

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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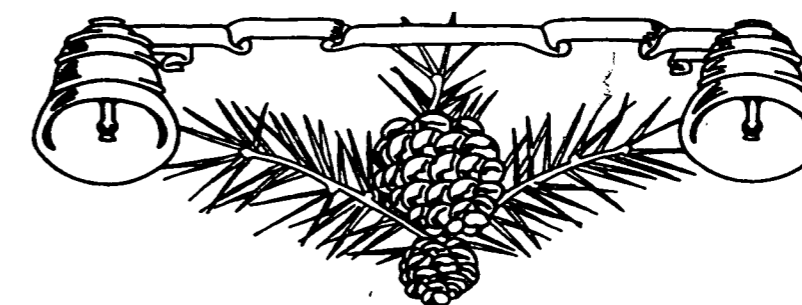
(Formerly Pomona Park, Florida)

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.

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.

LOIS F. POWELL.



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Before It Is Too Late

To borrow a phrase from an automobile manufacturer, "Suddenly it is 1960." When we contemplate what we have failed to accomplish in the work of the Lord we are glad it is not 1960 or 1957. But we are aware that suddenly it is Christmas. By the time this magazine is printed many of the Christmas musical programs will already have been presented to the public. But Sabbath programs and family gatherings are still in the future.

Before it is too late, before we complete our shopping for gifts to be exchanged with loved ones and friends let us stop and think. How large a place are we making in our Christmas plans for the One whose birthday we celebrate and who gave us the supreme example of giving? It would be a shame and a blot on our good name if we should impoverish ourselves to give beyond our means to our friends and should find little or nothing left to give to the cause of Christ. If this is a time when we expect to make sacrifices to add to the abundance of relatives and acquaintances how much more should we give to the Gospel-needy in the name of Christ?

In our community on the first weekend after Thanksgiving and on the first Sunday of December, shopping centers were crowded with thousands of family groups buying presents. It was amazing. We wondered how many of them really understood the significance of Bethlehem and Calvary? How many shoppers squandering ten-dollar bills on passing toys would begrudge even an extra dollar or two to the cause of missions?

If Jesus ever contemplated this gaudy celebration of His birth (which we doubt) He probably would have condemned it. As it was, He had much to say about putting first things first. Thus we read in Luke 11: 13, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" In all our talk about the "spirit of Christmas" let us make sure that the Holy Spirit has entered our hearts and motivates our giving.

Jesus again said, "Not as the world giveth, give I unto you" (John 14: 27). The Apostle Paul states it beautifully thus: "Wherefore he saith, When he

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ascended up on high, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men" (Eph. 4: 8).

Before it is too late in this Christmas season let us remember how God gave, how Christ gave, how the Holy Spirit gives, and then make a place in the season's budget for some larger benevolences in the name of our Lord. It may mean smaller or fewer gay-colored boxes around our Christmas trees but all will be the happier for it. This is the time above all times when we should think about right percentages in our expenditures.

"Aspirin of the Soul"

We are told that millions of American people are coming to depend not on sleeping pills but on so-called "Happy Pills" which are used to tranquilize folks when they are high-strung, nervous, or excitable. One psychiatrist says such people think they have found in these pills "an aspirin for the soul." Doctors are writing prescriptions for them at the rate of one every second, we are told.

Peace of mind gained from tranquilizing drugs is as far removed from that which comes from faith in Christ as the recently achieved Communist freedom in Poland is from the democracy of the West. Gomulka's Communism is somewhat better than the ruthless dictatorship of the Soviet, but it is no freedom.

Some thoughtful Christians have expressed grave concern over the inadequacy of the emphasis on "peace of mind" which emanates from some of the most prominent pulpits of our land. They fear that it is being stressed so much that the saving and keeping power of Christ is lost sight of. Human-level peace of mind is like the sacrifices mentioned in Hebrews which had to be offered again and again and could never make the "comers thereto perfect." The peace of mind which will continue and transcend death itself is that in which the mind, heart, and soul are cleansed from sin by the once-for-all sacrifice. We read, "For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified" (Heb. 10: 14).

Autosuggestion cannot remove the cause of mental unrest. Human counseling fails to rid one of sin or to bring any lasting peace of mind. Anything

MEMORY TEXT

Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant." Philipians 2: 5a — 7a.

less than soul healing can be matched sooner or later by the discovery of new drugs. If people get no more than man-to-man relief from the tensions of life by going to church or to the pastor's study they may well find it easier to take a pill at home.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14: 27).

Representing Our Church at Nation-Wide Gatherings

A number of interchurch meetings have been held recently in various parts of the country at which Seventh Day Baptists have been officially represented by several of our leaders.

Last week's issue tells of Rev. Rex Zwiebel, executive secretary of our Board of Christian Education, and Rev. Paul Maxson attending the Character Research Project meetings at Schenectady, N. Y., on November 12. Next week Secretary Zwiebel will tell of the meeting of denominational executives of Christian Education sponsored by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches which convened at Columbus, Ohio, November 19 and 20.

A future issue will report impressions of Missionary Secretary Everett T. Harris after attending the five-day annual assembly of the Division of Foreign Missions of the N.C.C. at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., November 26-30. The meetings are held in the same place each year, and Secretary Harris always plans to attend. On some occasions other members of the Missionary Board have also been present.

Frank Kellogg of New Market, N. J., who has been appointed by our General Conference to membership on the Advisory Council of the American Bible Society, was not able to attend the annual

two-day meeting of that rather large body this year. He asked your editor, the secretary of the Tract Board, to take his place at the Bible House in New York City Tuesday, November 27.

When the Joint Department of Evangelism of the N.C.C. held its fall meeting in New York Wednesday, November 28, Secretary Harris was not able to be present. Again Secretary Maltby, being near at hand, represented Seventh Day Baptists.

