

# The Sabbath Recorder

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.

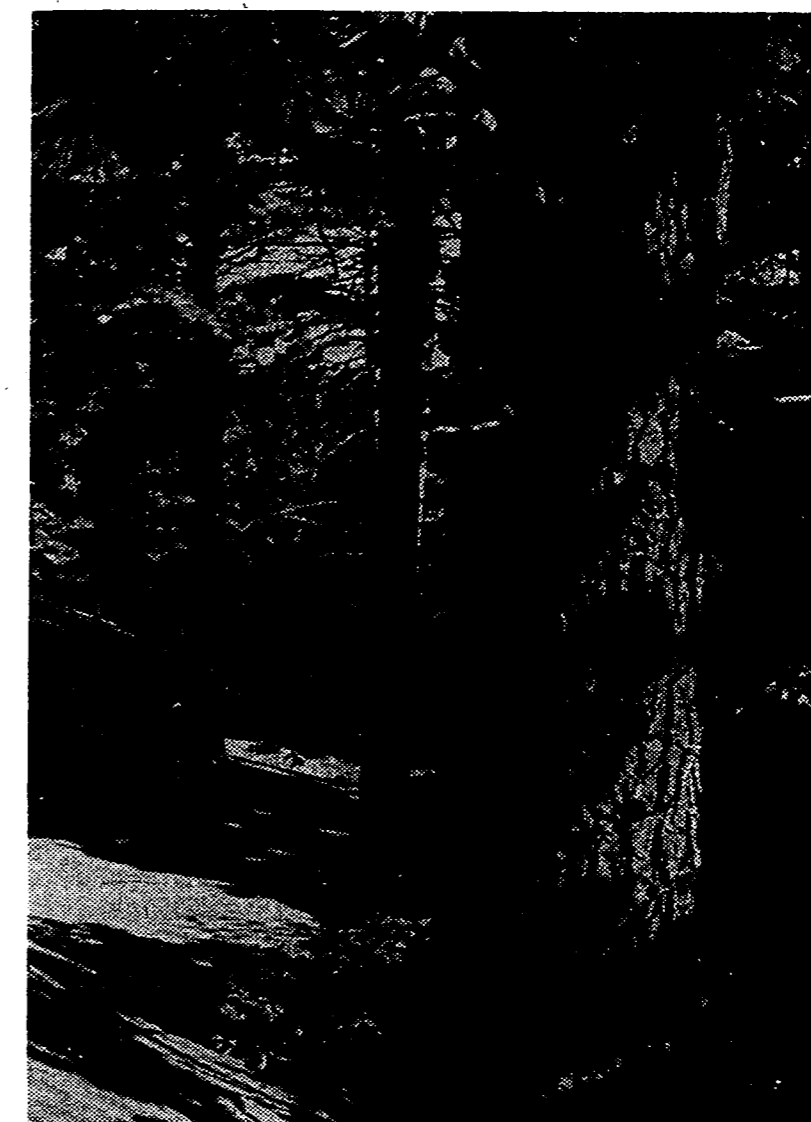
Funeral services were held Sabbath afternoon, Aug. 9, conducted by Rev. Herbert L. Polan. Interment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery.

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. . . ."

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## Theology of War Prevention

Theology is a broader term than it is generally recognized to be. Seminaries perhaps broaden its meaning too much when they offer such courses as Pastoral Theology, dealing with pastor-church relationships. It might also seem a bit strange to some to read a paper from the World Council of Churches at Geneva which is a summary of a study document entitled "Christians and the Prevention of War in an Atomic Age — A Theological Discussion."

To discuss prevention of war in theological terms is to relate it to the will of God and is another way of coming to grips with something like the pacifist position that a Christian may have to decide between obedience to the state and obedience to God. The following quotations from the above-mentioned summary illustrate this and indicate at least part of the trend of the discussion at the recent meeting of the Central Committee of the World Council at Nyborg, Denmark.

It is God in Jesus Christ who controls the destiny of history. God's will is peace with justice, which requires penitence and a search for obedience in our time to God's will for our neighbors as well as ourselves. . . .

God has met evil not by force, but by the Cross of Christ, and Christians "who follow Him already have the first-fruits of the Spirit and should show forth to the world the signs of this reconciliation and this sacrifice."

As Christians live in the world they must love all men and be used by God to disrupt the human communities in which they live by anticipating the coming Kingdom in the power of the Spirit. Their obedience to the state is not absolute and unconditional. "There will be times when an absolute refusal to cooperate becomes their Christian duty, even at the cost of martyrdom. This refusal, even if it creates disorder, is first and foremost a witness to God's love and command. . . ."

In another section of the summary, entitled "Prevention of War: Discipline in Reference to Warfare," the following statements are made:

"A first requirement is for a discipline which is capable of possessing nuclear weapons and the means of their delivery, but of never using them in all-out warfare. . . ."

"The commission is agreed that Christians should openly declare that the all-out use of these weapons should never be resorted to, oppose all policies which give evidence of leading to all-out war,

and urge a cease fire if all-out war should occur, if necessary on the enemy's terms, and resort to non-violent resistance."

This is the nearest thing to the pacifist position which has come to your editor's attention from so important a source. Even so it did not suit all members of the commission, four of them saying that it was not "permissible to sanction or support the use in any circumstances of the H-bomb." Four members, two of them pacifists, said, "The use of the H-bomb constitutes an atrocity not to be justified in a belligerent even if the enemy is guilty of it, and not allowable on any ground of reprisal or retaliation, actual or threatened."

A WCC news release points out that a member of the Central Committee, Professor W. S. Tindal, Church of Scotland, in the discussion following the presentation of the commission's paper, expressed the wish that "the commission could have included a young man who had seen fit to give his life in military service."

