

# The Sabbath Recorder

Carol, and John; Albany, Mrs. Fred Draper; Berkeley, Mrs. Ida McCoon; El Cerrito, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Burdick, John, Ruth, and Richard.

The fellowship is also sponsoring regular monthly services at San Jose. The meetings are held at the YWCA, 210 South Second St., at 2 p.m. on the first Sabbath of the month. The meetings will be continued through June and this effort to extend the Bay Area Fellowship will then be evaluated.

Pastor Alton Wheeler of the Riverside church is making the semiannual pastoral visit to the Bay Area in May. There will be a fellowship dinner on the eve of the Sabbath, May 4, at the home of Mrs. Alta Leonard at 1682 Fourth St., Livermore. On Sabbath day, May 5, Pastor Wheeler will conduct the regular services at the Arlington Community Church, Kensington, at 9:30 a.m. (one hour earlier than usual) and then go to San Jose for the 2 p.m. service.

We ask that all will remember our fellowship in their prayers as our leaders work to extend the message of the church to this area in California.

PLAINFIELD, N. J. — At our Sabbath School annual meeting March 25, William Armstrong was re-elected superintendent, and Lloyd Coon and Everett Harris, Jr., were elected assistant superintendents. The other officers were re-elected. It was decided to pay half the fees of those who attend summer camps and the Pre-Con Retreat, as usual.

Our church annual meeting was held on Sunday, April 2, from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. Charles H. North was elected moderator for the year, and George M. Clarke, Miss Evalois St. John, and L. H. North were re-elected as trustee, clerk, and treasurer. The treasurer's report was an encouraging one. Total giving for the year amounted to \$10,420, including OWM. A church budget of \$10,815 was adopted.

A membership of 106, including two associate members, was reported. The average attendance on Sabbath morning was 59. Greetings were received from several absent members, including Mr. and Mrs. Courtland V. Davis, missionaries in Jamaica, and Mrs. Asa F. Randolph, our oldest member, who joined 75 years

ago and is nearly 95 years old. Three new members had been received during the year, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Coon and Miss Maureen O'Connor.

A delicious ham-and-yam dinner was served to about sixty by the young people, headed by Mrs. Everett Harris, Jr. The proceeds were for entertaining the Alfred young people April 13-16. After dinner Pastor Dickinson gave a forward-looking report, and color slides were shown of Mission Farms, Minnesota, site of our 1962 General Conference. A feeling of unity and encouragement pervaded the annual meeting. — Correspondent.

## Obituaries

Crockett.—Minerva Stillman, daughter of Horace and Clara (Bolser) Stillman, was born July 20, 1884, in Rock County, Wis., and died in a nursing home in Battle Creek, Mich., March 26, 1962, where she had been a patient since October 1960.

Her marriage to Henry C. Crockett ended in a divorce in 1938.

Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Harry (Marion) Shaffer of Pompano Beach, Fla.; Mrs. Ruth C. Rose of 26 Keith Drive, Battle Creek, with whom she made her home; two grandsons; four sisters: Mrs. Frank (Ruth) Walker of Richmond, Calif., Mrs. Kathryn Ryn of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Clara Garrett of Fort Knox, Ky., and Mrs. Myrle Graham of Battle Creek; and two brothers: Mahlon of Battle Creek and Willis of Albion, Wis.

Mrs. Crockett was a member of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church. Funeral services were conducted March 28 by the Rev. Herbert L. Polan and burial was made in the Hicks Cemetery. — H. L. P.

Whitford.—Caroline Ambuehl, daughter of Nicholous and Mary Wicke Ambuehl, was born Feb. 26, 1882 in Lone Grove Township, Ill., and died March 2, 1962 in St. Elmo.

She was baptized and confirmed in St. John's Evangelical Church. On Feb. 6, 1901 she was united in marriage to Charles Soldner, who passed away in 1920. She joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Farina April 19, 1919. In 1921 she was united in marriage with Orlo Whitford. She was preceded in death by her husband, her father, mother, two brothers, two sisters, an infant son and a step-son.

She leaves two brothers: Dr. George Ambuehl, Evanston, Ill., and Will Ambuehl, Farina, Ill.; one sister, Margaret Jarard of Farina, and two step-daughters, Mable Kincade of Maroa, Ill., and Josephine Hutchens of Kansas City, Mo.

Funeral services were held at Farina with her pastor, the Rev. Addison Appel, officiating. Burial was in Farina Cemetery. — A. A. A.



### Pilgrimage to Plainfield

Seventh Day Baptist youth do not make pilgrimages to denominational shrines, for there are none in the generally accepted meaning of the term. It is, however, a valuable part of one's preparation for adult responsibilities to visit if possible during the intermediate age the brick headquarters building prominently located in the city of Plainfield, N. J., which provides space for rare historical exhibits and offices for boards and agencies. Then, too, there is in the city a church building of unique architecture where the young folks can worship on the Sabbath. Pictured after church on April 14 are thirteen teenagers from Alfred, N. Y., their adult advisor, Wayne Maxson (right), and eight local intermediates.

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## Fear of Fallout

A state commissioner of health recently sent out a letter to all health officers in his state. This commissioner says that health officials throughout the nation are concerned that "fear" of fallout can seriously affect public health. This fear, which is nurtured by scare headlines in news-hungry papers, expresses itself in avoiding some of nature's best foods that are needed for a high level of public health.

The spiritual significance of the above statement is apparent to anyone who is familiar with the Bible. "Fear is torment," we read. "Perfect love casts out fear" is another statement. Time and again Jesus calmed the fears of His disciples. The Christian church was born into an even more hostile world than its founder. Its members had reason to be filled with fear, but unreasoning fear was held in check by the inspired preaching of the New Testament writers. The church would have died of spiritual starvation if fear of persecution had been allowed to keep the believers from assembling together. Let us meditate on these things and apply them to the sixth decade of the Twentieth Century.

Shall we avoid the use of milk because there has been atmospheric testing of atomic weapons of high potency? To do so would endanger our health far more than to continue drinking it, as scientific studies have shown. The present decline in milk consumption, dangerous to health as it may be, does not compare with the danger we are warned about in Scripture — failure to partake in full measure of the "milk of the Word."

Some notable books were written before the days of man-made nuclear fission and flight along the lower edge of space. The books had titles such as "The Christian View of God and the World." Basically they are not out of date. Nothing can do more in this day of psychological upset through runaway fears than a Christian view of God and His world. The Christian has stabilizing equipment on board the craft that he is steering in this chaotic world. He cannot pilot his ship without accurate knowledge of every danger in his path, but on the other hand, he is freed from the torment of fear. He will not for "fear of fallout" fall off the set course of his life or fall out of his craft.

