#### helpers took part in this program. May God truly bless all the dedicated workers who gave so much of time that these young ones might "journey with Jesus."

Sabbath morning, June 29, the new hymnbooks purchased by the Music Committee were dedicated at a special service, By Letter: and so ends a busy month.

July, too, will prove to be full. The annual all-church picnic was scheduled for the Fourth and then on to an intensive camping program covering all ages. Our prayer is that we may never become so busy that we forget to thank the giver of all good and perfect gifts, for the bountiful blessings with which He has surrounded us. — Correspondent.

FLASH — The New York arrival time of missionaries Beth Severe and Joan Clement is changed to an earlier hour. They will arrive on Flight 521, B.O.A.C at Idlewild Airport on Friday, July 26, at 8:35 a.m. EDT. West Coast and East Coast friends plan to meet them.

# Marriages.

Perez - Davis. — Renato Perez, formerly of Santiago, Chile, and Nathalie Alice Davis, daughter of David S. and Bernice Maltby Davis, of Shiloh, N. J., were united in marriage at a lawn wedding at the home of the bride on June 15, 1957, with Rev. Leon M. Maltby, uncle of the bride, officiating.

Speck. — A daughter, Tonya Kay, to Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Speck of 38723 - 15th E., Palmdale, Calif., on May 24, 1957.

Cole. — A son, to Sandford and Joy Miars Cole of South Sudbury, Mass., on June 14, 1957.

West. — A daughter, Vicki Lynette, was born to Bryce and Miriam Bond West, Omaha, Neb., on April 2, 1957.

Kennedy. — A daughter, Mitzi Lynn, was born to Joe and Margaret Kennedy of Clarksburg, W. Va., on April 17, 1957.

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## Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

By Baptism: Stephan Saunders Patricia (Mrs. Richard) Ashcraft

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# Obituaries

Rogers. — Louise M., daughter of Austria — Hungary immigrant parents Edward and Maria Mannl, was born at Troy, N. Y., March 18, 1880, and died at Daytona Beach, Fla., April 27, 1957.

She was married Aug. 23, 1905, at Troy, N. Y., to Clarence M. Rogers. Her husband died in 1933 and she maintained the family home in Daytona Beach until the end of her life. Mrs. Rogers was an associate member of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church and its church pianist for many years.

Her surviving children are: Mrs. Samuel (Mary) McFall of Augusta, Maine; Mrs. Ernest (Frances) Spencer of Mexico, Mo.; Mrs. A. W. (Elizabeth) Sarver of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Lt. Comdr. David E., of Argentia, Newfoundland; Crosby U., of Shelton, Conn.; Clarence M., Jr., of Salem, W. Va.; Mrs. Charles (Julia) Brossier of Orlando, Fla,; and Dr. Ruth T. Rogers, Daytona, Fla. Also surviving are 3 sisters-in-law: Dr. M. Josie Rogers, Miss Mabel T. Rogers, Mrs. W. D. (Helen) Rogers all of Daytona Beach, Fla.; and 20 grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Memorial services were conducted in Davtona Beach with the Rev. W. W. McCall in charge, and at the Shiloh, N. J., Seventh Day Baptist Church, with the Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen in charge. Burial was in the Shiloh Church Cemetery beside the grave of her husband. — R. T. R.

Pieters. — Henry Engbert, son of Herman and Christina Pieters, was born in Haarlem, The Netherlands, March 15, 1888, and died in a Buffalo, N. Y., hospital, May 24, 1957. See extended obituary elsewhere. — H. S. W.

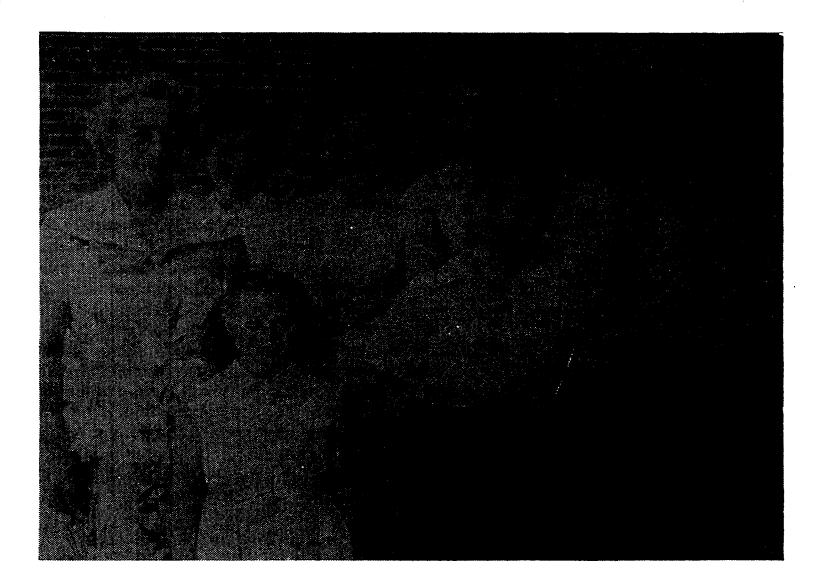
Kennedy. — Osa Mae, daughter of Jesse D. and Ella Freeman Kennedy, was born in Lost Creek, W. Va., Oct. 23, 1881, and died June 22, 1957.

Miss Kennedy spent most of her life in the Lost Creek community. She became a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1921.

Surviving are one brother, Russell M., of Lost Creek, two nieces, and three nephews. A sister, Maude, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were conducted for her on June 24, by the Rev. Duane L. Davis, and interment was in the "Brick Church" Cemetery. — D. L. D.

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Conference President Charles Harris sets the example in making early arrangements to have his whole family enjoy the blessings of Conference. The college graduate and the college student will take part in adult committee work. Younger members of the family have their meetings and activities. Are your children and young people gaining the larger outlook that comes from attending Conference?

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#### IN THIS ISSUE

#### Ministerial Training Plan

One of the issues to be faced at the General Conference at Milton, Wis., next month is the one outlined by the executive secretary in the May 27 Sabbath Recorder. That article publicizes for the first time an alternate plan for the training of Seventh Day Baptist ministers. It is a plan on which a special committee of high educational qualifications and of rather widely divergent background has been working for a considerable length of time. The committee was asked by Commission and Conference "to give consideration to alternative plans for the training of our ministry" because of the "increased demands upon current giving and denominational funds required for the continuation of the Alfred School of Theology."

