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of Madison officiating. Burial was at Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison. —Mrs. A. E. Webster.

Davis.—Mrs. Anna B., daughter of the late John and Phoebe Anna (Jones) Bowden, was born in Linwood, N. J., April 2, 1885, and died at her home in Shiloh July 15, 1962.

She was the wife of Benjamin C. Davis, a local farmer. Surviving in addition to her husband are: one son, Mervin of Shiloh; two daughters, Esther (Mrs. Charles) Swing of DeRuyter, N. Y., and Ethel, (Mrs. C. Harmon) Dickinson of Plainfield; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Davis was a member of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, having joined in her teens.

Funeral services were held in the Carll Funeral Home, Bridgeton, on Wednesday afternoon, July 18, with her pastor, the Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was in the cemetery at Shiloh. — C.H.B.

Ellis.—Louise, daughter of Samuel and Maria Wells Ellis, was born at Alfred, N. Y., August 9, 1870, and died at the Brown Nursing Home, Hornell, N. Y., July 20, 1962, where she had been a patient for the past two years.

She was baptized on January 26, 1889, and united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, of which she has been a lifelong and faithful member.

Miss Ellis prepared for grade school teaching and taught in the Alfred District schools, in the Rochester school system, and in Gilbertsville, all in New York. Upon retirement she returned to Alfred to live.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Charles Ellis, Stephentown, N. Y., and Mrs. Oscar Ellis, Bound Brook, N. J.; a nephew, Delmar B. Ellis, Stephentown; three nieces, Mrs. Helen Sullivan, Stephentown; Mrs. J. Scott MacLennan, Bound Brook, N. J.; and Mrs. Achille Piccolo, Ashaway, R. I.; a grandniece, Miss Connie Coon, also of Ashaway; and two own cousins, Dr. J. Nelson Norwood and Roland Norwood, both of Alfred, N. Y.

Funeral and committal services were held at the Crandall and Crandall Funeral Home, Hornell, N. Y., Sunday afternoon, July 22, 1962, with her pastor, the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, officiating. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — H.S.W.

Green.—Caroline Isabelle, adopted daughter of Richard and Isabelle Clarke, was born in Whiteside County, Ill., July 20, 1863, and died in Wheatridge, Colo., April 9, 1962.

At the age of four her foster mother died and she was reared by her foster sister, Mrs. H. C. Van Horn, then living at Welton, Iowa. During a brief residence of the family at Humbolt, Neb., Caroline was baptized in 1872 and joined the Seventh Day Baptist Church of that place.

She was married in 1881 to Lester Ellsworth Green. To this union six children were born, of whom Elsie (Mrs. G. H.) Thorngate of Denver, Colo., and Edward of North Loup

survive. She is also survived by 18 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren, and 46 great-great grandchildren. Most of her married life was spent in North Loup where she has held her church membership since 1904. She lived with her daughter from 1954 to 1960 when she went to a nursing home.

Farewell services were conducted at Wheatridge, Colo., by Pastor Kenneth Smith and at North Loup by Pastor David Clarke. Burial was at Hillside Cemetery, North Loup. —D.S.C.

Johnson.—Ava Belle Clement, daughter of Nathaniel George and Mary Hurley Clement, homestead pioneers, was born in Mira Valley, Neb., Jan. 1, 1883, and died May 24, 1962, at Ord, Neb.

On Aug. 28, 1906, she was married to William Glen Johnson. To them were born five children: Mrs. Ralph P. (Mary) Winch, Williamstown, Mass.; Warren Glen, who died in infancy; Mrs. Theron (Margaret) Ochs, Milton Junction, Wis.; Roger H. of Parsons, Kan.; and Edwin L. of Kansas City, Mo.

Preceded in death by a brother, Guy, and a sister, Clara Holmes, she is survived by a brother, Hugh of North Loup.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup, in which she was consistently active till the time of her sudden illness and death. Her entire life was devoted to church, family, and community. She inspired love of good music and good living in the hearts of countless youth over the sixty years of her public school and piano teaching.

Memorial services were conducted on May 26 by the Rev. David Clarke, with one of her former pastors, the Rev. Herbert Polan, assisting. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery in North Loup. — D.D.S.

Stonementz.—Bessie, daughter of Charles and Elsie Ball Sherwood, was born April 14, 1883, at East Hebron, Pa., and died at Jones Memorial Hospital, Wellsville, N. Y., July 22, 1962.

She had been a lifelong member of the Second Hebron (Hebron Center) Seventh Day Baptist Church and had served as a trustee of the church.

She was a faithful reader of the Bible, being able to quote a large number of passages. She had started to read the Bible through a third time. Although prevented from attending church services in later years, she enjoyed worshipping by radio.

She was married to Timothy Clair of Hebron, Pa., who died May 7, 1937. In March, 1939, she was married to Frank Stonementz of Oswayo, Pa., where they have lived in recent years. Her earlier life was spent at Independence and Wellsville, N. Y.

She is survived by her husband; by a brother, Frank Sherwood, Olean, N. Y.; a half-sister, Mrs. Pearl Hurd, Wellsville; several nieces and nephews, and several grandnieces and grandnephews.

Funeral services were conducted at the J. W. Embser Sons Funeral Home, Wellsville, with the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, pastor of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, officiating. Burial was in the Hallsport, N. Y., Cemetery. —H.S.W.



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Eternal Orbit

Are people interested in eternity? Perhaps there is not as much talk about it in church as there used to be, but the subject cannot continually be forced into the dim recesses of a thinking mind. The present with its joys, problems, and challenges is always trying to outbid the distant future in the market place of men's thoughts. Important as the present may be, it is but a moment of time compared with all that has gone before and the infinity that stretches beyond.

When the Mariner 2 spacecraft was launched on August 27 Howard Benedict was ready with an Associated Press article in laymen's language describing what was hoped for in its performance as it sped toward the Planet Venus, 69,000,000 miles away at an initial speed of 25,500 miles an hour. He explained that it would slow down to a mere 7,000 miles an hour during most of the journey and would accelerate to 91,600 miles when it flies by the sunlit side of Venus on December 14 — if all goes well. The intricacies of the calculations and the controls are beyond imagination to most of us. It is hard to believe that it may be possible to receive signals back again from such a tremendous distance. The Russians sent a spacecraft within 62,000 miles of Venus last year but its radio went dead and failed to transmit the desired information. Success is possible, for one of our spacecrafts has previously beeped messages back 22.5 million miles.

