

# The Sabbath Recorder

## Accessions

Battle Creek, Michigan  
 By Baptism:  
 Karen Fick  
 Kenneth L. Davis  
 Ronald E. Davis  
 Mrs. Peerless (Dorothy) Hallax  
 Mrs. Helen Hentges  
 Mrs. Grace Sachau  
 Mrs. Glen (Dorothy) Maxson  
 By Testimony:  
 Glen Maxson  
 By Letter:  
 Mrs. Dora R. Siems

## Marriages

**Richards - Rowe.** — Jesse Richards, son of Mrs. Nellie Garrett of Belle, W. Va., and Velma Rowe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Rowe of Battle Creek, Mich., were married in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Battle Creek, July 19, 1959, with the pastor of the bride, the Rev. Leland Davis, officiating.

**Noel - Parrott.** — Lee Noel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Noel of Battle Creek, Mich., and Jeanette Parrott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Parrott, formerly of Battle Creek and now of Williamston, Mich., were married in the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Battle Creek, August 15, 1959, with the pastor of the bride, the Rev. Leland E. Davis, officiating.

**Furseth - Bloomfield.** — Jon LaFleur Furseth, son of John E. and Doris Furseth of Albion, Wis., and Judith Ann Bloomfield, daughter of Charles E. and Velma Babcock of Milton, Wis., were married at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Milton, Wis., June 19, 1959, with the Rev. John Fitz Randolph officiating.

## Births

**Smith.** — A son, Steven Kenneth, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith of Marshall, Mich., March 2, 1959.

**Ellis.** — A daughter, Debbie Jean, to Johnie and Jean (Maxson) Ellis of Pomona Park, Fla., March 30, 1959.

**Croy.** — A daughter, Roberta, to Robert and Patricia (Putman) Croy of Battle Creek, Mich., May 9, 1959.

**Smith.** — A son, Douglas, to Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Smith of Battle Creek, Mich., May 16, 1959.

**Grandall.** — A daughter, Roberta Helen, to Mr. and Mrs. Neil Grandall of Battle Creek, Mich., May 17, 1959.

**Thorngate.** — A son, Dale DeLoss II, to Dale and Bobbie Thorngate of Patrick A. F. B., Fla., July 18, 1959.

## Obituaries

**Bennett.** — Lualta M. Perry, daughter of Welford C. and Ada Hibbard Perry, was born at Stacy Basin near Verona, N. Y., April 3, 1883, and died at the home of her son, Harold, near Verona, June 5, 1959.

Early in life she joined the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church and remained active and faithful in church work until her death.

On April 26, 1905, she was married to Seymour W. Bennett who died April 21, 1949. Besides her son and grandson Roger, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Marion E. Dillman, of West Winfield, N. Y., and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. C. Rex Burdick, on June 8, at the Campbell-Dean Funeral Home in Oneida. Interment was in the New Union Cemetery at Verona Mills. C.R.B.

**Bivins.** — Joseph, son of James and Sara Davis Bivins, was born July 20, 1886, and died after several months of failing health August 31, 1959, at his Marlboro, N. J., home.

He joined the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church on February 26, 1898.

His life was an example for many, and always helpful to "the other fellow." He fitted his life to his favorite Bible verse, Eccl. 9: 10, "Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

He is survived by his wife; one son, James, of Vineland, N. J.; four daughters: Mrs. Eunice Rife, Mrs. Betty Dillon, Mrs. Virginia Ayars, and Miss Barbara Bivins; and one sister, Mrs. Susy Hoffman.

The funeral service was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Paul Osborn, with interment in the Marlboro Cemetery. P.B.O.

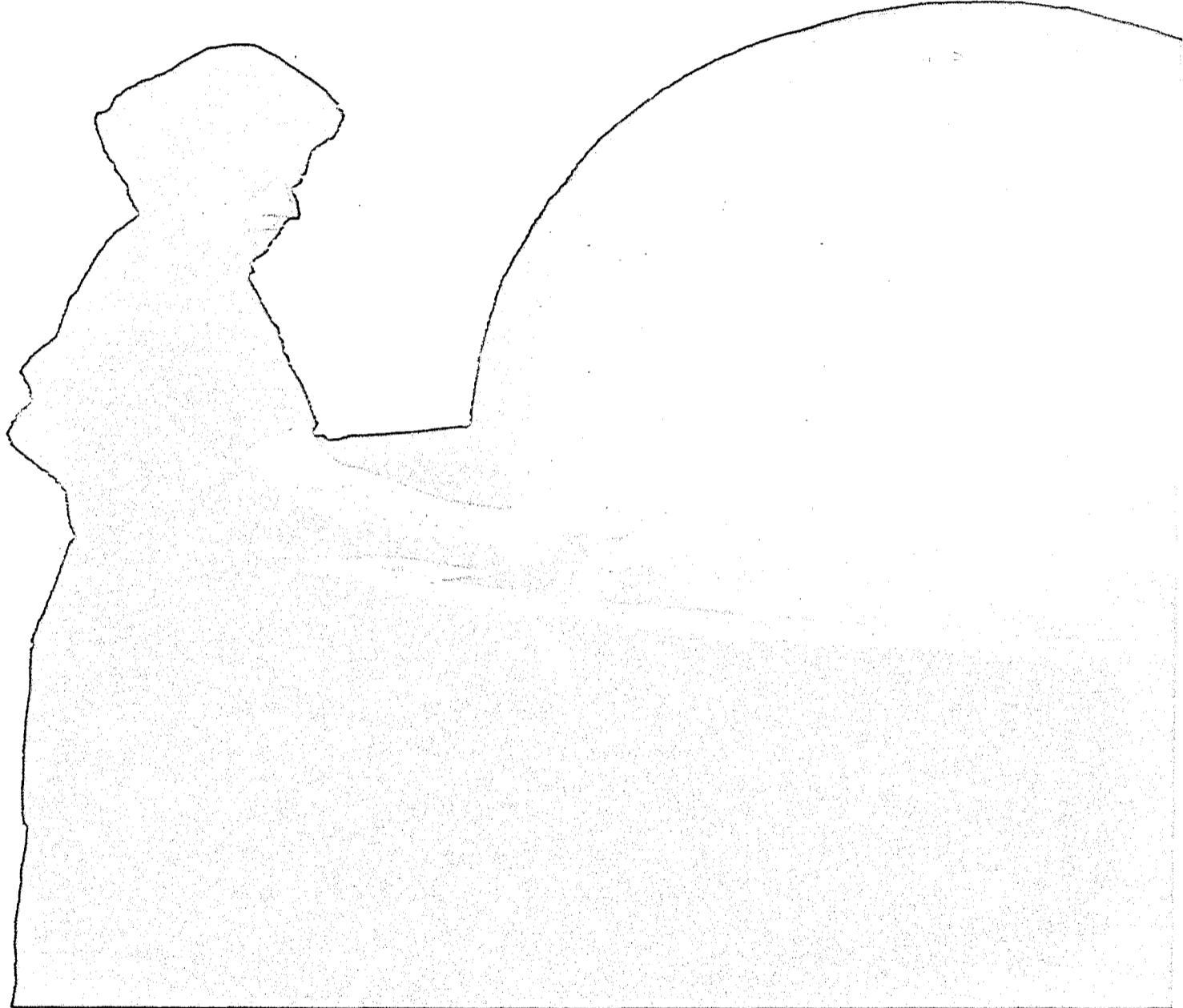
**Jones.** — Joshua D., son of William A. and Charlotte Davis Jones, was born May 23, 1868, in Jackson Center, Ohio, and died Aug. 11, 1959, in Battle Creek, Mich. (Extended obituary on another page.) L.E.D.

