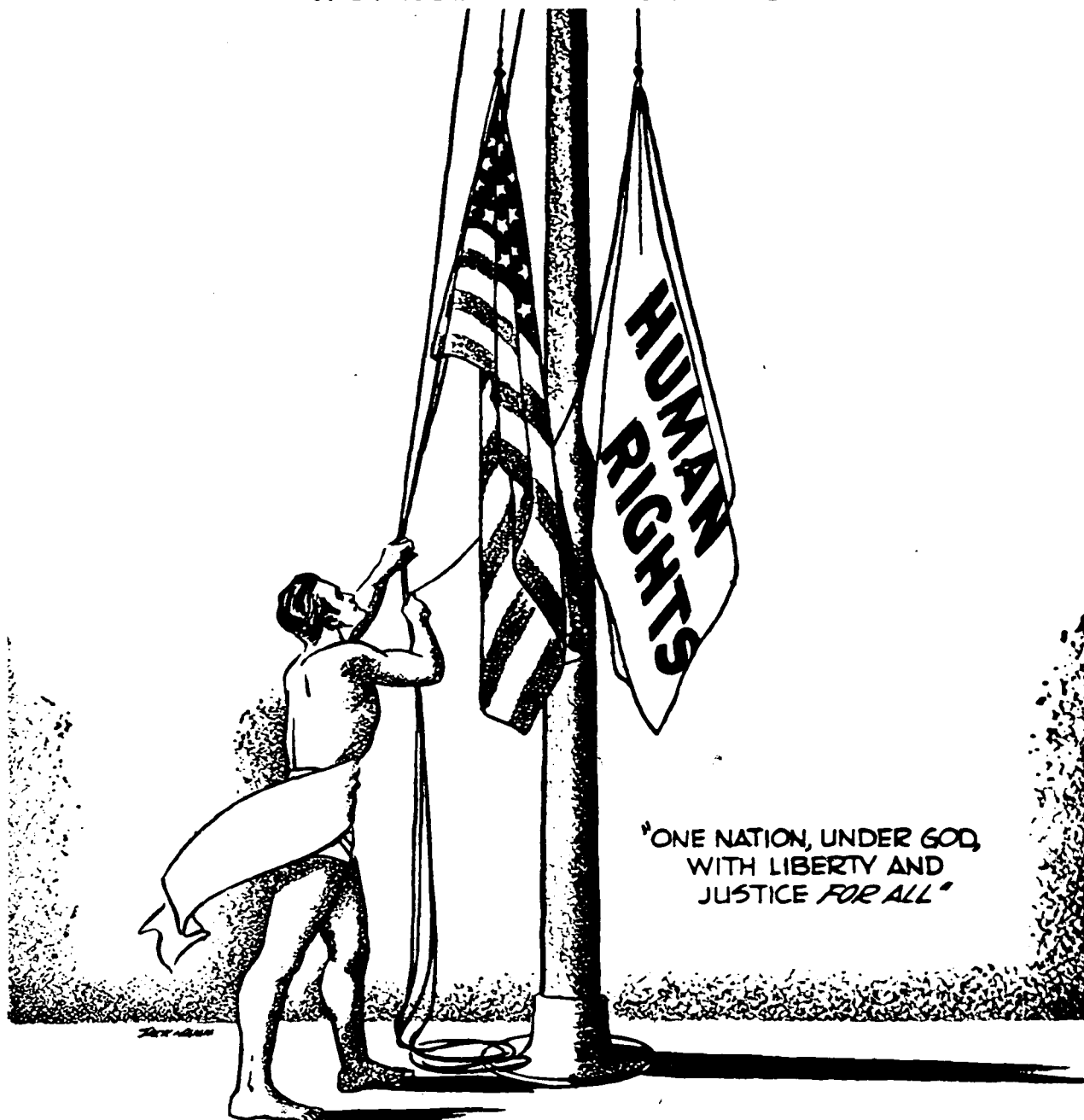


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INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our national independence was secured so long ago that we have come to take it for granted. The flag-waving, blind patriotism associated with the 4th of July celebrations of a generation or two back does not have quite the same popular appeal now. We hope it has not been replaced by the cynical, debunking attitude that was temporarily in the ascendancy some years ago. There is a deeper appreciation of native land and democratic principles that is now being fostered and encouraged.

On every hand we are being reminded, and rightly so, that the privileges of liberty which we enjoy cannot be idly taken for granted by responsible citizens or especially by Christian people. Our hard-won freedoms could be lost, as people in weaker countries are learning to their sorrow.

If we fail to see the issues in the struggle for the minds of men we could easily lose by default in the contest. Civilizations have crumbled for want of defenders fit in mind and soul for the continuing fight. High cultures have succumbed through senility and softness on the moral and spiritual level.

Our nation is not a theocracy but it is, we believe, called of God to stand against tyranny in the family of nations and to uphold the principles of Christianity. Independence Day is the time to reflect on these things and to make sure that we personally love and honor our nation out of the highest motives.

IMPRESSIONS OF EASTERN ASSOCIATION

They are by no means alike — these Associations. It would be trite to say that the Eastern Association comprising the Seventh Day Baptist Churches of New England and New Jersey is as different from the Pacific Coast Association as the East is from the West. But we need not go so far to draw the contrasts. Even within one state (New York) the Central and Western Associations differ widely as to program and general concept. Yet there are strong similarities among all and little intentional difference of emphasis.

Eastern Association met the second weekend of June with the church at

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Ashaway, R. I. Attendance was good and the theme, "Prayer — the Christian's Fuel," lent itself to easy development and good audience participation.

From the moment we arrived we felt the difference between this and the numerous other such gatherings of which some of us have been privileged to be a part. The most noticeable difference is not size of congregation, for others might be larger in that respect. Neither is it in geographic size. Half the State of California is twice the length of this Eastern Seaboard group of churches, and other Associations bring together much more widely separated churches. What impressed everyone, we believe, was the scope of the Association in terms of the number of churches and ministers. We counted at least 14 ministers in attendance. That is about half the number that usually gets to Ministers Conference and nearly one third as many as one would meet at General Conference. But it is not a pastors' meeting; the people are there, too, from ten or twelve churches. With the visiting delegates from other Associations the weekend at Eastern Association seems almost like General Conference on a smaller scale. The fellowship is rich and the horizons wide, even though the business is quite secondary to the inspiration side of the program.