It was apparently the feeling of Commission last year that we ought to have a workable plan for training our ministers which could be substituted for the plan under which we have been working for several years - progressively increasing student body, salaries, and facilities until the school at Alfred would meet the university standard and become qualified for accreditation. It was a sort of "Beatthe-Clock" program in which many of our prominent leaders who would like to have such a recognized seminary felt that we were playing a losing game. That seems to be the import of the Commission's report as quoted above (1956 Year Book, Page 52).

The Committee on Ministerial Training has quite properly stated that it was merely presenting another possible way of educating our prospective ministers and was not arguing for or against it. Conference must decide which plan will give the most encouragement and the best training with the resources which can be reasonably allocated to this part of our denominational program.

It is quite apparent that Conference delegates must become informed and must make a decision. To some of us it seems that, regardless of sentiment and apart from what most of us would like to see, we are forced for economic reasons to accept the alternative plan now before us. Some modifications may need to be made either by Conference or by the committee. Whereas the committee cannot take sides on this issue, everyone else must do so

and the editor of this paper feels that he as they move forward more and more as an individual must do so. We believe that it would have been far better if this new plan could have been agreed upon by the committee two years ago. It would, in our opinion, have put our denomination much further ahead in its total world mission. Truly democratic processes move slowly. Past mistakes which have set us back when similar decisions were previously before our people required time for correction. Now we are again at a point of decision. We must act dispassionately and, if possible, unitedly in giving to our young men and women the encouragement which this plan provides for the years to come.

There are no controversial elements, no theological arguments involved in accepting this plan, as we see it. The choice of schools is, we trust, almost entirely up to the individual. Some schools have one emphasis and some another.

This we know, many doors are opening at home and abroad. Some of us stand in the position of seeing the correspondence. We believe that far greater outreach will be possible in the years ahead if we conserve cur resources and encourage our young people with the realistic financial help suggested by this committee.

If our readers see flaws in this alternative plan for the training of our ministers which should be brought to the attention of those who will be at Conference, they are encouraged to write them out at once in orderly, printable form.

## **High School Graduation**

Small town weeklies feel the pulse of church and school in their communities. Typical of the bigness of little things is the 4-column, full-figure picture on the front page of the June 27 De Ruyter Gleaner of the 11 smiling graduates from the De Ruyter, N. Y., High School. The graduation featured prizes, scholarships, awards, and an address by the dean of Hamilton College. Nothing better could have been given to graduating classes numbering in the hundreds. Hopes beat as high in their hearts, we suppose, as in any larger classes.

The newspaper, the village, and the churches will follow their young people

on their own initiative. Whether they make a success of life or a failure will be known to all, and the praise or blame will be quite accurately discussed. In case of failure the church will receive its share of community censure for what it did not do.

Life in a small town is intimate. It has its glories and its heartaches. No one is lost from view. Wherever we are, in busy mart or country lane, it is comforting to realize that God's hand is over us. We are never out of His sight. May we so live as to enjoy that presence!

#### Counseling Room at the Garden

When Evangelist Billy Graham leads up to the invitation at the close of his sermon he frequently says, "You are not here by accident; God intended you to be here." He then urges those listeners to whom the words apply to make the decision that the Spirit of God prompts them to make.

We know of one teen-age girl who had, by her own admission during the 32-mile trip to the city, fought desperately the idea of going again to the Crusade. Arrangements had been made; good friends were providing her transportation. The invitation time came and the call continued to be voiced. Others made their way to the front. When a little girl beside her wanted to go she, too, responded. They met the stream which thronged the passageway to the cavernous counseling room and were swept along at the crest of the wave to front seats.

Four other young people, one of whom had never before been to such a meeting, had decided to go at the latter's insistence. They, too, did not get to the main floor in time to bow their heads at the platform in front of the evangelist and the assembled thousands. They were not too late to sit before other members of the evangelistic team who spoke to them briefly through the microphone about the steps of conviction, decision, and conversion. They were not too late to have trained and consecrated counselors of the

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same sex and nearly the same age assigned to them.

Only the Spirit of God could make a sanctuary of the rough basement of that great circus building; but sanctuary it seemed to be, and none were thinking of material things like brick and stone. Many faces are flushed and many eyes scarcely blink back tears as the seriousness of the choice being made within is reflected on the surface.

After a few moments of group instruction and group prayer the microphone is silent and counselors feel out the individual needs and try to meet them with Scripture and well-chosen words.

Often we have stood outside a beehive to listen to the nectar-laden workers transforming their hard-gathered sweetness into stores of honey. Never before had we been within such a beehive where the gentle voices of hundreds of workers created such a mighty hum. An unsympathetic musician might have called it discordant. All were speaking different words at the same time, and vocal music of the ordinary sort is not produced in that way. We had the feeling that it was not discordant, that sweet heavenly music was being made, for everywhere individual sinners were coming to repentance.

The hum subsides as records are made, literature is given out, and as faces begin to glow. Some are ready to depart; others need to be made more sure of the reality and lasting quality of their surrender to the will of God. Ministers as advisors give them further individual help.

The lights blink out; the exits close as the last of the young and old step out into the night and into the new world which can be theirs if they continue to trust in their Savior and can find the help of faithful Christians.

They cross but one street until they may chance to see through the open door of the corner saloon the revolting sight of a well-dressed bulging man flat on his back on the barroom floor. From such a life our youth have just been saved. From such a life they will pray that others may be saved.

They have heard during the meeting

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#### **MEMORY TEXT**

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. Hebrews 2: 9.

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the cowboy singer, Stewart Hamblen, give his testimony in word and song of how he was saved from drunkenness eight years ago. There are yet many who are unreached as the public meetings in Madison Square Garden draw toward their close. For them the new converts will pray.

#### Secretary of State

In his first major speech in three years on Red Chinese policy, Secretary of State Dulles stated on June 28 this country's continuing policy of nonrecognition. Among other things Mr. Dulles said:

"Nothing could be more dangerous than for the United States to operate on the theory that if hostile and evil forces do not quickly or readily change, then it is we who must change to meet them."

