

# The Sabbath Recorder

the Sabbath morning sermon August 17 on "How Christ Fills Our Deepest Need." On the 24th we were again favored with a guest minister, the Rev. E. Stanley Creighton, of the First Methodist Church of Arlington. In his stimulating sermon he emphasized the almost unlimited capacity for development and growth that humanity possesses through Christ.

The Labor Day weekend Family Camp was conducted this year most ably by the Los Angeles Church, at our Pacific Pines Camp. There was a larger than usual Sabbath day attendance in the beautiful outdoor chapel for Pastor Francis E. Saunders' sermon vivifying the theme, "Receiving Christ in Fulness." The presence of special personalities also helped to make the day memorable. Beside Beth and Joan from Nyasaland, Rev. John I. Easterly and his wife of Watsonville were in attendance. Mr. Easterly had been one of the successful workers at camp in its pioneering days. He and his wife, Helen, plan to enter Christian work in Honolulu in the immediate future.

Outward changes of camp, with the new boys' barracks and the even more imposing new lodge-dining structure looming into view as one approaches, bespeak progress in the less than twenty-five years the camp has been in our hands. Yet, as always, it is the changeless presence of Christ which makes this retreat blessed.

— Correspondent.

**BATTLE CREEK, MICH.** — On Labor Day weekend quite a number of our members worked at Camp Holston, painting the new addition, repairing the picnic table, mowing the lawn, etc.

On the following Sunday, people responded to a call to paint the 40 windows and trim of the church. This volunteer labor was under the direction of the trustees and Burl Bottoms. A new roof is also being put on the north side of the church. Another project involving donated money and time is nearing completion — a new baptistry.

The church leaders look for a further strengthening of the educational program when the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, secretary of the Board of Christian Education, directs a questshop at the adult retreat on the weekend of September 21.

— Gleaned from Church Bulletin.

## Seed Sowing

By Irene Post Hulett

If with some fine tract you're through,  
Pass it on!  
To the impulse good be true,  
Pass it on!  
It may be a bit of leaven  
That will lead some one to heaven,  
Lead him to seek sins forgiven,  
Pass it on!  
When you've read your good Recorder,  
Pass it on!  
It is known to be in order  
To circulate The Recorder,  
And so, Pass it on!

## Marriages

**Baker-Lawrence.** — Ralph J. Baker and Katherine G. Lawrence were united in marriage Aug. 18, 1957, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David T. Sheppard, Cedarville, N. J., by Dr. James L. Skaggs, the Rev. Henry Lawrence, cousin of the bride's father, assisting.

## Births

**Burdick.** — A son, John Charles, to Rev. and Mrs. Oscar C. Burdick of 7641 Terrace Drive, El Cerrito, Calif., on July 25, 1957.

**Davis.** — A daughter, Janet Dawn, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Davis, Verona, N. Y., on July 7, 1957.

## Obituaries

**Lowther.** — Lucy Heflin, daughter of Benjamin F. and Susan Heflin, was born in Doddridge County, W. Va., Aug. 12, 1868, and died at a nursing home in Sistersville, W. Va., Aug. 14, 1957.

In 1887 she was married to Thomas Lowther, who died in 1922. The family home was at 89 Oak Street, Salem, W. Va.

She is survived by two sons: Carl, of Jane Lew, and Hurley, of New Cumberland, W. Va.; and by two daughters: Wilena Lewis, of Weirton, W. Va., and Susie Welsh, of Baltimore, Md.; one stepdaughter, Daisy L. Kemper, Staten Island, N. Y.; two brothers: Will and Creed Heflin, West Union, W. Va.; and seven grandchildren.

For many years she was a faithful member of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church. In the absence of the pastor the funeral service was conducted by Dr. James L. Skaggs and Dr. S. Orestes Bond. Interment was made in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery at Salem.

J. L. S.



**JUNIOR CLASS VISITS SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST BUILDING**

A day-long excursion of a Junior Sabbath School class of the Marlboro, N. J., Church to the denominational headquarters and publishing house at Plainfield proves interesting to the children pictured above in front of the building on September 15. The Rev. Paul Osborn (right rear) and his two small children (right front) are not part of the class, which is taught by Mrs. Osborn (left rear). Two of the Juniors, recently baptized, are thrilled to know they will receive a Sabbath Recorder subscription.

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## Representative Church Action

It is a happy situation when it is possible for a national church conference to draw together in one place official delegates from over 85 per cent of its member churches — delegates who, for the most part, pay their own expenses. One of the compensating joys of a small denomination is that action taken at its annual gathering can be truly representative of all the congregations.

That does not necessarily mean that careful steering by smaller groups is absent. Neither does it guarantee that home churches will agree that all motions passed were wise ones. Future representative conferences may wish to reverse some of the stands taken. Nevertheless, the voting of a conference which so nearly represents its constituents must be considered as the will of the people at the time and in the light of the information available to them. If there were many absent from a given business meeting or if the voice-vote seemed light, this is but normal. As long as democratic principles are not violated no one can complain.

The denominational budget, now called Our World Mission, was one of the most serious concerns of Conference this year. Members of Commission who had visited churches sensed a strong feeling among the people that the asking for the combined work of the denomination should be kept down this year to an amount which could reasonably be hoped for on the basis of past giving and "will endeavor" pledges of the churches. This situation was fully explained to representatives of all boards and agencies prior to the beginning of Conference. It was later thoroughly discussed in several committees and on the floor of Conference. The explanation has also gone out to some extent in the already-printed report of the Commission as recommended for adoption and as

## Correction Please

To all those who are keeping files of the Sabbath Recorder we call attention to our error in numbering the August 12 and the August 26 issues the same, No. 6. The latter should have been No. 7. We are numbering this issue 11 instead of 10 to correct this error.

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approved after much open discussion on the final day of business.

The \$90,000 figure has been presented as a compromise or a middle position between the \$60,000 figure obtained by polling the churches ahead of time and the more than double that amount which was felt to be needed by Conference and by boards and agencies for increased expenses and expanding work. Much of the increase asked for was no more than previous Conferences had encouraged the agencies to undertake.

Is there any fallacy in the line of reasoning which led to a figure smaller than that toward which we are striving (probably vainly) in this last month of our fiscal year? There may well be. All of the planning and pruning (double pruning) which took place before Conference could not take into account the great surge of new interest which became fully manifest in the huge contributions and generous pledges which poured into the hands of the treasurer on next to the last day. By that time committee reports had been written and an over-all change could not easily be worked out. The premise of working toward a budget which could be reached was not abandoned. It was only modified by the suggestion that we try to raise the full amount before the end of the year — that we plan to make our trip to California next summer in the jubilant mood of having already passed the goal.

