. Lloyd Seager and Dr. Paul Ewing at the University Medical School in Little Rock.

Following breakfast we will divide into groups for the various workshops — 8:30 to 10:30. These workshops are planned to lead us toward a richer and fuller appreciation of our responsibility as a Christian. It will be advisable for each person to stay with the workshop chosen by him for its four meetings — Tuesday through Friday. Thus, he receives the full benefit of the study planned for him.

The manner in which missions serve as a demonstration of our faith will be presented each day from 10:30 until 11:15. From 11:15 until 12 noon, there will be Conference business or committee sessions.

After lunch we will see how Christian education enhances for us our religious concepts. These programs will be from 1:30 to 2:15, Tuesday through Thursday.

Another period of Conference business and committee meetings follow until 3:30 when we adjourn for a time of fellowship, relaxation, and recreation; at 5:30, supper. On Friday the entire afternoon will be available for Conference business if necessary.

The evenings will bring us vesper services at 7:15, conducted out-of-doors by the young people. The evening service will begin at 8 o'clock. Monday evening, Rev. David Clarke speaks, with the subject "Cleanse Your Hands"; Tuesday evening, Rev. Don A. Sanford, on "Purify Your Hearts"; Wednesday evening, O. Glenn Kennedy, "A Doer of the Work"; Thursday evening, Albyn Mackintosh, "A Pure and Holy Ministry"; Friday evening, Rev. Paul Maxson, "Fulfill the Law"; Sabbath morning, Rev. Rex Zwiebel, "Draw Nigh unto God and He Will Draw Near to You"; and on Sabbath night, Rev. Charles Bond, with his message for the year ahead as your new Conference president.

I feel sure that each of these messages will bring us enthusiasm and courage for the work that lies ahead of us. I urge you all to let General Conference in Fayetteville be a part of your summer plans.

### That Letter I Did Not Write

Mrs. Hugh Whitford  
North Loup, Neb.

From the letter I did not write I received no reply. From the letter I did write came, "I was tickled to get your letter." From the letter I did not write to a friend on an extended visit, the reproof came upon her return, "You did not write to me while I was gone." From the letter I did write I got the commendation, "Yours was the best letter I received while I was gone." From the letter I did not write to an absent sick friend but thought I would next week, well, "next week" did not come, but news of her death did.

Why don't I write more letters to spread the "good news" and be an envelope "evangel"? Why don't I write about the Recorder, the good reading it contains, perhaps suggest a subscription? Why don't I?

**STORY FROM SCHENECTADY**

Miss Evalois St. John

History shows that the first Baptist work in the city was by Seventh Day Baptists.

For many years there has been a Seventh Day Baptist Mission in Schenectady, N. Y. Last summer it was organized as a church and recognized by the General Conference. A few months ago a young pastor was called to shepherd the flock. Later, deacons and elders were consecrated. The ground-breaking ceremonies for a new building on June 19 marked the beginning of another promising chapter in the story of the church. But the story of denominational work in that city has earlier chapters that are interesting indeed.

Seventh Day Baptists had located in this important commercial and industrial center before 1815. From the Journal of Elder William Bliss Maxson, we learn that in the spring of 1819, he moved to Schenectady to work for his brother John, "who was engaged in constructing machinery for dressing cloth." Just before his departure from Rhode Island with his family, the First Hopkinton Church ordained him to the Gospel ministry. The church had called him "to improve his gifts" many months before. Elder Maxson records that immediately upon his arrival in the city he set up public meetings on the Sabbath in the home of his brother. There were a few first-day Baptists living in the city but there was no Baptist church. The Baptist brethren and a few Methodist brethren joined the Sabbathkeepers in these meetings.

The first baptism known to have been performed in that city was that performed by Elder Maxson in the summer of 1819. It took place in the "Mohawk River where it skirts the north-eastern side of the city." His Journal tells of the many people who came to witness this rite.

Out of this early effort came Sabbath converts. Abel Ward, a prominent citizen of Schenectady, was among the number. His daughter Melissa later married William C. Kenyon. She became a beloved teacher in Alfred, N. Y.

Not until 1834 was a Seventh Day Baptist church organized, however. Its

constituent members numbered 29. The first-day Baptists had organized their first church about 10 years previously.

Our early publishing interests were located in Schenectady. The **Protestant Sentinel**, our first denominational weekly, was issued from here at one time.

The Stillman brothers — Thomas B., Paul, and Alfred — who contributed so generously of their means and talents to foster the work of Sabbath promotion, commenced their business operations there.

A number of our ministers and teachers received college honors from Union College located there. Among them were Rev. James R. Irish, who for 12 years served as principal of DeRuyter Institute, and William C. Kenyon, the first president of Alfred University.

