

The Sabbath Recorder

Accessions

Daytona Beach, Fla.
 By Baptism:
 Eslie O. Jeffrey
 Battle Creek, Mich.
 By Baptism:
 Mrs. Richard Farrell
 Texarkana, Ark.
 By Baptism:
 Charles Edward Wagner
 Karen Wagner

Marriages

Doty-Smith. — At the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., Sabbath afternoon, June 28, 1958, Keith L. Doty, Almond, N. Y., son of Raymond and Hazel Mosher Doty, and Sally M. Smith, Alfred Station, N. Y., daughter of Charles C. and Ollene Kenyon Smith, were united in marriage, the bride's pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating.

Jeffrey-Hoffman. — Eslie O. Jeffrey of Deland, Fla., and Leona Hoffman of Shiloh, N. J., were united in marriage on July 30, 1958, by Pastor Wardner FitzRandolph at the parsonage of the Daytona Beach, Fla., Church.

Davis-Osborn. — Marilyn L. Osborn, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Lester G. Osborn of Schenectady, N. Y., became the bride of Olin C. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. La Verne Davis of Verona, N. Y., on Sunday, July 27, 1958. The service, which was held in the Verona Church, was solemnized by the bride's father and her brother, Paul, pastor of the Marlboro Church.

Whitford-Fazio. — Charles Whitford of Milton Junction, Wis., and Jean Fazio, Janesville, Wis., were married on July 6, 1958, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with their pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, officiating.

McCormick-DeVard. — William McCormick and Lynn DeVard, both of Chicago, Ill., exchanged marriage vows on Sabbath afternoon, July 12, 1958, in a ceremony conducted in the Graham-Taylor Chapel of Chicago Theological Seminary. The Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph was the officiating minister.

Howard-Miars. — Kay Spencer Howard, Milton, Wis., and Adeline Lee Miars, Jackson Center, Ohio, were joined in matrimony in a ceremony conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath night, July 26, 1958. The double ring ceremony was solemnized by the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph.

Obituaries

Wear. — Bessie, daughter of Henry S. and Celestia A. Deland, was born January 26, 1890, and died July 15, 1958, at her home in Nortonville, Kan.

Besides her husband, Lewis Wear, she leaves three children: Raphael and Archie and Mrs. Ethel Tomlinson; five sisters: Mrs. Rose Stephan, Mrs. Laura Reedy, Mrs. Mary Davis, Mrs. Grace Maxson, Mrs. Dorothy Graham; and three brothers: Harry, Carl, and Harold Deland.

Memorial services were held in the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. Robert Lippincott officiating. Interment was in the Nortonville Cemetery. — R. L.

Burdick. — Elno L., son of Edmund and Elizabeth Hadley Burdick, was born in the Town of Alfred, Allegany County, N. Y., December 30, 1871, and passed away at the Harris Nursing Home, Hornell, N. Y., July 22, 1958.

He joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred about 1886 and always remained a faithful member. He was a farmer most of his life, having always resided in the Town of Alfred.

On September 21, 1895, he was united in marriage with Mary D. Holmes of Amity (Belmont), N. Y. To this union were born two sons: Elon E., of Alfred, and Arthur E., of Alfred Station, N. Y.

In 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Burdick celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Besides his two sons, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mabel Collins, of Belfast, N. Y., six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted at the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church on Friday afternoon, July 25, 1958, by his pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — A. E. B.

Fassbender. — Ernestine, daughter of Frederick and Ernestine Sauter, was born May 1, 1873, and died suddenly July 14, 1958.

She is survived by two sons, Ernest and Frederick, and three grandchildren: Robert, Carol, and Susan.

Mrs. Fassbender joined the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1936 and remained a faithful and active member until her death.

Memorial services were held in the Terrell Funeral Home, Irvington, N. J., with her pastor, the Rev. John Schmid, and the Rev. Roger Burton of the Irvington Congregational Church officiating. Interment was in the Fairmount Mausoleum, Newark, N. J. — J. G. S.

Jewett. — Frank Leslie, son of Charles L. and Carrie Taylor Jewett, was born at Rodman, N. Y., July 26, 1899, and died at the Oneida City Hospital, July 14, 1958.

He was an associate member of the Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church where he worshiped regularly.

He was married to the former Ermine Williams at Boonville in 1921 and to the union was born one son, Granton L. Besides his wife and son of Oneida, he is survived by a sister, Mrs. H. Carl Norman, of Mannsville, N. Y.; an uncle, D. H. Jewett, of Sandy Creek, N. Y.; three nephews and two granddaughters.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick, from the Campbell-Dean Funeral Home in Oneida, and interment was in the New Union Cemetery at Verona Mills. — C. R. B.



SYMBOLIC PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

Teaching our children to give to missions is one of the sacred obligations of teachers in our Sabbath Schools and Vacation Bible Schools. Children who are themselves learning to love the Savior are anxious to find ways of expressing that love and respond, often better than their parents, to suggestions of making a sacrifice for the children of other lands. In the above picture taken during the Sabbath afternoon program of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, two children, under the supervision of David Alborn (at the microphone), present to returning Missionaries Beth Severe and Joan Clement a unique arrangement of pieces of money given at the Los Angeles Vacation Bible School for the Nyasaland Mission — a very effective and symbolic presentation.

of the same opinion is often pretty hard to explain in a northern state, or on the other side of an ocean.

Did not our Lord say to His disciples, "That which ye have spoken in the ear in closets shall be proclaimed upon the housetops"? And did not the Apostle Paul remind Governor Festus that King Agrippa knew about the spread of Christianity? "For this thing," he said, "was not done in a corner." We cannot shove Christian principles aside in our day and think we have done it in a corner.

Some of us fear that much of the resistance to providing equal opportunity for races is inspired by political publicity-seeking without remembering how harmful that publicity can be in a world that has no dark corners as far as news is concerned. They should heed the words of James, "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!"

Conference Articles Yet to Come

Readers of this publication will be glad to know that there are still a number of articles regarding the recently held Conference which may yet be expected to appear on these pages. Some of the Bible Studies and the inspiring messages will continue to have strong appeal. A few of the reports of committees which will appear later in the Year Book will be reproduced here not so much as reports but as groundwork for the program which is before our people. Since reports of some committees making recommendations were altered by action of Conference their publication may be delayed slightly.

