

"The Sacredness of One's Word, Mind, Body, and Home" was the topic for the closing Sabbath of October. If all of life were held more sacred, how much closer we would approach the Master's plan and what greater happiness would ensue.

Two of our brethren from Los Angeles, Paul Owen and Albyn Mackintosh, laid shingles on the roof of the new kitchen and lodge building at Pacific Pines Camp, October 28. Jule Berry, who died in mid-October, was for a number of years one of the most faithful volunteers for camp work and was missed on this occasion.

### Obituaries

**Burdick.** — Grace A. Grow, daughter of George M. and Myrta Shaw Grow, was born Aug. 9, 1878, near Hartsville Hill, and died at the Brown Nursing Home, Hornell, N. Y., July 27, 1956.

She united with the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church by letter from the Hartsville Seventh Day Baptist Church on May 12, 1928. She was married to Lester D. Burdick of Alfred, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1902. Mr. Burdick died in 1945.

Survivors include a daughter, Beula (Mrs. Claire Gowdy) of Wellsville, N. Y.; two sons, Dighton of Alfred, N. Y., and Milton D. of Chevy Chase, Md.; three sisters, Mrs. Samuel J. Miller of Hornell, Mrs. George Bott of Killarney, Fla., and Mrs. Clifford M. Potter of Alfred; and six grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted from the First Alfred Church by her pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. H. S. W.

**Greene.** — Martha Ann Gergen, daughter of Thomas C. and Judith (Fletcher) Gergen, was born in Bloomington, Ill., Aug. 2, 1857, and died in Westerly, R. I., Oct. 31, 1956.

Her family was among the pioneers who headed west from Bloomington in 1860 to settle in the Colorado mining country. She was married in Colorado to Thomas H. Greene, a native of Pawcatuck, Conn., and they moved back East in 1880. She was a member of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church for seventy-five years and active in its affairs as long as she was able.

The mother of eight children, Mrs. Greene is survived by two daughters: Mrs. George N. Biddles of Wickford, R. I., and Mrs. Ahvern I. Crandall of Ashaway; three sons: Lewis R., of Westerly, Benjamin F., of Newport, R. I., and Bergen I., of Bostonia, Calif. There are also ten grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

Rev. Neal D. Mills, pastor of the Rockville Church, and Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiated at the funeral. Interment was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery. H. R. C.

### OUR WORLD MISSION

Statement of Denominational Treasurer  
October 31, 1956  
Receipts for October

	Budget	Non-Budget
Adams Center .....	\$ 56.00	
Alfred, 1st .....	324.70	50.00
Associations and groups .....	88.10	
Battle Creek .....	318.25	
Berlin .....	37.81	
Boulder .....	34.57	
Brookfield, 2nd .....	46.50	
Buffalo .....	55.00	
Chicago .....	40.00	
Daytona Beach .....	60.00	
De Ruyter .....	68.00	
Dodge Center .....	6.27	
Edinburg .....	20.00	
Farina .....	44.00	
Fouke .....	69.00	
Friendship .....	35.00	
Hopkinton, 1st .....	67.50	
Hopkinton, 2nd .....	6.00	
Independence .....	100.00	
Individuals .....	2,194.00	
Jackson Center .....	10.00	
Kansas City .....	20.00	
Los Angeles, Christ's .....	40.00	
Marlboro .....	142.06	
Middle Island .....	15.00	
Milton .....	313.70	
Milton Junction .....	116.69	
Nortonville .....	35.80	
Plainfield .....	140.75	
Roanoke .....	22.00	
Rockville .....	10.50	
Schenectady .....	16.00	
Shiloh .....	381.50	
Verona .....	66.50	
Walworth .....	20.00	
Waterford .....	76.50	6.05
	<u>\$5,097.70</u>	<u>\$ 56.05</u>

#### Disbursements

Missionary Society .....	\$1,647.55	\$ 56.05
Tract Society .....	241.50	
Bd. of Christian Education .....	421.50	
Women's Society .....	63.50	
Historical Society .....	1,087.50	
Ministerial Retirement .....	586.74	
Ministerial Training .....	529.65	
S. D. B. Building .....	35.00	
General Conference .....	451.50	
World Fellowship & Service .....	28.00	
Balance on hand Oct. 31 .....	5.26	
	<u>\$5,097.70</u>	<u>\$ 56.05</u>

