

The Sabbath Recorder

Summer and Harvest

The Prophet Jeremiah voiced the cry of a people in captivity, of a people repenting of their sins. He spoke of salvation in terms of summer and harvests. There was disappointment in his words: "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." He was burdened for his people, even as we should be for all those for whom God holds us responsible. With us it is now not the end but the beginning of summer — the time of growth, the time to avoid such disappointment in the salvation of our young people. There is courage in the promise of summer: "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, . . . shall not cease" (Genesis 8: 22).

own testimony, more perfectly observing the Sabbath and is attempting to organize a work in San Diego with the assistance of the other pastors of the association has recently undergone surgery. It is expected that he will be back at his work within a reasonable time.

Kenneth Smith and family who have been spending a year in Scotland have just returned to this country and will be resuming their work with the Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., Churches in the very near future.

The Milton and Milton Junction Courier carries news of a farewell party on the evening of May 26 for the interim pastor of the Albion and Milton Junction Churches, Doyle Zwiebel. Mr. and Mrs. Zwiebel are leaving on June 12 for Westerly, R. I., where he is to be assistant pastor for the summer. He will re-enter Alfred School of Theology in the fall and serve as pastor of the Richburg, N. Y., Church. The farewell party took the nature of the TV program "This Is Your Life," and showed the appreciation of the members of the local church for the work that he and Mrs. Zwiebel had done during the past year.

Rev. Lee Holloway, pastor of the Plainfield, N. J., Church, left the city Sunday, June 3, for his annual vacation and five weeks of summer school study at a theological seminary in Lexington, Ky. His courses are mostly in the field of Christian Education at this summer school session.

Rev. Trevah R. Sutton, who has been without a pastorate this year and has been teaching in the vicinity of Little Rock, Ark., is now in summer school with the following address: East Texas Station, Commerce, Texas.

Rev. Neal D. Mills, executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, terminates his work with the board at the end of this month. He has not yet announced his plans for the future.

From California comes word that Rev. Alton L. Wheeler has recently made a visitation trip through the southern part of the state and Rev. Leon R. Lawton has made a final tour of central California and the Bay Area. Associate Pastor Mynor G. Soper's name appears more frequently in the church bulletin as preaching in the morning services. The church continues to deliberate on the

problem of securing a replacement for their pastor. It is announced that on June 30 there will be a special afternoon dedication service for outgoing missionaries, Dr. Victor Burdick and Pastor and Mrs. Lawton and family.

Accessions

Ashaway, R. I.

By Baptism:
Mrs. Kenneth Morgan
Mr. and Mrs. Linton Crandall

DeRuyter, N. Y.

By Letter:
Archie D. Moulton
Celia E. (Mrs. Archie) Moulton
Charles Swing
Esther D. (Mrs. Charles) Swing
Gretchen Swing

Boulder, Colo.

By Baptism:
Diana Koellner
Don Stephan
Carl Saunders
Bobby Dean White
Mrs. Raymond Hard

By Testimony:
Albert Hard

Births

Butts. — A son, Evan Carey, to Stanley and Lydia Butts of Alfred, N. Y., May 12, 1956.

Hastings. — A daughter, Rebecca Joan, to Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Hastings of Battle Creek, Mich., on March 30, 1956.

Obituaries

Zeeb. — Ludwig, was born Aug. 24, 1881, and died Feb. 25, 1956, after a long illness at the home of his son, Karl, 47 Hazelwood Ave., Livingston, N. J., with whom he lived.

Born in Germany, Mr. Zeeb came to the United States in 1926. He was a mason and a contractor. He was a faithful member of the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife, the former Ernestine Kern; two daughters: Mrs. E. Schmauk of Fanwood, and Mrs. L. Heyer of Connecticut; and three sons: Ernest and Karl of Livingston, and Erwin of the U. S. Army at Washington, D.C. Another son, Wallace, died in World War II and had been awarded the Silver Star. Mr. Zeeb is also survived by six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on Feb. 28 at the Hopping Funeral Home by his pastor, Rev. John G. Schmid. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery, Union, N. J. J. G. S.

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SWIFT TO HEAR, SLOW TO SPEAK

Never were the words of the peace-maker James more appropriate than in the attitude called for by the visit to this country of the eight Soviet churchmen. James wrote to his beloved brethren in a time of trial and testing, "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" (Jas. 1: 19).

To judge these men as a group before they have been heard is unchristian. To greet them at the airport with shouts of "Which of you are secret police?" is to be neither slow to wrath, slow to speak, nor swift to hear. One wonders why such a reception was reserved for visiting clergymen and was not given to ambassadors, United Nations representatives, and other diplomats, some of whom have been asked by our government to leave the country because of their proven unethical conduct.

It is true that some of the leaders of this church delegation have been heard before and some of what they have said showed a gross misunderstanding of the aims of our government, to put it mildly. It is probable that there was a certain amount of screening by the home government of the clergymen who came. It is doubtless a fact that the present Soviet leaders will squeeze out of this visit all the propaganda value that is possible, even as they did when the delegation from this country found high-powered lights and movie cameras almost drowning out the services in nearly every church they visited in Russia.

In spite of the false peace propaganda that the godless government hopes to get out of this exchange of clergy visits, it is quite possible that these quests in our midst (or most of them) will get something valuable from free association with American churches and the American way of life. To make a blanket charge upon the day of their arrival that these Baptist, Lutheran, Armenian, and Russian Orthodox ministers are Christ-deniers is not the Christian or the American way. Well we may understand the bitterness of those who know what it is to live under the cruel heel of Communism and have managed to escape

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MEMORY TEXT

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. 1 John 5: 11, 12.

to this country. But we cannot condone an unchristian expression of bitterness on the part of professing Christians. Let us speak only after we have listened.