Mr. Benedict passes on the information that the gold-and-silver spacecraft will have only 30 minutes on December 14 to make its instrumental sensings through the perpetual clouds that enshroud the steaming planet. After that brief moment, "Mariner 2 is to speed on into eternal orbit about the sun." Those are the words. A spacecraft costing millions and flying on a high-arching path of more than 180 million miles to reach its functional destination only 69 million miles away must complete its life mission in just 30 minutes. After that it will take its little place in "eternal orbit" around the sun.

Eternity was once a philosophical or theological concept. Now it is the only term the scientist can find that is adequate to describe what happens to a thing of

earth thrown far out into space. With awe and reverence we should pick up again that too lightly discarded term and remind ourselves that Christ has promised to prepare a place for us in the eternal habitation. Bible students have long been pointing out the brevity and transitoriness of life. It is our incentive to use for God the little time that we are associated with the things of earth. Here is a new example from the pages of science. If a spacecraft can unfold its solar paddles and send back messages 109 days out in space, who can question the power of the God of all space to speak to the inhabitants of earth when He chooses. Again, if Mariner 2 can be expected to be alert on a certain half hour 109 days after launching in order to do the bidding of man, how much more can God expect us to be alert to do His will at the appointed times of opportunity in our lives!

Looking at Other Baptists

At the Southern Baptist Convention the president, Herschel H. Hobbs, was elected for a second term, a thing which Seventh Day Baptist procedure does not allow. Mr. Hobbs writes his impressions of the June convention in a few words and takes a look at the year ahead. The paragraph of retrospect could well be compared with our own Conference more recently held:

The convention faced vital issues. It positioned itself as to its continuing faith in the Bible. It cited no institutions or individuals. It refused to act as a censor. But it courteously requested its agencies to continue to operate within the context of its expressed faith, leaving each one free to determine its course of action within that framework. It referred some vital matters to the executive committee for study and recommendation to the 1963 session of the convention. It appointed a committee to study the 1925 statement of "The Baptist Faith and Message" and to bring its report to the 1963 session.

What the Southern Baptist president said in his three paragraphs of retrospect could also be applied to Seventh Day Baptists with some slight changes in detail. We quote:

The debating is past. The convention has spoken. It now remains for us to act in that light. And as we act, let us do so together in Christian love as we give ourselves un-

reservedly to the great task which God has placed in our hands. As we do so, let us pray without ceasing. Let us pray for our agencies as they implement the broad policies and programs of our convention. Let us pray for the committee appointed to study the "Baptist Faith and Message." Let us pray for the committee on theological education Decisions affecting our convention for a generation may well be made during the next 11 months. We must make not our decisions, but His. May our prayer ever be that of our Lord, ". . . not as I will, but as thou wilt."

The Business of Conference

As indicated in previous articles, denominational business is the principal concern of Conference; it is the primary purpose for which delegates are called together annually. The other values are the food and the seasoning that we need along with the business. Judging by the daily attendance it would appear that not more than half of the people on the grounds consistently attend all the business sessions. They prefer the evening sessions which are well seasoned with music. It should be noted, of course, that more than one fourth of those in attendance are too young to fully appreciate the routine business. For many of them activities and meetings more suitable to the level of their Christian experience are conducted during the hours that business is considered. The interest in the vital matters coming before Conference in the board programs and in the reports of committees was probably much better than at some previous meetings. The committees were apparently very well attended.

If one can be permitted to make a generalization about the business at Conference, it could be said that it went well. There were very few parliamentary tangles. The president had enlisted the aid of the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, a previous Conference president who had made a special study of parliamentary practice as it related to our denominational procedure. He was called the parliamentarian. At every business session he led in prayer and sat on the platform behind the president. There were several occasions when Dr. Nida called on him to determine the proper procedure of the moment. This doubtlessly avoided

waste of precious time. The president, following the example of those who have occupied the chair before him, studiously attempted to be fair in giving the floor to those who wanted to speak to the point under discussion.

How did the business go as to its general trend? There had been fears expressed in some of the Associations which met in the spring that our denomination was moving too rapidly toward centering authority in a few hands, a centralization which was felt to be contrary to Baptist history and polity. A few articles questioning whether we knew where we were going or how we could return later from a point where we might decide we did not want to be, were published in this journal. Some of the committees or councils that were being set up seemed too small to be adequately representative. Conference through its more widely representative committees took these things under consideration. The result, in some cases at least, was a more democratic set-up or a slowing down of this centralization tendency. This will be noted by the careful reader of the Yearbook when it is published.

It may well be considered a sign of good health when there is discussion on vital matters on the floor of Conference and there are negative votes. Some observed that a standing vote had to be called for more frequently than usual toward the close of the week when reports of committees came to the floor. On two occasions the president arranged for a ballot vote of delegates. One of these was to determine whether Conference in 1964 would be held on Association Island (Lake Ontario, near Adams Center) or at Alfred. Incidentally, the decision was for Alfred. What seems strange to many is that when the matter of adopting the denominational budget comes up there is almost never much discussion of major items and sometimes none at all. So it was again this year. It had been so carefully considered by Commission and the boards that people seemed satisfied that the budget could not be much increased. Neither could the asking be diminished even though we have not yet met the goal of this year



MEMORY TEXT

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. James 1: 5.



Coming Next Week

In the next issue we hope to have more pictures available, particularly flash pictures of youth Pre-Con and Conference activities taken by a young photographer from Florida who has professional equipment and makes his own reprints.

Much of the business of Conference centers around the report of Commission. The handling of that report by the Committee on Reference and Counsel is highly important. This year the committee substituted two pages and let the delegates decide in open business meeting which was preferable. The delegates agreed that the committee had made an improvement. We hope to print next week a considerable portion of Commission's report in the form adopted by Conference.

At the closing session of Conference, time was given to the Rev. Paul Osborn to present a brief resolution reaffirming our faith in the Bible as our rule of faith and practice. There was some misunderstanding by certain leaders of the purpose and value of such an affirmation and it was referred to Commission by a divided house. Mr. Osborn has had considerable correspondence in regard to the matter and has called the editor from Little Rock, Ark., to say that an explanation will be available for the September 17 issue. This material is expected to be reassuring and to present a challenge to Seventh Day Baptists as they carry forward their work for the Lord.

Again we remind our readers that the forthcoming issues will contain articles and news that none should miss. New subscriptions can be started at any time, but this is one of the best times to speak to the people of your acquaintance who are not now subscribers. Quite a few like to send extra money for the Recorder Fund — a worthy cause.