We think it quite proper to ask why, when Seventh Day Baptists were the first Baptists to start a work in this important commercial center and were successful in winning converts to the Sabbath, they delayed so long the organization of a church, and why after it was organized the church functioned for so short a time. There were removals, of course, but surely not all were transients. Elder Maxson was obliged to engage in manual labor to support his family, and he left Schenectady in the early 1820's for that reason. In his Journal he mentions visiting the church occasionally, and we find references to one or two other ministers stopping there, but nowhere do we find reference to a permanent leader, other than Elder Maxson. Although laboring through the week, he had held three meetings each Sabbath while he lived in Schenectady — morning, afternoon, and evening — the morning and evening services "being mainly for prayer and Christian conference."

Did the work go down for want of a permanent leadership? Did our denominational leaders lack vision and fail to see the opportunity for a work there? Or did the denominational leaders sense the importance of the field, and Seventh Day Baptists, in general, fail to furnish the needed support? Many factors entered in, of course — removals, lack of leadership, changes in business interests in the

**DEACON L. EMILE BABCOCK**

Leonidas Emile Babcock, aged 79, passed away at Daytona Beach, Fla., July 13, 1955. He was baptized at about 18 years of age by Rev. W. D. Burdick and joined the Jackson Center Seventh Day Baptist Church. Since, he has been a member of churches of like faith in Alfred, N. Y., Battle Creek, Mich., and Daytona Beach, Fla. He was married to Ruby Coon on April 8, 1915, at Battle Creek, Mich. He was ordained a deacon of the Battle Creek Church about 1919, during the pastorate of Rev. M. B. Kelley, continuing to serve as a deacon when he transferred his membership to the Daytona Beach Church.

He moved to Alfred, N. Y., about 1899, and was graduated from Alfred University in 1906. Then he worked for a time at the Battle Creek Sanitarium. He was graduated from the horticultural course at Michigan Agricultural College, now Michigan State, in 1911, and managed the Sisco Fruit Company, Sisco, Fla., 1912 to 1914.

After his marriage he remained in Michigan to manage a farm for the Battle Creek Sanitarium for five years, later working in orchards and on other farms. He moved to Pomona Park, Fla., in 1944 and to Daytona Beach in 1947.

He is survived by his wife; two brothers: Edmund R., of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Alvin E., of Rosemead, Calif.; and two sisters: Mrs. Gennette Ryland of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. Alvada Svelmoe of Philadelphia, Pa.

Funeral services were conducted in Daytona Beach on July 16, 1955, by Rev. Clifford A. Beebe of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Putnam County, Palatka, Fla., and Rev. Oscar Burdick of the Daytona Beach Church. Burial was in Shady Rest Cemetery, Holly Hill, Fla.

city, and so on. Let us covet for the present Seventh Day Baptist Church of Schenectady a long and fruitful service. May she continue to be a praying church as well as a working church. May she have the sympathetic support of all Seventh Day Baptists.

**School of Theology Newsletter**

A newsletter has been sent out by Rev. Albert N. Rogers, dean of the Seventh Day Baptist School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y., to all of our churches in this country in sufficient quantities for wide distribution. Some of our readers may have missed church on the Sabbath when the letter was handed out. Part of the material had been previously printed in the Recorder, particularly the mention of graduates, prospective students, the moving to new quarters, and the evangelistic work of Professor Hurley.

The letter states that satisfactory progress is being made in the matter of bringing the facilities of the seminary up to the standards required by the state.

Special instructors for the next school year will include Rev. Neal D. Mills, Mrs. Huldah Bredenberg, and Dr. Alfred Cross. The first two will co-operate in teaching a course in Church Camping. Dr. Cross, the Methodist pastor in Wellsboro, Pa., will teach Philosophy of Religion and Methodist Beliefs and Practices (to their men). A special course is also planned for students' wives. During the summer months Professor Nida and Dean Rogers are working to outline the approved denominational studies, Sabbath Philosophy and Seventh Day Baptist History and Polity, for use in correspondence study.

**Golden Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Erlo E. Sutton**

Rev. and Mrs. Erlo E. Sutton, 601 Marine Street, Boulder, Colo., will pass their fiftieth wedding anniversary October 5. As their son, Rev. Trevah Sutton, and family are to be with them until about time for General Conference, and their daughter, Gladys Randolph, of Milton, Wis., can be with them at the time, and none of them can probably be with them on the date of the anniversary, the children are having the celebration early, on August 10. They will be glad to hear from their friends by cards or letters at the earlier date.

Weekend crashes accounted for 13,980 killed and 678,000 hurt during 1954.

## Missions

### Service Through Song

(Article prepared by request by Mrs. Denise Kagarise Green, the musical accompanist for the evangelistic quartet in the Mid-Continent Association.)

Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Praise the Lord with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skillfully with a loud noise. For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth (Psalm 33: 1-4).

One of the most precious blessings that God has given to the human body is a voice. Yet, some of God's children disregard the privileges and opportunities of such a blessing. Voices and tongues sometimes utter forth sounds that make God weep.

