

The Sabbath Recorder

with my brother I knelt at an old cane-bottomed rocking chair to pour out to God my need and hunger. It was there in His mercy that God redeemed a sinner and a hypocrite.

Others at that prayer meeting felt the touch of God's Spirit and were converted. It was a night long to be remembered, the beginning of a real work of grace in the church at Garwin. Instead of preaching a sermon the next morning, our pastor asked the young people who had found the Lord to give their testimony so that the people depressed and discouraged by their quarreling might know that God still loved needy folks. After some of the young group had spoken I got up to give my witness. About the first words I spoke were these: "My brethren!" The afternoon before I had said, "I" and "you folks," but God had changed all that while I knelt before an old rocking chair. When I was born into God's family His other children became my brothers and sisters, and I knew it — even if they did quarrel. "We know we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren."

Now you know, do you not, where you just naturally feel you belong? Is it with the children of God, or of Satan? You know. Nobody needs to tell you. It is a living experience, not a theory or doctrine. If you belong to the wrong gang, why not change?

4. Using God as your guide. Somebody makes the final decisions in your life. Do you seek to find God's will for your life, or do you run the show all by yourself? You ought to know. "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are the sons of God" (Rom. 8: 14). It is not always easy to discover the will of God in the various circumstances of life. I remember a young professional man in Battle Creek, Michigan, who asked me one night if I always found it easy to discover God's will. He said he found it quite difficult and seemed relieved when I assured him that I didn't always find it easy either. But he was seeking to know the will of God! He was not cocksure and indifferent. He hungered for a wisdom greater than his own in deciding life's problems. He wanted God's guidance.

Those who seek God's guidance are

not always sure at the moment. "For we walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5: 7). Sometimes it is a long time afterward before we see the proof that the way we felt God to be leading was wise and best. But the longer we put Him to the test the clearer His guidance becomes, and we learn to expect it day by day as confidently as we expect the sun to rise.

And so I go on, not knowing,
I would not if I might;
I'd rather walk in the dark with God,
Than walk alone in the light;
I'd rather walk with God by faith,
Than walk alone by sight.

Satan's children do not ask anybody to guide them. They do as they please. That is the very essence of sin and evil. "We have turned every one to his own way." "Nobody is going to boss me," they say. It is crystal-clear that a sinner doesn't want to follow God's will. If he did he would cease to be a sinner and become a child of God.

Now you know, do you not, who makes the final decisions in your life? Are you really trying to follow God's will, or do you do as you please? In your own heart, **YOU KNOW.**

Here, then, are four ways by which you can know whether you are in that relation to God which is called salvation. You do not need to hope so, or guess so. You know.

1. You know whether you have told God you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior.
2. You know whether God seems to you like a Father, or only like a Judge.
3. You know whether God's children seem to you like brothers and sisters.
4. You know whether you really want God's guidance in your life.

I remember some men who had served the Lord through a long life of devoted church and community activity until they were in the late seventies and early eighties without ever having quiet assurance about their salvation. When their attention was called to the simple facts of inner experience listed above, all their uncertainty vanished like the mists before the sun, and they knew. "Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!" May every person reading this message be able to say with Paul, "I know whom I have believed."



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THEY HUNGER FOR THE WORD OF GOD

In humble surroundings a pastor reads the Bible to an aged parishioner in the Waldensian valleys of Northern Italy.

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Secret of New Life — More Returned Missionaries

It was only a publicity release from the American Bible Society telling of the appointment of Dr. James Quay to promote the annuity program of the society, but back of it is a story.

Dr. Quay for ten years has been vice-president of Princeton Theological Seminary. His experience there helped to qualify him for the task he has accepted in his retirement years. The story goes on to say that for 26 years he was a missionary in Egypt and that he brings to the Bible Society not only a background of financial experience, but also the spiritual enthusiasm born of many years of dedicated service on the mission field.

What is the secret of new life for our denomination? Probably there is more than one secret that could be brought to light but in our opinion we have discovered a great secret which will pour new life into our churches. It is not precision-made worship tools, not the latest organizational procedure, not even the leadership of well-schooled young pastors. It is rather an abundance of returned missionaries. Second only to the blessing of having missionaries on the field is to have them home from the field. There is nothing like it to wake up the "tired blood" of diseased churches.

There are few exceptions to the general rule that returned missionaries or missionaries on furlough infuse the souls of weak-hearted church members. Look around; study the Year Book; read the Sabbath Recorder; keep watch of church bulletins and other local publicity. Which churches are growing? How many are reaching out locally? Which ones have large budgets and broad horizons? We believe that it will be observed that the most promising churches are those where either returned missionaries are in the congregation or where there is close contact with former or now-serving missionaries.

Is it not true that the economic soundness as well as spiritual health of our churches depend in large measure upon what we receive from the missionaries who went out from us and came back to us? Foreign missions do not drain our financial resources; they build them up. What we need is not more straining of

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the eyes over budget figures; rather, more draining of the eyes as we hear the stories of spiritual starvation as told by our missionaries.

Foreign travel is at a peace-time high. We have more people now than ever before who have visited our nearer mission fields such as Jamaica. Such people also come back with new interest and vision. We recommend to those who are able to travel that they choose our mission fields in preference to resort areas whenever possible. Missionaries take no vacation from their calling whether at home or abroad. Laymen who are honest in their profession of following Christ must have a similar attitude. If you travel, bring something back — as the missionaries do.

What then is the secret of new life for our churches? It is more missionaries sent out and more returning. It is the same thing that the American Bible Society speaks of in connection with a new appointee who brings "the spiritual enthusiasm born of many years of dedicated service on the mission field."

Average Family Income Will Continue to Increase

In 1975 the average family income after taxes may well be \$7,100 as compared with the present average of \$5,300. So says the Committee for Economic Development, a group of 150 business executives and scholars who conduct research and develop recommendations for promoting national economic development. The family income figures are given out by a subcommittee on Research and Policy headed by Frazer B. Wilde, president of the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company.

Although such an increase in spending money per family seems almost fantastic, the researchers claim that with wise planning the rate of income growth which has averaged 3 per cent per year can be maintained, with some fluctuations. They point out that the increase expected will be greater than the total amount a family now spends on food and clothing. If the net income is to come up to these expectations by 1975 the committee cautions,

among other things, that there must be greater mobility of both labor and capital.

Such statistics as have been noted above ought to be taken into consideration by churches and the leaders who plan programs of Christian advance on a long-range scale. Everyone will, of course, bear in mind that on the local level the families of our acquaintance do not seem to come very close to the present average and will therefore not automatically have \$1,700 more to spend seventeen years from now. However, our families, in general, are average families and will probably continue to experience a gradual net increase in earning capacity.

