

The Sabbath Recorder

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Two couples celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversaries were surprised at a dinner Sunday evening, Oct. 7, in the church social rooms. Complimented were Mr. and Mrs. David L. Steadman of 177 E. Columbia Ave., whose anniversary was Oct. 9, and Mr. and Mrs. George E. Arnold of 17 Buckeye St., whose anniversary is Oct. 15.

Pink and white decorated cakes were given to each couple and the tables were adorned with gold lettering and a mixed bouquet of fall flowers. Mrs. Arnold was given a corsage complimenting her on her long service for the Charitable Union, and Mrs. Steadman was presented a corsage by her family.

The surprise celebration took place during recess time of the annual business meeting of the church. — Correspondent.

Accessions

Albion, Wis.

By Letter:

Rev. A. A. Appel
Mrs. Jeanette Appel
Albert Appel, Jr.
James Appel

Battle Creek, Mich.

By Baptism:

Milburn Jones
Sharon Jones
Suzan Jones
Robert Johanson

Farina, Ill.

By Baptism:

Mrs. Peter Van Horn

New Auburn, Wis.

By Baptism:

Corrine Ling
Connie Pederson
Christine Pederson
Michael North

By Testimony:

Mrs. Norman Loofboro

Marriages

Cartwright - Steesy. — Miss Mary Cartwright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Bucher, Little Genesee, N. Y., was united in wedlock with Walter W. Steesy, son of Commander and Mrs. W. J. Steesy of Silver Springs, Md., Aug. 25, 1962, in the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church with Doyle K. Zwiebel, registrar of Salem College, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Ernest Kay Bee, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Steesy have made their home in DuBois, Pa., where Mr. Steesy is the district Scout executive.

Births

Burdick.—A daughter to Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick of the Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, on Oct. 15, 1962.

Hand.—A son, William Gerald, was born to William and Judi (Coalwell) Hand of Metairie, La., on October 14, 1962.

Inabinit.—A son, Gary Darrell, to Dave and Dixie Inabinit of Riverside, Calif., on Sept. 21, 1962.

Loofboro.—A daughter, Elizabeth Marie, to Robert and Beverly (Trowbridge) Loofboro of New Auburn, Wis., on July 10, 1962.

Loper.—A son, Steven Joseph, to Joseph and Carol (Harris) Loper of Greenwich, N. J., on September 29, 1962.

Mares.—A daughter, Jane Marie, to Bill and Judy (Nelson) Mares of New Auburn, Wis., Sept. 30, 1962.

Pederson.—A son, Martin Jens, to Loyal and Genny (Everson) Pederson of New Auburn, Wis., Oct. 5, 1962.

Thorngate.—A daughter, Lauren, to Dr. and Mrs. Philip Thorngate of Monterey, Calif., on August 7, 1962.

Withrow.—A daughter, Debra Lou, to Al and Nancy (Harris) Withrow of Salem, W. Va., on September 29, 1962.

Obituaries

deWerff.—Bertha Seager, daughter of the Rev. L. D. and Bianca Maxson Seager, was born Nov. 28, 1893 at Berea, W. Va., and died Sept. 23, 1962.

The family moved to Farina in 1898 when Mr. Seager became pastor of the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church. On July 7, 1906, she was baptized by the Rev. W. D. Burdick and joined the Farina church. After a brief membership in the Middle Island, W. Va., church, she returned to membership in the Farina church in 1914 and so remained until her death. On August 11, 1931, she was married to Emil deWerff, who died Aug. 6, 1935. Bertha was a laboratory technician and lived in Memphis, Tenn., until her retirement in 1960. Since that time she had made her home in Farina during the summer and resided with her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Seager, Ft. Pierce, Fla., during the winter months. Surviving are sisters, Mrs. Susie Ford, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mrs. Fred (Olive) Holmquist, Brainerd, Minn.; Mrs. Henry (Eva) Bezzant of Gainesville, Fla.; brothers: Ross P., Salem, W. Va.; H. B., Ft. Pierce, Fla.; and Dr. Lloyd D., Little Rock, Ark.

Funeral services were conducted at the Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church, Rev. Lawrence Becker, (Methodist) officiating. Interment was in the Farina cemetery. — E.F.F.



A Hero of the Faith

Statues honoring national heroes stand impressively on battlefields and claim central space on a myriad of town squares. Appropriately inscribed, they keep alive the memories of great men. Churches, too, commemorate in stone and bronze such stalwart, lone figures as Martin Luther, the great hero of the Reformation. His weapon, the Word of God, was wielded effectively against the evils of his day. Distinctly a man of his time sharing the inconsistencies that beset us all, he yet started a great Reformation based on the authority of the Bible. Let us give honor to whom honor is due.

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Christianity and Crisis As Related to Cuba

It is difficult, if not impossible, at the initial stage of the Cuban crisis to properly evaluate the situation in the light of Christian principles. Yet each of us is forced in every crisis to apply his Christian faith as best he can. The problem is complicated by the fact that our friends to the south of us have unwittingly fallen into communist control, and communism soon shows its atheistic, anti-Christian character.

Here a nominally Christian island under its present leadership has leaned ever more heavily on the arm that wields the hammer and sickle. The USSR is avowedly anti-Christian and it unquestionably wants to extend its ruthless political dominion as well as its materialistic Marxist ideology. In such a situation there can be no meeting of minds on a Christian basis. It is something like the current China—India border problem in which Prime Minister Nehru says that his government has been out of touch with reality. Let us keep our ideals but not lose touch with reality.

On the other hand, the international diplomacy of our own country falls far short of that which can rightly be called Christian. The full-fledged support of the warlike military action that may lead to great loss of life does not have the sound to friend or foe of an application of Christian principles. Some Christian people claiming foresight as well as hindsight, think that their warnings of the dangers of communism in Cuba, if they had been taken more seriously, could have avoided this present crisis. They are saying in effect that while we were taking photographs and carefully manning our intelligence agency we were not applying a high degree of intelligence in assessing the motives of international communism on our borders and in our midst. Be that as it may, Christians must now show themselves to be Christian in these trying times.