Word comes from Riverside, Calif., that Rev. Alton Wheeler was planning to represent our people at the General Board meeting of the N.C.C. on December 4 and 5. It is the first time this policy-making board has met on the West Coast. Mr. Wheeler is our duly appointed alternate representative for the current year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Conference Theme

Attention is called to the special Christmas message of our Conference president, "I Love You, Father" and to the theme picture on the back cover. This is the first printing of the theme picture which will be used later on a number of other publications. The drawing is the work of Richard Batchelder, a Salem College student preparing for the ministry, who has succeeded well in his graphic emphasis of the theme: "Pray without ceasing — Abound to every good work."

Hungarian Refugees

It appears to the editor that for the time being at least the Hungarian refugees arriving at our neighboring city of New Brunswick, N. J. (Camp Kilmer is in the outskirts on the Plainfield side), are more than amply provided for. What the situation is in Austria may be another matter, but many international relief agencies are working on that. Our own obligation is no greater than that of millions of others. We would be making a mistake to divert much of our denominational benevolence to such a well-supported cause.

From information just received through inter-church sources we get an estimate of the religious affiliation of those who so far have escaped from Hungary to

Austria. Roughly two thirds of them are Roman Catholic and one third Protestant with "quite a number" of Jewish personnel among them. The majority of the Protestants are of the Reformed Church with Lutherans, Baptists, and Methodists in lesser numbers.

We printed recently the appeal of Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, president of NCC, to the foreign secretary of the Russian Orthodox Church — an appeal for that church to take a stand against the violence in Hungary. The reply was rather brief. It said, in essence, that the Russian Orthodox Church is opposed to "aggression" in the Middle East and is participating with the Soviet Government in sending "material aid" to "those who suffer in Hungary." The reply was felt to fall somewhat short of recognizing the Christian obligation involved in regard to Hungary.

Appreciates Our Sabbath Position

The minister from Pomona, Calif., who wrote the article, "Death of Modesty," referred to in our issue of November 19 has since written some interesting comments about the Sabbath and tithing and has asked for more information about the history of Seventh Day Baptists. Part of his letter is quoted here with his permission.

"I have a great deal of respect for your denomination as for other small ones which place principle above popularity. I was glad to receive the tract you sent and shall read it as soon as I get time. I realize that there are strong arguments for your position.

"The larger bodies of Protestantism have, to my observation, practically ceased to hallow either the seventh or the first day, outside of church services. I hear a great deal about giving the Lord the one tenth the Old Testament commands, but **nothing** about giving the Lord one seventh (of time) on any grounds. The one tenth is stressed because its observance brings in the money to support the church and its projects. The Lord Himself can collect the one seventh due Him, if He is able. The rank and file of a congregation do not observe anything the preacher does not think it worth while to emphasize."

President's Column

I Love You, Father

It is getting that time of the year when children say, "I love you, Daddy," and then hesitate a bit to notice the reaction. We often reply that love can be demonstrated better by the way one acts than by a statement.

I can recall saying to my older son on one occasion that I believed Santa would bring him nothing but a lump of coal. This did not require much thought as my father once told me to expect only a corn cob in my Christmas stocking.

Our theme of the year is based entirely on prayer. I wonder if our Heavenly Father replies to us on occasions, in effect, "Your actions speak so loud that I cannot hear a word that you say." Let us not be hypocrites in our prayers.

Sabbath Candles

The lighting of candles at the beginning of the Sabbath has been started in many of our homes. Letters received speak of many pleasant reactions, and the response is good. We hope that more of our Seventh Day Baptist homes will join us in a world-wide band in special prayers on Sabbath eve. Homes in which children have a part in the lighting of the candles seem to receive the greater blessing.

Our children often do some real thinking. One parent informs me that his daughter stated at the table following the lighting of the candles and special prayers for our denominational workers and agencies, "Daddy, can't we do more than just pray for them?" She truly felt as the writer James when he stated, "Faith without works is dead, standing alone."

Coin Banks

Could we this year between Christmas and Easter dedicate a special container in our home in which to place our dimes or dollars to help "Our World Mission"? If the coins are not deposited in this bank on Sabbath eve, the family might decide how much of a special love offering, or sacrifice offering they would put in at a later time.

Would pastors in our churches consider presenting this to the people after Christ-

mas? It is not meant to compete with present budgets or pledges, but only as a sacrifice offering following our special praying for "Our World Mission." Let us remember at this Christmas season "For God so loved the world that he gave. . . ."

Former Missionaries Visit U. S. Churches

Those who have followed with keen interest the educational missionary work of Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond while they were in Jamaica may be interested in some news about them in a letter recently received.

The Bonds are making their way, by stages, across the country to Arizona for the winter months and, as he expresses it, "possibly to find a fountain of youth."

Spending a weekend in Chicago they told the story of Jamaica to the church there which so consistently supported for a number of years the Albion Mountain Church on the island.

While visiting a son in Lafayette, Ind., they contacted some of the members of the little church of Indianapolis and made a trip to that city to see the church building which is now being used by another group. Dr. Bond commented on the situation in words which we quote:

"We were impressed with the little church but felt badly that a group of people convicted of the Sabbath truth were so divergent in religious background that the problem was so great and their Christian experience so limited that without well-balanced leadership they could not humble themselves and co-ordinate their energy."

It will be recalled that this little church was raised up a few years ago through much personal effort on the part of some. Various other reasons than those suggested so graphically by Dr. Bond contributed to the discontinuance of services. The staunch devotion of a small number appears to have been not enough to tide over the instability of some upon whom the group had depended.

Further word may be expected from the Bonds as they meet with a few other churches and the lone Sabbathkeepers of our sparsely churchd Southwestern Association.

Secretary's Column

Giving — For What?

Do you find the international news in our papers and over the radio and TV disturbing? What about matters in your own community? And even in your own church? Certainly all is not as it should be.