How often have we heard good people connected with the church take a similarly dangerous attitude toward the evil forces in the social life surrounding the Christian. Mr. Dulles believes there is no permanence in present Communistic success in Red China. We, too, must believe that the sweetness of sin will sour and that isolation from it is the only course of permanent happiness.

The position of Mr. Dulles about the evils of Communism would seem to be amply substantiated by the official statement of Mao Tse-tung (made on Feb. 27, 1957) which has recently come to light in a broadcast from Peiping. The Chinese leaders acknowledge that in the first five years of their rule they liquidated 800,000 persons. The actual figure may be several times larger than the one they give.

## August Issues of Sabbath Recorder

The Recorder is published biweekly in August. The issues which would normally be dated August 5 and 19 will be omitted.

# Where Will You Be? What Will You Give?

By Olin C. Davis, Verona, N. Y.

Where are you planning to be August 13-18? Whether you are among the hundreds who will be meeting in Milton, or whether you are one of the countless Seventh Day Baptists who must remain "scattered from Texas to Rhody," you have a part in our General Conference program! And we're depending on you!

Each year the Conference Sabbath offering is designated for the world work of Seventh Day Baptists. Also, each year all of our churches take special "Conference collections" to be added to this offering for the denominational budget. Obviously, the nation-wide collection has always been a bountiful boost to the budget.

This year, as we realize the tremendous need for funds in Our World Mission, we must make a greater than usual effort in our giving to the Conference collection. The ultimate achievements of this year's OWM program will depend directly upon the total amount of our special offerings next month. Perhaps, if we begin planning now, we can announce a record-breaking collection in Milton!

Each church should designate and publicize a specific Sabbath in August for their own Conference collection. It could be August 17 (Conference Sabbath) or it might be as early as August 10, so that church treasurers would have plenty of time to report the amount to the denominational treasurer for the Conference president's announcement. These reports will be mailed, phoned, or telegraphed to Olin C. Davis or Mrs. R. T. Fetherston, c/o The S.D.B. General Conference, Milton, Wis., by the evening of August 17.

Lone Sabbathkeepers can contribute from their homes by mailing their checks to the above address early Conference week so that they can be placed in the offering plates on Sabbath morning together with the gifts from the delegates in Milton.

Let's set for ourselves a nation-wide Conference collection goal of one-tenth of Our World Mission budget, \$9,546.95! If we are to attain this goal, every Seventh Day Baptist must give something toward it! Small gifts will help, but we will need large gifts, too. Last year several individuals and families contributed gifts of one hundred dollars or more. There were many twenty-five and fifty-dollar gifts, and innumerable others of smaller amounts. How much will you give this year?

As General Conference draws near, wherever you are, begin planning your generous gift to the Conference collection for Our World Mission!

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

# Special Meeting of Missionary Board

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society held Sunday afternoon, July 7, with the American Tropics Committee invited and represented by five members, it was deemed best because of pressing important matters to call for a special meeting of the Board of Managers on Sunday, July 21, at 2 o'clock in the vestry of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. Therefore the president is issuing the call for that time.

It is hoped that there may be full attendance at this meeting and also that this may obviate the necessity of the meeting at the regular time, July 28.

The reason for holding the board meeting on July 21 instead of July 28 (the regular time announced last week) is to enable the secretary to visit the Jamaica Mission leaders before the convening of the General Conference at Milton in August. Among matters to be discussed with the leaders is the possibility of setting up a tentative budget for 1958 and also the possibility of the setting up of an Executive Committee to administer the Jamaica Mission field as it relates to budgetary items. The plans for beginning the Maiden Hall Vocational School at some future date will also come into the discussion.

## En Route Toward Unity in Faith

By Paul S. Minear

(The North American Faith and Order Conference to be held at Oberlin, Ohio, Sept. 3-10 has as its theme "The Nature of the Unity We Seek." Sponsors for the conference are the World Council of Churches, National Council of Churches, U.S.A., and the Canadian Council of Churches. Dr. Minear has devoted two years to organizing the Oberlin meeting. He is professor of New Testament at Yale University Divinity School and the author of several books.)

Just as the Mississippi River is fed by the Red River, Green Creek, and countless streams and sloughs, the ecumenical movement is fed by an infinite number of smaller movements. Wherever Christians seek to worship and work together, they contribute to a world-wide process. Whenever churches resolve "to stay together," they do so because they have discovered underneath many conflicts in faith an undeniable consensus in faith. Both consensus and conflict are actualities. Neither can be ignored. The depth and extent of both must be explored, and the venture of exploration requires courage and contrition on the part of all. Moreover, such a venture requires that the exploring party be made up of many churches.

It is altogether essential, therefore, that at the forthcoming North American Faith and Order Conference (Oberlin, Ohio, Sept. 3-10) there should be a sustained search for clearer understandings of "Doctrinal Consensus and Conflict." This is in fact the title of Section II at the conference. Its importance is indicated by the fact that more delegates have chosen this section than any other. . . .

What specific objectives are assigned to this section? Only a sample can be given here, a very limited sample of three: to study the degree and kind of consensus in faith which binds us together; to discover the points of deepest conflict in the realm of doctrine; to explore the ways in which mutual allegiance to Jesus Christ should lead us to welcome diversities in the expression of this allegiance within each communion and across denominational lines.

These objectives are audacious; particularly so, since the members of this section will all be virtually strangers to

one another. Not much advance can be expected unless there is thorough preparation. . . .

This, in brief sketch, is a preview of the work of one section at Oberlin. A similar sketch could be given for each of the other eleven sections. Another section has been asked to appraise the unitive and divisive role of baptism among today's churches. To yet another is assigned the study of Holy Communion as a bond of unity and a bar to greater unity.

These studies in the realm of Faith will not, however, be confined to abstract, conceptual treatment. At every point they will be affected by the examination of cultural pressures which bear upon the life of the churches. For example, American churches are becoming more and more polyglot in membership. It is not unusual to find that more than fifty per cent of a congregation's members have joined that congregation within the last ten years. Nor is it unusual if a large minority of its members have transferred not from other congregations of the same denomination, but from other denominations. A congregation often represents "the ecumenical problem" in miniature, since among its members will be found former members of from fifteen to twenty other denominations. What effect does this mobility have upon the doctrinal position of a given church? Can the separate denominations long maintain such sharply distinctive standpoints in the realm of dogma? . . . The discussions at Oberlin, however narrowly defined and sharply focused, will open out into many dimensions and will move in many directions, simply because the Lord of the Church is the Lord of the world.