Our nation and our people have been unjustly accused in one respect. Leaders of the Russian and Cuban regimes have stated that we hate the people of Cuba. This stirs up righteous indignation. We have accepted at considerable sacrifice and with reasonable grace more than 100,000 fleeing Cubans who are now in the vicin-

ity of Miami. Large numbers have been absorbed by other communities and have been encouraged by our church organizations to use their talents constructively. Hatred of the Cuban people is a false charge. Let us see to it that it continues to be so.

The Administration is reported to have worked throughout the night recently to prepare the proper wording of a reply to the peace proposal of the Secretary of the United Nations. It was difficult because our national position at the moment was not easy to square with our avowed principles — necessary as such a position was felt to be.

Interchurch organizations have been quick to make statements that would say enough but not too much. Over the signature of the president of the National Council of Churches, J. Irwin Miller, one such statement (which avoided criticism of the military measures being taken) went out. It commended "to our people and to all in positions of responsibility the utmost restraint, calmness, and control." It further expressed the hope "that the Cuban people will be freed from foreign domination." It is manifest that there is little prospect either of their freeing themselves or of the foreigners voluntarily relinquishing their domination. The other alternative would seem to be along the line of what is now being undertaken. Every Christian must do some serious thinking on this subject. Such serious thinking ought to have a higher motivation than self preservation.

In the six-point message to its 31 member denominations mentioned above there is one paragraph that stresses Christian concern for the Cuban people and another that indicates how we should pray. We quote the former:

Having a Christian concern for our fellow human beings, we are gratified that United States policy specifies that the Cuban people are not to be denied the necessities of life. We emphasize the continuing friendship between the peoples of Cuba and the United States. We desire deeper mutual understanding and neighborly relations. We are hopeful that the Cuban people will be freed from foreign domination, and that we all may progress in political, economic, and social well being. We are anxious that all possible constructive relationships and communications be maintained.

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MEMORY TEXT

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. — Psalm 95: 2, 3.

The Bible in the Air

The Gideon organization, well known to most of us, is composed largely of laymen who have dedicated themselves to placing Bibles in every hotel room. It is a tremendous undertaking which must of necessity enlist the support of many Christian people who are not members and who can devote money more easily than time to such a cause. It appears that Gideon representatives are welcomed in proportionately more Seventh Day Baptist churches than the average. This is as it should be, for we want the Bible to speak to all travelers and transient residents of hotels and motels.

Recently your editor had occasion to fly in the tourist compartment of a huge jet plane with nearly 100 passengers on board. It was a line that flies to many parts of the world and therefore prints its emergency instructions in a number of languages. During a flight of less than two hours just under the speed of sound (as the advertisements say) there is not much opportunity or occasion to move around the cabin. From a seat in the rear, sandwiched between two other passengers, I could see on the compartment wall far forward the magazine rack. Something new had been added since the last time I had been in the air. Nested in the right hand corner of each rack was a black book, the Holy Bible. What a welcome and thoughtful service is being rendered by placing the Book of books on these giant planes. The fact that neither one of the two copies available was called for in this short flight is not particularly discouraging. Doubtless many on board who were not regular patrons of the airline were more comfortable knowing that the Bible with all its promises and assurances was with them. It contains the only authoritative word of hope for those on land, on sea, or in the air.

Denominational Planners Outline Future Program

By Harley D. Bond,
Executive Secretary

The General Conference Planning Committee met at Plainfield, N. J., October 22-24. This committee consists of the secretary or president of each board, the president of General Conference, and the executive secretary. All members were present. The personnel of this committee gives opportunity for developing denominational plans in conjunction with those of the various agencies.

Plans for 1963-1964, "Mission to the World," were tentatively developed. This will be the fifth and concluding year of the five-year Program for Advance. A brochure giving a preview of these plans will again be prepared and distributed early in 1963. It is anticipated that packet material will be available to the churches and fellowships in June.

As a result of our co-operative participation with other Baptist bodies, 1964 will see the release of the book **Baptist Advance** which will give the histories of all participating Baptist bodies. The Baptist Jubilee Celebration will be held at Atlantic City on May 22-24, 1964.

In keeping with General Conference action, the next meeting of the Planning Committee will be devoted to the development of a year's special study on the application of our Statement of Belief to our contemporary world. April 1-3, 1963, is the date tentatively agreed upon for this meeting.

Sabbath Heritage Day November 24

The first annual Sabbath Heritage Day on a denomination-wide basis will be observed by Seventh Day Baptist churches on November 24. This date is chosen partly to commemorate the martyrdom of John James from year to year and partly as a suitable time to draw strength for the present from contemplation of the achievements of the stalwarts of the faith who have preceded us.

Someone Is Watching Us

By Rev. Paul S. Burdick

A book was written a few years ago by Gerald Heard with the title **Another Planet Is Watching Us**. It was in the days when flying saucers were a topic of conversation, and even some very conservative people were forced to believe that there was something that went beyond our present knowledge of science. When a large object which could be viewed on a radar screen could move horizontally, or even vertically, at terrific speeds, it argued for an intelligence far beyond our human capacity.

The theory which was presented in the book was that these visitors from another planet, who had gone far beyond us in scientific knowledge and would have been able to annihilate us had they wished to, had also learned from experience the lesson of "live and let live," so that even if we looked like grasshoppers to them, they were willing to let us continue to inhabit this planet.

Unfortunately for this theory, a new publication by army authorities claims that all those sightings of "unidentifiable objects" were either the appearance of some natural phenomena, or possibly a work of the imagination.

However, regardless of whether or not there are visitors from another planet watching us, there is One who observes the progress of life upon this planet with discerning eyes. "The eyes of the Lord are in every place keeping watch over the evil and the good." Should we be less concerned over this sort of watching than over the attitude of a few inhabitants of a far-off planet?

And there is much to give our heavenly Father concern! He might be concerned over the continual build-up of atomic weapons, with no end in sight. There are enough of these weapons stockpiled to destroy most of human and animal life on this planet, and to make it uninhabitable for a great many years. And there seems to be no end to this race. In a few years Red China will have atomic weapons, and in a few more years the Arab and African countries as well. Who

can predict what the result will be? Is ten, or at most 20 years, the limit beyond which man may hope to avoid a worldwide conflagration, unless something drastic occurs? Is a major change in human nature itself the only answer?