He has the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, the love of Christ, and the fellowship of other Christians in his church. Through time and eternity he has the promise of Christ given to those who are true to His commission, "Lo, I am with you always."

## Loyalty Days

The President of the United States has recently signed a proclamation calling for the observance of Citizenship Day on September 17. One of the reasons for this special day is that it is the 175th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

Mr. Kennedy has signed another proclamation designating a special Loyalty Day to express "unceasing devotion and loyalty to this nation."

He called upon patriotic, civic, and educational organizations to observe Loyalty Day "with appropriate ceremonies in which all of our people may join in the reaffirmation of their loyalty to the United States of America." He also urged that the flag of the United States be displayed on all government buildings on that day.

The President issued the proclamation in keeping with Congressional action of 1958 designating May 1 of each year as Loyalty Day.

Seventh Day Baptists are loyal citizens, conscious of the general benefits they enjoy from a rich past or from an orderly government in the land of their residence. They also have a supreme loyalty to their Lord and Master Jesus Christ who has given them Christian liberty under law. We affirm a loyalty to Christ, to the law of God, and to a commandment of the Decalogue that many have neglected. We, too, have one or more loyalty days that call attention to our faith and the history of its profession in days gone by.

Sabbath Rally Day on May 19 is not something to be apologetic about, but to be proud of. For years we have proclaimed it as a special loyalty day. It sets a definite time to reaffirm our conviction that God has clearly expressed His will in the matter of the weekly day of rest and worship. It is a time for

private or public testimony of the joy of obedience to the will of God. It is an occasion to make or carry out plans for helping others to share this joy. Most of us need such a day — a yearly reminder of a weekly blessing.

The Sabbath is God's; it needs no defense from the biblical point of view. It is not God who needs another loyalty day, but His people. Any celebration that increases our loyalty to Him and to His Word is worth the effort required to make it meaningful.

## How They Give

The reading of church bulletins from numerous churches over a period of time enables one to catch at least a partial glimpse of the stewardship of the members and the relationship between local and world mission giving. The picture is not altogether as it should be. One old church in the month of March had some very substantial giving for local expenses. On two Sabbaths contributions were about \$70, on the other three \$150, \$230, and \$455. This wide variation did not show up in denominational giving, which stayed steady at between \$25 and \$35 per week.

Another much larger church showed contributions to local work running about \$100 per week below the amount needed and gifts to Our World Mission running from a low of \$10 to a high of \$65, with an announced goal of \$80 per week.

A city church in another part of the country shows relatively little variation from week to week during March either in local or denominational giving. The published quota for the latter is about \$165 per week, and the giving comes close to that figure. Interestingly enough, the local-work giving is about equal to the amounts given for world missions.

The three examples given are not necessarily representative of the majority of our churches. No church or denomination can persuade all of its members to contribute on a steady weekly basis certain predetermined amounts to the two or three major causes that call for the largest contributions. Each individual, especially in a church with congregational govern-

MEMORY TEXT

Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance. Acts 26: 19-20.

ment, must decide for himself how much he will or can give and to what specific causes. Tithing and stewardship are emphasized in the three churches mentioned above, as in nearly all of our churches. Manifestly the results are not the same.

The amount of our giving in relation to our income is determined by our love and sense of responsibility. The direction of our giving often reflects the publicity and stress given locally by church officials and the pastor, as well as by the letters and stories of need that come to us from denominational and other sources. It may well be suggested that if the proportion giving to local needs is way out of line with that going to the larger work of our people, prayerful consideration ought to be given in the councils of the local church to change the emphasis and enlarge the vision of the congregation.

Our Readers Say

Typical of the bulk of remarks coming to the subscription desk of the Sabbath Recorder is the following. "Please renew my subscription. I thoroughly enjoy the Sabbath Recorder. God give you strength to do His will." The editor is particularly appreciative of indications that people are praying for his editorial ministry.

Less heartening but just as heart-stirring are the occasional notes that tell a story of failing eyesight or financial inability to continue the Recorder. There are more of the latter throughout the whole nation than most of us would think possible in this time of general prosperity. Contributions to the Recorder Fund to help such people are seldom mentioned, but they can make possible continuing the subscriptions of some of these appreciative people.

President's Message

Sabbath School at General Conference

Because so many have expressed interest in and questions about Sabbath School at General Conference it would seem advisable to write a little more about it.

As each person registers he will be assigned a number which represents a Sabbath School group. Each of these groups, probably 20 in number, will be assigned a teacher and a place to meet. Before Sabbath day, the meeting place of each of the Sabbath School groups will be posted on the bulletin boards. We expect that sufficient teachers will be available so that the groups will be kept small enough in size to allow free discussion. Children will meet in their own groups, the young people will meet in their age groups, and the adults will be assigned to their groups.

A special Helping Hand lesson has been prepared in keeping with the theme for the day, which is "Draw Near to God in Being Seventh Day Baptists." The distinctive theme chosen for the lesson is, "God's Love Proclaimed Through Seventh Day Baptists" and fits in admirably with the International Uniform Lesson for that day. The assigned International Lesson Scripture is from Ezekiel 33: 1-20, and topic assigned by the International Uniform Lesson Committee is: "God's Love Proclaimed."

As the lesson has been developed, it deals with the proclamation of God's love through us as Seventh Day Baptists. The historical background of the lesson will deal with the Hebrews in exile and the prophet's message. The exile did something for the Hebrews, and there is a lesson here for us as Seventh Day Baptists.

The people in exile had to solidify their thinking as to what it meant to be called of God; what it meant for their families to be a separate people in the midst of a non-understanding populace, and just what this did for them in the development of their concept of a called-out and covenanting-together people.

If we as Seventh Day Baptists are to remain a distinctive people, we cannot

do less than think through what it means to be Seventh Day Baptists in our world.

To help clarify our thinking during the Sabbath School study period, the Helping Hand lesson has been prepared under four headings with four different writers. The headings are these: (1) "What it means to proclaim God's love — within the Baptist heritage and witness," written by the Rev. Albert N. Rogers; (2) "What it means to proclaim God's love — in the Seventh Day Baptist home," by Mrs. H. C. Van Horn; (3) "What it means to proclaim God's love — as Seventh Day Baptists within the community," by Mrs. H. E. Kuehn; and (4) "What it means to proclaim God's love — to all the world as Seventh Day Baptists," by the Rev. Everett T. Harris.

This lesson has not been written only for General Conference. It will be just as usable for those who cannot attend General Conference as for those who are at "Mission Farms," Minneapolis, Minn., on Sabbath, Aug. 18, 1962. It was written so that we all might draw nearer to God in recognizing that He has called us as Seventh Day Baptists with an unusual message for an unusual day. We must proclaim God's love,

As Seventh Day Baptists,  
Melvin G. Nida.