Your editor claims no special virtue for himself in the art of listening. Neither does he count it a virtue to be silent when Christian duty calls for sounding the warning trumpet. In this particular case, however, he does not find it hard to follow the inspired words of James quoted above. It was his privilege to be a guest at the dinner given to the deputation of visiting clergymen and to talk with some of them personally through interpreters. We were glad to let them know that in this country there is a Seventh Day Baptist denomination which is somewhat different from other churches. We were able to answer some of the questions of the Baptist ministers about our own and other church groups. But primarily we were listening and observing.

It would be much more enlightening to listen in at the formal conversations when there was opportunity for more than an exchange of greetings and information. At this point we would wish to be slow to speak. When the conversations have ended it may be apparent which of the delegation, if any, are really on fire for the true Gospel and which, if any, may be badly misled or consciously misleading those who trust them for spiritual leadership.

As Christians we should not judge men by the nation or race from which they come. Along with being slow to wrath and swift to hear we are called upon to be "wise as serpents and harmless as doves." At the same time we must put on our defensive armor and contend earnestly for the faith.

The Cry of the Silversmiths

The silversmiths of Ephesus could not tolerate the preaching of Paul because it down-graded the goddess Diana and raised the once despised Jesus to a position of divinity. Moreover, this preaching of Christ was eloquent and effective. When people were converted and put their trust in the risen Christ they found that He met their deepest needs. They no longer had any use for the silver shrines of Diana. The business of the silversmiths fell off alarmingly. They roused the rabble to cry loud and long, "Great is Diana of the Ephesians."

There is a modern version to this cry of the silversmiths although the comparison is weak and the cry is subdued like any cry should be in the Soviet Union. The Red Star foundry, near Moscow, until recently was fully employed making bigger-than-life statues of Stalin. Now it has been forced to shut down, there being no demand for the product of their craft.

We could wish that it were the preaching of Christ that had caused the sale of the statues of this "god" to drop off. Instead it is the negative "preaching" of Khrushchev. Stalin was a bad man, not in that he killed people who had committed no crime and purged the party time and again. No, but he was bad in that he tortured and killed the wrong people and purged the party when it needed no purging from the standpoint of loyalty to its base principles.

The "cry of the silversmiths" is not loud. They can make new moulds and turn out statues of other men who are now held in higher repute. The system goes on. Deceit, treachery, and murder are not disavowed or replaced with love. Atheistic materialism has in no sense given way in government circles to Christianity. The best that can be said is that it is now possible for those who want to practice religion to do so with a certain degree of window-dressing toleration.

But "the Lord's hand" is not shortened that it cannot save. Prayer is still a mighty force and may yet break down

the strongholds. The rule of the few has replaced the evil rule of one. The promise of the Word is that some day (and we pray for the hastening of that day) Christ shall rule in righteousness and all evil power and authority shall be put down.

Within the Iron Curtain an iron foundry has shut down. But until Christ is invited in will the "cry of the silver-smiths" be really silenced in the lands of the Soviets and their satellites.

Unlimited Natural Resources

A quotation from the Utica (N. Y.) Observer Dispatch recently caught our imagination. It told of the declaration of Harlow H. Curtice that the General Motors science and technology center was one of the nation's great resources — more important even than the natural resources with which we have been endowed. It was a call for basic research, pure research. The paper went on to comment on these great human resources in these words, "You can exhaust mines and oil wells, but man's applied ingenuity has thus far known no limits."

It is true and it is wonderful. The limits of research are not in sight. The horizon where earth meets sky may be said to extend almost indefinitely into the West. But research does have a logical limit. There cannot be a searching-out beyond the point of placing-in. Some searching may be vain; it may be directed toward that which has no existence; but research is an attempt to bring out that which is within — already in the various elements or substances or combinations. In the realm of the material there is a place where earth and sky meet though it may be near infinity.

There are, indeed, great vistas beyond, not only for researchers in laboratories but for those who link themselves with God and investigate what the Lord has in store for those who love Him. Human ingenuity is not limitless, but God is. Scientists hasten to finish their experimenting with things because they know that earthly life and vigor are circumscribed by the traditional threescore years

and ten. "But out beyond, where thought is not hampered by houses of flesh, the riches of eternity extend. What is it that the apostle so beautifully says at the close of that sublime "love chapter"? "For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known."

This gives us the assurance that when knowledge (earthly research) vanishes away it is because of that fuller knowledge. Now we search for the unsearchable riches of Christ. He has prepared a timeless time and spaceless place where we who are ready may enjoy to the fullest these now unsearchable riches of Christ.

Good Things to Come

A large number of cars of Seventh Day Baptist ownership were added to the Sunday afternoon traffic on the New England highway system on June 10 as happy families returned to their homes both near and far. A very stimulating, smooth-running session of the Eastern Association had come to a close in the historic colonial church at Ashaway, R. I. We want to tell our readers some of the story of those meetings and give extracts from some of the messages centered on the theme "Prayer, the Christian's Fuel." This we will hope to do.

First, however, there are reports and stories of what was said, done, and planned at some other Associations holding their meetings a little earlier. Some material from the Northern Association appears in this issue, with perhaps more to follow. At least one of the messages given at the Central Association will be printed along with a review of what one minister thought were the highlights of the meetings. When we gather together the themes and points of emphasis of many such gatherings we can feel the strong pulse of many churches. Watch these pages for the good things to come.

Water may have destroyed the world but liquor besmirched it immediately afterward, and still does. — William Ward Ayar.

MORE NEWS ABOUT PRE-CON RETREAT PROGRAM

Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, Director

Here you see a picture of the Lambda Chi fraternity house on State Street, sent in by Barbara Warren, a resident of Alfred, N. Y., and a student at the university. This is where the Pre-Con boys will be housed August 9-13 and during Conference.

The lower photo shows where the girls will be staying on Sayles Street during the same period under the supervision of Mrs. Madge Sutton, housemother. As you will note, the cost of housing for the whole period, August 9-19, is very reasonable.