It was our feeling that this was a more profitable gathering than some we have attended involving the same churches and many of the same leaders. One thing that gave this meeting a striking resemblance to Conference was the way the theme had gripped the president, R. Merritt Kenyon, of the host church. His president's message on Sabbath eve set the tone for the good messages to come. It may be the only message which will appear on these pages, though we wish we could print more.

Many felt that Rev. Robert Lippincott of Shiloh, N. J., was at his best when he preached that same evening from the prayer Scripture 2 Chronicles 7: 14-17, which was so often mentioned during the sessions. His topic was "Power for the Claiming."

It has become almost a tradition in most of our Associations as well as at

General Conference to close the Sabbath eve service with a testimony meeting. The testimonies ringing out in this old colonial building lasted from 9:30 to 10 o'clock under the leadership of Rev. Harold R. Crandall, now retired from active pastoral work. The words spoken may not have been as flowery as some spoken in the same church 150 or more years ago, but certainly many spoke just as sincerely of the power of prayer in their lives.

In our telling of impressions we must leave out much that was highly important to all. We omit the Sabbath morning service at which the pastor remarked that he had never before seen so many Seventh Day Baptists in the building.

The afternoon time was fully used. Mrs. Harold L. Collings, a very talented speaker of the local church, is the president of the Rhode Island W.C.T.U. She gave a thoughtful, stirring message on temperance entitled "Lift Up a Standard." This was followed by three instructive denominational messages: one by J. Paul Green, Jr., a seminary student spending the summer in young people's work; one by the secretary of the Tract Society; and one by the Conference president outlining his aims for the coming session at Alfred in August.

The evening service also was a double feature, or perhaps a triple feature. A group of young people led the worship service quite acceptably. Rev. Paul Osborn, the youngest pastor, put enthusiasm into a message on intercessory prayer. This was followed by a never-to-be-forgotten picture tour of our churches in England, Holland, Germany, and Denmark. It was presented in 20 minutes by Kenneth Smith who had just returned to his native city of Westerly after nine months of theological study in Scotland. The remarks and pictures by Mr. Smith, pastor of the Albion and Milton Junction, Wis., Churches, were exceptionally well chosen.

GENERAL CONFERENCE
August 14 - 19, 1956
at Alfred, N. Y.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Members and Adherents

Claiming 9,500,000 members in this and mission lands the Methodist Church also claims that for each member there is, according to estimates, one "adherent" — an interested attendant at services who is not officially a member.

That term "adherent" is interesting. It is something to reflect upon. Is their claim something peculiar to their denomination or is it relatively true of most others? Is it true of Seventh Day Baptist Churches? If not, why not? It is presumed by your editor that at least half of these Methodist "adherents" are not just general visitors wanting to attend some church but rather people who have a family connection, a sentimental preference, or an actual invitation to attend. Let none of us be content with a defeatist attitude in regard to our local church. We need to take stock of our "adherents" and to cultivate them more carefully and prayerfully.

Religious Extremists

Anyone who holds a position as public as that of an editor of a religious magazine has spice added to his daily life by the mail received from religious extremists of one sort or another. We could almost say, of every sort. We have recently received a bundle of material which is violently antisemitic — in a day when we thought that attitude had nearly vanished in Protestant writings. Literature that is unreasonable in its opposition to the Sabbath and some that is a little short of reasonable in its advocacy of the Sabbath truth come across our desk. We are urged to take sides editorially in the labor-management disputes, on the Arab-Israel question, and on a multitude of other special interest matters where favorable publicity is desired. In many cases the special interest is so far outside the scope of our paper that no comments are called for.

When it comes to doctrines and Scripture interpretations vitally related to the life of the denomination we represent, we find stimulation in comparing personal

viewpoints and presenting to our readers what we believe to be the truth. Sometimes this is of necessity a middle position between two extremes. We hope we can remain objective and reasonably scholarly. Generally speaking, our readers like us to be fair in the presentation of such matters. Just a few who are, perhaps, not in a position to judge accurately seem to prefer a one-sided view.

Let us all strive to follow truth when it appears to some to be extreme on one side or the other and equally when the truth lies somewhere between. Let it never be accurately said of any of us that we allow expediency to dictate to truth or policy to silence conscience.

New Pacific Coast Church

Word has been received that a new church has been organized in Pasco, Washington. Rev. Leon Lawton visited it and helped with the organization on his recent visitation trip up the Pacific Coast. Watch these pages for the story.

NATIONS MUST REPENT OR PERISH

In a message to all Christendom, the seven presidents of the World Council of Churches said in part: "We believe the churches, acknowledging the need of Christians themselves to repent, should say to the nations: 'Repent. Your conflicts must be resolved by reason, not by violence. Violence has now reached such a pitch that when once unloosed it is beyond human control; and unless wars can be made to cease all nations will perish.' . . . We believe the churches should say to the nations that it is neither by words of anger nor by insistence on rights that settlements can be achieved, but by the spreading of justice, by combining to meet one another's needs, and by relying for our salvation upon the grace and mercy of God. . . . We believe that the churches should remind the nations, with a passion greater than ever before, that the whole world cries out for peace, that they are all members of one family, and that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ is the Father of all."

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Lord, Teach Us to Pray. — Luke 11: 1.



"Prayer is vital in the life of a Christian and to his church. We realize this is also true of our denominational life, and unless our Conference program is undergirded with deep devotion and fervent prayer it will accomplish little.

Therefore, each Conference day will open and close with prayer and we will walk at His side throughout its sunlight hours.

"There will be a thirty-minute Prayer Service each morning starting promptly at 8 o'clock (Tuesday and Sabbath at 9) and it should close just as promptly at 8:30. Many of those present should be given an opportunity to lead.

"The day will close with private devotions. Each one may come before God in his own way."

The above has been written to each individual leading these morning prayer services.