The great problem which faces the spiritual leaders of our nation, our denomination, and our local churches is how to keep spirituality and devotion on a level with prosperity. All too frequently an increase in prosperity is accompanied by a decrease in spirituality, creating a wide chasm between the two. Suppose our family earnings do continue to mount. What we give to the Lord's work certainly has some relation to our total earnings. It is also closely related to our love for the Lord. If we find that we cannot afford to give at a rate corresponding to our increased earning power (honestly figured), then we can be sure that we have spent too much on ourselves and have slipped spiritually.

Perhaps, as we examine ourselves in the light of what Christ has done for us, and in comparison with what certain others of our acquaintance have been led to do for the Gospel cause, we will feel that we ought to make a few large gifts. Thus we may be better able to live with our enlightened conscience.

What kind of basic principles of giving are we instilling in the minds of those who will be heads of families in 1975, if the Lord tarries? Are we preparing them to withstand the temptations of greater prosperity? The Apostle Paul wrote to first-century Christians, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus," and went on to say that His attitude was one of emptying Himself. We need to heed that exhortation today and in the years ahead. The blessings will be beyond our comprehension.

EDITORIAL NOTES

What Is Truth?

A Roman governor conducting what he called a court of justice to determine the guilt or innocence of Jesus found himself in a tight spot when confronted by the sinless person on trial. He tried to excuse himself by asking the accused, "What is truth?" Pilate's question echoes down the years from other halls where Christ and the Ten Commandments are not honored.

"What is truth?" ask the atheists of Russia who do not want to know or to follow it. Two leading Soviet newspapers, *Pravda* and *Soviet Russia*, recently told their readers that starvation and unemployment stalk the United States. We are not surprised to see them squeeze as much propaganda juice as possible out of a moderate rise in unemployment. We must continue to pray that somehow He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life may reach their blighted souls.

The same newspaper which reports this disregard for truth in Moscow, also tells of a similar failure in basic truth-telling at San Francisco where the Senate rackets probers are charging perjury, embezzlement, and theft in their investigation of certain union officials. Robert F. Kennedy, counsel for the Senate committee, gave six unionists until the next morning to reflect on their conflicting testimony and to come up with the truth.

Is truth subservient to expediency or to position? If so, "what is truth," is still a clanging question. Not so in truly Christian circles. Truth is truth; it cannot be split, divided, or chipped away. If there is any question as to its nature or its regal grandeur let us look to Christ, whose word is truth, and whose example is the same — even in the face of death.

Hard to Understand

We think we have problems in financing our church program, and it is true. The problem of the Orthodox Church in the USSR is so different that it is difficult to comprehend. When Archbishop Boris was in Yugoslavia recently he was asked why the government of the Soviet Union had not yet handed back churches needed by the patriarchate. He replied that if they

were handed back there would be no way of maintaining them.

"Before the revolution," he said, "the government kept them up, but now the church must pay all the expenses itself. The church's income is exclusively drawn from the sale of candles at two rubles. The money we get permits us to keep the patriarchate going as well as the bishoprics and our theological seminaries."

Among the churches not restored are those in the Kremlin, Leningrad, and St. Sophia in Kiev. They are at present used as museums.

Their financial problem is real enough to them, but quite unreal to us. We can scarcely conceive of a type of worship so dependent on candles that the ministry is entirely supported by their sale. Accustomed to thinking of the church offering as an act of worship and an expression of our love of the Lord we cannot help wondering why the Russian Orthodox Church does not try supporting itself and missions through tithes and offerings. We would inquire whether cathedrals, mansions, and rich robes are highly important. The Baptists of Russia have none of these things and seem to be able to support their own churches.

The Other Side of the Coin

Those who study the church situation of America from the urban angle see the greatest need for expanded work there. They make us stop to think seriously about the rather costly and somewhat discouraging procedure of establishing churches which may be only temporary in unstable urban communities.

On the other hand, those who devote their study to town and country problems are convinced that village churches need special help. This idea is expressed in a release quoted in part here:

"The 'new problem' that is affecting all life in America's rural villages and 'open country' is the number of people living in these communities or areas who do not engage in farming," according to the Rev. Dr. Glenn F. Sanford, of Philadelphia. Dr. Sanford is director of the Department of Town and Country Work, Board of Missions, Methodist Church.

MEMORY TEXT

But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe. Galatians 3: 22.

President's Column

The Program of the Church

"We believe that the local church is a community of Christ's followers organized for fellowship and service, practicing and proclaiming common convictions."

— Statement of Beliefs.

The church must feel that it has a purpose for its existence and must seek ways in which it may fulfill this purpose. The ways in which it sets out to fulfill this purpose is the **program of the church**. Sometimes the purpose seems to be only to perpetuate an institution which has long existed. But is such a purpose valid? Will such a purpose help the church to grow?

I should like to challenge each church to review its purpose for being, setting this forth in writing as it is reviewed.

Then I would recommend that each church set forth a program which will help to fulfill the purposes which have been thus established.

The program of the church should be built as the members of the church sit down in common council with their pastor to plan how they may best fulfill the purposes of the church. The programing ought to come from the people as they see the areas of responsibility and service. The program should be so much a part of the people's desires that it will carry on in the absence of pastoral leadership and from one pastorate to another.

Such a program cannot be made and then forgotten; it must be reviewed regularly in the light of the needs of its members and the opportunity for outreach. We need to be continually reminded that the Gospel is not for us alone, but for all people. Let us build the program of the church around the cultivation of its members in the Christ-like life and the sharing of the Gospel with others.

Twelfth UN Assembly Evaluated by Church Leader

Although the twelfth session of the United Nations General Assembly was "essentially conservative in character" it did consolidate past gains and move forward on some issues, according to an executive of the Commission of Churches on International Affairs. Dr. Richard M. Fagley, executive secretary of the CCIA, makes this observation in the preface of a summary of UN actions of concern to the churches which has recently been released.

The twelfth session lacked the "tragic and critical drama" of the previous session Dr. Fagley says. "It took no giant steps into the future."

"In one sense, it was a disappointing assembly," the church expert on international affairs states. "The hopes expressed at the outset that this might prove to be the 'Assembly of Disarmament' were frustrated by the continued Soviet-Western deadlock and distrust, and perhaps by the need for time to assess the new factors symbolized by the Soviet earth satellites."

In the refugee field, Dr. Fagley was encouraged by the Assembly's renewal of the mandate of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the recognition of the refugee problem as a "continuing phenomenon. On the other hand the inadequate response of members to the undiminished needs of Palestine refugees in the Near East underscored the critical character of that tragic situation."