This is a good time to speak to your friends about subscribing to the **Sabbath Recorder** and also an occasion to make sure that your own subscription is paid so that none of these important items and decisions will be missed.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 13, 1958

Justice in Economic Life ..

Lesson Scripture: Ex. 20: 15; Amos 8: 4-7; James 5: 1-5; 1 Peter 4: 10-11.

FORWARD: Through Missionary Work

Missionary Board Program at General Conference

Loren Osborn opened the program of the Missionary Society with a challenging "Why?" Why do we have a Missionary Society; why is it part of our Christian responsibility? The question was very effectively answered by the reports of the six workers on the program, and all attending became strikingly aware of the need for consecrated leaders and workers on the fields as well as for consecrated givers supporting them.

It seems impossible to cover the wonderful message that was brought in a few words. Joan Clement and Beth Severe, who plan to return to our work in Nyasaland in September, told of the forward work there. The most important steps forward are in a profound spiritual growth instead of growth in any material way. Mission work needs to include more now than it did in a less modern age. There is an ever-increasing load of work as was illustrated by the fact that Dr. Burdick's average number of patients a day has increased from 60 to 130. This is a good sign, but also one that calls for all the more consecration on the part of all of us. The membership in Nyasaland has increased from 1100 to 2000 since 1956, but the work is just beginning. The purpose of the mission staff there is to gain leaders among the natives so that there will be a strong African Christian Church that is truly theirs — not a transplanted western one. One of the largest responsibilities of a missionary is to preserve the simplicity of the Gospel message so that it is not confused with western culture.

Miss Jacqueline Wells told of the work in Jamaica, showing that there, too, the emphasis is on native leadership so that the church may become self-supporting. She urged us all to keep ourselves informed about our missionary work so that we may pray intelligently for the work there.

The Rev. Loyal Hurley told about the evangelistic work with the quartets which

have reached more than half of our churches and fellowships within the past five years. We have not fully perceived the need to win souls in the cities and places in which we want to grow. He pointed out a true understanding of stewardship, layman soul winners, tactfulness, and less dogmatism are needed in order for us to become one in Christ, a people who really go forward in growth rather than backward in membership.



Rev. Marion Van Horn and family at General Conference. See his report on the Southwest Field in the last issue.

The Rev. Marion Van Horn reported on the boundless opportunities in the Southwest, a field spanning northern Georgia and the southernmost tip of Texas. Much progress in the way of following up of contacts with lone Sabbathkeepers, interested individuals, and groups was reported, but there, too, the increased consecration and prayers of us all are needed to go forward with the work we have started. There is no end to the opportunities, and the way in which we take advantage of them reflects our attitude toward our heavenly Father.

Secretary Everett Harris summarized the program with a financial report of the Missionary Society and an over-all view of the world in all our missions, including those proposed to be added this year. We will add them, he stated, provided we have the faith to start on them, believing that God will open the way for us to carry on the work that we have begun. — Conference Crier.

August Special Issue Still Available

The February and May special issues of the **Sabbath Recorder** were quickly sold out and practically none remain on the shelves at the publishing house. The story is not quite the same at the present moment with the August issue.

Perhaps some people and churches thought that previous orders would hold unless revoked. Possibly less attention was given to church outreach during the early part of the summer.

The managing editor felt that this issue, having much more Sabbath material in it than previous ones, would be in great demand once it was seen by regular subscribers. We printed some extras to meet this demand. Undated copies are available while they last at 10 for \$1.00, 100 for \$8.50.

Conference has approved a budget which allows for the continuation of this project which our people so enthusiastically backed a year ago.

Conference Attendance

A Credentials Committee is one of the necessary committees of General Conference appointed by the president. In a sense it is among the less-important ones but its report is eagerly awaited by those in attendance. Headed this year by Mynor Soper, pastor of the North Loup, Neb., Church, its 14 members examined the official lists of delegates sent in by church clerks and compared them with the names of those actually registered.

The figure given on the last evening included those who had recorded their names on Sabbath day as well as previously. The number registered was 427. Official delegates were less than that. The names customarily are printed later in the Year Book. Although much less than last year when the gathering was more centrally located, it appeared that, considering the distance, the attendance was good. The percentage of churches represented was greater than the percentage of pastors. There were 44 churches and 37 pastors.

Ecumenical Workshop At Conference

Three years ago at Fayetteville, Ark., the program of Conference centered around a number of workshops in the various areas of concern. This year President Cruzan set apart Thursday afternoon for three such workshops after consultation with numerous church leaders. The effectiveness may be judged to some extent by the summaries given the following morning. The report of the one discussing "Ecumenical Relations" is given below. The other two were "Planning the Church Program" and "Stewardship Promotion."

Under the leadership of the Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen, our participation in the ecumenical movement was presented to those who were in this workshop. A number of other leaders aided Mr. Hansen in the presentation.

Rev. Loyal F. Hurley pointed out that there are three Greek words meaning "world." "Cosmos" means the universe; "ge" means the physical world; and "oikoumene" means the whole inhabited world. Thus ecumenical pertains to the whole inhabited world. Mr. Hurley showed that throughout our lives we have been participating in concerns of the whole Christian world, such as Christian Endeavor, ministerial associations, YWCA, YMCA, Red Cross, American Bible Society, and Community Chests. While some of these are not religious in the sense that the National Council of Churches is religious, all humanitarian organizations have come from Jesus Christ; they have been born and reared by the Christian Church. Mr. Hurley testified that: "We could have such wonderful fellowship with other Christians if we only would."

Mr. Hansen, with great enthusiasm, presented the work of the World Council of Churches. He especially emphasized the work of the Division of Interchurch Aid and Service to Refugees; for instance, in 1956, the World Council effected the resettlement of 26,000 refugees. A church should live, not for itself, but for those around it. Another very practical division of the World Council is that of Ecumenical Action. Mr. Hansen urged that young people take part in ecumenical work camps. These camps are engaged in important projects in foreign countries,

such as building houses of worship. The ecumenical movement does not really happen if local churches are not working together. "Christ has made us His own; He is not divided."