At the very center of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus talks to His disciples about prayer and then He gives them the "Model Prayer." I trust that prayer will be at the very heart of our Conference program; and it will be if we continue to pray for the sessions and come with consecrated spirits saying, "Thy will be done." As Henry Ward Beecher once said, "It is not well for a man to pray cream, and live skimmed milk." Let us be determined to make our deepest prayers a reality.

We must always remember that to pray we do not need to be in a closed room on our knees. Prayer is not a place or a position, but the soul of man bathing in the sunlight of God's presence. Surely there is a place for prayer in the quiet room, but we also need it in the committee meetings, in the midst of the business session, and in all we do. Jesus said,

* Rais'is Budget Promotion Committee

We hope you are still thinking and working and praying over the problem of a world-wide Seventh Day Baptist missionary and evangelism effort through the Denominational Budget — a program which now stands only 70 per cent raised as of the latest reported figures.

The tabulation of per-member giving for the 8 months of this year will have to be delayed until a later issue. Meanwhile it might be interesting to note that only 1091 members in only 10 churches were able to show their stewardship to the extent of \$8.00 or more per average member, the target for that period. The coin card special offering and some more consecrated gifts in the near future are expected to put more churches over the target in the ninth month.

The following additional coin card gifts are acknowledged:

	Givers	Amount
Previously noted	Over 68	\$ 436.20
Farina Church,		
H. E. Coon, Treas.	14	88.00
Pawcatuck Church	57	270.60
	Over 139	\$ 794.80

Tract Slogan Contest

Are your young people and older folks thinking seriously about the slogan contest for tract distribution? There may still be time to get your best thoughts entered, but you must hurry. Ask your pastor about the rules of the contest and the \$150 value awards. We heard in a sermon recently about a sign on a service station reading, "We mend everything but broken hearts." The minister's point was that we who are Christians can mend them also, with one tool — the Holy Spirit.

"They (men) should pray always and not get weary" (Luke 18: 1, Lamsa).

The first group prayer service is to be held a few minutes before Conference formally opens. At 9 o'clock on Tuesday morning the Conference president of last year, Clarence Rogers, will lead us to the throne of grace.

"Let prayer be the key of the day and the bolt of the night."

MEMORY TEXT

As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. Psalm 42: 1, 2a.

PRAYER — THE CHRISTIAN'S FUEL

Theme message at Eastern Association, Ashaway, R. I., by the president, R. Merritt Kenyon.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, then will I hear."

Prayer is not an unfamiliar subject. It is widely and well discussed. One almost hesitates to use it as a theme. However, we must consider the possibility that its practice may not be keeping pace with its theory.

One day immediately following a service in which Charles B. Templeton had spoken about "Prayer" he lunched with a friend, a university student. In the midst of the meal, the young student suddenly leaned across the table and asked, "Why should I bother to pray? Did not Jesus Himself say that God knows what we need before we ask Him? How dare we presume to ask God to do our will in a universe apparently controlled by unchangeable law? And more than that, do you think it is intellectually healthy to run to God with all your problems and to shove off on Him responsibilities that ought to be faced up to? Isn't it a fact that prayer is simply a form of escape from reality?"

These are questions that most thoughtful people have put to themselves. It is, nevertheless, a fact that most Americans pray. We may fail to pray when life is serene, but when troubles pyramid themselves upon us and we come to the end of our tether, we pray. Prayer is, and remains, the native and deepest impulse of the soul of man. But first we must get rid of the idea that prayer is primarily a way of getting things from God. Prayer is not an attempt to get what we want, but to give God an opportunity to do what He wants in our lives. The thing to be sought in prayer is the will of God. We speak of finding God,

but God is not lost — we are! Finding God is a matter of letting Him find us, and how often we are found of Him in prayer. Prayer is, essentially, a simple thing and takes no special skill. Too long prayer has been regarded as a complex, mystical, otherworldly something whose richest rewards are reserved for the ministry. Prayer is so simple it may be defined in a sentence. It is the normal relationship between a child and his father — you being the child and God being your Heavenly Father! "Prayer is simply talking to your Father."

The father of four children was visiting with a friend, and during the rather extended conversation all four children came to him. The first, a small boy, came in to ask, "Daddy, may I have a nickel for an ice-cream cone?" Later, a girl about 7 came hobbling in, in tears. She had barked her shinbone while playing and wanted her father to "kiss the pain away." The third child, a girl in her teens, appeared with a homework problem she could not solve. He did not give her the answer, but showed her how to find it. The fourth, the youngest, came in and climbed up into his lap and settled down. He looked down at the boy and said, "What do you want, dear?" The child answered, "Oh, I didn't want anything, Daddy, I just wanted to be with you."

What a near-perfect likeness to prayer: coming to our Heavenly Father through prayer for the things we need, or when we have bumped our shinbones on some rough place in life and want our Father to comfort us, or when we face problems, and seek, not the answer, but the wisdom to find the answer; or most important, not to ask anything, but simply to come into His presence because we love Him.

Prayer is not a burden to be borne, an obligation to be fulfilled, something that is due to God and must be paid. Prayer is a privilege: like friendship, and family love and laughter, great books and music, it is one of life's opportunities to be grasped thankfully and used gladly.

Prayer is the Christian's fuel. The early Christians looked upon prayer as a source of power and not merely as a

religious exercise. Prayer is to the Christian what gasoline is to your car, or to the airplane. For without fuel the best car or airplane is helpless, and the same is true with a Christian who does not pray.

Every Christian would agree that power, both physical and spiritual, rests in God's hands. We need not and cannot create it, but we can receive it. Prayer is one way whereby we lay hold on power for our lives, and we can channel this power through our lives.

A group of sightseers was being taken through the great hydroelectric plant at Niagara Falls. A guide had enlarged on the fact that light and power were supplied for hundreds of miles throughout the area. One lady looking at the huge turbines, asked, "How do you make all this electricity?" An engineer standing nearby replied, "Madam, we don't make it, we just channel it."

Prayer is the life-breath of a man's soul. Prayer is the appointed way to obtain the relief of our spiritual necessities. It opens the treasury and sets the fountain flowing. If we have not, it is because we ask not. Prayer is the way to procure the outpouring of the Spirit upon our hearts, and here it is that men fall short so miserably. J. C. Ryle said, "Prayer is accepted as a matter of course, but seldom practiced. It is everybody's business, but neglected by nearly everyone."