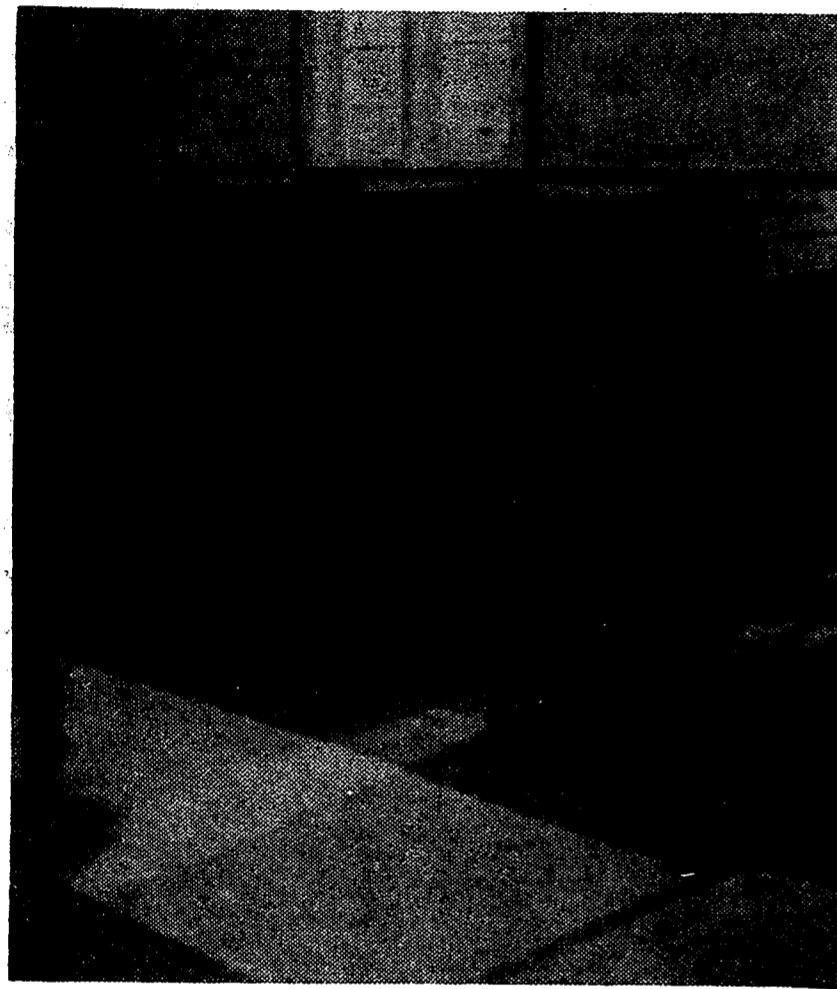
In the field of human rights "the Assembly continued to mark time in its protracted debate on the texts of the draft covenants."

"The view that ill-advised UN resolutions can make a bad situation worse has gained headway," says Dr. Fagley. "Also there is a greater recognition of the need for harmonizing divergent policies if the organization is to survive and serve."

"The delicate balances between 'East' and 'West,' 'colonial' and 'anti-colonial' blocs provide a precarious but important groundwork for this venture in international co-operation," he concludes.

VILLAGE CHURCH DEDICATES NEW PEWS

The Richburg, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church was the scene of a special dedication service on Sabbath day, January 25. Despite a snowfall of some ten inches, a congregation of nearly fifty people participated in the special service, consecrating the newly installed church seats.



The new pews, which are constructed of oak with a cherry finish, were given by individuals in honor of relatives and friends, living and deceased.

Plans for replacing the old seats were drawn up several months ago and a committee was appointed to investigate the various possibilities. It was finally decided to purchase the pews from the Ossit Church Furniture Company, Janesville, Wis., at a cost of over \$2,000. Due to a misunderstanding in the order, the company shipped the pews originally with the wrong finish. Consequently, they had to be returned to the factory at Bluefield, Va., for refinishing. On October 21 they were returned. During the weeks following they were assembled and installed by volunteer labor on the part of the men of the church.

The service of dedication was conducted

by Pastor Doyle K. Zwiebel and included a special choral call to worship and anthem by the choir, a responsive act of dedication, and a sermon entitled "The Castle of Souls" in which the pastor attempted to describe the place of the church in the worship pattern of our day.

The occasion was successfully concluded as thirty-five of the congregation fellowshiped around the dinner tables in the dining room at noon.

THE MOUNTAIN REVISITED

"The Darkest Dark"

By Rev. J. Carter Swaim

(Sermon on the Mount as translated in RSV)

"The eye," said Jesus, "is the lamp of the body." Two square inches of sensitive retina is all we have to face the world with. If anything happens to that or to the nerve linking it with the brain, then for us the lights have all gone out. Strange how significant are the parts of the body that seem so small. A schoolteacher left his job because he was unable to walk. He insisted, however, that he was 99% sound. All that had happened was that the fluid in his inner ear had hardened, and he therefore had no sense of balance. Almost nothing the matter with him — but he was wholly incapacitated!

A broken toe made it impossible for Dizzy Dean to employ his most effective pitching stance, and his spectacular successes were ended. The interdependence of the body's parts is described by Paul: "The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you'! On the contrary, the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable" (1 Cor. 12: 21f.). The eye is a small organ, but through it the body derives all its illumination.

How important then that the eye do its work well! "If then the light in you is darkness," said Jesus (Matt. 6: 23), "how great is the darkness!" Even if the eye functions only partially, what distortions it may cause! Said Alexander Pope:

"All seems infected that th' infected spy,

As all looks yellow to the jaundic'd eye."

The English word "fraternity" is built upon the Latin word for "brother"; fraternity means brotherhood. Some years ago a fraternity at a New England college initiated a Negro into its membership. The local chapter was thereupon expelled from the national organization on the charge of "unfraternal conduct." Darkness is pretty dark when organizations that profess to stand for brotherhood penalize members who practice brotherhood for being unbrotherly. "If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"

Inter-Varsity Sponsors Student Missionary Convention

Faced with an urgent world situation and the necessity for total missionary mobilization, 3,200 students gathered at the Fifth International Student Missionary Convention during the Christmas holidays to study God's will for the Church and for their own lives in terms of world evangelism.

This was the largest such convention since its inception at Toronto in 1946. Students came to the University of Illinois campus at Urbana from more than 40 states and from 44 nations around the world. Many of them sacrificed greatly to attend.

Sponsored by Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship and its affiliates, the Nurses Christian Fellowship and the Student Foreign Missions Fellowship, the convention included general sessions, seminars, Bible study groups, personal interviews, films, displays, and prayer fellowship. The entire group, including many denominations, nations, and races, united together in a final New Year's Eve Communion service.

Nearly 200 international students and more than 100 missionaries participated. Six main speakers developed the convention theme, "One Lord — One Church — One World."