A true child of God, one who loves his Father, rejoices in the Lord. There are many ways to rejoice in the Lord, but we usually first think of an audible form, a vocalized utterance. Of course, this generalization may be divided into two groups — the spoken word and the word which is sung.

In this article, I wish to write about the latter, the word which is sung. This is certainly a glorious way to rejoice in the Lord and to tell about His wonderful love to others. I think that perhaps too many people are not aware of this. They conscientiously strive to be good Christians, but they say, "What can I do to serve? What can I do that would be of any significance among so many other people who are especially gifted?"

Friends, one of the greatest potential opportunities to serve the Lord lies in your voice. If you can sing, sing unto the Lord! You don't have to have years of vocal training behind you to sing praises to God. A good example of this is the male quartet which is working with Dr. Loyal Hurley in some of our western churches this summer.

Paul Green, Jr., Milton; Edwin Green, Milton; Doyle Zwiebel, Alfred; and Justin Camenga, Milton, are the members of this quartet. Their work has already taken them to Boulder and Denver. They have

a wonderful time giving God's message in song.

However, there are only two members of this quartet who have had a slight bit of private vocal training. Here is another secret — all four members make good music. Of course, they haven't achieved this mark by having fifteen minutes of practice before the church service begins. They practice faithfully and diligently each day. Isn't that typical of a true servant in Christ? You can't serve Him by saying, "I'm not good enough," or "I have nothing to offer." God Himself created you, didn't He? Then if He gave you a voice that can carry a tune, use it!

Not all of us will have opportunities to travel thousands of miles to sing to people, but there are plenty of opportunities in our church, community, and home. I think God is even pleased when you give Him a private concert as you are washing dishes, milking cows, planting corn, or darning socks.

Another important point that cannot be passed by is this: Look happy when you sing praises to God! Too many people sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" with frowns on their faces. Religion is a joyful thing. How can you win others to Christ if you make a "sad song" of it?

I've dealt with the singing voice in this article, but what I've said applies to any form of service to Christ. First, be quick to grasp the opportunity and have assurance from God that you can do it. Then — serve the Lord with gladness and come before His presence with thanksgiving.

### Welcoming the Brisseys

Principal and Mrs. Grover S. Brissey arrived at our mission headquarters at Kingston, Jamaica, on July 1. Several letters have been received to tell us of the royal welcome accorded this newest couple in our mission family.

Rev. Wardner T. FitzRandolph wrote on July 7:

"The past week has been a busy one with the arrival of Professor and Mrs. Brissey and the approach of Conference (held July 16). I met Grover and Alma as arranged, at Montego Bay, July 1, at 2:23 a.m. We proceeded at once to load

the car and to drive to Kingston. The moon was lowering in the west as we started along the north coast, with the sea on our left and huge fields of sugar cane on our right. The roads were good and the air cool as we sped through the darkening landscape as the moon sank into the sea. But soon the landscape was growing light again as the dawn heralded a new day.

"As we turned inland into the hills at St. Ann's Bay the beauties of the hills and valleys were revealed in the full light of day. The sun rose with a burst of glory over the eastern hills. It was a delight to point out to Mr. and Mrs. Brissey the points of interest along the way and to indicate to them where some of our churches were located. The coconut, bread-fruit trees, the bananas, and many other native fruit trees and the flowering trees, vines, and plants along the way were never more beautiful. The Brisseys, though tired and sleepy, could not sleep for admiring the strange and beautiful things. They are staying with us in Raetown and we enjoy their presence very much."

Dr. O. B. Bond has written of the welcome from the point of view of Crandall High School. He writes:

"On July 4, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brissey were welcomed to Jamaica and especially into the life of Crandall High School by a program of welcome planned and presented by the students under the direction of Miss Wells. Six of the members of the Independent Secondary School Association were present in response to a request to be special guests for the occasion."

### August Issues of Recorder

Please remember that according to an arrangement that has prevailed for a number of years two issues of the Sabbath Recorder will be omitted during August. Do not look for the dates August 8 or 22. Department material will be expected in the other three issues, August 1, 15, and 29. We hope to have some Conference material in the last two and much more under the date of September 5. Make sure that you do not miss any of the timely articles soon to be printed.

### Dependable Giving

It is a disturbing remembrance that missionary (Denominational Budget) receipts usually go down after the end of the Conference year. The mission program is too often supported in part by borrowed funds. Even our missionaries, at times, have loaned from their meager salaries that the work to which they are committed might go on. If our people could realize that mission work must go on in August and September as in any other month, surely there would be a greater concern to pay their pledges regardless of vacations and personal indulgences; treasurers would send in all that they have in hand for the purpose each month. Pastors and church members, let there be special effort to increase giving in the usually "lean months" of the year. — H. R. C.

### Let's Not Lose Our Job

Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler

A young man of my acquaintance who was not noted for being diligent in his work was once recounting to me his impressive ability as a typesetter. Quite impressed I inquired as to his reasons for no longer being at his former place of employment. His reply was: "I was fired for inefficiency."