It would seem that there must be some changes. We as Christians have faith to believe, I am sure, that the Spirit of Christ is needed in the lives of individuals the world over in order to effect the changes that are necessary. Surely His Spirit needs to enter more fully into the lives of some of us who call ourselves Christians — perhaps we have accepted Him as our Savior but not as our Lord to the extent that His love rules our spirits in all matters.

As we approach this Christmas season, when our attention is being brought to the fact that God gave us His only Son, may we thoughtfully consider what we are giving to the end that Christ may more fully enter our own and other lives? By "giving" I am thinking not only of money, which of course is important, but I am thinking of time — for loving service to family, friends, church; in order to work with young people; perhaps time for sympathetic friendliness with someone who doesn't have many friends. Are we willing to give over a part of our thinking to the contemplation of God's Word and to give over our minds to His leading?

Christmas is a time of giving gifts, and rightly so. Of what real worth are the gifts we give? The purpose of God's gift to us was to make it possible for each of us to know Him better so that our lives would be richer and fuller spiritually and so that we might have eternal life in spite of our mistakes. **What gifts are we giving and for what purpose?**

Have we given any thought as to whether our churches are giving what they should be giving to the people that they should be helping?

Members of your Commission will soon be meeting to consider denominational matters. In their report to Conference a plan containing "seven steps for growth"

was suggested. At this coming meeting, among other things, consideration is to be given to material prepared by the Planning Committee containing suggestions for putting into action these seven steps. Participation in carrying out any part or all of this completed plan of action should result in the spiritual quickening of each participant. It is hoped that this material may be printed in booklet form to be available to groups and individuals for their use in forwarding a united program of growth and development.

Would each of you earnestly pray that God's Spirit will direct in the preparation of this booklet so that the end result will be of value in uniting our efforts as a people, to the giving of ourselves, so that individuals near us and also many far away may come to know Christ as their Savior and Lord.

Doris H. Fetherston.

Do the Most Good — Give Now!

Rita Anthony, in Tom Breneman's Magazine, gives this pointed illustration on giving: A rich man said to his pastor, "Why do people criticize me for being miserly, when they know I have made provision to leave everything I possess to charity when I die?"

"Let me tell you a story," the minister replied.

"A pig was always lamenting his lack of popularity. He complained to the cow that people were always talking about the cow's gentleness and kind eyes. He admitted that the cow gave milk and cream, but that pigs eventually gave bacon, ham, and bristles and that people even pickled their feet. He demanded the reason for such lack of appreciation. The cow thought a while and said, 'Maybe it's because I give while I'm still living.'"

Support of the church and our denominational mission is always an immediate need. In order for both to live — NOW is the time to give. — The Inspirer, Richburg and Nile, N. Y.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 22, 1956

The Word Became Flesh

Lesson Scripture: John 1: 1-18.

New Friends in Australia

(Another tract distribution story)

From the land "down under," Australia, comes another challenging story of tract distribution and correspondence about Sabbathkeeping. A few years ago Rev. Emmett Bottoms was able to visit some of the lone Sabbathkeepers and groups in this faraway subcontinent where as yet Seventh Day Baptists do not have organized churches.

In May of this year one of our ministers received a letter of inquiry from one Arthur Mayer of Walsend, N. S. W., Australia (pop. 15,000). He forwarded the letter to the Tract Society at Plainfield for appropriate response with literature. Long letters have been flying back and forth, letters of information and encouragement and comments on the literature which finally reached him. (We had to pay double air mail postage on one letter but were happy for the intimate picture it gave of his growing experience with Christ.)

We are now well acquainted with this 39-year-old man and his family of two children. Some of his friends are now writing to us also. He has been put in touch with ministers in New Zealand and other lone Sabbathkeepers in his own country through the close co-operation of the Missionary Board secretary and the use of his mailing lists.

Upon advice from our office Mr. Mayer was baptized on August 19 by a friendly Baptist minister. Having made this outward profession of faith and having declared publicly his desire to follow the teaching and example of Christ in regard to keeping the Sabbath, he has entered enthusiastically into the spreading of these Christian doctrines through personal contacts and the use of the printed page. Small meetings for fellowship are held upon occasion in his home. He would like to become trained as a minister if he could see his way clear financially to do so.

Enthusiasm is a great asset in spreading truth but it is not enough. Like other tract distributors Arthur Mayer in Australia meets some hostile winds. In a November letter we read, "It is sure hard to convince folks that the seventh day

is the Sabbath. Some folks have told me that they believe in the seventh day but it just doesn't suit them. Still, I believe nothing is obtained without strain — Jesus Christ made Calvary. He is my Savior and with Him always alongside of me how can I lose? I'll go on spreading the truth of the Gospel even if I'm left by myself."

Theological Fellowship Program

American Association of
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This two-year-old program is designed to discover new, quality talent for the Christian ministry from among outstanding men and women who are undecided about their choice of career.

Approximately fifty fellowships are awarded each year to graduates of accredited colleges and universities. These fellowships are awarded to both men and women, married or single, who are not presently planning on seminary or graduate theological study, but who would like to consider the ordained ministry in any of its recognized categories, especially the parish ministry.

The fellowship awards cover tuition, room, board, fees, and other necessary expenditures. The award is for one year only. It is made on the basis of a "trial" year during which the Fellow seeks to determine whether or not the ministry should be his or her lifetime vocation.

Those so far awarded fellowships represent eighteen denominations. Twenty-three seminaries have Fellows enrolled. Fellows may attend any accredited theological seminary in the United States and Canada.

Fourteen of the Fellows have done graduate work. Seventeen were engaged in business, teaching, the military, or other careers at the time of their appointment.

To enter the competition for the 1957-58 seminary school year, secure nomination by a clergyman or college faculty member by letter to the Executive Director at the above address before December 20, 1956. For further information also write to the above address.