Added to this is the ever-present danger of fallout from the testing of nuclear devices in the atmosphere. This has, in some localities reached critical levels, and shows no sign of abatement, but rather of increase as more and larger bombs are tested in this, man's most dangerous game.

Could the Watcher in the heavens be saying as in the days of Jeremiah, "From the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely; They have healed also the hurt of the daughter of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace"?

We boast of our "American way of life," but to most people that means a car in every garage, and a TV set in at least every other home.

We are far, as yet, from overcoming the causes of war. Racial prejudices are raising an ugly head, and even in the North also, where equal housing and job opportunities are still not granted to minority groups. Religion, which should be a source of comfort and strength to a people, has too often been a field of controversy and strife. In the last 1,000 years, more wars have been fought over questions of religion than over any other thing, unless it be matters of national aggrandisement. And often these two matters have been related in such a way that no one knew which was the more important.

The religion which has figured in most wars has been that of the Old Testament, or the "nation chosen of God" kind of religion. The New Testament religion of love for one's fellow man has been conveniently forgotten in time of war.

Can it be that communists are right, and that to eliminate religion will remove one source of human passion and strife; to nationalize all industry will form a class-less society where there are no rich and poor; and that national rivalries will disappear when the workers' paradise is established upon the earth?

At least this has been an ideal that has driven many into a frenzy of enthusiasm, and even into death for the cause. It has become a sort of substitute for religion among those who needed a compelling force for life and action.

Of course, the working out of the communist ideal has been sordid and shattering. A new class takes the place of the old, the worker is exploited as badly as in capitalist countries, and nationalism still divides, even among the so-called communist countries.

But let us not gloat over their failure to achieve their ideals, when racial riots prevail in our own country, riches become a temptation to gangsters and racketeers, and Christian sanity disappears when some of our ships are sunk.

What Is the Answer?

Granted that there are but a few more years in which to find the Christian answer to our problems, and granted that up to the present time no clear-cut program for peace has been forthcoming from the Christian Church, what might we find in the Christian Gospel that would cover our present problems with a certified "Thus saith the Lord"?

I would suggest at the present time of crisis, three things: a renewal of faith in the message of Christ; a strategy for peaceful change; and an apocalyptic hope.

The New Testament Message

What is the distinctive message of the New Testament that sets it above not only the Old Testament, but also above all other religions of the world? E. Stanley Jones has often said that the people of India were greatly attracted by the Sermon on the Mount, but turned away from the Christian Gospel when they saw that the lives of Christians did not correspond with the words of Christ.

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Good Sermon

Word has been received that a sermon preached at White Cloud, Mich., on September 8 by the pastor, Don Sanford, has been accepted for publication in the magazine **Pulpit Digest**. The editors make their selection from a very large number of sermons sent in.

Some Considerations About Relations with China

By Neal D. Mills

There are some forgotten facts and considerations that Americans and Seventh Day Baptists need to recall as they contemplate the relations between the United States and China. It should be remembered that since the Boxer Rebellion, because of our generosity then, the Chinese people have held the United States in very high regard. In spite of our discrimination against them they have on several occasions raised large sums of money at considerable sacrifice to aid in times of disaster in this country.

But in the 1930's we forgot to be grateful and with an insatiable desire for profit we enabled the Japanese to romp over China using thousands of American trucks, airplanes, tanks, guns, ammunition, and fuel.

During the past century Seventh Day Baptists, like other Christians, spent many thousands of dollars for missions and millions of Chinese became Christians. The largest church in the world of our faith was in Shanghai. We may recall that during World War II Chinese and Japanese Christians kept in contact as best they could and promised to continue in prayer for each other.

Now for some years the U. S. has been virtually at war with China, hence no communication with our Christian friends in China and no way to send them aid in their need, except through the kindness of the British embassy or by some very hazardous means. There are important problems waiting for the necessary diplomatic machinery to deal with them but we have no U. S. embassy in China.

The more problems and disagreements there are between countries, the more important it is to have diplomatic relations between them. Mission boards, including our own, have property in China which has been destroyed or rendered useless for its original purpose. As in past times indemnity might be collected but there is no embassy to negotiate the matter.

People say that we must not recognize China because we do not approve of her

form of government or its policies. Yet we do recognize the Soviet Union and many dictatorships, to some of which we give military and financial aid. Do we approve of them? Many of the policies directed in retaliation against us would no doubt be changed if we were willing to recognize and negotiate with the Chinese government.

The British people do not approve the Chinese government any more than we do, but, perhaps for that very reason, they deem it highly important to maintain diplomatic relations. The British also favor getting China into the United Nations through which all the nations would have the opportunity to exert an influence for peaceful relations and ultimate reforms. Some Americans fear that China would strengthen the communist bloc in the UN, but the very opposite might be true. The competition between Russia and China and their differing interests might often throw them on opposite sides.

It has been fortunate for the world that the Soviet Union was a member of the UN. It is far better to have its representatives pounding desks than exploding bombs. And they have many times bowed to the will of the majority. If China is willing to accept and abide by the principles of the UN charter, why should she be excluded when other communist nations are not? Is the UN, after all, just a clique of nations?

These are problems which Christians should study carefully and prayerfully. We must avoid conclusions based on prejudice or selfish interests, but seek and weigh the facts to find the right solution that will best promote peace and justice in the relations of all nations.

NOTE: An opinion differing somewhat from this was incorporated in an editorial in the issue of October 15.

All believers in Jesus Christ constitute a priesthood to God. There is no other mediator between man and God than the Lord Jesus Christ. His sacrifice on Calvary can neither be repeated nor supplemented.

— NAE.

World Council Statement on Quarantine of Cuba

(Statement of officers, Oct 23, 1962)

Taking their stand on statements made by the World Council of Churches assemblies, committees and officers of WCC have on several occasions expressed their concern and regret when governments have taken unilateral military action against other governments. The officers of WCC consider it therefore their duty to express grave concern and regret concerning the action which the U. S. government has felt it necessary to take with regard to Cuba and fervently hope that every government concerned will exercise the greatest possible restraint in order to avoid a worsening of international tensions.

The above statement is signed by the three officers of the 100-member policy-making body of the Council, the Central Committee. They are Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, president of the Lutheran Church in America, chairman of the committee; Dr. Ernest A. Payne, London, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, vice-chairman of the committee; and Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, Geneva, general secretary of the WCC.

Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, New York, director of the WCC's Commission of the Churches on International Affairs, addressed a letter to the eleven members of the UN Security Council which was delivered before it convened on Tuesday.

"Let me first make clear my view that the transformation of Cuba into a Soviet-supported enterprise is a danger to this hemisphere," Dr. Nolde said. "However, action by the United States may well become more effective if the effort is made to look at one's self as one appears to others."

He cited "four points to be kept in mind":

"1. The United States, as it claimed at the time of the Suez crisis, must submit its actions to the rule of law and avoid unilateral military measures.

"2. The United States has military bases on foreign soil closer to the U.S.S.R. than Cuba is to the United States.

"3. In both instances the assistance which is being given is with the consent of the government in power.

"4. If certain leaders in the United States supported by rather vocal public opinion call for military action against Cuba — happily the view has not prevailed, Dr. Nolde said in his speech on the eve of the Kennedy announcement, 'they should reckon with the possibility of similar action by the U.S.S.R. against countries where the United States has bases. Only if Cuba becomes a military threat against other countries — aggressive in action rather than defensive — is military reprisal justified and it should be undertaken in accordance with the provisions of the United Nations Charter.'"

Coming Next Week

The fall special issue of the *Sabbath Recorder* will replace the regular issue next week. Edited by K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College and a trained journalist, it will have a professional touch added by a specialist from New York. The contributed articles cover a wide range of Christian living and witness with numerous references to the work of Seventh Day Baptists. Wide distribution of this issue is encouraged. A limited number of copies can be made available in case churches and individuals failed to place advance orders. The theme of the issue is "The Church, a Launching Pad for Christian Service."

Women of the Cloth

If ministers can be called "men of the cloth" perhaps their wives are "women of the cloth." At any rate, when ministers' wives get together they have mutual interests and numerous things to talk about. There will be a two-hour meeting of ministers' wives in connection with the forthcoming Southern Baptist Convention at San Francisco June 6. They have chosen as the theme of their conference: "The Minister's Wife — Her Fears, Her Foibles, Her Friends, and Her Faith." It is reported that the conference will finish with food and fellowship and "fond farewells."

Appreciating Our Past

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers, President of Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

(Continued from last week)

Personal Redemption

The fourth area of our past to be mentioned needs only a light touch. Every one of us would agree, I'm sure, that our people have been usually temperate and moral: 150 years ago Seventh Day Baptist men were proving to their neighbors that they could raise a barn frame without the aid of hard liquor. We respect each other's marriage vows. We expect to pay our debts, and practice thrift and benevolence — to some extent. I believe the prophet Jeremiah's word for us in this regard is that we be tolerant of those who may transgress the social and moral codes accepted in our churches; that we refrain from bringing them swiftly under the bondage of condemnation adding to their self-criticism our bitter words of so-called "righteous indignation." But for the grace of God, we should remember, we too might still be slaves to the powers of darkness. If we appreciate our past as individuals, in the light of what God through a semi-Christian culture has made us to become, we shall certainly be humble — or we should be if we aren't!

Democratic Process for God

Now, the fifth and last and most important area of Seventh Day Baptist achievement which we must deal with. Our practice and polity is derived from a kind of "town meeting" democratic philosophy. We prefer a decentralized denominational organization; and our local churches are, in theory at least, responsive to the thought and will of each member. Official duties and responsibilities are shared and passed from one to another — unless it be in the case of the diaconate. When Henry Clarke and others decided to form the General Conference in 1801-02, it took two years to convince the churches that there was no danger of their getting taxed by Conference, or that the Conference might attempt to write their theology for them. When Abram Herbert Lewis was a student in Milton College 100 years ago boys were

flocking to join the Union Army. (Bruce Catton: *Wis. Volunteers at Gettysburg*; Minnesota iron mines saved union and freed the slaves.) Seventh Day Baptist churches mostly on the side of Lincoln and North and almost lost a very choice church — Lost Creek. A. H. Lewis was sent to heal the wounds and preserve the union of Seventh Day Baptist denomination (Rood); we emerged from war with more dignity than some other denominations. When we created the office of executive secretary of the Conference we agreed tacitly that it must be a layman because no minister could satisfy all his brother ministers on theological grounds. But may it not be that we are leaning over backward in this matter of checks and balances? May it not be that we are paralyzing the body of our denominational life by the poisoned darts of criticism? (I must confess my own guilt here.) Going back again to the language of Jeremiah, do we invoke the "covenant of liberty" or the legalism of "subjection"?

Again a paragraph from our people's history may help to show us who we are: (*Fiat Lux*, p. 14, James R. Irish as principal of the Alfred Academy, by J. N. Norwood).

"From the opening days . . . the principals had shown great interest in the spiritual welfare of their students. During the fall term (1838) religious interest gradually increased. After the brief Christmas recess religious zeal, despite some opposition assumed progressive intensity until there burst forth one of those fervid religious revivals so characteristic of the times. It spread from school to church. Packed meetings filled the church and the (academy) building. By a nearly unanimous vote the students approved the suspension of school for a week to concentrate on the revival.

"The forests were vocal with prayer. Private chat turned to the all-pervading topic. Social visits were largely seasons of prayer. In late January ice a foot thick was broken in the creek, and the newly

baptized emerged rejoicing from the wintry waters. In all, 200 appear to have been baptized. Religious stimulus, it was testified, had improved rather than hindered academic progress, and increasingly Mr. Irish was being pushed into leadership of the revival with the result that he yielded to new pressure from the local Church to become its pastor. April 3, 1839, he was ordained — a day observed with fasting and prayer. . . ."

If one has read the history of religion in these United States one is impressed not only with the contrast between this account and conditions in 1962, but also with the similarity between what happened in Alfred in 1838-39 and what happened in Northampton, Mass., under the preaching of Jonathan Edwards. It happened so many times that Charles G. Finney called parts of our country a "burnt-over district" like that left by a forest fire. It was similar to the rediscovery of the Book of the Law under King Josiah and his entering into a new covenant relation with God Almighty on behalf of the people later broken in Jeremiah's day et al.