The Doctors Billy Graham, Harold J. Ockenga, Donald Grey Barnhouse, Masumi Toyotome, Kenneth Strachan, and the Rev. Israel Garcia all made significant contributions along the lines of the Scrip-

tural definition of the theme, the necessity of a disciplined spiritual life, Biblical principles of missionary work, and the need for a "full, irrevocable commitment to Christ."

Missionary Bible study groups — 280 of them — were held daily. Led by staff and students, each had about 15 members.

From the first night, when Dr. Ockenga struck the keynote of the convention, a sense of expectancy and urgency was present. This grew as session followed session and finally culminated after Dr. Billy Graham's talk on the last evening, when some 1,500 students stood to their feet as evidence that they were ready, no matter what the cost, to follow the Lord's leading and serve Him in this country or overseas. The seriousness of this decision was made clear when they were reminded that this was not a pledge or a vow to man, but unto God — with the result that one of their number sat down.

A Thank-You Note

I wish I could write a personal thank-you note to all who sent cards and messages during the illness and at the time of the passing of Mr. Wilson, but since there were so very, very many that would be almost impossible, so I am using this means to say thanks to all of you. I know he would have been happy if he could have known all the good and nice things that were said of him. I want to say thanks to every one for your interest and your prayers. It has been a source of comfort to me in these trying days to know there were so many prayers being said in my behalf. No one is ever prepared to give up loved ones but I have nothing to worry about as I know he has just gone home to be with Jesus. He was such a good man, always thinking and doing something good for others. He not only professed his religion but he lived it.

Thanks to every one for your interest.

Mrs. Verney A. Wilson.

"The most acceptable service we render to God is doing good to His other children." — Franklin.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

From January Missionary Board Minutes

Many matters of interest and significance were discussed at the quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board held Sunday afternoon, January 26, at West-erly. The minutes of this meeting will be published along with a detailed treasurer's report in the next issue of the **Missionary Reporter**. However, a few items of general interest will be reviewed at this time for the **Sabbath Recorder**.

Treasurer Karl Stillman reported a balance of over \$8,000 in the General Fund. Since that time, however, checks have been written on this balance totalling over \$6,000. These checks covered payment of such items as: salaries and bills for January \$3,417.29; to Nyasaland Mission as special gifts \$407; to Jamaica student aid, given during 1957, \$196.58; toward a new mission car for Jamaica \$1,800.

Secretary Harris spoke of the special meeting held with Rev. Leon Lawton and Headmaster Grover Brissey on December 8, 1957, to discuss problems related to the Jamaica Mission field. A general statement of policy for guidance of mission workers and a more specific statement for application of this policy to the Jamaica Mission field were presented and approved. These will be published in this or subsequent articles in the Recorder.

A plan for offering an opportunity to all board employees to elect Physicians Service as extended coverage beyond Blue Cross was presented to the board and approved. Under this plan the Missionary Board will offer to pay the individual coverage cost and the heads of families will be expected to pay the family membership cost. The board already assists seventeen of the nineteen board employees to be covered by the Blue Cross hospitalization group plan. It is hoped that the two-plan coverage may begin as of April 1, 1958.

African Interests

Approval was given for the Rev. David Pearson to go ahead with plans to incorporate the Missionary Society under the laws of Nyasaland. The board ap-

pointed the Rev. and Mrs. David C. Pearson and Dr. Victor H. Burdick as trustees under such incorporation to serve in that capacity until their successors are appointed by the Board of Managers.

Superintendent David Pearson was also empowered to lease from the government the necessary land for the purpose of building on it the new Makapwa Seventh Day Baptist house of worship. Funds have been at hand for some time to build this church but plans have been held up while consideration has been given to the location of the building. If a satisfactory lease can be negotiated, the building will now be located on a knoll overlooking Makapwa Mission but across the railroad tracks.

American Tropics

A Budget Administrative Committee for the Jamaica Mission field was approved, having representatives on it as appointed by the Jamaica Conference Board. Missionary Board representatives were appointed as follows: the Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brissey and Mrs. Leon R. Lawton. It is expected that the head of the mission, the Rev. Leon Lawton, will serve as chairman. The January, 1958, check has now been sent for this committee to administer. It was in amount of \$450, one-twelfth of the approved Our World Mission budget for work in Jamaica (separate from salaries of missionaries).

A plan for representation of the Jamaica Board of Christian Education on a School Committee was approved. Mr. and Mrs. Brissey were asked to serve as Missionary Board representatives under the chairmanship of the head of the mission.

The following action was taken as affecting Miss Wells, "That, whereas Miss Jacqueline Wells' furlough is due in 1958, she be asked to return to this country on furlough following the close of the present term of Crandall High School, arriving in time to make a tour of the churches of this country, showing slides and telling the story of opportunities and needs for mission service in Jamaica, and attending our General Conference meeting at Covina, California, in August."

The operating budget for 1958 was approved in the amount of \$53,440. This

is \$250 more than had been set in October, an amount which reflects the amount for Physicians Service coverage.

The president was asked to appoint a committee to make arrangements for the Missionary Society's part on the program of General Conference. It was appointed as follows: Secretary E. T. Harris, chairman; Karl G. Stillman, and Loren G. Osborn.

The meeting was closed with prayer offered by the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, pastor of the Plainfield Church, who was attending his first meeting after his re-appointment as a member of the board. Pastor Dickinson had formerly served on the board while acting as pastor of the First Hopkinton Church.

Protestant Aid to Needy Abroad Up 85% in 1957

American Protestant churches shipped 366,022,013 pounds of relief supplies through Church World Service during 1957 for free distribution to hungry, homeless, destitute, and underprivileged persons abroad.

The overseas relief shipments, valued at \$35,522,382 and consisting of food, clothing, medicines, tools, education and self-help materials, went to 35 countries in Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin and South America and the Carribean.

This contribution of people in the United States through their churches to those in need abroad exceeded by more than 85% the 1956 shipments of 196,795,618 pounds of similar materials for the programs of the churches.

Announcement of the 1957 Church World Service shipments was made by Dr. R. Norris Wilson, executive director, at Church World Service offices, 215 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

Costs of overseas relief programs, Dr. Wilson said, established new low records per dollar of expense. Costs of surplus commodities averaged less than one dollar for 300 pounds, with other distribution — those of CROP and other individually contributed foods — clothing, medicines, etc. — being achieved at slightly less than one dollar per hundred pounds.

WOMEN'S WORK — Arabeth M. DeLand

World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer (Feb. 21) unites Christians of all denominations around the earth. With one heart we kneel down before God, letting His Spirit flow into our hearts. May we ask God to give us clear minds to see how to make His way of peace prevail throughout the world. Only as men hear of God, as He is revealed through Christ's love, can they turn toward Him. Are we individually really doing all that we can? Are we giving sacrificially of our money, our prayers, and ourselves to our world mission?