Freedom of Religion

Condensation of a radio message by Rev. Peter Eldersveld on *The Back to God Hour* (Mutual Network) sponsored by The Christian Reformed Church.

Text: "Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us" (Luke 9: 49).

If the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches has its way, this program will soon be off the air. And so will many others; in fact, most of those that present the old Gospel of salvation by grace [on paid time] will then go off the air, including those that have become so well known over the years, with millions of listeners all over the United States and Canada.

You see, this Commission of the National Council of Churches has served notice on all radio and television stations and networks in this country that it is strongly opposed to the sale of broadcasting time for any religious programs whatsoever, and it is doing everything within its power to prevent them from selling time to those who sponsor and pay for such programs. Its official policy is that the stations and networks should give free time to the organized bodies that represent the three major faith groups, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish.

All facilities of radio and television would then be closed to anyone who wanted to buy time on them for bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Why This Attitude?

Now it is only fair to say that one of the reasons for this strange attitude on the part of the National Council leaders is indeed a good one. Among other things, they are trying to combat the evil of religious racketeering in radio and television. Some of the broadcasters who buy time for religious programs have abused the privilege. They have made a profitable business out of pleading for gifts to help pay the cost of broadcasting, and they exploit their unsuspecting listeners with all manner of dubious devices which are designed to bring in lots of money, much more than they actually need. *Time* magazine recently called them "religious hucksters" who "peddle their pietism" by "passing the plate" over the air. Nothing could be more disgrace-

ful to the cause of Christianity, and more dangerous to its future in radio and television. Something should be done to stop it.

However, that does not justify the high-handed policy of the National Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission. It may be true that there would be no such racketeers if there were no broadcasting time for sale to religious groups, but neither would there be any real freedom of religion any more in the radio and television world. The fact that some abuse the privilege of buying time for broadcasting the Gospel is no reason for denying the privilege to others who are using it honorably to the glory of God and the salvation of men. One finds it hard to believe that a church group would actually advocate anything like that. This is a plain case of discrimination against religious minorities — and, if you please, by the same religious leaders who have so much to say about other kinds of discrimination, such as that between races. To say the least, they are awkwardly inconsistent.

What Would Be the Result?

One cannot help wondering whether the National Council is actually willing to back up its agency and to accept the responsibility for what would happen. Does it realize how many of the most reputable and most popular religious broadcasts would become the innocent victims of this purge? Some of them are the oldest programs on the air, with a record of Christian service second to none. Many of them have won high praise from experts in the field of broadcasting. Moreover, they have a long and distinguished record for proclaiming the great fundamentals of our Christian heritage as they are taught in the time-honored creeds of our churches, such as the virgin birth of Christ, His deity, His vicarious death for sinners, His physical resurrection, His second coming at the end of time.

These broadcasts have indeed left their mark upon the public mind. They have been used of God to lead men to eternal salvation in Christ and to let the light of Christian truth shine upon all areas of life.

Has the Film Commission leadership considered what this policy would mean for the cause of the Christian Gospel, and how it would look to all the millions of people who listen to these programs, and pray for them, and pay for them, because they want to hear — and want others to hear — "the old, old story of Jesus and His love" [as presented on their favorite programs]?

Well, only one of the four major networks in this country is now following this policy of refusing to sell time for religious programs. The others have rejected it. And we are deeply grateful for that. But they are being subjected to powerful pressure! And not only they, but the individual stations on the local level are feeling it too.

So, you see, the problem of religious freedom in radio and television is a serious one, and especially because it arises primarily from the influence of church leaders themselves, not from forces outside the churches. Does that mean that religion itself is violating the freedom of religion? It seems almost incredible, doesn't it?

Forbidding to Cast Out Demons

This whole problem recalls the incident recorded in Luke 9: 49-50: "And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us. And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us."

Today there are religious forces that would virtually forbid others to cast out devils in Jesus' name because they do not follow the majority. They would deny them the right to use the radio and television facilities in this country. Meanwhile, people are suffering with devils, which have to be cast out. And, oddly enough, the minority has often been more successful at that than the majority.

John told Him he had forbidden someone to cast out devils in His name because

the man was not of their group. He had forbidden him to do something which the disciples themselves could not do. Maybe that was the motivation behind it. They were all jealous of someone else's power. And jealousy breeds bigotry and tyranny, particularly in the realm of religion. Is that perhaps also the motivation today for suppressing the religious minorities which do not follow the majority? Do they have a spiritual power in their presentation of the Gospel which the majority does not have? If so, then suppression will never stop them. For Jesus will always be on the side of those who are really trying to cast out the demons of modern civilization in His name!

Freedom of Religion a Product of the Reformation

We owe all our freedoms to the liberating power of historic Reformation Christianity, and particularly the freedom of religion. You would expect all Protestants to be the strongest defenders of it, to be more concerned than anyone else about the rights of religious minorities. But evidently many of them have forgotten what their spiritual forefathers had to suffer because they were in the minority in their day.

When you count all the privileges which you enjoy in a free nation, and especially the privilege of religious freedom, stop to think for a moment about the high price that was paid by the people of the Reformation to give you these great privileges. And then ask yourself: How much of their faith do I have? Would I be willing to pay the same price today? Or don't I have the kind of faith that moves men to pay that price for liberty? All of us who have received the heritage of the Reformation ought to consider more seriously than ever before that we cannot keep it unless we have the faith that produced it. Our greatest peril today is not the threat of Communism, but rather the tragic departure from the kind of Christian faith that gave birth to our freedoms. We cannot defeat Communism, no matter how strong we are in military resources, unless we have the spiritual resources of historic Christianity as it was expressed in the Reformation.