## **Conference Bumper Cards**

An adequate supply of bumper cards has been printed by Recorder Press. Some have been sent to churches. More are available to individuals or churches. Write immediately to Recorder Press, P. O. Box 868, Plainfield, N. J., for the number needed. The cards are 26 inches long with bright colored ink on white stock. Let's go to Conference and advertise the denominational gathering as we do so. The cards are free!

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

#### Quartet and Evangelist

The student evangelistic quartet and Evangelist Loyal Hurley concluded services at Albion, Wis., on Sunday evening, July 7, and traveled to Dodge Center, Minn., to begin services there on Friday evening, July 12. Pastor Kenneth Van Horn and the Dodge Center Church have been making plans for their coming. Please remember these special services also in your prayers.

Pastor Kenneth Smith writes concerning the meetings at Albion, "We are having a wonderful time with the evangelistic team. The visitation program was extremely successful and we are really proud of these young people. They are really quite a quartet."

Evangelist Hurley wrote that the team was a bit hesitant about visitation work at first "but before we were finished they were enthusiastic. Ron Wright," he continues, "has assisted in the visitation work and is highly praised for his enthusiasm and real help in Albion."

## **New Auburn Pastor Writes**

Pastor Don Sanford's quarterly report notes sixteen sermons and addresses given, exclusive of supply preaching. (He is one of the pastors supported in part from missionary funds.) He writes as to supply preaching, "From January 30 to June 16, I supplied the Methodist churches of Chetek, Canton, and Cameron. I am now riding the Methodist circuit of Birchwood, Brunette, and Exeland." He adds, "On June 15 we laid the cornerstone of the new church (New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church) and held our first services in the new church. It still is not completed but is usable." He is especially appreciative of the Blue Cross coverage which is being provided in part by the Missionary Society.

## **Itinerary of Nurses**

After Miss Beth Severe and Miss Joan Clement have rested for a few days at Waterford, Conn., as guests of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Burdick, they will follow a schedule of visits to the churches as they are en route to Conference at Milton.

It is expected that the nurses will speak on Sabbath morning, July 27, in the Ashaway and Westerly Seventh Day Baptist Churches. Then on Friday evening, August 2, they will visit the Berlin, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church. On Sabbath morning, August 3, they will speak at the Schenectady Seventh Day Baptist Church.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 4, it is expected that the nurses will tell the Nyasaland Mission story at Shiloh, N. J., under the auspices of the Benevolent Society of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. They will go from there to Plainfield for a few days, then on to the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church in time to address the church on Sabbath morning, August 10.

They are scheduled to speak on Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 13, the opening day of General Conference at Milton, telling of the work accomplished and plans for the future of the Nyasaland Mission.

#### Plainfield Church Extends Call

The Seventh Day Baptist Church at Plainfield, N. J., which has been pastorless since June 1 has extended a call to the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson of Denver, Colo. A letter of acceptance from Mr. Dickinson was read at the Sabbath morning service July 6. He and his family of three children expect to move to the Plainfield parsonage about October 1.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson were born and reared at Shiloh, N. J. They have served village churches in New York and Rhode Island and, for the past 5 or 6 years, the city church at Denver. Mr. Dickinson has recently pioneered in wide-scale Sabbath advertising in the Mid-Continent Association, following up the contacts with letters and tracts. He has frequently been a featured speaker at the General Conference.

In Borneo boys sell for \$150 and girls for \$250 in the slave markets, according to publicity of Christian Children's Fund, Inc., China Building, Richmond, Va. Their 216 orphanages in 33 countries are not sufficient for the need, they state.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

### **Evangelism** in Christian Education

By Harry Morton

Man's power to change his environment is everywhere recognized, especially in these days of scientific discovery and invention in which human freedom and the total life have been so enriched. But the radical changes wrought in man himself are frequently underestimated. There is a widespread feeling that "you cannot change human nature," and yet that proour eyes, and is the basis upon which educators of vision predicate all their work. interacts with the ability to change human nature. In the process of mastering the secrets of the natural forces about him, in order to better his physical environment, man himself undergoes change.

Personality grows in many ways and man himself has large control of those of unalterable circumstances. He has power to bring about changes in the character of human wants and to create conditions that he finds are conducive to one kind of response instead of another, thus vitally conditioning human change in himself and others. Dr. J. W. Shackford states this fact forcibly in his book, Education in the Christian Religion:

"Thus man alone is capable of becoming the master of his own destiny. He is more than the creature of his own environment. But more than this, he is a creator of his own expanding and growing personality. Here human nature rises solitary and unapproachable by any other forms of life. Here man rises to the plane not only of self-activity, but of self-direction of his own progress in life."

This power to make personality changes is seen to be both individual and social in its processes and results. Man gives direction to his own personal development and at the same time contributes to the remaking of social conditions, thus creating a changed social order and building a new social power.

Christian education is based on the faith that God is just as active in human personalities as He is in nature. The laws that govern in both instances are His. He is vital to all the ordinary processes of life, and especially of human personality. Thus it is necessary that we educate ourselves and others in Christian principles and doctrines. This is done through the means known as evangelism.

Using the word evangelism in its broadby his responses to external environment est and best sense we see that it must include all possible vital and effective processes in education, while all Christian education worthy of the name must incess is in continuous operation before volve the evangelistic spirit and objectives. These processes of evangelism and education do not conflict but are parts The ability to change human environment of a unified spiritual process. Christian education is not Christian at all unless it utilizes educational methods in working with God to make children, youth, and adults genuinely Christlike, and that embodies a steady and sustained spirit of true 'evangelism.

Here, mention should be made that for ways. He is not therefore a mere creature nearly two centuries evangelism and revivalism have been popularly regarded as synonymous, and this conception is not at all difficult to understand. It should be kept in mind that revivalism is only one form of evangelism, and therefore evangelism is the more inclusive term. It is well known that men's experiences of religion differ, and since the heart of evangelism is the passion to bring others into vital religious experiences it is inevitable that a variety of methods may be employed, and one is the revival.