Sabbath Rally Day Materials

A large packet of Sabbath Rally Day materials has been sent to pastors and superintendents of all Seventh Day Baptist churches and fellowships in this country to assist leaders in their plans. It contained a letter explaining the theme "Shoulder to Shoulder in Sabbath Witness," a page of general suggestions, an index of Sabbath articles in the Sabbath Recorder from April 1961 to April 1962, a worship program and a Bible lesson for juniors, a story for children, two adult worship services (for Sabbath School and Sabbath eve) a Sabbath quiz, a song sheet, and a copy of the 25-cent song-book We Glorify Thy Name. If local churches do not have facilities for reproducing the worship materials the Sabbath Promotion Committee will attempt to help further

in this respect on a cost basis as time permits.

The printed Sabbath Rally Day bulletin covers will be sent to all churches in a separate mailing, as a gift from the American Sabbath Tract Society.

Association Meetings

Our churches in the continental U. S. A. are conveniently grouped together into nine geographical areas or Associations. Most of these have their annual weekend meetings in the spring and shorter weekend meetings in the fall.

The Pacific Coast Association has already been held at Riverside, Calif., April 20-22.

The Northern Association also has an early meeting — at Battle Creek, Mich., this year — May 4, 5, and 6.

Eastern Association, which has traditionally been the second weekend of June, voted — because of school-closing complications — to meet this year the last of May. Sessions will be held with the Marlboro, N. J., church May 25, 26, and 27.

Notice has come that North Central Association will be held in New Auburn, Wis., on June 22, 23, and 24. The theme is "Called to be Witnesses" in accordance with this year's Program for Advance emphasis.

The Central New York Association meets the first weekend in June at De Ruyter, N. Y. The secretary of the Missionary Society is expected to be one of the guest speakers.

Western Association, meeting at Alfred, N. Y., June 16 and 17 has chosen the theme "Our Community Witness." Harley D. Bond, executive secretary, is scheduled as the Sabbath afternoon speaker.

Details of time and program of two other Associations, Southeastern at Salemville, Pa., and Southwestern at Metairie, La., are not at hand.

People within driving distance of any of these meeting places are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to worship and work with people of like faith. All Associations have home mission projects of various kinds, some of which are very ambitious and forward-looking.

### Items from Nyasaland Executive Committee Report

Note: The minutes of this report were taken and sent to us by Pastor O. B. Manan, secretary, and Pastor F. J. Thom, assistant secretary of the Executive Committee. The meeting was held at Makapwa Mission, January 3-4, 1962, with the Rev. David Pearson presiding. — E. T. H.

Miss Barbara Bivins reported to the committee about our Bible School held in November. Daily average attendance in 1960 was 16, but in 1961 jumped to 26. Some of the children accepted Christ at this time.

Regarding Pastoral (or Ministerial) Training School, it was agreed to have the students sign a form of agreement before they start this school. They will also be required to come with their advocates (relatives responsible) to the mission before they start this school.

The chairman reminded the pastors that they should be sure that baptismal candidates are really taught about the Christian way before they are baptized. A full course of study outlined for them should really be followed. It was thought that perhaps some of the members, who are very weak in paying tithe and giving offerings, now are this way because they were not trained well about these things. Pastors L. Mungoni and O. B. Manan were appointed at this time to go around the churches to teach and to encourage Christians to tithe and give more offerings to the church work.

Chairman Pearson asked the committee about putting up a well at the medical site and building new latrines and houses there. The committee agreed that there is no objection to that idea. The extension should start any time, because that will greatly help both patients and workers at the mission.\*

Planning for conference July 1962, Miss Sarah Becker will be the president. At this time she told the committee that our

\*It was decided at the April 22 meeting of the Missionary Board that the beginning of this water system project would have to be delayed for other than financial reasons.

conference theme this year will be "Christian Living." The conference will be held at Makapwa Mission. It has been planned this year to have discussion groups besides preaching. Six leaders volunteered to lead the groups. Miss Becker will train them in how to lead the groups for a week sometime before conference.

### Crandall Notes from Jamaica

By Headmaster Courtland V. Davis

The first term of 1962 closed on April 12. School will resume on April 24 following the Easter holidays. Crandall is in the process of changing its school year so that in 1963 the academic year will begin in September and end with graduation in July of 1964. This is in line with a decision of the organization of secondary school headmasters and headmistresses of the entire island to make our academic year match that of the schools in the temperate zones. It will mean that our last December graduation will be held in 1963. Readjustment of the various courses is now in process.

The present Form Three which will be the first class to be graduated in July will be expected to have an additional six-week term during the summer holidays of 1962 and again in 1963, thus making up the twelve-week term which will be lost by graduation in July instead of the following December. Effort will be made to make up the lost term in the lower forms without the necessity of summer sessions.

With this change in calendar Crandall graduates will be able to go on to advanced institutions in America and England as well as to our own University of the West Indies and teacher training colleges without losing six months' time between the schools.

A new picture of Dr. Ben R. Crandall, after whom our school was named, was presented to the school at the assembly on Monday, April 9. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Mavis A. Stirling, senior member of the Crandall staff. Acceptance was by Courtland V. Davis, principal of the school. The picture is the gift of Dr. Crandall, presented to

the school at the request of Mr. Davis. The suggestion of members of the staff that the picture be in addition to, rather than a replacement for the picture of Dr. Crandall now hanging in the school office, showing him in academic robes at the time of his graduation from Alfred, will be followed.

Entrance examinations for the new term were held on April 5 and 12, with a third and final sitting scheduled on April 19. There seems to be more than the usual amount of interest this year, possibly due to the approach of political independence from Britain, scheduled to be completed on August 6, 1962.

### British Guiana Notes

Pastor Leland Davis has written on April 2, 1962, "We are all keeping well, trying to get proper rest and food. Occasionally we take a siesta during the heat of the day. One thing nice — although it is hot out on the street and when working outside, still when inside, our upper flat always has a breeze, as we are quite close to the sea. While our windows are usually open, occasionally we close the ones in our sitting room in the evening, as it is too cool."

Pastor Davis reports progress being made at Uitvlugt on preparations to build a house of worship. They have made over 1,000 building blocks and are securing the necessary "corrugated metal roofing."

Pastor Davis writes, "Not only has Uitvlugt been making their own blocks, but the Bona Ventura Church for some time has been sawing logs by hand to make boards for their addition."

Pastor Davis had previously written, "The Bona Ventura Church would like to apply for \$200 to match the \$200 they have for two additions: a vestry, also to be used for Sabbath School room; and an enlargement of the sanctuary." It is hoped that Our World Mission receipts will make it possible for the Missionary Board to grant this request.