This, some of us believe, is quite possible. If we begin the new Conference year October first with hope rather than despair; if even those 900 who attended Conference continue their giving in proportion to what they gave at Milton, it will be evident during the year to all those who plan forward-looking work. The boards meeting in the spring to make up tentative budgets may have courage to include items stricken out of their well-laid plans by the recent vote of Conference delegates.

Your editor represents one of the boards as secretary. This board, like the others, faces a financial crisis in the near future if the same type of economy is voted another year. Funds for carrying on the Sabbath Recorder this year are assured. Most

of the tract work contemplated can be financed this year. It is this outreach work — the work designed to gain new adherents to the truth we represent — which will suffer another year unless more funds are available. The demand for tracts is increasing rapidly. (In the summer quarter the number sent out was one half the yearly total of a year or two ago.)

Our people may take an attitude of discouragement or an attitude of prayerful, well-founded optimism. In your editor's opinion, there is much reason for the latter. We were late, too late, again this year in really getting back of Our World Mission. We need not make that mistake again. The good leaven has begun to work in the meal. The impact of the return of two devoted nurses from the mission field of Nyasaland has been tremendous. It will, we trust, continue. The work of the executive secretary is solid. The formation of a special committee to promote our total work should bear results. The churches which cautiously pledged only \$60,000 will, we believe, raise their sights.

Action has been taken by a representative Conference. We of the church must consider it to be valid action. We have no further opportunity to vote until next year. However, we can hasten the day when the expansion of the particular work we cherish can be undertaken. We can do it by making contributions to the whole or to that part for which we are most earnestly praying. We can force an issue by increased devotion expressed through more sacrificial giving. And, we can talk to others in our churches to increase their interest. Our opportunities are great.

## Smoke Signals

"Weighed in the Balances" is the Scriptural title of the lead article in the current issue of "Smoke Signals," a 4-page leaflet, now in its third volume, published quarterly by the American Temperance Society. Tobacco, particularly in the form of cigarettes, is weighed in the balances and is definitely found to be a grave health menace in this article.

We cannot reproduce the entire article

here. It ought to be widely read, for it brings together facts and figures which need to be emphasized again and again until they stick in people's minds as firmly as some of the thoughtless, childish jingles of advertisers. It is time to do some active campaigning when competent authorities can now predict that one out of ten 2-pack-a-day smokers will die of lung cancer as compared with one out of 275 non-smokers.

We quote:

In June, 1956, three major national health organizations — the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and the National Institute of Health — joined in appointing a Study Group to review and evaluate all available evidence on smoking and health.

This group, composed of expert authorities in medicine and research, did its work carefully, holding six two-day conferences and examining all pertinent material, including recent unpublished reports, and consulting with scientists representing specialized areas of research on the subject. No work has ever been done more thoroughly.

The report of this Study Group appeared in March, 1957.

Cigarettes are a direct cause of lung cancer, it concluded, summarizing the evidence gathered from at least sixteen independent studies carried on in five countries during the past eighteen years, plus two massive statistical surveys of male populations, as well as additional reports and surveys.

"The evidence of a cause-effect relationship is adequate for considering initiation of public health measures," it urged. This is further than any previous report or authority has gone in indicting tobacco as a health menace.

The degree of finality of this Study Group report — and the lack of any proof to the contrary — is illustrated by the fact that Tex McCrary, popular television director, asked Dr. David Spain, Columbia University pathologist and a member of the group, to explain the report on TV. But when someone was sought to present the opposing side, no one was willing to try it, either doctor or tobacco-industry representative. As a result, the television program, designed to present both sides of the argument, had to be canceled.

Indeed, tobacco is being "weighed in the balances" of medical and scientific evidence and is being "found wanting."

Copies of "Smoke Signals" are available from 6540 Eastern Ave., NW, Washington 12, D. C., at \$2.00 per 100.

### Executive Secretary Speaks

#### Remarks at the Close of Conference

I am standing before you but I prefer not to "speak to" you this afternoon. I want to lead your thoughts if I can and I would have each of you speak to yourself. I would first ask, "What doth God require of me?" And as we begin our thinking I would like for you to take your hymn-book and turn to Reading number 59. It is First Corinthians 13. I would like for us to read this together very thoughtfully.

If I have been able to sense the feeling of this Conference the spirit of love, to some extent at least, has been pervading here. I think many of us are pleased that we have been able to bring together our ideas in this Conference in a spirit of love and feel that we are making progress toward finding the solutions to some of our problems.

We all feel, I am sure, that we are imperfect people. We need God to help us with our imperfections. Even when we have God to help us we still are far from perfect. And when we come together with our imperfect ideas and attempt to put them together, sometimes it is hard to come out with right and good decisions. The more we have God's perfect love in our hearts the more nearly we are going to do as God wants us to do. I read a little statement recently which I believe is very true. It says, "No church is reaching a really spiritual level until it can deal with controversial questions." I believe that Seventh Day Baptists are coming to learn to deal with controversial questions and I believe love and spirituality are pervading our meetings here and will be carried back to our churches.

I think we should speak to ourselves and ask, "What doth God require of me?" We are giving of our money this year at Conference, generously. We should praise God that He has moved our hearts to do so. But certainly it must have made your heart ache, as it did mine, to hear what the Rev. Delmer Van Horn has just said to us concerning British Guiana. We are generous in our giving but we have evaded our responsibility. We do not take the responsibility over the year. We come to-

gether; our enthusiasm is high; we want to give, but we go back home and too often by the first of October forget about what we have done at Conference and the program we have voted to carry forward. This is our program, people! It isn't the Commission's program. It isn't the Missionary Society's program. It is OUR program. Each one of us has a part to take in carrying it forward.

We wonder why we do not grow, as a people. We also each have a responsibility in this field. Certainly when you are enthusiastic about a show you have seen or about something that you have purchased that you like, you tell your neighbors and friends about it. Until Seventh Day Baptists are convinced within their hearts that what they have in the way of a spiritual blessing is of value to all the world, we will not grow. The same is true of the Sabbath. If the Sabbath is a real blessing to us we must tell other people about it. We want other people to be blessed, and I believe we shirk our responsibilities here. I am speaking for myself as much as for anyone else. I am sure that I have shirked it. If we could all somehow grasp the feeling that we each have a definite responsibility in this matter I believe that we as a people would grow.