The same release indicates some questions raised when the paper was discussed — questions which suggest that the World Council as a whole would not lean so far toward the pacifist position. Your editor also would like to raise some questions as quoted below:

"In discussion following the presentation, the document was criticized in a critique prepared by the Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, a joint agency of the WCC and the International Missionary Council. The critique said that the CCIA questioned whether or not the document was really a theological discussion; called for more consideration of the nature of the main political conflict of today; questioned the suggestions in the document that in certain circumstances surrender on the enemy's terms should be prepared and that a nation is not permitted to be the first to use a megaton weapon. 'We believe that both these proposals need to be studied from the standpoint of the ethical requirements from which they are derived and of political risks involved,' the CCIA said."

## Darwinism After 100 Years

A Darwin Centennial was observed the first week in September in Bloomington, Ill., and Montreal, Canada. It was on July 1, 1858, that Charles Darwin, five years before his death, first made public his theory of evolution, an integral part of which was the inheritance of acquired characteristics and the theory that different species evolved from common ancestors.

The reading public has been made sharply aware of the strength of Darwinism by the cover picture on the September 1 issue of Newsweek and the featured editorial by Edwin Diamond, Newsweek's science editor. His opening statement is startling to those who have felt that, during the 100 years of debate, few remain who hold to the Darwinian theory. Newsweek says: "Outrageous to some, inspiring to others, Charles Darwin's theory of evolution has completely dominated the intellectual climate of the past century." It goes on to introduce the article with the information that during the first week of September, 3,000 biologists and 1,400 geneticists in Bloomington and Montreal were pressing on with Darwin's work.

One of Stalin's pet plant biologists, Trofim Lysenko, is mentioned as still holding tenaciously to the theory of inheritance of acquired characteristics — a theory repudiated by almost all Western geneticists.

The article in question speaks of the rediscovery of Mendel's work in 1900 as a vindication of Darwin's theory and the birth of the modern science of genetics. It goes on to briefly describe in modern terms the genes which control the development of life. Just for the record, the Montreal scientists picture the gene as "an incredibly complex compound known as deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) in a protein jacket. And through their knowledge of DNA, some of them were willing to picture the beginning of life itself — not from a worm out of chaos, but from simple clumps of DNA drifting in roiling oceans of the primitive planet earth."

The article is not as startling as its introduction and comes to no scientific conclusion as to the origin of species. Significantly, it closes with a question

MEMORY TEXT

I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion shall be even unto the end. Daniel 6: 26.

about the destiny of man raised by Dr. Theodosius Dobzhansky of Columbia University:

"One of the great paradoxes of this age is that man has applied his burgeoning knowledge to almost everything but himself. What of the future? Man can hardly afford to be in the dark concerning his destiny much longer."

Religious magazines, such as *Christianity Today*, also anticipated the public interest in the Montreal convention of scientists. Under the same publishing date (Sept. 1), Gordon H. Clark, in that periodical, takes "A Fresh Look at Evolution" in which he urges just what the title suggests. Although he calls evolution "still a theory without evidence and not a fact with which science may rest assured," he deplors some of the extravagant statements made in the past by Christian leaders of thought. His article is much more detailed than the one in *Newsweek*.

Editorially, the magazine discusses "Science and the Bible" quite objectively, and makes statements which are thought-provoking.

"If the Christian revelation is to serve again as a frame for the integration of all the experiences of life, the concerns of science in this century after Darwin must be faced with new concern," affirms the editor.

"To the detriment of the Christian movement," the editorial added, "the discussion between Christianity and science was seriously hampered in a number of respects through excessive claims made by leading religious spokesmen."

The magazine said the "most conspicuous" of the religious arguments harmful to Christianity is the "doctrine of the absolute fixity of species."

What's In a Name?

Tourists visiting Mammouth Cave this summer were a little amused by what they read on a bulletin board in front of a church not far from the cave. The church was identified in large letters as the "Baptist Church of Little Hope." Services were announced for the second and fourth Saturday nights and Sundays of each month.

It is to be assumed that the small, struggling church was located in a community called Little Hope and therefore had no choice but to use those words in its name. But now incongruous it is for a Christian Church, which bears the only message of real hope in a dark world, to be so labeled. It would be interesting to learn what event or circumstance in the history of that community caused such a name as Little Hope to be attached to it. If it were an enterprising village or city we can be sure that civic-minded people would rebel against such a name and would have it changed. Perhaps the folks of that region are still of little hope as far as the growth of their community is concerned.

Those who are familiar with the problems of some Methodist, Baptist, or Seventh Day Baptist churches might be inclined to think that in terms of growth, or even continued existence, the term "little hope" could well be applied to them. If, however, the expression is used in its theological sense, every member should rise up and shout, "We are not of little hope; we are of great hope."

Every church worthy of the Christian name bears three characteristics. The thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians sums it up: "And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love." That does not mean to say that faith in Christ is a minor matter or that hope for eternity is of little consequence. It rather emphasizes that these theological values must find practical expression in everyday living and loving.

Righteousness does not exist outside the plan of God, for it implies conformity to eternal standards. — Eugene A. Nida.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wayne R. Crandall, of Canistota, N. Y., president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference for the year 1958-1959, submits the following as his first message for publication.

According to one of the nation's leading psychologists we are more subject to accidents to our mental stability today just as we are more subject to violent physical accidents. We are living under pressures which are breaking men at a record pace. It is in this situation that our Sabbath can be most beneficial to men. God sensed this need when He created the Sabbath. Christ renewed it in our Conference theme, "The Sabbath Was Made for Man."

"Self-dissatisfaction is the beginning of self-improvement." This statement was made by Stephen M. Corey of Columbia Teachers College in a challenge to teachers. He adds the comment, "Please note that the dissatisfaction must be with yourself and how you perform rather than with someone else and how he performs."