Each year the program for the World Day of Prayer is secured from the opposite side of the hemisphere. Let us attend the services as though we were their guests, and be ready to receive their worth-while ideas. In this way we may truly achieve world citizenship through worship. The United Church Women are asking that the residents of each state in the U. S. pray for a specific country. The complete list is found in the February issue of the **Church Woman** magazine. Korea and Kuwait (between Iraq and Saudi Arabia) are on the prayer list for New York; Japan and Java are assigned to New Jersey; Germany, Greece, and Yugoslavia to Michigan; and Argentina and Australia are to be remembered by those in Southern California, to name just a few.

I am sure that anyone subscribing to the **Church Woman** feels that it is well worth the \$1 per year subscription rate. If several members in each society cannot subscribe personally, perhaps your society would be willing to pay for one copy for the president to be circulated in your group. Those who read the **Church Woman** have seen the interesting articles that the presidents of various denominational women's societies have written about their activities. You will want to read "Protestant Women at Work" in the February issue, as our president, Mrs. A. Russell Maxson, is featured with a paragraph about our Seventh Day Baptist projects.

PROCRASTINATION**Is It a Basic Baptist Belief?**

By John A. Conrod
Chicago student pastor

How often, Beloved, do we quote without applying to ourselves that old proverb, "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today." There are specific duties given to us as individuals by the Lord which must be done. He is the One who told us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. He is the One who told us to let our light so shine before men. Can we listen to our Lord thus plead with us and still say, "Tomorrow, Lord, tomorrow"?

Yes, I know that our Lord wants us to be joyful. He doesn't want us to be long-faced Christians who can not enjoy anything. But let us examine the things in which we have been finding joy. He told us to love, but He also said, "Love not the world" (1 John 2: 15). He told us to be good neighbors, but He said, "Friendship with the world is enmity with God," and that the friend of the world is the enemy of God (Jas. 4: 4). He said that we are in the world, but we are not of the world (John 15: 19).

If we have been finding joy in the things of the world, Beloved, let us find out why we have not been enjoying the things of the Lord. If we truly love the Lord, we will rejoice in things of heaven (John 14: 28). Let us search our hearts and see just how much we really do love Him. Only then can we find true joy. Only then will our duties as Christians be enjoyable. No longer will they be a drudgery to be put off for the sake of enjoying something else. I believe that in the first place we should express joy because our names are written in heaven (Luke 10: 20). Then our joy should be expressed with the joy in heaven over every sinner that repents (Luke 15: 7). Is there any greater joy than to bring a soul to the Savior? Why, then, do we put off such joyous experiences for the sake of some insignificant joy that the world seems to offer?

Only one life, 'twill soon be past.
Only what's done for Christ will last.



REX E. ZWIEBEL
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Youth Sabbath Reports

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education would like for each church that had a youth worship program for Youth Sabbath to send copies of the program to us, also the speeches written and used in the program that we could use for publication.

Vacation Church School

The 1958 theme for the Co-operative Texts of Vacation Church School is "Jesus." The co-operative texts are prepared by many denominations working together. Planned and written by leaders with wide experience in working with boys and girls, they are designed to help teachers use fully the special advantages offered by the Vacation Church School. The series is subject to a continuing process of evaluation and study to give increasingly effective help. Most of the texts are accompanied by books or packets for use by boys and girls. Books in the co-operative series are classified according to a six-year cycle of study areas, or themes, based on goals for the Christian education of boys and girls. If our churches will use this recommended cycle they will find it helpful in long-range planning of curriculum and in leadership development. For the most part, these co-operative texts are planned for four-or five-week schools.

For further information about co-operative texts write the board or your nearest denominational bookstore.

Early planning helps increase the effectiveness of your Vacation Church School.

National Family Week

On your church calendar please mark May 4-11, 1958, as a time to do something

special in recognition of the families of the church and community. This year's theme, "Your Home — A Household of God," is beautifully and reverently developed in the program materials planned by the Department of Family Life of the National Council of Churches. Order material now from your nearest bookstore or office of P & D, 120 E. 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y. The booklet, "Pages of Power for 1958," is only 10 cents plus postage.

Pre-Con 1958

Pre-Con Retreat will be held in Pacific Pines Camp near Riverside, Calif., and the director is Rev. Duane L. Davis, Lost Creek, W. Va. The dean of the Retreat is Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College, Salem, W. Va. A real spiritual experience is the goal of these leaders. Plan now to attend.

THE SABBATH EVE

Long shadows steal across the vale,
The glowing sun sinks in the west,
A calmness holds wood, field, and dale;
Thus dawns the blessed day of rest.
All worldly cares we leave behind;
These oft our anxious hearts annoy.
Sweet Sabbath rest with Christ we find:
A sacred eve of hallowed joy.
Glad day that speaks a Father's care,
Blest eve that whispers of His love,
A day of sweet communion here,
Fit emblem of our rest above.

— From Poems
by Ahva J. C. Bond.

Recorder Fund

Did you know that there is a seldom-mentioned Recorder Fund administered by the subscription department of our magazine? Some people who want to help others get the blessing of the Sabbath Recorder send in a little extra money with their subscriptions. For the most part it is used for those who are for some reason financially unable to continue their subscriptions. If we published some of the letters received, this fund would be much larger.

SHOULD THEY PASS THE HAT?

(Another story for the "barrel," which could have an alternate title, "How to Keep the Preacher's Face Out of the Red.")

It was a beautiful Sabbath day in January. All was quiet and worshipful; the service of worship was moving along smoothly in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church — hymn, Scripture, anthem, and other parts of the service all seemed a part of a well-planned experience. Then, the minister called us to continue that experience by sharing our worldly goods. He turned to the altar to secure the offering baskets for the ushers — Lo! They were not there! He stepped back to look for them under the seat — or by the door. By that time the choir was alerted — girls motioned for him to look in the choir room — he returned empty-handed.

For some little time the ushers had been standing, patiently waiting for someone to have a brain wave; men had left to look on their side of the church.

At last — someone thought of those cupboards under the altar table! A mad frenzy, a terrific shock sent Margaret Coon reaching over the baluster to the cupboard on her side; another brought Herb Crouch leaning over the one on the men's side. . . . A great sigh of relief went up as he emerged with the four baskets in his hand.

Calmly the minister walked out, picked up the baskets, turned, moved forward, and gave them to the ushers, who carried on as if nothing had happened.

Smiles, and more smiles rippled through the choir — and the thought:

"Archie's on vacation! How we need Archie!"

It was learned later that the small daughter of the minister had been janitor's helper.

"Where is our joy of learning? What has happened to the zest of discovery? In the last month, we have actually heard suggestions that the Federal Government subsidize students in certain fields. What has happened that we must hire Americans to be curious — that we must try to buy their interest?" — Theodore A. Gill.