When we really grow spiritually and numerically we will not have to worry about money. I know some people think when I say this that I am not being realistic. But isn't it true? If each one of us took the responsibility of seeking out those who are capable of giving but who do not have the interest or the desire to do so, and enthusiastically expressed to them our conviction that our program is of God and that we feel we are receiving through participation in this program a blessing from God, then we could interest others in our work. If we each tell the love of God to other people so that they would want that love in their hearts, a stirring within them would make them want to support the program of outreach which we have. Then, I believe, we would not have to worry about the money for the carrying forward of our work.

I have a prayer that has been of great help to me. I am sure that a good many

of you have read it. It is a prayer given in the Senate by the late Peter Marshall. (From the book, "Prayers of Peter Marshall.") In closing I would like to share a part of it with you:

O Lord, let us not be content to wait and see what will happen but give us the determination to make the right things happen. . . . And Lord, where we are wrong make us willing to change. And when we are right make us easy to live with. When we have truth let us not hit each other over the head with it but rather use it as a lamp to lighten dark places.

### A Modern Miracle With 5 Loaves and 2 Fishes

[The editor is glad to pass on to our readers and to the treasurer of Our World Mission a letter with an enclosure from a couple in Central New York State.]

The other day I was privileged to sit with our new Conference president, Rev. Earl Cruzan, at a committee meeting for our Central Association. When I inquired concerning Our World Mission, he stated, "Both in dollars and percentage-wise we are doing better than last year but only a miracle will raise the budget in full."

I am reminded of the miracle of the loaves and fishes and so feel led to write this letter. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. He is performing miracles all about us both spiritually and in regard to our material well-being. He does miracles through Oral Roberts and others. Why not through us? Yes, I believe that Jesus, and He only, produces these miracles today; and because I believe this, in faith I am sending five loaves and two fishes (a five and 2 ones) for Our World Mission this year.

As His disciples, please take them to Jesus for His blessing that the Kingdom of God may come on earth and precious souls be brought into His Kingdom in what remains of this Conference year.

In Jesus' precious name,  
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Welch.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for September 28, 1957

Nehemiah: Patriotism in Action  
Lesson Scripture:  
Nehemiah 2: 17-18; 4: 6; 13: 17-21.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

### Lost — The Sense of Sin

How many churches have studied together Chapter VII of the new denominational booklet, "A Program for Extension and Growth"? This particular chapter on "Growth of the Group" has a message for every spiritually alive church. Whenever a church is truly alive in Christ there is bound to be growth. Again, it is urged that every church make a study of this booklet and particularly this chapter on growth.

Is your pastor an evangelist? Did he ever extend an invitation to accept Christ from the pulpit at the close of a Sabbath morning sermon? This may not be a conclusive test of the matter but it is surely an indication of the answer. Does your pastor preach the Gospel message of the forgiveness of sin through the grace of Christ? Is this a fair question to ask in a denomination that has a long history as an evangelistic people?

Surely a central teaching of the Christian faith as promulgated by Seventh Day Baptists is that Christ our Savior offers personal victory over sin through His forgiving grace.

But the very word "sin" has lost its meaning for many people. It does not "ring the bell." They have no sense of "sin" and so the central Christian message of forgiveness of sin makes no appeal to them.

And yet, according to psychoanalysts and psychiatrists, one of the most common symptoms of nervous trouble in our time is the "guilt feeling" — a vague half-repressed and unaccountable sense of guilt. Why is it that so many have lost the sense of sin and yet have a guilt feeling? The answer is understandable.

There are many who have no vital sense of the reality of God or deep faith in His power and abiding presence in their lives. But they try to have morality without religion, without God. And they find that a difficult thing to accomplish. They don't know what to do with their failures because they have no God to forgive them. They cannot bear to face these failures so they push them into the background and try to forget them. They repress the mem-

ory of them and repression is just what produces a morbid complex. They are nervous, irritable, and often become physically ill.

What do such people need? They need to be made conscious of God, of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. They need the guilt feeling transformed into a sense of sin against God. That would seem to make the situation worse. But it is not so. For now the seeker can experience divine forgiveness through the grace of our Lord and Savior. The man can be cleansed and renewed. His life can have new meaning and hope and this can happen among Seventh Day Baptists when we become convinced anew of the power and efficacy of the Gospel we preach. Are we truly an evangelistic people? Will you answer that question for yourself in heart-searching honesty?

### The Baptist Family Scattered over the Whole Earth

The Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, together with members of five Commissions and other guests, held their annual meeting on the peaceful and beautiful campus of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, August 26.

The Alliance has six Commissions, working in the following areas of study: (1) Religious Liberty, (2) Baptist World Missions, (3) Evangelism, (4) Bible Study and Membership Training, (5) the Doctrine of the Church, (6) the Doctrine of Baptism. With the exception of the sixth, the Commissions were able to bring together at Hamilton many of their members. They have worked eagerly and fruitfully under the leadership of well-qualified chairmen and have had the assistance of other men and women with ability and experience in the particular field to be studied.

Their present work is mainly exploratory, and will be continued during 1958 and 1959; it is hoped that their findings may be presented at the Tenth Baptist World Congress, in Rio de Janeiro, in 1960.

The message sent out to Baptists everywhere by these Baptists from many lands

assembled at Hamilton contained the following paragraphs:

"As you consider the subjects that we have studied you will see that each of them reveals our concern for you and for all followers of our never-failing Leader and Lord.

"You may be sure that there will be no abatement in our concern and efforts in behalf of religious liberty until all men shall enjoy this great blessing from God. We here reaffirm our deep convictions with regard to freedom of religion for all men, and we appeal to Baptists throughout the world to join us in this testimony.

"In the matter of evangelism we especially rejoice in what God has done for Baptists through their proclamation of the good news of the Gospel of Christ by which millions have come to know Him as Lord and Savior. We rejoice in the proposed world program of evangelism, as typified by the Baptist Jubilee Advance in North America, 1959-64. Let us pray and work that in every land there may come a great awakening and many seek God and His righteousness. To accomplish this, two things are of primary importance: world-wide enlistment of all our Baptist people in daily study of the Scriptures, and in prayer. Every Baptist a Bible-reading Baptist! Every Baptist a praying Baptist! . . .

"We unite also in prayer for peace, peace in the hearts of men and peace among the nations. We call you all to join in earnest and constant prayer, that war may cease to be a means by which men attempt to settle their differences, and that the way of the Cross may be seen as the only way to lasting peace among the races and nations of the world.

"And so, from the campus of McMaster University in Canada, we greet you with the blessing from 2 Corinthians 13: 14: 'The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!'"

Adopted by the Executive Committee on August 29, 1957: Theodore F. Adams, President, Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary.