Dr. Plafair, editor of the *African Challenge*, says, "The influence of Gospel literature is greater than 5,555 new missionaries going into the field."

### Pictorial, Large-Size Testament Published by Bible Society

Publication of "The New Testament With Pictures," a new, profusely illustrated large-size paperback edition in the King James Version to sell for one dollar, has been announced by the American Bible Society. A similar edition in Spanish has been published simultaneously.

The project required more than ten years to develop and is hailed as a "milestone" by Society officials. The Testament was produced by rotogravure, has 259 pages, 8½" x 11", and contains 566 photographs, nine maps, and six diagrams to illustrate and clarify various passages in the light of recent archaeological and historical stories. The cover is laminated for durability, of modern design and printed in six colors.

Research and planning for the new edition was begun in 1950 by the Rev. Dr. Gilbert Darlington, now a consultant to the Society, but then its treasurer.

The pictures include a record of inscriptions, statues, temples, and cities of Biblical times. The Corinth Canal, started by Nero with Jewish slaves, the pavement where Christ stood before Pilate, excavations of the palace of Herod Agrippa at Jericho, the mounds of Lystra and Derbe — all places and things Jesus and His disciples and Paul saw — are shown.

"These pictures make Christ's world live for children," Dr. Darlington points out.

For some photographs lengthy negotiations, sometimes lasting as long as three years, were needed. One such picture was of the small volcanic island of Patmos, where John wrote the Book of Revelation. It required the permission of the air ministries of the British and Greek governments, the Greek Information Service, and the U. S. Civil Aeronautics Board.

Ministers, seminary students and other Biblical scholars are expected to find the new edition of value because of its special sources and reference materials. Travelers, too, may find that it provides an excellent guide to points of Biblical interest.

## Thoughts on Distinctive Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs

By Thelma Tarbox

(Continued from last week)

### What Does History Show?

History sheds considerable light on the origin of Sunday observance. About a hundred years after the Ascension, Justin Martyr recorded the first indisputable reference to Sundaykeeping. The Encyclopedia Britannica says that by A.D. 200 many Christian churches kept both Saturday and Sunday. About one hundred years later, the Roman Emperor Constantine who "wanted nothing in common with the hostile rabble of the Jews," made Sunday the official day of rest. At this time, Eusebius wrote: "All things whatsoever it was our duty to do on the Sabbath, these we have transferred to the Lord's day . . . because it is more honorable than the Jewish Sabbath." The Roman church took the next step around A.D. 350 at the Council of Laodicea, by requiring Sunday observance and forbidding Sabbath observance. Anyone who was found idle or "judaizing" on the Sabbath was to be excommunicated from the church. We can be sure that Sabbathkeepers were still going strong three hundred years after Christ, or it wouldn't have been necessary to make laws against them.

It seems clear that the primitive Christian church was wholly Sabbathkeeping. Gradually Sunday was celebrated as a holiday. Eventually both Saturday and Sunday were given equal religious significance — then, because of feeling against the Jews, Sunday was made the substitute Sabbath.

How about calendar changes? This is a point frequently used against the Sabbath. True, the dates of the month have been changed, but the weekly cycle of days has always remained the same. For example, the Gregorian calendar was adopted in October, 1582. Thursday, Oct. 4, was followed by Friday, Oct. 15. Furthermore, the Jews have their own calendar, and their Sabbath coincides with our seventh day. We are positive that the original Sabbath has never been lost.

### Letter and Spirit

A few years ago, I wrote to Dr. Daniel Poling and asked his opinion on the Sabbath-Sunday issue. He upheld Sunday by referring me to the third chapter of 2 Corinthians. In this chapter, Paul speaks of ministers of the new Testament, "not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

Doesn't "spirit and letter" refer to our attitude towards a law, and our manner of keeping it? Maybe you've heard the story of the man who ran out of gas while taking his sick wife to the hospital. It was Sunday and he begged the owner of the filling station for gas. "No," said the owner, "I can give you no gas. It's Sunday, and I don't work on Sunday!"

Isn't that a case of keeping Sunday to the letter, but overlooking the spirit? When I was little, a neighbor's baby was born dead. My uncle helped the father dig the grave — on Saturday. I complained that my uncle shouldn't work on Sabbath day. My grandmother explained that when people need help, we should help them, whether it's Sabbath day or not. I was concerned with the "letter" but my grandmother understood the "spirit." It doesn't seem to me that Paul's words about "spirit and letter," justify changing the wording of the Fourth Commandment to read: "the first day is the Sabbath." It is quite significant that the other nine commandments are kept exactly as God wrote and spoke them. No one thinks of changing the Fifth Commandment. It remains: "Honor thy father and thy mother . . ." The sixth is still the same: "Thou shall not kill." But there are people who say we must not keep the law according to the letter. If we keep the seventh day — that is the "letter." We must change the Fourth Commandment (and only the Fourth Commandment) and keep Sunday, because that is keeping the law according to the "spirit."

Seventh Day Baptists believe that all the commandments should be obeyed according to the "spirit" and not the "letter." We believe that God did not give us His laws because He wishes to

deny us pleasure, but because He wants us to avoid mistakes that will bring misery upon ourselves and others. Seventh Day Baptists believe that the Ten Commandments are God's standard of right and wrong. We are thankful for them and even more grateful that, through Christ, we have the ability to keep God's laws and thus enjoy abundant life. Where there is an attitude of loving appreciation, we believe that "spirit and letter" will be properly applied.

### Can the Majority Rule in Matters of Conscience?

About four years ago, a Baptist minister was discussing the Sabbath-Sunday problem with me. I asked him what day he would choose if he lived in a community equally divided between Saturday and Sunday Christians. He replied that he would keep Sunday because it is the law of the land. If he had thought this over carefully, he would have realized that the laws of the land are made by the majority of the people. As soon as Christians allow the state, that is the majority, to determine religious doctrine, we are in danger of having an undesirable religion forced upon us. Baptists, especially, stand strong upon the Bible — and it should be the Bible, not the state, from which we derive our religion.

Roman Catholics chide Protestants for keeping Sunday because, say the Catholics, Protestants have renounced the traditions of the Catholic church and stand for the Bible only. Catholics consider Protestants inconsistent to keep Sunday which Catholics claim is a tradition of their church and it cannot be found in the Bible.

### Study the Scriptures

What is the truth of the matter? We know for sure that the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Old Testament. Christ kept the seventh day and since His time there have always been groups of Sabbathkeepers who could not accept Sunday. The Bible calls the seventh day God's Holy Day. Who made the first day the Lord's Day? Was it God, or was it a Roman emperor and the fourth-century church?