KENNEDY SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

By Dr. Victor H. Burdick

Kennedy School of Missions is one of four divisions of Hartford Seminary Foundation. The School of Theology was first founded in 1834; a School of Religious Education was added in 1885; the Kennedy School of Missions, in 1911; the Institute of Church Social Service, in 1950. Congregational churches founded each of the schools, and provide most of the funds for their maintenance.

The present residential campus of several acres was secured in 1927, and the buildings, all of Neo-Gothic architecture, have been erected since then. There are five units for administrative offices, classrooms, and library; one dormitory for single men and couples; one dormitory for single women; apartment buildings for student families and faculty. A central dining room is available for students and faculty. Meals are served to tables of eight to ten, family style. Total expenses per student per semester are about \$400, which is about one-third of the cost per student to the Foundation.

Total enrollment of all four schools is 245, with 160 men and 85 women. The enrollment in Kennedy School of Missions averages 100. This year there are 82 — 43 men, 39 women. Twenty are returned missionaries on furlough, 62 are missionaries-elect. Areas to which they are going include: Latin America, American Indian reservations, Japan, New Guinea, Malaya, India, Pakistan, Arabia, Ethiopia, Belgian Congo, Nigeria, Gold Coast, Union of South Africa, Southern Rhodesia, and Nyasaland.

The courses offered in the School of Missions are general and regional. General courses include: Anthropology, Practice of Missions, Introductory Linguistics, Literacy Education, and Tropical Hygiene. (Literacy Education is the study of currently used methods most efficient for teaching adults to read, such as the method of Frank Laubach.) Regional

Bracing weather. — A term perhaps originating in the barrel-stave support that mother used to bind on father's back to keep him erect after his bout with the snow shovel.

courses include: culture, language, missionary problems of Africa, East Asia, India, Latin America, and Mohammedan lands. Regional courses of special value to the student preparing for mission work in Africa are: African Culture and Current Missionary Problems in Africa. Chinyanja, the language of Nyasaland, is not taught, but courses in Introductory Linguistics and African Linguistics give a good foundation for learning any African language more quickly.

Most of the professors have had missionary experience and some take frequent leaves of absence for further foreign field experience.

Evangelist Oral Roberts

In Milwaukee more than four thousand persons came forward in the five services to make their start as a Christian, and total for the four auditorium meetings ran well above 13,000 conversions. A special program of convert follow-up has been set up at each campaign to bring each person making a decision into touch with the local churches sponsoring the Roberts Campaign. A personal letter, plus a free Bible study and Christian life correspondence course is also sent to each convert.

Oral Roberts' special emphasis on the winning of souls is a part of the great program of the Tulsa evangelist to win one million souls to Christ in 1956.

Approximately 325 employees are working in Tulsa at the Oral Roberts International Headquarters, where the evangelistic program of Mr. Roberts is centered.

During the past seven years — from 1949 to 1955 inclusive — the Methodist Church has been keeping record of all members received from other denominations, and of all our members who have been removed to other denominations.

The Methodist Church gains more every year from other denominations than it loses to other denominations. I mean, of course, more because the quality always depends upon the individual member. — Dr. M. E. Lazenby in *Alabama Christian Advocate*.

Teen Talk

Pole-Vaulting Preacher

We probably cannot tell you anything you do not already know — if you are interested in sports — about Rev. Bob Richards, the world's greatest pole vaulter of all time. The reason we mention him again is that the 1956 Olympic games were recently held in Melbourne, Australia. There, once more, this stocky, muscular young minister from LaVern, Calif., broke another Olympic record, clearing the bar at 14 feet 11½ inches. In all previous Olympics, except Helsinki in 1952, anything above 14 feet 3½ inches would have brought a gold medal. Inch by inch the last three contestants (all from California) moved up toward elimination or the gold medal.

Was there anything about Rev. Bob Richards that gave him an advantage? I think there was, but I don't think it was the title of "Rev." in front of his name. That didn't hinder him from being a champion athlete, and it is something to remember when you are considering full-time service for the Lord. What helped him was not his preacher's title but his Christian experience and his deep trust in Christ.

The sports writer in the New York Times in a picture article five columns wide had this to say:

"Although it was a gusty and a cold day — the kind of day pole vaulters dread — Richards was in wonderful form. Under the strain of the most intense competition Richards remained unperturbed. He didn't miss a jump until the bar had reached the 14 feet 11½ inches."

Being a sincere Christian doesn't make everyone a prizewinner either on the race track or in the church rostrum but it does, as this sports writer hints, keep the runner from being perturbed. It makes the athlete remember to keep his body unpolluted and his mind on higher things. Therefore on the great day of the game he is able to put forth the very best that is in him by the gift of God and by dint of constant training.

Olympic games are older than the New Testament. The Bible is not silent about

physical strength and endurance. It uses these contests to teach spiritual lessons as valuable for young people of today as for those of long ago. The Apostle Paul writing to people in Corinth (in the land of the Olympics) wrote about preaching the Gospel in these words:

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain."

THOUGHTS FOR YOUTH

Growth of Character

By Lyle Crandall

[Lyle Crandall, now active in the Los Angeles Church, was for many years a regular contributor to the youth page of the Recorder. He has submitted the following for the consideration of the present generation of youth.]

Character is a growth from within, and no traits of character come from the outside; they must come from inner desire and effort. Every person has within him a desire to do right or to do wrong. His character depends upon which desire controls his life.

There are certain factors which affect the growth of character. I think it is true that we can almost judge a person's character by the kind of books he reads. A careless, frivolous person will read books which are not entirely uplifting, while the Christian will read the other type of books. Books certainly affect character, and it is very essential that young people be influenced to read the best books.

Habits also affect character. Evil habits drag a person down, while good habits lift him up to higher planes of living. We often see people whose lives are controlled by evil habits which are dragging them down, and they are discouraged, thinking nobody cares for them. Let us speak the kind word, let us give them a kind smile, showing them that Jesus cares for them. Let us help such people to overcome their evil habits, and form good characters.