### MEMORY TEXT

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. John 15: 10.

WOMEN'S WORK — Arabeth M. DeLand

### DEVOTIONS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

By Marilyn L. Merchant

[Mrs. Merchant is a member of the Battle Creek, Mich., Church and for the past two years has served as Recording Secretary for the Women's Board.]

Topic: "The Need for Quietness" — (preparing ourselves for World Wide Communion Day)

Scripture: "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: 10a)

Hymn: "Near to the Heart of God"

Do you need quietness? Have you a time in your life day by day that you can be quiet and meditate? So often one reads of well-known people in public life that take time from their busy schedules for a "quiet hour." Why is this necessary? We can think on holy things while we are busy about our daily tasks, but how often do the other details of our troubled times creep in on these reflections and cause our thinking to go off on a tangent. God tells us to be still, and KNOW that He is God.

Some of the awe-inspiring sights of this world reveal God to us — God in nature. Can one gaze upon a lovely woods, a lake, the evening or early morning sky without thinking of the wonders that our Heavenly Father has wrought to tell us of His love for us? There is a spot in the State of Illinois that is a favorite of ours, a lovely private estate where a man of God has worked with nature to create many spots of unbelievable beauty. As one walks upon the paths that lead in every direction, he comes upon a lovely scene, and there, as if inviting him to meditation, is a bench, a log, or a stone upon which he may sit and rest a moment. Many have been heard to remark, "Who needs cathedrals, when God has created this?" Not every one is so fortunate as our friends who can visit this lovely spot. Many find peace and com-

fort in another form of beauty, perhaps the anthem of a church choir or an organ pealing out a melody. How we find our inspiration is not important, the necessary thing is that we take time from our self-centered lives to think on these things, to remember our God, and to give thanks that we know Him and His power.

Speak, Lord, in the stillness  
While I wait on Thee;  
Hushed my heart to listen  
In expectancy.

— Author Unknown.

Benediction.

### Women's Workshop

Several women who attended the women's workshop on Monday afternoon before Conference said that they felt it was a very worth-while meeting. About fifty-five women joined in an opening rally song written by Mrs. Alena Bond of Nortonville, Kan., "Seventh Day Baptist Women, we have a work to do!" Mrs. Leon Maltby planned the first period, where the needs of our foreign and home mission fields were presented.

Miss Beth Severe of Nyasaland thanked all of the women who helped in the special project of securing the mission Landrover car. She told of the hope for a new church building since the present one was needed for school classes. A gift of money for the new church has been made but about \$1,000 more is necessary if it is to have a permanent roof. She mentioned how their medical work has increased steadily to the point where they hope a hospital can be built in the near future. Many of the women were very interested in making hospital linens, gowns, etc., when further details as to sizes are secured from the nurses.

Miss Joyce McWilliam told of the Bible School work in the Southwest and suggested that perhaps a society might adopt one of these groups where children's Sabbath School supplies or clothing would be welcomed. It was brought out that since Our World Mission has not been raised in full, the travel funds for our "Shepherding Pastor," Rev. Marion Van-Horn, have had to be cut.

Mrs. O. B. Bond told of a few of the needs of the Jamaica field. Student scholarships are always helpful, as well as money to supplement the salary of the teachers at Crandall High School. She stressed the need of good teachers and suggested that perhaps we could work out a plan of financial assistance to the capable students who wished to continue their education for a teaching certificate. All of these needs called forth an enthusiastic response from the women, but made us realize that "Seventh Day Baptist women have a work to do" in raising Our World Mission!

Mrs. Jonathan Davis of the Marlboro, N. J., Society, led the second discussion period with questions on what makes a good society. Does it create better unity in your church? — is a real test, she observed. "Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed? Or are you just contented your name is on the list?"

"Do you take active part to help the work along? Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?"

She closed with this recipe for making a good society:

Choose a goodly number of women of your church, with genuine love of God in their hearts. Be sure it is genuine and avoid imitations. Add a pinch of the salt of the Scriptures. Season well with good common sense and moisten with the milk of human kindness. Mix in a generous quantity of a keen sense of humor. Be very sure no sour grapes are allowed to seep in, or they will spoil the whole mixture! Stir all together with good programs well flavored with variety, the true spice of life. Bring all to the boiling point of enthusiasm with good leadership. Cover your mixture with the warm guidance of the denominational Women's Board and set to rise in your community, guarded by cheerful and willing committee workers. If this recipe is mixed with the friendly hands of co-operation of all the members, who measure their ingredients with the Golden Rule, there can be no failure, and your society will leave a pleasant taste and kindly glow in your entire community.

### Central N. Y. Association

The fall meeting of the Central New York Association will convene on Sabbath, October 12, at the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church, Verona, N. Y., with morning service at 11 o'clock.

## Prophetic Voices of Our Past

By Miss Evalois St. John

The Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society presented for its program at Conference "Prophetic Voices of Our Past." It was in four parts: 1. *The Words of Jesus*, Matthew 5:10-19; 2. *The Words of John James — 1661*; 3. *The Voice of Sabbathkeepers Spans the Ocean — 1668*; 4. *The Voice of the Early Twentieth Century — Abram Herbert Lewis*. The script was written by Miss Evalois St. John. It was staged by Don Gray, of Milton, Wis. There is meaning in it for every Seventh Day Baptist, it seems to us, and we are asking the editor of the *Sabbath Recorder*, to print the entire script. The length will necessitate its being presented in installments, of course.

### PART I

#### The Words of Jesus

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake:

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, "Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of

heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. Matt. 5: 10-19.

### PART II

#### The Words of John James — 1661

Reader:

"We cannot suppose that any rational being has been created, and endowed with life powers, capable of endless growth, for whom there has not been designed some definite mission. There is a work for each man to do, which no other man can do." These were the words of Jonathan Allen. And another — James Bailey by name — spoke these words: "Great denominations have become what they are chiefly through the efforts of those who have been impelled by a glowing interest in their distinctive doctrines."

Such a glowing interest, we believe, impelled John James in the face of death, publicly to reaffirm his complete faith in God and in God's Sabbath.