The Rev. Duane L. Davis presented the work of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A. At the present time the National Council is mainly concerned about churches working together, although a concern about doctrine is growing. The divisions of the National Council are four: Christian Education, Christian Life and Work, Home Missions, and Foreign Missions. There are other units such as Church World Service, United Church Men, United Church Women, and Evangelism. It was pointed out that Dr. George Thorngate and the Rev. Wardner Fitz-Randolph have helped in times past to distribute relief supplies in China and Jamaica, respectively. Mr. Hurley pointed out that evangelism has been one of the great functions of the old Federal Council and now of the National Council.

The Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson led a discussion of the work of the American Bible Society. This is an ecumenical group which prints and distributes Bibles and Bible portions in over 1100 languages.

RIAL (Religion in American Life) was presented by the Rev. Paul Osborn. It was pointed out that their literature is very useful to our denomination in that posters and post cards avoid the use of the word "Sunday."

K. Duane Hurley spoke of our denominational opportunity to take part in the Baptist Jubilee Advance of the American Baptist (formerly Northern Baptist) denomination during the years 1959-1964. Someone mentioned the offer of the American Baptist Publication Society to let us use their church school materials, making such changes for us as change of imprint and substitution of "Sabbath" for "Sunday." We have in these and other ways a great opportunity for fellowship with the American Baptist denomination.

Mr. Hansen urged us to study the issues discussed at the Oberlin Conference in such books as *The Nature of the Unity We Seek*, edited by Paul Minear, and

George Hunt's book, *A Guide to Christian Unity*. We must also study the great issues before the leaders of our world. Many of the issues commonly discussed in church business are small compared with those of the total Christian Church all over the world. Let us not die intellectually.

Recognition of Leaders Who Have Departed This Life

The annual gathering of the representatives of our churches always has one very solemn period: it is the time when the standing Committee on Obituaries mentions the names of all ministers, missionaries, deacons, and deaconesses whose death notices have appeared in the Sabbath Recorder.

On the second morning of Conference Miss Marjorie Burdick presented the obituary report which called special attention to the recent deaths of Miss Miriam Shaw, missionary nurse, Rev. Luther Crichlow, and Doctor A. J. C. Bond, dean emeritus of the Alfred School of Theology. When she had finished the delegates were asked by the president to stand while Rev. Paul S. Burdick of Waterford, Conn., offered prayer. In order for our readers to share in the appreciation of the service rendered by all the leaders who have departed this life during the year, we quote the words of Mr. Burdick's prayer.

Prayer

Our Father in Heaven, words can scarcely express the thoughts and emotions that stir our hearts at the mention of the names of those who have been great servants of Thine, and of our churches, and of our denomination throughout the years, who deserve our thoughtful and prayerful recognition and our grateful appreciation.

There are three events in the life of the Christian which mark off certain periods: the birth of the babe; the birth of the soul into the realm of Christ; and the birth of the full personality into the life eternal; and one represents the progress over the other so it may be truly a step upward, a graduation, a completion of the well-rounded life that leads them, directs them, and calls them to the life eternal.

We think again of the service of these — one a missionary who did not allow the cessation of work on the foreign field to stop her missionary and deaconess endeavors in her home town.

We think of another who gave the best part of his life to the ministry of our churches, the ministry of the ecumenical work representing our denomination at many national and international events. We thank Thee for his leadership in these respects.

We think of another, beloved by us all, a man who represented a race which deserves our consideration, our prayers for the struggle in which they are involved to become first-class citizens, not only of a nation, but of the Kingdom of God, and we thank Thee for his loyal, devoted service in those areas. And for all of these others who have labored, who have prayed, who have consecrated themselves so many times and in so many areas of Christian service, we thank Thee and we call to mind their prayers and devotion and consecration, as with bowed heads once again we pray that their spirit may fall upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

New Pastor Assumes Duties

The Rev. Alvin E. Huntington, formerly of Azusa, Calif., preached his first sermon in White Cloud, Mich., August 23. He and his family were at Conference in Covina, Calif., throughout the week of August 11-16. On the closing day their car was loaded ready for departure when the meetings were over. According to the White Cloud Church bulletin they arrived on Wednesday and were given a reception on the evening after the Sabbath.

The new pastor's family includes his wife and three small children, Constance Junerilla, Martin Emerson, and Victoria Irene. Mr. Huntington's first sermon was entitled "Orthodoxy Is Not Enough." Two of his sermons have appeared in the *Sabbath Recorder*.

White Cloud's new pastor had minor parts on the Conference program. When he conducted the Thursday evening prayer meeting he had to come down from the platform to hold their youngest (sleepy-eyed) child while Mrs. Huntington sang. Mrs. Huntington sang two solos on the General Conference program.

British Guiana Mission Possible Plans

It is now possible to send a missionary couple to the British Guiana mission field in 1959. With the adoption by the last General Conference of the amount requested by the Missionary Board for the preparation and sending of such a missionary couple the way was opened. The amount requested for this purpose was \$2,370.

Special gifts received through the "Nortonville Project" may now be credited toward the Our World Mission budget. It is with deep thankfulness to God and to our brethren of this country that we look forward to providing full-time missionary leadership for this mission field that has waited so long and patiently (since the Rev. and Mrs. Royal Thorngate returned to this country because of ill health in 1930).

A missionary couple, the Rev. and Mrs. Rene Mauch of Hemmingford, Quebec, Canada, have offered their services as our missionary representatives. Arrangements for the preparation and sending of Mr. and Mrs. Mauch and their six-year-old daughter, Esther, are currently



under consideration. A special committee of the Missionary Board was authorized at the July board meeting to make these arrangements, pending approval by Con-

ference of funds requested for carrying out proposed plans.

We believe that there will be rejoicing among our British Guiana brethren as they learn that the way is now opening for a full-time missionary to work among them. Let us all thank God, take courage, and press forward.

Are You a Good Listener?

Some people are good listeners. You feel that they are sympathetic and really want to understand. But others only seem to be listening. Actually they are thinking up new arguments to prove that you are wrong and they are right.