Edwards writes in his journal that "When once the Spirit of God began to be so wonderfully poured out in a general way through the town, people had soon done with their old quarrels, backbitings, and intermeddling. . . ." They drew near to God and He drew near to them! They released their brothers' chains of bondage — because they saw them once more as brothers. Here is the ultimate in appreciating our past — that we are all sinners redeemed (or in hopes of being) — that we are "capable of compassion, sacrifice and endurance," that but for Jesus Christ each of us would still be barbarians — if, indeed, we are not now.

Tolerance Plus

Some years ago an eastern potentate attended a concert in London and was asked how he enjoyed the music. He commented most favorably upon the first part, and gradually it dawned upon his hearers that he was referring to the tuning of the orchestra before the conductor came to the podium. Strange, but their

western ear had not been aware of the beauty which the oriental had caught in the discord! And is it not common for us to become so attentive to the parts various other members of our communion are assigned to play — we could play each one so much more skillfully than he or she is doing — that we ignore completely that the score and the instruments, the skill given to each in differing measure, our being free from toil and enabled to play, are gifts we have received?

This is the reason Jesus taught that we should pray for those who despitefully use us, and forgive our enemies — because they, like us, stand debtors under the Everlasting Mercy. Read the story of Peter Miller, pastor of the Ephrata Cloister, and his request to General Washington for pardon of one who had bitterly opposed him. With tears in his eyes Washington granted it on the one condition that Peter Miller deliver it in person (*Seventh Day Baptists in Europe and America* pp. 1164ff.) Forgive a brother or sister yourself, and ask them earnestly to forgive you, and then you will truly appreciate our Christian past!

What Is Our Past?

We are not minimizing for a moment the importance of our distinctive Sabbath-keeping, our place in the safeguarding of civil liberties, the part we have been able to play in public and higher education, nor the priceless heritage of saintly lives lived among us. But we submit that here is our greatest potential achievement, the Christian democratic process — a way of doing business based on mutual trust in this complex and harried world. A Christian fellowship such as ours — — literally blood-bought — could be a training ground for harmonious family life, for intelligent social and community living, and even for world-wide Common Market and cosmic communications! At this Conference we shall be thinking and speaking much on topics which cause us to disagree — of course we will disagree! But God forgive us if we forget that basically we agree, and that we are forever committed to solidarity as brothers and sisters!

When Ralph Waldo Emerson came to Alfred to lecture he walked underneath

Missionary Pastors Tell of Their Work

A few items of interest from the quarterly reports of missionary churches (those churches aided in support of pastors) indicate that the work of our Lord is going forward. Some gleanings from these reports follow.

Berea, W. Va.

Pastor Leslie Welch was called to ordination by the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church where he has served acceptably since December 1960. The ordination service was held on Sabbath day, October 6, 1962. Pastor Welch reports three additions to the church by baptism.

Daytona Beach, Fla.

Pastor S. Kenneth Davis writes, "I am thankful for the many indications that God is blessing us with challenges and evidences of spiritual and physical growth." He tells of work being done on the church membership records in an effort to bring them up to date and in so doing discovering and re-interesting some forgotten members.

Paint Rock, Ala.

The Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church has been carrying on "an intensive evangelistic series of meetings designed for the public. The story is now being written up for publication in the **Sabbath Recorder**." Readers are urged to read this report when it is published and follow up this effort with our prayers. Pastor Leroy Bass tells of a new radio broadcast from Station WCRI in Scottsboro, Ala. The broadcasts are made on Sunday mornings at 9:30.

the pines with Jonathan Allen. He asked Allen what he thought of the lecture. "It was high," said Allen, "but it was not high enough." Emerson smiled and nodded. He knew that true religion is to live on a level of love rather than law, and that there is a readiness in all of us to force brothers back into slavery to our own supposed advantage.

We celebrate our Seventh Day Baptist past because it gives us worth-while tasks for the present in the Kingdom of our Lord, and because it gives infinite meaning to the future with Him.

Metairie, La.

Pastor Ralph Hays has reported the distribution of approximately 10,000 pieces of evangelistic literature and Seventh Day Baptist tracts during the past quarter. He attended the organizational meeting of the Louisiana Seventh Day Baptist Association. This includes the two Seventh Day Baptist Colored churches of Algiers, La., and the Hammond, La., Westside Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship. Pastor Hays reports regular Sabbath services at Metairie with 39 sermons and addresses being given during the quarter. Prayer meeting attendance averages 20, and Sabbath morning services average 53 persons.

New Auburn, Wis.

Pastor Kenneth Van Horn reports that the regular services of the New Auburn Seventh Day Baptist Church continue to be supported. General Conference being held at Mission Farms in the area of this church brought a new experience to many of the church members. Pastor Van Horn reports twenty-eight sermons and addresses being given during the 13 weeks of the quarter. Forty-seven pastoral calls, including such as were of a more evangelistic nature were made. Four meetings of the Evangelistic Committee of the church have been held. A parent-child dedication service was held in which seven took part.

Texarkana, Ark.

The Rev. Marion C. Van Horn continues pastoral services to the Texarkana church and Houston fellowship and at the same time carries the general oversight of the Missionary Board work on the Southwest field. He reports a total of 4,375 miles traveled during the quarter in carrying on his work. Trips were taken to Houston in July and September and he also "attended meetings of the Colored Association in Algiers, La., meeting with the pastors in Southern Louisiana to discuss Association matters and trips to Central Texas and Northwest Arkansas" (to visit Sabbathkeeping families). The Texarkana church sponsored a booth at the Four-State Fair held in Texarkana. Evangelistic literature distributed is reported as "1,640 pieces, plus 7,000 at the State Fair."

A rather extended report of the work at Little Rock, Ark., was given in a recent **Recorder**. Presently the Washington, D. C., and Salemville, Pa., Seventh Day Baptist churches are without pastors.

Prayer for the Home Field

We are often urged to pray for our missionaries on foreign fields and it is important that we continue to do so. But let us not forget to pray for the blessing of God and the guidance of His Holy Spirit to be poured out abundantly upon the pastors of our churches here at home. Specifically, let us remember to pray for our missionary pastors, Pastor Leroy Bass at Paint Rock, Pastor Marion Van Horn at Texarkana, Pastor Paul Osborn at Little Rock, Pastor Ralph Hays at Metairie, Pastor Kenneth Van Horn at New Auburn, Pastor Leslie Welch at Berea, and Pastor Kenneth Davis at Daytona Beach.