**Randolph.** — Edith Rebecca, daughter of Daniel and Francila (Knapp) Webster, was born Aug. 24, 1874, at Albion, Wis., and died Aug. 12, 1959, at a rest home in Janesville, Wis.

She was married to Reuben Randolph Aug. 14, 1895. They resided at Utica, Wis., before making their home in Milton Junction, Wis., in 1900. She was a member of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Roy (Pearl) Leach of Edgerton, Wis., and Mrs. Lyman (Vine) Russell, Lake Mills, Wis., and eleven grandchildren.

Memorial services were held in the Albrecht Funeral Home, the Rev. John F. Randolph officiating. Ivan F. Randolph gave the song service. Interment was in Milton Junction Cemetery. J.F.R.



### THE CHALLENGE OF NYASALAND

Trained in a Bible college, trained as a nurse, another young lady from a rural Seventh Day Baptist Church points to that portion of the world to which the Lord has called her. It is our response to the Spirit's call more than the place to which we are called that is important as we consider our Christian responsibility.

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## Distinguished Visitors

Once there was a man with a reputation not pleasing to all, who crossed an ocean in the world's biggest airliner to visit another nation. He said that he came in the interest of peace, but most of the people in the nation visited felt they had reason not to take his stated purpose at face value.

Because this man was the leader of one of the most powerful nations on earth he was surrounded with more physical protection than had ever before been provided to any visitor or any national leader. No unfortunate incident must mar his face. For the most part he was courteously received and patiently listened to as he preached, at every opportunity, the superiority of an atheistic system.

This great man of the earth — distinctly earthy — occasionally tried to ingratiate himself to a predominantly Christian nation by quoting Scripture (which he did badly) while at the same time boasting that his country's cosmic rockets had disproved the existence of God.

On one occasion Mr. Khrushchev announced that he wanted to come again to this country — that he thought Mr. Eisenhower and he should get together once or twice a year. As he returned to our nation's capital after touring the country, the President called in his diplomatic advisors in preparation for the talks.

May we draw some comparisons and contrasts. Once there was a man who, in another realm, had been the agent of creation and had through millenniums showered all mankind with material and spiritual blessings. This Son of God came to earth in human form heralded by a few angels. For Him there were no elaborate national preparations — no security police. We do read that after His 40 days of fasting at the beginning of His work the angels ministered to Him.

He took His place among men preaching the kingdom of heaven. True, there were some who did not take His message of personal salvation seriously, but even His bitterest opponents had to admit that He "spoke as never man spake" and that they found in Him no fault. Eventually, however, His visit to earth was cut short by Jewish trumped-up charges leading to a Roman crucifixion.

That was not the end, for on the third day He rose again from the dead — a thing impossible for any foreign visitor to our land, especially one who denies the hereafter. This Jesus of whom we speak returned to heaven after reviving the faith of His followers over a period of some 40 days. He, too, made promises of a return visit. That return is not conditioned upon any exchange visits or upon the willingness of all people to receive Him. To those who love His appearing it will be most joyous, for it will mean the beginning of an eternity spent with Him. To others, it will mean final judgment, for He comes as the Judge of all the earth, and there will be many fearful in that day.

The amazing thing is that every medium of news and information was focused on the visit of a mere man of evil reputation and that so little attention is given to the presence among us of the Holy Spirit or the preparation made for the coming of the Son of God in all His glory and with the ability to lay bare the very thoughts and intents of our hearts. Why do we give greater importance to the lesser things?

## The Price of Money

The American people have to buy money, and the price of it is constantly going up, says "Labor's Economic Review." It is current administration policy to discourage inflation by setting higher interest rates. The AFL-CIO does not think this is wise. It pointed out that these higher rates have caused interest payments on the federal debt to go up over \$2 billion in six years and that \$1 of every \$8 of federal tax receipts now goes into interest payments.

Who is to blame for this situation? Probably we, the people. We tell our representatives in a loud voice what we want in government spending to benefit us. If they can't get it for us, we tell them we will get new representatives. The closing days of a session of Congress are particularly filled with "pork-barrel legislation." The President cries out against it but to little avail.

We who are Christians ought to have a different attitude toward money. We

cannot blindly line up behind labor voices or any other private-interest voices. As Christians we should encourage our government to spend wisely and even largely for the good of all and, especially, for the good of the whole world. Foreign spending must be high if peace is our aim.

By the same token, our church spending for foreign missions is a better expression of unselfishness than much of what we spend in local church programs. The price of money is high but we must continue on the path of unselfish service even if it costs us more to do it. The fact is that few of us are paying any price for money for the Lord's work. Most of us borrow very little to take the Gospel to a needy world.

## Let's Change the Pattern

When a new season or a new year approaches all the ladies scan the papers to see what changes there will be in clothing styles — what new patterns for making wearing apparel. They know that they will have to discard the old and accept the change. The man in the house strongly suspects that the lady wants to do just that.

Months before the old year ends automobile manufacturers are busy changing patterns to create something new in appearance or functional serviceability. Appliances and furniture makers do the same thing to promote sales and to assure more profits. We have come to expect these things and most of us do not have enough sales resistance to keep from spending money needlessly.

How different our attitude toward Christian giving! We are generally well satisfied with the old pattern long after it has proved antiquated and inadequate. We seem to show a little resentment when we are reminded that the church cannot live on last year's income or the pattern of giving that we have cherished so selfishly. lo, these many years. We try to forget that the cost of sending missionaries to our frontiers or to the foreign field has increased at nearly the same rate as our transportation costs on vacation trips.

There is a giving pattern that ought to be changed right now. Our Conference year ended between the publication dates of last week's and this week's Sabbath Recorders. It will be two or three weeks before the final figures can be available for our back page. By that time almost a month of the new budget year will have gone by. Have you studied the pattern that has been in vogue for many years? It is a "wait and see" pattern. By the time we get through wondering whether the rest of the people made large contributions during September we have lost almost a month during which we should have supported the enlarged work which we felt we must undertake. October giving is usually way below average. That is the pattern that as faithful followers of Christ we ought to change.

We need a little more sales resistance and much less resistance to the Holy Spirit as He calls us to undertake the new projects which He has led us to accept. Perhaps we can persuade ourselves to accept the tithing pattern if we have not tried it. Doubtless we could personally adopt some project within the structure of denominational outreach that would be even more thrilling than a dress of new pattern, the latest appliance, or a car of next year's design. How about a spiritual inventory leading to a change of pattern in our October giving?

