

# The Sabbath Recorder

Choir under the direction of Mrs. Orvis Chapman in the Chapman home.

The quarterly Sabbath School business meeting was held in the social room of the church January 12. Church problems were faced in the quarterly church business meeting the following Sunday evening.

A mid-month activity which calls for consecrated effort from many minds and hands was the issuance of the mimeographed church organ, "Chimes." A leadership training school was begun January 29 consisting of two well-attended thirty-minute classes. (Details will be reported on the Christian Education page.) To round out a busy month, the Camp Program Committee met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mynor Soper January 31 to appoint teachers for the 1957 camping season.

**ALFRED STATION, N. Y.** — The Alfred Station parsonage is once more occupied by a pastor and his wife. It has been vacant since July.

J. Paul Green, Jr., and his wife, Denise Kagarise Green, began their ministry February 2 with the regular Sabbath morning worship. Mrs. Green has been our organist for several weeks.

In the evening, the ladies, with Mrs. Clyde Willard as chairman, sponsored a reception in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Green. Some ninety people gathered in the social rooms of the church. The main activities were held in the dining room. After refreshments a program of musical numbers was announced by Mrs. Robert Lewis.

With a few well-chosen words, Mrs. Madge Sutton presented Mr. and Mrs. Green with a guest book containing the names of all present and also a purse of money.

We all know that Pastor Green feels that there are plenty of responsibilities in the Second Alfred community for one with so little experience, but, we are confident, that, with the full co-operation of the church members, his youth will prove no handicap. — Correspondent.

HEBREWS — 16 mimeo studies, 35¢;  
3 for \$1.00; \$3.00 per dozen for classes.  
Osborn, Ashaway, R. I.

## Obituaries

**Bliven.** — Adah L. (Macomber), daughter of Oliver and Harriet A. (Bliven) Macomber, and wife of Leon W. Bliven, was born in Charleston, R. I., July 18, 1872, and died at her home in Haversham, R. I., January 30, 1957.

Mrs. Bliven was a member of the former Seventh Day Baptist Church at Dunn's Corners. She was serving as organist when that church disbanded and never felt the desire to join another.

Her only immediate survivor is her husband.

The funeral was held on Sabbath, February 2, with Rev. Charles H. Bond officiating. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery.

— C. H. B.

**Cockerill.** — Emma Sagar, was born in Bradshire, Eng., Dec. 11, 1874, and died at Edinburg, Tex., Jan. 28, 1957.

As a little girl with her parents she came to this country and settled in New York State. On March 17, 1904, she was married to William H. Cockerill at Grafton, Wis. They moved to the lower Rio Grande Valley in 1927, making their home in Edinburg. They were baptized in 1936 and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving besides her husband are a daughter, Alice Kiland, of Red Lake Falls, Minn.; a son, Edward J., and two grandsons of Rice Lake, Wis.; also one brother and one sister.

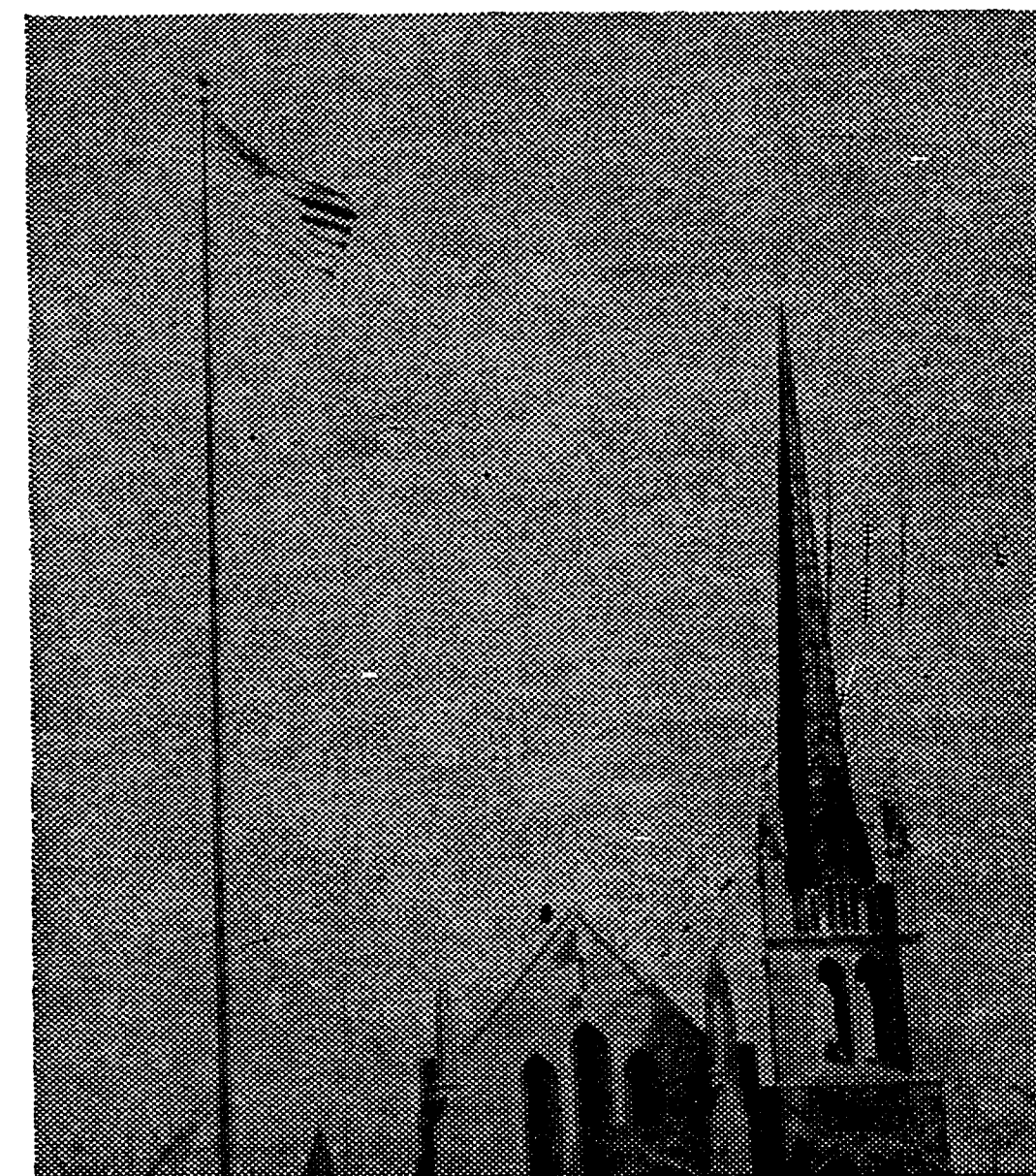
Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, James M. Mitchell. The body was sent to Rice Lake, Wis., for burial. — J. M. M.