I think Christians can find the truth. But we have to be willing to work for it. God says we have to seek before we find and we have to open our mouths and ask before we receive. A controversial issue of this type requires Bible study and much prayer. When we pray and search the Bible, surely God will guide us. What is God's answer to the question: "Does He want us to keep Saturday or is Sunday His day?"

### Church Success Story from California

A young man from New York City visited the Seventh Day Baptist Building recently. It was his second visit to Plainfield and his interest in the things for which we stand is keen. His identity does not matter. Suffice it to say that he is a Sabbathkeeping Jewish Christian who hardly dares reveal his Christian faith at home. He had read enough of printed statistics to make a remark that he immediately apologized for. It was to the effect that it is too bad Seventh Day Baptists are dying out. The trouble with Yearbook statistics is that they are lifeless and cold; they do not tell an adequate story of the real interest evident in a congregation or a Conference. It takes something more than a two- or three-year comparison of membership figures to reveal the encouraging side of the picture — assuming that there is really such a side. The figures usually lag behind the signs of growth that are apparent to those who are intimately acquainted with the people in the church.

Let us take an interesting illustration. The Los Angeles church showed no significant change in membership according to the 1961 Yearbook. In fact, there was a drop from 136 to 132. As such is fairly comparable with the drop in total membership in Seventh Day Baptist churches in the United States last year. There are so many nonresident and inactive members in our churches, that reported losses by death or dropping from the rolls can represent much more the burying of dead wood than the dying of green trees. What is the present situation at Los Angeles? Attendance is good

enough so that the editor of the church bulletin writes enthusiastically about reaching the goal of 100 on March 31 and the need of setting new goals after going to 107 the next Sabbath. With a membership scattered all over the state and the world, such an attendance is a strong indication of the direction the church is going, statistics notwithstanding.

Suppose we look back ten years. The congregation had relocated from one side of the city to another and was housed in its new building. The 1951 Yearbook gives the membership at that time as 75. Accurate attendance figures are not at hand but, if memory can be relied upon, the average congregation was below 50 in spite of the strong efforts of pastor and people. If one looks back another ten years the growth appears more significant for the membership of the then pastorless church was given as 35. For a number of years Los Angeles had been getting help from the Missionary Board. A new spirit came into the church and it slowly gathered momentum. Anyone who has lived in Southern California knows that it is not quite a Seventh Day Baptist utopia. Souls are not more easily converted there than in other places, and the migration of eastern church members to the coast does not automatically swell the attendance in our churches. The problems are many. One of the secrets of their success was the maintaining of a changing interest or prospect list almost three times as large as the membership and keeping up a weekly contact with that many people. It is to be noted that the church is now in the middle of its second major building program and that support of missions is running high.

Conditions for immediate growth are not as favorable in every place as in Los Angeles but perhaps a few could be cited where the rate of growth is even greater. Consistent, loving outreach by all the working members of a church is sure to increase attendance and interest. These are more important than a favorable balance of accessions and losses at the end of a given year. God honors His promise that faithful sowing and tending will eventually bring a harvest. — Editor.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

### Christian Education Board Meeting

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education met in its quarterly meeting, Sunday, April 15.

A report by the Youth Work Committee told of plans that are developing nicely for the Pre-Con Retreats, and the set-up for the new Youth field worker, Miss Linda Bingham. (Miss Bingham conferred with the Youth Work Committee, Dr. Melvin Nida, Sec. Rex Zwiebel, and Chairman Victor W. Skaggs, April 15-19.) The Camper Exchange Program has been held up for lack of response of one correspondent.

After a report by the Publications Committee, it was voted that the committee send out a questionnaire to our Sabbath Schools regarding their use of the Junior Quarterly and asking for information and advice in regard to future publishing.

The Higher Education Committee reported that some progress is being made on Ministers' Conference for 1963.

Resolutions of respect and sympathy were voted to be sent to the families of Gerald Burdick, who had been a faithful member of the board, and Rev. Lincoln Archer, late member of the Advisory Committee of the Alfred University School of Theology.

It was voted to authorize the executive secretary to purchase a filmstrip-slide projector.

### Church Offering Boxes

"Little Church Offering Boxes" have been mailed to all of our churches and fellowships from our office. The suggested plan is for a church to be given to each member of the Sabbath School on Sabbath, May 19, urging extra giving through them to the Our World Mission Budget. They should be returned to the Sabbath School on Sabbath, June 30, 1962.

### Conference Banquet

The annual Men and Boys' Banquet (heretofore called the Father-Son Banquet) will be held Thursday evening of General Conference.

Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College, will be the speaker. Dr. Hurley, out of his tremendous amount of contacts throughout the country while working as chairman of the Committee for Advancement of Small Colleges, along with his intense interest in the education of our Seventh Day Baptist youth, will be sure to direct and inspire the thinking of each one in attendance.

This is one more reason for every man and boy to plan to attend General Conference, August 12-18, 1962.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

### WORSHIP SERVICE

"Therefore I bid you put away anxious thoughts about food and drink to keep you alive, and clothes to cover your body. Surely life is more than food, the body more than clothes. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow and reap and store in barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. You are worth more than the birds! Is there a man among you who by anxious thought can add a foot to his height? And why be anxious about clothes? Consider how the lilies grow in the fields; they do not work, they do not spin; and yet, I tell you, even Solomon in all his splendour was not attired like one of these. But if that is how God clothes the grass in the fields, which is there today, and tomorrow is thrown on the stove, will He not all the more clothe you? How little faith you have! No, do not ask anxiously, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What shall we wear?" All these are things for the heathen to run after, not for you, because your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your mind on God's kingdom and His justice before everything else, and all the rest will come to you as well. So do not be anxious about tomorrow; tomorrow will look after itself. Each day has troubles enough of its own" (Matt. 6: 25-34, The New English Bible).

As spring comes, we realize that the birds and flowers have a beauty that we cannot copy. The important part, however, is "Surely life is more than food, the body more than clothes."

Spring is a time when life begins anew. We must examine our spiritual life and enrich it by the Word of God to bring new growth. Plants need nourishment or they are weak and unhealthy. We, like the plant, must grow — or wither and die. We can't stand still.

If we neglect our Bible reading when we think we are too busy earning food, drink, and clothes, we are making a big mistake. We must learn to put first things first. Let us diligently seek food for the soul.