"Reputation can be destroyed by slander, but not character."

The Law is a Gospel prefigured, and the Gospel is a Law consummated. — Bishop Hall.

OTHER FOLDS AND FIELDS

During the three-day meeting of the fourteenth National Convocation on the Church in Town and Country held in St. Louis recently some astonishing statistics on rural church life in Missouri were brought to light by Dr. Lawrence M. Hepple, rural sociologist of the University of Missouri.

He stated that three fourths of Missouri's rural population fails to show up at church on an average Sunday and that less than 20 per cent of the children attend Sunday School. He found that the small "sect-type" churches draw larger numbers than the "church-type" churches — better than two to one, on the membership count basis. [This terminology is something new to some of us and would possibly bear investigating as to its rightful or wise use. Who determines the type? In any case it is apparent that there must be some hunger of the people that is not fully met by the "church-type" churches.]

Relief For the Hungarians!

A "Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary," a subcommittee of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, was organized on November 10, and officially recognized by the B. W. A. Administrative Committee on November 20.

The headquarters of the new committee is located in the First Baptist Church, Vienna, Austria. The committee will try to serve the needs of Baptists and others of the thousands of Hungarian refugees pouring into Austria. Beds for temporary accommodation are being set up in several centers. Contact has been made with the refugee camps.

The committee in Vienna will gladly channel the gifts of all Baptists who wish to contribute to Hungarian relief. Arrangements are being made to co-operate with the Red Cross and other agencies for the shipping of supplies into Hungary.

Seventh Day Adventist Work

The West Africa Conference of Seventh Day Adventists recently organized all available workers in the Gold Coast for an evangelistic effort. They report that

7,500 people attended their meetings and that 533 "surrendered their hearts to Jesus during this evangelistic drive."

It is interesting to note that this relatively small denomination ranks second among all Protestant churches in the number of foreign missionaries on the field and in the amount of money spent for foreign mission work.

The Malamulo Nyasaland Mission (SD-A) was featured on the Ralph Edwards TV Program, "This Is Your Life," November 27 with a native family from Nyasaland brought to this country by former missionaries for college study. The wife will be studying at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala. Among the many gifts announced on the program was medicine valued at \$6,000 contributed by Squibbs for the Malamulo Hospital.

Presbyterian Missions

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., through its Board of Foreign Missions, has adopted for 1957 the largest budget for its overseas missions of its 120 years of service. Its total budget of \$9,112,398 includes \$3,900,000 for the maintenance of more than 1,000 missionaries and fraternal workers in 36 countries of Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America; \$1,740,000 for property projects; and \$2,077,000 for service projects. The board has also commissioned 50 new missionaries for lifetime service, and 26 others for terms of three years.

Tract Board Meeting at Plainfield Dec. 16

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building Sunday, Dec. 16, at 2 o'clock. Important business calls for as full an attendance of the 30-member board as possible. The publication of the Sabbath Recorder, the printing of the denomination's tracts, the servicing of the churches with audio-visual aids, the promotion of the Sabbath cause, the future of radio work — these and other matters are worthy of the time required in committee work before the meeting and of travel and board meeting time on that day.

Making the Same Mistakes

The Duke of Edinburgh was asked to address the boys of Ipswich School, in England.

He aimed some of his remarks at "those starry-eyed people who imagine that when the next generation takes charge, everything is going to be all right."

"I believe that you will make as big a mess of things as we are making," he told the boys.

"In fact, you are absolutely bound to make mistakes whatever job you do. The only thing I hope is that you will not make the same mistakes as we did. But I expect even that is asking far too much."

In spiritual matters many youngsters are now making the same mistakes that the oldsters have made. For instead of remembering their Creator in the days of their youth, they are putting that vital matter off to the future.

Instead of seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, they are putting first emphasis on material and secular things.

The Duke of Edinburgh is right — for the younger generation, as a whole, is making the same mistakes which were made by the generation living 1,000 years before Christ. This is evident by the warning King Solomon gave in his day.

He said: "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment" (Ecclesiastes 11: 9). — Now.

Give Recorder Subscriptions

You have thought about it. Have you done anything about it yet? You as a loyal reader of this periodical have a circle of friends and acquaintances who would benefit from the warm Christian material on these pages throughout the year. Some of these friends or relatives are strictly your responsibility since they are unknown to others. Why not write them letters today stating that you want them to have the Sabbath Recorder during 1957? A wider circulation for our paper means a wider interest in "Our World Mission."

LET'S THINK IT OVER

Sleeping Giant Awakes

"Great giants are awakening all over the world. Did you read Collier's magazine last week? Chester Bowles tells something about Africa: that great giant is awakening fast. In the next 25 years Africa will speak and every man that lives will hear her voice. Will Africa speak with or against us? Here is the danger of the next two decades. Mr. Bowles makes this one bright picture, however: Thank God the Christian missionary has been to Africa and the leaders now in the revolution in Africa, who are helping Africa awake out of its darkness, are native Christians. That is one great hope." — Rev. Stephen T. Harvin, Jacksonville, Fla., in *Christian Statesman*.

Trying to Wipe Out Slavery — It is hard to realize that many countries still officially recognize slavery. Saudi Arabia, for instance, legalized slavery in 1936. Some 45 countries in the United Nations are trying by UN action to wipe out slavery. They expect to encounter strong opposition from some of the member nations which recognize slavery and slave traffic. Slave hunting still goes on in Equatorial Africa, with pilgrimages to Mecca providing an outlet for the sale of thousands of girls, boys, and older men and women. Oil-rich Sheikhs of the Middle East are inflating the slave market, according to the WAP correspondent in Geneva.