We sometimes pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit of God, but are too taken up with our own ideas to be able to recognize His leadership. We are apt to close our minds and not give God an opportunity to reveal a new truth.

We praise the man who has the "courage to stand by his convictions." But even a fanatic may have this kind of courage. It is much braver, and rarer, to find one who has the courage to re-examine his convictions and to modify or reject them if they do not agree with the facts.

King David of Israel prayed, "Cleanse thou me from secret faults." We all have them and may well pray that God will reveal them to us and help us to rise above them. In the midst of the bustle and confusion of our times we need to develop the ability to listen — to let the Holy Spirit speak and guide us in new revelations of His truth and way. This is the way to life and growth.

Tract Board Meeting

The fall meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Annual Meeting of the Tract Society will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building, September 21. At the meeting of the corporation all Seventh Day Baptists who have attended Conference or have contributed to the work of the society during the year are entitled to attend and vote. Election of new officers and appointment of committees will take place on that date.

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO THE SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

(Continued from last week)

The Tract Board is offering to Our World Mission \$5,800 from the 1957 profits of the publishing house to be available for the year beginning October 1, 1958. However, the 1958 profits from the publishing house will be much less; therefore, we recommend:

1. That Conference accept \$4,000 for the year beginning October 1, 1958, to be given in quarterly amounts of \$1,000.
2. That the remaining \$1,800 be carried over and added to the publishing house profits for the year 1958 which will be available for the Conference year beginning October 1, 1959.

Because of the nationwide trend of increased demand for Sunday legislation, we would suggest a renewed vigor of Sabbath emphasis among our people. We would recommend the appointment of the Rev. Kenneth Smith, a member of the Ecumenical Committee, and Dr. Keith Davis, who has taken initiative in this field, (1) to represent the Conference in alerting churches and pastors to their opportunities and responsibilities in presenting the Seventh Day Baptist position in local situations, and (2) to be ready to present this position to any official studies of the matter that might be made. (See amendment below.)*

In response to the suggestion made by the Planning Committee last year, the office of Press Relations has been established. At the request of the executive secretary, Mrs. R. A. Maxson, Box 166, Milton, Wisconsin, has assumed this responsibility. Commission commends Mrs. Maxson for her forward-looking program of publicizing the work of Seventh Day Baptists. In addition to giving nationwide press coverage to denominational and associational matters, her office is prepared to suggest ways local churches may more forcefully publicize their activities. We recommend that an amount of \$100 be placed in the General Conference section of Our World Mission budget to pay operating expenses of the office of Press Relations.

It has been called to our attention by the Tract Board that the word "reward" connotes to many the meaning that eternal life is earned and not a gift. We would recommend that the last phrase, "and that because He lives, eternal life, with spiritual and glorified bodies, will be the reward of the redeemed," in Article VII of the Seventh Day Baptist Statement of Belief, be changed to read, "and that because He lives, eternal life, with spiritual and glorified bodies, is the gift of God to the redeemed."

We recommend the inclusion, before the listing of licensed laymen in the Year Book, of the proposed statement of the Ministerial Training Committee, "The status of licentiate is regarded as appropriate for those whom the local church desires to designate as lay leaders. The General Conference Committee on Ministerial Training offers suggested book lists and other study aids by which those who are licensed may improve their gifts." For information write to Courtland V. Davis, Secretary, Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey."

We note with thankful hearts the financial support given to Our World Mission during the past year. Support has been continuous and systematic. This is evidenced since the percentage of Our World Mission budget that has been given has paralleled the percentage of the budget year. As a result, the work outlined by Conference in 1957 is being carried forward. This makes possible an optimistic approach toward an expanded program this coming year. We strongly urge that each individual receive the blessing which comes from giving and we would again point out that tithing is the Biblical standard for giving in our stewardship.

*The following amendment came to the floor of Conference and was passed:

[Because of the nationwide trend of increased demand for Sunday legislation, we would urge a renewed vigor of Sabbath emphasis among our people. We would recommend that the American Sabbath Tract Society intensify its program of alerting churches and pastors to their opportunities and responsibilities in presenting the Seventh Day Baptist position in local situations, and, second, that the General Conference Committee on Ecumenical Relations be ready to present our position to any official study of the matter that might be made.]

TORONTO YOUTH CONVENTION

By Luan Sutton
Alfred Station, N. Y.

(Continued from last week)

The first meeting was held on Friday night, June 27, at 7:30 in the Varsity Arena on the campus of the University of Toronto at which all the meetings were held. The arena held about 6,000 so the rest of the young people had to sit outside in the football stadium and listen to the services over loudspeakers. If we didn't get to the arena early we were seated high up and could not see the speakers very well.

To officially open the service we all sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." Then we were led in prayer by a man from India. Next we heard an anthem by the conference choir. Anyone that wanted to could belong to the choir. There were about 1,000 young people in it. It was directed by William Reynolds of Tennessee. There was also a Toronto choir which sang each evening. We were welcomed by the Mayor of Toronto and two officers of the Baptists in Canada. A girl from Japan told the people of Canada how glad we all were to be able to attend. The address that evening was given by the Rev. David Gomez of Brazil. He spoke on "The Transforming Power of Christ." I was very much impressed with the speech and the man. He seemed to be the type that young people would really like.

On Tuesday, Roberta and I were in the display room when Mr. Gomez came along. We talked to him about Seventh Day Baptists. He told me that there were some Seventh Day Baptists in Brazil, which I didn't know. He asked me if our denomination believed in "Once saved — Always saved." When I said I didn't know, he told me that I had better know more about my religion next time.

Every morning we sang songs led by Chuck Boddie who was in Alfred a few years ago as guest leader for religious emphasis week. Then we were led in prayer by a person from a different country. Some of them prayed in their native tongue and then in English but

one just prayed in his own language. These people were from Nigeria, Mexico, Ecuador, and Nicaragua. The evening sessions began the same way.

Each morning we had a short worship service led by a person from a different country. The United States, Spain, Argentina, and New Zealand were represented. After the worship service we had a Bible study on the Book of Colossians led by a professor of New Testament Interpretation from the Southern Baptist Seminary in Tennessee.