Fired for inefficiency! He supposedly had the ability, but he just wouldn't "put out"! Can there possibly be a lesson in this for the church, even for our particular church?

Our church has a history of almost 150 years in this community. There is something grand and noble about a church whose steadfastness of faith and purpose have carried it on through the vicissitudes of so many years.

Yet, though entrusted with the message of salvation through Christ and God's blessed gift of the Sabbath, we do not find ourselves eagerly promoting these truths.

God will not leave Himself without a witness. When one agent fails, He will raise another. We have God's message and His power may be ours. Let's "put out" and keep our job of witnessing in this community.

## WOMEN'S ACTIVITIES AT CONFERENCE

Are you planning to attend the women's meetings at Conference? The workshop sessions the Women's Board were asked to plan will be entitled "The Use of Music, Art, and Drama in the Church Program." Here is a brief outline:

Tuesday: The Place of Music in Church Worship, Mrs. Evert Percy

Wednesday: Music for Youth,  
Mrs. Clarence Rogers

Thursday: The Use of Religious Art,  
Miss Marjorie Burdick

Friday: The Use of Drama,  
Miss Velma Maxson

We appreciate the time and effort that these leaders are contributing in planning this workshop. We hope that many of you are planning to attend Conference. If you have not sent in your registration yet, please do so as soon as possible.

The annual meeting of the Women's Society will be held Thursday afternoon at Conference. Besides the election of officers, and the report of the Conference Committee to Study the Annual Report of the Women's Society, you will want to hear some of the girls tell of their experiences with our summer work project — assisting in Bible Schools and camps.

Some of your society officers will meet Thursday evening in special groups. Our president, Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, will meet with the keyworkers, and Mrs. Russell Maxson will meet with the presidents and program chairmen. Each officer is asked to bring her questions or problems and the discussion will try to find the answer.

There will be an exhibit showing the work of the various committees of the Women's Board, as well as a display of the mission study books suggested for next year. Look for a special album of portraits of our ministers' wives that is being compiled with interesting data about their families.

For those who have not met your Women's Board through this year's color slides and tape, we will make them available at Conference — perhaps they can be shown some time during the fellowship periods. Those who want to participate

in active recreation will find Ping-pong, tennis, shuffleboard, or team games such as volleyball. Please bring your own tennis racket and balls. — Arabeth De Land, Conference Program Committee Chairman.

## PRE-CONFERENCE YOUTH CAMP

Those who have read the last issue of *The Beacon* know that the Pre-Conference Youth Camp is to be held at Fayetteville, Ark., August 14-16, beginning with the evening meal Sunday. It is hoped that young people will spend the Sabbath at one of our churches in the general area and finish the journey on Sunday. Rev. Leland E. Davis of Battle Creek, Mich., is the director. An intensive program will fill the first two days. The activities of the rest of the week will be co-ordinated with the Conference program in which youth will have a definite part. There are some definite advantages in this year's arrangement over the usual one.

It is expected that Rev. Rex Burdick will teach a Bible course, and Rev. Harmon Dickinson has been asked to lead a workshop in worship and help plan the evening vespers. Miss Ellen Swinney is to plan a workshop on training youth for Christian leadership. Miss Lois Wells has been asked to lead the music, and Miss Connie Coon to lead recreation.

The fee of \$6 covers three nights' lodging but no meals. It should be sent with a registration form to the Business Manager, Rev. Neal D. Mills, Alfred, N. Y. Send a second form to Mrs. A. G. Fisher, R.D. 4, Box 202, Conway, Ark.

Let's make it a big camp this year! Travel in groups and share expenses. We hope church organizations will assist young people to attend camp and Conference.  
N. D. M.

## LET'S THINK IT OVER

Don Gray in *The Beacon* speaks of Sabbath carelessness in these words: "All this and more like it is hitched together under an expensive and resplendent harness loftily referred to as 'broadmindedness.' Some of the prophets and our own Jesus applied more accurate and less flattering names to it."

## Notes from Secretary Mills

• Report forms have been sent to the churches asking for Christian education data which our board needs to have and which will be published in the Year Book and in interdenominational publications having a wide circulation. We hope Sabbath school superintendents and other leaders will make the reports as complete and accurate as possible and return them promptly. Please report your 1955 Vacation Bible School even though it is held after the end of your official year. If your church didn't receive the blanks write to Secretary Neal D. Mills, Box 742, Alfred, N. Y.

• I would like to remind camp leaders that information about how to conduct a camp and make it an effective Christian influence on the lives of campers may be obtained at small price through the Board of Christian Education. The Church Day Camp for small children is becoming popular. Several teachers and parents working together can give a group of children a happy time and a valuable experience in Christian living together in a single day; but it needs to be carefully planned. We have a recent booklet on the subject. Other helpful literature is also available.