And we would not forget those other faithful pastors who carry the burden of spiritual leadership in our larger churches. They, too, need our prayers and support.

And our loving concern must surely include those pastors who struggle to augment subsistence-level salaries by services outside their regular church work. They were called of God to give full-time services in their pastorates but when rising costs exceeded their incomes they have had to turn aside a part of their creative thought and time and talent so as to provide the necessities of life. We grieve with them that they cannot give full-time service to the pastorate. We ourselves are the losers. We pray that God will bless the sacrificial efforts of these pastors. And we pray also that God will wake us up to the urgency of providing more adequately for their needs.

The gift of the Sabbath is an expression of our heavenly Father's love. True spiritual Sabbathkeeping is an expression of our love to God. God speaks to us from week to week through the holy Sabbath day. We answer Him back in the way we keep it. — Lost Creek bulletin.

Evangelistic Services in Alabama

By the Recorder Correspondent

The Paint Rock church conducted evangelistic services for ten weeks this past summer. They were held one each week on Sunday evenings. The pastor, Leroy Bass, did the preaching. He used colored pictures to illustrate each message. Almost every member had a specific part in helping the services to run smoothly.

A lively song service began each meeting, ending with the theme song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus." Near the close of each service were featured brief, sound-recorded films on "How We Got Our Bible" and other subjects.

Our first meeting was a beautiful presentation of the Bible's teaching about heaven. All were inspired to hear the Bible promises and to see the artist's conceptions of the home God prepares for the saved.

On the second Sunday night, under the subject, "The Greatest Re-Entry from Outer Space," the speaker pointed out that neither the United States nor Russia was the first nation to send an astronaut into outer space to make a safe re-entry. The Bible tells us, he pointed out, of a man who lived nearly 3,000 years ago who successfully did just that. His name was Elijah. He not only ascended up far beyond any present astronaut, but made a safe re-entry 800 years later, on Mt. Olivet, at Jesus' transfiguration. The minister pointed out that the greatest re-entry from outer space is yet to come, that of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The night of August 5 will long remain in our memories as a precious service of rededication to our Lord. After a stirring sermon about the way of salvation and the need of preparation to meet Jesus Christ, the pastor invited each person to write down on a piece of paper the particular sins that come between him and the Lord, then to come forward and place the paper on the fire which was burning on a realistic altar made of bricks. This was a moving spiritual experience as nearly everyone took part in it.

Under the title, "The Greatest Mistake the Church Ever Made," the Sabbath truth

was presented. After the service, one of the members remarked that it was the best presentation of the Sabbath he had ever heard — forthrightly given, yet in such a loving way that no one could take offense. Present that evening were the minister and several members of another Paint Rock church.

Attendance of nonmembers was not great at any one meeting, although in all we had many visitors. Some new interest has been aroused which we pray will strengthen into conviction and acceptance of heaven's message. Each person who attended received a spiritual blessing, which brought from some the suggestion that we continue these services one night each month.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

Our Mission to the Blind

By Iris S. Maltby

Scripture: Mark 10: 46-52.

The story in this passage is only one of those in which we find Jesus having compassion on someone who was blind. As we read through our Gospels we find seven different occasions of Jesus healing the blind. It may be true that the percentage of sightless people was greater then, but recent statistics show us that today more than 350,000 persons in Canada and the United States are in that condition — one in every 500 of the population. Some were born blind and have never known what it means to see. Others can tell light from darkness and some are even able to read large print, but all have need of loving care since 83 per cent of all learning is through the eyes.

In this Fourth Year Program for Advance in our churches we are emphasizing "Mission to the Social Frontiers," and women's groups are giving special study to "Our Mission to People of Special Needs." November is our time to think of our responsibility to the blind. This is a ministry that can best be accomplished by women. The blind need many attentions, some of which are small while others are time-consuming. This handicap is somewhat different from others. It does not make people alike. "The blind," as a separate people, do not exist; happening

to be blind, they may otherwise be quite dissimilar. Some of them regard their affliction as an inconvenience and ignore it as much as possible, going on to win distinction in many fields. They still need some help from Christian friends. Many others, however, become so discouraged by their handicap that they are much more dependent on our ministry of mercy. Real help can come only from a Christian, for it is spiritual as well as physical help that he craves. Jesus healed the blind, but He never stopped there. In John 9: 35 He asked the blind man, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" and the answer came "Lord, I believe."

Why should Christian women feel a responsibility for the sightless? The Scripture says, "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal. 6: 2). God looks to those of us who believe that His will was revealed in Jesus Christ to proclaim that will by our words and deeds. When we care enough to minister to the blind person, we demonstrate that the God we proclaim cares also. For the Christian, as Muriel Webb so aptly puts it, "The call to care is a call to prayer." Christian caring is an integral part of Christian faith. We show our thankfulness in sharing with the blind something of what we have so richly received. We are challenged to witness and minister.

In what practical ways can we engage in this ministry? Each group must decide. Circumstances differ. In the city of Plainfield, a program is set up in a very unique way. Meetings are scheduled for the handicapped (including the blind). For every handicapped person brought to the meeting there is an able-bodied person of like age to act as his friend. Unusual results have followed, especially with children as they respond to the love of a child who is well and strong.

Those who have heard Stainer's oratorio "The Crucifixion" remember the words from Lamentations 1: 12, "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?" May this never be said of us. Let us as Christian women show our love and concern in such a way that God's love will be felt in the lives of those to whom we minister.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwiebel

Quarterly Meeting of the Board

The quarterly meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education was held at the Alfred University School of Theology on Sunday, October 21, 1962.

Chairman of the Publications Committee, Rev. Ernest K. Bee, reported on the recent survey made concerning the updating or rewriting of the Junior Quarterly published by the board. A definite minority said they favored the continuance with updating the present publication. The majority were in favor of investigation of the possibility of using our imprint on materials published by another denomination. This will be done soon. Much time was spent during the last meeting of the Publications Committee discussing a project proposed by Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher Davis.