Each morning there was presented the Topic of the Day: "Called to be Witnesses" by a Japanese from New York; "The Building of a Christian Home" by a man from England; "The Dignity of Man" by a lady from Canada; and "The Christian Witness in the Contemporary World" by a man from Ceylon.

Another part of the program for each day was the "spotlight" on different continents. A representative from each nation on a given continent would tell of the youth work in his country. Many told how hard it was to do much work because there were so many Catholics in their country. One of the spotlights was on the Baptist World Alliance. The people in charge told of the work of the BWA. Following the spotlights we went to our simultaneous conferences. There were about 60 different groups. Some had over 200 while others had only about 40. My group was one of the smaller ones. Our leader was a Negro from Massachusetts. Each morning we discussed the Bible study and the Topic of the Day.

The addresses in the evening services were: "Christ for the World — Now!" given by Joel Sorenson of Sweden, the president of the Youth Committee; "Christ, Our Hope," by a man from China; "Christ in World Missions," by a man from Nigeria; "Into All the World," by T. F. Adams, the president of the Baptist World Alliance.

The afternoons were free to do as one wished, but there was something planned for every afternoon. The optional afternoon activities were: a music festival, a religious drama workshop, the best in religious films, sightseeing, "Literacy as

Evangelism," international recreation, and "We Do It This Way," in which the people shared their planning and programming for their youth. Available also were interviews with personalities. These groups were known as the "Tree-Sitters." The speakers and people from foreign countries would sit under a tree and talk informally to anyone who joined them. One could visit exhibits; and on Tuesday afternoon the Earl Grey Players presented the Shakespearean play "King Lear" for the members of the conference who wished to see it at a special performance.

One afternoon the people of the foreign countries were asked to put on their native costumes and be at a certain place for those who wanted to take pictures. There were many colorful and interesting costumes. Some wore them to the meetings.

On Sabbath evening there was a Roll Call of Nations. A person from each of the 63 nations represented carried the flag of his nation across the platform. As the flag of their country came in the people stood up. After all the flags were in, the choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus." This service was very impressive. When the United States flag came in it seemed as if almost everyone stood up. A local paper stated that 6000 of the 8000 delegates were from the United States. Every place we went we were asked, "Where you all from?" The majority of our 6000 seemed to be from the South. I know that there were three bus loads from one city in Texas and three from Louisiana.

Sunday was a special day. In the morning we attended church at the Ossington Baptist Church, the minister of which was one of several who had welcomed us the first night of the convention. There was a "Word of Witness" from three young people from Missouri. The message was given by a minister originally from Australia but now from Missouri. After the church service we were served a wonderful meal by the ladies of the church.

In the evening the meeting was held in Maple Leaf Gardens which holds 15,000 people. They had expected only 6000 to attend the conference so they handed out

tickets to the people of Toronto for the remaining seats. The Garden was packed. In the service we had testimonials by people from China, Brazil, Ghana, New Zealand, and the United States. The address for the evening was "World Peace" by Prime Minister Diefenbaker of Canada. The Roll Call of Nations was repeated for the people of Toronto.

On four nights "fellowships" were held in the different hotels and college buildings, at which the young people came together and sang songs and told jokes. It was wonderful to have fellowship with such a group of Christian young people.

I don't know of anybody that we converted, but I know that there are a lot more people who know about the Seventh Day Baptists now because of our display and our being there. One who attends a conference like this realizes that God is the Father of all people. He sees them all as brothers. Why can't we be more like Him and not be prejudiced against people of another race or color? "Christ for the World — Now!" We young people will soon be the leaders and we need to take Christ as our Savior now to make and keep peace through the world.



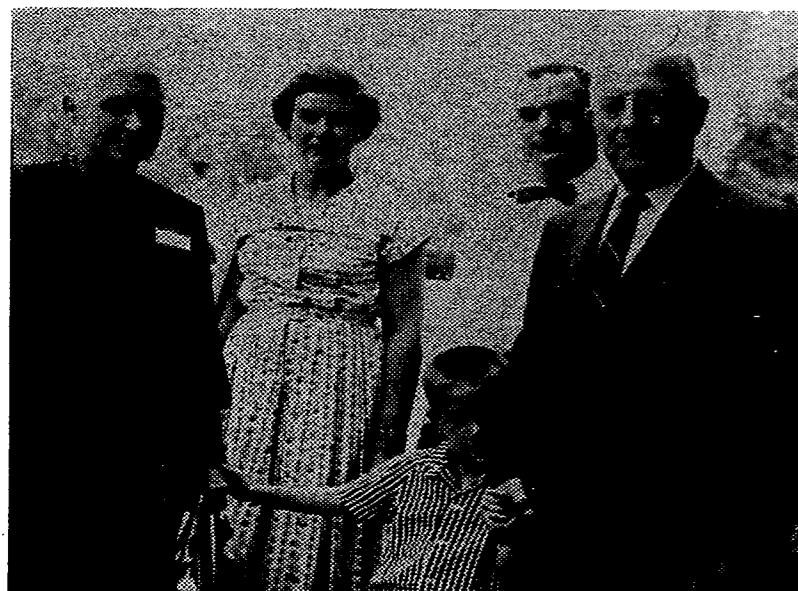
Miss Dora Hurley, nurse, of Riverside, head of the local Decorations Committee of Conference. Miss Hurley has often expressed a willingness to serve on a mission field.

Nurses' Sailing Date

As previously announced in these columns the missionary nurses Beth Severe and Joan Clement are to start their ocean voyage back to Makapwa Mission in Nyasaland, Africa, on Wednesday, September 10, on board the freighter SS African Planet. It is hoped that quite a number may be able to be at the dock and wish them "Bon Voyage." Some may find it possible to board the ship and see their stateroom. The hour of sailing, which is governed by the tide, will not be announced until 4 p.m. the preceding day and may be ascertained by calling the Farrell Lines, Whitehall 4-7460. The Farrell Lines pier is at the foot of 33rd Street, Brooklyn.

The nurses' plane schedule from Los Angeles to Idlewild Airport has been changed. They arrive at New York at 7:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 9, and will spend the night in Plainfield after some final shopping. The excess baggage contributed by many people for the use of the mission was forwarded from Plainfield to the ship on September 5.