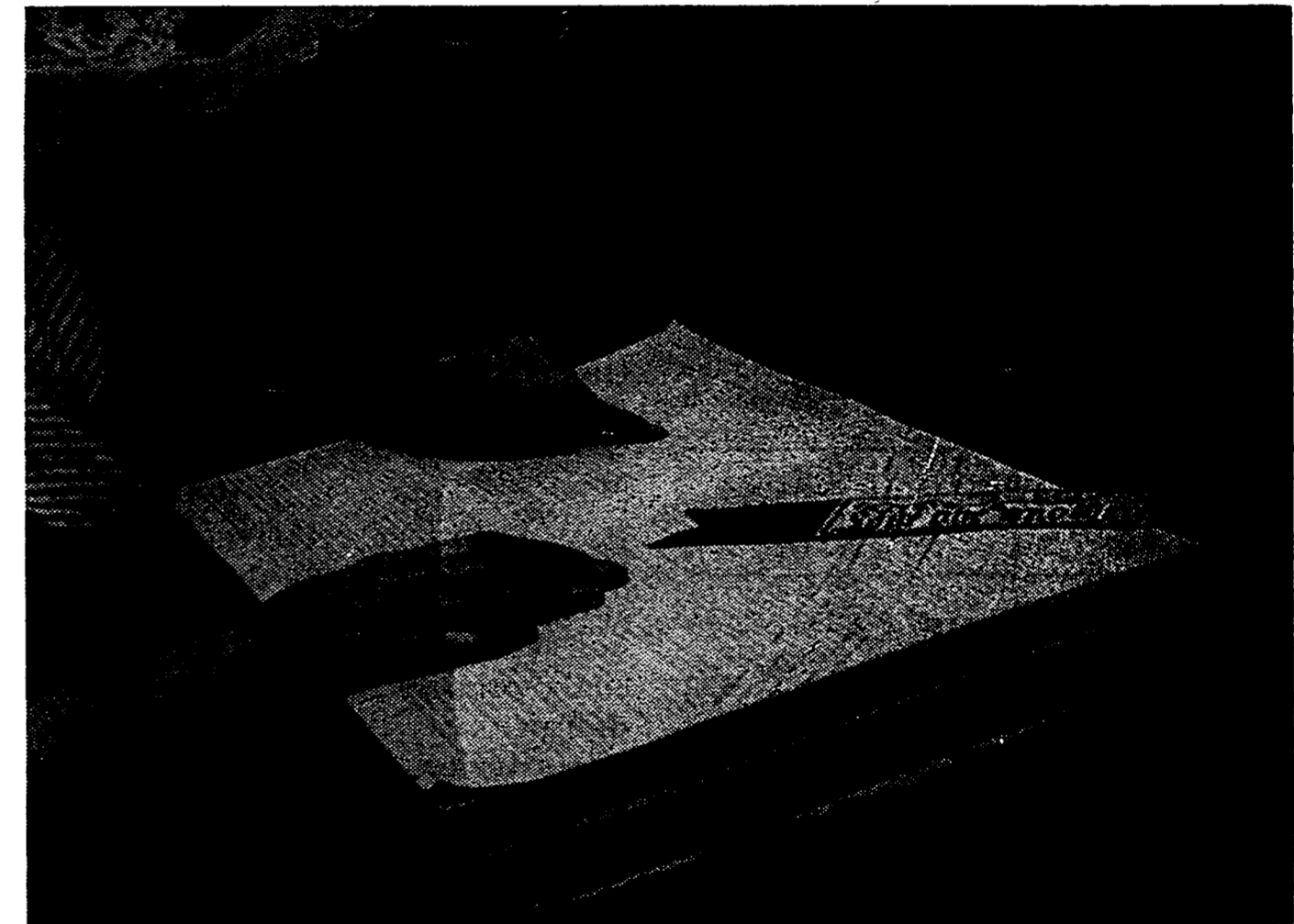
#### Comparative Figures

	1956	1955
Receipts in October:		
Budget .....	\$5,097.70	\$3,977.85
Non-Budget .....	56.05	1,767.44
Current annual budget .....	95,469.50	74,113.50
Portion of budget raised .....	5.03%	4.5%

Olin C. Davis, Treasurer.

Verona, N. Y.

# The Sabbath Recorder



### UNIVERSAL BIBLE SABBATH

The old family Bible with its old-fashioned marker is a cherished possession handed down from one generation to another. Opened to the promises of Isaiah it brings light to the soul from the windows of eternity.



went there, learned the language, and translated Luke and John. Elizabeth Baldwin laid down her work in 1939 after completing a translation of the whole Bible into Kusaien. The proofreading cost her her eyesight. Japanese occupation slowed the work in the following years. In 1947 Mary Alice Hanlin went to the island with her missionary father and learned the language. While attending college in this country in 1952 she proofread a new parallel-column New Testament.

The former king of the island, John Sigrah, is now the pastor of the church and is so grateful for the Bible in the language of his people that he has sent to New York models of the type of houses used by the kings in the old days.

### Thoughts on Riches

Another very rich man has died and left a vast sum of money to charity. It is now reported that Marshall Field III, who died on November 8, left 30 million dollars of his estate to the Field Foundation which he established in 1940. It is no doubt highly commendable, and a great number of people will benefit from this bequest. The newspaper account does not give any list of the organizations which are supported by the foundation. Evidently Mr. Field was a generous man. He had disbursed by gift to relatives and charity a large portion of the \$175 million he inherited from his grandfather in 1943. Besides the amount left to charity he did not fail to care for his widow, his children, and his employees. A secretary, a valet, and a chauffeur each received \$10,000.

Did Marshall Field make a success of his life in other than business and philanthropy? It may not be ours to judge. We observe that he and his first wife were divorced after 14 years. His second marriage broke up after 4 years. He married his surviving wife in 1936.

Every rich man faces some of the problems which are described in the words of wisdom found in Ecclesiastes 5. Solomon there tells us, "The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep." In the next chapter we read: "There is an

### MEMORY TEXT

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised). Hebrews, 10: 23.

evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: a man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: his is vanity, and it is an evil disease."

The Bible does not condemn riches as such. In advice to the rich the Psalmist David writes, "If riches increase, set not your heart upon them" (Ps. 62: 10). It is evident that many people are placed in a position where riches do increase without great effort or wisdom on the part of the wealthy. We have an old proverb, "A fool and his money are soon parted." This applies whether one has little or much. God does not approve of fools. He does approve wise management of funds and He cautions us against the greater temptations faced by those who have wealth. It is wrong for a rich man to squander his much and for a poor man his little.

The tithe is God's way of establishing the right relation between income and gifts for the poor man and for those of small income. If that principle has been established life loses much of its tension. If riches increase and the heart is not set upon them then the gifts to God's work will increase far beyond the tenth — if the person is a Christian.

The wise man says again, "He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase" (Eccl. 5: 10).

"The Christian faith draws its strength and sanction for meeting the tragic in life from the cross of Jesus Christ. It is the cross that gives Christianity an undeniable point of contact with every tragic fact or meaning, yet by the same token our faith is radically distinguished from any view of life that is only tragic." — Roger Hazelton in *God's Way With Man*.

## Our World Mission

### These Ought Ye to Have Done

By Rev. Earl Cruzan  
Member of Commission

The leaders of the Hebrew people, the scribe and the Pharisee, had not reached a maturity in religion in Jesus' day for they still pointed the childish finger of accusation at those who failed to measure up to the established standards which they took great pride in outwardly conforming to. Jesus told them that they should mature. He told them that they should grow in judgment, mercy, and faith — that there should be an understanding and a love in their religion.

We still need to grow up in these matters; even though we have heard much of the way of love and mercy and justice.

The stewardship of these leaders, although practiced from a legalistic standpoint, and almost too scrupulously accurate in ever giving of the tithe of the herbs of the garden, was commended by Jesus in the words: "These ought ye to have done."

We look at ourselves as God has created us, and at the universe which He has committed to our use and we are apt to be thankful for the knowledge and the skills that are ours and for the financial return that comes as we put them together in the life which we live.

Yet we are often very proud of our accomplishments, thinking: This is mine, I will do with it as I please. Did not God give it to me?

And we reason: Why should we give back to God that which He has given to us? If all is His, then that which we have to give is but little. Yet Jesus commended for their adherence to the tithe the very leaders whom He denounced for their hypocrisy. The tithe is Biblical. Its origin goes back as far as Abraham, at least; and there is specific teaching in regard to it throughout the Old Testament.