Bible Studies in the Epistle of James

One of the most stimulating daily experiences at General Conference for many was the morning Bible study in the Epistle of James conducted alternately by the Rev. Mynor Soper of Boulder and the Rev. Kenneth Smith of Denver. The book, having five chapters, was easily divided for study on the five weekdays. The popularity of the fresh and well-applied discourses was evidenced by the fact that some who would have preferred to sleep through breakfast hour felt that they could not afford to miss the Bible study.

Whether or not it will be possible to print in somewhat condensed form some of these helpful studies is still an open question. They would have to be reproduced from the tapes. It is believed that quite a few churches, especially those without regular pastoral leadership would do well to request the use of these messages in their tape-recorded form for Sabbath morning messages or other occasions. Copies will soon be available from the American Sabbath Tract Society through the post-Conference labors of the Radio and Television Committee.

The pastor of the Riverside, Calif., church evidently felt the value of the studies in the Epistle of James. He has sent out mimeographed announcements to his parishioners echoing the Conference theme "Draw Nigh to God" and inviting them to what he is pleased to call "A Soul Clinic" on the five Sabbaths from August 25-September 22. In a series of sermons based on James he asks his people to examine themselves (1 Cor. 11: 28). On August 25 they examined the emotions, "Contending with Temptations"; on Sept. 1, the applied faith, "Believing and Living Consistently"; next the tongue, with a sermon on "Controlling the Tongue"; later an examination of the heart, "Safeguarding Against Diseases of the Heart"; finally a look at the entire life in the fifth chapter, "The Secret of Improved Spiritual Health."

Although this is not exactly the way the epistle was treated by the two speakers on the daily Bible study program at

Conference it shows what can be done with "the practical Epistle of James." Remember that your church can hear the Conference studies if you have access to a tape recorder. Write to the Tract Society at Plainfield. The corresponding secretary's office will help you schedule your programs. Please plan well in advance and avoid disappointment.

Old-Time Gospel Tracts Take on New Life

Under the above heading the American Tract Society publishes the story of its tremendously expanded work since Henry G. Perry, D.D. began to direct its work. It is a thrilling story, the best parts of which cannot be included here. The account effectively puts to rest the idea of timid souls that tract distribution cannot be effective in this modern day. It also challenges other tract societies (such as our Sabbath Tract Society) to push with vigor the valuable, thoughtful literature already in print and yet to be published.

When Perry became executive secretary of ATS in 1947, the society was deeply in debt with an inventory of drab tracts; sentimental poems printed on cheap newspaper in black and white with few illustrations. Formerly with the United Nations, he knew the need for communicating by the best, up-to-date method. He threw out a mountain of tracts, then gave romance and uplift to tract design. Though ATS didn't pioneer modern tract design, it now leads the field. Perry explains the eye-catching layout and full color pictures. "If you want to reach the non-Christian you have to compete with well-laid-out literature, while still maintaining dignity." No comic strips are published.

Oldest tract society in America, ATS was established in 1825 through a merger of approximately 40 small groups and is considered a grandchild of the Religious Tract Society of London organized in 1799. Free literature has been supplied chaplains in the armed forces through five major wars. For the past 92 years, ATS has presented to every member of the incoming class of cadets at West

Point a beautifully bound King James Bible inscribed with the cadet's name in gold on the cover.

In 1947 ATS sold a little more than 1¼ million tracts. Prayer for doubling of production was answered in 1948 with 3½ million total, and in 1949 with 7 million. Since then tract production has consistently climbed by the blessing of the Holy Spirit. The last three years over 20 million have been distributed annually, making ATS one of the major tract publishers in the world.

ATS rarely solicits a manuscript, for hundreds of manuscripts are submitted annually. After careful consideration at headquarters, final approval is made by a publishing committee of seven men from different denominations who review every tract. A few years ago a fellow in work clothes came into the office with a handwritten manuscript for a tract. Perry explained very carefully to his visitor that "It costs \$200 to print a tract. We have to be careful with the Lord's money."

The fellow replied, "But I want to pay for it" as he placed money on the desk. This man had written the story of his conversion which ATS published under the title, "A True Story!" The author, now a deacon at Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, has learned of many converted through this tract.

ATS charter states its purpose: "to diffuse a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of sinners, and to promote the interests of vital godliness and sound morality by the circulation of religious tracts."

It may be observed that there is a similarity of wording between the purpose stated in this charter and the purpose of the American Sabbath Tract Society as stated in its constitution: "to promote the observance of the Bible Sabbath and the interests of vital Godliness and sound morality, and to print and circulate the religious literature of the Seventh Day Baptist Denomination of Christians."

E. Stanley Jones is credited with the indictment, "Many Christians are half-filled cups trying to overflow."

MISSIONS — Sec. Everett T. Harris

Report of the German Seventh Day Baptist Conference

By Pastor Johannes Bahlke

The German conference of Seventh Day Baptist churches held its annual meeting from July 13 to 15, 1962, in Hamburg, Germany, in the YMCA building. The number of those who shared the meeting was near to sixty. Of these seven had come from Holland, and six from West Berlin.

Being assembled by faith in Him who graciously, gently and genuinely cares for us human creatures, putting our lives right through His own sacrifice on the Cross of Golgotha, ready and worthy to receive eternal life, we all together had a rather good meeting of Christian fellowship.

Elder O. Kohler arranged the program and gave the opening address of reception-greetings, using as the scriptural basis for his message Ephesians 6: 10-17. The main speakers were Dr. Victor Burdick and his dear wife, speaking from Matthew 28: 18-20. Their serious talks concerning the work in Nyasaland and its Seventh Day Baptist mission center at Makapwa, were illustrated by black-board drawings and slides and were impressive and openhearted.

The needs of this mission field were acknowledged by the assembly by presenting some of their gifts to the benefit of the mission. The lectures of Dr. and Mrs. Burdick, to whom ample time was given on the program, were a fine supplement to that which hitherto was known to us about the Nyasaland mission field.

We enjoyed their messages and are grateful for their presence with us. We will continue in earnest prayer for all dear workers at Makapwa, for all native leaders, their country and government.

Greetings, speeches, lessons and Bible talks were given variously by the Holland Brothers Zijlstra, de Jong, and Kramer, and by leaders of our German churches: Brothers Voget of Hamburg; Zinke of Berlin; Meininghaus of Gelsenkirchen. These also were in attendance for prayer-devotion.