In the *Moody Monthly*, January 1956 issue, was an article entitled, "How Our Church Prays for Its Members," by Margaret Donaldson. After giving it considerable thought, I talked with Pastor Osborn about it. The Religious Life Committee recommended the plan to the church and it was decided to include a prayer date for each member in our 1956 Directory. It is our hope that each church will follow this plan in their own directory and eventually unite the Eastern Association together in daily prayer and love for one another.

Our church having slightly less than 200 members, the names were arranged so that each member has two special days a year to be remembered in prayer. We are trusting this will be an untold blessing

in the spiritual life of our church. Beginning April 1, twice around the roll will take us to the middle of January, 1957. Church members are finding that it need not be difficult to pray for one with whom they are not intimate. Using the pattern of the Lord's Prayer, they can take that one of their number to the Throne of Grace and pray that the Lord's name may be hallowed in that life, that daily needs may be supplied, that a loving, forgiving spirit might be manifest in his or her life, and that their walk may be worthy of a Christian.

We are praying this plan will result in a new bond of fellowship among members of our church — that they will find that as they pray for some one with whom they are not well acquainted, they will have more incentive to really know that one. When the directory is received, one naturally turns to his name and finds his own prayer date — the date on which the whole church family will be bearing him before a loving and faithful Heavenly Father.

Prayer is a co-operative work. Not alone are we to be united as believers in prayer as Matthew 18: 19 says, but we work hand in hand with "Him who ever liveth to make intercession" for His own. One engaged in intercession is a soldier of the cross, a prayer warrior. Paul says in Ephesians 6: 12: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." These spiritual hosts of the evil world are arrayed in warfare against the child of God. The only way to combat and break down these forces of darkness is by the power of God through intercessory prayer.

"He (Jesus) made intercession for the transgressors." May we be willing to enter into this fellowship and unite our hearts in intercession for the salvation of the brethren.

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Missions

Nyasaland News

A recently received letter from Rev. David Pearson encloses the statistical report of the Seventh Day Baptist churches and pastors of Nyasaland. A study of the report reveals many interesting facts.

There has been an increase in church membership of two hundred twenty-one souls during the past year. An effort is being made to train members and to develop spiritual depth as well as to secure numerical growth.

There are fifteen pastors serving the twenty-seven church groups. Of this number two pastors serve at Makapwa Mission. "The fifteen pastors are assisted by a considerable number of licentiates," who serve as evangelists, he writes.

An effort has been made in the report to give names of church officers as accurately as possible, English and Chinyanja spelling of names being quite different.

To quote:

"You will probably notice a difference in spelling in some of the same names submitted for publication last year. You will notice some new church names and on the other hand some that do not appear as they did last year. Organization is very poor" in some churches.

Plans are under way for a conference of Seventh Day Baptist churches and leaders to be held at Makapwa Mission, July 12-15.

Beth and Joan Write

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that we are in good health, and finding more energy as the weather begins to cool off. It seems that we have had a very long hot season this year, and along with this the rains have continued to be hard and frequent.

This year sees both of us in our uniforms, Joan at last back to nursing. The 26th of January we moved into our new Dr. W. B. Lewis Medical Building. This consists of a six-room building: an Admitting and a Treatment Room for the Out-Patient Department; one room as a combination workroom and Pharmacy,

the Labor Room, the Delivery Room, and the Maternity Ward. This room allows for nine beds for our mothers; the babies are kept in baskets at the bedsides. You should see the baskets. They were made in handwork class by our Standard Four (6th grade) boys out of split bamboo and truly are very nice.

Though Joan is still school principal, she has given most of the responsibility of the mission school to a capable African teacher. We both teach a Bible class each morning, otherwise our time can be devoted to the medical work. Joan has taken over the supervision of our maternity work. I continue to have the dispensary, though we help in both departments as needed. Since moving into the new building we have given 1,717 treatments in the dispensary.

Our medical staff is increased with the addition of maternity and more space for the dispensary. We have Lackwell Mankwalah, a young man trained by the government as a Medical Aide. Due to lack of medical help the government trains them to do things that even nurses are not allowed to do there (in the U. S.). They often have complete charge of rural government dispensaries. Also helping in the dispensary is MacMorland Mtengo, a former student whom we have trained as a dresser, and who has helped us for the past two years. Miss Olivia James (4' 8" tall) joined our staff in January. She is a mission-trained, government-certified, native midwife and, we are very happy to say, a great asset to our work. Our latest addition — Annie, our cleaning woman, is a real source of joy with her always ready smile and "moni."

With our new building and enlargement of work we became very enthusiastic in making records to be used in the work. Having seen those of other missions, we decided to pattern ours somewhat after the ones we used in Santa Fe, so they could later be used for research.

However, we have come to learn that making the records was the easy part; next came the job of filling in the information. You ask a mother what her young child's name is only to find out it hasn't any. Then you say, "When was

it born?" And you get this reply, "Kaya," meaning "Why ask me? I don't know." For maternity records it is just as hopeless.

This is a beautiful time of year. The river is full, so that we can hear it in the background — though we often are unaware of it until some visitor asks, "Does the noise of the river bother you?" We say, "We don't even hear it often unless we stop to listen." I'm listening now. It sounds something like the wind among the pines. The flowers are in full bloom, their many colors add to the beauty of the mission. The flowering trees that were planted last year are growing nicely. We hope some will bloom before we leave next year.

Those of you who receive Mission Notes might remember one of our school-boys, Otrain Manan, who wrote an article some time ago titled "Why I Am a Christian." In it he stated he wanted to be a pastor. We are happy to say he takes Standard VI by correspondence. In the meantime he is letting his light shine before man. While talking the other day, he told us of the services he holds in his village when he is home, and how, during one of these, four of his immediate family came to accept Jesus as their Saviour. He said, "You know it is very hard to talk to your own family. I was afraid the first time, but it is easy now." Might we as Christians take courage from his experience, and we, too, trust God for strength to take that first hard step to tell others of our Saviour. We still remember with joy the evening that Otrain knelt before God and received Jesus as his Saviour, and now our joy is increased by him in turn bringing others to Christ through his testimony. But how great must be our Father's joy as He sees His children come to Him.