Listen to the last words of that honest ribbon weaver, spoken November 26, 1661. (Rev. Kenneth E. Smith represented John James. Dressed in dark trousers, a white shirt, open at neck and ragged sleeves rolled, he stood before the assembly with marks of physical abuse on his face and recited these words taken from the story of the trial of John James, printed in London, England, 1662):

I do own the title of a Baptized Believer, I do own the ordinances and Appointments of Jesus Christ, I do own all the Principles in Hebrews 6: 1 and 2, about the Doctrine of Faith towards God, and Repentance from dead works, the doctrine of Baptisms and laying on of hands, the Resurrection of the Dead and Eternal Judgment. These are principles that I desire to own, and have in some weak measure been found walking in: I do not only own the Principles and Doctrines, declared in the sixth of the Hebrews, but I own the Commandments of God, the Ten Commandments as they are expressed in the 20th of Exodus. I do here, as before the Lord, testify, I durst not, I durst not willingly break the least of those Commandments to save

my life; I do declare that the rather, because I would inform persons that I do own the Lord's holy Sabbath, the seventh day of the week to be the Lord's Sabbath; you know the Commandment — Remember that thou keep holy the Seventh day. . . .

I have one word to say to the People of God, and that is this; I would entreat you not to think ever the worse of the ways of God, because you see such a poor worm as I brought hither to suffer upon that account. Let not the assembling of yourselves together be any way a burden to you; know that word, Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but be instructing one another so much the more as you see the day approaching . . . do not content yourselves with what you do already know, but endeavor in the fear of the Lord to be seeking after more.

(Here John James steps back slowly and disappears in the background, as the Reader continues —)

Reader:

Then the hangman, having prepared him for his death, drew away the cart. And lifting up his hands John James cried, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit," — and so finished his course.

John James, the first Seventh Day Baptist on record to have publicly declared his position to the world.

(To be continued)

### Our World Mission Budget Year-End Approaches

Sabbath Day, September 28, is the last Sabbath of our Conference year. Giving during August was such as must have brought a blessing to many. Receipts showed no gifts of over-large amounts from any one individual but it was the willingness of many to do their share as God led them that made possible the good monthly total.

With the end of the year so near, perhaps we should each consider what we should do in order that when totals are considered it may be said of us that we have really abounded to every good work.

— Executive Secretary.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

### Church Membership in the United States

The National Council of Churches of Christ in America recently released the statistics telling of another rise in church membership among the population of the United States. There are 103,224,954 church members in the United States. That is 62% of our nation's population, and it is the highest proportion ever tabulated.

During 1956 Protestants increased their ranks by 2.9% making a total of 60,148,980. The Roman Church increased by 3.5%, now having 34,563,851. There was little change in the number of Jews. They stayed at 5,500,000.

What does this mean to Seventh Day Baptists? Our statistics show that we did not keep up with the national average of either Protestant, Roman, or Jew. I suppose it is safe to presume that during the current year the same percentages of increase may be realized by other denominations. Couldn't we at least keep up with the national average? If we did this year, that would mean approximately 180 new members over and above the ones dropped from our ranks. I believe we can do it. Let us marshal together all the forces of evangelism and education that we have and pray God for an increase.

Some other interesting figures come from the statistics presented by the National Council study. Enrollment in Protestant Church Schools is, on the average, about 63% of church membership. Therefore, in those areas where church membership is less than 45%, Church School enrollment might be presumed to be approximately 30% or less of the population; even in those states where church membership is 75% of the population, Church School enrollment may be only 50% of the population.

Taking our church membership total and the Sabbath School total from the 1956 Seventh Day Baptist Year Book, we have approximately 65% as many Sabbath School members as church members. This is not entirely accurate as many of our Sabbath School members are not members of the church and vice versa, but I

expect that it compares favorably in computation method with the national poll, as well as with the statistics.

Of the members brought into our churches in 1956 by baptism and testimony, approximately 53% came through our Sabbath Schools. We have not seen official figures computing this on the national scene, but they have been estimated anywhere from 65% to 85%. This indicates that there is much more room for evangelism in the teaching department of our churches. Every member is responsible. Won't you assume yours?

### Schenectady Dedicates Church Building October 5

The little church at Schenectady, N. Y., which existed for so many years as a mission sponsored by the Berlin, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church has claimed the interest and prayers of many people. It has been visited often in recent years by those who have been invited to help out in the leadership. The story of the successful efforts of its members to finance and erect a new house of worship has been an inspiration to those who have been close to it and those who have read about it in the Recorder.

The time has come for the dedication of the unpretentious but well-appointed house of worship just off Albany Street on the eastern outskirts of the city in a high-class residential area. On Sabbath morning, October 5, World Wide Communion will be celebrated in the new church after a sermon by a guest minister. In the afternoon the dedicatory service will be held. It is expected that Rev. Everett T. Harris, missionary secretary, who has frequently counseled with the church leaders, will preach the sermon. The program is under the direction of the Berlin Church co-operating with the new pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn. Guests from far and near are expected for the momentous occasion. Visitors are encouraged to join in the all-day services and to enjoy the mealtime hospitality of the resident members in the social rooms.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

### Regarding British Guiana

The prophet Jeremiah was concerned that his people should know and realize the consequences of their actions. On one occasion he cried, "See thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done?" (Jer. 2: 23.)

Seventh Day Baptists need to "know" what they have done in relation to British Guiana missions as that work is being affected by recent actions of the General Conference. We talk of a "responsible" General Conference. Perhaps a review of recent actions taken as affecting British Guiana Missions will help to develop that sense of responsibility.

In 1955 the Committee to Consider the Missionary Board Report stated, and Conference approved, as follows: "We would commend the Missionary Board for its efforts to send a full-time worker to British Guiana as soon as possible and call the attention of the General Conference to the need in the near future for securing a person who might be training to go when sufficient funds would be available. Looking toward such, we recommend that an item of one half the estimated transportation expense to the field (\$500) be added to the Missionary Society budget for 1955-56 and that the society be requested to go ahead with plans for securing and preparing the right ones to go."

Last year at Alfred, on the Conference floor, it was announced that Rev. and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn had accepted the call of the Missionary Board to serve as our missionaries in British Guiana.

The 1956 Conference Committee reported: "We commend the action of the Missionary Board in attempting to secure leadership to serve the British Guiana field."

This year at Conference it was known that Pastor Van Horn had resigned the pastorate of the Little Genesee Church, had been accepted at Kennedy School of Missions to take a course in missions preparatory to serving in British Guiana, and had been in correspondence with our British Guiana brethren looking toward taking over the leadership of that field. Our brethren there had written letters of

rejoicing as they looked forward to his coming. A program of church building and repair was being delayed until the supervisor could be present.

And in spite of all of this the General Conference cut from the Missionary Board's budget the amount requested (\$5,020) for Pastor Van Horn's salary, travel expense to the field, house and chapel rental for one year, and travel expense on the field. This was done on the basis that our people could not support a budget which asked for more than the current year.