Brother Pfitzner from Neustadt am

Rubenberg, standing by himself as a single member, felt it advisable, in accordance to his Christian experiences, to give a thought on Hebrews 13: 9, where it says: "Be not carried away by divers and strange teachings, for it is good that the heart be established by grace."

The services of Pastor H. Strauss appeared in the opening address on Sabbath eve, the Sabbath closing devotion, and in a sermon on Sunday morning, mainly on the question in Luke 10: 25, "Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

The divine service, on Sabbath morning, held by Pastor J. Bahlke, was combined with the "Lord's Supper." He was assisted in the Communion service by Elder Kohler. The sermon was given in two parts centered in Luke 5: 1-11 and John 15: 1-8. The principal thought of this sermon was to remind all of the necessity to accept the high gift of faith, honest and true believing upon Jesus' word, readiness for obedience and humility as requirements to become fruit-bearing for Him. Of course, it is God's deepest interest to change this world from its present evil condition into a world of forgiveness: "... and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. . . ."

Missionary Doctor Returns to Nyasaland

By Dr. Victor H. Burdick

(Continued from September 3)

Wednesday morning (July 11) we bade goodbye to the Siegnettes and Nieuwstradts in Haarlem, and returned to Amsterdam airport for our flight to Hamburg, Germany.

Brother Johannes Bahlke, whom we met in London last year, and who also attended Holland Conference this year, met us at the airport, guided us about Hamburg, and to our hotel there. We had two days in Hamburg, before the weekend conference, to see some of the city. We visited the zoo, a real treat for all of us. Most of the African animals we've never seen in Africa. We toured the wide mouth of the Alster River by pedal boat and ferry. Brother Bahlke and I visited the University of

Hamburg, and spent a pleasant evening in the home of Lorenz Bruhn, son of the late Heinrich Bruhn.

The conference meetings were held in a building of the Hamburg CVJM (YMCA). This was across the Alster River from our hotel, requiring a pleasant trip by ferry to and from the meetings. With a book of conversational German, to refresh my memory of college German, I found I could converse a bit, and catch some of the content of the conference sessions. Again, although our understanding was little, we appreciated the warm and friendly "family" relationship. Eight of the Holland folks, including Brother Zijlstra, had come to the German Conference as delegates. Others were from Braunschweig, Berlin, Frankfurt, Kassel, as well as Hamburg. Beth and I were given opportunity to tell of life and conditions in Nyasaland, and to show slides. A generous offering was made by the conference for the work at Makapwa.

Our flights from Hamburg to Frankfurt, and from Frankfurt to Rome, on Monday, July 16, gave us four hour waits both in Frankfurt and Rome. In Frankfurt we spent two hours in a park along the Main River, Victor Jr., playing in a sand pit. Rome airport is too far from the city, so we entertained Victor Jr., in, throughout, and around the airport building.

We all slept quite well during the night of our flight from Rome to Nairobi. The plane arrived an hour and a half late, one-half hour after the scheduled departure of our Nairobi-Blantyre flight. Providentially, this flight was delayed an hour because of several others who needed to make the same connection — most of them economic advisors from America to the new leaders in the Nyasaland government. So we arrived in Blantyre, July 17, only an hour late; we passed quickly through immigration and customs, and greeted our fellow missionaries and some of the African leaders who had come to meet us. Sarah had remained at the mission to open the first conference session as president.

In spite of conference meetings from Tuesday evening to Sabbath night, and

Executive Committee meetings from Sunday to Tuesday, we settled down quickly to the routine in our home and work. Our first operation was performed on the Sabbath afternoon of conference — an emergency Caesarian section; mother and baby both doing well.

We have done five other, elective surgeries since then, with more waiting; patient census is increasing, new routines and procedures are being absorbed, and Victor, Jr., is getting readjusted to his native land.

We sincerely thank those who have expressed confidence in us to return as your representatives in the work here, those who have supported our travels with the necessary finance and prayer, and those who have entertained us in Holland and Germany.

Elrene Crandall Burdick

(Prepared by Mrs. Robert E. Spicer and Rev. Hurley S. Warren)

Elrene Crandall Burdick, a deaconess, widow of the late Rev. William L. Burdick, died July 30, 1962.

At an early age she professed belief in Christ as her Savior and was baptized and joined the Independence Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1879, of which she was a faithful, active member, having served as clerk of the church for six years. Later she joined the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church in Ashaway, R. I. Here she was ordained to the diaconate in 1938. She joined the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred on May 10, 1958, where she remained a faithful, consecrated member until her death.

Elrene was graduated from the Teachers Training Course of Alfred University. After teaching in the local schools and at Berlin, N. Y., she gave of her time and talents to teach a year in the Fouke, Ark., Mission School, founded by the Rev. and Mrs. Gideon Henry Fitz Randolph.

Miss Crandall also attended New York School of Agriculture and Home Economics in Alfred, graduating in 1913 in Home Economics. She was employed at Battle Creek Sanitarium for some time.

Elrene cared for her father until his

death. She then became a close companion to her mother, until her marriage.

On October 7, 1934, she was united in marriage with the Rev. William L. Burdick of Ashaway, R. I., where they resided until his death, February 29, 1952. She shared his outstanding work for the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, of which he was Corresponding Secretary for many years.

After her husband died, Mrs. Burdick spent five years helping to care for Mrs. Nathan E. Lewis of Plainfield, N. J., and was very thoughtful in assisting Mr. Lewis in his blindness.

When she came to Alfred to retire, she soon saw the opportunity to serve again and went to the aid of Dr. and Mrs. Ben R. Crandall, where she faithfully and lovingly stood by during the extended illness of Mrs. Crandall.

Mrs. Burdick was active in the Friendly Forum Sabbath School Class, the Ladies' Aid Society, the Evangelical Society, the W.C.T.U., and was a member of the Garden Club, the Amandine Club, and the General Schuyler Chapter of the D.A.R.

She is survived by two brothers, Dr. Ben R. Crandall of Alfred and C. Milford Crandall of Independence; two step-daughters, Mrs. Paul C. Saunders of Alfred and Miss Edith Burdick of New York City, and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath afternoon, August 4, 1962, with the Rev. Albert N. Rogers and the Rev. Hurley S. Warren, her pastor, officiating. Interment was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Annual Meeting

The 120th Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Rhode Island, will be held on the third Sunday of September (Sept. 16, 1962) at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in Westerly, R. I., at 2:00 p.m., to act upon any report that may be presented, to elect officers and members of the Board of Managers and to transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Youth Worker Dedicated

The accent is on youth, and was more so in this Conference than most. One reason, perhaps, is that there were more than the usual number of young people present for Pre-Con and Conference. Many of them took their places on working committees when appointed. One of the most forward-looking projects of the year was the employment of a youth worker made possible by the money-raising endeavors of the youth throughout the denomination. They were able to raise somewhat more than the minimum required for the project in a year in which the total denominational budget shows little prospect of being fully raised. It was fitting then that the Conference president should provide a special place on the program for the dedication of the youth field worker, Miss Linda Bingham, who has now entered upon a year of sacrificial labor in behalf of the youth folks.