### PRAYER

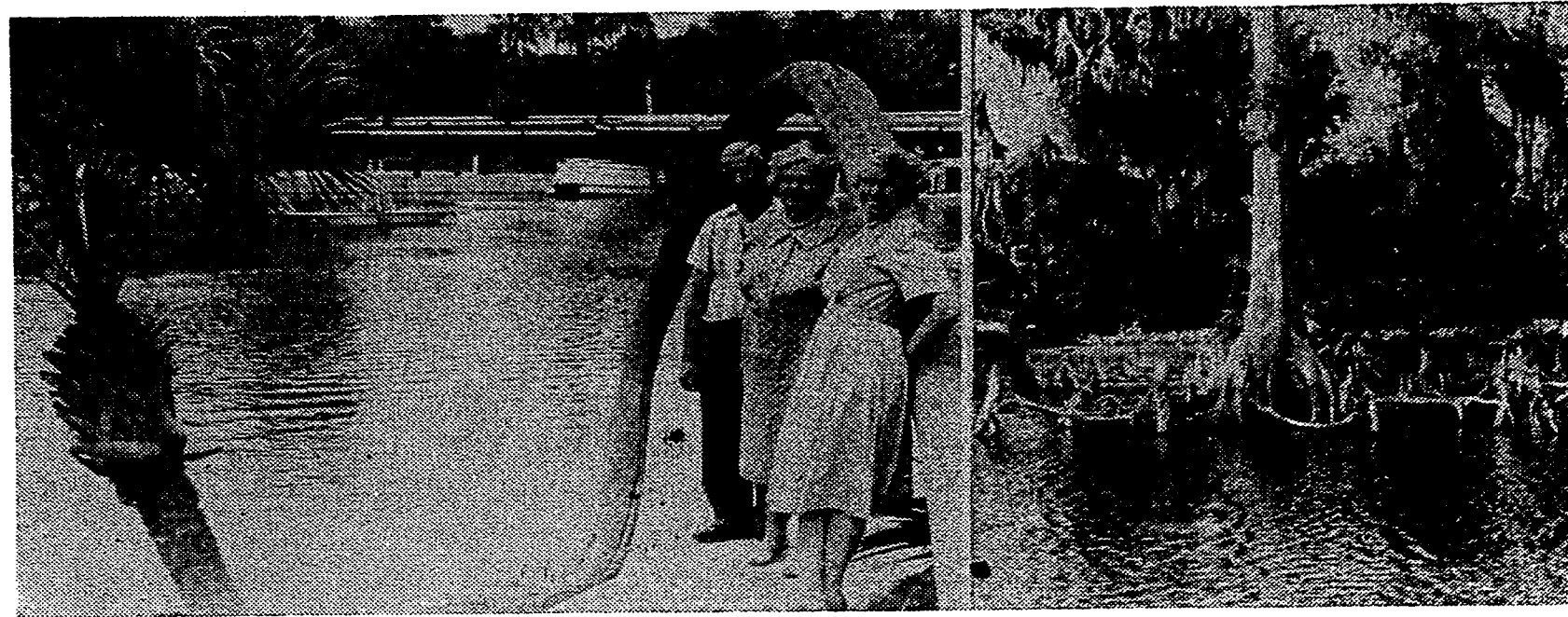
Our Father, help us to set our minds on God's Kingdom and His justice. Feed us with the bread of life and open our hearts and minds to receive it. Amen.

### Church Honors Aged Widow of Former Pastor

Mrs. Alice White Fifield of Battle Creek, who reached the age of 92 on April 16, is still active and was given birthday honors at a church luncheon Sabbath day, April 14. She expressed thankfulness for a clear mind and for her many friends. The newspaper clipping from the "Breakfast Food City" notes that Mrs. Fifield has been a resident for over 50 years. Her husband, Elder George E. Fifield, though he died in 1926 while pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church is still remembered through his books, especially *The Water of Life*. He was considered a powerful preacher. Mrs. Fifield has typed more than 200 of his sermons and presented copies to the Historical Society at Plainfield, N. J., and to the Alfred University School of Theology. She was trained in secretarial work in West Virginia and was a secretary at the Battle Creek Sanitarium for 30 years. No longer able to read, she daily selects the best radio and television programs to maintain her religious life.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 12, 1962  
Suffering for Christ's Sake  
Lesson Scripture: 1 Peter 4: 12-19; 5: 6-11.



## Strange Trees

### A Teen Talk

Did you ever see a tall palm tree kneeling like a desert camel? Have you had opportunity to travel in the swamps of the South and observe the knees of giant cypress trees? They have knees but they kneel not — like some people — who are too busy keeping their heads above water or enjoying life and forgetting to give thanks and pray. Did you ever see walking trees, or have you driven for hours on end in vast areas where almost all of the bushes and little trees are "trees that walk" — mangroves? Such are some of the sights of Florida and other states of the deep South. Let's think about these strange trees for a moment.

I am not so impressed with the palm tree that lifts its head after bending so low. No one told me why it grew in that unnatural position. Quite possibly man had a hand in something that nature had started. It is a freak of nature for a tree to kneel to the ground like a camel but the Bible tells us that we should take the position of prayer and should be "like a tree planted by the rivers of water" (Psa. 1: 3).

We realize that the knees of the cypress are not for kneeling. They are a sort of root formation that comes up out of the water or out of the ground with another purpose. Many of them look like the sharply bent knee of a boy lying on his back. Some say that they help the tree to get air in its root system — enabling the tree to "breathe." A poet

has told us that prayer is the Christian's native breath and that no Christian can really live without prayer. If you want to resemble the mighty cypress tree, you will constantly need prayer, symbolized by the bent knee. It will enable you to breathe the clean air even when you are surrounded by the black swamp of sin.

What about those trees that walk? There was not room to picture them here. You will have to imagine dense clumps of slender trees like a bank of boys and girls closely grouped together. Each, of course, has a single trunk and the interlocking branches with green foliage spread heavenward. Since these trees are not growing on dry land but in water, they must be kept from drowning. The body of the tree never touches the brackish water but is held two feet or more above the water level by standing on a cluster of roots that look much like a spider or a grand-daddy-long-legs. They go down into the soil and rock beneath the shallow water. You can see why they call them "trees that walk." It would be quite another thing for a boy to try to walk through that tangle of legs. It is a better place for little alligators.

I am reminded of a wonderful miracle of the Bible. Jesus led a blind man out of the city, put His hands upon him and asked him what he could see. The answer was, "I see men as trees, walking." A second touch on his eyes enabled him to see men clearly. They no longer looked like trees walking. Where most of us live trees do not stand on spider legs. If Jesus has put new light in our eyes

we see crowds of young folks, not as crowds, but as individuals for whom Christ died. We look at them as Christ looks at us — with love and with a desire to help them live uprightly.