**Sanford.** — Edna Burdick, daughter of Alberne and Josephine Dunham Burdick, was born at New Market, N. J., Oct. 20, 1890, and died Jan. 29, 1957, at her home near Little Genesee, N. Y.

Mrs. Sanford was baptized and joined the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church at New Market, N. J. On August 21, 1921, she was married to Mark R. Sanford. They moved to Fouke, Ark., where they served on the staff at the Seventh Day Baptist Mission School for one year. They then moved to Little Genesee where the remainder of her life was spent. Mrs. Sanford became a member of the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church serving as a deaconess and as choir director for many years.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons: Deacon Gordon Sanford of Little Genesee, and Rev. Don A. Sanford of New Auburn, Wis.; two brothers: Frank of Plainfield, N. J., and Dr. Harold O. of Alfred, N. Y.; one sister, Miss Grace Burdick of Wayne, Pa.; and seven grandchildren.

Farewell services were held in the Little Genesee Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn, and her son, Rev. Don A. Sanford, who read the Scripture and paid tribute to his mother. Burial was in the Little Genesee Cemetery. — D. E. V. H.



## Freedom Symbols

Flying in a stiff breeze atop the city's memorial for those who died for their country is our familiar symbol of freedom, Old Glory. Beyond the flag rises the spire of a prominent church, a symbol of the freedom bought with the precious blood of Christ. National freedom, individual freedom, and release from the bondage of sin — let us cherish all.





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**MEMORY TEXT**

Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5: 16.

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with a similar effort provide the remainder of the increase needed for a fully raised budget. We do not believe that we are faced with an impossible task or with a demand for unreasonable sacrifice. Not very many of us are giving beyond our blessings or beyond the tithe of our incomes.

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**Palestine Archeological Diggings**

Strange and depressing are some of the little stories that come out of Palestine during this period of extremely uneasy peace. Here is one that dates back to October, 1956.

Dr. William Sanford LaSor, Professor of Old Testament at Fuller Theological Seminary, was in Jerusalem at a time of tension. It was on the eve of the Jordan elections — a time of crisis that passed with no more serious incident than the burning of the French consulate.

Dr. LaSor tells of observing trenches being dug in the front yard of the Jerusalem branch of the American School of Oriental Research — a precautionary defense procedure. This school is the most important in the world for Biblical archeological research. It houses much of the material unearthed recently in the Dead Sea area. Its scholarly bulletins are the most authoritative writings to be had on recent Bible lands excavations.

Supervising excavations and preserving the results of them are major concerns of the scholars associated with the Jerusalem School. They dig with great purpose. What tragedy that such high purpose is thwarted as they look out their front windows upon trenches dug, not to reveal the mysteries of the past, but to protect from the machinations of the present. Sin and its consequences are ever present in these uncertain times. Though we seem on the verge of coming to a better understanding of Bible times through scientific excavations we seem even further removed from an understanding of and unswerv-

ing allegiance to the dominating figure of all history whose influence upon the ages prompts the research.

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**Who Are the Hungarian Refugees?**

Henry Holm, the World Around Press correspondent in West Berlin, writes a little article which is helpful in balancing our Hungarian relief enthusiasm. He states that the first wave of refugees pouring into Austria were almost all Communists fleeing from expected rebel reprisals. Those in the second wave were anti-Communists, and the third wave was composed of really destitute people genuinely needing help. About 10,000 of the first wave were eventually repatriated. Probably few of them got to this country, though the rising tide of sympathy for all refugees may have made the screening lax.

The refugee problem in Austria was made difficult by the arrogance of the people in the first two waves and by the very popularity of the cause, which has swept western Europe and America. A continuing problem exists in the preferential treatment being given to these refugees over those who have lived in misery for ten years in such places as the Valka DP camp near Nuremberg.

It is hoped that the sympathy of freedom-loving people which needs to continue for the worthy Hungarian refugees of last fall will extend also to the hopeless Hungarians of ten years ago who have not been offered homes in any land.

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**Recorder Reader Response**

Some readers have already sent in the questionnaire found on the inside of the back cover of the Recorder of February 18. If by any chance you failed to notice it or to fill it out when your Recorder first arrived, please do so at once. Results are needed for discussion of how to meet the needs of our people. If extra copies of the page are needed please write the editor.

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**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

for March 9, 1957

Forgiveness Unlimited

Lesson Scripture: Matthew 18: 21-35.

**Will 1957 Be the Same Story?**

One man's view of denominational finances and of what should be done at General Conference.

By Dr. Forrest Branch

In the Conference year 1956 the Milton church gave about \$5,960 to the denominational budget and about one third, counting man and wife as two, of our total membership gave. Some gifts were large and some were only a few dollars, but the average gift was \$34 for each person who gave.

This year's Finance Committee asked for a twenty per cent increase in giving, and pledges received indicate that we will raise about \$7,000 for our World Mission.

If you apply the same formula to the denomination as a whole (which may be unfair) you will find that about 2,000 persons gave to the denominational budget in 1956 and raised about \$60,000 or an average of about \$30 per person giving. If these same 2,000 persons are to raise the current budget they must average \$48 per person.

In Milton, we hope to average \$40 per person and if the denomination of givers (2,000) does as well we will raise about \$80,000 toward a budget of \$95,469.50. I predict that we will be approximately \$15,000 short when October 1 rolls around.

If you compare the budgets of 1956 and 1957 you will find that there has been an increase in the askings of every agency with the exception of the Women's Board, the Denominational Building, and the General Conference.