As I read this statement I began to examine my Sabbathkeeping attitudes and practices. Am I satisfied with the way I keep the Sabbath? Do I plan for the Sabbath so it is a pleasant day for the children? Do I have a feeling of physical, emotional, and spiritual regeneration at the close of the Sabbath? At the end of a year have my Sabbaths contributed to my spiritual growth or am I merely holding my own? After each Sabbath do I have a feeling of having made a contribution to someone? The answers to these questions were not entirely satisfactory. How are yours?

During this Conference year let each of us examine his Sabbath. Should you have some experiences which have made the Sabbath more vital to you or your family, please send them to me. I am especially interested in success patterns that families have followed to provide challenging activities to enrich the Sabbath for their children. Experiences of young people in getting employment while in school and participation in extra-curricular activities which have built character and confidence within the framework of the Sabbath will be most helpful to

other parents and children. The serviceman and the student in a Sundaykeeping college will have unique problems. Experiences of persons who have been able to meet these challenges will certainly be comforting to others.

In Matthew 18: 4, Christ says, "Whoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Shall we very humbly seek the will of God in this important matter? Once we find a portion of truth, let us then be willing to share it with others.

The President's Gavel

One of the little traditions which has grown up in recent years in connection with turning over the symbol of order and authority from one Conference president to the next is the making of a new gavel. Several times the retiring president has been allowed to keep his gavel because some thoughtful person had made or had offered to make another out of wood that had historical, sentimental, or symbolic interest.

Seldom is the gavel used in our Conferences to insist on order. It was never so used at the recent business sessions by President Cruzan. Nevertheless it was present and the moment of turning over the gavel to the president-elect, Wayne Crandall, was impressive. The story of the new gavel as told by Mr. Cruzan follows:

"I shall always cherish this gavel, cherish it as a reminder of your faith and of your support of me as your president. I shall also cherish it as a gift of the Pacific Coast Association as it was presented to me at Conference last year. It was made of lignum vitae which is the tree of life and it is with life itself with which we deal as we meet with a people. I do not pass on this gavel although I am going to pass on a symbol of authority as I present to you our new Conference president. . . .

"I present to you as Conference president . . . not this gavel of which I have already spoken but another, a gavel that was prepared by the loving hands of one

### Building of New Church at Makapwa Mission Goes Forward

The Rev. David C. Pearson, head of our mission in Nyasaland, writes under date of August 19, 1958:

"The good word, long awaited, has arrived. Details are now complete and Makapwa Mission is now authorized to enter into possession of the new church plot. Although the lease will not be made out for some time, the terms of the lease took effect August 1, 1958."

Continuing, Pastor Pearson writes:

"On the next morning after hearing the news, it was decided that on the following day a 'ground breaking' would be held. Today, our mission foreman and local deacon, Mr. Candle Nangazi, was the first to turn the soil. Shortly thereafter, others labored, each in turn using the same hoe, while 'Work for the Night Is Coming' was sung. We desire the hoe to become the permanent possession of our Historical Society, Plainfield, New Jersey.

"To God be the glory, great things He hath done'; great things He will do!"

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who shows a very definite and vital interest in us as a people, a man who came to me after I received the gavel last year at Conference and said, 'I would like to make a gavel for a Conference president.' After I returned home I wrote to him, 'I would like for you to do so.' So Jess Babcock of Milton Junction, Wis., made this gavel and sent it on to me that I might have it to present to you as Conference president. I think it is significant that it is made from a piece of ironwood that he picked up on a California desert. The handle is a piece of oak which came from a spoke of a Model T Ford wheel. Perhaps it is a symbol of pioneering, a symbol of travel and progress also. . . . This gavel is a symbol of the authority which is yours at the call of this Conference, an authority which expresses not only the confidence of Seventh Day Baptists in you but the assurance and pledge of their support. . . ."

### A Common Foundation

A daily service to Conference delegates last month was the mimeographed newssheet, Conference Crier, of which LeRoy Burdick was chief editor. Below are some of the thoughts in the evening sermon of the Rev. Kenneth Smith as jotted down for that newssheet.

Startling things are happening in the sky these days. We are witnessing Sputniks, and rockets to the moon may be next.

As we adjust to this new universe, knowledge we once thought essential is now discarded, and new concepts and principles are replacing it.

Not only in space and physics do we have a new world, but there is also developing new social structure. We are faced with ethical and moral problems which our forefathers never knew. We are displacing old foundations with new. "There is no other foundation than that which is laid in Christ Jesus."

How can a peasant carpenter who lived 2000 years before this age of scientific and technical education have much to say about what goes on today?

Is the church confusing people? We need to follow Christ's teaching. Anything else leads to confusion.

Pilate said, "I find no fault in Him." This is not enough. Christ is admired by men everywhere. Many people say He was the greatest man who ever lived. Admiration is not enough. Explanation of Him through the growth of the church is not enough.

What happens when we go beyond admiration and explaining, and accept Him? Then Christ becomes our **unity**, even through different ways of worship.

Men still need Jesus. While the church argues over the formula of the "living water," men thirst and die in need.

In our Sputnik world, Jesus is the supreme contemporary. In fact, He is so far ahead we will never catch up. There is no other foundation or alternative than the acceptance of the truth which He taught.

Christ is a person, not a concept. We cannot come to a knowledge of Him through scientific reasoning, but only by personal experience. Is He your Lord and Christ?

### Looking Ahead

(Taken from annual report of Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society.)

So that our Seventh Day Baptist churches and fellowships may be growing spiritually and numerically during the coming year, a list of eight goals has been prepared. These are suggested as targets toward which we should be aiming. It would be well for church leaders to check these goals more than once during the year to note the progress being made.