• A camper's health report form used last year at the Pacific Pines Camp has been mimeographed and we would be glad to supply it to leaders of other camps.

• A riddle game involving the names of Seventh Day Baptist churches has been developed by Dr. J. W. Crofoot and is available for young people's or young adult groups. It is an interesting way of becoming more familiar with the location of our churches.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 13, 1955

The Courage of Convictions  
Lesson Scripture: Daniel 5: 17-28.

## SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for August 20, 1955

Hope for the Exiles  
Lesson Scripture: Isaiah 55.



## OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My Aunt Daisy has asked me to write to you again. I am spending the summer out at a cottage on a lake. We have a boat and a canoe out at the lake. My father and Uncle Earl are building a diving board. There is also a woods behind our cottage. We have lots of fun hiking in the woods.

I have two brothers, named Tammy and Stuart. Tammy is eight and Stuart is four. Tammy will be going into fourth grade. Stuart will be going into kindergarten and I will be going into sixth grade.

My brother and I have a dog. Its name is Susie. It is a Collie. We also have two turtles. One is named Calico and the other is named Gingham. We caught them in the lake.

I belong to a Girl Scout troop. My mother is helping me earn nature badges out at the lake.

I am the granddaughter of Mabel Clark who married Earl Wattles. My father is her son.

Truly yours,  
Alida Wattles.

Dear Alida:

I thank both you and your Aunt Daisy for deciding to write to me again, and such a nice friendly letter, too.

I can imagine just how much you are enjoying your summer at the lake. I'm sure you owe a big thank-you to your father and Uncle Earl for helping to give you a very happy time. I can remember when I was about your age how I used to enjoy frequent days spent at Lake Geneva in Wisconsin, even the fact that one day I lost my favorite hat in the middle of the lake.

Your family is like the one I raised for I, too, had two boys and one girl.

You were lucky to be able to keep your turtles. The only one I ever had decided to seek another home, and I

imagine he had many homes during his lifetime.

The Girl Scout troop is certainly a fine organization for you. The Girl Scouts in Andover meet in the Episcopal Church which, as you know, was formerly our Seventh Day Baptist Church.

I have enjoyed your good letter and I do hope you will write often in the future.

Yours in Christian love,  
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

I visit the Post Office every time the mail comes in hoping to receive at least three children's letters. Please do write much more often for that is one reason why we have a Children's Page.

I see most children nowadays have dogs for pets. Both of my families of grandchildren have dogs but, like myself, Gretchen also has a cat. In fact just now she has a number of baby kittens which are to go to new homes as soon as they are a little older.

I'll have to tell you about a cute kitten my daughter Eleanor had, given to her by a girl friend when she was only ten years old. Betty, her girl friend, came in one day with a bag in her hand, saying, "Shall I put this on the floor?"

"But what is it?" I asked. But still she said several times, "Shall I put it on the floor?"

At last I noticed that the bag began to wiggle and I consented to have the contents put on the floor. Soon a cunning little yellow and white kitten was rubbing at my ankles and when Eleanor asked if she could keep it I couldn't refuse. Eleanor named the kitten "Skeezics," and our whole family became fond of the cute kitten.

After eight years Eleanor was married and Skeezics became my very own cat, one of the best-mannered and likeable cats I ever saw. Nearly eight years went by and Skeezics was nearly fifteen years old. Eleanor was sick and I went down to Wellsville to care for her. The first night Skeezics curled up in front of the living room fire, and as little Christine said when her dog died, "He's all right. He's in Heben."

Mizpah S. Greene.

### News of Our Camps

There is great interest in the camp opportunities being afforded to our young people and their friends this summer. We cannot give full reports because some camps are still in progress or yet to be held at the time of writing. From information available we glean the following facts.

From Milton comes word that the Junior camp which closed July 17 enrolled 19 campers from these widely separated churches: Chicago, Ill., Farina, Ill., Dodge Center, Minn., Madison, Albion, Edgerton, Milton Junction, and Milton, Wis. The Young Adult camp which preceded it included 13 children ranging from 2 months to 12 years in age.

Lewis Camp, near Ashaway, R. I., from verbal reports, was highly successful with over 40 campers from 10 years and up. We understand that 20 of them were new to the camp this year. One carload went from southern New Jersey, another from northern New Jersey. Besides the young folks from the Rhode Island area there were campers from the Schenectady and Berlin, N. Y., Churches.

From the Pacific Coast comes word of over 1,200 hours of time contributed during the past year to the improvement of the camp. A letter from the Riverside pastor written hastily at camp gives the following approximate figures for their four camp periods: Senior 23, Primary 36, Junior 53, Intermediate 32 or more. He expected 5 or 6 baptismal candidates for his church resulting from decisions made at camp. Some of the campers came from as far away as Phoenix, Ariz., and Salem, W. Va.