Miss Clement has asked that a note be printed in the Recorder: "Expressing our sincere appreciation to everyone for the wonderful hospitality which was shown to us on our recent trip." "... some have entertained angels unawares."



Dr. and Mrs. George Thorngate, Sr., veteran Chinese missionaries, with one of their sons, Stephen, and his wife and son. The Thorngate doctors practice specialized medicine and surgery at Monterey, Calif. The former missionaries were active in Conference committee work.

World Council News and Views

Significant statements by the general secretary of the World Council of Churches, Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, on August 21 at the opening of a ten-day session of the policy-making Central Committee at Nyborg, Denmark.

In his annual report, Dr. Visser 't Hooft looked at the ten years since the World Council was officially set up in Amsterdam, Holland, in August, 1948.

"The setting up of the council," he said, "meant in fact that we chose an ecumenical movement which would not minimize the serious doctrinal issues of unity, but which would seek to work at these issues in the setting of the common calling of the churches to humanity. Thus the unity we stand for was characterized as a pastoral unity — a unity, not merely for the sake of the Church, but for the sake of mankind."

The central purpose of the council, Dr. Visser 't Hooft said, is "increasingly to manifest the essential unity of the Church" but added, "We do not look upon the council as a final solution of the problem of inter-church relations."

Since 1948 twenty-three churches have joined the council, bringing the membership to 170. But Dr. Visser 't Hooft said that "we should be even happier when we find that two or more member churches become united so that the number decreases. This is not happening as frequently as it ought. We have only four such cases on record during the period."

One aspect of the World Council which has not changed since 1948, the general secretary said, "is that we are alternatively or even at the same time accused of being subservient to the policies and ideologies of the Western powers and of opening the doors for the influence of Communist ideas."

The real danger of the situation, he said, is that "it could tempt us to think that we are steering the safe middle course. It is so easy to reply to one set of critics by quoting the opposite set of critics. But this kind of alibi is not quite worthy of the Christian Church which does not believe in the principle of safety by maintaining equal distance from extremes, or

in spiritual neutralism, but feels called to warn all powers of the will and judgment of God. The World Council, like the churches, must be independent — in the world, but not of the world — being accountable ultimately only to God." WCC Release.

A Young Person's Impressions of the Southwestern Association Meetings

Attending the Southwestern Association meetings in Edinburg, Texas, this year was a very inspiring experience for me, and I'm sure for all others too, as we were challenged with new thoughts on the theme of "Faith and Power in the Christian Life." We came to the conclusion that there can be no God-given power unless we have faith, and the more faith, the more power. Thus inspired to strengthen our faith and make full use of the power we receive, we began to look forward to new opportunities and possibilities for growth and expansion in our Association.

A workshop was added to the program this year out of which came many suggestions and recommendations to the churches for improving their church program as well as for extending their outreach and evangelistic work. We, the youth, took a definite part in this discussion period and have come to feel that we have a definite task before us in taking a more active part in these activities and in extending our youth program.

Among many actions taken in the business sessions was the acceptance of the New Orleans and Little Rock Fellowships and the Yonah Mountain Church into full fellowship in our Association — now making nine member groups.

The youth enjoyed several get-togethers between meetings, including a swim party, and we had charge of the Sabbath afternoon service consisting of a singspiration, worship service, and reports from the various youth groups. We also sponsored the Sabbath night fun program of special music, testimony service, and slides of Pastor Kenneth Smith's trip to Europe and youth activities of our Association.

— Janet Van Horn.

A Grandfather's Advice to Newlyweds

By Rev. Jay W. Crofoot

Advice given to Stanley Harris and Camille Crofoot at their marriage (Recorder of June 16) but advice which could well be accepted by others.

The word marriage usually means the ceremony by which a man and a woman enter wedlock, but the word has a larger and perhaps a more important meaning. The ceremony is not the whole of marriage. It is only the beginning of a new lifetime relationship, the success of which depends on the young people taking the marriage vows.

As a first step in making your marriage a happy one I suggest a motto for your guidance, "The A. B. C. of marriage — Always Be Considerate." To be sure, there will be emergencies, such as when one of you is sick or out of sorts, when extra consideration is required, but there will never be a time when one may be inconsiderate of the other's feelings.

Much the same thought is expressed in this quotation: "When the good ship Marriage strikes on the shoals of selfishness it is hard to weather any storms that arise on the matrimonial sea."

To continue the figure of a voyage, one of the rocks in the channel that has proved disastrous to many a marriage is tension over money matters. Guard against any such disaster by early planning of how to use our money — rather than my money and yours. It may sound too much of a task to make a budget, but it is important to be sure how much money you may expect to receive each month and how much must be reserved for necessities such as rent, fuel, food, clothing, light, etc., not omitting something for the Kingdom of God. Remember, too, that though thrift is an old-fashioned virtue it is still a virtue as well as often a necessity.

Health is another subject that deserves emphasis. As majors in biology you probably know more than I do, for I do know the head of that department. But I trust it is not inappropriate for me to mention a few points, such as to take exercise, sleep, etc., in proper amounts

and at suitable times. Don't abuse your eyes by overuse or poor lighting; nor your digestive system by impure food; nor your respiratory system by taking anything but pure air into your lungs. In the noble profession to which you aspire (medical doctor) there will be times when it will be a duty to risk contagion in order to be true to your obligation to your training, your obligation even to old Hippocrates and to your Maker. But in a general way your health is your most valuable possession and must be carefully preserved — for two reasons: first, if you become ill it will put an extra burden on the partner you love so much; second, your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Every Christian should remember that his body is a treasure of which he is a trustee, responsible to God.

This brings me to the most important matter that I wish to mention — your religious life. Personally I hope that you will continue loyal to the church of your childhood which you have both been serving with your musical talents and otherwise, and which is dear to me.

I do not mean that you should not become associate members of some other church elsewhere, without severing your connection with the home church.

I urge you to begin at once the practice of daily Bible reading and prayer together. This is most helpful when done systematically using some help, such as the list issued by the American Bible Society, or some pamphlet like *The Upper Room*, *The Secret Place*, or the *Quiet Hour*. The *Helping Hand* also has daily readings to be used in connection with the Sabbath School lessons and may be put to good use by reading them at home, as a suitable way to spend a part of the Sabbath day.