The list of suggested goals follows:

1. Every family and individual having daily Bible reading and prayer.
2. Every church creating an evangelistic atmosphere that will encourage commitments to Christ, to the pastoral ministry, and to missionary service.
3. Every church working toward a 10% increase in church attendance over the previous year.
4. Every church enlisting a group of lay workers for regular visitation evangelism.
5. Every organization in the local church seeking to win souls for Christ.
6. Every church finding each year a number of new prospects equal to at least 10% of its membership.
7. Every church promoting at least three evangelistic activities during the year, such as: evangelistic preaching, lay visitation, training class in church membership, Vacation Bible School and Youth Camp witnessing, or other appropriate ways to outreach.
8. Every church participating in World Wide Communion the Sabbath preceding the first Sunday of October; every church participating in Men and Missions Sabbath on the second Sabbath of October (this may be designated "One Great Day of Witnessing"); every church participating in the Week of Prayer in the Churches, the first full week of January.

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### Conclusion of Annual Report of Missionary Society

We earnestly hope and pray that God will grant an outpouring of His Spirit upon our churches and upon each of us who has called upon His name such that we will be more united in our witness and more effective in His service. The providing of the necessary funds and leadership for a city evangelist seems greatly needed in order to help our smaller church groups and fellowships establish strong and independent churches, but we need to search our hearts and motives carefully in this matter. Are we able to analyze our hopes and wishes concerning the securing of this proposed city evangelist to see how much of the wish comes from a desire to shift the burden of evangelistic outreach to some "responsible" person, so that we, ourselves, can be set free from the necessity to go work and witness for Christ right where we are? Can we not encourage our churches to establish branch churches right in the area or Association where we live? Along with the appointment of a city evangelist must go our willingness to pray, witness, and give more.

There is urgency in the Lord's work. We are stewards of the Gospel. We are of those who have heard the good news and have accepted the Savior to the cleansing and forgiveness of our sins. Therefore, we now have a message to share and there is urgency in sharing it. As stewards of the Gospel we will be expected to give an accounting of the faithfulness with which we have witnessed for Christ. It is no simple thing to be holding this treasure in earthen vessels. We call on all to work while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. Today is the acceptable time.

### Christian Education Week

Christian Education Week is scheduled for the week of September 28 to October 5, 1958, and we hope that by now every pastor and Sabbath School superintendent has made plans to emphasize, review, and renew the Christian education efforts of their churches. A pamphlet, "The Christian Worker and His Calling," has been mailed to each superintendent or pastor. It gives suggestions for the week and tells why special effort should be made to point up the work of the educators; also, listed in it are suggested materials that can be used to aid the program of Christian education. The bulk of our new church members come through our Sabbath Schools, Vacation Church Schools, and camps. Christian Education Week would be a marvelous time to honor those who teach faithfully, to demonstrate methods, to break in new audio-visual aids, and to start another year of dedicated activity with every member of the church a part of it.

### Sabbath School Officers

Many of our Sabbath Schools elect new officers in September and October. It would be very much appreciated by our office if, on the next day after the election, a list of the officers would be sent to us. We want to be in closer contact with the lay leaders in education. Please, send in that list.

### Youth Week — 1959

Youth leaders will want to keep in mind that the date for Youth Week will be January 26 - February 2, 1959. The United Christian Youth Movement suggests the topic, "Dare We Live in the Household of God" and offers "A Manual for Youth Week," "Community Youth Week Worship Service," a beautiful poster with explanation, a radio play, and a television play. The plays would have to be revised for our use, but may be converted to use as part of the youth program for community or church. A limited number of complete Youth Week Kits will be on hand to be ordered from our

office. Place your order now if you want one. We plan to send each church a copy of "The Guide for Worship Services for Youth Week" within a month.

### Reading Matter

"Of the printing of books there is no end" is truer today than ever before. Here are some suggestions in four different categories. It is our desire to keep before Christian educators articles and books that will help us all do a better job in our labors for the Master.

A book to be read by Junior-Highs and their leaders, and hot off the press, is, "Men of Tomorrow" by Ewald Mand (Westminster Press, Witherspoon Bldg., Philadelphia 7). In this animated account of events and men of the Bible, the author, a Baptist pastor, gives dramatic pictures of persons to whom God has spoken — men who were "fellow workmen for God" and were, because of this, ahead of their time — "men of tomorrow." As the preface to this book says: "God still speaks to men, calls upon them to take their places today in the tomorrow that He is creating. And as you respond to God when He speaks to you through the Bible, you, too, will become God's men of tomorrow." It costs \$3.00.

"Evangelism for Teen-agers," by Howard W. Ellis, is a "how-to" book on youth evangelism, and is designed for high school youth and their counselors. Mr. Ellis challenges young people to begin with their "in" group, strengthen their youth fellowship, then with a new concern reach out to others. Techniques and helpful suggestions are made for developing a year-round program of action in witnessing (Abingdon Press, Nashville, \$1.00).

The September, 1958, issue of the *International Journal of Religious Education* is a special issue concerned with "The Church and Agencies Serving Children and Youth." This was prepared by leaders of Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, YMCA and YWCA, and other organizations that provide additional help for the Christian education of our children. Find out how they can help you. *International Journal*

of Religious Education, Box 238, Madison Square Station, New York 10, N. Y., is the address; 50¢ is the cost.

In the light of the world situation, Americans have become increasingly curious about the Arab people. One important aspect of Arab life is the Islam faith. Here, from "The Religions of the World Made Simple," by John Lewis (Doubleday and Co., 575 Madison Ave., New York 22, N. Y., \$1.00), is given a concise picture of the faith and religious practices of Moslems. Broaden your knowledge of the religions of others. It will strengthen your own.