I don't think it would be a step backward if, when Conference meets this August, it should adopt a budget no higher than say \$80,000, an amount we can reasonably raise. I say to those who answer "But we can raise this budget" that when YOU present a plan which will inspire fifty per cent of our people to give to our World Mission then I will be in favor of boosting the total amount.

We are to consider an alternate plan for the training of our ministers because Conference thought that we might not be able to meet the rising costs of the present School of Theology. I think it is high

time we consider first things first and be realistic in our planning.

We depend upon the people of our churches to support the program voted by Conference. Shouldn't it be the duty of Commission to first, through our Associations, find out what the people are willing to support? To what would the other 4,000 persons give? Do you think we should continue this pattern of deficit spending?

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**Medical Work in Nyasaland**

(Portion of 1956 report sent to Secretary Harris by the nurses, Miss Beth Severe and Miss Joan Clement.)

It is with joy and thanksgiving that we set about putting on paper a report of our medical work for the year 1956.

January 1, 1956, found us still in the one-room dispensary, though we were anxiously awaiting the time we would be able to move into the new building. On January 15, Miss James joined our staff. She is a trained native midwife. This made it possible to add maternity care to our work here. We moved into the new building January 26. What a joy it was to have room for the patients to wait inside instead of outside, and also room to more adequately treat the people. Over the months the work demanded an increase in staff, and today we have the following:

Lackwell Mankwalah, medical aide, government-trained; Miss Olivia James and Miss Elena Dziko, midwives, Malamulo-trained; MacMorland Mitengo and Lighton Massache, dressers, Makapwa-trained.

We have recently opened an annex to house patients who are too ill to be treated as outpatients. This building, we hope someday to turn into a maternity annex only. In this building we have a community kitchen, where the guardians prepare the food for the patients. This is the procedure in this land. Someday we would like to be able to furnish the food; at present they bring their own.

Perhaps a few figures would help give a picture of our work. During the year we treated in the Outpatient Department the following:

New patients .....	5,954
Return patients .....	8,021
Total .....	13,976

## In the Maternity Department:

Antepartal examinations .....	629
Deliveries .....	148
Newborns (live births) .....	143
Mother and infant care .....	2,130
Total .....	3,050

As we have worked with the people, especially maternity patients, we are greatly impressed at the very high infant and child mortality. To give an example, we have taken the histories of 91 mothers who came to us. (These figures do not include the newborns, only the number of children born before coming here.) To these 91 mothers, collectively, 405 children were born, but at time of registering with us only 219 were living. Only 19 of the 91 mothers had all their children living, and of these no mother had more than three children.

We have a vast work in the field of preventative medicine, along with educating the people to seek aid early. Too often we see them waiting until the person is nearly dead. They have been trying native medicines (costing large amounts), and only when they are certain no help is forthcoming do many of them seek other help. When this happens in maternity the consequences are very grave. There is a leaf that is used to help speed up nature during the time of delivery. Things are usually all right until the mother or her helper thinks things are still too slow and an overdose is given. An overdose most usually proves fatal. Since arriving here we have had five such mothers brought to us. The first four we took to Cholo Hospital, and only one lived. The fifth one proved too critical to transport over our very rough roads. We delivered her here, but she also passed away sixteen hours later. This was our first maternal death in our maternity work, and was indeed a sorrowful time.

Concerning the support of our medical work: The wages of our staff members are included in the over-all budget for the mission. Buildings and furnishings have been supported by special gifts. The

cost of stocking medical drugs is met by charging our patients a small fee. We have tried to keep this down to a bare minimum, to cover cost and to provide care for those unable to pay. We are grateful to say that we have given a considerable amount of treatment to those unable to pay, or only in part. We have been able to charge less than some other mission dispensaries and still meet our expenses.

We are still looking to the time that we might receive a grant-in-aid from the government to help support the medical work. We feel certain that this will come in time if the Lord wills such.

As we look back, it has been a good year. We praise our Heavenly Father for His constant help, and for the opportunity we have had to minister to His people, both in the spiritual and physical fields. We have had many joys as well as times of sorrow. Now at the beginning of another year we are looking forward to the coming of Dr. Victor Burdick to lead our medical work. We feel confident that as we look to our Heavenly Father for guidance, we will be able to carry on His work here.

### Hymn Contest Time Short

Our Denominational Hymn and Gospel Song Contest last year under the sponsorship of the Women's Board resulted in some good hymns and songs which are being kept on file for possible publication at some future date.

The time for the close of the contest for this year, March 1, is drawing near. Please send any original compositions to Mrs. Gleason M. Curtis, non-voting chairman of judges, 4145 Orange Street, Riverside, Calif. Contest rules were sent to each pastor in the denomination following Conference last year. A copy of these rules may also be obtained by writing to the above address.

One judge wrote concerning the music last year, "I was thrilled with the hearing of new hymns. New music of devotion to God and His Kingdom was so refreshing. I shall look forward to another enjoyable year with new songs."

Let us get some good original compositions in this year and not disappoint her! — Maleta O. Curtis.

## The Importance of Prayer in The Life of a Christian

(Requested for publication by the Conference president)

By Mary Ayars

Scripture: Jeremiah 29: 10-14.

All mankind seeks to commune with some supreme or higher being. Man feels inadequate in his own self; he senses the need or longing for new hope in his troubled soul through prayer or some form of worship. There are those who worship through gods of nature, gold, silver, wood, the sea, and the birds and animals; but the Christian has an advantage over such as these.

Many cults, sects, or tribes demand some outward expression such as long repetitious prayers, falling on one's face, mutilating one's body, or long and dangerous fastings. They are compelled to go through these practices every day and yet no results are obtained, many times not even self-satisfaction.

How different is the prayer life of God's people! Prayer is something different than mere words or outward actions. It is present in the soul before any words have been uttered and it abides in there long after the last words of prayer have passed our lips. It is an attitude of the heart and mind of the Christian. Whether it takes the form of words or not, does not mean anything to God, only to ourselves.