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

General Statement of Policy for Guidance of Mission Workers

The primary objectives of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Board in maintaining a mission anywhere in the world are to carry the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ to all who have not heard, to teach the Christian way of life to young and old, especially emphasizing the Bible truths which we as Seventh Day Baptists believe to be our distinctive witness.

In accomplishing these purposes, those collateral undertakings which contribute directly to them are to be used as much as is practicable. Schools, medical services, vocational training, and other forms of material help are important aids in achieving our primary aims.

The superintendent of the mission should seek to maintain its operation with all phases of the work in proper balance. He should work in a democratic way through the indigenous organization, looking forward to the time when the mission will be progressively self-propagating, self-supporting, and self-governing.

The supervisor, as the person with chief responsibility as representative of the board on the field, should make the necessary decisions to help each agency of the mission to make its proper contribution toward the common objectives.

Application of General Policy to Jamaica Mission Field

We believe that the development of trained pastoral and lay leadership for serving Seventh Day Baptist churches and the communities in which they are located is the primary purpose and goal of Crandall High School within the program of the Missionary Board.

The head of Crandall High School shall have authority in matters pertaining to the operation of that school, subject to the proper relating of the school program to the over-all objectives of the mission, and subject to the School Committee as it functions as a policy-making body.

We believe that the Jamaica Board of Christian Education should hold an advisory relationship toward Crandall High School. Representation on the proposed

School Committee, to function as a policy-making body may offer a limited amount of regulatory power. It may be expected that the proposed School Committee will report regularly to the Jamaica Board of Christian Education as well as to the American Missionary Board.

We believe that Jamaica teachers should be placed on the faculty of Crandall High School and worked into positions of trust and responsibility as they prove themselves capable, loyal, and co-operative.

Maiden Hall Academic and Vocational School may well provide leadership training to students who do not wish to try to meet the higher entrance requirements of Crandall High nor aim for passing the Cambridge examinations but who, nevertheless, long for an opportunity to improve their lot and to better prepare themselves in some technical field of study such as agriculture, home economics, commercial studies, or certain crafts such as sewing or weaving. Certain academic studies should also be offered at Maiden Hall.

It is almost certain that some students at Crandall High School will eventually want to change to the more technical training offered at Maiden Hall, and some students at Maiden Hall will want to change to the more specialized academic studies at Crandall High. There is a place for both schools on the island. Eventually a plan should be worked out for the integration of the supervision and curriculum of the two schools.

Communist Youth Hurl Odd Complaint Against Russian Baptist Laymen

Cyril Osborne, a member of the British Parliament, has returned from Russia with reports of a very odd complaint against Baptists in that land.

He cites an article in "Komsonoiskaja Pravda," organ of the Communist youth organization, which stamps the Baptists of Russia "as particularly dangerous, for among them the laymen are also evangelists."

"Every Russian Baptist tries to win at least one adherent to his faith," the paper complains.

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Billy Graham Campaign at Kingston, Jamaica

In a recent letter from the Rev. Leon R. Lawton, head of our mission work, he tells of the impact of the evangelistic crusade conducted in Kingston, Jamaica, by Billy Graham and his associates. The letter follows:

We have had a thrilling time here in Jamaica since the fifth of January! The Rev. Leighton Ford, brother-in-law of Billy Graham, led the all-island evangelistic crusade and preached nightly in the Knutsford Race Course ground from January 12 to 20 and on the 23rd and 24th. Dr. Graham was here the 21st and 22nd.

As a Christian and as a pastor I entered fully into this united campaign. They had special classes for counsellors which I attended and at the end was appointed an advisor. It was a bit of a sacrifice to other work to attend every evening service those nights but worth it! There were well over 2,000 who took their stand for Christ in these meetings.

Because I was an advisor I was asked also to represent Seventh Day Baptists on the Designating Committee which met each morning at 10. This committee dealt with designation of the Decision Cards to the church of the individual's choice or to the nearest co-operating church. I thank God for the wonderful Christian fellowship that I had as a member of this committee. I came to know the leading evangelists and pastors of Kingston as I could have done in no other way. I am sure that most of them have a deeper and better understanding of Seventh Day Baptists and their position and work.

We had five who made decisions give their preference as Seventh Day Baptist. Another dozen living near our Whitfield Town Church was referred to us for follow up. In at least one case visited thus far I feel that there will be a family added to the fellowship and work of that church. We are hoping for even more. A few others of our people took the counselling course and were appointed counsellors. Two of our young men from the Kingston Church served as ushers at the meetings.

E. T. H.

Youth News

Every Inch a Queen

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, president of the World Christian Endeavor Union, reports experiences in Australia and New Zealand after attending the C. E. Convention at Adelaide, Australia, with some 10,000 present. He spoke of it as the most wisely planned, successfully integrated youth gathering he had ever addressed.

After the convention, while visiting in New Zealand, Dr. Poling met Queen Salote of Tonga who was perfectly familiar with the C. E. movement. He spoke of the 58-year-old queen who has ruled her people since she was 18 as "noble in all her proportions." She is six feet two inches in height — every inch a queen.

Cecil A. Jeffery has been appointed to the new position of Extension Secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. He will assume his new duties on March 1.

As extension secretary Mr. Jeffery will travel across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, making contact with the more than one million members of Christian Endeavor societies in Protestant churches. He will develop a program of leadership training and will give special attention to establishing youth work in churches which now have no organized program for young people. He will also endeavor to strengthen or establish Christian Endeavor unions in states and provinces, counties, and local areas.

In 1956 Mr. Jeffery participated in the golden anniversary convention of the Mexican Christian Endeavor Union. He was awarded the United Airlines plaque and wings in 1954 as a member of the 100,000-Mile Club, most of his mileage being accumulated in weekend travels in Christian Endeavor work.

After 35 years in the petroleum industry, Mr. Jeffery is now entering full-time Christian work.

The Jefferys will make their home in Columbus, Ohio. They now live in California. They have two daughters, both in full-time Christian service as wives of ministers.

Teen Talk

Devotion to the Gospel

Lightning had just struck the short wave tower at Christian Radio City in Manila. The antenna toppled almost 300 feet to the ground. Bob Bowman, the executive, looking out through the rain saw one of the engineers attach the broken wire to his waist and climb the slippery tower. When he had fastened the wire in its place he made his way down again to the ground without falling.

Mr. Bowman met the young, nimble-footed man at the base of the tower to tell him that he should have waited until the sun came out and dried off the slippery metal. He had risked his life in making such a climb. What do you suppose the engineer's answer was? It was brief:

"For every minute that antenna was on the ground someone was not hearing the Gospel of Christ from the transmitter."