### Children's Conference

By Iris S. Maltby

Sometimes we wonder if it is worth the expense and energy to take children to Conference. Thirty youngsters who were privileged to go to Covina, Calif., in August can vouch that it is worth while. The boys and girls perhaps receive and retain more from Junior Conference than many adults do from their meetings.

Plans for this Junior Conference, which included children from first through fourth grade, were well laid by Mrs. Ellen Swinney Burnett. When she was hindered from coming to California the plans were executed by Mrs. Rex Brewer and Mrs. Leon Maltby.

Many willing people made this Junior Conference a very interesting one and a time when boys and girls became acquainted with many pastors and missionaries. The pastors who brought messages during the worship services were Kenneth Smith, Duane Davis, Alton Wheeler, Leland Davis, and Charles Bond. During the daily missionary hour Beth Severe, Joan Clement, Jacqueline Wells, Sarah Becker, Joyce McWilliam, and Madeline Randolph spoke.

An activity period each day proved of great interest to the children. The first day each child wrote his name on a paper and pinned it on a large United States map to show where he lived and how far he came to Conference. Other activities were quiz games about our denomination,

Bible charades, "pop-corn" Scripture, and making booklets for Nyasaland.

One of the happiest times of the day was when Carol Harris and Barbara Cruzan came to lead a singspiration. Many hymns and choruses were learned, and under their leadership the children prepared a group of songs which was presented on Thursday evening for the regular Conference vespers.

The young people of high school and college age were helpful in many ways in connection with Junior Conference. Ruth Johansen planned a slide program on the Life of Christ; Pearl Hibbard left her busy job on the *Conference Crier* to supervise a recreation period. Others too numerous to mention helped with afternoon recreation.

We were most fortunate this year that after an hour of quiet games in the afternoon, the children had a real treat. The facilities at Covina included a swimming pool which was enjoyed by them during the adult afternoon meeting. This also helped build the character of the adults on hot afternoons when the sound of splashing could be heard as they sat in their meetings.

Is Junior Conference worth while? If eager faces intent in listening, happy voices raised in singing, heads bowed reverently while praying, and new friendships budding prove anything, then Junior Conference is worth while. The future of our denomination depends on this kind of guidance.

### Sabbath Tract Society

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society, the annual meeting of the N. J. Corporation, and the organization meeting of the new Board of Trustees will be held in the Seventh Day Baptist Building on Sunday, September 21, 1958, at 2 p.m.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON for September 27, 1958

Justice and Judgment  
Lesson Scripture: Matt. 25: 31-46.

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

**Our World Mission**

(As adopted by Conference)

<b>Missionary Society:</b>	
China Field .....	\$ 1,260.00
Jamaica Field .....	11,655.00
British Guiana Field .....	4,570.00
Nyasaland Field .....	11,030.00
<b>United States:</b>	
Aid to churches .....	3,830.00
Home field expansion .....	8,550.00
National Council — Foreign Missions, Evangelism .....	735.00
Secretary's travel .....	750.00
Missionaries' travel in U. S. ....	200.00
Administration .....	10,495.00
Employee fringe benefits .....	1,620.00
Contingent Fund .....	500.00
	<b>\$ 55,195.00</b>
<b>Board of Christian Education:</b>	
Administration .....	\$ 6,785.00
Youth Work .....	400.00
Publications .....	2,630.00
Purchase of literature .....	150.00
National Council (Division of Christian Education) .....	191.00
Workshops, Ministers' Conference .....	200.00
Miscellaneous .....	144.00
	<b>\$ 10,500.00</b>
<b>Ministerial Training (including School of Theology):</b>	
Committee expense .....	\$ 350.00
Scholarships .....	2,250.00
Recruitment .....	600.00
School of Theology .....	20,900.00
	<b>\$ 24,100.00</b>
<b>Historical Society:</b>	
Salaries .....	\$ 2,457.00
Supplies .....	275.00
Utilities .....	175.00
Reports .....	125.00
Insurance and Conference exhibits .....	160.00
Travel expense .....	150.00
Seventh Day Baptist History .....	200.00
	<b>\$ 3,542.00</b>
Ministerial Retirement .....	<b>\$ 17,500.00</b>
Women's Society .....	<b>\$ 2,910.00</b>
<b>World Fellowship and Service:</b>	
Baptist World Alliance .....	\$ 50.00
World Council of Churches .....	100.00
National Council of Churches .....	50.00
R.I.A.L. ....	50.00
Commission on Chaplains .....	50.00
Delegates' expense to meetings .....	100.00
Ecumenical Committee's expense .....	50.00
	<b>\$ 450.00</b>

<b>General Conference:</b>	
Officers' and Commission expense .....	\$ 3,000.00
Executive Secretary (Salary and Social Security) .....	3,885.50
Year Book .....	900.00
Vocational Committee .....	100.00
Budget Promotion and secretarial expense .....	2,500.00
Office of Press Relations .....	100.00
Contingent Fund .....	299.50
Local Conference expense .....	400.00
	<b>\$ 11,185.00</b>

<b>Trustees of General Conference:</b>	
Denominational Building .....	\$ 2,345.00

<b>Tract Society:</b>	
Sabbath Recorder .....	\$ 17,000.00
Helping Hand .....	3,400.00
Printing, distribution, and promotion .....	3,775.00
Administration .....	4,786.00
Special issues of Sabbath Recorder .....	3,200.00
	<b>\$ 32,161.00</b>