Whether we stand, sit, or kneel does not matter. Jesus sometimes stood to pray, but in the Garden of Gethsemane He fell on His face and prayed. In the Psalms we read that David lying upon his bed at night communed with God. Solomon stood in the temple with his hands outstretched and prayed. We may offer prayers in the form of quiet personal talks, silent or with words, public or private; but whatever the form, God hears and answers the prayers of His people. We read in 1 Samuel 16: 7, "Man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." God looks deep and sees the desires and yearnings of His own.

In Jeremiah's exhortation to God's people we see that prayer brings results. In verse 12 we read that God hearkens

unto the voice of His people. As long as His people are in sin, He turns His ears from them; but when they turn from their sins, He will turn toward them and hear their prayers.

We see in the seventh chapter of Joshua that when the children of Israel were entering the promised land and cried unto God He was deaf to their pleading because of sin amongst them, the sin in Achan's life. When this sin was corrected, God willingly turned toward them.

There are many other examples throughout the Bible where God heard the voice of His people when they turned to Him: in Egypt, during the affliction of the people under the taskmasters; also when Israel had sinned against the Lord in the wilderness and He sent among them fiery serpents. In their distress the people humbled themselves and cried to God for mercy and God heard their cries and had mercy upon His rebellious people. He heard their cries when they were hungry and fed them. In Babylon when they did away with the worshiping of idols and turned to the true God, He showed mercy upon them.

Just as the people in the Old Testament found it necessary to correct the sin in their lives before God would hear their cries, we Christians of today need to call upon Him for cleansing from our sins. Psalm 34: 15 tells us, "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their cry." In Matthew 13: 43: "Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their father." Our hearts must be clothed in the righteousness of Christ before our prayers are heard. 1 Peter tells us, "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil." There can be no happy successful prayer life for a rebellious child of God. Many Christians hinder the answers to their own prayers, prayers that God would delight to answer if it could be done to His glory, without His encouraging sin.

God delights to answer the prayers of a surrendered heart, a heart wholly dedicated to His will. In James 5: 16 we find that the effectual fervent prayer of a

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## Missions

### Evangelist Loyal Hurley Begins Spring Schedule

After a few weeks of rest and recuperation at their home in Boulder, Colo., Rev. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley will again take up a schedule of preaching and lay leadership training in evangelism among our people. Their first appointments will be with the Washington, D. C., Seventh Day Baptist churches, assisting Pastor Elizabeth F. Randolph and Rev. Luther Crichlow, March 2-9, 1957.

The Hurleys were not idle during the past two months. They were busy getting settled in their home at 620 Arapahoe Ave., which they had been able to occupy only at brief intervals since they moved there in June, 1956. In addition they report giving assistance in visitation evangelism in what is now their own home church at Boulder.

After the Washington work it is expected that Evangelist Hurley will assist in special meetings at Salem, W. Va., March 29 through April 13. The Salem Church has been preparing for these services with plans reported to be well under way.

The Salemville, Pa., Seventh Day Baptist Church is also making preparations for special services using the evangelist, April 19-28. From these meetings it is expected that the Hurleys will go to New England to attend the annual meeting of Seventh Day Baptist ministers at Westerly, R. I., April 29 - May 2.

Plans are under way for the evangelist to be accompanied by a student quartet during six to eight weeks of the coming summer. The schedule of this "Gospel Team" is tentatively set as follows: June 16-20 at Milton, Wis., rehearsal of quartet and training period; June 21 - July 7, special meetings at Albion, Wis.; July 12-28, special meetings at Dodge Center, Minn.; August 2-4, open weekend; August 8-18, Pre-Conference and Conference at Milton.

You are urgently requested to remember in your prayers our workers and their efforts for the salvation of souls.

### From Missionary Board Minutes

The quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board was called to order by President Harold R. Crandall at two o'clock on Sunday, January 27, 1957, in the vestry of the Westerly Church. Nineteen board members and two visitors were in attendance. The opening prayer was offered by Pastor Lester G. Osborn.

#### Regarding Dr. Victor H. Burdick

The medical missionary to Nyasaland, Dr. Victor H. Burdick, was present and was asked to speak. He expressed a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation to the denomination through the Missionary Board for the privilege of serving as medical missionary in Nyasaland, thus helping him to fulfill his sense of calling from God to serve in this way.

Dr. Burdick then spoke of his plans for the future. He expected to leave for the mission field on Thursday, January 31, visiting London, Germany, and Austria en route to Nyasaland, arriving at Makapwa Mission Sabbath afternoon, February 9, 1957. (A farewell party bade him Godspeed as he left Idlewild Airport as scheduled.)

#### Regarding Jamaica

The American Tropics Committee report as presented by the chairman, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, was adopted. Certain recommendations were discussed quite fully, followed by unanimous acceptance.

One such recommendation had to do with relieving Rev. Leon R. Lawton, supervisor of the Jamaica Mission, from the headmastership of Crandall High School and the appointment of Principal Grover Brissey to that position. This action was taken with the approval of both Pastor Lawton and Mr. Brissey and with the understanding that the Jamaica Board of Christian Education approved the change. It was done also with the understanding that Pastor Lawton, as supervisor of the mission, will have general oversight of the school as it relates to the total missionary work in Jamaica.

Commendation was voted to the Jamaica Board of Christian Education for appointing an Advisory Council to supervise the

work of the school and to work out plans for the future of the educational program, correlating Crandall High School and the Maiden Hall Vocational School.

It was also voted to commend our supervisor for his planned project for the training of ministers for the leadership of the churches and for evangelistic work.

#### Regarding British Guiana

The board expressed appreciation at the prospects of the supervisor of the Jamaica Mission making a visit to British Guiana and approved the plan, suggesting that the trip be made early in the fall of 1957.

Since Rev. and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn have accepted the call of the board to serve as our missionaries in British Guiana, supervising the work there, and since their medical examinations to date have proven satisfactory, the board voted:

"That Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn be encouraged to go ahead with plans for furthering education at an acceptable school of missions, assistance being offered by the board to the extent of tuition and lodging, and that their employment be considered to begin as of January 1, 1958, with the understanding that they take up the work on the field as near to July 1, 1958, as possible."