Should the young man have waited? What would you have done? He had traveled thousands of miles because of his devotion to the Gospel. His purpose for being in the Philippines was to help erect and maintain the giant transmitters that send out the message of salvation to the islands of the sea and the countries of the "bamboo curtain."

His missionary work was with the skill of his hands and his technical training rather than with the voice of a trained preacher. His devotion to the Gospel compelled him to do what he could to keep the voice coming through the air to the radios of unseen waiting listeners perhaps a thousand miles away.

A Communist said to a Christian in Hong Kong, China, "You Christians, I laugh at you. We Communists are not afraid to die for what we believe; you Christians are."

Young folks, does that make you grit your teeth with determination? Are you saying in your heart that when you get a little older and can do big, brave things like the Christian engineer that you will show people how much Christ means to you? That kind of devotion to a cause does not come easily. It takes much preparation. When Daniel was just a lad he

resisted the temptation to be just like the other fellows. When he became a man he was prepared for the bigger things. He would not let the heathen laugh at him for lack of devotion to his faith. Will you?

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

YONAH MOUNTAIN, GA. — This church has not been heard from. The church does exist, has officers, and now recognizes Clifford A. Beebe as pastor. Services are now being held regularly on Sabbath afternoon at the home of the treasurer, Billy Denton of R. 4, Cleveland, Ga. No public building suitable for church services is now available in the Yonah Mountain area but the leaders hope that in the spring something may be found.

Yonah Mountain is only 37 miles from Hayesville, N. C., where members of the Beebe family edit and publish a weekly, *Clay County Progress*. Attendance at Sabbath services is not large but the pastor thinks the work is encouraging. The clerk of the church is Mrs. Carl Sutton, R. 4, Cleveland, Ga.

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — The Penny-a-Meal boxes promoted by the church for several years were opened again on February 1. The money thus obtained is used for some phase of denominational work. This time, according to the church bulletin, it was to be devoted to the Association project of helping Montie Slusher further his education for the ministry. Mr. Slusher, recently released from the Air Force, is attending a university in Ohio and is acting as student pastor of the Jackson Center, Ohio, Seventh Day Baptist Church.

CHICAGO, ILL. — At the semiannual meeting of the church on January 11, John Conrod, a student this year at Northern Baptist Seminary, was elected student pastor. He had previously been helping with the supply of the church, giving inspirational and timely sermons.

Members of the church were glad to have the opportunity on December 28 to greet the Rev. David S. Clarke, pastor at Boulder, Colo., and the Rev. Marion C.

Van Horn, shepherding pastor to the Southwestern Association. Pastor Clarke was in charge of opening the worship service and Pastor Van Horn gave the sermon. Both were en route to Battle Creek, Mich., to attend a meeting of the Commission.

On December 21, the Women's Society, of which Mrs. Agnes Post Schertz is the president, presented a Christmas program at the regular church service. Anne Post Bergh was in charge of the music and Louise Macorkel Dominguez, the program. A luncheon followed the service. Several guests were present at both the December 21 and 28 services.

Miss Ada Bond of Lost Creek, W. Va., is again a regular attendant at church and Women's Society. Also attending regularly at Sabbath School and church is Miss Evelyn Babcock, a member of the Nortonville, Kan., Church, who is employed in Chicago. Mrs. Carl DeVard of Marion, Ill., a former resident of Chicago and a member of the Stone Fort, Ill., Church, has been in attendance during the time her husband has been in a Chicago hospital.

John Conrod's address is as follows: home — 2527 No. Fairfield, Chicago; seminary — 3040 W. Washington Blvd., Wilkinson Hall. — Correspondent.

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — Several of our members are spending the winter in the South — Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Horton at Rockledge, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Gerrelt Bakker and Mrs. Eva Jones at Daytona Beach, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Greene at Greensboro, N. C.

When our church steeple was repaired last summer after being badly damaged by lightning, it was covered with white composition shingles, thus doing away with difficulty and hazards in future paintings.

Natural gas proved so satisfactory for heating the basement it has now been installed for heating the sanctuary.

As has been our custom for many years we are again joining with the ladies of the First Baptist Church in observing the World Day of Prayer on February 21.

The Young People's Group of the Central New York Association met with us on

the afternoon and evening of January 18 with about 40 in attendance. The Ladies' Aid Society served the supper to about 60 young people and adults.

The Sabbath after Christmas, the combined Junior and Senior Choirs put on the cantata — "Childe Jesus" by Clokey and Kirk, in place of the regular worship program.

For the twentieth consecutive year, the family Thanksgiving dinner was served on November 24 in the church parlor.

The public Sunday dinners which we served last fall were so popular with our first-day friends we are planning to start serving them again as soon as weather permits. — Correspondent.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — On Sunday, January 5, the church held its annual business meeting following the customary chicken-pie dinner. The following officers were elected: moderator, Clare Greene; clerk, Mrs. Wallace Greene; treasurer, Roy Langworthy; chairman of the Stewardship Committee, Donald Payne.

As an outgrowth of the interest of a group named the "Fishermen's Club," tracts were distributed on Sabbath evening, January 25. One tract chosen for its message of salvation and one which stressed the truth of the 7th-day Sabbath were placed under the windshield wipers of the cars parked at the "Miracle Mile" shopping center at Rochester, Minn., by Junior C. E. members who were third-graders at school or older. The Intermediate C. E. assisted in this project also. They held a meeting at the church following the tract distribution for a period of sharing experiences and partaking of cocoa and cookies.

A most enjoyable all-day social was held at the Wallace Greene home January 26. A large group attending enjoyed a pot-luck dinner topped-off with homemade ice cream furnished by the committee, Wallace and Millicent Greene and Pastor and Mrs. Kenneth Van Horn.

In the afternoon all who wished went sliding and skating while others visited indoors. The Junior C. E. had popcorn and candy for sale as one of their projects.

Pastor Van Horn and family continue

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to serve the Twin Cities Church every other Sabbath afternoon at three o'clock. He has also filled the pulpit in other churches in the village of Dodge Center recently. — Correspondent.

WATERFORD, CONN. — In 1954 the Mystic Seaport at Mystic, Connecticut, bought and moved the old church building which was formerly the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Greenmanville. This building was used as a church until 1890, when it was sold and used as a dwelling which housed several families.

The Mystic Seaport has decided to open the church for services to be held by those of Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish faith, and a service will be held every Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Our church will probably have an opportunity to conduct a service in the near future.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for March 1, 1958

One in Christ

Lesson Scripture: Eph. 4: 1-7, 11-16.

Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

By Testimony:

Roy C. Vandersloot
Mrs. Roy Vandersloot

Chicago, Ill.

By Letter:

John A. Conrod

Denver, Colo.