I shall pray that the Lord will make you a blessing wherever you are.

"If compulsory unionism was eliminated as a prop to support union monopolies, the unions would have to pay more attention to the wishes of their members. They would have to get and hold their membership on merit — by conducting themselves as responsible, constructive organizations." — Rehoboth Beach, Del., Delaware Coast Press.

Go to College by TV Study Life of Christ

A televised course in religion for college credit — believed to be the first — will be offered beginning in September by American University, Washington, D. C. Station WMAL-TV and the Council of Churches, National Capital area, will cooperate with the university in sponsoring the project. The purpose of the course, "The Life and Teachings of Jesus," is to make "an authoritative study of the Bible available to a large segment of the community," said President Hurst R. Anderson. Persons completing the course satisfactorily will receive two hours of academic credit. A small studio class will be selected from among those who enroll, and viewers will hear a professor lecture and answer questions. The course will run for thirty weeks.

— W. W. Reid.

The Friendship Church

By Mrs. Mable Davidson

With the closing of the Friendship Church of Nile, N. Y., has come the end to over 130 years of service in the realm of Sabbathkeeping religion in the area.

The Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church was established largely through the efforts of Abram C. Crandall, who came to Nile to make his home in 1822. The following year a number of Sabbathkeepers from New Jersey and Alfred, N. Y., also came there to live. Worship services were held in the homes for a time. In 1824, the Nile Sabbathkeepers asked General Conference to help them in organizing a church. A committee composed of Wm. B. Maxson, Eli S. Bailey, John Green, and Amos Satterlee was sent to Nile. They met with the Nile people at the home of Henry Smalley and the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Friendship was organized on Sept. 15, 1824, with twenty members. The following day a baptismal service was held and more members were added to the church.

The first pastor was John Green, who served from 1826 to 1831. The church has had 29 pastors since it was organized. Seven of the members have been ordained

to the ministry and have served as pastors in the denomination. One spent several years as a missionary in China.

The first house of worship was what is now known as the "Whitford Home." Services were held in this building for several years. The present church building was erected on land purchased from Ethan Lanphear and wife in 1849. During the more than 100 years since it was organized the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church at Nile has stood for faith in God and our fellow men, hope for the future, and love for the Lord Jesus Christ and our neighbors. — The Friendship Register.

Mrs. Mable Davidson has been a member of the Friendship Church for over 50 years. Most of the members will find it possible to attend other Seventh Day Baptist Churches.

While We Talk of Going to the Moon We Must Hasten to Evangelize the World

The new discoveries of science have radically changed the conditions under which the church must carry out its missionary program, according to the Rev. William C. Walzer, associate general secretary of the National Council's Commission on Missionary Education. "We live today in a new world of vastly expanded physical and material vision," Dr. Walzer told an audience in Northfield, Mass. "We talk of going to the moon almost as casually as Jesus' disciples talked of going to Judea, certainly more casually than Columbus talked of reaching the East by going West.

The church must take into account these new world conditions as it considers its mission — not that we are going to reach out in Christian mission to other parts of the universe (though that may come someday) — but these dramatic events in the scientific realm have raised new problems for all mankind. They have expanded the horizons even of little men, to say nothing of the Christians who earnestly desire to see God's universe in its fullness. Yet in a sense we have the same old world, with more millions than ever who need to hear the Gospel, to know of the love of Christ, to be fed, clothed, educated, and healed."

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BUFFALO, N. Y. — Jack Bottoms, son of Charles and Janice Bottoms, and Kendall Wellman, son of Harold and Marguerite Wellman, were baptized in the Camp Harley Pond on Sabbath afternoon, July 26, 1958, by their pastor, the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel.

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y. — When the Hartsville Church was closed near the end of the last century the building reverted to the ownership of Mr. and Mrs. Luin Henry. The pulpit and some other church fixtures were kept there waiting until an opportunity came to place them in some other Seventh Day Baptist Church. Our church has received the pulpit from Mr. and Mrs. Henry. It is of unusual beauty and workmanship and has been restored as nearly as possible to its original finish by John Reynolds.

During the year a group gathers each Friday night for worship and Bible study. Attendance is good, often nearly half of the regular Sabbath morning attendance. The young people usually lead a short devotional service, which is followed by a Bible study conducted by Pastor Van Horn. The meeting is closed by a song fest led by our Junior Choir director, Letha Polen.

The young people have an active organization which meets on Sabbath afternoons, and which often helps with the church activities. We are grateful to Miss Carol Harris and Deacon Mark Sanford who have assisted in various ways to make this organization so worth while. The young people are also members of the "Crusaders" which is a group of young people from Richburg, Hebron, and Little Genesee. They traveled to the Ephrata Cloisters this spring and seemed to get much benefit from this experience.

The Sabbath School was in charge of the Sabbath morning worship on Children's Day. Several of the community came in for this service. Not only on Children's Day but each Sabbath various church members provide transportation for others who do not have a way to come to church.

Our Vacation Bible School serves the whole community. There was a gross en-

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rollment of sixty-four this year. On the staff were Methodists and Seventh Day Adventists, as well as our own church members. Here again many people of the church and community cooperated in furnishing transportation.

One of the once-a-year features of our Sabbath service is a Wedding Bells Reunion. All those for whom our pastor has had the privilege of performing or assisting with the wedding ceremony are invited to come to the church on this Sabbath. The theme for this day deals with the sacredness of the vows taken and the importance of a Christian home. Interest is growing in this service.

The church has two choirs which sing as a part of each regular worship service. Our Senior Choir director, Dick Stearns, is also the director of the band in Bolivar Central School. When our former organist went away to school last fall, one of our regular members, Hazel Grantier, took over and has done a fine job.

A strong contributing factor in the church is the Sunshine Society. It is composed of the women of the church and community. Among other activities they were in charge of the dinner meeting at the time of the visit of the missionary nurses. Often the members have gone into the homes in the community and have assisted with the meals when a family has lost a loved one.