The dedication service was scheduled for Friday morning. Its importance was highlighted by the fact that the Conference choir sang, their only daytime appearance on the platform of the chapel.

Miss Bingham made the simple, heartfelt statement which follows:

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Because I felt that 22 is too tender an age for a young lady to fall into the rut of becoming an old maid school teacher;

Because I felt there must be something of more value than moving decimals and dividing fractions that I could give to young people;

Because I was experiencing growing pains and had not been allowing myself to grow;

Because my life had been too narrowly centered about me, I am doing this work for myself.

II

Because my church means so much to me;

Because I believe in the Seventh Day Baptist cause;

Because I have experienced an increas-

ing concern for the future welfare of our denomination;

Because I think that I can understand and appreciate the problems of Seventh Day Baptist young people and work with them sympathetically in their search for solutions, I am doing this work for my church.

III

Because I have come to believe that my life, my talents, and my ability to feel deeply about things are gifts from God;

Because I want to use these gifts in the most effective ways in serving Him;

Because I have felt the love of God touching my heart and working with my life;

Because I must share this love, I am doing this work for my God.

Fittingly the secretary of the Board of Christian Education, the Rev. Rex Zwiebel, gave the dedicatory prayer which closed thus:

And now we present before Thee this our beloved, who has been sent for such a time as this and we pray that Thy direction might ever be hers, that Thy love might overcome all the trials, the temptations; that she may not be weary in well doing, but be able to say at the end of her year of dedicated service that it has been done for Thee, that she has invested as a wise servant; and may she hear Thee say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into greater labors of my Kingdom." Bless her. Cause us to give her the support which is rightfully hers. May our criticisms be kind; may our judgments never. Let always our love follow her. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit we present her to Thee and to our denomination. Amen.

— L.M.M.

Sabbath School Reports

Questionnaires sent from the Board of Christian Education office regarding Sabbath School, Vacation Church School, youth, and camping activities are now due. Several churches have not reported to date. We solicit your co-operation.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for September 22, 1962

Draw Near to God

Lesson Scripture: Malachi 2: 1-2, 4-9; 3: 1-4.

Report of the Committee on Christian Education Interests

(This report of the Conference Committee was adopted without change at the Thursday a.m. session.)

Christian education, as practiced in our homes, our churches, and our schools is exceedingly important in these critical times. Of this the committee on Christian Education Interests is unanimously convinced.

Therefore, we commend the various committees of the Board of Christian Education for their progress in furthering God's work as reported to the General Conference. We believe a special commendation to the executive secretary, Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel, is in order for his untiring efforts in all the areas of his work; especially for his influence and ministry to the Buffalo Fellowship which is soon to become an organized church, and for his expressed concern that they secure a full-time minister.

We note with satisfaction that progress is being made on the survey of the use of Sabbath School quarterlies, as directed by the General Conference in 1961. We are looking forward to the early completion of this study confidently expecting that the results may provide better working tools for our Sabbath School teachers. We would hope that during the next few years more helps for youth fellowship groups and young people's Sabbath School classes will be written or otherwise made available.

We commend the new youth field worker, Miss Linda Bingham, for her work during the past summer in several camps, Associations, and Bible Schools and wish her continued success in this work. We would hope that this kind of volunteer youth worker can be a continuing part of Seventh Day Baptist Christian education.

We would commend the efforts of the Committee on Christian Higher Education to maintain contact with college students and would encourage the broadening of this effort to include high school students, young people in the Armed Services, and other youth. We urge that church clerks co-operate as fully as

possible with the Women's Board in compiling the necessary lists to make this effort more successful. It is our hope that such lists will be made available to other interested agencies within the denomination. We would urge that the local churches also attempt to maintain consistent communication with youth who enter these experiences.

We would encourage counseling of youth through local or denominational channels regarding the value of college education including a more complete orientation of our youth to the challenges this experience presents. We hope that many churches can present programs or workshops in this regard, emphasizing the importance of students attending colleges influenced by Seventh Day Baptist churches.

We would encourage the alumni and other interested friends of our church-founded schools to channel contributions through the General Conference treasurer as provided for by action of General Conference in 1959 (1959 Yearbook, page 53). This would permit crediting of more donations as church-related giving, as well as alumni giving, and thus in some measure justify to contributing corporations and foundations the continuing influence of Seventh Day Baptists in these schools.

Because of the number of ministers who find secular employment necessary, especially during the school year, it is felt that consideration might be given to scheduling the biennial ministers' conferences at a time when school is not in session. We urge that churches encourage their pastors to attend these biennial conferences.

Because of the possibility that the executive secretary (of the board) may become overburdened with unnecessary duties or matters unrelated to his main or principal responsibilities, the committee believes that a careful restudy should be made concerning the objectives of the Board of Christian Education and how the executive secretary might best help to accomplish these objectives. It is believed also that this restudy should include consideration of the possibility of relocating the Board of Christian Educa-

tion and/or office of the executive secretary of the board.

With deep gratitude for the manifold, unselfish, and productive services reflected in the 22nd Annual Report of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, we recommend the adoption of these portions of the report referred to the Committee on Christian Education Interests.

K. Duane Hurley, Chairman,
Mrs. Jonathan B. Davis, Secretary.

Of Interest to Youth

World C. E. Convention at Sydney Elects Meadows as President

At the close of the convention at Sydney, Australia, on August 20, Bishop Clyde W. Meadows of Chambersburg, Pa., was elected to fill the office held by Dr. Daniel A. Poling for the past 35 years. Dr. Meadows, long associated with Christian Endeavor work, becomes the third to hold the high office. Dr. Frances E. Clark, founder of the movement, served from 1895 until his death in 1927. The world organization has a membership of about 3 million in 80 denominations and 50 countries or islands. The retiring president stated at Sydney that C. E. remains unrivaled as the world's ecumenical youth movement. Its evangelistic character commends it to youth. Dr. Meadows noted that there were many commitments to Christ at every mass session of the convention. Attendance at times was above 8,000.