"These ought ye to have done." These words of Jesus place New Testament approval also upon it. But if all is God's, why should there be a need of a tithe returned to Him? The message of God's love is also entrusted to man. More than

that, he is commissioned to teach and preach and baptize. To be able to carry out this commission of our Savior requires the devotion and labor of many people. Much of it is volunteer as the individual Christian gives of his time and talent to this work. But as in all work — all great causes — there is a need for organization, for full-time leadership, for maintaining the place and the leadership of worship. And to supply a means of living to those who give the major portion of their time to the work of Christ, it is necessary that those who give the major portion of their time to other gainful employment give of that with which God has prospered them. This is as true today as it was in the day of the priests and the Levites who, instead of having an inheritance in the land of Israel, lived among all the people and served God for them. They were supported by the tithe of the rest.

Our stewardship as Seventh Day Baptists is as good as most Christians and better than many; but it is not sufficient to answer the calls for teaching the Gospel of Christ which come to us; nor in many cases to adequately support pastors in our local churches.

There are those who tithe. There are those who give more than a tithe. If all of our people tithed, our work for Christ would increase greatly over that which we are now doing. Instead of being curtailed, work could be enlarged and calls could be answered which today receive only slight help and encouragement.

### Conversion of French Gypsies

Two thousand Protestant gypsies, including about 1,000 children, attended a four days' church rally at Rennes (France). The rally was held in an open field around which about 200 caravans were pitched. An enormous tent was used for the three daily meetings.

There are about 3,000 Protestant gypsies in France, and a number of evangelists are at work among them. It is mainly owing to the zeal of these evangelists that 200 gypsies were converted last year. As most of the gypsies are illiterate, direct contact is necessary for purposes of evangelism.

E. P. S.

## The Beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists

[One of a series of brief messages prepared for publication by a veteran pastor, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, of Waterford, Conn. Brother Burdick begins each message by quoting from the tract, "Statement of Belief." He suggests that the sermonets be read aloud in family groups, followed by discussion, and offers to answer any correspondence that may develop from such discussion.]

### GOD

We believe in God, the one personal, perfect, and eternal Spirit, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, our Father, who manifests a holy, redeeming love toward all men.

Genesis 1: 1 starts out very simply to state what has sometimes been called "Five Great Impossibles." At least the skeptic might insist that each of the five great words in that first sentence involve assumptions which it is impossible for the human mind to make. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." True enough, our finite thoughts cannot grasp what the beginning of all things could be like; nor the act of creating something out of nothing; nor to understand the immensity of the universe or the infinite possibilities in a grain of sand. Most difficult of all is it to embrace in our thought the idea of a personal, spiritual Being, who could not only create, but who also holds all things in balance by His mighty power.

The Psalmist has found the answer by dwelling, as it were, in such a holy communion with the Maker of all things, that God through His Spirit was able to reveal spiritual truth to him. Psalm 90 says, "Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God." And in Psalm 91: "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." It was to such servants who were "abiding" to whom God could reveal the great truths of Scripture.

It is in this experience of "practicing

the presence of God" that spiritual truth becomes revealed to man. Those who refuse to believe will continue to sit by the roadside and "pick blackberries" while "every common bush is aflame with God." Spiritual truth must be spiritually discerned. So Jesus tells us in John 4: 24, "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

Furthermore, to be assured that God really cares for us and loves us is a revelation which can come in its highest form only in the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ for our sins. Thus John 3: 16: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This statement of the love of God is reinforced by such passages as 1 John 3: 1, 2: "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God. . . . Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."

### An Experience with God

We were standing on the top of Mt. Evans in Colorado, a good friend, Prof. Ralph Coon of Salem College, and myself. Stretching as far as the eye could reach to the north, west, and south were the majestic peaks of the Great Divide. We were like pinpoints in that vast expanse. One of us quoted a passage from Psalm 8: "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained; what is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" The other quoted from Psalm 19: "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork." It is no matter that our expanding knowledge of the universe seems to put God farther and farther away. The gift of faith has brought Him nearer and dearer to the responsive heart of men who are redeemed by the blood of Christ.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for December 15, 1956

The Way of Christian Love  
Lesson Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13.

## Appreciates Junior Quarterlies

Mrs. Lina Burdick, Richburg, N. Y.  
Dear Mrs. Burdick:

I'm glad to have the opportunity to tell you that I am thankful and grateful for the Junior Quarterlies. I keep thinking I will tell Pastor Delmer Van Horn when I see him and I don't get to it. They are excellent material and applicable. I liked especially Pastor Van Horn's and Miss Marjorie Burdick's approach. I thought probably they had had a great deal of experience in teaching that age group in public school, and it shows in their work.

Our lessons also show the Bible approach which is needed in church schools. The Bible teaches us the Sabbath as well as a basis of laws and principles for all our living.

I have known the time when I have felt so bogged down with pressures that even the thought of the approaching Sabbath was a great relief to my whole being. I don't imagine I am the only one with that experience. I find these lessons invigorating and inspiring. I guess the only way I can thank you is to use them to the best of my ability.

I am circulation manager and chairman of the Sabbath Visitor. I think its place is supplementary to the Junior Quarterlies. The quarterlies supply a need for all children in teaching the Bible and its teachings. We should never exclude a child for any reason. — Elizabeth B. Percy.

[Junior Quarterlies are to be ordered from Committee on Junior Quarterlies, Box 4, Little Genesee, N. Y., with checks payable to Eugene Reynolds, treasurer.]

## Christmas Without Christ

An editorial in *The Butcher Workman* by President Earl W. Jimerson and Secretary-Treasurer Patrick E. Gorman of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen (AFL-CIO) tells their 320,000 members that cards which bear messages as "Season's Greetings" and "Happy Holidays" instead of mentioning the name of the Savior are "inexcusable." "A wreath of holly does not necessarily indicate a closeness to the Savior. The mention of His name does, unless it is used profanely."

## THE LIVING WORD

Luther A. Weigle

### The meanings of "freely"

One meaning of "freely" is without restraint or stint, plentifully, abundantly. The word is so used, however, only twice in the Bible — Genesis 2: 16, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden"; and 1 Samuel 14: 30, "How much better if the people had eaten freely." It has a different meaning in Numbers 11: 5, where it represents the Hebrew word which means free, gratis, without payment. The Israelites who longed in the desert for the fish they had eaten in Egypt spoke particularly of the fact that it had cost them nothing.