Pastor Herbert Saunders, new chairman of the Youth Work Committee, reported progress on setting up of Pre-Con Retreats for 1963. Every year new challenges are presented related to the retreats and youth activities at General Conference. Other activities, such as the work of the youth field worker, Miss Linda Bingham, and the publishing of the **Beacon** were presented as progressing nicely.

The chairman of the Higher Education Committee, Dr. Melvin G. Nida, reported that a recent survey of ministers showed they favored having the biennial Ministers Conference at Adams Center, N. Y., in 1963. They also gave approval of the proposed program centered on the "Nature of the Ministry." The exact date has not been determined.

Action was taken designed to improve the arrival time of the **Helping Hand** to the local churches.

A committee was appointed to be responsible for recording all action regarding the separation of the School of Theology from Alfred University.

The report of the executive secretary included a review of his activities relating to General Conference, 17 sermons preached, active participation in the work of the Buffalo church, his attendance at

seven meetings of board committees, the care of writing and editing assignments, preparation for the meeting of Planning Committee, graduate work at Syracuse University, ecumenical activity, and plans for workshops among the Rhode Island Seventh Day Baptist churches in November.

Someone Is Watching Us

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When He said, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy, But I say unto you, Love your enemies . . .," He was stating a truth that runs all through His teachings and that of His followers. For nothing less than a new man in Christ will suffice for this new day. "The axe is laid at the root of the trees," and the old bottles cannot contain the new wine.

This new man in Christ is aptly described by John A. Symonds in the hymn:

"They shall be gentle, brave, and strong
To spill no drop of blood, but dare
All that may plant man's lordship firm
On earth, and fire, and sea, and air."

A Strategy for Peaceful Change

When Gandhi was faced with the need for some sort of action to gain for the dark-skinned races the rights that the white race had not granted them in Africa, and later in India, he developed the method of Satyagraha, or non-violent resistance to entrenched wrong. Much of this he patterned after the teachings of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount.

It is based on the truth that if you meet violence with violence, it only increases animosity and fear. But if you meet it with reasonableness, patience, and love, you will ultimately break down resistance and gain your point.

Of course, it is not as simple as it sounds. You will meet with many setbacks and failures. New techniques have to be discovered and worked out. But always there must be that respect for the personality of your antagonist that will finally win him over, and make a friend where first you had an enemy.

This is the strategy of peaceful change. And if it be objected that this method is

too slow, and that it will not work against some "hard cases," it may be replied that there is no other way, for bankrupt is the present method of piling threat upon threat and fear upon fear. Fortunately are we in this country that the Negro in the Southland has placed his trust primarily in this method.

The Apocalyptic Hope

An apocalypse is the revelation of something hidden or obscure that only a firm faith in the good purpose of God can make plain. It brings together in one sweep the past, present, and future, because it sees God at work, and believes that He has a hand in shaping the affairs of nations.

"Standeth God within the shadows keeping watch above His own."

Without this faith, any forecasting of the future would be a vain hope, but with it we seem to be working with the power of God on our side. What seems impossible becomes possible with Him.

So the creating of a new man in Christ is a possibility, nay, a necessity. And the time is short. It will demand the total consecration of all our personality and powers to do His bidding. We are, of our own powers, helpless, but by His power we can conquer, we can live and serve the future on this planet.

NOTE: This message was given at the yearly meeting of the New England churches on October 6.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Colombia Bible Society Sells Bibles at Book Fair at Medellin

For the first time in history, a Colombian Bible society was granted permission by the governor to participate in the annual book fair in Medellin, Colombia, an ardently Roman Catholic city.

The fair opened Aug. 31, and the society sold 100 Bibles and 2,000 portions of Scripture the first day. The next afternoon the booth was surrounded by policemen who said they had an order from the governor suspending his permission and gave the workers until 4 o'clock to close. When they could not produce the order, Carlos Hurtado, the manager, announced his intention to keep on selling Bibles.

At four, 10 policemen arrived and ordered Carlos to pack the books and move out. But representatives from the other bookstores protested, "If you close the Bible society's booth we will all close and not one book will be sold." Amid a shout of "Viva la libertad" (Long live liberty) raised by many voices, the policemen slipped away. That night 300 Bibles were sold.

Mrs. John N. Thomas, a Southern Baptist missionary, said the opposition did not end there. She said scathing articles appeared in the newspapers coupling the sale of the Bible with communism and declaring it to be an anti-Catholic book. Many portions were destroyed and strewn around the booth; some were bought to be burned.

"However," said Mrs. Thomas, "nothing hindered the phenomenal sale of 28,000 portions of God's Word."

Before the fair closed on Sept. 8 armed policemen were once again standing on both sides of the booth, not to prevent, but to protect the sale of the Bible and to keep order among the large groups of people eager to discuss its message.

— CNS.

Religious Census by Telephone

The Greater Worcester (Mass.) Area Council of Churches with the help of a retired telephone company executive has been conducting a religious survey reaching 53,244 homes in a period of three months. It involved 2,000 volunteers who were trained for five months prior to the venture in telephone techniques emphasizing courtesy and enunciation. Each caller made 25 calls, asking 11 simple questions, and 60,000 calls were made in the first week alone in the city and 18 surrounding towns. Prior to that, says the report, names from the telephone directory were typed on individual cards.

Results of the census showed: 53,244 homes reached; 4,131 did not answer; 2,552 refused information; 1,370 stated no religious preference; 28,970 Catholics responded; 2,461 Jews, 16,596 Protestants, and 1,295 other preferences were tabulated. After recording the information,

the cards were then distributed to the religious leaders of each faith.

To train ministers and lay leaders in visiting the unchurched, a group of experts was also called in by the Council, all of whom are past leaders in the Department of Evangelism of the National Council of Churches. Under their leadership it is expected that many unchurched people will be brought into active church life following the concerted visitations.

Eastern Nigeria has a population of more than eight million, and the people there use English more widely than in any other region. All worship services are conducted in English. — BP.