The next world convention is set for Belfast, Ireland, in July of 1966. Headquarters for both the World's Union and the International Society are at 1221 E. Broad St., Columbus 16, Ohio.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the corporation of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education will be held at the School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y., Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, September 16. Any and all Seventh Day Baptists who were in attendance at General Conference this year are eligible to attend and vote in this meeting.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

Draw Near to God In Appreciating the Past

by Carolyn Gray

(Continued from last week)

Inspiration has come to some this past year through attending conferences and assemblies of other denominations. The question has been asked, "Does the Women's Board get enough out of that kind of project to warrant spending money that way?" To this the Women's Board would answer: "Our goal is to spread the Word, not to see how much we can get out of any certain project."

We are, in truth, a broadcasting station, not a receiving set. The ladies who have represented us at these conferences, either on a voluntary or request basis, have had a chance to speak before thousands of people and tell of our denomination and the Sabbath, while at the same time they have drawn closer to God through the experience of telling of the Sabbath and worshiping with peoples of other faiths. The board does not feel that the money spent in this way has been wasted, or that the time and effort of the women who went on our behalf could have been spent in a more worth-while way. True, the inspiration was limited to a few of us, but who is to say what the results of seed scattered in this way may be! One of the main reasons for our remaining an individual denomination is to spread the Sabbath truth, and certainly these delegates have had opportunity to do that very thing.

Another method of "reaching out while drawing near" is through Christian writing. The board regrets that this is one of the phases of the work that has not been greatly emphasized this year. We became "aware" too late for any outreach in this field this year, but since there were some loose ends to pick up and complete, we have completed these and are well organized to launch out next year. Christian writing offers much to the writer as well as to the reader — to set your beliefs down in black and white helps you crystallize your thinking; to write them down in a way that will be appealing to others — simple and direct

— is a challenge that should not be overlooked in your search for methods of outreach. The board hopes that this year will see many entries in the contest for writers of Christ-centered articles. You are an individual, yes, but not so individualistic in your thinking that what you write will not reach some kindred spirit and help smooth a path or crystallize someone's thinking.

The board is proud of the young people of the denomination and wants to take this way of telling them it stands ready to help them in any way possible. It seems that the Spirit is at work in our youth and they are taking the work of the denomination more seriously. Many are looking for ways to help, a high percentage of our youth is daring to take a stand against temptations of the world (and that is not easy in this day and age), and some are undertaking great things and even sacrificing willingly for the cause of Christ and the Seventh Day Baptist denomination. More will follow and the Women's Board feels that in individual churches efforts should be doubled to make the youth feel that they are important, and that their ideas, suggestions and interpretations will be listened to and considered. In the year 1962-63, as a first step in this direction, let's see that the name of every young person and child who has been baptized and joined the church is on the denominational mailing list. To create interest in any organization a person must feel that he is a recognized member, with his name included in the membership and that he has something to offer that will be of benefit to the organization. So the board would recommend that more ways be found to let a child know that from the time he is old enough to join the church, he is an accepted member of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination and as such we look to him for help in promoting the cause for which the denomination exists. I am sure that any of you who have worked with the youth groups in your churches have drawn nearer to God through guiding and listening to our youth.

There are other branches of the work that deserve mention, but perhaps this

will serve to let you all know that the Women's Board has hopes that this next year will be a profitable and inspiring year. But has this past year seen any gain in our efforts to draw near to God? We feel that we have made much progress but know that much more needs to be done. We must draw near to God ourselves first! Then we will have the faith that will remove the mountains of discontent, disillusionment, hatred, frustration, racial discrimination, delinquency and others, since there is a vast range of these mountains. Because when we draw near to God. He has promised that He will draw near to us and bigger and better things will begin to happen!

Shortage of Clergy in Germany

The acute shortage of Protestant clergy has been revealed in a recent statistical report issued by the Evangelical Church in Germany. The report reveals that more than 3,000 parsonages in Germany are vacant or filled only provisionally. There are 13,046 ministers serving an average of 2,256 persons or a ratio of one pastor to 1,500 members in rural areas, and one to as many as 4,000 in predominantly urban areas. The shortage is particularly severe in East Germany, where almost one third of the pastorates are vacant. This situation is aggravated by communist measures to discourage young people from studying for the ministry. The total current enrollment at the Evangelical faculties of West German universities is given as about 2,000 as compared to a postwar peak of almost 4,000 in 1951. To help meet the shortage the Protestant churches of Germany have begun to admit laymen without theological training as "academic pastors" following periods of special instruction. There are an estimated 1,000 of these working at present in Germany. At the same time, it said, the churches are recruiting more and more laymen to take over a large share of work in the parishes.

— Sabbath Observer.

Note: The shortage of ministers in East Germany has a ready explanation, but how does one account for the lack of interest in West Germany?

Christ in the Life of a Teenager

By Joan Schaible

(A talk given at a Shiloh, N. J., Intermediate C. E. meeting.)

A teenager is a person who has passed the childhood stage and is heading on to become an adult. These years are the trying years when the individual must take on more responsibility and the burdens of life become greater. At this time you are beginning to pattern what someday you plan to do and become. If you are weak and yield easily to temptation this period of life may start the beginning of an evil, ungodly adulthood. To start you on your way you need goals and self determination. But most of all you need a guide, someone who understands and wants to help you. God gave us parents to help, but yet you need someone that will guide you spiritually. Christ is the answer.

A teenager who realizes he needs Christ is heading in the right direction. One must confess he is a sinner and is unworthy of the love God gives to all. But he knows that through the precious blood of Christ he has redemption from sin and is willing to believe, heart, soul and mind that this is so. A change takes place in the teen's life. Worldly things seem to fade in the background just as the dolls and electric trains have long since been pushed aside from childhood days. A radiant glow of Christ shines through the life of this new Christian. He wants to tell everyone of the love of Christ and the peace and understanding he gives to all who believe. This Christian teenager chooses his friends carefully and regulates his activities to things that please Christ. He witnesses to unsaved persons he comes in contact with and shows through his life the joy of knowing Christ.