As the program rounds out for Pre-Con Retreat, there are some changes in and some additions to the first public announcement sent out during the month of May. (See the May 21 issue of Sabbath Recorder, page 326.)

Among the changes we find that Rev. Paul L. Maxson will lead the "Know Your Bible" workshop instead of Rev. H. L. Polan. The workshop entitled "Make the Best Use of Music" will not be a workshop but there will be plenty of opportunity allowed for Rev. Delmer Van Horn to "draw out" joyous song as well as for him to organize instrumental music for those bringing instruments. The Conference president, Rev. Charles Bond, will not make an address, but he will be on the program to show us how we can be a part of Conference.

Now for the additions: The fee will be \$9.00. This will include insurance, meals, and housing. Each camper should bring sheets, blankets, pillowcases, washcloths, towels, and toilet articles; also, swim suit, conventional clothing for classes, play, and worship. For classwork and worship, bring Bible, note paper, and pencil. Additional staff includes Denison Barber, lifeguard and counselor; Misses Helen Ruth Green and Marilyn Osborn, counselors; and Mrs. Madge Sutton, girls' housemother during Pre-Con.



Boys' Dormitory, Lambda Chi



Girls' Dormitory, Pi Alpha Pi

There are no work scholarships for Pre-Con available as previously announced.

Pre-Con promises to afford some mountain-top experiences. We want every Seventh Day Baptist youth who qualifies to be there.

You'll want to stay for Conference, too. One of the features of one of the two Youth Banquets will be the popular "Fire and Flame" demonstration by Dr. Paul Saunders of Alfred University.

You will not only be inspired and learn much at Pre-Con and Conference, but you will have fun, too. Don't miss it!

NORTHERN ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

By Doris Fetherston

On the weekend of May 18, 19, and 20, the Northern Association met at the Battle Creek, Mich., Church. Lone Sabbathkeepers in the area had been especially invited to be present. The planned program included worship, a workshop on missions — especially relating to lone Sabbathkeepers — fellowship, and business.

On Friday evening Rev. Kenneth Stickney of Holland, Mich., preached on "The Faithful Saying." A testimony and consecration service led by Rev. Emmett Bottoms of Jackson Center, Ohio, followed. A warm feeling of Christian love certainly prevailed in this meeting and it seemed good to many, young and old, to testify of their love of God and of their Christian experience.

During the Sabbath school hour on Sabbath morning the theme was "A Church with Concern." A model of the old Newport Church was on exhibit and a few words given about it. Russell Maxson then spoke on "Where Are Our Nonresident Members?" He gave some very interesting historical facts concerning the way our now existing churches came about through the efforts of lone Sabbathkeepers with the aid of missionary pastors or loaned pastors of established churches. Mrs. Leonard Wilkinson of Freeland, Mich., told us what was being done now for lone Sabbathkeepers

throughout the denomination through the program under her direction and sponsored by the Women's Society.

At the regular Sabbath morning worship service Rev. Everett T. Harris, executive secretary of the Missionary Society, spoke on "Power for Effective Witnessing."

There were two workshop periods. On Sabbath afternoon Doctor Harris gave a short talk on "How to Make Personal Visitation More Effective in Winning Souls to Christ," after which the group divided into three sections for discussion. Section 1, "Preparing yourself to make an effective visit," was led by Leland Bond of Lafayette, Ind.; section 2, "The Purpose of your most effective visit," by Mrs. Emmett Bottoms of Jackson Center, Ohio; and Rev. Herbert Polan of Battle Creek led section 3, "The Procedure for a decision and full commitment."

On Sunday morning Doctor Harris spoke on "How to Make Tract Distribution More Effective in Winning Souls to Christ." The section meetings were: (1) "What tracts to give to whom," led by George Bottoms of Lansing, Mich.; (2) "Where to distribute tracts," directed by Arthur Millar of Battle Creek; (3) "How nonresidents can make tract distribution effective," led by Harold Bakker of Coopersville, Mich.

In both sessions, after the section meetings the whole group came together for a report of their findings and to raise

questions that had not been adequately answered in the section meetings. Mr. Harris was asked for his opinions on these questions and then others were given opportunity to speak. The interesting thing about this was that even after the meetings were formally closed, small groups voluntarily got together to exchange opinions on the subjects under discussion. Much comment was heard as to how very worth while such meetings were when they had been as well planned and led as these were.

At the business meeting on Sunday afternoon officers were elected. Action was taken authorizing the Missions Committee to be of encouragement and assistance to an interested group at Painsville, Ohio. Steps were taken to effect an exchange of delegates between our Association and other Associations, and at the recommendation of the Youth Committee, money was allowed and a plan formulated for choosing one or two young people to attend camp in another Association with an invitation to be extended to young people from that Association to come to our camp.

Rev. Loyal F. Hurley Gets Tributes at Alfred

By Albert N. Rogers

Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, who is retiring after four years as Professor of Biblical Interpretation at the Alfred University School of Theology, was given a bound collection of letters from his colleagues and students in tribute to his service.

The tribute was presented by Dean Albert N. Rogers at the opening of the Communion service which formally closed the school year. Nearly thirty members of the faculty and students who have taken work under Professor Hurley shared in this expression of their gratitude to him.

Professor Hurley was appointed to the faculty of the School of Theology on July 1, 1952, and has been active in the field work program along with his teaching. He was leader of three teams of students and faculty members which

carried on evangelistic work in Westerly, R. I., Verona and Adams Center, N. Y., and served as secretary to the faculty. His home has often been visited by those wishing to receive wise counsel. Courses which he has taught have included Old Testament and New Testament Survey, The Prophetic Movement, Eschatology and Ethics, The Book of Romans, The Johannine Writings, and The Synoptic Gospels.

The school wishes the Hurleys well in their new home in Boulder, Colo., and in the work which Mr. Hurley will do as field evangelist for the Missionary Board.