So the vote was taken which cut off hope for undertaking to fulfill our expectation of former years. The final Conference speaker said, "Some of us are ashamed of what we have done this day." To break faith with a kindly, patient, and loving people is a terrible thing. Seventh Day Baptists, know what we have done!

### World Religious News Briefs

During the past three years American tourists visiting Israel numbered 55,000, constituting 42 per cent of the total number of visitors in Israel. Expectations are that proportionately large numbers of Americans will visit Israel before the end of this year.

Moslem Friendship Sunday was celebrated May 19 in the 300 Universalist churches of America. The purpose, as stated, was to increase cultural and religious understanding between the Moslem and the Christian worlds.

Dr. Martin Niemoller has objected to the misuse of the expression "the Christian West." He asked what was left in the West of the Christian morality once respected there. "The God who is worshiped in the 'Christian West' is an idol called 'the standard of living,'" he said.

—E.P.S.

A grant of \$10,000 to provide fellowships for theological students and clergymen who wish to become chaplains in mental hospitals has been made by the Smith, Kline, and French Foundation to the National Academy of Religion and Mental Health.

### A New High in Tract Work

On Sunday afternoon, September 15, the trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society listened to reports of unprecedented tract distribution when they gathered in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building at Plainfield, N. J.

The summer months ordinarily are below average in the filling of tract orders. This year, however, the corresponding secretary, L. M. Maltby, noted that the request for literature was more than double the usual amount. Quite a number of churches have come to see the value of systematic promotion of special message leaflets. Besides this, a few old and new friends had called for large numbers of pamphlets for their own intensive distribution efforts. Some of the stories of how these new friends found us and began working immediately were told to the board and are as thrilling as missionary stories from afar.

To meet the demand for literature the Publications Committee considered some new material which had been submitted and authorized the reprinting of many thousands of currently listed tracts. The manager of the publishing house reported more denominational printing than a year ago. The largest items of such printing are the *Sabbath Recorder* and the adult quarterly, *The Helping Hand*.

Since the publishing house, by recent action of the board which owns and operates it, is this year contributing half of last year's net profit toward financing the world work of Seventh Day Baptists, it is good news for all that the Recorder Press is starting off the new fiscal year with a much better financial report than a year ago. On the basis of this, the Supervisory Committee recommended an increase in the manager's salary to bring it into more comparable relationship to the earnings of employees. The board accepted this and also authorized trading in the smaller folding machine for a new one at a price which seemed favorable.

The contribution of \$2,000 in June to Our World Mission, and the other expenditures from the General Fund of the board as reported by the treasurer, showed

that for the first three months of its fiscal year the board was operating slightly in excess of its budget. Consideration was given to the greater dependence during the coming Conference year on the current giving of our people (13% instead of 7% of the OWM dollar). The cutback voted at Conference for all the boards will make much more difference to this board than heretofore.

In the light of this the board's offer to finance quarterly special issues of the *Sabbath Recorder* at its own (unbudgeted) expense was referred back to the Budget Committee, which will also have other problems to work out. The suggestion of Conference that the board use a special editor or editors for these evangelistic issues is to be made the serious concern of an enlarged Advisory Committee and the Budget Committee, according to action taken.

The nominations for new board members which were suggested to the recent General Conference were read at the corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society on the same afternoon and those named were elected. Two new names, Rev. and Mrs. C. Harmon Dickinson, appear on the list and were later added to the new committees. Considerable regret was expressed that one or two other interested individuals could not be elected to membership at this time.

A by-law was changed by majority vote to provide more convenient meeting dates for the board membership. The September date was not altered but the December meeting was moved to January, the March meeting to April, and the June meeting to July — all on the third Sunday of the month.

The following extract from the corresponding secretary's report represents the challenge of a great work which seems to be generally felt by the committees and the board as a whole.

Your secretary believes the board has a growing mission along many lines. Audio-Visual work is well established and is growing at home and abroad. It could be increased on one or two mission fields by sponsoring the use of native language Sabbath and basic Christianity lessons on 90-cent phonographs, a project which is being actively investigated in co-operation

### World Wide Communion Sabbath

The first Sabbath day in October has been observed by many Seventh Day Baptist churches as a time when all church members are urged to attend their home church or send a message to be shared with their brethren if they are unable to attend.

It is a time also when Seventh Day Baptists express their sense of belonging to the Church Universal, the Body of Christ, made up of all true believers. We do not like the terminology of the World Wide Communion promotional material which repeatedly states that the day is to be observed on "the first Sunday in October." It seems to shut us out as a people who worship on the seventh-day Sabbath. And yet, we are persuaded that this has been done thoughtlessly and not by intent to shut anyone out of the Kingdom of our Lord. The Lord's Supper was never intended as a time to shut anyone out. The Lord invites all true believers to partake of His forgiveness and love so fittingly symbolized in the bread and wine.

There is an old poem which concludes with these words: "Love and I had the wit to win, We drew a circle which took Him in." Let us draw the circle of those with whom we would have a sense of fellowship and oneness in Christ large enough to include all those who truly love and serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. — Rev. Everett T. Harris.

with our missionaries and the missionary secretary. A limited financing of foreign language tracts rather than publishing them here might well be considered. Further encouragement of church and Association tract projects has been spoken of by the committees and by Conference. Publication possibilities are great. Radio and television work of high caliber is still in its infancy. Sabbath Promotion work, which was pushed with vigor during last year, ought not to be allowed to fall by the wayside. Commission indicated approval by not making a large cut at that point. Special issues of the *Recorder* are not explicitly budgeted but present a challenge.

With this work ahead of us we must ponder our available resources. . . . This is a time, we believe, for making plans for work as large as we can hope to finance, not a time to think of retrenchment.

— L. M. M.

## Examining Ourselves

by Mrs. L. L. Van Horn  
Edinburg, Texas

Let us as Seventh Day Baptists take stock of ourselves and see if we can find an answer to our lack of financial and numerical growth. Are we seeking to do the will of our Father in Heaven or are we following our own will and the traditions of men? Remember, Jesus Christ warned against the latter when He said, "In vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men." As professed followers of our Lord and Savior we should study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth; remembering also that "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." There is a way that seems right to man but is the way of death "for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" — (Isa. 55: 8). Man has made a mess of things by following his own ideas of right and wrong. "Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord" — (Lam. 3: 40) and see if God will not pour out a blessing, "that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3: 10).

Suppose we now consider a few of "our ways" and see if they are "God's ways":

1. Do we truly have the love of God and love of man in our hearts or are we filled with condemnation and impatience one with another? Do we "follow after Charity and desire spiritual gifts"? "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth" (1 Cor. 13: 4-8a).