Pastors as Evangelists on the Home Field

A recently written letter to all Seventh Day Baptist pastors and ministers of this country has urged them to designate whether or not they would be willing to serve as the evangelist during a series of special meetings such as might be conducted in any of our churches. Of course this willingness would depend on whether

the pastor was invited to come and whether his home church agreed to release him, providing for the filling of the home pulpit in his absence.

It is the plan of the Missionary Board to provide our churches with a list of the names of those pastors who have designated their willingness thus to serve. The churches may choose from the list the evangelistic pastor whom they would like to have come to assist their own pastor in such meetings.

It is hoped that Evangelist Loyal Hurley will thus be relieved from giving his full time of service to the older established churches and will become increasingly available for extension work among Seventh Day Baptist Fellowships or wherever an opportunity may open.

Plans for Return of Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph

Plane reservations have been made on the British Overseas Airway Line on which it is expected that Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph will fly from Kingston, Jamaica, to Idlewild Airport in New York City on Thursday, July 19. Mr. and Mrs. FitzRandolph intend to leave Kingston at 8:10 a.m., and arrive in New York at 5:35 p.m. (EDT).

It is expected that the FitzRandolphs will attend the quarterly Missionary Board meeting on Sunday, July 22, at Westerly. After an interval during which they may visit relatives and friends it is hoped that they will be attending Conference at Alfred, N. Y.

Mrs. Trotman Returns to British Guiana

The long-awaited news has been received from Rev. Alexander Trotman that Mrs. Trotman has arrived back safely from her recent visit to London where she underwent eye surgery. His letter states, "She arrived on May 24, 1956. She is well and seems to be none the worse for the severity of the winter she had to endure."

That which will bring rejoicing to the hearts of her many friends in this country is the news that the operation was successful. Pastor Trotman writes, "Sight is wonderfully restored." He adds that it

WOMEN'S MEETINGS AT CONFERENCE

Wednesday afternoon, August 15, from 2:15 to 3:15, the women will present their Conference program. Mrs. Russell Maxson, president of the Women's Board, will preside. A drama entitled "Are You a Candle?" will be presented. The play was written especially for this program by Mrs. Walter Wilkinson, a member of the board. It shows a Sabbath day in the life of a lone Sabbathkeeper's family which has been receiving material sent out through the nonresident program of the Women's Board. The audience will join in the worship service as they conduct it in their home.

Thursday night there will be a supper for all the women at Conference. Following the meal we will make use of the new type of discussion meeting in which the group is divided into many small sections where each person gets a chance to express her thoughts. The ideas brought out in these small groups are then compiled and brought to the whole group as they come together again. The subjects for discussion will be taken from your answers to the Women's Board questionnaire sent out with the last Newsletter. These must be compiled before Conference, so we hope all of you have filled out and returned them promptly.

Friday noon all the women will have a luncheon followed by the Annual Meeting of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Every woman who is a member of a Seventh Day Baptist church or fellowship is a voting member. Election of officers

will be necessary for her to be fitted with glasses adjusted to her new power of vision.

In a former letter Pastor Trotman had written, "The type of surgery performed guarantees assurance against any further ravages of glaucoma, so I am told. We are intensely happy to learn of this. I am sure it will be very good news for you also. God be praised. She sees and there is no more pain." His letter concludes, "We give praise and thanks for mercies received."

will be an item of business at this meeting. We will also hear and discuss the report of the Conference committee appointed to consider the work of the Women's Board.

Sometime during Conference week we also hope to have a sectional meeting of all the Women's Society presidents and program chairmen, and another meeting for all the key workers. We hope that these persons from each society will be able to attend these special meetings, or send a representative if they cannot be present. Bring your society problems for discussion at this time. —M. P.

Inter-Association Camper Exchange

The Board of Christian Education is pleased to report that the "camper exchange" program being promoted by Paul Green, chairman of the Youth Work Committee, is taking shape. The Eastern Association voted to send two young people, one from New Jersey and one from New England, to the Central Association camp. The Central Association authorized its Camp Committee to provide funds to send a camper to Camp Harley in the Western Association. The Western Association appropriated money to send a camper, Nina Traver of Little Genesee, to Camp Holston near Battle Creek. The Northern Association plans to send a camper to the North Central Association.

We hope that, in those Associations which will not meet until too late for this year's camping season, the Camp Committee or the Executive Committee will make arrangements to participate in the program so that there will be an unbroken chain of visiting campers embracing all the Associations. Letters have recently been sent to all our pastors reminding them of the plan and suggesting that they take the necessary initiative.

This camper exchange, or visiting camper plan, will help, we believe, to create a wider fellowship among our young people and to stimulate boys and girls to become honor campers and thus be in line for selection as visiting campers.

N. D. M.

Western Association Meets at Independence

By Albert N. Rogers

The annual meeting of the Western Association was held with the Independence Church on Sabbath and Sunday, June 16 and 17, with Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn of Little Genesee as moderator.

The Sabbath morning sermon was delivered by Rev. O. Blakeley Hill of Wellsville, supply pastor of the host church, on the theme "The Glory of God." Mr. Hill is pastor of the Christian Temple, Disciples of Christ, and active in fraternal and civic organizations. He is the supply pastor at Independence since the resignation of Rev. Don A. Sanford.

Sabbath evening prayer meetings began the Association program in two areas of the Association, one at Alfred under the leadership of Deacon Lynn L. Langworthy and one at Little Genesee under the leadership of Deacon Mark Sanford; at the same time a Youth program was held following a fellowship supper in the Alfred parish house. David L. Beebe was in charge and spoke on the Pre-Con Retreat plans and the proposal to revive the denominational Youth Fellowship.

The Sabbath afternoon program at Independence began with a worship service led by women of the Richburg Church under the direction of Mrs. Blanche Clarke. A historical sketch of the Andover Church, recently disbanded, was read by Rev. Albert N. Rogers. Clifford Burdick, formerly a trustee of the Andover Church, spoke on the disposition which was made of the church assets in various educational and missionary institutions of the denomination, after which Pastor Van Horn, as moderator, offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the eighty-four years of service represented by the church. S. Kenneth Davis also spoke on the afternoon program describing the activities of the Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship in Ash-tabula, Ohio, recently discontinued.