Sabbath Rally Echoes

Churches throughout the denomination appear to have made rather consistent efforts at emphasizing the special Sabbath Rally Day suggested by the American Sabbath Tract Society through its Sabbath Promotion Committee. The value of this once-a-year concerted emphasis is recognized by pastors and leaders.

The independence of the local church is well illustrated in the differing types of observance scheduled. It had been suggested that the theme of religious liberty be stressed in the sermons this year. Undoubtedly quite a number of pastors did bring this thought into their messages in a minor or major way but the sermon titles available indicate that ministers spoke as they felt led by the Holy Spirit rather than according to the suggested plan. Here are some of the titles used in some of the churches.

Alfred, 1st, "Christianity Is Christ" (guest speaker); Battle Creek, "Sabbath Convictions"; Denver, "The Price of Convictions"; Hopkinton, 1st, "Exceeding Righteousness"; Los Angeles, "Remember the Sabbath"; Lost Creek, "The Sabbath Was Made . . ."; Marlboro, "What's Ahead for S.D.B.s" (guest speaker); Plainfield, "The Sabbath, An Evidence of God's Love" (guest speaker, a layman); Riverside, "The Fourth Commandment"; Shiloh, "The Reward of Discipleship"; Salemville, "The Sabbath and 20th-Century Man"; White Cloud, topic not announced (guest speaker, a layman).

*Rais'n's Budget Promotion Committee

At this writing, June 11, we have received our first returns* from the coin card special offering "to the glory of God and in memory of A. Burdet Crofoot." This memorial campaign ran from April 1 to June 9 and it is our hope that all returns can be announced in this column in the next few weeks.

We gratefully acknowledge the following special gifts to the world-wide mission of Seventh Day Baptists through the Denominational Budget:

	Cards Distributed	Gifts Received	Amount
Lone Sabbathkeepers, through Women's Society, Mrs. Leonard Wilkinson, Chairman	102	13	\$ 85.00
Lost Creek Church, Mrs. S. Gene Kennedy, Treasurer	?	?	42.20
	102	13	\$127.20

*Rais'n' — Pastors, church treasurers, and other interested readers, look up Recorder, May 7, page 294 if you haven't yet.

Missions

"A Peculiar People"

The Scriptural background of the theme lies in the second chapter of the Epistle to Titus, especially that phrase found in the fourteenth verse, that God might "purify unto himself a peculiar people."

Seventh Day Baptists are a "peculiar" people. However the word "peculiar" as used by Paul to Titus does not mean "queer." Rather it means "particularly His own." That being the case, we ought to be very glad we are a peculiar people of God — particularly His own — that is, His own for a purpose.

If God can use us in any way to establish or forward His Kingdom on the earth, what greater honor could we hope for?

Rather than being a little bit ashamed of being a peculiar people, we ought to be proud of it and willing to stand up for it. This is our mission, our reason for being. There is a sense in which we will have failed both God and the heritage that our fathers bequeathed to us, if we are silent and will not consider the Sabbath our mission, our cause for being.

When we stop being a peculiar people of God and fail to consider the Sabbath our mission, we may be very sure that God will find some other way or some other group of people to carry forward the truth of the Bible Sabbath.

There were at one time many Sabbatarian churches in England. Many of them were strong churches, and among the members were leaders in the government, in medicine, in various phases of the life of England. Why then did those Sabbatarian churches in England fail? We are told that it was partly due to persecution and emigration to America. But the Birmingham Weekly Post's comment regarding the Natton (England) Church furnishes a side light too. Said the Post in an editorial of 1901, "There appears to be little attempt among these people (speaking of Seventh Day Baptists) to propagate their faith." The

article goes on, "There seems to be nothing in their type of service to differentiate it from that of the ordinary nonconformist service — and little or nothing is even said in advancing the peculiar views whose prevalence founded this sect."

This is an insight from an outsider back in 1901. It certainly is a commentary on why Seventh Day Baptists failed in England. They must have begun thinking that "peculiar" meant "queer" instead of "particularly His own for a purpose" and so became silent about these things that make us different.

The same thing will happen to our churches of America if we lose our sense of mission. We can be different without being obnoxious. This is true about other things; so can we be different in a quiet, telling way about the Sabbath.

One of our ancestors in the faith living near New London, Conn., was not only obnoxious in his Sabbathkeeping but was punished for it. He trundled a wheelbarrow up and down in front of the Baptist Church so as to prevent them from worshiping on Sunday. He was jailed for disturbing the peace. There are other more acceptable ways of letting our lights shine.

How has the Sabbath fared when it has been presented in more favorable ways as our mission? In China, Jamaica, British Guiana, Africa, Holland, Germany, it has been accepted readily and kept faithfully. Our foreign missionary churches have grown in numbers far more rapidly than the home churches.

What God may have in mind a hundred years from now, no one can guess. But it does seem reasonable that the spirit and practice of Sabbathkeeping through the centuries is going to need a strong Scriptural basis and foundation that can be consistently held and preached and taught in order to survive the onslaught of worldliness and carelessness. Sometimes our puny efforts to preserve the seventh-day Sabbath make one think of Uzziah steadying the ark. The ark didn't need to be steadied. Uzziah found that out to his sorrow. Instead of "saving

the Sabbath," we might give ourselves more wholeheartedly to its propagation (along with reverence for Christ the Lord of the Sabbath) and be saved [conserved] by it. Since it is God's truth it will stand the wear and tear of the ages.

Makapwa Mission News

Bettie Pearson writes, "I will mention a bit of some of the miscellaneous items which we find to do, aside from the principal job of evangelistic, school, and medical work.

"Beth has been writing and mimeographing, with Joan's help in translating, studies in the Christian life for our new converts. This is surely a needy field, as they have so much to learn about this new Way.

"Just this week we have begun what we might term our 'Women's Society.' Although they have had some handwork classes before, this will be a meeting for the women more on the order of our societies at home. We hope it will help them to grow as Christian wives and homemakers.