Camp Holston at Battle Creek is mentioned in the church bulletin as having been the scene of a good Primary camp and a Junior camp that sent 20 campers to the church service on July 16. White Cloud tells of two young people and the pastor planning to be at Intermediate camp from the 17th to the 22nd.

Rocky Mountain Camp and the Central Association camp have fulfilled their mission for the summer at the time of writing. We await with interest the stories that can be told of the rich experiences of these and other camps.

### Southeastern Association Notes

#### Conference President's Message as reported by the recording secretary

Laymen have the task of building the church, a task which cannot be left to the ministry. I have felt for a long time that we, the people, have not expressed the will to perform this task. We have been very methodical in attempting to find the responsibility in our heritage and express that responsibility in a way which would permit us as a people to grow. As I read and travel, I see no occasion why our church with our faith need take any second position to any other. I realize that there will be practical difficulties in the day-by-day and week-by-week application of faith, practicable in the sense that they are economical, that they touch the spot where most of us are most frequently hurt. We seem to feel that it is more necessary to keep up with the Joneses than to keep that precious insight of faith which our forefathers had.

I have been convinced that the heritage which has been left to us is not in the heritage of the fortune which might rest in the Tract Society, Missionary Society, or Memorial Fund, but the heritage of faith, and that unless we perpetuate and propagate that faith we have missed the entire point of the bequest heritage that is ours. The perfect law of liberty is the law which requires that a man accept his responsibility and after accepting his responsibility, conduct himself by the doing of his work in such a way that his name and work are praised.

I have been much encouraged in my travels to find among many laymen a growing feeling that it is a high honor to make known to others the Christian way of life, which includes, as a part of that experience, the sacredness of the Sabbath. I think we may be challenged this summer in our Conference period to find that there are new ways and new means for making known and effective our Christian experience. There have been large numbers of us who have left the individual church to go out into an area where there is no church that is representative of our faith. We have often, I think, been so inclined to feel that it is necessary to get

along with our neighbor and be kind to him, which is part of our Christian faith, that we have failed to keep alive those precise principles which have meant much to our forefathers. Faith itself is founded upon one's own ability to pinpoint within his own heart a code of conduct, not some vague, inexact feeling that he has work to do and a responsibility to assume. Baptism of the Christian knows no cloak of clergy. It carries the same responsibility for each of us to tell the good news by deeds and words as is carried by the clergymen, and I hope you will accept that responsibility as laymen.

We must act as a central core about which there is an attractiveness for others to come and partake of our faith and believe with us.

I feel convinced that if we individuals get this spirit and sense this need we shall find our work growing, our lives blessed, as we go about our daily tasks.

### New Tracards

Several months ago the American Tract Society in New York introduced something completely new in the line of literature evangelism. Trade-named Tracards, they released a set of four 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" x 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" Kodachrome cards with full-color reproductions of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, containing on the reverse side brief testimonies of their faith in Christ.

These met with such overwhelming enthusiasm that a new set has just come from the press, including two additional in the Rogers' series, and 12 illustrated Bible stories, which are beautiful reproductions of original paintings. They depict stories from both the Old and New Testaments which all children should know and love. Well narrated in the language of our day, they apply the illustration to present-day needs. Each card contains a verse of Scripture to memorize.

Not only are children attracted to their colorful format, but they also prove to be an opening wedge of witness with adults as well.

Retailed at \$1.00 per 100, samples will be sent without cost by writing direct to the American Tract Society, 21 West 46th St., New York 36, N. Y.

## Seventh Day Baptist Outlook in Faith

Rev. Elmo F. Randolph

(Sermon delivered at the Northern Association at White Cloud, Mich., June 11, as summarized by Mr. Randolph in his Church News.)

First, we Seventh Day Baptists are the inheritors of a way of life that is sorely needed by many people of our age. The observance of the seventh day as holy time can instill in people the important truth that all time is God's time and all men are God's stewards. One of the tragedies of our time is that multitudes of people are lost in a veritable whirlpool of time in which they find no real meaning or purpose nor from which they can escape.

Speaking of the tensions and the uneasiness of modern Americans, a University of Wisconsin professor recently pointed out the statistic that we produce enough sleeping pills in this country every year to put the entire population to sleep for 26 full days. Indicative of the frustrations of increasing numbers of people, this same professor quoted some wag as having said, "It might have been better if Noah had missed his boat."

As Seventh Day Baptists, we have in proper Sabbath observation the God-given means for renewing our whole being — physical, mental, and spiritual — and of maintaining our lives in proper relationship to God and to each other. In doing this, Sabbath observance becomes something more than an ancient law or a theological doctrine. It becomes in reality a dynamic way of life.

Second, to be true stewards of God, appreciating and using the Sabbath He has provided for us, we must share this way of life with all who will accept it. Surely we will discover that the more we are able to share our way of life with others the greater will be its blessing to us.

Finally, it must be understood by all of us that in denominational complacency is decline, in work fired with faith is the assurance of increase and growth.