In five passages of the New Testament the word "freely" is used to translate the Greek word which means gratis. "Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10: 8) does not refer to the quantity or size of the gifts to be made, but to the fact that they are to be free gifts: "You received without pay, give without pay." "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Revelation 22: 17) means "let him who desires take the water of life without price" (compare Isaiah 55: 1). The other three passages are Rom. 3: 24; 2 Cor. 11: 7; Rev. 21: 6.

The word "freely" refers to free-will offerings in Psalm 54: 6 and Ezra 2: 68; 7: 15. In Acts 2: 29 it is used by the King James Version to represent the Greek phrase which means "with confidence" or "with boldness," and which is so translated by the King James Version itself in Acts 4: 29, 31, and 28: 31.

The phrases "freely give" (Rom. 8: 32) and "freely given" (1 Cor. 2: 12) are an attempt to express the fact that God's gifts to us are at His initiative and of His grace. The verb in these phrases is related to the noun which is translated "free gift" in Romans 5: 15-17. The Revised Standard Version omits the adverb "freely" from the verses as unnecessary and ambiguous. Its translation is: "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him?" "Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is from God, that we might understand the gifts bestowed on us by God."

## Missions

### Through Northern Nyasaland

By Mrs. David C. Pearson

[Mrs. Pearson's diary reveals that approximately thirty-five services with churches and groups, and pastoral training classes were held by our missionaries between September 17 and October 24 as they made their journey to visit the northern churches.]

**Tuesday, Sept. 18, Manjanja Village.** Yesterday morning about 8:30 we left Makapwa. Our party consists of Pastor Gresham Kanyenya, Pastor Addison Makhukwa, Pastor Grant Msonkho, Nedson Goman (Executive Committee member), Nehemiah Muntali, Marchwell Nkandawire (a student returning to his home), and the three Pearsons. We arrived here late last night, having been delayed in Blantyre with some business details. When we arrived, the pastors and church leaders were sitting outside anxiously waiting for us. Our home here is a specially built "msasa," walls of large grasses and a flat grass roof. It contains three rooms, one of which is occupied by some of the Africans in our group. We have a bedroom and dining room with a little bath house at the back. The Christians here have done much work in preparing a place for us to stay, and also this morning they have brought many gifts of food for us — chicken, eggs, bananas, onions, and tomatoes. Services today were conducted in morning and afternoon, plus a sermon and slides shown tonight.

**Friday, Sept. 21, Nthinda Village.** After a morning of packing and an afternoon of travel, we arrived at Nthinda (Ncheu) about an hour before sundown. We received a warm welcome and have been given the hospitality of the home of one of the prominent church members. An evening service at the church opened our work here.

**Wednesday, Sept. 26, Chiziweni Village.** The last three days have been used chiefly with travel. We arrived here about midafternoon today. This is the first visit any of us have made to this group, a branch of our Ekwaiweni Church located about 26 miles north of Mzimba, and the people were overjoyed to see us.

Some were shouting and almost dancing in their expression of gratitude.

**Sabbath, Sept. 29, Lusimbo.** Yesterday we drove from Chiziweni, arriving here in late afternoon, and were greeted by a number of church folk, including Pastors Yothum Muntali and Shadreck Mzumara. Our services today were attended by members from Mzali and Uzumara as well as the local people. After Sabbath School, David brought the morning sermon from Matthew 23, and in the afternoon, we partook of the Lord's Supper together. The evening was used in discussing some school business, and concluded with a filmstrip.

The people here in the North are quite unlike our southern people. They have their own distinct differences in nature and characteristics. There are also obvious outward signs of their being a separate tribe, too. One of the most striking differences is in their singing. Here they often use an old hymnbook in their own Tumbuka language, which has catchy, uniquely African melodies. In these songs, some of the women begin with something suggestive of an obligato, and then everyone joins in a sort of wierd harmony. Another dissimilarity we see is in dress. The women as a general rule dress fancier than in the South. Perhaps this is partly because of the high dowry paid for the brides, so that each father tries to get his daughter to be a larger attraction than the others.

**Monday, Oct. 1, Lusimbo.** Yesterday was occupied with getting settled in our rest house here and discussion of problems of this area. Today we made a trip out to Rumpi, about 25 miles away, to assist our pastors here in caring for some business and to buy a few supplies for ourselves.

**Tuesday, Oct. 2, Lusimbo.** Our visit to Mzali Church today was a pleasant one. The distance from here is 20 miles, and about half of this is mountain road plenteous with little dips and knolls and corduroy bridges. Here we truly appreciated the Land Rover as some bridges were out. We walked about 1½ miles from the end of the road. The scenery on the journey was beautiful. Although most of the country here is dry by this time, the hills near Mzali are still quite

green, mottled with bright red and yellow, and also pink and white flowering trees. Often one can see for many miles down between the hills to mountains far distant. Mzali Village is surrounded by hills and is very picturesque.

**Wednesday, Oct. 3, Lusimbo.** The men left today for a journey by foot to visit Uzumara Church and its branches. Today they were to visit Sassi, then stay overnight at Uzumara, and tomorrow will continue the journey to Chisanga, situated on the shore of Lake Nyasa. It probably is in the neighborhood of 20 miles to Chisanga — some give figures less than this, some more. The alternative route is by boat, but it is a long distance from the nearest harbor to the church.

**Friday, Oct. 5, Lusimbo.** These days alone at our rest house are being used to do some domestic tasks which have been suffering in the past few busy days. Debby enjoys sitting on our porch where she can visit with the African children who sometimes crowd around to watch her.

**Sunday, Oct. 7, Lusimbo.** David returned late this evening, having made the complete journey from Chisanga today. Most of the others have stayed for the night at Sassi, another branch of Uzumara.

**Wednesday, Oct. 10, Ekwaiweni Village.** We arrived here about dark yesterday and a short service was conducted in the evening. Today the men have walked over to Jandalala Village, where the pastor of this area lives. They will return this afternoon for an evening service.

Our living when on a journey is much like camping, although our "camp" isn't quite as modern as ones in the U. S. We find the Land Rover makes a good tent when the village people have not prepared a place for us. We have limited our equipment on this part of the journey, as we wanted to bring along additional pastors from the Lusimbo area.