2. Are we guilty in our homes of lack of respect for the authority of the founder of the home by rejecting His teachings regarding the home? Do mother and father vie for authority while the children "run the home" according to their selfish, immature judgment of right and

wrong? Or, are our homes based on Ephesians 5; 1 Peter 3; and Proverbs 23: 13, 14; and other Scriptures? Do we have peace and love in our homes or do we have strife, unruly children, divorce with all its penalties, and unhappiness?

3. Do we observe the Sabbath as a day blessed and sanctified by God and set aside as a time of rest from daily toil and refreshment through communion with our Creator? Do we follow the admonition of Isaiah in Chapter 58: verses 13 and 15, or do we seek after pleasure and worldly pastimes?

4. How many of us take part in Christmas and Easter celebrations with their customs derived from heathen worship? Anyone can find from good encyclopedias that the Christmas tree, the gifts on the tree, the Yule log, mistletoe, Lent, and Easter eggs and bunnies, as well as most other related customs have their beginnings in heathen worship. "Oh, but," we insist, "we use these things to worship our Heavenly Father!" God said, "Learn not the way of the heathen" — (Jer. 10: 2). Then He proceeds to describe the tree to which the heathen bowed down — the tree representing the god Nimrod (according to encyclopedias).

Do we let custom and tradition cause us to take part in things of which the Lord does not approve? Let us search the Scriptures seeking for the truth, even though it might mean the necessity of changing our ways if we wish to follow Jesus Christ!

5. Are we more concerned with the things of this world — sports, outings, movies, television, mystery stories, a car as nice as Jones has, bridge playing, or parties than we are in the spreading of the Gospel? How much time do we give to the Lord in prayerful truth-seeking Bible study, worship, and labor? Do we think it a must that we have the pleasures and conveniences obtainable in our United States of America, but "can't afford to pay a tithe and offerings" into the Lord's work? If we withhold the tithe we are guilty of robbing God. How can we expect blessings from above while we put our own selfish desires above the Word of God and Our World Mission?

Oh, that Seventh Day Baptists might

forsake the ways of the world and its unrighteousness, seeking diligently for the guidance of the Holy Spirit into paths of righteousness! May we truly submit to His will and let our light shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in Heaven. Let us pray that those roundabout us may see that we have the love of God in our lives and that because of that love we keep His commandments and put His cause first in our lives.

## Discovery of Dead Sea Scrolls to be on TV

A remarkable television show, "Buried 2000 Years: The Dead Sea Scrolls," will be presented over Armstrong Circle Theatre on CBS-TV, Wednesday, Oct. 2, 10-11 P.M. EDST. It is the story of the discovery of the fabulous Dead Sea Scrolls.

This should be a very interesting, popular presentation contributing much to our appreciation of the very old documents which shed considerable new light on the Bible and some of the religious life during the period between the Old and New Testaments.

## Veterans

This fall, one out of every four students on college campuses will be a veteran. The Veterans Administration estimates a record-breaking three-quarter-million veterans will be attending school under the Korean G.I. Bill.

Sixteen New Jersey and nearly 500 other cases are described in a Veterans Administration pamphlet recently published, "Occupations of Paraplegic Veterans of World War II and Korea" — the first major study ever attempted of the work experience of paralyzed veterans.

Paraplegia, a paralysis caused by a spinal cord injury, and resulting usually from war wounds or such illness as polio, is a comparatively new word to the American public. Prior to World War II there were almost no paraplegics since they died of infection within a short time of injury.

However, modern medicine with its antibiotics and rehabilitation programs today assures paraplegics of normal life expectancy even though in a wheel chair.

## Teen Talk

### The Crash-Car Game

On the boardwalk at the seashore a boy can pay his money, take a ride in a crash car which swings around a circle bumping and jolting the other cars, which are built to stand the shock. The little cars have steering wheels but it is a hopeless task to try to control them. That is what makes it exciting for children not yet old enough to drive real cars.

But if boys who are a little older get an idea that it would be exciting to force their way into a big room where new cars are stored and then crash those cars together in wild driving around the room — well, that would be another thing. It actually happened in New York City this summer. Five teen-age youths were arrested nearly two months after they had on several occasions entered a big storage room in the sub-basement of an apartment building. They had done \$35,000 damage to 35 cars and trucks stored there by a dealer. They raced and crashed the cars together and one time tried to drive two 7-foot-wide cars between iron pillars only 12 feet apart.

"What an awful thing for boys to do," you are probably saying. Would you like to know how the detectives finally caught them? It was by putting on old clothes and drinking lots of ice cream sodas. They figured that sooner or later some of those boys would boast about what they had done. I don't know whether or not detectives Sheehan and Brandt are Bible-reading men but there are several Bible passages that speak about boasting of mischief. In James 3: 5 we read that the tongue "is a little member, and boasteth great things."

After more than a month of sipping sodas in places where teen-agers frequently gathered, the 30-year-old detectives heard what they were listening for, the names of some boys who had visited the car storage room on Labor Day. Some of them face very severe penalties and have their bail set at \$25,000. They were caught. It is no longer exciting. Their evil hearts got them into serious trouble and their boastful tongues got them caught.



# The Sabbath Recorder

At the same time and in the same city other teen-age boys by the thousand, faced with similar temptations, decided to go to Madison Square Garden where Billy Graham was conducting special services for teen-agers. Hundreds upon hundreds of them went into the great basement room there and learned to use their tongues to confess Christ as their Savior and to pray to Him to keep them from yielding to temptation.

## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**FARINA, ILL.** — On the evening of July 28 a social was held at the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crandall. This was in celebration of their silver wedding anniversary and as a housewarming.

On August 11 there was a miscellaneous shower at the parish house for Keith Diss and his bride, the former Carol Alberson, of Kinmundy, Ill.

The Sabbath morning service of August 24 was held at a nearby lake. Pastor Appel preached a very appropriate nature sermon after which Stephen Stewart was baptized. — Correspondent.

**WALWORTH, WIS.** — On Friday, evening, August 23, we were glad to have Rev. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley with us. His sermon was enjoyed by everyone. Since the church and parsonage were sold to the Christian League for the Handicapped we have been meeting Friday evenings in the parsonage so that the patients there may also enjoy the services conducted by the Rev. Charles Pederson. The Christian League has done much to improve the property by painting the church and, with the spotlights on, it makes a very imposing impression upon all who pass by.

We enjoyed attending as many services as possible of the General Conference at Milton and enjoyed another sermon by Dr. Hurley and a discussion hour in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dangerfield in Delavan, Wis., Tuesday evening, August 26.