But alas, this new Christian is the choicest bait of the devil. The devil knows it is hard for a teenager to be different from the crowd and to stand up for what he believes. The teenager may begin to slip. He gets in with a bad crowd and his desire to be popular with the crowd is slowly pushing Christ away. You're "chicken" if you don't go along with the crowd. Your once strong belief

in Christ is swayed by the worldly pleasures which give satisfaction for a short time and then leave a bitter taste afterward. But you cannot be happy. Your heart and mind tell you so. Life without Christ is miserable. You don't want to spend eternity in the hell to which these evils point. The teenager must make amends with his Creator. He must confess his wrong and strive to get started in the right direction again. The Lord will forgive past sins and place in one a new determination for the things of Christ. A true Christian teenager is founded solidly on the Rock, which is Christ Jesus. With Christ as the guide, one cannot fail. The teenager is now paving his life in the right direction toward a happy, Christ-centered life and a future of resting in the hand of God.

Human Interest News from the Mill Yard Pastor

A letter from Pastor James McGeachy contains the interesting news that attendance at the 300-year-old Mill Yard Seventh Day Baptist Church is much better than formerly, due to the faithfulness of the people from Jamaica. He also adds that the editor of *The Sabbath Observer* may have to give up the task because of declining health. The pastor hardly sees how he could take it on again in addition to the three jobs that now occupy his time.

An interesting postscript to the letter is passed on to our readers as follows:

"An interesting romance has resulted from our special John James meetings in London last year, for there Bro. C. Justin Camenga of the Milton church, and serving the U. S. Government in Germany, met for the first time, Miss Trudy Bosch, daughter of the elder of our church in Amsterdam, Holland, and last Friday, August 24, they were married in Amsterdam. I expect they will eventually arrive back in the U. S. A., so you may yet meet them.

"John James did not realize that he would be the remote cause of such an event 300 years after his martyrdom, so none of us know just what may result in years to come from our faithful testimony in our own generation."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

New TV Series to Open RSV Tenth Anniversary

In an effort to "make the Scriptures relevant to today," the National Council of Churches, in collaboration with the National Broadcasting Company, has scheduled a new TV series, "When the Church Was Young." The four Sunday programs feature the Rev. Dr. Edward W. Bauman, professor at Wesley Theological Seminary and at American University in Washington, D. C., in a study of the Book of Acts.

Making the announcement, Dr. S. Franklin Mack, executive director of the Council's Broadcasting and Film Commission, noted that the series will be the first of a group called "The Living Bible in Today's World."

"This is the first nationwide Bible teaching program ever attempted on network TV," he explained. Beginning Sept. 9, at 1:30 EDT, in the Frontiers of Faith "slot," subsequent programs are scheduled Sept. 16, 23, and 30. Dr. Mack added that a study guide of the Acts of the Apostles, prepared by Dr. Bauman, will be sent to viewers on request.

The month of September marks the tenth anniversary of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

— Religious Newsweekly.

World's Most Powerful Christian Station to be Built in Curacao

Dr. Paul Freed, president of Trans World Radio, has announced that an agreement had been reached between Trans World Radio and the government of the Netherland Antilles providing for the construction and operation of a powerful Christian radio station on the island of Curacao in the Caribbean.

The station will be one of the most powerful in the world with broadcasting facilities to include a 250,000-watt General Electric short-wave transmitter and a 100,000-watt transmitter operating on the standard broadcast band.

Trans World Radio was founded in 1952 by Dr. Paul E. Freed as the voice of Tangier. It functions through a Board of Directors from its headquarters at 354 Main Street, Chatham, New Jersey.

Trans World Radio, which broadcasts over the only full-time Christian transmitter on the continent of Europe, owns and operates studios in Tangier, Morocco; Beirut, Lebanon; Wetzlar, Germany; and Monte Carlo, Monaco, as well as ten associate studios. Programs are broadcast in over twenty languages.

There are other Christian broadcasting companies reaching large areas of the world, notably the Far East Broadcasting Co.

Bolivian Government Appoints Protestant Minister as Consul General

Dr. Walter Montano, a Protestant minister from Bolivia, who is serving as the Bolivian consul in Los Angeles, was recently elevated to the post of consul general. He is the first evangelical minister and missionary from Latin America to be appointed to such a high diplomatic position.

In addition to his duties as a consular official, Dr. Montano continues his activities as an evangelist and missionary leader in Latin America and the United States. He is president of the Western Hemisphere Evangelical Union of the Evangelical Literature for Latin America.

Dr. Montano, called the "Saint Paul of Latin America," is the subject of the book by B. H. Pearson *The Monk Who Lived Again*, a book that went through nine printings between 1940 and 1948 and is still popular.

TRACT SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The annual corporate meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society will be held Sunday afternoon, September 16, in the Board Room of the Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, New Jersey. A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Tract Society is scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. that day. The corporate meeting will be called to order at the conclusion of the board meeting.

All who are interested in the promotion of the Bible Sabbath and the distribution of Seventh Day Baptist literature are urged to attend the Tract Society's annual meeting.

— Ethel Dickinson, Secretary.

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Randolphs Grateful

Just before going to press the following message came to the editor from Irwin Randolph (See news item "Near Tragedy" on page 15 of Sept. 3 issue).

"We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the purse which was given by the people of General Conference in response to our loss. We thank God that the loss was no greater than it was. No one was burned or injured and material things can be replaced.

"The cause of the fire has not been determined completely, although it appears to have started from an over-heated brake which caused a tire to blow out. The brakes had been repaired earlier the same day. Kind assistance was given almost immediately by passing motorists, but any effort to extinguish the blaze was hampered by the lack of extinguishers and the proximity of the gas tank. Although no explosion occurred the whole car was engulfed in flames in a matter of minutes.

"Again, thank you! Your generosity is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered."

The Irwin Randolph family.

Articles Unclaimed at Conference

Blue flowered Cannon towel, 12" x 18"
Mint green sweater, girl's, size 36 (Penney)
White cotton jersey jacket, girl's, black binding
White bulky knit cardigan sweater, girl's, 100% Dupont Nylon
Silk scarf with large red & blue polka-dots, 12" x 18"
Silk scarf, white with large rose prints, 24" x 24"
Boy's bow tie — red and black combination
Girl's strap shoes, black; Striderite brand, size 11C
Girl's hooded, terry-cloth-lined beach jacket, size 5. (Styled by Kane of Miami)
Brown poplin zipper jacket, size 12 (Norwood)
Neutral cotton raincoat with red & black checked lining; size 10 (C & M, Japan)
Girl's reversible all-purpose coat; neutral and flowered sides; size 13-15)
Camera: Kodak Brownie Holiday Flash, Dakon Lens. In the camera is an exposed roll of Panchromatic 127 film
Etude: November, 1938 issue; inscribed "N Vandenburg"

Owners of any of the above articles may have them by writing to Don V. Gray, Box 517, Milton, Wis.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Dr. B. F. Johanson writes that the church people seem very happy with the addition of the new Mass-Rowe carillon to the music facilities of the church. It was his gift to the Battle Creek church in memory of his wife Bessie who was a member of the choir for 50 years.