**Friday, Oct. 12, Luwazi S. D. A. Mission.** This evening we came to the home of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission director in this area, Foster Medford. He and his wife have hospitably opened their home to us.

**Sunday, Oct. 14, Luwazi Mission.** The men today made a visit to Mzenga, a

branch of Luwazi Church. They drove 23 miles over a little logging road which has 17 corduroy bridges and drifts. Parking the truck they walked about five miles. After a two-hour service in which they gave spiritual food to the brethren there, they returned. Although it was a long journey for a short stay, they feel it was quite worth while judging by the testimony given by the members.

I stayed here at the mission with the Medfords. We have truly enjoyed their friendship and kindness, and Debby has surely enjoyed having three American children to play with her.

**Tuesday, Oct. 16, Lusimbo.** We are now settled back in our rest house and David has begun classes with the pastors today. (These classes continued throughout the week.)

**Sunday, Oct. 21, Lusimbo.** Yesterday morning the regular Sabbath services began at 9:30, and at the worship hour the sermon was delivered to the combined congregations of Uzumara, Mzali, and Lusimbo. After lunch we went to the riverside for baptism of four young people who accepted Christ's salvation during our visit here. Today a walking journey was taken to neighboring villages where five evangelistic services were held, yielding several converts.

**Tuesday, Oct. 23, Ncheu Township.** After a final meeting with the pastors yesterday morning, we began our homeward journey.

**Wednesday, Oct. 24, Makapwa Mission.** We arrived safely back at Makapwa this evening and received a warm welcome — in greetings and temperature as well. We thank our Lord for His presence with us throughout this journey, and are happy to have the greater knowledge of our northern people.

The mileage on the Land Rover registered 68 when we left Makapwa on September 17, and now it stands at 1,686. During this interval of time we have visited seven churches and nine branch groups, many of which had not been seen before.

Will you at home join us in prayer for these people, asking that God might help them to overcome existing problems and strengthen them in their Christian living.

### A Laymen's Prayer For Missions

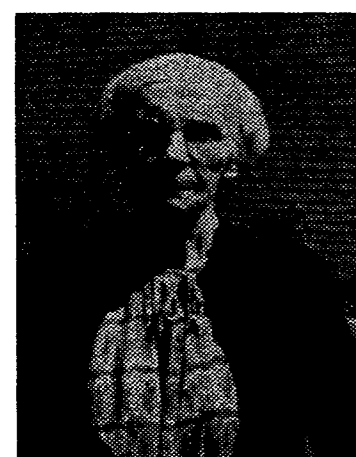
The following prayer of invocation was offered by G. Donald Crandall of West-erly, R. I., on October 13, 1956, the occasion of Laymen's Sabbath in the Paw-catuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. Dr. Victor Burdick, medical missionary to Nyasaland, brought the Sabbath morning message.

"We give Thee hearty thanks, most gracious Father, for those who have gone forth to labor for Thee in all lands, and for the abundant blessing upon their labors. We praise Thee for those who have believed in Thee through their word and have accepted the teachings of Jesus. We praise Thee, too, for the native preachers and teachers who have held forth the word of life to their fellow countrymen.

"We pray, O God, that we, the men of this church, might see more clearly that we have a stake in this great mission of our Lord. May we give more freely of our time, talents, and money to bring His Kingdom in. We pray in the name of our Lord who gave His all. Amen."

### Interesting Personalities in the Berlin, N. Y., Church

We are indebted to Miss A. Mildred Greene of Berlin, N. Y., for sharing these three interesting lives with us. We understand that Miss Greene is not alone in her appreciation for these Seventh Day Baptist Christian women. The whole community has been enriched because of them. — G. N.

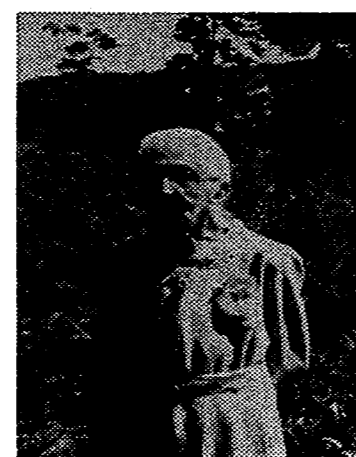


Mrs. Janie Bentley Hull has been a member of the Berlin Church the longest of any of the present members.

Born April 1, 1871, she was baptized by Rev. B. F. Rogers and joined the church in 1885. In June, 1890, she was married to Elmer Hull, who died Dec. 30, 1944. Two boys and a girl comprised their family and one of the boys now makes a home for her in the village of Berlin. The fiftieth wedding

anniversary of "Janie and Elmer" was celebrated in the church.

Before Mrs. Hull's marriage, she was a teacher, and for several years she sang in the church choir. Because of poor health for several years she has been unable to take an active part in the work of the church, but her interest has never failed and she continues to be one of those whose life is an inspiration to others.



Mrs. Ella Witter Wing was born May 12, 1865, the daughter of Josiah and Mary Place Witter.

A very warm and interesting part about Mrs. Wing is her vivid memory about the beauty as well as the events that surrounded her young and happy days on

the farm. After the death of her mother and father (just 6 months apart) she attended the Academy at South Lancaster, Mass. She became a "country school marm" for a term before marrying Rev. Luther A. Wing, a Seventh Day Adventist evangelist.

Doctrinal differences which developed caused Mr. Wing to resign his work with the Adventists and he later accepted the Seventh Day Baptist pastorate at De Ruyter, N. Y., where nine happy years were spent. They were seven years in the Boulder, Colo., Church, where they hoped for the benefits of change in climate for their daughter. These seven years were marred by the absence of their son in the army (Germany) and the death of the daughter. Returning East, a winter was spent in Daytona Beach, Fla., then sixteen years serving the church at Berlin, N. Y.

Besides her duties as minister's wife, her special outside interests have been writing poetry and work on the Town Library Board. Several of her poems have been published in the Sabbath Recorder, among them are "My Need" and "Adventuring." Because of her diligent work on the Town Library Board, the title of "President Emeritus" was bestowed upon her when it was no longer possible for her to keep up the work.

Much of her life has been filled with reading and passing on to others fine, inspirational books. In Sabbath School class, any controversial question of Bible facts is referred to the Bible Authority, "Ma Wing" as she is affectionately called, and her decision is recognized as final. She says that she is now ". . . just hoping that my life still may bear a germ of Christian contagion as I wait for the sunset."