**Grand Total .....** \$159,888.00

**Summary of Our World Mission as Adopted by Conference**

AGENCY	Current Giving	Investment Income	Refunds, Sales and Service	Total
Missionary Society .....	\$ 44,595.00	\$ 10,600.00	.....	\$ 55,195.00
Board of Christian Ed. ...	8,525.00	.....	1,475.00	10,500.00
Ministerial Training ...	12,200.00	5,500.00	6,400.00	24,100.00
Historical Society .....	2,850.00	190.00	502.00	3,542.00
Ministerial Retirement ..	6,900.00	8,600.00	2,000.00	17,500.00
Women's Society .....	2,815.00	95.00	.....	2,910.00
World Fellowship and Service .....	450.00	.....	.....	450.00
General Conference .....	9,000.00	.....	2,185.00	11,185.00
Trustees of Gen. Conf. ...	800.00	910.00	635.00	2,345.00
Tract Society .....	11,600.00	11,500.00	9,061.00	32,161.00
<b>TOTALS .....</b>	<b>\$ 99,735.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,895.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,258.00</b>	<b>\$ 159,888.00</b>

Agency	*Requested Current Giving
Missionary Society .....	\$ 50,535.00
Board of Christian Education ..	8,650.00
Ministerial Training .....	15,250.00
Historical Society .....	3,022.50
Ministerial Retirement .....	7,400.00
Women's Society .....	3,310.00
World Fellowship & Service ..	.....
General Conference .....	10,500.00
Trustees of General Conf. ....	800.00
Tract Society .....	15,196.00
	<b>\$114,664.50</b>

\* This column shows Our World Mission requests from current giving as submitted to Commission by the boards and agencies. It portrays the forward-looking vision of those who are vitally concerned with our program.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: The relation between the amounts requested and the amounts allowed by Commission and Conference may be seen by comparing this with column 1 above.]

We present this report in a unity of spirit, having continually sought the guidance of our Heavenly Father. It is our prayer that as a people we may catch the vision of the opportunities that are before us, and may respond with consecration

## Change in Statement of Belief Easily Adopted by Conference

By the Editor

There has been no predetermined method by which minor changes could be made in a short space of time in the printed Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists. The present statement adopted by Conference in 1937 was a complete restudy of a much earlier statement. It involved a long study by a special committee, and was debated at considerable length on the Conference floor that year. The wording in some cases was the best compromise of divergent modes of expression that could be achieved at that time. Seventh Day Baptists do not have a creed in the sense that some other denominations do. Like other Baptists, their congregational government and their insistence on liberty of conscience do not allow them to insist on complete unity of thought expression. Most of them like to affirm that they take the Bible, and the Bible only, as their standard of faith and practice.

Since 1937, a number of people have sought to make our present statement clearer by changes in a few places. Others have felt that we should leave well enough alone or have not seen the significance of the particular alterations sought.

During the current year the thinking of a considerable number of people was brought together before Conference action was sought. Two committees of the Tract

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which will enable us to go forward with Christ. The work before us is God's work. Let us be laborers together for Him.

The Commission,

Charles F. Harris, Chm.

NOTE: The following recommendation from the Committee on Reference and Counsel will doubtless be put into effect in due time:

We recommend that the Commission take steps to prepare a breakdown of Our World Mission budget into some of the specific projects that are within the scope of Our World Mission in order that a more dramatic presentation of our work can be made. We suggest that this listing of Our World Mission items be in the form of a supplement to the budget.

Board and the board as a whole agreed to pass on to Commission a possible rewording of a small portion of Article VII which is titled "Eternal Life." This procedure was used in the hope that Conference could take action on it this year rather than next.

We understand that there was considerable discussion in Commission both as to the procedure and the content of the change though any actions of Commission this year (and last year) were unanimous. That body in its report recommended less change than the Tract Board had suggested but did incorporate the main idea of substituting "gift" for "reward." The recommendation is reprinted here as follows:

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."

Those familiar with the setup of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will remember that the Commission's report is normally sent to the president-appointed Committee on Reference and Counsel, which has quite a few other reports and suggestions referred to it. This committee brings its own recommendations to the floor of Conference and is at liberty to suggest something different to the whole body. In this case the committee recommended adoption without change. The chairman of the committee was K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College. When the matter came to the floor of Conference Mr. Hurley made the following statement:

I would like to give you something of the background in regard to the action taken by your committee. There was representation in the committee when this matter was discussed of varying points of view. I can assure you that all of the points of view were given equal opportunity to be heard. It was the consensus in the committee meeting that this change would not alter our statement of belief in any major way. In fact, it brought it into harmony

with the total context of our statement of belief.

Therefore the committee voted that this change should be made so that those who are in the field of press and radio-TV, who have been presenting our statements for the public, would find that this particular manner of stating our belief would more adequately meet the needs of those forms of presentation.

The committee further felt, however, that a vital, growing, serious-minded denomination should always have before its attention an evaluation of its beliefs. The committee still has under advisement the possibility of presenting in some appropriate manner a recommendation which would make possible a constructive, continued study of what we believe, where we stand, and where we are going. And, if I interpret the sentiments of the committee adequately, this is the background out of which this recommendation to put into effect the recommendation made by Commission is made.

There was no further discussion of the proposed change. Your reporter heard only one negative vote. This action was taken early in the week. Later a further report of the Committee on Reference and Counsel was given which recommended, in effect, that Commission be asked to arrange for a special study of the Statement of Belief. This was also voted.

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### Deacon Auley C. Davis

1871 — 1958

By Daniel W. Davis

Auley C. and Estella (Brocking) Davis, his wife, lived all their nearly sixty-eight years of married life in the vicinity of Shiloh except for a few short periods. They have spent many winters in Florida.

In his youth he worked with his father at the mason trade, and later began teaching school. While teaching, he studied intensively until he had attained all the county and state teacher's certificates issued by the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, he continued his studies until he was awarded a diploma by the State University. For about thirty years he taught and supervised in all the departments of the public

schools of New Jersey. He retired from teaching twenty-five years ago, but continued to do some work at his trade until his last recent illness. He retained his membership in both the New Jersey Education Association and the New Jersey Association of Retired Teachers.