## The Challenge of an Independent Jamaica

By J. C. C. Coombs\*

How shall we live? How shall we make the most of our lives and put them to the best use? This, and not politics or trade or war or pleasure is the question: The primary consideration is not how shall we get a living, but how shall we live? If we live rightly, whatever is needful we shall easily find. Life is opportunity, and therefore its circumstances may be made to serve those who are bent on self-improvement, on making themselves capable of doing thorough work.

Today we have such an opportunity — the chance of accepting the challenge of an independent Jamaica. It is now a favorable time, occasion, or place for learning or doing a thing or helping to create a new national spirit. It is an invitation to seek safety and refreshment, an appeal to make escape from what is low and vulgar, and to take refuge in high thoughts and worthy deeds, from which flows increase of strength and joy.

With the coming of independence we will be in charge of our own affairs internally and externally, for the directing of our relationship with other countries. But this new position brings greater and more challenging responsibilities. We must be self-disciplined. We must recognize authority and learn to be governed by the laws of our country. We must work harder, giving a full day's work for a full day's pay. We must read more and be aware of the happenings around the world.

We who have must be prepared to give to them who have not: that is love.

\*Jerome Coombs is an ambitious, technically trained young man of considerable leadership ability whose thoughts on independence are interesting.

We must deplore irresponsible strikes, realizing that such actions are detrimental to the stability of our country. Above all, we must illuminate a new and dedicated spirit of patriotism.

We did not fight physically to achieve our independence as other countries had to — hence our history may not be very spectacular. But we do have a history, one that really started in the 18th century — the fight against slavery. We must respect our history. Let us not be pessimistic.

What we call evils — as poverty, neglect, and suffering — are, if we are wise, opportunities for good. Death itself teaches that life's values are not less than its vanities. It is the background against which its worth and beauty stand out in clear relief. Its dark form follows us like our shadows, to bid us win the prize while there is yet time; to teach us that if we live in what is permanent, the destroyer cannot blight what we do, love, and know; to urge us with a power that knows nothing else, to lay the stress of all our hoping and doing as that which cannot pass away. Hail Independence!

"Man is made free to do what he ought, not what he wants."

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Ex-priests to Report Vatican Council

The Rev. Stuart Garver, executive director of Christ's Mission, Inc., of Sea Cliff, New York, and editor of Christian Heritage Magazine, has announced the opening of a Rome office to cover the Roman Catholic Ecumenical Council called by Pope John XXIII to convene in October of this year.

Christ's Mission, which maintains a retreat and counselling service for priests who leave the Roman Catholic Church, will have its executive director and an ex-priest member of its staff on duty in the Rome office. They will issue regular dispatches which will report on the activities of the Council, the important people who attend, and seek to interpret the Council's discussions and conclusions. These dispatches will be made available to the Protestant press in America at a small service fee.

### National Support Urged of New Immigration Bill

Two U. S. Senators have urged the nation's religious organizations to rally support of the new immigration bill now before Congress. At a meeting of the American Immigration and Citizenship Conference, of which Church World Service is a member, Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R.-N. Y.) and Sen. Philip A. Hart (D.-Mich.) urged members to get support for the bill, S. 3043, co-sponsored by them and 23 other Senators. The AICC lists over 30 religious agencies among its 60 active members.

Stating that "we now have a bill which proposes objectives long sought," Sen. Hart pointed out that it erases the discrimination of the national origins quota system, is responsive to immigration requirements and "is in keeping with our national goals." He is chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapees.

Sen. Keating explained that the new bill would permit the entry each year of 250,000 immigrants. Of the total visas, he said, 50,000 would be available to refugees and escapees "without regard to quota areas." The remaining 200,000 would be divided among nations on the basis of the proportion each country's populations bears to that of the world, with a limit of 3,000 visas per country.

Servicemen who, if they were lined up, would extend the equivalent of a 29-mile chow line, were helped every month last year by Red Cross. This totals 77,200 per month or over 100 each hour!

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING**  
**Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society**  
The Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held on Sunday, May 27, 1962, at 7:30 p.m. The place — Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.  
Frederik J. Bakker,  
Secretary.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

**LOST CREEK, W. VA.**—Due to a great deal of sickness among our members, church attendance during March was rather poor. Now that spring is here, we are hoping for better attendance.

Feeling the need of a constitution, the church chose a committee of four to draft one. This committee worked long and hard on its task and presented it to the church for ratification and adoption. A copy was given to each family for study. Meetings were held at the church to discuss it article by article. It is hoped it will soon be adopted.

On March 31 Pastor Davis and family were in Shiloh, N. J. where he was guest preacher for an evangelistic Preaching Mission. In his absence church services were in charge of the Youth Fellowship. These services started with a Youth Rally Sabbath eve. Guest speaker was William A. Long from St. Albans, a member of the St. Albans Christian Business Men's Committee and also Chief of Police of that city. He spoke against the amendment "Liquor by the Drink" in West Virginia which is to be voted upon in the November election.

On Sabbath the young people used for their subject "Aims of the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship." Many of them had a part in the service, each using a different phase of this broad subject. These young people are to be commended for their good work and the church is very proud of all of them.

On April 7 Pastor Davis began teaching a special class during the Sabbath School hour using the book "You and Your Church" as a text.

We hope to begin "Depth Bible Study Groups" in the near future which will last six weeks.

Our Ladies Aid has been quite busy recently serving banquets at our church to different groups in the Lost Creek community. — Correspondent.

**NORTH LOUP, NEB.**—Pastor Ganzel of the North Loup-Scotia Methodist Church, and Pastor Clarke of the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church attended the State Council Ministers' Convocation held

at Hastings, Neb., March 19. While in Hastings they also called on several who have been spending the winter in a rest home there.

With alternating hosts, the men of the Methodist and Seventh Day Baptist churches have attended Lenten breakfasts each Thursday morning. After a brief talk by one of the pastors, a few moments of visiting were spent before each left for his work of the day.

On March 3 several of the youth group started on a field trip to study how other churches of the area have been building educational facilities, but the blowing snow prevented the completion of the trip.

Pastor Clarke was given a surprise birthday gift and cake with a pot-luck dinner at the church March 3 by the youth group and their parents. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed March 17 after the return of the Farley, Van Horn, Cox, and Schoning families from several weeks spent in southern states of the East and West. They returned to our worst winter period of the year. Events of our blizzards of other years were described after the dinner.

A brief dedication service was held Sabbath morning in connection with the children's message, when a cross, candlesticks, and collection plates were presented in memory of Vicki Cox by her family and friends. Also a drinking fountain has been installed in the church parlors as a memorial to Beth Severance.