Mrs. Ida Lewis Greene, the next to the oldest member of the Berlin Church, was born Aug. 27, 1867. Because her mother was an Episcopalian, she was sprinkled, but later said she would never be satisfied until she was baptized by immersion.

After her marriage in 1886 to Frank J. Greene, she began to study the Bible. She says, "I found many things about the Sabbath, and best of all was Jesus' example. . . . I could not find one place where He kept the first day of the week as Sabbath." She was baptized and joined the Berlin Church and has been a faithful and active member ever since.

She possessed a beautiful soprano voice and sang in the choir for many years and was chorister for the Sabbath School. Many years were spent in teaching a young girls' class, and Christmas usually found her training the children to sing and recite (as she still does with her grandson's children — four generations living in the same house). She was active in the Ladies' Aid Society for many years, and was happy when a year or so ago the Berlin society was revived and became active again.

Recalling the time she joined the Berlin Church she says, "I was so happy, feeling that Jesus was right with me, and in my heart I was singing 'Hallelujah, 'tis done, I believe on the Son, I'm saved by the blood of the Crucified One.' And now at the age of 89 I have never regretted taking the step I did, and only regret I did not do it sooner."

### Experiences at Schenectady

On November 9, the secretary of the Board of Christian Education left Alfred Station for Schenectady, N. Y., with a twofold purpose: a visit to the Seventh Day Baptist Church there and to attend the Character Research Project meetings at Union College in Schenectady.

The prayer meeting on Sabbath eve was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Moore in Scotia, where we became acquainted with the good folks of the church and were thrilled by their sincerity in prayer. Sabbath School and worship were held in the First Baptist Church with the secretary bringing the message. Eighteen were in attendance, and the service included three special musical numbers. After a basket lunch in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Fatato, where we stayed the entire time, two carloads of folks journeyed to a nearby village where services were held in the rest home operated by two loyal Seventh Day Baptists, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Burns.

On Sunday a few of us worked around and in the beautiful, newly constructed church building. Those earnest workers expected to have the first worship service in the building on Sabbath day, November 24, with Eugene Fatato (Alfred Seminary Student) preaching but the heating system was not completed. Eugene was instrumental in the starting of the building fund and in the construction of the new building. All Seventh Day Baptists in the vicinity of Schenectady now have a very desirable place to meet. All praise to God for the vision of His people there.

### Character Research Project

On November 12, along with Rev. Paul L. Maxson of the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church, the secretary attended meetings held for Denominational Christian Education personnel and local pastors by the Character Research Project staff of Union College. This Research Project was initiated by Dr. Ernest M. Ligon some 25 years ago, while he was working in the Psychology Department of Union College. It is thoroughly Christian in activity, is operated by and for Protestants, although some others have

been included in experimental projects held in private schools. It is officially described as follows: "Character Research Project represents an effort to work toward the attainment of the Kingdom of God, to carry out Jesus' command to seek, ask, and knock, by using one of the channels that man has been given to fulfill this purpose — the scientific method. Endowed by the Lily Foundation, the Character Research Project is developing a program in character education which is invested with the soundest scientific basis possible. The discoveries of psychologists combined with the actual experiences of people — teachers, lay people such as parents, and children. At all times, then, it plays two roles, each of which is dependent upon the other. It is both an on-going program and a consistently refined method.

"The work of the Character Research Project is based on the hypothesis that the Christian philosophy can be expressed by each individual in his everyday living and that Christian character can be developed through the learning of attitudes. These attitudes, which are based on eight dimensions of Christian character formulated by Dr. Ligon, have several common characteristics. They are positive, they are broad enough to challenge the child to strive to attain them, they are within the range of possibility for the child, and they are oriented to the child's age level. These attitudes form the foundation for the individual lessons which comprise the CRP curriculum — a program containing six units which are taught in two-year cycles at each of eight age levels from Nursery through Senior II. These units are entitled: Social Adjustment, Adjustment to the Universe, Vocational Adjustment, Magnanimity, Vicarious Sacrifice, and Vision.

"The lessons themselves merely form the framework for the teacher who is encouraged to recognize that the attitude does not exist apart from the child and to adapt the materials in the lessons to each individual in his group. He is given guidance for doing so by the teaching suggestions and the many ideas for projects which the child can carry out in order to see the application of the attitude to his own life. Furthermore, the teacher

is encouraged to keep in touch with the child's parents through interviews before and after the unit and through conversations during the unit.

"Nor does the child's learning stop in the classroom. Parents are expected to teach the attitude during the week; a special section of the lesson is oriented to the home, and the parent is asked to provide situations whenever possible in which the child can see the application of each attitude to his own life.

"This, then, in barest outline, is the nature of the program of the Character Research Project. It does not include the story of the years of work carried out by Dr. Ligon and the CRP staff in studying psychological research and the young people themselves to determine not only what the children may be expected to attain at each age level but also how they may be inspired to work toward the fulfillment of their potential. Nor does it reveal the many hours of labor which have been spent by parents, teachers, and other workers in over fifty churches, a school, and a YMCA summer camp in the past eighteen years as they have caught the vision for this work and have attempted to carry it out.

"CRP is an experimental design using a method to carry out a program and drawing upon the best insights of psychologists and lay people to make its contribution to the establishment of the Kingdom of God on the earth."

#### Attendance Figures Requested

Conference President Charles F. Harris suggested in these columns that attendance figures for all church meetings during November (attendance emphasis month) be sent to the editor of the Sabbath Recorder for compilation, interpretation, and possible publication. Some have already been received for the full month or on a week-by-week basis but as yet not enough for any comment. If the emphasis in connection with the Religion In American Life promotion has been significantly successful in your church and community, others would like to read a summary of the comments of pastors and other church leaders.

## Teen Talk

### Something New Under the Moon

The wise king in Jerusalem, Solomon, set himself to examine almost everything "under the sun" and when he had done so he uttered some very wise words in the Book of Ecclesiastes. This time let us think about something new "under the moon." Perhaps it will not make us extremely wise, but we may find it interesting.

No ancient king ever saw what I saw and what you might have seen if you had been looking at the moon from where we were looking the last time the moon was full. I don't mean the recent total eclipse. We could not see that shadow blot out the face of the lesser light which God made "to rule the night." That night the rain clouds were thick in our part of the country.