> The evangelist and the educator are working at the same task and each needs the other. The specialist in mass evangelism will use the educational methods that are possible and effective for groups and crowds, while the Christian educator cannot hope to succeed without the evangelistic spirit and approach in all his efforts. In mass evangelism the call is for decisions for Christ, publicly expressed, and the evangelist uses those methods which promise immediate results. The Christian teacher must also make effective appeals for decisions for Christ, employing different but no less

vital methods. The difference in method grows largely out of the fact that the evangelist appeals for immediate results, while the Christian teacher bides his time, trusting in the sickle only when the harvest is ripe.

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The Christian teacher is committed to sound methods of teaching which require a long time. His task is never finished, not even when his pupils have been led to Christ and have assumed the vows of the church. The true educator does not relax his efforts at this point but regards his task as continuous, reaching far beyond the immediate results obtained in the classroom. In helping persons achieve Christian character and life he is often disappointed in the outcome of his labors, but he must not let down or give up, maintaining a steady glow whether the harvest be near or far. If he can do this he has proved himself a teacher and an evangelist of the best type.

The Christian teacher does not hope to create a divine experience in the lives of those with whom he works, but he does seek to bring them into such attitudes as will dispose them to receive the new life which God alone can give, even as the husbandman plants and cultivates the tree which God alone can bring to frui-

A certain pastor once was calling on a parishioner and noting his fine farm, its abundant crops, and the fertility of its soil remarked: "God and you have certainly made a fine farm here!" To which the farmer replied: "You should have seen it when God was running it by Himself." Manifestly the farmer had a point, for the development of fine farms and the growth of Christian personalities are alike joint enterprises between God and man. He is dependent upon His servants and the servants know that God can be depended upon to do His part. Hence the teacher will endeavor to guide developing life into situations where regeneration and Christian growth become possible, rather than depend on crisis methods such as are employed in winning men in mass evangelism.

Among the changes that have taken place in our religious attitudes and meth-

ods, it is frequently pointed out that the note of urgency that was characteristic of the revivalism of yesterday is missing in our pulpits and classrooms today.

In Evangelism and Change Bishop Edwin H. Hughes writes most interestingly one of the changes which has taken place in the literature and hymns of the past generation. Modern hymnals of several denominations show an increase in the number of hymns for children, and this is as it should be. But another trend is noted by the Bishop:

"In the Methodist Hymnal, for example, 'The Gospel' section was increased until the number reached seventyone. Of all these hymns not one was written in the twentieth century. Indeed more than one fourth of them were penned in the eighteenth century! Elsewhere in the hymnal there are songs that make a strong appeal, and some that could, save for stricter classification, have been included in the Gospel section. Yet the seventy-one, thus naturally chosen for this section, are all products of the quite far-gone time! Is there significance in the fact that no hymn of invitation to Christ, as selected for 'The Gospel' section, was pulled from an author's heart in the last forty years?"

Concurrent with the decline in the creation of new Gospel hymns a definite change in the character of evangelistic literature is noted. The older writers in this field had a more positive message than is to be found in much of the current literature intended to be evangelistic. The sharp, dogmatic note of judgment characteristic of that older evangelism has somehow drifted into vagueness, and its challenge lacks the definiteness of an earlier Christian literature.

The primary function of evangelism is to confront men with the fact of God, whether dealing with the awakening moral consciousness of children or with the more mature minds of adults. All the great spiritual awakenings in Christian history have begun in urgent efforts to bring men face to face with the reality of God in Christ.

The great fact of the Christlike God, then, is primary in the evangelistic message. Dr. Lynn Harold Hough says in Are You an Evangelist:

"There is no evangelistic message without Almighty God, perfectly good and perfectly loving, offering fellowship to men, and offering to supply all their need in this strange and baffling business of living.

"If there is no Divine Mind to think, no Divine Will to choose, no Divine Love to reach out in tenderness toward men, no Divine Power on the throne of the universe, then the singing splendor fades from the Psalms, the high authority vanishes from Hebrew prophecy, and all the inner potency disappears from preaching."

Let me close by saying evangelism in Christian education involves sharing Christian experiences with other persons, and in its very genius is therefore highly personal. This spirit of sharing is mainly expressed today in three ways: through pulpit evangelism, educational evangelism, and personal evangelism — but it is the same spirit, whatever the method, and frankly seeks to win persons, young and old. There may be valid objection to certain methods sof evangelism but to evangelism as a contagious spirit there can be no valid objection. Society can move forward only as it organizes to share its experiences of the best values, and religion above all other life values can be propagated only in this way.

### Helping Hands Mailed

The adult and young people's quarterly for July, August, and September, published at Plainfield for the Board of Christian Education, was put in the mails the same day as this issue of the Sabbath Recorder and should arrive about the same time. The publishing house received the last of the copy June 24 and has lost no time (other than holiday time) in producing and mailing the **Helping Hand**.

# SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for July 27, 1957

Gideon: Combating Paganism Lesson Scripture: Judges 6: 25-32. Youth Work Committee

By J. Paul Green

The monthly meeting of the Youth Work Committee of the Board of Christian Education was held Wednesday, June 26, at the home of J. Paul Green, chairman of the committee. Members attending were Andrea Reynolds, Camille Crofoot, Lyle Sutton, Roberta Armstrong, and Dick Stearns.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Rex Zwiebel, board secretary. The latest issue of the Beacon, publicity releases on Pre-Conference Retreat and Conference youth activities, and a recent letter to Association youth leaders were presented to the group.

It was decided to order petitions which are being distributed by the American Friends Service Committee asking our government to cease the testing of nuclear weapons. The young people at Pre-Con will be given an opportunity to circulate these petitions at Conference, if they so choose.

Several questions with regard to Conference planning were discussed. It was decided to close Pre-Con at 3:30 P.M. on Monday, instead of 7:00 as previously announced, in order to enable the young people to attend the evening program of the vocational conference. Plans made by the Milton young people for a rollerskating party and a swimming party were discussed and approved. Plans for an excursion on Friday afternoon to the Cave of the Mounds were approved, provided the Milton group is able to work out the details. Andrea Reynolds agreed to make a report on Pre-Con during the Conference program that is being planned by the Youth Committee.

Plans for the organization of the SDB Youth Fellowship were discussed. It was felt that the results of the questionnaires which were sent to Association youth leaders are needed before definite planning. The possibility of providing monthly programs for use in local Youth Fellowship meetings was discussed. Ideas

on the Youth Fellowship will be discussed at Conference.