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Rev. Joseph E. Ewad speaking in the interest of Lebanon, the only Near East country that is predominantly Christian, says:

"Those non-Moslem peoples who have the misfortune to be the nearest neighbors of Islam, and who find themselves in the firing-line of the relentless Islamic guerilla — be it in French North Africa, in the Levant, or elsewhere — find little comfort in the talking-spree of big power statesmen, and even less comfort in the tone of certain organs of the Western press which continue wooing and appeasing the Arabs, or more generally the Moslems."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SALEMVILLE, PA. — After a long period of discussion, and a great desire to do so, we now have built a classroom annex to our church building. On the first floor are three rooms with space on the second floor for two more rooms to be finished at a later time. On Sunday, September 16, a group took their lunches and met at the church for a groundbreaking service. In the afternoon while the men worked on the foundation some of the ladies helped the pastor's wife prepare vegetables for canning. A power shovel was engaged to do the work of excavating and a concrete truck to haul the ready-mixed concrete.

Our eighty-year-old head carpenter, W. F. Kagarise, along with Pastor Wheeler have done a large share of the work, some others of the men coming day by day to help. The building is now ready for the painters and plasterers. The other work was donated.

A new garage with concrete floor now houses the pastor's car. Donations of money have been liberal, for which everyone is very thankful.

At the morning service, September 8, three babies were dedicated to the Lord. Kathy Sue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Ebersole; Karen Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fletcher; and Bryan Kerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Kagarise.

The choir has been reorganized and gives us a special selection at each morning worship. Mrs. Jean Laughlin is leader. — Correspondent.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — A kitchen shower was held in the church basement, Sunday afternoon, November 11, by the church women who enjoyed the occasion. Many useful and needed articles were added to the church kitchen. This is one of the activities sponsored by the Guest Meal Committee. This committee was one of many formed this past season during our stewardship campaign. Its main purpose is to make arrangements and prepare a fellowship meal for visitors or members from a distance who haven't plans for their Sabbath noon meal following the church services.

The senior C. E. group entertained the Larkinburg Christian Youth group with a party in the church basement Sabbath

night, November 24. The basement was cleverly decorated with pumpkins and corn shocks, with an orange and brown color scheme. The evening was spent playing games, with Danny Neiman, C. E. president, in charge. After refreshments were served, the party ended with a devotional sing, accompanied by Carol Wheeler. — Correspondent.

FOUKE, ARK. — Recent visitors at the parsonage were Dr. and Mrs. LeRoy DeLand of Battle Creek, Mich., and Mrs. Lela Coalwell of New Orleans.

A welcome to our services is extended to all who are passing through our area. Prayer meeting is held Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., Sabbath School at 10 a.m. on Sabbath with the worship service at 11. The second Sabbath of each month we have joint services with our Texarkana Fellowship.

Extensive addition and repairs to our parsonage have been completed to make it more adequate for our pastor — the "Shepherding Pastor" in the Southwest. These include a new room, 16 x 22 feet, a bathroom, modern built-in cabinets and sink in the kitchen, a new roof, and other minor repairs. The old well was inadequate, so a deep well was drilled and a new pump installed. The cost of these repairs and additions have amounted to \$2,980. All bills are paid up to date. Minor repairs continue to be made from time to time.

Our prayer now is that we may improve and grow even more in our spiritual accomplishments in our Lord's Kingdom. — Correspondent.

EDINBURG, TEXAS — We were happy to have Rev. Marion Van Horn, shepherding pastor of the Southwest Field, with us for services October 22-30. Thirteen outsiders attended some of the services. Our Sabbath School and church group arranged a covered-dish lunch Sabbath day, October 27, after which more adults than usual remained for Christian Endeavor. Following C.E. Mr. Van Horn made tape recordings of several songs by the C.E. Chorus, a trio, and a duet — the first such experience for our young people.

We are inspired to a better work because of Pastor Van Horn's good sermons,

sermonets, and fellowship. Pastor Mitchell had to miss the last two meetings because of illness but he was back in the pulpit Sabbath day, November 3.

We made a limited church canvass in August and September. Since July 27 we have run eleven advertisements totaling 82 inches of space in the Edinburg daily, telling something of our Bible-founded beliefs. We have also improved the church grounds and have done some painting and repairing in the Sabbath School rooms. We are very grateful to Deacon and Mrs. William H. Cockerill who have donated their piano to the church. Up to the present we have had to borrow musical instruments.

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Bird of Dodge Center, who will spend the winter in Edinburg as usual. They both are a help in numerous ways. Mr. Bird teaches "The Bible Class" of adults.

We think that more Seventh Day Baptists should try our Lower Rio Grande Valley with its mild climate and many tourist attractions including Padre Island Beach and Old Mexico. Anyone wishing information about our new and growing winter tourist community may write to the church clerk or to Pastor Mitchell. — Correspondent.

Vocational Committee Announced

Clarence M. Rogers, an attorney in Clarksburg, W. Va., a prominent leader in the Salem Church, and former president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, was named chairman of the Vocational Committee of the Conference with power to select the other members. This committee for a number of years was geographically widespread. During the 1955 year it was centered in New York State with all the members named by the Nominating Committee.

Mr. Rogers has recently submitted the following list of members, all living in West Virginia in the Salem general area: Miss Louise Bond, Lost Creek; Rev. Duane L. Davis, Lost Creek; Harold Davis, R.D. 1, Clarksburg; Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, Salem; K. Duane Hurley, Salem; Gene Kennedy, Lost Creek; Miss Greta Randolph, Salem; Sandford Randolph, Bridgeport.

Marriages

Maxson-Stephan. — George Maxson, Jr., son of Mrs. George Maxson, North Loup, Neb., and Alice Louise Stephan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stephan, were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Nortonville, Kan., Nov. 25, 1956, Rev. Clayton Faubion officiating. They will be at home at North Loup, Neb.