On Sabbath day, August 31, several attended the Chicago Church. Dr. Hurley conducted the services.

— Correspondent.

**I have never heard anything about the resolutions of the disciples, but I have heard a great deal about the acts of the apostles.** — Horace Mann.

## Accessions

Lost Creek, W. Va.

By Baptism:

Eva Lea Lowther  
Ellen Lowther  
Dorothy Barnes

By Letter:

Harold Sutton  
Harriet (Mrs. Harold) Sutton

## Marriages

**Cox-Davis.** — At the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., on September 1, Gary Gene Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cox of North Loup, Neb., and Myrna Lea Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elno Davis of Wheat Ridge, Colo., were united in marriage by Rev. Duane L. Davis, assisted by Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson.

## Births

**Lewis.** — Twin daughters, Melanie Jean and Cynthia Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lewis of Riverside, Calif., on July 25, 1957.

**McAllister.** — A daughter, Norma Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. William E. (Jean Davis) McAllister of Plainfield, N. J., on August 10, 1957.

**Shaw.** — A daughter, Teresa Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Shaw, Milton, Wis., on August 13, 1957.

**Green.** — A daughter, Janet Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Leland (Dortha Bond) Green of Platteville, Wis., September 1, 1957.

## Obituaries

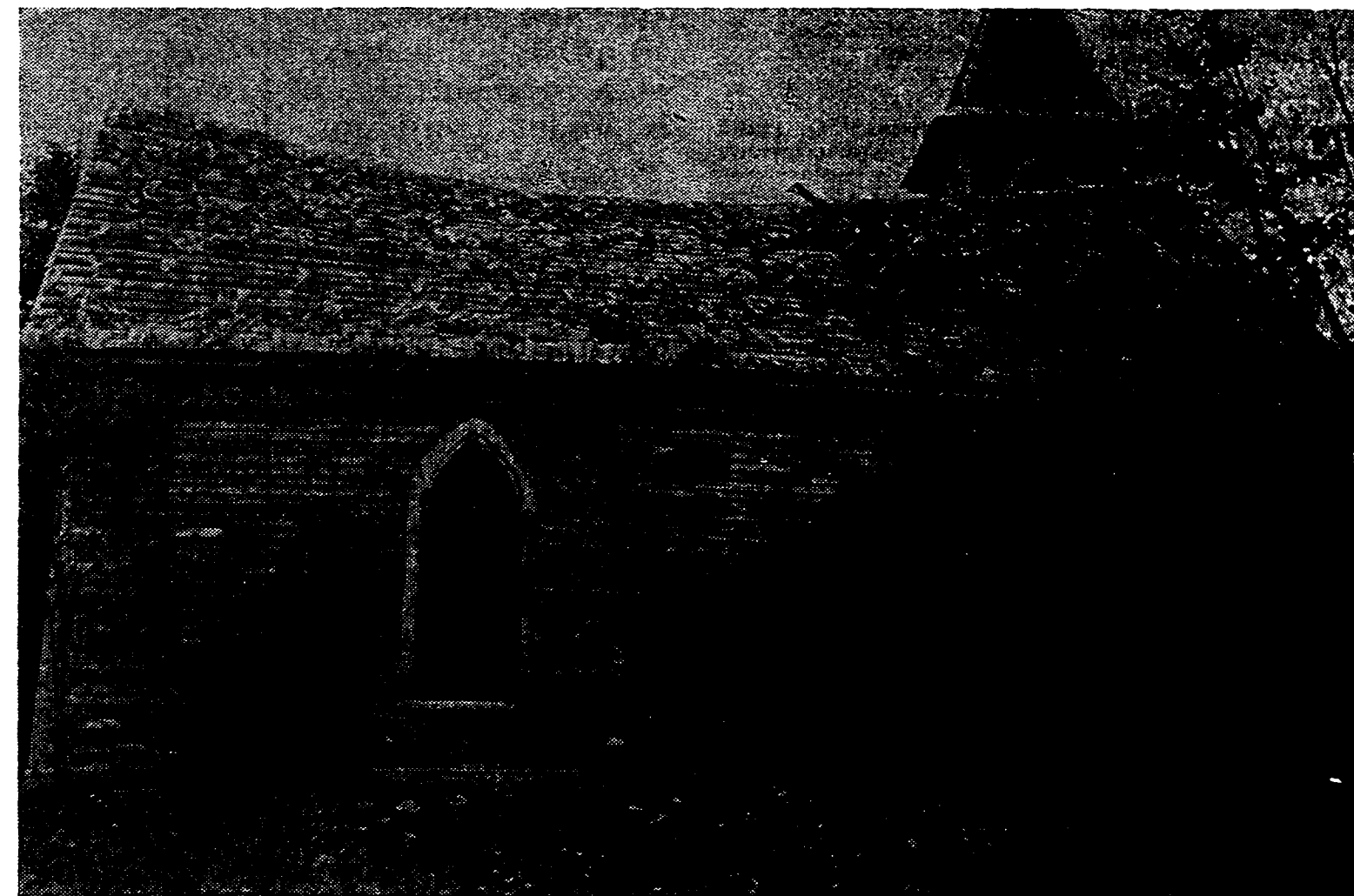
**Burdick.** — Ichabod Ezra, son of Charles H. and Susan Audella (Burdick) Burdick, was born in Brookfield, N. Y., on March 22, 1873, and died at the Margaret Edward Anderson Hospital, Sept. 8, 1957.

He married Louise Mary Sawyer on June 1, 1898. He is survived by a daughter, Doris E. Burdick, and a sister, Mrs. Selden M. Young, six nieces, and several grandnieces and nephews.

Mr. Burdick came to Westerly in his early twenties and for many years worked on the Hillendale Farm. He was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at the Harvey W. Buckler Funeral Home with the Rev. Charles H. Bond officiating. Interment was in the River Bend Cemetery. — C.H.B.

Adv. — The American Sabbath Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J., publishers of this magazine, will accept orders for 15-inch luminous, orange on black bumper stickers bearing the inscription, "The 7th Day is the Sabbath of the Lord." Price 25 cents.



### Whose Church Is This?

Around the bend of a narrow road which circles picturesque Mill-site Lake in Northern New York this long abandoned church looms into view. This flattering picture does not reveal the bulging sides, the doorless front, or the desolate shambles within. A tree hugging the corner has volunteered to hide the shame of its failure. Summer flowers obscure its loss of foundation. Whose church was it? What denomination? 'Tis better not to ask. It could be yours or mine in years to come if we in our generation fail in our responsibility. The shores of this lake have become sacred to young people of several of our churches. Annual religious camping experiences make church builders of our youth.