The committee will meet again on Tuesday, July 30.

#### **Ashaway Vacation Bible School**

Many parents and friends attended the "Pioneer Round-up" at the Ashaway Church Sabbath eve, June 28, when the boys and girls demonstrated part of what they had learned during the two weeks of the annual Vacation Bible School, sponsored by the First Hopkinton Church and the Potter Hill Chapel.

Pastor Osborn supervised the school, and was assisted by 10 teachers and assistants, four of them from our church: Mrs. Ruth Sitzai, Mrs. Helen Brayman, Jean and Lois Burdick. Mrs. Osborn acted as registrar, and Adrian Piccolo was supply clerk.

There were 50 boys and girls enrolled, about half of the usual number, due to the fact that Rockville and Westerly, who usually co-operate in the school, had separate schools in their communities. The average attendance was 46, with 37 having perfect attendance. The cost of the school was \$67, part of which was met by the offering at the closing program, and the balance shared by the two churches.

The missionary offering of the boys and girls was sent to pay for one week for some boy or girl from New York City at Mont Lawn, the Christian Herald Camp.

#### **Notices**

All persons responsible for the returning of information regarding youth activities and SDB Youth Fellowship organization at Associations are humbly requested to send in the information to the Board of Christian Education as soon as possible.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held in the School of Theology on Sunday, July 21, at 2:00 o'clock.

Questionnaires to be filled in by those we are look responsible for Vacation Church School at Conference!

and church camping have been sent out. In order that the information be of the most value the reports must be sent in as quickly as possible with as much information filled in as is known.

Those who plan to attend Pre-Con Retreat are urged to get their registration slips sent in now. If you do not have a blank, send in your name. If you find it impossible to preregister, come anyhow.

WOMEN'S WORK — Geraldine Nelson

#### See You At Conference!

Your Conference Planning Committee is still hard at work, planning the four women's programs allotted to us at Conference. It is our hope that the women of our denomination will not only be strengthened spiritually by our meetings together but will also enter into an exchange of ideas whereby each one may go home feeling stimulated with positive and constructive thinking that can be put to work all through the coming year.

Plans are nearly complete now for all meetings. They are as follows:

Monday afternoon, Aug. 12, at 2 o'clock, Women's Workshop: This will be divided into two periods to discuss denominational and local society plans. What questions or suggestions do you have? Bring them with you. This will be the place to get them off your chest and in the minds and hearts of others.

Wednesday afternoon, 3:15: General Conference program highlighting "Our World Mission — At Home."

Thursday morning, 8:30: Sectional meetings for three groups: (1) Presidents and program chairmen; (2) Keyworkers; (3) Associational representatives.

Friday noon: Annual luncheon followed by the annual business meeting.

Be sure to see the Women's Board display. Space will be available for special money-raising ideas from each society or church. We will be anxious to see what your society's pet project has been. Be sure to bring it with you for display!

We are looking forward to seeing you at Conference!

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## Youth Accepts the Challenge

Evangelist Billy Graham had a different emphasis and procedure at his Friday evening service, July 5. He gave what we might call a "Teen Talk." It was a special youth night at Madison Square Garden in New York.

Ordinarily about fifteen per cent of the audience is composed of teen-agers, says Dr. Graham. When the meetings began the New York schools were still in session. Since the schools closed, the number of high school age and younger at the Crusade has increased.

On this particular Friday evening the evangelist called for the young people to come forward who were already sure of their decisions for Christ and who were willing to dedicate their lives completely to His service. A thousand people responded to this new type of invitation. Half of them were young folks who were pledging themselves to become ministers or missionaries or to go anywhere or do anything the Lord asked.

How thrilling it must be to a teenager who has thought that he was standing alone for Christ to find himself in a crowd of about 500 others already standing for the same thing. It is not possible except in big meetings where thousands are gathered together, but the assurance that we are not alone can be ours wherever we are. Christ is with us in a very real way when we pledge to do His will and when we go forth after making such a pledge.

Those who have studied the responses to the invitation given nightly at Madison Square Garden find that about 36 per cent of the youth in attendance come forward and that about 60 per cent of these are first-time decisions. Philip S. Cook reporting in the New York Herald Tribune for Monday, July 8, mentioned some of the teen-agers who had come forward on the previous Friday night. He writes about one who was rededicating his life after being a Christian for a year. A girl from New Jersey made a decision the

third time she attended; others the second or fourth time, and some the first time.

Christ is calling youth through large meetings and small and through personal witnessing. The important thing is that the call is being heard and heeded. If you really know Jesus as your Savior you will feel a divine compulsion to help others to know Him, too.

#### OTHER FOLDS AND FIELDS

There are now 100 countries in which Baptists have organized work, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, announced.

The 100th nation in BWA records is New Guinea, where baptized believers number 865 in the Baiyer Valley and Lumis areas. The converts are the result of mission activity started by Australian Baptists in 1949, shortly after the Southwest Pacific island's central highlands were opened to the white man for the first time. The natives were still living in a Stone Age culture, until Christian missionaries introduced modern techniques along with the Gospel message. The first converts were baptized in July, 1956.

Commenting on the recent merger of two denominations Dr. Samuel McCrea Cavert said in part: "Unless freedom and diversity are safeguarded the attempt at union will only produce further disunity. But we must not allow the difficulty of reconciling liberty and unity to make us complacent with our present state; for unity is not a peripheral but a central matter for those who take the New Testament seriously."

Twenty-five years ago, when short-wave was new in radio, a group of North American experts went to Ecuador with a small transmitter "to win people of all nations to the Christian message." Today, Voice of the Andes, Station HCJB, is the oldest and largest Protestant broadcasting station in the world. It has eight transmitters, including a new 50-kilowatt one. The station broadcasts in nine languages daily, except Mondays, to every country in the world. In 1956 it broke

the news to the world of the martyrdom of the five young North American missionaries who were killed in Auca Indian territory while attempting to contact a savage tribe.—Selected.

An international conference on "Film in the Church" closed on June 21 at Swanwick, England, with a plea for more honest religious films and greater use of commercial films in the churches.

The group suggested standards for judging religious films, saying the films "should be true to the Biblical facts and to Christian experience and should present an idea that demands a response."—
E. P. S.