The Sunday service began with the tureen dinner followed by the annual business meeting of the Association. Reports of various officers and committees and of the Association camp, Camp Har-

ley, were read. It was voted to assess the churches of the Association 30¢ per member to support the program for the coming year. Resolutions were adopted urging the immediate employment by the Commission of a General Conference Executive Secretary to succeed the late A. Burdet Crofoot, and calling upon the churches of the Association to exceed their Denominational Budget quotas by the close of General Conference. Proposals of the Commission regarding developing of the Association program were referred to the Executive Committee for further study. Maurice McCrea, layman of the Richburg Church, was elected moderator for the coming year.

For Jr. High Wild Animals in the City

Have you noticed that many of the wild animals which we expect to find only in the deep woods or desert regions are now frequently discovered almost in the heart of some of our larger cities? What can it mean? Are the wild animals getting tame; are the cities becoming wild; or are so many city people moving to the country that the animals in order to live have to change their ways of life? Whatever the answer, I'm sure we are all aware that neither animals nor young folks can expect to grow up in the perfect shelter of their homes. They have to face life as it is with its temptations and problems.

Speaking of wild animals, you may have heard about the raccoon that was cornered recently on the ledge of the roof of a ten-story building in Providence, R. I. He had apparently climbed a big "city tree" that had no friendly hollow in it. He was captured and confined to a zoo. In the city of Plainfield, N. J., at least two raccoons a year or so ago seemed to have a very pleasant and secure home in the storm sewers. The iron openings at the curb were big enough for them but too narrow for dogs. Just the other day two deer were killed by officers in the same city after they had done quite a little damage prancing on the tops of some cars in a public garage.

From other cities come other stories. We could tell of the 12-year-old boy in the outskirts of Riverside, Calif., who a few years ago brought home a huge wild-cat on his bicycle. He had shot it with a 22.

The truth is often stranger than fiction. Perhaps you have followed some of the manufactured tales about Brave Eagle on TV. The programs center around a teenage son of a friendly Indian chief named Brave Eagle. In a recent program, the Indian boy out of jealousy left a white boy in the mountains alone. He picked up a young mountain lion when the mother was away. Of course, just as the old lioness was following his trail and was about to pounce on him, the repentant Indian boy came back. We were a bit amused to notice that the old mountain lion was actually an African lion with the hair cut short.

Boys and girls need to be alert and see all the strange things of nature round about them even in the city. It is better than watching TV. God looks after His wild creatures, and He looks after us. We can't help but feel sorry for the raccoons and deer that get too far inside the city and then try to flee in panic. A few of them may adjust themselves to the dangers of city life but not many. How can we learn to meet the dangers around us? Let us thank God that we have a Saviour, that we have reasoning power, and that we have loving parents and a church to help us to enjoy true happiness — eternal joy and security.

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE!
 Those planning to attend Pre-Conference Retreat register with:
Paul Green
 Box 44, Alfred, N. Y.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
 for July 14, 1956
 Jesus Is the Saviour of Men
 Lesson Scripture:
 Hebrews 2: 9-13; 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9.

THE TRACT BOARD MEETING

There was considerable extra activity around the Seventh Day Baptist Building and the office of the publishing house on Sunday, June 17. As a matter of fact, the time of the stencil-cutting typewriter and the mimeograph machine had to be budgeted during the preceding week because of the many reports which were being prepared for the meeting. The fiscal year of the Tract Society ends prior to the June meeting (May 31) in order that annual reports of the publishing house, the treasurer of the board, and of the corresponding secretary may be approved as a statement to the General Conference.

These revealing detailed reports were approved by the board on June 17 and are now being printed in the usual pamphlet form to be studied at Conference and later printed in the 1956 Year Book.

In addition to the annual reports, due consideration was given to the work done during the quarter by the various standing committees and officers. Almost every committee reported more than the usual amount of work.

The Sabbath Promotion Committee has served the churches of the denomination by sending out two mailings of suggestions for the observance of Sabbath Rally Day in addition to the free bulletin covers with a special responsive reading.

The Publications Committee reviewed its progress on new tracts on stewardship, salvation, and Sabbath instruction and recommended the publication of one of them. In committee, note was taken of manuscripts received and material suggested by individuals as being worthy of publication in tract form. Reprints of several needed tracts were made during the quarter as well as a 2000 edition of the revised 76-page booklet **Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs** (a total of 19,000).

On the distribution side of our tract work, the secretary reported nearly 19,000 pieces sent out, making it the largest quarter of the year both in publication and distribution. There was a partial report of the rather expensive individual mailing of one of our new tracts to 4200 addresses. The secretary noted that a

number of replies to the letter and tract had been received. Announcement was made that a second mailing to a somewhat corrected mailing list was to be made very soon.

The board in its budget laid plans for increases both in printing and distribution, following out some of the plans proposed at the March meeting. Under miscellaneous business at the close of the afternoon meeting, authorization was given to spend money under the proposed budget for advertising in periodicals.

The Audio-Visual Aids Committee told of an unprecedented demand for its service in providing free filmstrips to churches and auxiliary organizations. The wider selection in the lending library and the more adequate cataloging and advertising of available materials was reported to have brought this about. It also pointed to the need of still more purchases in the future.

One of the most significant changes in board policy was the acceptance of a recommendation from the Budget Committee to change the beginning of the budget year from October 1 to June 1. The purpose of the change as explained was to make the budget year correspond with the reporting or fiscal year. It is felt that this outweighs whatever values there may have been in having it correspond with the Conference budget year. Under present conditions it is believed that any changes in the budget necessitated by Commission and Conference action can be made at the fall meeting even though the board has already begun work under the new budget.

MAY 31, 1956, BUDGET STATUS.	
100% September 30, 1956 Goal	\$74,114
66.7% 8 Month Goal	\$49,400
46.5% Raised 1956 (70% of May Target)	\$34,432
40.5% Raised 1955	\$28,654

THE LIVING WORD

Dr. Luther A. Weigle

One of a series of articles by this noted man.