Previous to this vote a letter from Dr. R. O. Hitchcock, examining physician, was read. After an extensive and thorough checkup Dr. Hitchcock had written, "I am happy to say that I feel that service in British Guiana should not result in any unreasonable health risk to either Mr. or Mrs. Van Horn. Of course this opinion might have to be revised when some of the tests are repeated at the end of this year." It was decided to request the Van Horns to repeat the tests at the end of the year and in the meantime to proceed with plans for serving as our missionaries to British Guiana.

#### Regarding the Home Field

The work and plans of the shepherding pastor on the Southwest field were reviewed by the chairman of the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee, Rev. Charles H. Bond. It was noted that a church organizational council is being called together at Texarkana, Ark., looking toward organ-

izing that fellowship into a church on March 29-31, 1957. It is expected that Secretary E. T. Harris will attend the council meetings en route to California to visit churches of the Pacific Coast Association April 1-15, 1957.

The committee recommended, and the board approved, "that the suggested increase for missionary pastors, as designated in the tentative budget, amounting to \$475, be drawn on to pay these pastors a cost-of-living bonus of \$50 each."

And in consideration of the action of the last General Conference in recommending that "the Missionary Board be urged to raise the maximum (minimum) salary of missionary pastors from \$1,600 to \$2,000 as soon as possible . . . on a matching funds basis to be worked out by the board," this committee urged (and the board approved) the board secretary to contact all missionary churches to learn how much they will be able to contribute toward this increased payment. It was thought that this would provide the necessary information for the board to set up a tentative budget for the consideration of Conference as we look toward the carrying out of this recommendation.

#### Regarding New Mission Car

The American Tropics Committee having pointed out the advisability of extensive repairs being made on the Jamaica mission car or the purchase of a new car it was voted to leave the matter of meeting this pressing need to the corresponding secretary and treasurer.

#### Additional Items

An operating budget of \$51,662.50 was voted for the current year of 1957. This was a slight increase (\$120) over amount approved by General Conference. It is expected that Blue Cross hospitalization coverage will be provided for all board employees who express a desire to be covered. The board expects to pay for individual coverage (\$2.15 per month). An additional amount for family coverage will be paid by married employees (\$2.70 per month). Coverage will begin as of March 1, 1957.

The meeting was closed with prayer offered by Rev. Leon M. Maltby.

**WORSHIP SERVICE FOR MARCH****One Body in Faith**

(A worship service prepared by Mrs. Leland Davis to be used with a study program about our British Guiana Mission Field. Mrs. Davis is the wife of the pastor of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church and a former secretary of the Women's Board.)

Scripture: Romans 1: 16, 17; 5: 1-8.

**Devotional Thoughts:**

Seventh Day Baptists in the United States and those in British Guiana are united by the ONE FAITH. This faith comes by accepting the one great gift — salvation through the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Having this faith, we can be assured of peace with God. Is there anything more wonderful than peace with God and our fellow men? Should it not be the prayer and aim of every Christian to help shed abroad this peace to all nations? We can all have a part in doing this, if we accept the fact that we all have a debt to pay, and if we are not ashamed to witness to the Gospel in Christ.

In another passage of Scripture (Eph. 4: 1-6), Paul, one of the greatest of all missionaries, and one who withstood all manner of sufferings, exhorts us to be worthy of the vocation to which we are called. What greater vocation for Christians than to spread love and peace to mankind — even to our brothers and sisters in far-off British Guiana! May we make this time of worship one of re-consecration, that our lives may have more lowliness and meekness, longsuffering and forbearance for one another. May our prayer be that of the apostles, when they said to the Lord, "Increase our faith" (read in Luke 17: 5, 6 what the Lord answered them).

May we increase our efforts through our Ladies' Aid Societies and our churches to carry out the Great Commission at home and abroad.

**What Are Churches For?**

"What are churches for, but to make missionaries?

What is education for, but to train them?  
What is commerce for, but to carry them?

What is money for, but to send them?  
What is life for, but to fulfill the purpose of missions —

The enthroning of Jesus Christ in the hearts of men?"

Apart from this faith there is no hope; no peace with God. As the following poem by A. B. Simpson is read will you think of ways we can help our British Guiana brothers spread the Faith.

**A Missionary Cry**

A hundred thousand souls a day,  
Are passing one by one away,  
In Christless guilt and gloom.  
Without one ray of hope or light,  
With future dark as endless night,  
They're passing to their doom.

O Holy Ghost, Thy people move,  
Baptize their hearts with faith and love,  
And consecrate their gold.  
At Jesus' feet, their millions pour,  
And all their ranks unite once more,  
As in the days of old.

Armies of pray'r, your promise claim,  
Prove the full pow'r of Jesus' name,  
And take the victory.  
Your conqu'ring Captain leads you on,  
The glorious fight may still be won  
This very century.

**Directed prayer:**

1. Praise God for our unity by one faith. 2. Pray that all kindreds and tongues may truly come to praise the Lord. 3. Pray for God's direction to the one who has accepted the call to go to British Guiana. 4. Pray for strength and blessing upon the missionary and his family. 5. Pray for good will and confidence among Seventh Day Baptists in British Guiana and America. 6. Pray for greater love and understanding among the native leaders as they carry on alone. 7. Pray that we will be consecrated stewards of prayer and money so the needs of the field may be met.

Hymn: "O Zion Haste."

In the past 30 years more has been learned about the heart and its disorders than in the preceding 30 centuries. Is it not also true that from the 3 years of the ministry of Jesus more was learned about the heart of God and His program for healing the "desperately wicked" heart of man than from all the centuries preceding and succeeding?

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

Theme: "Who shall separate us?" (Rom. 8: 35).

On March 8 let us draw together as families, neighbors, friends, congregations with Christians of 142 countries united in prayer for the peoples of the world. In every land there are those who suffer for their faith. As we sense and share in this fellowship of suffering, may the love of God make us one. By faith we are persuaded that "neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor power, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8: 38, 39). On this day, Christians around the world are united in a common service of prayer and praise to the Father of us all. Services begin on the Tonga Islands, west of the International Date Line, where Queen Salote leads her subjects in prayer, and close with observances on St. Lawrence Island, Alaska.

May we as Seventh Day Baptists experience the thrill of joining an unbroken chain of prayer, reaching around the world, and bringing us together in Christ.