Realizing that the church must re-evaluate its service to God and the community in order to meet the need of the changing times and in order to grow spiritually as well as in numbers, the church organized a Growth and Extension Committee at its April meeting. This committee is charged with the planning and putting into operation such community and church activities as are felt to be needed. Much progress has already been made in the way of the reorganization of the worship service itself, and in publicity. Special visitation and spiritual growth meetings are planned for this fall with evangelistic meetings being arranged for the spring of 1959. Your prayers are solicited that this church may be an instrument in the doing of God's will.

"Our Sabbath days are quiet islands on the tossing sea of life."

Accessions

Berlin, N. Y.

By Baptism:
Daraine Greene
Ann Marie Jones
June Marie Crandall
Sandra Crandall

By Testimony:
Laura Cushman
Myrtle Williams Cushman (Mrs. Paul)

Marriages

Hitchcock - Pierce. — At the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., Sabbath afternoon, August 2, 1958, J. Bruce Hitchcock, Alfred, N. Y., son of Dr. Raymond O. and Helen Cameron Allan Hitchcock, and Zona Lea Pierce, Almond, N. Y., daughter of the late Kenneth Pierce and Elizabeth Breadon Pierce, were united in marriage, the groom's pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating.

Obituaries

Hunt. — Frank B., of Battle Creek, Mich., was born Dec. 5, 1865, in Ingham County, Mich., and died at Battle Creek, Aug. 7, 1958.

After attending Battle Creek College for two years, he was employed as an electrotyper in two large printing companies until his retirement at the age of 87.

He was a charter member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, in which he held several offices and was always a faithful member.

On Dec. 25, 1888, he married Miss Hattie Cooper of Battle Creek who preceded him in death in 1925. Three daughters were born to the Hunts: Georgia (Mrs. D. K. Howard of Riverside, Calif.); Mabel A. of Battle Creek; and Margaret (Mrs. Willis Van Horn of Appleton, Wis.). In 1930 Mr. Hunt was married to Mrs. Lula M. Hill.

He is survived by his wife, three daughters, one sister, Mrs. Alinton Borum of Azusa, Calif., nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

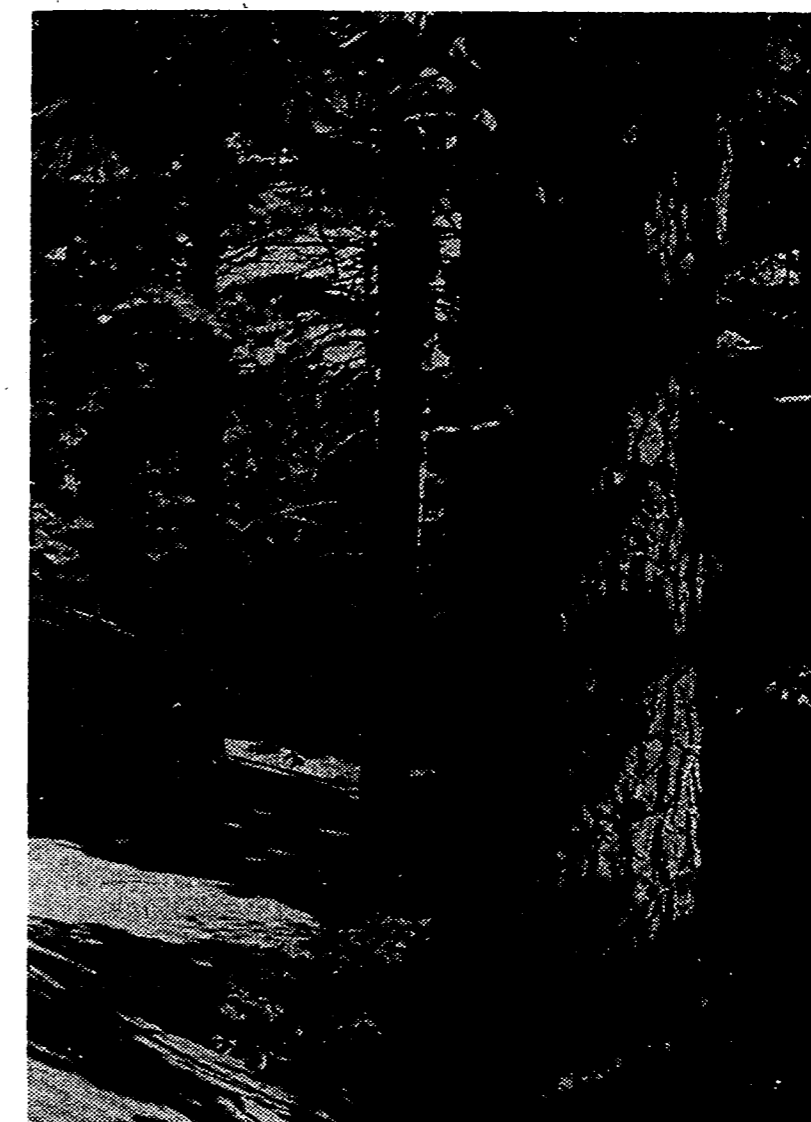
Funeral services were held Sabbath afternoon, Aug. 9, conducted by Rev. Herbert L. Polan. Interment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

H. L. P.

Vars. — Lynn C., son of LeGrand and Angie Clark Vars, was born at Nile, N. Y., Sept. 13, 1890, and died Aug. 10, 1958, at the Cuba, N. Y., Memorial Hospital.

He was a member of the Little Genesee, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church and had in his later years made his home with Ferris Whitford of that village. His wife, Eva Sage Vars, preceded him in death. Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. John Gorton, of Alfred, and Mrs. Charles Dudley, of Red Creek, N. Y., six grandchildren, and two brothers.

Funeral services were conducted at the Davis Funeral Home, Friendship, on August 12. Officiating in the absence of his regular pastor was Pastor Doyle K. Zwiebel. Interment was in the cemetery at Alfred. — D. K. Z.



Trees of Righteousness

The people of Zion were promised by the prophet "that they might be called trees of righteousness. The tree pictured here, though small in comparison with giant, aged redwoods, is a mighty pine 18 feet in circumference rising through the porch floor at Pacific Pines Camp. It has spread its whispering branches over countless bowed heads and dedicated young lives. "Break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein, for the Lord hath redeemed Israel. . . ."