The meaning of "occupy"

"He called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come." So reads the King James Version, Luke 19: 13. The Greek verb which is translated "Occupy" is *pragmateuomai*, which means "Do business." Tyndale and the Geneva Bible translated it, "Buy and sell till I come." But the King James translators followed Coverdale, the Bishops' Bible, and the Rheims translation in using the word "occupy." The Revised Standard Version has, "Trade with these till I come."

The version of Psalm 107: 23 in the **Book of Common Prayer**, "They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters" goes back to Coverdale. Here the King James translators changed to a perfectly literal rendering "... do business in great waters."

In all but two cases, "occupy" is used by the King James Version in the now obsolete senses of "use" or "trade with." "All the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy merchandise" means "all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you, to barter for your wares" (Ezek. 27: 9). The word occurs often in this chapter of Ezekiel, a lamentation over Tyre, which should be read as a whole in the two versions.

When Samson tells Delilah that he would be weak and like other men "if they bind me fast with new ropes that never were occupied," the Hebrew means "with new ropes that have not been used" (Judges 16: 11). "All the gold that was occupied for the work" (Ex. 38: 24) means "All the gold that was used for the work."

In his warning against "tongues" and urging the use of the understanding, Paul wrote to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 14: 16): "Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?" This is the trans-

lation of Tyndale and the sixteenth-century translations generally. "Room" means "place." The Greek word here rendered "unlearned" is *idiotes*, which Wycliffe simply transliterated as "an idiot" and for which Rheims had "the vulgar." The Revised Standard Version has ". . . how can any one in the position of an outsider say the 'Amen' to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying?"

In Hebrews 13: 9 "have been occupied" represents the Greek verb which means "walk" or "live." This is a difficult verse to translate without resort to paraphrase. Rheims was baldly literal — "not with meats, which have not profited those that walk in them." The Revised Standard Version has, "not by foods, which have not benefited their adherents." Goodspeed's phrase is clearer — "not through scruples about food . . ."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

From July 29 to August 5 the 90-member Central Committee of the World Council of Churches will meet in Hungary not far from Budapest in the resort town of Matrahaza. About 25 representatives from America are expected to attend. Enthusiasm for the meeting among the 2000 Protestant parishes of Hungary is said to run high. The body will discuss "Proselytism and Religious Liberty" and "The Churches and the Building of a Responsible International Society."

Rev. George L. Ford of Wheaton, Ill., received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Greenville College, Greenville, Ill., at its recent commencement exercises on June 4. Doctor Ford is Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals and is a member of the Southern California - Arizona Conference of the Free Methodist Church.

The citation made by Bishop L. R. Marston, noted his accomplishments as a Free Methodist pastor, and further stated: "This man is at the center of one of the significant conservative evangelical movements of our day, in the limelight of

many religious groups. . . . Seldom has a man in a difficult interdenominational position been able so completely to enlist the loyalty and co-operation of all participating groups and persons. . . . He has succeeded in all areas of a large and difficult field."

C. E. News

Dr. Gene Stone has resigned as General Secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor to accept a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of New Castle, Pa.

During his seven years as General Secretary Dr. Stone has traveled more than a quarter of a million miles, speaking to thousands of youth in conventions, conferences, and other meetings. He has been a leader at sessions of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, London, England; Washington, D. C.; and Honolulu.

A seminar on "Young People and the Peaceful Use of Atomic Power" under the auspices of the World Alliance of YMCAs was held at Castle Mainau, Bodensee, Germany, from May 15 to 23. In facing the question: "Do developments of atomic science present a special challenge to Christian faith?" the seminar found: "Not necessarily." No new problems are presented here regarding the nature and existence of God. Furthermore, leading atomic scientists are extremely humble about their discoveries. They are the first to realize the limitations of scientific knowledge. This outlook is far removed from the assurance of those scientists who at times have seen a sharp conflict between Christian faith and natural science. — Ecumenical Press Service.

The Zondervan Music Publishers of Grand Rapids, Mich., have just announced their "\$500 Song Writing Contest." This contest will run until Dec. 31, 1956, which is being conducted in an effort to offset the dearth of good new action songs and choruses for children. The publishers are concerned about this lack and feel that such a contest may well bring to light some great new action choruses for boys and girls.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

We need more news from the churches. Occasionally it happens (as just recently) that two weeks go by without any word from church correspondents. Lone Sabbathkeepers and many, many others look for those items under the above heading. The Sabbath Recorder could use from three to six items every week depending on length. Short and frequent articles are preferable because the greater the number of churches mentioned, making greater the reader interest. Is there a duly appointed correspondent in your church? Let us all be thoughtful of others and pass on the news that may be of wide interest. — Ed.

DENVER, COLO. — On Friday evening June 22, the children of the Vacation Bible School gave their closing demonstration. It marked the end of two weeks of study and fun. As they gave in clear, firm voices the Bible verses which they had learned, it gave one the feeling that they were speaking with youthful conviction and not just words from memory, and that an application to life will be forthcoming in the years ahead.

A total of 55 children attended this year's school, part of whom were from the community surrounding the church and part from the outlying neighborhoods where the teachers live. The teachers were Mrs. Keith Davis and Mrs. Dale Hastings of Wheatridge, and Mrs. Robert White from the Barnum area of Denver. Assistant teachers were Misses Phyllis Shepard and Beverly Davis, also of Wheatridge, and Mrs. White's daughter Jean. Pastor Harmon Dickinson supervised the school. Connie White, Gerry Procopio, and Mrs. Dickinson also assisted. — Correspondent.

MILTON, WIS. — Forty children from primary age through 5th grade attended Daily Vacation Bible School in the church June 4-15. Teachers were Mrs. Rolland Maxson assisted by her daughter, Kathleen, Mrs. Milton Van Horn, Miss Ann Randolph, Miss Helena Knox, and Miss Laura Sayre.

June 17 four families of the Young Adults went into Camp Wakonda for two weeks' camping, after which the

Junior Camp will be held followed by the high school age camp.

About 25 men attended the Men's Fellowship Retreat at Wakonda held Friday evening, June 15, through Sunday breakfast. Sabbath morning they came in for church and as a men's chorus sang two beautiful anthems, an arrangement of "Nearer My God to Thee" and "The Beautiful Hills" under the direction of the chorister, Prof. L. H. Stringer. Their music was greatly enjoyed.