Each year a special service of worship is written by a woman from a different country. This year it was prepared by Mrs. Bela Vassady of Lancaster, Pa., a refugee from Hungary before the present crisis. Because of her own personal experiences, hiding in cellars during the siege of Budapest, at the end of World War II, she voices the prayers of Christians behind the Iron Curtain, and mirrors the hopes of all people suffering oppression and want. You may be interested to read her short autobiography printed in the February, 1957, *Church Woman*.

Let us join in the World Day of Prayer this year with an unshakable belief that these prayers, rising from the hearts of millions, will make a difference. We are conscious of the tensions in our own country and around the world. Let us pray for these tensions, as well as for those in our own hearts, asking God to use each of us as a channel for His grace.

The World Day of Prayer offerings are for interdenominational mission work at home and abroad. — A. M. D.

**Christian Education****One Job, One Step at a Time**

How we wish we could know how to spend our time most fruitfully. Ever so often we are impressed with the fact that time passes so quickly, and we bow before God in humble confession that we have not used it wisely at all times. We ask Him for wisdom to be able to choose out of the many endeavors, all seemingly worth while, the ones that count the most in Kingdom building. We are given the answer that "you, out of your knowledge and practice, must choose."

We agree with Micah that in a positive way "to do justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly with our God" is what God requires. Our real problem comes in interpreting what "walking humbly with God" really means, for we know that if we walk humbly with Him that we will "do justly and love mercy."

We believe that in the spirit and teachings of Jesus Christ are the answers. We speak in general, and with conviction, that Christ's interpretation of the "Way" is the best. Yet we still are not satisfied for we interpret His way differently. We are not sure enough which activities interpret best God's will, so we get confused in choosing.

In one of the filmstrips that we use in teaching church school administration workshops is the slogan, "One job, one step at a time." Keeping that in mind helps to avoid the confusion that hinders us from making a sure choice. We must not give in to the overpowering number of claims for the minutes of our lifetime. We can investigate every offer and compare it with Christ's way as we understand it, and then if it shows possibility of real basic Kingdom building, we can develop it and use it one step at a time. If it does not fit the pattern of our understanding — and our pattern changes from time to time — and if it does not suggest a weakness in our understanding which we can correct, then lay it aside. Offers of a similar nature that come to you later on can be placed in that "file" and can be forgotten, at least for the time being.



Don't fret about it for, if you are a seeker, another challenge is at hand.

One principle that our Lord gives that is very helpful in giving a basis to choose is "what we sow, we reap." What will be the fruit if we choose thus? Every opportunity can be tested by that principle, though we must remember that the fruit is not the same in amount, but in kind.

In our teaching of each other — that's what education is — we can use each opportunity, "one job, one step at a time," with the sure knowledge that if we really want Christian love, discipline, and moral action, those elements must pervade our materials and methods, in fact our very lives. They will help us to choose which step to undertake now. Which opportunity speaks loudest of Christian love, discipline, and moral activity? Choose that one now!

R. E. Z.

### Sabbath School Activity in Riverside

The Religious Education Committee of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church recently authorized the purchase of a number of books suitable to form a browsing table for children. Those books have been purchased and are now in use. The school has authorized the purchase of a set of maps with tripod for classroom use.

A tape recorder has been purchased. Sabbath morning worship services are being taped, and vocal numbers being recorded for radio broadcasting. The services will be played in the homes of shut-ins or anyone who so desires.

The Riverside Church has been conducting leadership training classes. Sessions were held for six Sunday nights from 7:00 to 8:45 with the pastor, Rev. Alton Wheeler, teaching. The courses offered were "Chronological Study of Old and New Testaments," including compiling of chronological charts covering events, personalities, and some secular events contemporary to Old Testament and New Testament times, and "Handling the Word of Life." The latter is a course in marking one's Bible with a suggested color system.

The Sabbath School underwrote the expenses of the courses. Light refreshments were served by volunteers from among the group during a fifteen-minute break between classes.

All Youth Fellowships are urged to send reports of their activities during Youth Week to The Beacon editor as soon as possible. The address is Miss Carol Harris, Salem College, Salem, W. Va. The executive secretary would appreciate reports sent to his office as well.

R. E. Z.

### Trial of Mr. Nominal Christian Youth Program at Dodge Center, Minn.

By Mary Thorngate

On Sabbath day, February 2, the Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor Societies, with the assistance of Pastor Kenneth Van Horn and members of the congregation, presented for the morning message a skit, "The Trial of Mr. Nominal Christian."

In typical courtroom procedure, Pastor Van Horn, acting as "Mr. Nominal Christian," was accused and convicted of being a Christian in name only — a serious offense. Dale Langworthy was narrator, and officers of the court were: judge, Philip Greene; clerk, Merwin Lindahl; attorney for the defense, Wayne Van Horn; prosecuting attorney, Bruce Greene. Witnesses called from the congregation were: Arthur Payne, Clare Greene, Vivian Bonser, Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn, Claston Bond, Wallace Greene, Mary Thorngate and Darwin Lippincott. Jurors were Norma Clapper and Alice Bonser.

While the accused was found to be a church member, active in civic affairs and likeable as a businessman, he was found guilty of such sins of omission as church attendance, Sabbath observance, and tithing.

The judge gave a stern discourse on the seriousness of the offense and cautioned the offender to change his ways according to the teachings of the Scripture, which he quoted. He then pronounced the trial not authoritative but warned of the final judgment which will come to all when the Lord calls us to account for the deeds done in the flesh.

### The Importance of Prayer

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righteous man availeth much. God is ever ready to hear our prayers and make Himself available to us at all times.

In verse 13 of our Scripture in Jeremiah we read, "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." His power is available to His people when they permit the Holy Spirit to fill their hearts. The only way for Christians to have God's power is by prayer. It was Paul's constant prayer for other Christians that they should be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit in order to be of service to God.

### Filled with the Spirit

In Ephesians 1: 15-19 Paul mentions his prayers for the Ephesian saints that God "may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him — and what is the exceeding greatness of his power." That is a prayer that they might be filled with the Spirit, have His power, and do a great work for Him.