By Baptism:

Kenneth Harrison
Mrs Emma Davis
Miss Janet Turpin
Miss Heidi Randolph
Larry Knox

By Letter:

Irwin Randolph
Mrs. Sue Randolph
Rev. Kenneth E. Smith
Mrs. Dorothy Smith

By Testimony:

Mrs. Bethel Knox

Births

Braswell. — A son, William Norman, to Dr. and Mrs. Harold M. Braswell, Jr. (Miriam Seager) of Owen, Wis., on December 30, 1957.

Sibley. — A son, George Neil, to Richard M. and Kathleen Clement Sibley of Pittsburgh, Pa., June 29, 1957.

Obituaries

Haskins. — Mrs. Isabelle, was born Jan. 29, 1866, and died Jan. 21, 1958, at the hospital in Chippewa Falls, Wis.

She was born in Ohio, but her family moved to Wisconsin when she was a young girl. On her birthday in 1884 she was married to Eugene Haskins at Adams Center, Wis., and moved to Milton. In 1907 the family settled in New Auburn where for fifty years she has been a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church. During the past few years, her eyesight failed, but her interest in the church and community continued strong.

She is survived by three sons: Claude, at home, who has looked after his mother for many years; John, of Evansville, Wis., and Earl, of Port Angeles, Wash. Also surviving are 9 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Don A. Sanford, from the church and burial was in the local cemetery. This was the first funeral in the new church, a fitting tribute to its oldest member. — D. A. S.

Clarke. — Ann Cora, daughter of Sherrill Joseph and Harriet Saunders Clarke, was born July 12, 1869, near Milton, Wis., and died January 14, 1958, in Janesville, Wis., following a prolonged illness.

Educated in the public school of Milton, Milton Academy, and Milton College, Miss Clarke prepared herself for teaching. She was a teacher in Wisconsin high schools until 1926.

The child of devout Christian parents, she was baptized in 1877 by the Rev. E. M. Dunn and joined the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church — an active church relationship that she maintained for eighty years. She served as Sabbath School teacher and officer, treasurer of the Women's Circle, and member of the choir.

Her interest in cultural and community life is evidenced by her active membership in the Women's Village Improvement Club and her long affiliation with the WCTU and The King's Daughters.

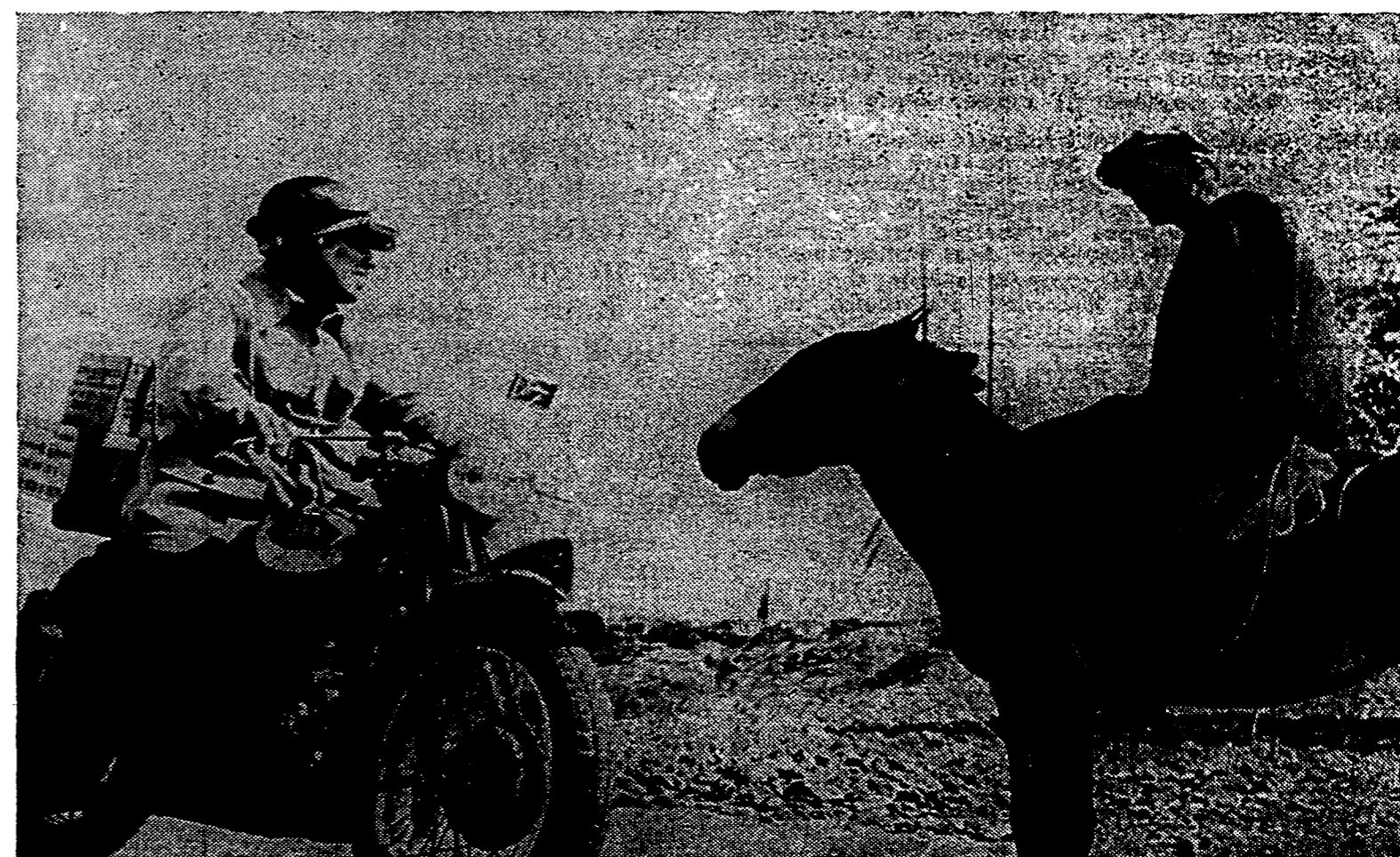
Surviving are four nephews: Roy Clarke of Fergus Falls, Minn.; Howard of San Fernando, Calif.; Harlow of Janesville, Wis.; and Walton of Kent, Ohio.

The funeral service was conducted from the Milton Church by Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph. Burial was in the Milton Cemetery. — E. F. R.

TEACHERS!

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MOUNTED PASTOR AND PARISHIONER

The mule with laid-back ears expresses hostility toward the unfamiliar Italian mount encountered on a narrow road, not understanding that its rider is a minister of the Gospel talking to a Protestant church member and carrying Christian literature and relief supplies to needy Waldensian families. Doubtless the mule will soon learn to accept the bearer of such good news. People also learn to lend willing ears. How do you hear?