The weather and roads were most cooperative when the Dr. Grace Missionary Society served a delicious baked ham dinner at the Mother-Daughter Banquet April 3. All 160 tickets were purchased well in advance. Guests ranged from a tiny infant to several grandmothers well into their eighties. Colorful table decorations, programs, and favors all carried the theme of Spring Showers with tiny umbrellas and flowers. A "stone wall" at the east end of the dining room, green plants, and colorful roses represented a garden. The dinner was very efficiently served by 12 of the husbands and sons. Several musical numbers were given, including a solo by Darrel Cox; a duet by

Maris Cox and Catherine Clarke; a boy's quartet composed of Sherman Clarke, Allan and Darrel Cox, and Philip Van Horn. It was a most enjoyable evening.

The Advisory Boards of the North Loup-Scotia Methodist and Seventh Day Baptist churches have recommended a "School on Communion and American Government."

At the church business meeting it was voted to try to meet our OWM goal. It was also voted that the trustees work out with the young people a plan for better use of the memorial grove west of the church, perhaps with some recreational or playground equipment.

In our nearly 90 years of organization the first deaconesses our church has had were appointed. They are Mrs. Leona Babcock and Mrs. Bud (Luella) Williams.

— Correspondent.

**KANSAS CITY, MO. (April 5)** — We had 40 at church last Sabbath and 28 for Bible study on Tuesday night. We had twelve children of pre-school age in our Sabbath School class and it was mighty crowded in the little room we had, but we had Sabbath School just the same! It is wonderful to see the faith of the people who have joined us, and I certainly hope they will not be disappointed in our denomination! We are dealing for a small church, but it is too early yet to know how it will turn out. We are having an appraiser to see if it is worth the price they are asking. Then we will proceed from there. We are having an organizational meeting Sabbath night to draw up our constitution, elect our trustees, etc., so we will have everything in order when the lawyer calls for a meeting to meet state requirements for a charter.

Pray for us that God will keep us humble and grant us wisdom in dealing with the problems that arise. We now have a fourth layman taking his turn in bringing the message. — From a letter.

**STONEFORT, ILLINOIS** — Seven new members were added to our rolls in the past year, and six others (all with the name of Lewis) have confessed belief in Christ and are awaiting baptism.



# The Sabbath Recorder

During the past year the ladies of our church have organized into a Mary-Martha Society for the purpose of studying and working for the betterment of our church. The Mary-Martha Society meets once a month in the homes of the members. At the present time we are studying the Book of Jeremiah. The current project of this society is sponsoring Vacation Bible School, which will be held in our church June 4-15. Mrs. Doris Lewis is the director for Bible School.

To raise money for Vacation Bible School, the Mary-Martha Society served a chicken and dumpling dinner in the church basement on March 25. The dinner was a hugh success, and more than enough money was earned to finance Bible School.

Another active group in our church which has been organized in the past year is the Youth Fellowship. The youth meet each Sabbath afternoon and are at present studying the book, **You and Your Church**. Co-leaders of the Youth Fellowship are Mrs. Carolyn Brown, Mrs. Doris Lewis, and Mrs. Mae Lewis.

The Stonefort church members at the time of writing are looking forward to worshipping with the Farina church and helping them commemorate their 96th Anniversary on April 14. Carlos McSparin, pastor of the Stonefort church, will bring the Sabbath morning message at Farina on this occasion.

Plans are being made for the annual Homecoming Sabbath at Stonefort on May 21. The Farina church has been invited to worship with us on that date, and Rev. Addison Appel of Farina has been invited to bring the morning message. — Correspondent.

## Births

Davis.—A daughter, Linda Elizabeth, to Gerald and Ruth Ann (Dickinson) Davis of Shiloh, N. J., on February 28, 1962.

## Obituaries

Mason.—Robert Franklin, son of Earl and Irene (McKay) Mason, was born at DeWitt, Ark., March 29, 1946, and accidentally killed by the overturning of a tractor near Gillett, Ark., July 13, 1961.

Funeral services in charge of a minister of

the Assembly of God were held at the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church, with burial in Coose Cemetery at Nady. He is survived by his parents and three sisters: Earlene, Ruth, and Tami. — C. A. B.

Mason.—Earl Lee, son of Roy and Vera Mae (Flynn) Mason, was born at Gould, Ark., December 2, 1921, and died suddenly of a heart attack at Dallas, Texas, November 9, 1961. A logger by trade, he was seriously crippled in a logging accident in 1948, and has been nearly helpless much of the time since. He was a friend and adherent of the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church, although not a member.

In 1941 he was married to Miss Irene McKay of Nady, Ark., who survives him, with three daughters: Earlene, Ruth, and Tami, all of Irving, Texas, as well as his mother, grandmother, two half-sisters and three half-brothers. Funeral services were held at Tichnor, Ark., with burial in the Coose Cemetery at Nady.

— C. A. B.

Williams.—Blanche Newey, daughter of the late Arthur and Lois Husted Newey, was born near Verona, N. Y., January 24, 1878, and died March 6, 1962, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Sholtz, Oneida, N. Y.

On August 12, 1896, she was married to Irving J. Williams by the Rev. Martin Sindall, then pastor of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church. The marriage was graced by a daughter, Jennie (Mrs. Floyd Sholtz) and a son, Orville A., both of whom survive. Mr. Williams was to follow her in death only a few weeks later. Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Chester Stone, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mrs. Williams was a lifelong and active member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church which she served in various capacities, especially as a Sabbath School teacher for many years.

The memorial service was conducted from the home of her daughter and from the church on March 9 by her pastor, C. Rex Burdick. Burial was in the New Union Cemetery at Verona Mills. — C. R. B.

Williams.—Irving J., son of the late Orville A. and Margaret Senn Williams, was born near Verona, N. Y., October 24, 1869, and died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Floyd Sholtz, Oneida, April 10, 1962.

On August 12, 1896, he was married to Blanche Newey who preceded him in death by only a few weeks. To the union were born, Jennie (Mrs. Floyd Sholtz) and Orville, both of whom survive. Other survivors include several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Williams was a lifelong and active member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church which he had served in various capacities, especially as a trustee.

The memorial service was conducted from the home of his daughter on April 12 by his pastor, C. Rex Burdick. Burial was in the New Union Cemetery at Verona Mills.

— C. R. B.

## The Cowboy Prayer

When the Master of the prairie  
Rides the roundup of life  
And cuts out all who wear His brand  
In dust and dirt and strife,

I don't want to be a maverick  
Or wear the brand of sin,  
But I want the marking of the Cross  
And so be counted in.

To be herded to the Home Ranch  
Where pastures all are green  
And water comes gurgling  
The flowery banks between.

So may I live, so may I do  
Wherever I may be  
That all the promises so sure  
May always be for me.

By Paul H. Hummel,  
Boulder, Colorado.