It was a month earlier that we looked up at the full moon and saw white paths or trails across its face extending out in long, twisting, crazy-like patterns. God never arranged any clouds to look like that. We were sure that it was something that man had done. How could it be? No one has yet made that long-planned trip to the mountains of the moon, and if he had, he would have to be far bigger than Paul Bunyan to leave tracks that could be seen so easily from earth. Yet there were the trails showing unmistakably that somebody — several somebodies — had recently been clear across the face of the moon.

You probably are way ahead of me with the answer. What we had seen were the vapor trails left by high-flying jet aircraft, too high and too far away to be seen or heard from where we were. You have often seen them in the daytime. I had never before seen man-made paths on the moon. It made me stop and think.

Do you suppose those pilots were conscious that their sky tracks would appear to others as if they really touched the moon? I doubt it. They were probably thinking about other things — earthly things — like supper at home or dates, or even drink. No matter how high

we fly in the heavens we do not have heavenly thoughts unless we have had our hearts changed and have entered the kingdom of heaven.

The trails we saw across the moon were thoughtless trails made without plan or design but the moon itself follows an unwavering path through the sky according to the design and will of God. Our heavenly Father has a plan for your life and mine. Unconsciously we leave a visible trail behind us every day and every night. Happy are those whose tracks show that they are moving forward according to the plan of God, not thoughtlessly.

### Letter From Chaplain Williams

[David J. Williams, the only Seventh Day Baptist military chaplain now on active duty, comes from the Verona, N. Y., Church and is now a member of the Los Angeles Church. He holds a Th. M. degree and says he is toying with the idea of spending two years in further study for a doctor's degree. He is currently stationed at Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi, Miss. The following are excerpts from a recent letter.]

Evangelistically, the Air Force has presented a tremendous challenge. It has been our high privilege to see the Lord work to convict and win over 200 in our year here at Keesler Air Force Base. This has been, without a doubt, our most productive year in souls harvested for the Lord. Obstacles do develop at times. Nonetheless, currently I have the largest Sunday morning service (Prot.) on the base, a general evangelistic service Sunday evenings, and a midweek prayer and Bible study hour. One night in visitation with some of the young soul-winning airmen we had the joy of seeing 15 make decisions for Christ. God is most gracious to us. Yet, the few that do receive Christ are so few in contrast with the great number lost.

My wife (Jeanne Coon) has a Children's Neighborhood Bible Club for about 18 youngsters each Sabbath morning.

No sin is private. It may be secret but it is not private. God wills that men should be free, but not that they be free to commit sin by transgressing God's law. — Alliance Weekly.

### She Called Too Often

A real estate broker in Los Angeles, Irvin Berson (47), has started annulment proceedings. His wife, Florence (39), is charged with having called him at his office as often as 60 times a day. She failed to comply with a court restraining order, and the judge gave her a suspended five-day jail sentence pending outcome of the annulment proceedings. The woman claims she only wanted to find out how her husband was.

When the telephoning was so pointless and selfish we would be of the opinion that it would be almost more than a man could stand who was trying to do business to provide for his wife and himself. We are inclined to think that her attitude reveals that there was little of God in that marriage. We would also think that his appeal to the courts to restrain his wife from her juvenile demonstrations of affection showed some lack on his part.

When we think about praise and prayer we are reminded that God is not like man.

He cannot answer the phone, so to speak, fifty or sixty times a day for any and every devoted child of His and still do a real estate business that involves the whole earth — yes, and worlds unknown to man. Our God is not a little, limited God. He is not distracted by our praise or our myriad calls for reassurance and help. He urges us to call upon Him almost unceasingly. He promises never to cast us out.

However, our Heavenly Father is not pleased with vain and foolish repetition. Just as faith and works need to be balanced, so praying and working need to be budgeted in our daily schedule as long as we are in the earthly tabernacle and are limited by the flesh. The same God who gave us knees for kneeling gave us feet for standing, hands for working, and tongues for witnessing. Whatsoever we do, we are to do to the glory of God, not just to satisfy ourselves as the woman in Los Angeles. — Ed.

"Prayer can be drums and bugles to one's spirit." — Unknown.

### Give Lasting Gifts

Magazine subscriptions and good books given at Christmas time bring satisfaction and joy to our friends and relatives over a long period of time. We receive some expensive ones, full of colored pictures. The Sabbath Recorder is not colorful in that sense, but neither is it dull. From its pages glows the colorful story of salvation through Christ and the story of Seventh Day Baptist work in all places where that Gospel and Sabbath work extends. What better gift can you give this year than this magazine! Give it to the poor and needy; give it to those who could afford it but do not. Give it to Christian people who would themselves be inspired to do more Christian work through reading it. Do it now!

### Little Rock Fellowship Records First Year's Work

By Mrs. Alfred Fisher

This is the first annual report to be made of the Little Rock, Ark., Fellowship. Regular meetings were held on the third Sabbath of each month, eleven in all. One was missed during Conference week. Rev. John H. McKay preached for us at ten of our services, Rev. Trevah Sutton at one.

This Fellowship group attended two special meetings held at Fouke, one on December 1 and the other on March 31, which latter was "Salem College Day."

Officers elected October 15, 1955, were: president, Burwin Monroe; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Fisher; program chairman, Dr. Lloyd D. Seager; Sabbath School superintendent, Rev. Trevah Sutton; music chairman, Mrs. Trevah Sutton.

On April 21 we voted to raise \$200 as a goal for the year toward Shepherding Pastor Marion C. Van Horn's salary, beginning with his arrival in July. In the treasury on June 30 for this purpose was a newly raised \$50, or 25% of our goal.

A Sabbath School study and discussion period followed each Fellowship meeting. On nearly all other Sabbath afternoons, the group met at a member's home for

Sabbath School, often with a visiting period and refreshments following.

Members took turns as Sabbath School teacher or discussion leader. Here are our attendance statistics: active members at the end of year 13; highest attendance 24; lowest 14; average 17; visitors 19. Services are held in the YMCA Building, Little Rock, at 2 o'clock.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — We enjoyed being the host church for the Pacific Coast Association, October 19 to 21. The theme was "Feed My Sheep," and the meetings were very well attended.

Our new pastor, Rev. Francis D. Saunders, and his family arrived October 31. On Sabbath day, November 3, he gave his first sermon in our church. That evening a reception was held at the church to honor the new pastor and his family and to help us all become acquainted.