"We continue to print picture-story cards for the children's Sabbath school lessons, and to write some teachers' helps, too. These aids are very meager, as the translating and printing is a job, and they are very brief. We trust they will be used by the Spirit to help develop strong Christians of the future.

"Of course, I find that being a mother is a wonderful occupation. Although Debby Jean cannot send her greetings here, some day she will be happy to meet all of you."

Beth Severe writes: "The 26th of January we moved into the Dr. W. B. Lewis Medical Building. Since then our patient load has increased with our increased facilities, and a great need has finally been realized — our maternity work is under way.

"Our staff has increased to include Lackwell Mankwaloh, our medical aide; Mae Morland Mtenzo, a dresser trained here; Olivia James, our native midwife; Annie, our cleaning lady; Joan, in charge of maternity; myself, in charge of the dispensary. We are trusting to soon have a second native midwife.

"God has given us a great opportunity for witnessing through our medical work. The day begins with the mission pastor holding a service with the patients. At the same time our medical staff meets for devotionals. We rotate each week. We have had many blessings during this time."

Joan Clement writes: "About a week ago a cyclone came in from the Madagascar coast of the continent moving across Nyasaland and into Rhodesia. No lives were lost nor buildings destroyed that we heard of but rivers overflowed their banks in several places. The private gardens of the students on the mission were washed away — nothing is left but bedrock; the playground was destroyed and today the water still covers the mission island almost completely. Railway service is still disrupted and we wonder if the students will be able to return to the mission on time. However we have much for which to thank the Lord."

Nyasaland Christian Council Meeting

Makapwa Mission was formally voted into membership of the Nyasaland Christian Council of Churches several months ago. Rev. David Pearson as head of the mission was invited to attend their next meeting. Mrs. Pearson wrote on May 2: "David left Monday morning (April 30) for Mkhoma to attend the Christian Council meeting. He took along Pastors Notale, Leman Muzoni, and Mankhamba as far as Ncheu, where he will stop coming back to hold a series of meetings. He thought that holding these meetings would make his trip count more and that we would not have to spend time there on our regular northern trip."

Regarding his welcome at the meetings of the Christian Council Rev. David Pearson has written: "At Mkhoma I first met Mr. Pretorius who recently served the council as acting secretary during Mr. Bernard's absence. I was given the right hand of welcome by the chairman, the Rt. Rev. Frank Thorn, Anglican Bishop. Numerous matters were discussed among which were pastoral and teacher training. Our mission has no elaborate training

schedules as do the other more advanced missions but I can see that the time is relatively near when changes will have to be made. Our teachers with but a few exceptions have been trained elsewhere. Our pastors are already in the harness — some of considerable experience but little training.

"At the council it was mentioned that outward growth (in numbers) was large. Inward and spiritual growth was not in keeping with the outward growth. Other churches are having difficulty in getting the Africans to support the church financially. We are not alone in this. I attended committee meetings on education and marriage. I noted that the co-operation between Africans and Europeans seemed tops. Knowing the African language seems to help considerably — sorry to say that most of us haven't advanced very far with the language, but we see the need and will be working on it. A prayer meeting was held our last evening together led by Rev. Robert Barr of Chididi Mission. It was a joy to meet with him. That night prayers were said in four languages. Some of the Europeans prayed in the native tongue. When the minutes of the meeting are mimeographed, I'll send you a copy."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for June 30, 1956

Writings for Perilous Times

Lesson Scripture: Hebrews 13: 9, 18, 25; 1 Peter 1: 1-2; 2: 19-25; 2 Peter 1: 1-2, 15-18; Jude, verses 3, 17-25.

April 30, 1956, Budget Status

Table with 2 columns: Budget Status and Amount. Includes rows for 100% September 30, 1956 Goal (\$74,114), 58.3% 7 Month Goal (\$43,225), 40.8% Raised 1956 (April 30) (\$30,255), and 37.3% Raised 1955 (\$26,409).

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR JULY

Eager to Tell It

By Mrs. Iva Davis

[Mrs. Davis, a member of the Verona, N. Y., Church, is an aunt of several heads of families in that church and of Mrs. L. M. Maltby.]

Song: "I Love to Tell the Story"

Scripture: Daniel 12: 3; Ephesians 3: 8-13

Prayer

Meditation

The witness is late! The court room is crowded and the tension is high! What could be so important that it would keep a witness from giving testimony that he knew would save a life? He knew just what had happened and perhaps he alone could turn the decision in the right channel. Why was he not eager to get there? Was he too busy attending to his own affairs or doing his own pleasure to think of his friend?

Jesus said, "Ye are my witnesses." But of what are we witnesses? No testimony in a court of justice will stand unless it is something the witness actually knows first hand. It cannot be anything he has heard or read, but something he actually knows or has experienced.

What is the story that we should be anxious to tell to save a life? We had the greatest experience that one can have when Jesus came into our lives and we should be eager to tell what the Lord has done for us. If we take Jesus Christ seriously we shall want others to do so too. If we appreciate a book or a beautiful scene or a musical composition we want to share it with our friends. Is there something wrong with our religion if we are not eager to share it, too? Perhaps if we could form a clear statement of what Christ means to us we could tell others more easily.

But there are other ways of witnessing besides telling the story of salvation.

In our everyday relationships we either recommend Christianity or insist it is not worth the effort. Jesus said, "Whosoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." Is it not often true, according to the old maxim, "Actions speak louder than words"?

One day St. Francis of Assisi said to a young monk, "Let us go down into the town and preach." So the two set out conversing down the main streets. They turned into the side streets and alleys and went back to the monastery. In surprise the young man said, "Father, when do we begin to preach?" St. Francis answered, "Son, we have been preaching as we walked. We have been seen and our behavior has been observed. It is of no use that we walk anywhere to preach unless we preach as we walk."

The story is told of a cabby who put a Bible question in his cab every day. When someone answered it he put up another. This was his way of witnessing.