Sabbath, June 23, was Children's Day. A committee headed by Mrs. Leland Skaggs planned the service.

Pastor Randolph and family, except Ann who has a playground job in Janesville, are spending a week's vacation visiting his mother, Mrs. Preston F. Randolph, in Tennessee.

The carillonic bells are being played each evening by our young musicians. So far Jeanette Babcock and David Van Horn have officiated.

Our Sabbath school is being enriched each week by the interesting and spiritual talks given by our superintendent, Mrs. Abbie Van Horn.

At our last Woman's Circle meeting we enjoyed a fine panel discussion in charge of Mrs. Milton Van Horn, entitled "Enriching Family Life." Mrs. Elmo Randolph's talk on "Have Fun Together," due to her absence, was given by means of the wire recording machine. Prof. Edward Rood's topic was "Share Experiences." Mrs. Irwin Randolph spoke on "Understanding Each Other," and Miss Marjorie Burdick on "Worship Together." Our music consisted of two songs by the Gray sisters and a piano solo by Laura Sayre. — Correspondent.

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS. — The Milton Junction Church has been enjoying good, worth-while sermons given by our interim pastor, Doyle Zwiebel. Sabbath school continues as usual.

May was a busy month for the church. The first week the Ministers Conference was at Albion and Milton Junction. We enjoyed having the ministers here and it was pleasant to meet our old friends once more.

On Sabbath day, May 19, the people

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of the Albion Church were our guests for Sabbath school, church service, dinner, and the fellowship afterwards. Pastor Zwiebel showed a film.

On Saturday night, May 26, the Milton Junction Church held a party in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Zwiebel. They left on June 12 for Westerly, R. I., where he will be assistant pastor this summer.

An evening of games and stunts and a program which resembled the TV program "This Is Your Life" was enjoyed by all. A purse of money and a gift were presented to the guests of honor by the church people. Ice cream, cake, and coffee were served. Best wishes of the church people went with them to their new work.

On the evening of June 15 and Sabbath day, June 16, the church people welcomed Pastor and Mrs. Smith and family after a safe voyage home. — Correspondent.

Accessions

Lost Creek, W. Va.

By Baptism:
Karen Bond
Roscoe Franklin
By Letter:
(Mrs.) Mary Myers Curry

Marriages

Armstrong - Thomas. — At the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage, Alfred, N. Y., Thursday afternoon, June 7, 1956, Reuben A. Armstrong and Mrs. Mamie R. V. Thomas, both of Alfred, N. Y., were united in marriage, their pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. The new home will be at Alfred, N. Y.

Ash - Davis. — Wilbur Lee Ash, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ash of Sedalia, W. Va., and Donna Louise Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis of Salem, W. Va., were united in marriage at a quiet wedding at the bride's home on May 26, 1956. The bride's pastor, Rev. Rex Burdick, read the ceremony. The couple is at home at Route 2, Salem, W. Va.

Obituaries

Davis. — Euphemia L., daughter of Daniel W. Davis, Sr., and Sarah E. (Hoffman) Davis, was born in Shiloh, N. J., Feb. 9, 1877, and died June 2, 1956, at her home in Ridgefield Park, N. J.

She was one of forty-two young persons who were baptized by Rev. T. L. Gardiner in Feb-

ruary, 1889, and united with the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church. After moving to North Jersey in 1907 she attended the New York Seventh Day Baptist Church as regularly as she could and was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society of that church.

She was married on July 26, 1904, to Walter G. Davis who preceded her in death on January 27, 1943. She taught in the schools of South Jersey for several years before her marriage. After her children were grown she again taught school until she retired in 1934.

She is survived by a son, Thurlow, of Oswego, N. Y., and a daughter, Eleanor, who made her home with her mother. There are two brothers, Deacon Auley C. Davis of Shiloh and Daniel W. Davis of Pitman, N. J., also, four grandsons, and many nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John E. Griffith of Ridgefield Park. Committal, after cremation, will be in the Shiloh Cemetery.

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Stutler. — Lydia Bond, daughter of the late F. L. and Lenora May Bond, was born at Roanoke, W. Va., Jan. 26, 1892, and died at her home in Salem, W. Va., April 27, 1956, after a long period of declining health.

As a young woman she joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Roanoke, and upon moving to Salem she transferred her membership to the Salem Church. For a number of years she has served the Salem Church faithfully and effectively as a deaconess. During her life of loving service she won the respect and love of all who knew her.

On June 11, 1928, she was married to Oris O. Stutler who, together with his son, Wilbur, of Towson, Md., and his daughter, Mrs. Rex Zwiebel, of Lost Creek, W. Va., survive her. She is also survived by three sisters: Mrs. Susie Williams and Miss Ada Bond of Lost Creek, and Mrs. Ruth Randolph of Bristol, W. Va.; and four brothers: Orville B. of Lost Creek, Ian H. of Chicago, Orson of Belle Glade, Fla., and L. Main of Roanoke, W. Va.

Memorial services were conducted from the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church April 29, 1956, by her pastor, Rev. Rex Burdick, assisted by Rev. Clifford Hansen and Rev. Rex Zwiebel. Burial was made in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery at Lost Creek, W. Va.

Sabbathkeeping churches and promoters of the Sabbath of the Bible can now procure an invaluable historic Chart of the Week, showing the unchanged order of the days of the week and the true position of the Sabbath as proved by the combined testimony of 160 ancient and modern languages. It was prepared by the scholar, Rev. William Mead Jones, D.D., who was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, England. A photostatic copy in 4 parts each measuring 17½ by 22½ inches and suitable for framing may be procured by sending \$10 to Mark Wiley, 5614 So. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.



ROLE OF CLERGYMEN IN DISASTER

During the first Federal Civil Defense Administration course for ministers offered at Battle Creek, Mich., the director explains to a group of Sabbathkeeping ministers the 20 by 30-foot 3-dimensional map of "City X." The map based on Baltimore, Md., is to demonstrate the methods of evacuation in the event of atomic attack or other disaster. Ministers need training for their large role in civilian morale in such an event. Fifty-two ministers and leaders in 17 denominations took this first short course.