Again in Ephesians 3: 14-19 the same object of prayer is mentioned again: "For this cause I bow by knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . that he would grant you . . . to be strengthened with might by his Spirit . . . that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

Paul was praying for these Christians to be filled with the Holy Spirit. He knew that God's power comes in answer to prayer. It was this power that delivered the children of Israel from bondage in Egypt and Babylon. It helped them conquer their enemies in the wilderness and gave them victory so that they could advance as they entered the promised land.

This same power is available to Christians today if we will submit our hearts and wills to Him. Having done this we are assured of being permitted to claim the wonderful promises found in God's Holy Word. In Luke 11: 13 we find the promise that the Heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him. Through the Holy Spirit God has offered us divine help in praying and studying the Word of God. He works in our hearts teaching and admonishing us

in our Christian living. It is through Him that the promises of God are sealed to our hearts.

### God Promises to Answer

There are many promises in God's Word. One of them is found in Hebrews 13: 5 where He tells us that He will neither leave us nor forsake us. What a wonderful thing to know that as long as we are in His will He will go with us under all circumstances and will not forsake us as His people. He tells us in Matthew 7: 7, 8; "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened."

We need only to come to Him with hearts that have been cleansed of all unrighteousness, hearts lifted in prayer to claim His promises and His constant love toward us. It is commanded plainly of God that Christians pray always about all things and about all persons with all prayer and supplication. Prayer is God's appointed way for Christians to seek things through Him. Prayer is the way for Christians to have joy in God's service.

### Blessings from Praying

Prayer is God's cure for worry, the only way out of trouble and anxious cares. Answered prayer is God's way of putting to silence the tongues of unbelievers.

Prayer is the way to have the power of the Holy Spirit for work in God's service.

Prayer brings results for God's people in that God hearkens unto the voices of His people and becomes available to them when the heart is right, and they turn to Him. When this happens we will know personally why prayer is important in the Christian life. Then, and then only, Christians, including Seventh Day Baptists, can pray without ceasing and abound to every good work.

Kant, and most of those who deny the possibility of petitionary prayer, are oppressed by the idea of nature as a closed system which imprisons personality. But the reverse of this is the truth. — Bonnell in *The Practice and Power of Prayer*.

## Teen Talk

### Learn to Relax

When you get a little older you will want to go to college. You are no doubt already looking forward to it. That will be the life. There is fun and activity in the upper grades and high school, but college — that's the highest, that's thrill upon thrill with no letdown! Is that what you are thinking? You are partly right. If you are not yet a senior in high school or a freshman in college you can't be absolutely sure what will seem most important when you get there. It may help if you think now a little about what others have found out about relaxing.



Why do we print a picture of a grown man, a father of four girls, instead of a teen-ager? Because, as you can see, he has learned to relax. He didn't pose for this picture. We just caught him as he was after a busy Sabbath. Of course he knew that we were taking the picture. That didn't keep him from continuing the few minutes of relaxation before going to another appointment.

Many of you have recognized this man because he has traveled far and wide and is devoting his life to working with and for young people just a little older than you. He has also had quite a few years of experience with great numbers of high school boys and girls who loved him. Dr. K. Duane Hurley has been president of Salem College for nearly six years. He is

now also the first president of a national organization called the Council for the Advancement of Small Colleges. He is vice-president of the West Virginia Athletic Association and secretary of the West Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges. His speeches and articles have been quoted in the leading magazines and newspapers of the nation. When he was snapped in this relaxed position he was in the midst of a week and a half of appointments in New York City in behalf of his college.

Can you imagine yourself in such thrilling experiences as come to college students or to a college president as busy as Dr. Hurley? Surely you can. But can you at the same time picture yourself as quieting down and calmly talking things over with friends? Let me tell you just one little thing. You can and you must have a greater goal in life than the thrills of ceaseless activity, dates, shows, and music with latest beat. You will miss the great things you really long for if you do not consciously and persistently dedicate your life to Christ.

Sit down once in a while and think. Rest your elbow on a sofa pillow and your head on your hand and relax. Shut out the thrills and the tensions. Ask yourself if what you are counting as most important now is contributing toward the successful Christian life to which you are looking.

Dr. Eugenia Price is right when she devotes a whole book for the young Christian to "Never a Dull Moment." She has found that moments of prayer, for instance, are not dull moments. Sabbath rest and church worship are also necessary in keeping our goals high.

### Another Service of the Bible Society

Theological students in countries behind the Iron Curtain are receiving gifts of scholarly editions of the Holy Scriptures from the American Bible Society. Since 1948 the Society has been sending yearly shipments of Greek New Testaments, Hebrew Old Testaments, and concordances. Students, faculties, and pastors depend on the American Bible Society as their only source for the volumes so necessary to them in their studies of the Word of God.

### Deacon Milton J. Babcock

By Kenneth E. Smith

Several years ago Deacon Milton Babcock wrote the following autobiographical sketch.

"Milton James Babcock, eldest son of Rev. Simeon H. and Elizabeth McCormick Babcock, was born on a farm near the small town of Maplewood, Shelby County, Ohio, July 5, 1867. At the age of five years he came to Albion, Wis., with his parents, grandmother, and two sisters, where his father entered Albion Academy to prepare himself for the ministry. The family returned to Jackson Center, Ohio, in 1874, where his father served our church as pastor, returning to Albion in 1877. Since then, Albion has been Milton's home except for a few years spent at Walworth. He, with several other young people, was baptized by his father and joined the Albion Church. He received his education at the Albion District School and Albion Academy. On December 26, 1894, he was married to Edith, youngest daughter of Deacon Stephen R. and Harriet Green Potter, settling on the Potter Farm where the rest of his life was spent except for one year when the family lived in Albion.

"He was secretary-treasurer of the Albion Co-op Creamery Company for many years, being one of the organizers of the same. He was appointed a deacon of the Albion Church in 1901, which office he held the remainder of his life. He feels that he has not lived up to his profession as well as he should and asks that no eulogy of his life be given.

"The mistakes of my life have been many, The sins of my heart have been more, But when the dear Lord shall bid me come in I'll enter the open door."

Besides the facts mentioned by Deacon Babcock in the preceding account, we must add the following observations.