#### Day of Prayer

President Eisenhower has issued a "proclamation" calling for the observance of a National Day of Prayer on Wednesday, October 7. He asks Americans to gather in churches and homes and as individuals. The last sentence of the proclamation is here quoted: "Finally, let us rededicate ourselves and our nation to the highest loyalties which we know; and let us breathe deeply of the clean air of courage, preparing ourselves to meet the obligations of our day in trust, in gratitude, and in the supreme confidence of men who have accomplished much united under God."

"There is nothing more dead than truth that is not obeyed." — Selected.

## DEMONS IN MODERN LIFE

### Guest Editorial\*

These demons are the undetected false gods of our modern idolatrous culture and living.

Modernist scholars hardly knew what to do with them; if the world gets better and better, as they thought, demons must be consigned to the past; better yet, get rid of them as superstition and myth. This same modernist scholarship, however, emphasized at least that Jesus is the best example of right religious insight and adjustment. But Jesus Himself believed in the reality of Satan and demons. This was not a matter merely of accommodation on His part to the temper of the times, for He corrected the prevailing theological errors of His contemporaries. If He merely pretended to cast out demons, can He be defended against the charge of pretension and deception? He spent forty days in the wilderness, tempted of Satan and victorious over him; indeed, He represented His whole ministry as the rout and doom of Satan and his hosts, and He cast demons out by the power of His word. Under the pressures of the time in which we live, men speak against wide areas of the demonic in modern life, although they shy away from the reality of Satan and demons. Jesus reminds us that the world is under the sway of Satan and his hosts, and that we need supernatural rescue. In the Western world, invaded for centuries by the Gospel and its power, actual demon possession may be a relatively rare phenomenon, although the subtleties of the world of evil are such that even here we may be in for great surprise. Cultures prone to deny the realities of evil are most likely already victimized

\*Miss Joan Clement's story on the Missions Page of this issue speaks of Satanic influences in Nyasaland. Dr. Carl F. Henry, editor of *Christianity Today*, discusses the role of demons and the demonic in modern life in a sermon that was chosen for inclusion in Dr. C. Paul Butler's newly published book, *Best Sermons 1959-1960 — Protestant Edition* (Crowell). Dr. Henry entitled his sermon "Christ on the Margins of Life" and took his text from Luke 4: 34 which tells of Jesus casting out demons. For lack of space we quote only parts of the sermon.

by them. This much is clear — if Christ is not Lord of your life, even you are courting idols and false gods, and your soul is swayed by other spirits than the Holy Spirit.

Now the great tragedy today is that even men and women who name the name of Christ, and who have made some elemental beginning in the Christian life, are prone to frustrate the work of Christ in their lives. They have passed through an experience in which they have pleaded:

"Into my heart, Into my heart,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
Come in today, Come in to stay,  
Come into my heart, Lord Jesus."

Now the temptation to backslide, of course, is with us always, and the Christian victory needs to be won again and again, day after day, hour after hour. But today our churches are full of members who would rather be possessed by some filthy habit than to be possessed by Christ Jesus.

Christianity in the world today is embarrassed by the hordes who will go "only so far" with Jesus; beyond that point they cry out, "Let me alone; what have I to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth?" They bear the scars of hardness and spiritual insensitivity. . . . Then again, some others think that giving their lives to Christ is simply a matter of avoiding a given catalogue of sins, and of tithing their money, but they have no conception of Christian vocation as such. They think that full-time Christian service is something intended only for ministers and missionaries, or they shy away from the notion of a specific dedication of their talents to Christ and from the conception of one's daily job as a divine calling. . . .

I asked Gypsy Smith why revival had not come to America. His answer is still significant: "Revival has not come to America," he said, "because when the Holy Spirit puts His hand upon some young life in this land for a consecrated and dedicated work, the average young person tends to say, like the demon-possessed man in the Gospels, 'Let me alone; what have I to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth?'"

The healing touch of Christ upon your life and mine, the redemptive touch of

Christ upon modern life and society, that is our great hope for casting out the false gods and for breaking every idol down. Jesus comes today to a society quite aware that "his word was with power," but which also prefers to evade the spiritual decisions He would urge upon it. He comes to fill the vacuum in your life, to heal its witheredness. Let His command quiet the fury of your life this day. Hear Him speak peace to your turbulent soul. Greet Him as the worker of wonders from Nazareth, ready to transform your tangled being; as the Holy One, ready to show you to moral victory; as the Redeemer of your soul, ready to deliver you from sin and death.

### Planning Committee At Plainfield

The denominational Planning Committee will hold its fall meeting at the headquarters building in Plainfield, N. J., beginning October 13. The committee, it will be recalled, is under the direction of Mrs. Robert T. Fetherston, executive secretary, and is composed of the employed secretaries of the Missionary, Tract, and Christian Education Boards, and a representative of the Women's Board.

Denominational leaders and workers on the field have come to count heavily on the planning made possible by regular meetings of this small group. Perhaps its greatest significance is in correlating the activities of the boards — the major work agencies of the denomination. As these people try to look forward to see where our people can extend our work most effectively they ask for the prayers of all who are interested in the various types of evangelistic outreach.

### A Correction

The managing editor in a letter to Church and Sabbath School leaders quoted a price of \$8 per hundred for the next special issue of the Sabbath Recorder. The price is \$8.50 per hundred as in the past. Sorry for the error. It is still a tremendous bargain, not much more than enough to pay for the paper and ink. The price of single copies is 15 cents.

## President's Message

By Victor W. Skaggs

(This is the first of such messages that can be expected about twice a month.)

Our Conference theme, "For Jesus' Sake," is a group of three words that is often on our lips, for we use the phrase time and time again as the closing words of sincere prayer. For that very reason their deepest significance often escapes us. Jesus Himself continually urged His followers to do things "for my sake" or "my name's sake." His apostles re-emphasized this personal level of consecration as they talked and wrote of "his sake" or "his name's sake." They were very much aware of how He had lived and died and risen for "your sake" or "their sake," and they urged Christians everywhere to demonstrate His power and the presence of His Spirit by giving themselves even as He had given Himself, by living and speaking and if need be by dying for His sake as He had for theirs, by giving themselves and their goods for the brethren even as Christ had given Himself for the good of all.

Sometimes I am appalled by our seeming unconsciousness of the depth of consecration to which we are called. Jesus pictured it for us. In His great dedicatory prayer, found now in John 17, Jesus said of Himself: "And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth" (RSV). The depth of that consecration is indicated by the aftermath of the prayer. Again He spoke to His disciples: "... whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." What a pointed comparison to His own experience! And in 2 Corinthians 5:15 Paul spoke of Him: "And he (Christ) died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who for their sake died and was raised."

We give ourselves to those things that seem most important to us at the moment of decision. Then they direct our lives and predetermine what we shall do and where we shall go and what our aims shall be. They are our gods, for we serve them with

our strength and our ingenuity and our love. We Christians are called on to give ourselves completely to one purpose. Then that purpose shall be the direction of life and shall predetermine what we shall do and where we shall go and what our aims shall be. For we are called on to give ourselves to Him so that the gift of His energies and wisdom and goodness and power and love to all men will find new expression in us.