In the inspiring words of the Bible, who knows but that "We are come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

Let us be ready to take the course of

## THE LIVING WORD

Dr. Luther A. Weigle

"Wealth" and "virtue"

The word "wealth" was used in the sixteenth century not only to denote riches, but also in the sense of weal, well-being, or welfare. Unless we remember this, Paul's counsel in 1 Cor. 10: 24 looks like encouragement to theft: "Let no man seek his own, but every man another's wealth." The present translation is: "Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor."

In the King James Version of the Old Testament, the word "wealth" is used three times as a translation for the Hebrew *tob*, which means "good," either as an adjective or as a noun. The passages are Ezra's recital (9: 12) of the commandment not to intermarry with the people of the land, "nor seek their peace or their wealth"; the praise of Mordecai (Esther 10: 3) as "seeking the wealth of his people"; and Job's description of the prosperity of the wicked who "spend their days in wealth." The Revised Standard Version uses "prosperity" in the passages from Ezra and Job, and "welfare" in the passage concerning Mordecai — "he sought the welfare of his people."

Both KJ and RSV use "welfare" as the translation for *tob* in Nehemiah 2: 10, which tells how Sanballat and Tobiah were greatly displeased that Nehemiah had come "to seek the welfare of the children of Israel."

Another word which may be misleading in two contexts of the New Testament is "virtue." It does not refer to moral character in the statement made by Jesus when a woman touched him in the hope of being healed: "Somebody hath touched me, for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me" (Luke 8: 46; compare Mark 5:30). "Virtue" here, and in Luke 6: 19, means nothing more than "power," and "power" is the proper translation of *dynamis*, the Greek term which is used in these passages.

James who said, "Show me your faith without your works, and I, by my works will show you my faith."

## INTERNATIONAL C. E. CONVENTION

Held at Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16

(Christian Endeavor news is Seventh Day Baptist news inasmuch as our denomination was a pioneer in the movement and most of our youth organizations are still connected with it.)

"Christ Shall Reign" is the theme of the new biennial program of Christian Endeavor launched at the 43rd International Christian Endeavor Convention in Columbus, Ohio, July 11-16.

More than 2,500 youths from the United States, Canada, and Mexico listened to addresses by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Dr. Frank C. Laubach, Dr. Raymond I. Lindquist, and Dr. Walter H. Judd, and took steps for renewed endeavor in evangelism, better citizenship, and toward world peace.

"We have come out to the edge of the world with our own devices and we stand now with a bomb in our hand that is powerful enough to destroy life itself," Dr. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, declared in the keynote address.

"Man has made the bomb but, because he cannot remake himself, he is afraid," continued Dr. Poling. "He is more afraid than ever he has been in all human history before this hour. He is afraid, not of the bomb, but of himself — afraid that he will drop it! The supreme problem of civilization is the problem of human character. And man's supreme need is redemption. If he would survive, he must be saved — not from his enemies, not from the bomb, but from himself."

Nearly 100 decisions for Christ and for full-time Christian service were made following the address by Dr. Raymond I. Lindquist, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood, Calif., when he spoke on "The Imperial Christ."

Rev. Earle W. Gates, Derby, N. Y., was elected the new president of the International Society. He was installed into the office which was held by Dr. Ernest R. Bryan from July, 1949, until his death December 17, 1954. Dr. Daniel A. Poling served as acting president from the death of Dr. Bryan until the election.

Endeavorers passed resolutions asking for stringent controls on liquor adver-

tising, safeguards for the youth in military service against alcoholic beverages, and calling attention of governments to misleading cigarette advertising.

Resolutions were also passed asking that greater emphasis be placed on evangelism and more concern be given to the recruiting of youth as Directors of Christian Education. The convention expressed hearty approval of the action of the Supreme Court on desegregation and called upon members of the Christian Endeavor movement to undergird the efforts of the United Nations to effect a just and lasting peace.

The resolution on evangelism follows:

"Whereas, for us evangelism is as old as the Christian Endeavor movement and, whereas, there has never been a successful Christian Endeavor society anywhere in the world that did not major in winning other young people to Christ, bringing them into the Church, sustaining and strengthening them there for Christian leadership and service in all areas of personal and public activity, therefore, be it resolved that we promote, participate in, and employ all available methods of reaching and winning the youth of our respective communities to Christ and to service in His Church."

Plans were announced for the 75th anniversary celebration of Christian Endeavor to take place during Christian Endeavor Week, January 29 - February 5, 1956.

It was voted to hold the next convention of International Society in Portland, Oregon, July 8-13, 1957.

### A Good Report

Your pastor's trip to Eastern Association was very enjoyable, and more so because one of our church members could attend, too. Attendance was large and the feeling of Christian fellowship and true worship was evident everywhere. I returned spiritually lifted and with a new eagerness to be about the Lord's work. The test of genuine Christian fellowship and worship is whether or not it leaves us spiritually refreshed and eager to serve the Lord. — De Ruyter, N. Y., Bulletin.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.