In our Sabbath morning service, November 10, a beautiful oil painting of the River Jordan, done by Mrs. James G. Munro, a member of our church, was dedicated as a memorial to Deacon James Jeffrey and Mrs. Issac Scriven. This painting was placed over the baptistry to help us realize the precious privilege we have of baptism in Christ (Matt. 3: 14-17). — Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Polan were greeted by a congregation of fifty-four on the beautiful Sabbath morning of November 10. Rev. William McCall, who has supplied the pulpit during the summer months, took part in the worship service and gave a few words of welcome to Pastor Polan, who will serve as our pastor for several months during the winter season.

A report of our General Conference was given by Mr. and Mrs. Polan and Mrs. Myrta Randolph, after a pot-luck dinner in the social hall. We missed the presence of several who have faithfully attended the services in the past but are unable to meet with us now because of illness.

We are glad to have several of our northern friends with us, and are looking forward to the return of others who are

planning to journey South. It can truly be said that in the Daytona Beach Church one can worship in friendly fellowship. — Correspondent.

NEW ORLEANS, LA. — The Metairie group of the Hammond Church has formed a fellowship known as the New Orleans Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship. Fred Cox, and wife, and two small daughters have come to us from Homer, Mich., and he will be our minister. Until a place of worship can be located and purchased we are meeting at 524 Carrollton Ave., Metairie, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

The officers elected are as follows: pastor, Fred Cox; moderator, Austa Coalwell; treasurer, Purcel Coalwell; secretary, Persus DeLand; chorister, Earl DeLand; organist, Marguerite Cox. Purcel Coalwell, a deacon of the Hammond Church, will act in that capacity here.

Plans have been made for the two groups to unite on Sabbath afternoon every three months for worship and fellowship and also to exchange pastors occasionally.

The young people are taking charge of the Sabbath School program.

— Mrs. H. E. DeLand.

NEW AUBURN, WIS. — It is time we let our friends know about the progress we are making in our church building project. We are now enclosing the building. The roof is ready for the roofing and the sheathing is about half on, ready for the siding. We want to get it enclosed so we can have a fire and work inside during the winter. In the meantime our services are being held in the United Brethren Church. These folks and ours have been very co-operative over the years.

Some friends send money but do not write whether the money is to be used for church expenses or for the building fund. Mrs. C. B. Loofbourrow is treasurer for the building fund (address New Auburn). She will be pleased to receive monies for the building fund, as will all of us.

We are proud of our project so far. We think we are going to have something nice, even though it is considerable for so few of us to undertake. Dr. Wayne



# The Sabbath Recorder

R. Rood made the plans for us and also a scale model of the church-to-be.

The stonework looks nice but probably can't be pointed up until next spring (our first snowstorm is today, November 15). We were fortunate to have considerable help from Jess Babcock of Milton Junction, Wis., in laying blocks for our foundation. Crews from Dodge Center, Minn., came and helped two Sundays. Rev. David Clarke and some of his boys from Boulder helped a few days, and other friends and members have donated more than 2,700 hours of labor. As to money, one friend sent us his entire vacation pay. A woman sent us \$5 saved out of her \$9 per month personal allowance. We neither solicit nor expect such sacrifice but how we do appreciate the spirit that prompted the givers. These donations are built into the sandstone walls indicating their permanence and value.

So many have expressed verbally or by letter an interest in our enterprise. We hope all our friends can visit and worship with us sometime. A continued and prayerful interest is anticipated. Thanks to all of you. — Correspondent.

## Births

Goodrich. — A son, George Lawrence, was born on November 12, 1956, to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Goodrich of North Loup, Neb.

Thorngate. — A son, Danna Lee, to Gordon and Jeannette Thorngate, of Arvada, Colo., July 10, 1956.

## Marriages

Maxson - Weaver. — Mrs. Ann Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Newman of Cotesfield, Neb., and Roy Maxson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Maxson of North Loup, Neb., were married in Trinity Church (Methodist) at Council Bluffs, Oct. 6, 1956. Mr. Maxson is employed in North Loup, the home will be at Cotesfield.

## Obituaries

Henry. — Philip, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry, was born Oct. 11, 1930, at Glendale, Calif., and died in a military plane collision near Pasadena, Calif., Sept. 4, 1956.

He accepted the Lord at a very early age in his home in the experience of Family Worship and later joined the Riverside Seventh

Day Baptist Church. Most of his young life was spent at Fontana, Calif. "Ye Are the Light of the World" seemed the text of his life as expressed through a radiant countenance, a permeating love for others, and many a jubilant testimony for the Lord.

At the time of his death after being on active duty twice, he was a first lieutenant and pilot in the Air Force National Guard.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry; 5 brothers: Robert, Paul, and Daniel of Fontana; Donald of Helendale, David of San Bernardino, all in California; and one sister, Mrs. Nelson (Patricia) Keyser, also of Fontana.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Alton L. Wheeler, and interment was at the Olivewood Cemetery at Riverside.

A. L. W.

Randolph. — Ruth Brown, daughter of Christian and Effie Williams Brown, was born at Utica, N. Y., April 4, 1895, and died at Physicians Hospital, Plattsburg, N. Y., Sept. 9, 1956.

She joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Y., in 1914. She was united in marriage with Winfield W. F. Randolph August 28, 1917. Mrs. Randolph taught in the Keeseville, N. Y., High School for twenty-four years, having begun her service when her husband became principal of Keeseville Schools in 1927.

Survivors include her husband; a son, Dr. Winfield L. F., of Alfred; three grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. James Lawless of Utica; two brothers, Leroy and Lewis Brown of Utica.

Memorial services were conducted at Keeseville, September 11 and from the First Alfred Church in Alfred the next day with her pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating at both services. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

H. S. W.

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## CHRIST IN LIFE

Shall we keep our Saviour always in the mangers  
 When He wills we should not stay all wandering strangers  
 To the power in living human souls' salvation,  
 Wrought for salvage mid the wonders of creation?  
 Radiance is gleaming as a guide to travel  
 Through His open door, designed to help unravel  
 Problems deep and mysteries of rare sights that glisten  
 To the eyes that see and ears that listen,  
 While His Voice is gently calling, aim for winning  
 In the stress and strain of life's exalted inning.  
 Riding o'er the waves of waters deep and raging,  
 Climbing mounts of courage for the contests waging,  
 This is life that grows to worthwhile living,  
 Takes each willing gift and blesses all the giving.

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