It is my prayer that as we go through this Conference year under the theme "For Jesus' Sake," we will give ourselves in thoughtful and prayerful rededication so that we may grow in power and in knowledge and in usefulness to our Lord and Master.

"We know what love is — through Christ's having laid down His life on our behalf; and in the same way we ought to lay down our lives for our brother men" (1 John 3: 16, Weymouth).

"For Jesus' Sake"

### A LIVE CHURCH

The Salemville, Pa., Church, a small congregation of Sabbathkeepers, is temporarily without regular pastoral leadership. In the past generation there have been several gaps between pastors during which local leaders have ably shouldered the added responsibilities. This rural church now boasts a long-needed education building to the rear of the small auditorium.

The accompanying picture, taken after



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the morning service on a very warm Sabbath in August, indicates that here is a church that is alive. To be sure, there were on this occasion some Plainfield, N. J., visitors en route to Conference, but regular services are held when no visiting minister occupies the pulpit.

An experience a few minutes after this picture was taken might bring back memories to those who have come from country or small village churches. There was new evidence that Salemville was a live church. Indeed, things were humming. A swarm of bumblebees had found an opening under the door sill and had taken up residence. Soon a dispute developed as to which group should have possession of the church building. There had been no evidence of misunderstanding when the two-footed, wingless creatures entered the building for worship, perhaps because they came singly and stepped lightly on the threshold of the sanctuary. It is to be hoped that the sermon of the morning stirred the people to action. If it failed, something stirred the bumblebees to action. They filled the building with their purposeful humming, followed church members to the education building where lunch was being served, and prodded a few younger and older representatives into rather quick action.

The result of the experience was that the old-line Seventh Day Baptists showed their tenacity. They refused to give up their building to the newcomers who were without faith. They quickly produced some insect spray and settled the matter. As the visitors departed they were happy to look back on their experiences with a "live" church and to know that freedom of worship was guaranteed to those who would assemble at Salemville in the weeks to come.

Perhaps there should be mentioned an added lesson on prayer. We do not have any mechanical means of keeping open the churches in such countries as Spain and Colombia, but the weapon of prayer can be used as an ICBM to produce inter-continental results. Churches can be made to flourish even when those without faith oppose themselves — as in Communist and Catholic countries. — L.M.M.

### A Constructive Letter From a Former Commission Member

In reading the report of the Commission in the Sabbath Recorder of September 14, I note the awareness of the Commission of a condition that has been of concern to me ever since I was a Commission member many years ago: the question of foreign missions and home field work.

I believe in foreign missions. Jesus instructed us to carry the message to all the world. Foreign missions, however, must be supported from the home bases. If by our neglect, the home bases fail to grow and prosper, it is easy for "wayfaring men, though fools," to figure what will become of foreign missions. We need more intelligent and forceful evangelism here in these United States. In order to do that we must first have the will for more evangelism on the home field and then have additional financial support for that purpose, without cutting down on foreign mission support. "Faith without works is dead."

There is a movement in the Boulder Church to cover the city and surrounding country with a newspaper campaign. The Boulder Daily Camera has a circulation of 10,120. Then we plan an intensive follow-up on any inquiries resulting from the paper campaign.

We ask your prayers for the success of this plan.

Paul H. Hummel,  
Boulder, Colo.

### Prayer Thought

Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

— From a prayer suggested  
by NCC for the National  
Day of Prayer.

### Missionaries To Visit European Churches

Plane reservations are being made so that Miss Sarah Becker and Miss Barbara Bivins may depart for their field of missionary service (Nyasaland, Africa) on Wednesday, October 28. It is expected that they will fly from New York International Airport (Idlewild) by Pan American Airways (Flight 538) to London, England, arriving there at noon the next day.

A stopover is being arranged at London so that they may visit our Seventh Day Baptist brethren of England, Holland, and Germany. If plans work out as now scheduled, they will fly from Hamburg, Germany, to Rome Monday morning, November 9. After a few hours in the "Eternal City" they will continue their flight direct to Nairobi, Kenya, arriving the next morning. With a two-hour stopover they will connect with a plane for Blantyre, Nyasaland. They are expected to arrive at this destination, the city nearest to Makapwa Mission, on Tuesday afternoon, November 10.

Upon learning the possibility that the nurses might stop a while in London, Pastor James McGeachy has written, "It will give us great pleasure to meet Miss Sarah Becker and Miss Barbara Bivins here in London. We shall find them accommodations at Hyde House where Joan and Beth stayed during their visit. There they will be right in the center of London and will be able to look around in any time they have to spare."

Mr. G. Zijlstra, secretary of the Conference of Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Holland, has written, "It would be a very nice thing and we would esteem to be visited by the nurses as they are en route to Makapwa. The best place to meet when the nurses visit Holland would be our chapel at Haarlem and the best day (would be) Sabbath." Mr. Zijlstra adds that he would want these plans to be made so as to accommodate the schedule of the travelers and the plans of the English and German Seventh Day Baptist brethren. We are looking forward to hearing from

Brother H. Bruhn and Pastor Kohler as to a possible visit to Germany.

We who are at home will surely hold up Barbara and Sarah in our prayers, asking God to grant them a safe journey and a fruitful ministry for Christ our Lord in Nyasaland.

### Strange Experiences At Makapwa Mission Station By Miss Joan Clement

Day by day we see many unusual and often very interesting things that truly need to be experienced to be appreciated. But now and then something happens to make me realize how truly demonistic the forces of evil and darkness can be. In these modern days, even in Africa, Satan has in many places changed his tactics to keep pace with developing civilization. But we are located in a place where some of the customs and superstitions are still those of bygone years. Never have I been so forcefully made aware of the difference between light and darkness, hope and despair as I was a few minutes ago.

I was at the garage at 2:00 p.m., September 2, 1959, where Doctor Burdick was loading up the Land Rover. He and Beth were off to hold a series of meetings at our church at Molele. The midwives had gone with the local pastor and some women to the grave to bury an infant that was stillborn. The mother of this infant came by train yesterday after having been in labor for five days. During this time she had consumed enormous amounts of African medicine. When the baby was delivered it was obvious that it had been dead for a long time.

We were all of us completely amazed that the mother had survived such an ordeal. I returned to the house at 2:20 p.m. and had just been back about 10 minutes when I first heard it. You can't appreciate the sound of the death wail from those who are completely outside of Christ. I started out the door and began running to the Maternity Ward from whence came the wailing. I met the midwives on the path just returning from the burial of the infant. The women of the family must have reached the ward a bit ahead of them

to find that the mother of the infant had suddenly died. To all signs and appearances she had been all right when they left for the grave — but now!

There is no consolation for those who know not by experience the wonderful love of Christ. The nearest woman relative seemed to be as one utterly possessed by the prince of darkness. I watched as she removed her garments from the waist up (the sign of mourning); she spit out the several small rocks (like marbles) which many Akokola women carry in their mouths; she took off a bracelet from her arm and placed it on the arm of the dead woman; and all the time seemed to be cursing the Creator Himself for allowing such tragedy to befall them. Her eyes were ablaze with a strange light that I had never seen before. The women seemed to shout hopelessly at the dead mother as if by sheer force of their cries life would return to her.