Announcement has been made by Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, of Washington, D. C., of a \$1,500,000 grant by the Kresge Foundation of Detroit to help build a new theological seminary in Washington, D. C. The gift is contingent on a matching sum by the Methodist Church. Bishop Oxnam is president of the seminary's board of governors. The Westminster (Md.) Theological School will move to Washington to form the nucleus of the new institution, to be named Wesley Theological Seminary. The 75-year-old Westminster Seminary will be located on the American University campus. Both S. S. Kresge, chain store magnate, and his son, Stanley, foundation president, are Methodists.

Six new appointments of ministers to serve U.S. Protestants living in foreign countries are announced by the Rev. Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, director of the National Council of Churches Department of American Communities Overseas. These appointments bring to a total of 76, pastors serving American civilians and their families to the number of about 800,000 in some 40 countries. Army and Navy chaplains minister to several million uniformed Americans around the world. — W. W. Reid.

"One of the requirements of church membership for 43 denominations in South Africa is total abstinence."

# Youth News

#### Milton Youth One Year Ahead

While young people from many churches throughout the land are concentrating on getting to Milton, Wis., next month for the activities centering around the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Milton youth are planning for similar experiences in California next year.

The young people in the church which entertains Conference get the joy of service but not quite as much thrill as comes from going to a new place. It is quite natural then that the Milton youth at the end of June, 1957, were seeking odd jobs—yard work, housework or what-have-you to earn money for the mountain-top experiences scheduled for the 1958 Conference near Riverside. Such group activities encouraged by the leadership of the local church might well be a pattern for other localities both for this year at Milton and for the longer trip a year from now.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — The State C.E. Convention was held the weekend of June 22 in our neighboring city, San Bernardino, affording a wonderful opportunity for our young people to attend. While on the subject of young people, mention could be made of our June graduates: Jim Hurley, Long Beach College; Gerry Stillman, Pasadena Jr. College; Donna Oswalt, Garden Grove High School; Nancy Lewis, Wrightwood High School; and Leona Sloan, Riverside Poly Hi. May God attend them. — Church Correspondent.

ROCKVILLE, R. I. — Children's Day was observed on June 15 with a special service in which the children took an important part. During the Sabbath School hour they repeated their songs and exercises and later carried bouquets of flowers to the inmates of Crowell Rest Home and flowers to a few other shut-ins.

The Rockville young folks enjoyed meeting the Alfred Intermediates and were happy to serve them supper after their trip to Newport; also to accompany them to Mystic Seaport and Waterford.

— Church Correspondent.

#### The Drastic Act of Faith

By Gerald C. Bond

To join the church is altogether too respectable these days.

Our buildings are too fancy, the choir sings too well,

The minister is too refined.

We must make contact with the ancient scene If we would gain the joy of those first converts to our Christ,

If we would love the right and hate the wrong, Stand fast in spite of fears.

Should we throw rocks through stained glass windows

And take the axe to organ pipes?

Should we not pluck out eyes or cut off hands if need require,

That our whole bodies be not cast away?

No organ in cathedral or of bodies which God

made

Is evil in itself — each has its time and place. To glorify His name.

The blood-washed sinner needs the seal of Spirit and of fire.

The indoor baptistry has failed to meet the test. Install the bowl of dignified but living death Or get back to the plunge in outdoor pools As practiced by the sturdy pioneers Who did not shrink the dying life. Lukewarmness will not do.

The older the church edifice, the greater glory in its past,

The more it means to worship there. The riversides

On which believers in the resurrection met to pray

Still hold for us the simple sanctity they always had.

Confession of the Savior's name before a scornful world

Should mean exactly that.

Seek out a public spot beneath God's open sky. Let hymns of faith ring out, with voice alone be sung,

Where walls do not confine the witness to the throng.

The curious bathers will edge close to hear The voice God made, unamplified. Though sounding flat, though lacking resonance of cozy church,

The words will echo and re-echo in the hungry hearts,

As gracious words of Jesus once brought hope To those who crowded near upon the shores of Galilee.

The drastic act of saving faith which burns all bridges of retreat

Need not be violent as falling fire on Carmel's height.

The voice of gentle quietness Elijah heard When he had fled to Horeb's cave to nurse his fears,

Should stir up hope in us who pause to think today,

Should speak through each who offers up His holy sacrifice.

Just as our Lord, though lacking sin to wash away,

Pledged in the stream of Jordan He would meet Whatever price might be required to gain Perfection for each one who would believe, Each comes to picture his own death — That mercy may go on and on, Embracing all mankind.

#### **NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — Our Children's Day program was held on June 1 when the children took part in the Sabbath School hour with recitations, Psalms, and songs.

On June 29 we partook of the Lord's Supper. We were pleased to have friends from Pomona Park included in the 37 in attendance at our morning service.

Following the morning service 34 had fellowship together at the pot-luck dinner in the Social Hall. In the afternoon we observed Sabbath Rally Day. Dr. Ruth Rogers showed the pictures of Our World Mission and movies taken last year at Conference. The church recently voted to omit our services through the months of July and August.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — The local weekly, Star-Record, carried a front-page contributed article in its July 4 issue featuring a picture of Rev. Loyal F. Hurley and telling the story of the evangelistic meetings which were to begin

July 12. The account reviewed his life and ministry and stated the purpose of the meetings in the following words:

INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — The Rev. Albert N. Rogers brought us a fine message one Sabbath when the Rev. O. B.

"The purpose of these evangelistic meetings is to bring the message of God's love to a torn world; to deepen the spiritual life of faithful Christians; to call out those who have joined Christ's Church but seem to have forgotten; and to search out those who know not the Savior."

This is the second series of meetings this summer for Dr. Hurley and his team. The first was at Albion, Wis. He is supported by a mixed quartet of young people sponsored by the Missionary Board.

SECOND HOPKINTON — We of the Second Hopkinton Church have been much saddened and somewhat discouraged by the loss by death of three members in the early spring. However, the faithful few are determined to keep on with the regular church appointments, and a lively Sabbath School is maintained.

Twelve children from our Sabbath School attended the Daily Vacation Church School at Rockville and we shared the expense of the school and helped with the transportation.

On April 29 our church was privileged to serve a dinner to the Conference Planning Committee which met at the Post House near the church.

We voted to help two of our young people to attend Lewis Camp this summer.