He always exhibited a keen interest in the affairs of the community and of the church of which he was a faithful member for sixty-nine years, except for one year when he transferred his membership to the Seventh Day Baptist Church at West Halleck, Ill., where he was employed. More than sixty years ago he was ordained a deacon in the Shiloh Church and was faithful to this trust. For several years he was superintendent of the Sabbath School, and he taught the Adult Men's Bible Class for many years. As a member of the Shiloh Church Cemetery Committee he was intensely interested in the care and upkeep of this very old burial ground.

At two different times he was mayor of the Borough of Shiloh, one time for ten consecutive years, before he retired. He was a member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 97, F.&A.M., of Excelsior Consistory, and was a past officer of the local lodge of Red Men, and a member of the Cumberland County Historical Society. He and his wife were devoted members of the Grange.

He read widely and was well versed on the vicissitudes and accomplishments of God's chosen people, the Hebrews, from the time of Abraham to the present. It was his custom before retiring to place to place his Bible on his desk opened to a page where he would read a passage upon arising in the morning. His many relatives and friends will remember him as a devout Christian and an untiring worker for any cause which he believed to be right and just.

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"Such facts, and the President's boundless faith in the capacity of informed, free citizens to solve every problem that may arise in the competition with Communist science and economy, should dispel any shadow over the economy." — Asbury Park, N. J., Press.



#### Smiling Secretaries

At the close of a busy General Conference the four employed secretaries seem to be able to smile. Left to right, Rex E. Zwiebel of the Board of Christian Education, Leon M. Maltby of the Tract Board, Everett T. Harris of the Missionary Board, and Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston of the General Conference.

Three hundred white Protestant ministers in Dallas, Texas, have urged school boards to make desegregation plans public "as soon as possible," and have called enforced segregation "morally and spiritually wrong." Methodist Bishop William C. Martin, spokesman for the group, said the 300 signers were a majority of the white Protestant clergy in the Dallas area, and urged churches, service clubs, newspapers, radio and television stations, and community organizations to join together in seeking activity to promote the spirit of harmony. — W. W. Reid.

#### NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, for the purpose of electing officers and for transaction of such other business as may be necessary or expedient, will be held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, in Westerly, R. I., Sunday, September 21, 1958, at 2:00 p.m.

Harold R. Crandall, President,  
Elston H. Van Horn, Secretary.

#### News of Pastors and Ministers

As the fall season begins in each church many will be interested in little items about church leadership in other places. What do we know about elderly ministers, changes of pastors, summer experiences, sicknesses, student pastors, etc.?

As already noted, 37 pastors or ministers found it possible to attend General Conference in California. Many were unable to be present. Notably lacking from that list were the retired ministers whose retirement income does not allow for the expense of such a trip. Quite a number of those older leaders sent greetings which were acknowledged later by the corresponding secretary. (Sorry we do not have the list.)

From overseas, if our memory serves us, were greetings from the Lawtons and Brisseys in Jamaica, the Pearsons in Nyasaland, Dr. Wayne Rood in the Philippines, Roger Cazziol in Ghana, from Elder G. Zijlstra and the Holland Conference, and Dr. Dale Curtis in France.

Turning to our official list of accredited ministers we find items of interest concerning a number of them.

Addison Appel is now in Leonardsville, N. Y., serving that church and the one in Brookfield. He changed from the Farina, Ill., to the Brookfield pastorate in July. He did not get to Conference.

Charles H. Bond has recently closed his pastoral work in Westerly, R. I., and has occupied, with his family, the parsonage at Shiloh, N. J. His first sermon at Shiloh was on September 6. He preached on "Four Roads to a Vital Faith."

Oscar C. Burdick, now employed at the Pacific School of Religion at Berkeley, Calif., was at the Conference at Covina. Your editor made an error last week in identifying the child in a dining room snapshot. It was a Burdick son rather than daughter.

Jay W. Crofoot, now of Plainfield, was among the retired ministers who sent greetings to Conference. His health is relatively good and he is active in the work of the church, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. L. H. North.

Wardner FitzRandolph, retired missionary, now owns a home in Daytona Beach, Fla., and is serving the church of that city as pastor.

Marion H. Hargis, who had planned to go to Europe this summer with her daughter, spent the time instead in Illinois caring for her brother who was seriously ill. She returned to her home in Eagle Rock, Calif., in time to attend the last day of Conference.

Theodore Hibbard, now giving part-time service to churches in Louisiana, was again able to get to Conference with his family, and presented the possibilities of the work in that area with enthusiasm.

Trevah R. Sutton, who has not had a pastorate for several years, has sent in a change of address from Fabens, Texas, to 4532 Britton Dr., El Paso, Texas. He and his family attended Conference.

Edgar F. Wheeler has recently transferred his field of labor from the Salemville, Pa., Church to First Hopkinton, at Ashaway, R. I. Unable to get to Conference this time, he visited his mother at Nortonville, Kan., in early August and unfortunately was ill most of the time he was there. He is now working on the next special issue of the *Sabbath Recorder*, of which he is editor.

#### Student and Assistant Pastors

David Ahlborn, who is married and has one child, has been the assistant pastor of his home church, Los Angeles, this past summer. He looks forward to more education to prepare him for greater service.

Kenneth Davis, as mentioned before, served the Battle Creek Church as assistant pastor during the summer and has returned to his teaching position at the Alfred-Almond Central School in New York. He will again take seminary work at Alfred.

Eugene Fatato, who had nearly full responsibility for the Shiloh, N. J., Church in the interim between pastors, has returned to the Alfred area to continue his studies.

O. A. Davis, a licensed minister at

Phoenix, Arizona, is reported to have been in poor health part of the summer and was unable to attend Conference.