The central purpose of the early Christian church was to witness. Those who had found the secret of life and hope of tomorrow were eager to tell the good news, though it often meant martyrdom.

What is Christianity doing for us? That is our real witness which others observe, whether they hear it from our lips or see it in our lives.

Song: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Prayer

YOUTH IN EUROPE

Daughter of A. Burdet Crofoot To Work in France

Seventh Day Baptists are to be represented this year in an Ecumenical Work Camp in Europe. Chi Rho, the student youth group of Alfred, aided by the Alfred Church, has raised over \$350 toward the cost and has selected Camille Crofoot to be a member of the camp at Pommery, France, from July 14 to August 13. She will sail from New York June 15.

The project began two years ago when Chaplain Richard Bredenberg of Alfred University and Mrs. Bredenberg returned from Europe and described their experiences in a work camp. They made a contribution toward a fund for sending a student to a similar camp and that encouraged the Chi Rho group to go on with the project.

These camps are sponsored by the United Student Christian Council under the World Council of Churches and are

held each year in many parts of the world. The purpose is not only to help a local community accomplish a difficult task, but also to bring together young people from various countries and cultural backgrounds in a situation where they can come to understand each other and the people among whom they work, and to seek together the Christian solution of some of the problems of the world.

Camille will be one of about twenty-five campers who will help in expanding a home for the aged. There will be six hours of work a day and periods of worship, study, and discussion. They will attempt to express the Christian spirit of understanding and good will in their work and in all their relations with each other and with the native people of the country in which they work.

There will be several weeks before and after the camp for Camille to visit several countries of Europe. Perhaps she will meet some of our Seventh Day Baptists of Germany and Holland. The whole experience will be of great value to her and we hope that she will have the opportunity of sharing her impressions with many of our young people when she returns.

Our interest and our prayers will follow Camille and the project in which she shares, that of spreading the gospel of love through everyday work and fellowship.

N. D. M.

Pastors' Institute Planned at Alfred

A two-week institute for pastors at the Alfred University School of Theology will precede the General Conference at Alfred, it is announced by Dean Albert N. Rogers. The dates of the institute will be July 30 through August 10.

Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen of Salem will teach a course in Sabbath Philosophy as one feature of the institute. Mr. Hansen, who is now on the Salem College faculty, was formerly pastor of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. He is editor of the Sabbath Interpreter and was the delegate of the General Conference to

the World Council of Churches Assembly at Evanston, Ill., in 1954. He taught at the School of Theology two summers ago.

A combined course in denominational history and polity will be offered by Dean Rogers, as well as a short course in preaching.

Rev. Alfred J. Gross, recently appointed Professor of Theology, will teach an intensive course in the Life of Paul during the institute. He will teach a six weeks' course in Religion in American Life during the Alfred University Summer Session which opens July 2.

One day of the pastors' institute is being devoted to a program arranged by the Hornell Committee for Education in Alcoholism with speakers from Pittsburgh and Rochester. This will be Monday, August 6.

Invitations are being sent to ministers of various denominations to participate in the institute although the dates are set for convenience of Seventh Day Baptists. Licensed preachers and those looking toward the ministry may enroll, as well as ordained men, by applying to the School of Theology at Box 742, Alfred, N. Y.

During the week of July 15-20 an institute for choir directors is also being held at Alfred and information may be secured regarding this from Dean Rogers.

C. E. News

Winners in the 1956 Christian Citizenship Award Contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor will be honored at a Citizenship Rally in Washington, D. C., on June 30.

Pauline Webster of Braintree, Mass., and Nelda Jean Thomas of Houston, Texas, the two top winners in the Citizenship Contest, will receive awards of \$200 and the trip to the Convocation. A total of \$1,000 is being given to contest winners.

High lights of the Convocation include a dinner June 29 for delegates and members of the Youth Assembly, with Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, bringing the message.

Walking With Jesus

By Miss Judy Corfitsen
Battle Creek, Mich.

What does the term "Walking with Jesus" mean to you? Probably each one of you has an answer to this question, possibly from some personal experience in your life.

Three possible answers might be: To feel His presence and companionship as you walk through life; to live as though you were actually walking with Him throughout each day's activities; or, to walk the way that He walked.

This last one I would like to talk about. 1 John 2: 6 says: "He who says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked."

How did Jesus walk?

First of all, Jesus walked humbly. He wasn't boastful or conceited, although He certainly had every reason to be since He was someone extraordinary. No person or place was below Him.

Second, He was understanding and compassionate. He didn't scold or scorn anyone for what they had done; He showed mercy on them. He had a forgiving and loving nature about Him, which those who had sinned could feel and truly appreciate.

Third, Jesus was kind and good. He helped others not only by healing, but by showing them the way to a happier, fuller life. He mourned with those who were sad and rejoiced with those who had good fortune.

Fourth, Jesus had self-control and patience. Only once during His three years of ministry did He lose patience, which occurred when He expelled the money-changers from the temple. It is certainly evident that there were many other times when He could have lost the virtue of self-control, but He didn't.

Of course, there are other virtues that Jesus possessed, but this may give you an idea of what you must possess if you want to walk as He walked. As Christians, you know you should possess these virtues, but do you?

If you ask yourself the following questions you should be able to determine

whether or not you are walking as Jesus did and whether or not you are a good Christian. As you hear these questions, be honest with yourself in answering them. Don't try to fool yourself because you can't fool the other fellow.

Are you humble in your everyday association with friends as well as strangers? Or do you tend to be boastful or conceited because you know or can do something that the other fellow cannot do? Do you tend to possess the "holier-than-thou" or "my-you're-stupid" attitude towards those you know? Or do you praise them for what they can do well and possibly help them with some problem they have instead of ridiculing them for not knowing?

Are you understanding towards your friends, or do you tend to criticize or pass harsh judgment on them? Are you always looking and waiting to remark on some error the other fellow makes, or do you close your eyes to trivial faults and look for some good point to praise?