Recorder Comment

Brookfield, N. Y. — Mr. (my husband) reads very little, and I not too much, but we could never do without the Recorder. It is our best friend. Thank you kindly."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 17, 1962

Redemption:

God's Call and Man's Response
Lesson Scripture: Eph. 2: 4-10; Acts 16: 25-34.

for November 24, 1962

Entering God's Sabbath Rest
Lesson Scripture: Hebrews 4: 1-13.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

WATERFORD, CONN. — The year so far at Waterford has been one of activity and of reward. Led by our committee on evangelism, the Friendly Visitors, we have undertaken several projects. First we made use of a questionnaire which was used in the Paint Rock church by Pastor Leroy Bass, analyzing the resources for evangelism in the local church. Then we called Brother William Kimshel of the Middletown Sabbathkeeping church to assist us with a weekend of evangelism. Tracts and special issues of the Sabbath Recorder have been distributed through

letters and in a tract rack in the New London railway station. Our orders for these have had to be increased recently.

Vacation Bible School and Lewis Camp have been of benefit to our youth and adult leaders. Sabbath afternoon meetings of the juniors have been interspersed with singing at a local nursing home and with a bird hike led by LeRoy Burdick.

In our Friday night prayer meetings we have taken up depth Bible studies of the books of Jeremiah, Galatians, James, and studied the booklet, "Who Cares?"

In response to the appeal for Our World Mission funds, the Waterford church has again oversubscribed the quota requested by the Commission.

In a beautiful service by the seaside in September, one candidate received baptism.

We are grateful to God for the privilege of serving Him in these various ways, and pray that we may be found faithful in little and in much. — Correspondent.

DENVER, COLO. — Our building program reached another level with the dedication of the Fellowship Hall when we were honored to have good friends, the Melvin Nida family, return. Dr. Nida gave the Sabbath morning sermon. The dream of a sanctuary begins to seem not so far distant as the work of the church grows, as deficits decrease with generous giving, and as our stewardship chairman, Don Widman, challenges us with reminders of our Christian blessings.

At a popular Denver evening radio program entitled "Party Line," our pastor was interviewed and the following night, Starr Yelland, the announcer, said, "An interesting program of questions last night; many people made comments: 'Ever heard of Seventh Day Baptists?' 'Nice person, the Rev. Kenneth Smith, pastor of that church.'"

Pastor Smith is now pursuing doctoral studies and research at the Iliff School of Theology at Denver University. A busy year opens for him. His sermons and Friday evening talks inspire all his hearers.

Summer brought many activities: Vacation Bible School held jointly with the St. Paul's Community Church, the Pee-Wee and Junior groups at the Rocky Mountain Camp and the Senior Camp

near North Loup. Several Sundays are being spent this fall in expansion and improvements at camp. We wish that all the Recorder readers could visit our Rocky Mountain Camp 1,200 feet above the valley, an area of breath-taking beauty with snow-capped peaks to the west, plains stretching away to indistinctness to the east, and the breath of pine-scented air — just a little bit of heaven here on earth.

A number of our group attended Conference. Gary Cox had charge of Pre-Con Camp and Irwin Randolph directed the music.

Four weddings of our young people were solemnized this summer: Phyllis Anne Shepard and Charles Zailer; Bob Shepard and Bonnie McBreen; Beverly Davis and James Wells; Lloyd Thorngate and Rea Brock.

September finds several of our young people in college at Milton and Salem while others are enrolled at Denver University, University of Colorado, and Opportunity School.

The Youth Fellowship with Richard and Mary Shepard and the Juniors with Richard and Mary Steele as sponsors, are active. The Kum Dobl, Friendly, Blanche Sutton classes and the Ladies Aid are on the march. A church dinner, rummage sale, and bazaar are in the offing.

A new set of by-laws, presented for consideration at the September quarterly business meeting, will be voted on at the annual church meeting in January.

On September 13, the Advisory Boards of the Boulder and Denver churches with the camp committee, met at Boulder to set up arrangements for Conference, 1963, at the Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colo.

Those in attendance at the Mid-Continent Association meetings at Nortonville, Kan., October 12-14, report inspiring meetings and happy fellowship.

The challenge is ever before us as individual churches and as a denomination to never be weary in well doing for our Master. — Correspondent.

Job Opportunity at Plainfield

A rapidly growing parcel delivery service in Plainfield, N. J., has need of a new driver with Christian convictions who would be glad to have Sunday work with Sabbaths off. Applicants may call 210-755-7339 and mention the Sabbath Recorder.

Good Things to Come

Following the special issue (which omits departments, news, and statistics to make it relatively timeless) there will be some feature articles of unusual interest. One of these, by the chairman of the new Vocational Committee of Conference will set forth some well-considered plans for strengthening our Seventh Day Baptist witness.

Scheduled to appear in future issues are two more messages given at the last General Conference, stories of outreach on the home field and news of Seventh Day Baptists around the world. We hope also to publish news of an enlarged vision of our stewardship responsibilities. Such news, of course, depends upon the evidence that we have a new vision of the work that can be done with our loyal support.

Accessions

Daytona Beach, Fla.

By Letter:

Mary (Mrs. Rex F.) Stearns

By Testimony:

Elma (Mrs. David E.) Rogers (Associate)

Obituaries

Harris.—Lawrence F. (70), the son of the late John T. and Abbie Eldridge Harris, and Merle R. (71), the daughter of the late Iseus and Laverna Lippincott Fitz Randolph, were fatally injured in an automobile accident near Elmer, N. J., on October 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were married on June 26, 1918, and for a number of years before his retirement five years ago, they lived in Plainfield and Dunellen, N. J., where he was employed as a bookkeeper for the Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

Mr. Harris, born near Shiloh, and Mrs. Harris, born near Jackson Center, Ohio, were reared in Seventh Day Baptist homes and since moving to Greenwich, N. J., have been active members of the Shiloh church.

Surviving are four children: a daughter, Mrs. Kathryn Townley of Franklin, Maine; and three sons: Roy J. T. of Milton, Wis.; Thomas Gordon of Mt. Holly, N. J.; and Lawrence R. of South Plainfield, N. J., and ten grandchildren. In addition to these there are surviving Mr. Harris: a sister, Mrs. Linda H. Carter of Bridgeton, N. J., and a brother, Floyd of Shiloh; and surviving Mrs. Harris are two brothers: Milton Fitz Randolph of Florida, and Elston Fitz Randolph of California.

Memorial services were held in the Shiloh church on Friday afternoon, Oct. 19, by their pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, assisted by the Rev. Margaret Hendrichson and the Rev. Lewis Bender. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery. — C. H. B.

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