The Bible describes the agonies of those without hope with the words "there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." You at home cannot know "weeping" as done by those who are in utter despair. And praise God, we who are in Christ need not know the black darkness of hopelessness and despair. It is useless to wail over a dead body, hoping to bring back life by cursing and shouting. But how glorious is the peace and comfort of those of this very same tribe of people who have taken into their hearts the story of the love of God in Christ.

It is easy, all too easy sometimes, to take for granted salvation and eternal life. We say that our hope is in Christ, and truly it is. But I am thankful that the Lord has given me this strange and uncomfortable experience today, for I can see as never before how wonderful is the light of hope — and how terrifying the power of darkness.

Joan concluded her letter with these words, "Living so close to our situation all happenings tend to become commonplace. But this one was different." We who are reading this article can appreciate a little bit more the experiences of our faithful mission workers as they come face to face with the powers of darkness. We can once more recall our covenant made at Conference, "to gladly accept the responsibility and joy of upholding these mission workers with loving prayers and generous gifts."

### Preparing for Departure to British Guiana

Following return to their home at St. Pie de Bagot, Quebec, Canada, the Rev. and Mrs. Rene Mauch have been quite busy with preparations for their departure to British Guiana. Emmanuel Zollicker, brother-in-law of Mr. Mauch, has come from Toronto and has been helping in the building of the boat. This causes our new missionary to write encouragingly as to his hope "to be able to sail not too late this fall."

As another encouraging word Mr. Mauch has written, "Yesterday Annamarie (Mrs. Mauch) became a full-fledged Canadian citizen, so the whole family now is 'born again' as far as earthly citizenship is concerned! Today I have sent our requests for passports to Ottawa and we expect to receive the documents within the next few days.

"A week ago," he informs us, "I received the registration for the 'Messenger.' It bears the number 19D280 — 19D is the harbor number (St. Nyacinthe) and 280 is the boat number.

"A few days later I got the permit needed to navigate the New York State canals and especially the Champlain Canal to reach the Hudson. These documents (registration and canal permit) were without charge, at least as far as our boat is concerned."

### Ecumenical News

It is probable that the next meeting of the World Council of Churches in November, 1961, will be held in India rather than Ceylon because of the political unrest in the latter country. The theme of the assembly will be "Jesus Christ: The Light of the World." The Central Committee reports from the Island of Rhodes that it has asked Dr. Paul Minear, professor of New Testament at Yale University Divinity School, to be chairman of a commission to prepare a document on that theme. It will be recalled that the last assembly was at Evanston, Ill., in 1954, and that the theme then was "Jesus Christ: The Hope of the World."

**THIS I BELIEVE**

By Mrs. Ruby Polan.

(Given at Women's Board meeting)

The theme for our women's societies for this new year is This I Believe, and we cannot review the things we believe too often.

In the beginning, God . . .

God is the forerunner of the universe. We believe in God, the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, and our Father.

Read John 1: 1-14.

"Seventh Day Baptists cherish liberty of thought as an essential condition for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Therefore they have no binding creed to which members must subscribe. They hold, however, that certain beliefs and practices, having the support of Scripture and adhered to by followers of Christ through the centuries, are binding on all Christians" (Boothe C. Davis, in introduction to Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs).

"For one hundred and sixty years after the organization of their first church in America, in 1671, Seventh Day Baptists set forth no statement of their beliefs; they studiously avoided doing anything of the kind. They guarded their freedom of conscience so carefully that they would not lay down a statement of beliefs for anyone. If a man was penitent for his sins, accepted Christ as his Saviour and guide, was immersed in water, kept the Sabbath of Christ, and took the Bible as his rule of faith and practice, nothing more was asked of him. . . .

"As new churches were formed there came to be an increasing demand for a statement of the beliefs of Seventh Day Baptists, not that it should be a yoke of bondage, but that it might show to the world the excellency of the Gospel as taught by them and be a guide to those desiring to found Seventh Day Baptist churches. . . .

"There have been various statements of what Seventh Day Baptists believe, by individuals, churches, and delegated bodies, . . . but none of them has any binding

**MEMORY TEXT**

My soul fainteth for thy salvation: but I hope in thy word. Psalm 119: 81.

force over any church or individual, and none of them is satisfactory to every one.

"Seventh Day Baptists have no creed save the Bible, and no credal test save a regenerate heart, baptism, the Sabbath, and a Christian life."

(From the Church Manual, page 40ff.)

The Statement of Belief, therefore, "is simply an exhibition of the views generally held by Seventh Day Baptists and is not adopted as having binding force in itself." Read here the Articles of Belief from Statement of Belief of Seventh Day Baptists.

Closing Prayer: Dear Father, as we think over our beliefs, wilt Thou give us grace to interpret them as Thou wouldst have us. Wilt Thou give us wisdom and earnestness to think through our beliefs and persevere in them. As plans are made for the women of our denomination may they be made with Thy help. Wilt Thou ever be present in the planning sessions.

Wilt Thou give courage and fortitude to those who are carrying the responsibility of this work. Wilt Thou be with all women of the denomination as they make their plans for the new year and may those who are carrying the responsibility of the local society be under Thy guiding hand. And may we all in Thy grace abide and try to do Thy will. Amen.

**Tract Publication**

The presses at our denominational printing establishment are again printing tracts by the ten thousands to replenish the stocks that have been depleted so rapidly by a few of our ardent distributors, and to make it possible for churches to order a wide selection when their local Tract Committees swing into greater activity. Orders for 47,500 reprints of the most popular tracts were placed with the publishing house on September 28. Revisions and new tracts will be placed on order as soon as possible.

**Religion In American Life  
Urges Simultaneous Campaign**

By Edgar F. Wheeler

During November and the following months, Religion In American Life annually conducts a nationwide advertising and promotion campaign to encourage all Americans to attend their church or synagogue regularly. In a recently published brochure, RIAL suggests that your congregation or your community can get more benefits from this campaign by holding a simultaneous local RIAL program. Such campaigns have registered increased worship attendance up to 50 percent.

During the 1959-60 Religion In American Life campaign, more than \$8,000,000 worth of time and space for RIAL advertising will be contributed. These ads will be seen and heard on television and radio, and will appear in magazines and newspapers, as well as on billboards and on car cards in buses. All such advertising materials are available free of charge for use in your community, and can be very valuable in making your neighborhood more aware of your religious institutions.

We can have a real share in this nationwide movement, now in its eleventh year, to awaken all Americans to the value of their religious heritage, and the importance of religious faith in personal, family, community, and national life. Your RIAL representative encourages Seventh Day Baptist churches throughout the United States to participate in this program, wherever possible as a simultaneous effort with other community churches. It may well be that our churches will initiate and promote the program in their communities.

Wholehearted participation in such an effort would doubtless call for a broader, more comprehensive interpretation of Jesus' words, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring. . ." (John 10: 16), than we have heretofore conceived of. At any rate, we must honestly try to understand just what He did mean, and act accordingly. Certainly if this program can be the means of awakening a few minds in materialistic, pleasure-seeking America to their need for God, it may be the door to greater evangelistic opportunities.