Milton Babcock was a successful teacher in Albion Academy and in the public schools of Dane and Walworth Counties. For many years he was the clerk of the Albion Church. He took a prominent role in the Northwestern Association, now the North Central Association of Seventh

Day Baptist Churches. He lived a long and useful life of service to his community and his church.

He died January 28, 1957, at the Kegonsa Rest Home where he had been for the last few months. He was preceded in death by his wife, a daughter, Birdena, two sisters, Mrs. Emma Whitford and Mrs. Stella Brown, and a brother, Louis Babcock.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

MILL YARD, LONDON, ENG. — A letter to the Sabbath Recorder from the pastor under the date of February 12 expresses the joy of the members of the church in having Dr. Victor Burdick with them over the Sabbath of February 2. Brother McGeachy writes of meeting the missionary at the airport and of taking him on a brief tour of London on Friday. At Westminster Abbey they stood by the tomb of David Livingstone who once pioneered the country of Nyasaland. Dr. Burdick copied the impressive inscription in his notebook.

The pastor and the missionary participated in the Sabbath eve service of the Jewish Christian community at Heston, Hounslow. On Sabbath afternoon Dr. Burdick spoke at the Mill Yard Church telling of his call, his training, and his plans. "The afternoon service," writes the pastor, "was followed by tea, and a social in the evening which made it an occasion long to be remembered."

Pastor McGeachy saw the doctor safely on his way to the airport early Sunday morning. We had a letter from him later in the week stating that the fog was so dense over Vienna, Austria, that they had to go back to Munich, Germany, and complete the journey by rail.

The church people in London appreciate this Sabbath day contact with a new missionary and are looking forward to seeing the nurses, Miss Joan Clement and Miss Beth Severe, who plan to stop there at the beginning of their furlough next July.

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y. — Our church observed Youth Week January 26 - February 2. The first Sabbath Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fatato were here. Mr. Fatato, a



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student at our School of Theology, gave a very helpful sermon on the subject, "Those Blessed Troubles." On February 2 our young people planned and conducted the church service. Talks on "Consider Your Call" were written and given by the following:

Andrea Reynolds, "Being a Christian Is the Most Serious Commitment of Life"; Nina Traver, "Being Christian in Daily Life Is Fundamental to Our Faith"; Bob Enos, "Christian Influence on Life's Work." Others assisting in the service were Peggy Stone, Nancy Beck, and Tom Grantier. (The talks have been sent to the Recorder for possible publication.)

We have a very faithful group of young people. Although not many in number they assist in the choir, Sabbath School, and prayer meetings. This group meets often with Pastor and Mrs. Van Horn for study and discussion. They were out singing carols to shut-ins December 22.

The church and Sabbath School had their Christmas and "white gifts" program at the Community Center Dec. 21.

The Crusaders, a group of young folks from the Nile, Richburg, Hebron, and Little Genesee churches, met here the evening of February 9 for their recreation meeting.

The attendance at the Sabbath morning services has kept up well, considering cold winter weather and illness in several homes. We are fortunate in having Richard Sterns as our choir leader. (Mr. Sterns is band director at Bolivar Central School.) Letha Polen is the director of our junior choir.

We ask an interest in your prayers for our church and community work.

— Correspondent.

The war left about 300,000 widows in Korea. Most of them are quite young and with several children. Korean custom is strongly against their remarrying. There is destitution and hopelessness among them in cities and in the countryside alike. Though many thousands of widows have in the last few years received a small ration of rice from the government, this is now being reduced or cut off. Korea Church World Service has established widows' homes, workshops, training in crafts, and helps with selling work through central shops in large cities.

## Kentucky Methodist Succumbs

Announcing the demise of his 25-year-old paper Dennis V. Snapp, editor of the **Kentucky Methodist**, points out the need and value of a news and promotional medium in the following widely applicable words:

"Many investigations have revealed the fact that those congregations in which a church paper is most largely taken are without exception the most active and aggressive within the denomination."

## Obituaries

**Babcock.** — Milton James, son of Simeon and Elizabeth Babcock, was born at Maplewood, Ohio, July 5, 1867, and died Jan. 28, 1957, at Albion, Wis.

He is survived by one son, Willard, who lives on the home farm; two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Chatfield of Milton Junction, and Mrs. Dorothy Nuland of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Mrs. Abbie Van Horn of Milton; eight grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services for Deacon Babcock were conducted by his pastor, Kenneth E. Smith. [A more extended life story is printed on another page of this issue.] K. E. S.

**Phillips.** — Bertha Estella, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Brown, was born in Van Buren County, Mich., June 12, 1883, and died at Gerber Memorial Hospital in Fremont, Mich., Dec. 18, 1956, following a brief illness.

She was married to William J. Phillips on May 29, 1905, and to them was born one daughter, Thelma, who died in November, 1954. Hers was an active life in the church, the W.C.T.U., and the Ladies' Aid Society. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Victoria Parsons of Muskegon, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held from the Seventh Day Baptist Church in White Cloud on December 21, conducted by Elder C. W. Wilkinson, assisted by Rev. Orville W. Babcock. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

O. W. B.

**Phillips.** — William J., was born in Watertown, N. Y., Aug. 5, 1885, and died at the Newaygo County Convalescent Hospital Jan. 18, 1957, where he had been a patient for the past two years.

He married Bertha Brown on May 29, 1905, at Hart, Mich., and they lived in the vicinity of White Cloud all their married life. Their only child, Thelma, died in November of 1954. Mrs. Phillips preceded him in death by just one month. He is survived by a brother in Bay City, Mich., a sister in Syracuse, N. Y., and several nieces and nephews.

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## Salute to Youth

It matters little whether the church auditorium is plain or ornate, whether the pulpit furniture is simple in design or well carved. The gilded show pipes of an organ and the well-trained voices of a robed choir standing in front of it are pleasant to the eye and ear. The thoughtfulness of members who provide bright flowers adds beauty and sentiment. These things, though not necessary to effective worship, are much appreciated aids. Full participation in a well-ordered service is vital to the worship experience. From time to time young people, recently baptized and spiritually growing, are brought to the platform to assist in the service. The youth in all our churches constitute our hope for Christian leadership in the years to come. We salute our youth and pray for wisdom to lead them in their developing years.