August 15-20, 1955



CLARENCE M. ROGERS, PRESIDENT

Attention throughout the denomination is focused this week on this annual Conference and its challenging theme, "To Serve Him."

### Association at Fouke, Ark.

The Southwestern Association will convene at Fouke, Ark., August 12-14. In order that those planning for meals and entertainment may be fully prepared it is requested that all persons planning to attend send their names to Mrs. Emerald Mae Monroe before August 7, 1955 (R.D. 2, Box 16, Fouke).

[Some of those traveling to Conference might well consider spending the weekend at this association and then driving north to Conference at Fayetteville, Ark.]

### Marriages

**Stephan-Coder.** — William J. Stephan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hatfield Stephan of Nortonville, Kan., and Catherine Marie Coder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray M. Coder, of Independence, Kan., were united in marriage in Kansas City, Mo., on May 26, 1955. The new home will be in Nortonville.

### Births

**Appel.** — A son, Robert Frederic, was born May 3, 1955, to Rev. and Mrs. Addison Appel, Farina, Ill.

**Warner.** — A son, Wayne Stanley, to Maurice and Dorothy Warner, Higginsville, N. Y., on May 21, 1955.

### Obituaries

**Babcock.** — Leonidas Emile, son of Adolphus and Isadore Babcock, was born in Jackson Center, Ohio, Aug. 12, 1876, and died in Daytona Beach, Fla., July 13, 1955. (More extended obituary elsewhere.)

**Clarke.** — Corry Parks, died unexpectedly at her home in Independence, N. Y., on July 4, 1955, at the age of 73.

At the age of nine she was baptized and joined the First Baptist Church of Union City, Pa. On Feb. 26, 1904, she was united in marriage to Robert Clarke of Independence. She moved her membership to the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1914 and has always been active in the church, Ladies' Aid, and Missionary Circle.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Cleon; three daughters: Mrs. Zerita Mattison, Mrs. Mileta Coats, and Mrs. Viola Waters; eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Don A. Sanford, in the church on July 7 with the burial in the local cemetery. D. A. S.

**Crouch.** — Ansel Boyden, the eldest child of Ansel and Ella Boyden Crouch, was born at West Hallock, Ill., March 7, 1871, and died at Nortonville, Kan., on July 14, 1955.

He came to Nortonville in 1912 where on Nov. 12, 1913, he married Jessie Langworthy. For many years, he faithfully supported the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nortonville, and was its music director for over twenty-five years.

Surviving are: his wife; four children: Robert of Glenwood Springs, Colo.; Mrs. John Mauro, of New Haven, Conn.; Mrs. David Guerry, of Kingstree, S. C.; and Dr. Boyden, of Rochester, Minn.; eight grandchildren; and four sisters: Mrs. Reta Crouch of Albuquerque, N. M.; Mrs. Alden Saunders, London Mills, Ill.; Mrs. Arthur Langworthy and Mrs. Earl Stephan, both of Nortonville.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Duane L. Davis, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, and burial was in the Nortonville Cemetery. D. L. D.

**Davis.** — Anna W., daughter of John and Sarah Sayer Willis, was born July 29, 1869, in the Stow Creek area of New Jersey, and passed away in Shiloh, July 7, 1955.

She was an active member in the Shiloh Church until confined to her home seven years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Lum of Plainfield N. J.; a son, Dr. Leland C. Davis of Westfield, N. J.; three grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Farewell services were conducted at the Kenneth Carl and Son Funeral Home in Bridgeton, N. J., by her pastor, Rev. Robert Lippincott, assisted by Rev. Dwight Faust. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery. R. P. L.

**Persels.** — Lura, daughter of Silas F. and Emily Lusk Randolph, was born Oct. 30, 1868, in Farina, Ill., and died at the Smith Rest Home at Mulberry Grove, Ill., July 16, 1955.

She was married July 26, 1893, to Charles E. Persels, who died in 1947. To this union were born three children: a son, Fay, who died in infancy, and two daughters, Arlouine (Mrs. Bernard Seager) of Farina, Ill., and Kathryn (Mrs. William Hunt) of Sierra Madre, Calif. She was a life-long member of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Besides her two daughters, she is survived by three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Mabel Allen of Farina.

Farewell services were held from the Farina Church with Pastor Addison Appel officiating. Interment was in the Farina Cemetery. A. A. A.

**Potter.** — William J., was born in Independence, N. Y., on March 8, 1866, and died at Helmuth, N. Y., on June 19, 1955, following a long illness.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church for 75 years, though illness prevented his active participation for many years. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ola Pease, of Andover, N. Y.; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Barney, of Mt. Ranier, Md.; one grandson and three great-grandchildren. Services were held at the Mulholland Funeral Home in Andover, June 22, with Rev. Don A. Sanford, officiating. D. A. S.