Brochures on the Religion in American Life program have been ordered, and it is planned to send one to each of our churches in the near future. This brochure will contain a coupon which may be sent in to obtain a free kit for use in promoting the RIAL program in your community.

**Advance Objectives for 1960**

The emphasis of the Baptist Jubilee Advance for 1960 is given in the following statement and objectives as adopted by the Emphasis Committee: In obedience to the command of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to "teach all nations," we commit ourselves during the second year of the Baptist Jubilee Advance to the achievement of the following objectives:

1. To search the Scriptures anew through Bible reading and study in home and church.
2. To intensify our evangelistic efforts within the teaching and training program.
3. To make a soul-searching study of the nature of the Church and its educational imperative.
4. To provide an intensive program of training in church membership and leadership.
5. To alert each church to the demand of the Gospel for the continuous spiritual growth of all its members, especially the new converts.
6. To strengthen the educational work of the church, including evaluation and coordination of all its organizations and activities.
7. To make clear the nature and abiding relevance and authority of historic Baptist principles.
8. To encourage our colleges and seminaries to train our present and potential church leaders for more effective participation in the teaching ministry of the church.

— Rex. E. Zwiebel.

Habit is a cable; we weave a thread for it each day, and it becomes so strong that we cannot break it.

## BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

By vote of General Conference in Salem, Seventh Day Baptists agreed to participate in the remaining four years of the five-year Baptist Jubilee Advance program. Delegates from our denomination elected to represent us in that great movement are the Rev. Leon M. Maltby, Conference President Victor W. Skaggs, and the Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel. Two committee meetings of the Baptist Jubilee Advance were attended by Secretary Zwiebel in Washington, September 18 and 19.

The seven denominations entering most wholeheartedly into this enterprise include the American Baptist Convention, the North American Baptist Conference, the Southern Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the Baptist Federation of Canada, and the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Each denomination has its own program centered around the central theme for the year.

The theme for 1960 is "Teaching and Training"; hence, the Emphasis Committee for 1960 of the Baptist Jubilee Advance is made up of representatives whose primary interest is in that field. That committee met September 18 in the Baptist Building (where our Washington Seventh Day Baptist Church has its weekly worship). There we discussed the 1960 program with each representative telling what his denomination was planning to do.

The report of this committee meeting is made somewhat in detail for two reasons: 1. It is necessary that Seventh Day Baptists know as much as possible about that which is done in Baptist Jubilee Advance meetings (we are one year late in becoming a part of this great movement). 2. Your delegate was appointed secretary of the meeting.

A report was given concerning the central "Proclamation" which is to be edited and published soon. A poster design was also chosen.

It was reported that a book being written on "Baptist Personalities" could be expected soon after the close of 1960. A

committee has been named to write and compile a complete history of the Baptist Movement.

Dr. McDormand of the Canadian Baptists reported that his people are going to publish a world mission study of Baptist work.

Dr. Koshee of the Southern Baptists reported that his folk were correlating their 180 study units into one unit.

The hope was expressed that any sermons that are written this year on the general subject of "Teaching and Training" be circulated among the denominations. (We hope that every Seventh Day Baptist minister who preaches a sermon on this general subject, teaching and training, will send a copy of it to our office with permission to share it with sister denominations.)

Dr. Zimmerman of the North American Conference shared a packet of materials his church will use during the year to emphasize Bible reading. Dr. Cober of the American Baptists reported his church was urging the study of a Bible book a month.

It was suggested that a Baptist hymnal be compiled for the culmination of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. There was much discussion, and it was referred to a committee.

It was agreed that each of the seven cooperating denominations be assigned one of seven objectives for 1960, with the denomination representatives choosing someone to write an article developing that objective. Seventh Day Baptists were assigned number five, "We commit ourselves to alert each church to the demand of the Gospel for the continuous spiritual growth of all its members, especially the new converts." (The objectives are listed elsewhere in the Recorder.) These articles will be circulated by the Publicity Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

## Joint Committee

On Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock the Joint Committee of the Baptist Jubilee Advance met in the First Baptist Church of Washington so as not to interfere with the worship services of our Seventh Day Baptist Church. I was excused at 10:45 to bring the morning message for our

people, returning later to the committee meeting which lasted until 12:45.

Seventh Day Baptists were voted into the Baptist Jubilee Advance program and warmly welcomed by the 1959 chairman, Dr. McDormand of the Canadian Federation of Baptists.

After a challenging keynote message by Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, American Baptist, reports of activities accomplished and planned were given and reviewed.

A keynote speaker for the next meeting, set for March 2, was selected, a new chairman elected, and we were adjourned with prayer.

In discussing the next date of meeting for the committee, Sabbath day, March 5, was suggested. The secretary of the committee reminded the group that that was the Sabbath of Seventh Day Baptists, and suggested that the committee meeting not be held that day. Showing a fine spirit of Christian cooperation, much to our humble delight and relief, the March 2 date was the unanimous choice. We sincerely appreciate this wonderful consideration of our Baptist brethren. This also calls for the utmost of cooperation on our part to participate to the fullest measure with the members of the great Baptist Jubilee Advance.

## Field Visit

On Sabbath day, September 19, Secretary Zwiebel preached a sermon during the morning worship for the Washington (D.C.) Seventh Day Baptist Church. After the service, the members of the church went to the People's Seventh Day Baptist Church to attend the services of that body. Following a wonderful pot-luck luncheon, members of both churches met in the worship room to participate in a workshop led by Secretary Zwiebel. Three phases of Seventh Day Baptist programing were presented and discussed: local church objectives, the Seventh Day Baptist Lay Development Program for Advance, and our participation in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

Much interest was shown, and we pray that the Spirit of God will continue to lead our people in that great city. The hospitality was typically Christian and very much enjoyed.

## Deacon Floyd Sholtz

## States Experience and Beliefs

When I think of my religious experiences my thoughts go back as far as I can remember, first, to a home with Christian parents, and then to the Nortonville, Kan., Church where I attended with my mother and father and five brothers and sisters (four of whom are here today). We always attended church and Sabbath School in the morning and went to Junior Christian Endeavor in the afternoon.

Then I think of Pastor James L. Skaggs and how he organized an Intermediate Christian Endeavor. It was in one of these Sabbath afternoon meetings that I decided to accept Christ as my Savior. At the age of 13, I was baptized by Pastor Skaggs and joined the church at Nortonville. Since that time I have been helped in my Christian experience by many people, especially the pastors of the Verona Church where I became a member two years after being baptized. I would like to mention some of them whom I think have left their influence for good on my life: Pastors T. J. Van Horn, James Hurley, A. L. Davis, Lester Osborn, and Pastor H. L. Polan, who was my pastor twice, once at Nortonville and once here; and more recently, Pastors Victor Skaggs and Rex Burdick.

Out of 43 years of trying to serve Christ, in which I know I have made many mistakes, I have come to believe something like the following.

I believe in God, the Father, who is the creator of the universe and who showers His love and blessings on the people of the earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ who is the divine Son of God brought down to earth in the form of a man to redeem the world from sin. I believe He was crucified on the cross, died, was placed in the tomb, and was raised again to the glory of God the Father. I believe that only through Christ can we be born again into the family of God. Jesus said in John 14: 6: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

I believe in the Holy Spirit as the third part of the Trinity, coming unto us as a comforter and guide and directing our lives if we listen to Him.

I believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God, given, and preserved for us down through the ages so that we can learn of Him, and of His will for our lives.

I believe that the seventh day of the week is the Sabbath authorized by God as a day of rest and as a holy day, a special day to honor God and worship Him. God thought it important enough to include it in the Ten Commandments. I keep the Sabbath because I believe that as followers of Christ we should do His will as fully as possible, and I am sure that keeping the Sabbath is part of His will.

I believe that every one who believes in Christ and is born again should become a member of a church and should support that church in carrying out its work in every way possible, and that we should not only be followers of Christ but should serve Him and through our lives carry His Gospel to those around us until all have heard of the love and redeeming grace of Jesus.

I recall distinctly over 40 years ago when I was baptized, I made this statement before entering the water, "I love Jesus because He died for me, and I want to follow Him." I can still use this as my testimony but would like to add that He is a wonderful, redeeming Savior who has forgiven me untold numbers of times when I have sinned, and that the Lord has blessed my life in many ways. I have a wonderful Christian wife, a happy home, and four children of whom any parent could be justly proud, good health, a host of friends, and many other blessings; and I thank Him for them.

When I was called by this church to become a deacon I was rather reluctant in my own mind to accept the call, perhaps because I have had since childhood a very high ideal for one who is a deacon or deaconess and I knew I did not come up to that ideal. But as I thought and prayed about it I was challenged to accept and try to bring my life up closer to the ideal rather than refuse and not try. So I feel honored to be chosen by you but very humble and unworthy, and if I am accepted, I need the prayers of every one to help me to try to live the life required of a deacon.

#### REV. WILBURT DAVIS

The Rev. Wilburt Davis, son of Watson and Sarah Mason Davis, was born September 8, 1877, in Marlboro, N. J., and died on August 11, 1959, in Battle Creek, Mich. He was married in Independence, N. Y., August 15, 1905, to Leola Clarke, who preceded him in death on April 9, 1957. They had made their home in recent years at 54 Haskell Avenue where they enjoyed their flower garden. After his wife's death Mr. Davis made his home with his son Arnold at 59 Haskell Avenue.

Having been graduated from Alfred University School of Theology in Alfred, New York, Mr. Davis was ordained as a Seventh Day Baptist minister and gave himself freely to this calling. From 1907 until 1916 he held pastorates in Seventh Day Baptist churches in Nebraska, Arkansas, and West Virginia. Moving to Battle Creek in 1927 he served as a laboratory assistant at the Sanitarium. In 1943 he went to work for the Battle Creek Food Company, retiring in 1945.

He is survived by his two sons, Arnold, of Battle Creek, and Burton, of Flint, Michigan; a daughter, Sarah (Mrs. Donald) Reams, of Adams City, Colo.; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He had an abiding faith in Christ, and one of the portions of Holy Scripture which he often quoted and which was very precious to him was the fifteenth chapter of John's Gospel. His great interest in and love for growing things made him appreciate and better understand the promises of God. His life was one of constant abiding, and as a result his daily life bore much spiritual fruit. By his children he was known as a godly father, by his grandchildren for his gentleness and kindness, and by his friends as a faithful follower and hard worker. To the world, he was known for his patient endurance, meekness, and humbleness. His Christian life was an inspiration and a real challenge to all who knew him. He counted it a joy to keep the seventh day holy and use this sacred time in worship with God's people and in service to humanity.

Farewell services were held on August

13, 1959, from the Farley Funeral Home with Pastor Leland E. Davis officiating. Final resting place was at Memorial Park Cemetery near Battle Creek. — L. E. D.

#### We Need a Pattern

On the face of Stone Mountain in Georgia the famous sculptor Gutzon Borglum carved out a great Confederate Memorial. It is cut into an eight-hundred-foot wall of granite, and in order to start his work Borglum needed to throw on the face of that rock the outline of the figures of the marching men of the Confederate Army. He tried one experiment after another, with no success. Then he constructed an enormous projection machine that weighed a ton. He anchored it eight hundred feet from the mountain, and from a slide three inches high threw on the rock a clear picture two hundred feet high. No other machine like this has ever been made; with it the stonemasons had a scale and a plan. . . .

It is a parable of the church at work in the world. The piercing flame of the Spirit sends through the church a pattern of the Kingdom of God on the hard, granite face of the world. — Frank S. Mead, in Tarbell's Teachers' Guide.

#### New England Yearly Meeting

The Yearly Meeting of the New England Seventh Day Baptist Churches will be held at Rockville, R. I., on Sabbath, October 17, 1959. At the morning service at 10:30 the Rev. Earl Cruzan will speak on the theme, "A Christian World Begins with Me." The afternoon session will be in charge of the Committee on Evangelism and Secretary Everett T. Harris will speak on the Lay Development Program. Dinner will be served in the parish house. There will be a supper, program, and social period in the evening for young people.

#### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for October 17, 1959

What Do You Have to Share?

Lesson Scripture: Acts 3: 1-7, 11-16.

#### Youth News

There will be something for youth in almost every forthcoming Sabbath Recorder. It is expected that there will be room next week for an excellent article by Jerry Knox, "What Jesus Said About Faith." Jerry is a recent high school graduate known all over the State of Colorado for his C. E. work.

Have you missed "Teen Talk"? It is coming back, perhaps next week, with another science lesson entitled "What Do You Hear?"

"Youth News" is another heading you will be seeing regularly — if we get the news to print. Some will be under the heading of the Board of Christian Education and some will be handled by the general editor, who is particularly interested in printing the Christian experiences of teenage youths.

#### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — On Sunday, August 16, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Crandall observed their thirtieth wedding anniversary at their home, 3028 N. Lashbrook, El Monte, Calif. A reception was held from 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. and was attended by thirty-eight guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Crandall were married in Battle Creek, Mich., by the Rev. Henry Jordan, who was chaplain of the Battle Creek Sanitarium.

At this reception they were "re-married." David Ahlborn, the assistant pastor of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, had charge of the program. Mrs. Ahlborn sang "Because," "Always," and "The Lord's Prayer." Mr. and Mrs. Paul Crandall of Riverside, who were their attendants thirty years ago, stood with them on this occasion. Mrs. Hazel Wells, also formerly of Battle Creek, had charge of the guest book. A message of greeting was read from Maurice Howe of Sarasota, Fla., who was the best man thirty years ago. Fruit punch and a beautiful wedding cake were served by the Social Committee of the Los Angeles Church.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## Accessions

Lost Creek, W. Va.

By Baptism:  
Howard Dawson  
By Testimony:  
Martha Ellen Dawson (Mrs. Howard)

## Marriages

**Scranage - Lowther.** — David Scranage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Scranage of Bridgeport, W. Va., and Eva Lee Lowther, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Lowther of Lost Creek, W. Va., were united in marriage at Oakland, Md., on Sept. 5, 1959.