Avery-Horn. — At the Hannibal Methodist Church November 17, 1956, David Avery of Adams Center, N. Y., and Betty Horn of Hannibal, N. Y., were united in marriage by Rev. Oliver Barker, pastor of the Cape Vincent Methodist Church, assisted by Rev. Dean Shaw, pastor of the Hannibal Methodist Church. They are making their home in Adams, N. Y.

Closson-Ebersole. — Paul Closson of Roaring Spring, Pa., and Norma Jean Ebersole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ebersole of Salemville, Pa., were united in marriage May 5, 1956.

Shippy-Robinette. — James Shippy of Everett, Pa., and Barbara Robinette, daughter of Mrs. Mildred Robinette of Bedford, Pa., were united in marriage April 28, 1956.

Obituaries

Allen. — Emily, daughter of Alexander and Abby Jane Allen Burdick, was born on a farm at Five Corners, N. Y., Feb. 23, 1870, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., Oct. 22, 1956.

She joined the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1891, and was one of the oldest members. She was united in marriage with John Elbert Allen Dec. 15, 1891. Mr. Allen died Feb. 5, 1920. Survivors include a sister-in-law, Mrs. Phalla Allen Stillman of Alfred, and quite a number of nephews and nieces who are well known.

Memorial services were conducted at the First Alfred Church, October 25, by her pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. H. S. W.

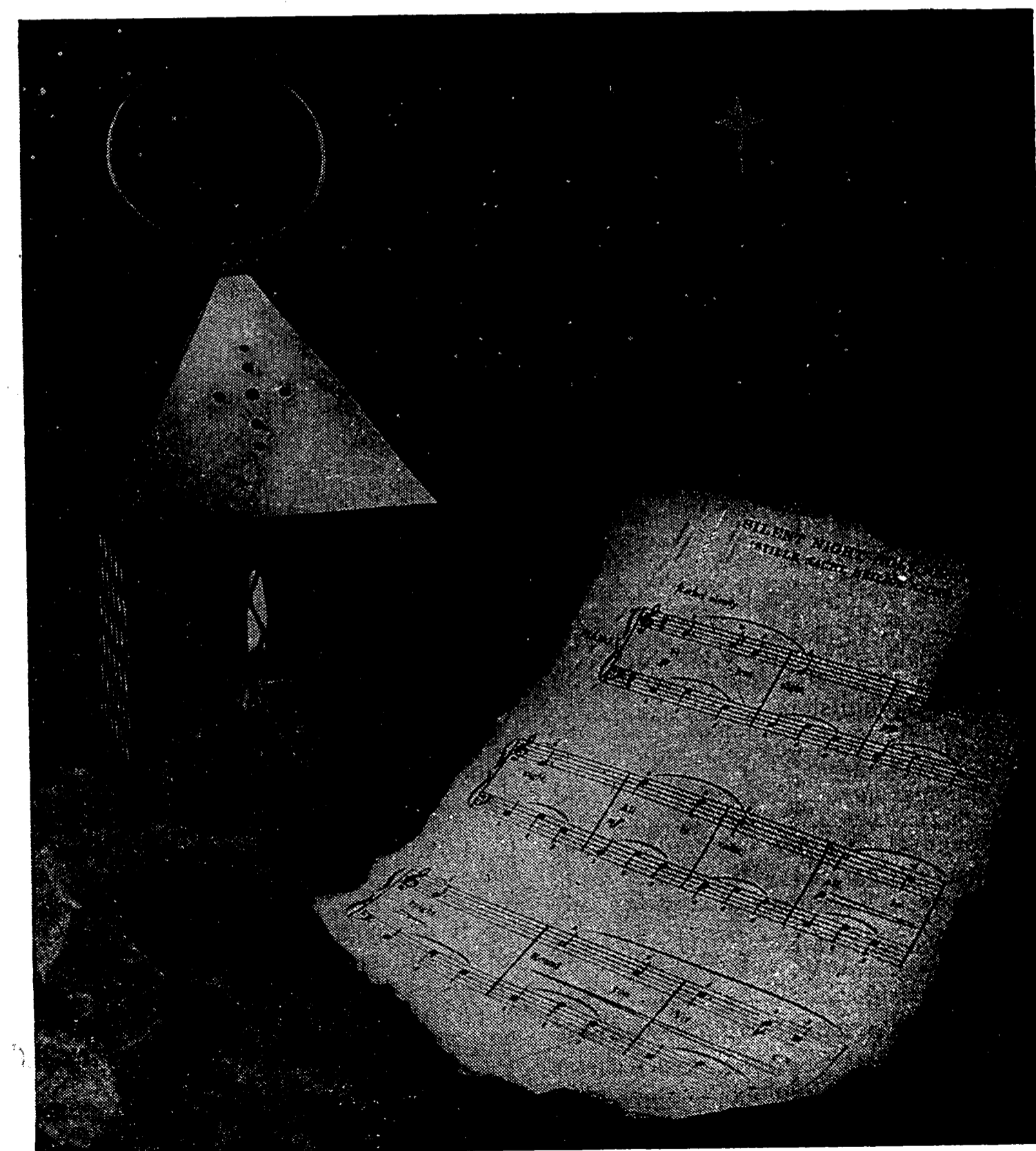
Reffner. — Mrs. Opha, daughter of Charles and Nancy Shriner, was born July 16, 1880, and died Mar. 27, 1956.

She had been a member of the Salemville Seventh Day Baptist Church since girlhood. For a number of years her eyesight grew gradually worse until her last years were spent in total blindness.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Fern Barree, and a son, John, both of Altoona, Pa.; a sister, Mrs. Minnie Wolfe, of Salemville, and a brother, John Shriner, of Roaring Spring, Pa.

Farewell services in charge of Rev. F. R. King were held in the Salemville (Brick) Church, Mar. 30, 1956. — Correspondent.

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An old song, an old lantern bring to mind a story ever new.