FARINA, ILL. — On May 4 a potluck dinner was held in the parish house after church services in honor of the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Stewart of St. Louis. Their seven children, two of them with their families, were here. The Stewarts are members of our church and attend services here frequently.

The union Vacation Bible School was held June 10 to 21 in the parish houses of ours and the Evangelical Church and the basement of the Methodist Church. It closed with a program on Friday night. There were 81 pupils.

Pastor Appel went to Milton, Wis., recently to attend a committee meeting which made plans for the North Central Association. — Correspondent.

INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — The Rev. Albert N. Rogers brought us a fine message one Sabbath when the Rev. O. B. Hill and wife were in West Virginia attending their son's graduation. The Rev. Rex Zwiebel preached here — a marvelous Sabbath message — on the exchange of pulpits Sabbath while our pastor occupied the pulpit in Richburg.

Our Missionary Circle meets usually every other month in one of the homes here or in Andover. We have been reviewing some of the books suggested by the Women's Board for study.

Although other reports of the Western Association will probably appear elsewhere in the Recorder we would like to express our appreciation of the messages. Alfred Station was the host church June 15 and 16. The young people held their Friday night devotional meeting at Little Genesee. The Rev. Delmer Van Horn brought a most challenging message Sabbath morning on "The Power of Prayer."

Three of our young people: Sally Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clarke; Caroline Clarke, daughter of Mrs. Nina Clarke; and Jerry Clarke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Decature Clarke, finished Andover High School this June. Kenneth Crandall, who finished high school in Canisteo last year and left for the Marine Corps in Parris Island soon after, is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

We are grateful to Mr. Hill for his work here as our pastor for a year and a half. He always brings a fine message, calls all he possibly can, and helps us with our family night programs by bringing his projector and slides for our entertainment. — Correspondent.

METAIRIE, LA., Fellowship — Since you last heard from us, we have been active, participating in city-wide programs of witnessing and soul winning. A number of churches working together have formed a "Street Meeting" group which meets every Sabbath evening at 6:30 on a main intersection. The group singing is accompanied by several musical instruments and is followed by a short sermon along with testimonies and prayer. Our tracts, which have been stamped with our fellowship stamp, are distributed by the young

people and children on all the streets within reach of the public address equipment. Pastor and Mrs. Cox furnish both the musical instruments and the speaking system.

Many have come to know the Lord through these meetings and our fellowship has made many personal contacts through these services. Following the street meetings the Youth for Christ Rally is held in the YWCA. Our members divide up in groups and make visits, holding song services and prayer and Bible studies in the homes of shut-ins and new contacts.

Our fellowship and the Hammond Church were co-hostesses to the Southwestern Association and camp, June 2-9, held in the beautiful Salvation Army Camp between Hammond and New Orleans. The attendance at both was good.

Our young people were invited recently to attend a box social held at the Hammond Church. All seemed to enjoy it. — Correspondent.

# Accessions

Berlin, N. Y.

By Baptism:

Nancy Ann Burdick
Charlene Ann Greene
Althea Mae Greene
Sandra Bentley
Howard F. Ellis
Robert C. Ellis
Allen C. Bentley
Maryann Maxson
Norridan Stanley
Mrs. Norridan (Hazel Burdick) Stanley

By Letter:

Mrs. Arlie L. (Irene Brownell) Greene Mrs. George (Helen Clarke) Burdick

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## Obituaries

Davis. — Mrs. Leola C., daughter of Clarence and Ila Bloss Clarke, was born in Independence, N. Y., Aug. 9, 1885, and died at Battle Creek, Mich., April 9, 1957.

She was married in August, 1905, at Independence, N. Y., to Wilburt Davis who later as a Seventh Day Baptist minister held charges in Farnam, Neb., Gentry, Ark., and Middle Island, W. Va. After a number of years at Marlboro, N. J., they moved to Battle Creek in 1928.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Donald (Sara) Reams of Adams City, Colo.; two sons: C. Burton, of Flint, Mich., and Arnold A., of Battle Creek; a sister, Mrs. Herbert (Reva) McCaffery of Dansville, N. Y.; a brother, Fred Clarke of St. Petersburg, Fla.; seven grandchildren; and two nieces.

Farewell services were held in Battle Creek with Pastor Leland E. Davis officiating. Interment was at the Memorial Park Cemetery.

L. E. D.

Davis. — Herbert H., son of Wilson S. and Mary M. Davis, was born Feb. 28, 1885, in Shiloh, N. J., and died June 28, 1957, in California.

His early life was spent in Shiloh, moving to San Gabriel, Calif., in later life. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Arah Ford Davis, in 1933, and by his second wife, Marie Hills Davis, in 1955.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Davis Randolph of Palo Alto, Calif., and one grandchild, Mrs. Arah Joan Harris.

The funeral, with Rev. Robert Lippincott in charge, was held in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, and interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

R. P. L.

Harris. — Winfred R., son of L. Hoover and Kate Holmes Harris, was born Dec. 11, 1882, near Shiloh, N. J., and died June 5, 1957, at Dunedin, Fla.

In March of 1911 he married Nellie Williams of Plainfield, N. J., where they made their home until entering the teaching profession at Salem College, Salem, W. Va. He later moved to Wilson, N. C., where he taught until 1950 and retired because of declining health.

Besides his wife Professor Harris is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Edward Worcester, and 2 grandsons, all of Clearwater, Fla., except the eldest grandson who is serving in the Navy on Long Island.

Burial was in Dunedin Cemetery, Dunedin, Fla. — Martie Harris Hitchner.

Help Wanted: Married man with dairy farming experience. Year-round employment. Eightroom house with 1½ bathrooms, hot and cold running water, and automatic heating system. Contact Edward D. Lawrence, R. D. 1, Bridgeton, N. J. Phone BR 9-2656J12. State wages desired.

# The Sabbath Recorder



Photo from Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass.

## The Village Blacksmith

"Under the spreading chestnut tree, the village smithy stands."

Many years have passed since Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote his famous poem. The progress of the years has brought changes to the face of America. The few blacksmith shops which remain keep the forge but have replaced with newer tools many of the items pictured above which are no longer needed. Carpenter shops such as that in which Jesus worked never existed in America, but the Carpenter of Nazareth is needed as much as ever in our society. So, too, our lives need to be set aglow and fashioned anew on the anvil of God's Word.