Are you kind and good? Do you say or do little things to please a friend, or even a stranger? Do you help them or give them a listening ear when they need it? Or do you carelessly pass up a chance to give a word of praise or comfort to make someone happy or ease their sorrow or burden simply because you are too wrapped up in yourself, what you want, and what you are interested in? Do you consider the other person's feelings or do you carelessly say or do according to any whim that might come into your head just to make the other fellow feel uncomfortable, or whatever the motive?

Do you have self-control and patience? Or do you "fly off the handle" at the slightest provocation? Do you become easily annoyed by someone's seeming stupidity or silliness, or do you ignore it for the sake of all concerned? Do things said in fun to or about you aggravate you or do you take it in good humor?

These are pretty strong questions and probably quite difficult for you to answer truthfully; but they certainly deserve consideration from anyone who professes to be a Christian and a follower of Jesus.

In closing, I would like to leave this

For Jr. High

A robin and a blue jay were having a little scuffle on the lawn as we walked by. Whenever there is a fight we have an urge to take sides, don't we? It seems to me I either remember that or have observed it with boys, and girls, too.

The question is how are we to decide which side to be on. The way we determine which professional baseball team to cheer for is not what we are talking about. Often we cannot find any good reason for rooting for either one. When it comes down to school teams it is quite a different matter. Then it is school loyalty and personal interest that make you support your own team. When you get a little older and become more aware of international conflicts it would be treason to take the other side.

Here on the lawn the scrap between the two birds was over in an instant. If you could, or needed to, take sides in that little battle, which side would you take? Both birds were pretty; the blue jay was brighter colored and prettier with his blue feathers than the rusty, red-breasted robin. Is that the way to decide? If you had need to protect one or the other of two girls* who were being bothered by rowdy boys, would you protect the prettier one?

How about those scuffling birds? They couldn't tell me which one started the fight. It really looked as if the robin did. That was what made me think about it. I know that robins are usually such cheerful, peaceful, home-loving birds. They mind their own business. Was this just one bad robin like a bad boy in a nice Sabbath school class? And was the blue jay the good bird, a sort of policeman in blue uniform? I think not. Blue jays, in spite of their bright feathers, are pesky nest-robbers and naughty, scrappy food-stealers. Probably the robin I saw had

thought with you: "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

good reason to take a peck at the bigger bird. I would side with the robin every time.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if the nature of all the blue jays could be changed so that other birds could live in peace? I don't know how that can be done, do you? We all know that most of the little quarrels and big fights between boys can be stopped when there is a change in the hearts of those boys. Such a change is possible by letting Christ come in to rule. Then, too, if we have to take sides in the scraps of other people, we can ask the Lord to help us decide which side is right.

Milton College Commencement

"The same spirit of pioneering which founded Milton College is needed today," Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College, Salem, W. Va., told his audience at the annual commencement exercises held on June 3 in the Milton College auditorium. After tracing the background of Milton College he emphasized four areas in higher education in which "pioneering" remains to be done, if we are to maintain the values we have inherited from our forefathers.

They are: first, the promotion of liberal arts education; second, the perpetuation of religious and spiritual concepts; third, the maintenance of the free spirit; and fourth, the assumption of financial responsibilities in independent education.

In summarizing his remarks Dr. Hurley stressed that technical specialization in education is not enough preparation to meet the challenge of complex human relations brought about by the great advancements that have been made in communication and speed of travel. Only the broad background developed through a liberal arts education can give the preparation needed, he said. College graduates must not only be qualified academically, he continued, but must be heart-conditioned and character-prepared through the influence of a Christian college.

He maintained that the spirit of freedom in higher education can best be

safeguarded by the continuation of the present dual system of higher education, that is, the existence of the independent college as a balance to the state-supported school. In addition to its tempering qualities, the independent school will be needed to meet the tidal wave of students who will be seeking a college education in the near future. In conclusion he suggested that the financial support of the independent college is a cause in which more and more people must "pioneer."

The honorary degree of Doctor of Pedagogy was conferred upon Dr. Hurley in recognition of his outstanding work in Christian education and his leadership in the cause of the independent college. He recently received national recognition in this connection when he was elected the first chairman of the Council for Advancement of Small Colleges. The degree was conferred by Dean L. Milton Van Horn, who has succeeded Dean John N. Daland, now retired.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

A unique record commemorating the 15th Anniversary of "The Baptist Hour" on the air was played around the world Sunday, May 27, by the Voice of America. It was announced by Rev. Paul M. Stevens, Director of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. R. Poppele, Director of the Voice of America, stated that the Anniversary Record offers an unusual opportunity to summarize to the world a type of religious broadcast heard by Americans through the years which presents a spiritual message of nondenominational content suitable for all faiths. It was beamed (in English) to practically the whole world except the U. S. and Canada, and will later be translated into 41 languages.

Those who have been praying about the unjust closing of the Protestant Theological Seminary in Madrid will not be pleased to learn, from latest reports coming via German Evangelical Press Service, that the Spanish hierarchy of the

Roman Catholic Church has announced to the Government in Madrid that it is opposed to the solution of the problem that had been drafted. They base their opposition on Articles 26 and 27 of the Concordat of 1953 between Spain and the Vatican. These Articles require that the Catholic faith be taught in all public and private schools, with the exception that children of non-Catholic parents may absent themselves from such teaching upon written request. The Concordat does not specifically allow such children to be given instruction in the Protestant faith. That the state will stand for justice in this case is hoped for by the Protestants, but it remains to be seen.

On April 24 the Madrid police descended on the British and Foreign Bible Society office in that city and confiscated 30,000 Bibles and devotional books. The printing plant was closed and sealed.

Religious persecution in Colombia has been intensified. Protestants there are in the most serious situation to confront them since the start of the difficulties in 1948.

In a communication dated May 1, the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia states that during the second half of April, thirty Evangelical churches were closed and seven Colombian pastors jailed. All forms of violence have again appeared: shooting, threats, and every sort of pressure through the civil authorities, including jailing, fines, sealing of churches, etc.