In another category is Benjamin O. Berry who was prominent in the denominational work in British Guiana, S. A. He now serves a Seventh Day Christian Church in Chicago. He desires to keep in touch with Seventh Day Baptist news. Correspondence from him expresses deep appreciation for the work and personality of the late Dr. A. J. C. Bond to whom he pays high tribute.

David Beebe, now serving another denomination in the Bay area of California, attended part of General Conference and participated in some of the informal discussions which were separate from the program.

#### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ROCKVILLE, R. I. — Our church entertained the Eastern Association in June. There was a large attendance and a good spirit at the meetings. The installation of a new church carpet, a large outside bulletin board, and a pulpit lamp were improvements which were completed just before Association. The bulletin board was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Armstrong in memory of her grandparents, Deacon and Mrs. A. S. Babcock. Appropriate dedication services were held for these new items.

Both Pastor and Mrs. Mills were busy at Lewis Camp for the two-week camping period, July 13 to 27. The whole group of junior campers worshiped in our church on July 19 when the Rev. Charles Bond was the guest speaker.

The Rockville Community Vacation Church School was held July 28 to August 8. Forty-nine pupils were enrolled. It is always a problem to find enough workers to put on the Vacation School but this year we were very grateful to the Women's Board for sending us two teachers. They were Miss Connie Coon of Bradford, R. I., and Mrs. Nellie Barbur of Adams Center, N. Y. A demonstration program was held in the church on Friday night and a community picnic for pupils, parents, and friends was held on



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the church grounds on Sunday after the school closed.

Five babies were dedicated during the church service on Sabbath day, August 23. They were Ricki Lee Kenyon, Earle Travis, Jr., Linda Ann Matteson, Mary Lou Pendleton, and David Wayne Sherman.

The Loyal Workers have held no meetings in July and August but they have done good work the rest of the year and have made gifts as follows: \$150 to the church for the new carpet, \$25 for Vacation Church School, \$25 for bulletin board letters, and \$50 for other missionary work of various kinds.

The men of the church gave the proceeds of their Mother's Day turkey supper to the carpet fund and the Vacation Church School, a total of \$150.

— Correspondent.

**SECOND HOPKINTON, R. I.** — Three members of our Sabbath School attended the senior group at Lewis Camp, July 20-27. They were Marylin Joubert, Sue Mills, and Marcia Wright. All the senior campers and the staff attended our worship and Communion service on July 26 when the Rev. Paul Maxson was our guest speaker.

The following people from our Sabbath School were baptized at Winchek Pond in Rockville on Sabbath morning, August 30: Marylin Joubert, Sue Mills, Richard Prescott, and Marcia Wright. They will be received into the church at an early date. — Correspondent.

## WCC News

A plan to build a new \$2,500,000 headquarters for the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland, was approved by the Council's Central Committee meeting in Nyborg, Denmark, August 21-29.

Of the funds needed, responsibility for raising \$300,000 has been accepted by the Council's member churches and the remainder is expected to be contributed by foundations and individuals in countries where the 171 churches are located.

## LOST AND FOUND

Some lady must have lost a pair of bifocal glasses at General Conference. A pair was found and will be mailed from the Riverside, Calif., Church (4415 Lemon St.) upon request.

## Births

**Pendleton.** — A daughter, Mary Lou, to Palmer and Elsie (Gordon) Pendleton of Hope Valley, R. I., on May 18, 1958.

**Palmer.** — A daughter, Susan Louise, to Eugene J. and Elizabeth Palmer of Rockville, R. I., on July 8, 1958.

**Kenyon.** — A daughter, Holly Jeane, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kenyon, DeLand, Fla., on August 29, 1958.

## Obituaries

**Crandall.** — Brian Benjamin, son of Burton and Carol Davis Crandall of Fayetteville, N. Y., was born at Alfred, N. Y., December 14, 1943, and died at Syracuse Memorial Hospital on August 26, 1958, following an illness which lasted for several months.

Brian was a boy with a variety of interests, but his first interest was always in the work of the church which he loved. One of his treasured achievements was the completion of five years of Bible memory work with the Bible Memory Association which gave him an award during his latest illness.

He had been a member of the Verona, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist Church since November, 1956.

Besides his parents he is survived by a sister, Barbara; three brothers: David, Brandon (his twin), and Stephen, all at home; his paternal grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Crandall; his maternal grandparents, the Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis, all of Alfred; a number of aunts, uncles, and cousins; and a host of friends.

Memorial services were conducted from the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, C. Rex Burdick, and interment was made in Alfred Rural Cemetery with the Rev. Hurley S. Warren in charge of the graveside service. — C. R. B.

**Davis.** — Auley C., son of Daniel W., Sr., and Sarah (Hoffman) Davis, was born January 7, 1871, in Shiloh, N. J., and died at his home in Shiloh, August 3, 1958.

He was one of forty-two young people who were baptized by the Rev. Theodore L. Gardiner and united with the Shiloh Church in February 1889.

On Nov. 12, 1890, Estella H. Brocking and he were married; she and their seven children survive him. The children are: Otto B., and Isaac B., of Hialeah, Fla.; Belford E., Mrs. William (Theresa) Parvin, Marvin W., Daniel W., and Mrs. Howard (Martha) Scull — all of Shiloh. He is also survived by a brother, Daniel W., of Pitman, N. J., twenty-six grandchildren, thirty-six great-grandchildren, four great, great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces in California, Florida, and New Jersey.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Eugene Fatato. Interment was in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery. (Extended obituary on page 13.)



## On Board the SS African Planet

Called of God to use their nursing skill to the glory of Christ in the little-known African country of Nyasaland, two young ladies answered the call like Isaiah of old, "Here am I, send me!" Built up in health and vigor by a year in the homeland, they turn their faces once more toward Africa and the Seventh Day Baptist work there.