**Drake - Burdick.** — Hal Drake, of Shinglehouse, Pa., and Bertha Austin Burdick, of Alfred Station, N. Y., were married at the bride's home June 11, 1959, by the bride's pastor, J. Paul Green.

**Appel - Lewis.** — Albert A. Appel of Stonefort, Ill., and Mrs. Dollie J. Lewis of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage September 2, 1959, in the Leonardsville, N. Y., Seventh Day Baptist parsonage by the groom's son, the Rev. A. A. Appel.

They will make their home on the farm near Stonefort, Ill.

**Stillman - McWilliam.** — George S. Stillman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James I. Stillman, of Houston, Texas, and Sarah Joyce McWilliam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ervin McWilliam of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage Sabbath afternoon, June 13, 1959, in the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church. The bride's pastor, the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, officiated.

## Births

**Andrews.** — A daughter, Rebecca Lynn, to Ray and Rosemarie (Emerson) Andrews of Alfred, N. Y., June 22, 1959.

**Green.** — A son, Carl Joseph, to Pastor J. Paul and Denise (Kagarise) Green of Alfred Station, N. Y., September 16, 1959.

## Obituaries

**Crouch.** — Roy, son of Ansel and Letitia Smith Crouch, was born Sept. 23, 1884, in West Hallock, Ill., and died Sept. 5, 1959, at the Jefferson County Memorial Hospital in Winchester, Kan.

Mr. Crouch was a faithful member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Nortonville, Kan. He served his church for many years as a trustee and deacon.

Surviving are: his wife, Beatrice, of Nortonville; one son, Herbert, of Milton, Wis.; one daughter, Mrs. Darlene Smith, of Topeka; two sisters, Mrs. Aldon Saunders, of London Mills,

Ill., and Mrs. Earl Stephan, Nortonville; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in Nortonville, the Rev. C. B. Dennison officiating in the absence of the pastor. Interment was in the Nortonville Cemetery.

R. P. L.

**Burdick.** — Elbert Lorenzo, son of Thomas J. and Viola Coon Burdick, was born in Alfred, N. Y., June 24, 1886, and died at Bethesda Hospital, North Hornell, N. Y., August 30, 1959.

He was baptized September 12, 1903, and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Alfred. On April 24, 1912, he was married to Florence Potter, who died December 31, 1938. On February 2, 1940, he was married to Mrs. Anna R. Graves, who survives. There also survive a sister, Miss Flora E. Burdick of Alfred, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held at the Robertson Funeral Home, Hornell, with his pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

— H. S. W.

**Davis.** — The Rev. Wilburt, son of Watson and Sarah Mason Davis, was born Sept. 8, 1877, at Marlboro, N. J., and died Aug. 11, 1959, at Battle Creek, Mich. (Extended obituary on another page.)

**Saunders.** — Ernst W., son of William and Hattie Saunders, was born at Grand Junction, Iowa, April 18, 1891, and died at Edgerton, Wis., June 27, 1959.

He married Miss Reva Van Horn of Welton, Iowa, June 5, 1920. In 1939 they removed to Albion, Wis. Survivors are his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Martin Furseth, Albion, Wis.; a son, William, Brodhead, Wis.; his mother, Mrs. Hattie Saunders, Garwin, Iowa; three brothers; and five grandchildren. Memorial services were conducted in the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church by the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs and the Rev. Elmo F. Randolph. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery at Albion.

— V. W. S.

**Whitford.** — Maude C., daughter of Albert and Dora Webster Burdick, was born Dec. 21, 1885, and died Sept. 8, 1959.

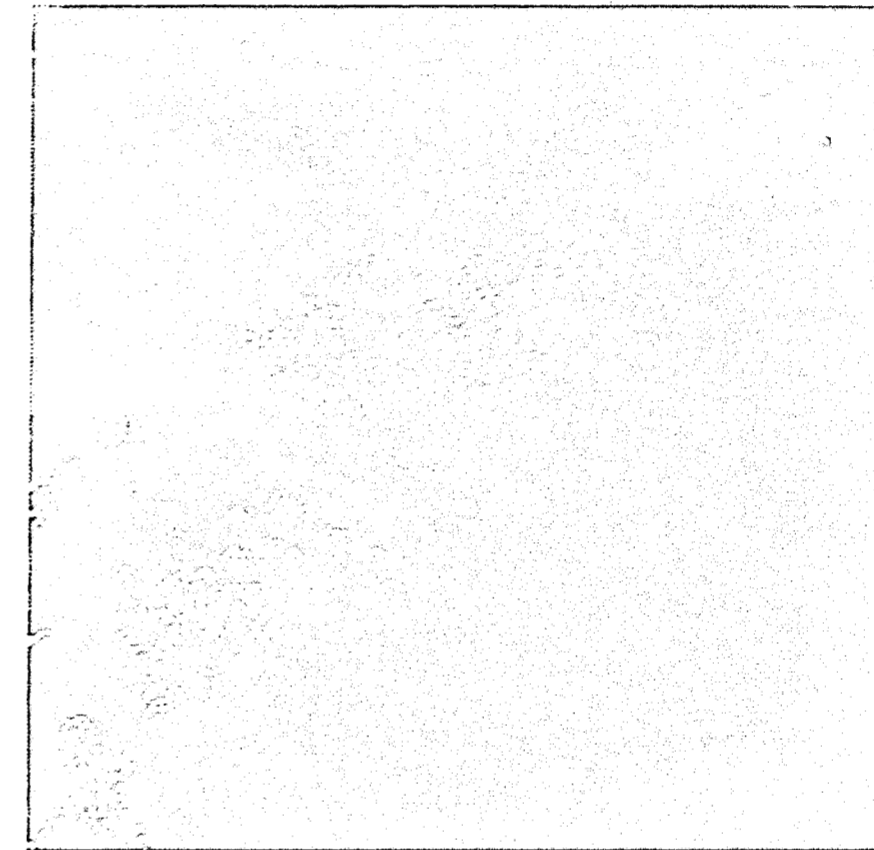
On Oct. 22, 1903, she was married to Harold Whitford. Her entire life was spent in Albion, Wis.

She had been a member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1897, and was a member of its Missionary and Benevolent Society.

Surviving are three sons: Jerome of Rockford, Ill.; Sydney of Lincoln, Neb.; and Ray, of Edgerton, Wis.; 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Her husband and two sons preceded her in death.

Memorial services were conducted in the Albion Church on Sabbath day, Sept. 12, 1959, by the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery at Albion.

— V. W. S.



## DESERT FLOWERS

Led of the Spirit into the wilderness  
our Lord sustained all Satan's buffetings.  
Around Him reared the desolate rocks;  
the cruel sun beat down upon His head.  
It was an arid mountain where no water was,  
a desert little removed from lands of milk and honey,  
a place where hunger arose and stood unsatisfied,  
and human hopes were put to greatest testing.  
Evil was present with many alluring suggestions.  
We like to think of Nature's face as not unsmiling,  
that perhaps some flowers at His feet were blooming,  
flowers that wind and sun could not discourage.  
Whether this be true or false, we know our Savior  
became our great example for days of sore testing.  
For us He makes all deserts burst in bloom;  
He splits the barren rocks to bring our blessings.