In view of the seriousness of the situation, the Executive Committee of the Evangelical Confederation of Colombia issued to all Protestants in Colombia an urgent call to prayer and fasting. . . . — E. P. S.

On our visit to Russia: "In my personal judgment, the effect we had upon those with whom we talked at least balances the negative factors, and the opening of the iron curtain a little wider is a very important plus factor which eminently justifies the risk we took." — Roswell P. Barnes, addressing United Church Women.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS. — Dr. George E. Coon of Milton Junction, Wis., was honored this spring by the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church people in appreciation of his services to the church and the S.D.B. Society. Following his resignation as treasurer of the society, he was presented a letter opener with an onyx handle, bearing the inscription "Milton Junction S.D.B. Society, Treasurer, 50 years."

Dr. Coon, who began the practice of medicine in 1895, moved to Milton Junction in 1900 and shortly afterwards became organist of the church, acting for a time as chorister as well. In 1905 he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the SDB Society and the following year he became treasurer. This office he filled ably and conscientiously for a full half century.

When, in 1929, his health made it desirable to spend the winters in a warmer climate, Dr. Coon and his wife began a long series of trips to the Southwest, first to Arizona, and then, after his son, Dr. Wayland Coon, moved to California, he became a regular visitor in Riverside.

Since the death of Mrs. Coon in 1949, Dr. Coon has made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Professor and Mrs. Leland C. Shaw, in Milton, though he still returns to Riverside, Calif., every winter.

News of Wisconsin and Minnesota

The Semiannual Meeting of the Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota Seventh Day Baptist Churches was held in New Auburn, Wis., June 1, 2, and 3. The theme for the meetings was "Except the Lord Build."

The Sabbath eve service was led by Rev. Don Sanford of the New Auburn Church. The title of his sermon was "To These You Must Add." He emphasized how we can't live in the past else we become stagnant, but we must look to the future and build.

Rev. Kenneth Van Horn delivered a very good sermon on Sabbath morning,

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"Except the Lord Build," in which he emphasized that if those who built this church were still living they would be very happy to help tear it down now to build a larger one because of the need. The children's message, "The Cracked Dish," was given by Rev. Don Sanford.

A fellowship dinner was enjoyed by all at noon. Following the fellowship dinner there was a Forum which consisted of four talks given by Claston Bond, Loyal Peterson, Mrs. Nelson, and Rev. Kenneth Van Horn. The talks were on the spiritual values of a building program, labors and plans of the past, and hopes for the future.

A trio consisting of Jane Pederson, Ruth Ann Loofboro, and Carole Porter was enjoyed by all. Ardith, Clare, Millicent, and Wallace Greene sang "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling."

Following this the business meeting was held. There was no meeting in the evening.

Then on Sunday there was a "work bee" at the site of the new church. The old barn was torn down and all the lumber cleaned ready for use. Forms were begun for the foundation of the new church. A picnic dinner was served on the parsonage lawn.

The work bee concluded the meetings. — Mrs. Claston Bond, Corresponding Secretary.

More News About Ministers

Since publishing the "news about ministers" in last week's issue some other items of information have been received.

Rev. Neal D. Mills is reported to have accepted a call to serve the two nearby churches of Rockville and Second Hopkinton, R. I. These churches have been without full pastoral service for some time and have been supplied by other Seventh Day Baptist ministers living in Rhode Island.

Rev. Ralph H. Coon, a science and Bible instructor at Salem College, has been given a free scholarship to attend some special summer school studies in astronomy in a university in Wisconsin. This has long been one of his special fields of interest. We understand that Professor and Mrs. Coon will also travel as far west as Los Angeles, Calif., during the summer vacation.

New Tract Mailing

It is expected that the Tract Society will be mailing within the next two weeks another letter to all Seventh Day Baptist families whose addresses are known at the office. This second letter will enclose two tracts printed within the last year. The tracts selected for this mailing are "That Blessed Hope" and "The Second Coming of Our Lord." Our readers are asked to pray for this new venture in tract distribution. There have been a number of encouraging responses from the other mailing of a few weeks ago.

The most discouraging side of individual mailing from a central agency is the extreme difficulty of keeping an up-to-date mailing list. The Women's Board has done a great deal of voluntary work on this project in past years and that work has been the basis of our mailing list. The master mailing list is considerably out of date, and will be until all church clerks send in their corrections. The work of keeping addresses of all church members properly belongs with the local churches, and is spurred by their own frequent mailings to all members. It is suggested in connection with the inadequate list available at the central office at the present time that local churches make sure that these two tracts get into the hands of all adults and young people who have joined within the past year or two.

Obituaries

Dunham. — Mrs. Freda, former Elm Valley and Alfred Station resident, died May 26, 1956, at the Reed Nursing Home in Bath, N. Y., at 75 years of age. She was the widow of Harry Dunham, who died in 1931.

Mrs. Dunham lived for many years on the Alfred Station road. She was a member of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church. In 1939 she moved with her daughters to Brooklyn, N. Y., and made a home for them there until six years ago.

The four daughters of Mrs. Dunham survive: Mrs. Dorothy Dewsnap of Brooklyn, Mrs. Ada MacBride of Bath, Mrs. Muriel Tompkins of Hammondsport, and Mrs. Alice Grover of Painted Post, all of New York. Also surviving are two brothers, Jacob Gaub of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Edward Gaub of Plainfield, N. J., as well as six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Bond Funeral Home, Bath, with Rev. Albert N. Rogers officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.
A. N. R.



L. HARRISON NORTH
Manager of the Publishing House
of the American Sabbath Tract Society

The Publishing House has just completed another successful year of commercial printing in addition to the producing of the Sabbath Recorder, the Helping Hand, some 60,000 tracts, and numerous other items of denominational literature. (The Tract Society year ends May 31.)