The electronic carillon, similar to the one in the Space Needle at the World's Fair was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Sabbath afternoon, August 11, with Daren Williams as the carillonneur for the occasion. Solos were sung by Dr. B. F. Johanson, Dr. Ellis Johanson, his son, and Margaret Kneedler, his granddaughter. The latter came from her home in Deans, N. J., for the occasion. The prayer of dedication, given by Pastor Fatato, closed with these words:

Bless, our Father, the giver and the one whose memory inspired this gift. We thank Thee for all Mrs. Bessie Johanson has meant to us, and still means to us in memory. We pray that Thou will let all the aspirations and prayers of our beloved be multiplied in power by infinity that all the loveliest wishes of our departed one may come to pass in glorious fulfillment for all the loved ones left behind and for the benefit of Thy children everywhere.

As we hear these bells may they encourage us to sow the good seed of the Kingdom and bring forth in this place the rich fruitage of an abundant harvest to the saving of men and women and to the honor of Thy Great Name.

Births

Ashcraft.—A daughter, Teresa Ann, to Patricia and Richard Ashcraft of Los Angeles, Calif., on May 14, 1962.

Babcock.—A daughter, Karen Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Babcock of White Cloud, Mich., on May 29, 1962.

Barber.—A son, David George, to Betty and George Barber of Los Angeles, Calif., on February 11, 1962.

Coon.—A daughter (adopted), Cheryl Denise, to Lloyd and Marguerite (Kenyon) Coon of Succasunna, N. J., on July 28, 1962.

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Lippincott.—A daughter, Darcy E., was born to Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Lippincott of Dodge Center, Minn., on May 12, 1962.

Nieman.—A son, Richard Lawrence, to Mr. and Mrs. Danny Nieman, Nortonville, Kan., on June 7, 1962.

Obituaries

Caughron.—Mary, daughter of Leroy and Rosana Pearce Skaggs, was born January 26, 1876, in Christian County, Mo., and died in Edgerton, Wis., June 5, 1962, following a long illness.

Blessed with the influence of a Christian home throughout her childhood, Mary was baptized in 1888 by Dr. Holderby in the James River, Christian County, Mo.

In 1914 she was married to the Rev. J. Wesley Caughron, a Missionary Baptist minister. Following his death in 1944, Mary made her home in Milton, with her sister, Mrs. E. F. Grant. She affiliated with the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church where she remained faithful in attendance and interest as long as her health permitted.

Surviving her in death are four stepsons; three stepdaughters; a brother, the Rev. James L. Skaggs, Milton, Wis.; and a sister, Mrs. E. F. Grant.

The funeral service was conducted June 7, 1962, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Interment was in Milton cemetery. — E.F.R.

Lewis.—Nellie Grace Lewis, daughter of John L. and Samantha Mulvey, was born in Stone Fort, Ill., July 11, 1884, and was called to rest July 3, 1962, while residing in Riverside, Calif.

Having accepted Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord at an early age she was baptized, uniting with a Christian church in membership until she was married to the Rev. Ellis R. Lewis. At that time she accepted the Sabbath truth and became a part of the Seventh Day Baptist witness.

During the extended years of her life she was numbered among the faithful Christians as an active, diligent, and dependable participant in many phases of the larger Christian witness, until impaired by ill health.

She is survived by three sisters: Olive Elkin, Ann Edmiston, and Blanch Scott; one brother, Andrew Mulvey; three children, Mrs. Robert Burns of San Diego, Mrs. John Carrel of Claremont, and Wm. B. Lewis of Riverside; and by ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted on July 9 by Pastor Alton L. Wheeler in Riverside. — A.L.W.

Maxson.—Mrs. Gertrude Maxson, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Griffin, was born Sept. 23, 1870, and died Mary 12, 1962 at the Pine Nursing Home, Leavenworth, Kan.

She had lived all her life in Nortonville. Her husband and four brothers preceded her in death. She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Farewell services were conducted at the Warren Funeral Home, Nortonville, Kan., on May 15 by the Rev. John Hodge. Interment was in the Nortonville cemetery.

Noble.—Mary Allen, was born January 16, 1870, in Ulysses, Pa. She was adopted by a great-aunt, Mrs. Eliza Crandall, who brought her to Albion, Wis. As a member of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, Mary was active throughout her years. She died in Janesville, Wis., August 7, 1962.

On December 31, 1890, she was married to James J. Noble, who died in 1941. Also a daughter, Vine, and a son, James, preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Lester Earl and Hugh W. of Albion and Janesville, Wis.; one granddaughter and three great-granddaughters.

The funeral service was conducted in the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church with the Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Albion. — E.F.R.

Rood.—Lena Nelson, daughter of Nels P. and Caroline Olson Nelson, was born in Dell Rapids, S. D., Sept. 30, 1882. She died at the Edgerton Memorial Hospital June 12, 1962, after a short illness.

She taught in the rural schools in the vicinity of Dell Rapids before coming to Milton, Wis. to attend Milton Academy. It was there she met Byron Rood. They were married July 6, 1904, at Dell Rapids, S. D., and returned to Milton where they have lived since.

Three children were born to Byron and Lena: Leman J. of Edgerton, Wis.; Edward J. (deceased), and Nelsie of Milton.

Baptized in 1896 by the Rev. J. H. Jurley, Lena Rood knew the blessings and power of the Christian life throughout her years. Her faithfulness and devotion to her church and Lord were an inspiration to all who knew her.

She is survived by her husband and two children; by three sisters: Mrs. Carrie Frederick, Gentry, Ark.; Miss Hannah Nelson, Milton, Wis.; and Mrs. Lyda Hurley, Madison, Wis.; three brothers, Martin of Lima Center, Wis.; Charles and Julius of Milton. She is also survived by six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces.

The funeral service was conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church June 14, 1962, by Deacon D. Nelson Inglis, in the absence of her pastor. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery. — E.F.R.

FOR SALE:

We still have some copies of *Benedic Anima Mea*, the stirring W. C. Daland anthem sung Conference Sabbath morning, at thirty cents per copy, and some of Linda Bingham's lovely arrangement of "Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace," at twenty cents per copy.

Also available are the attractive Seventh Day Baptist road signs displayed at Conference. Printed by silk screen process. Light-fast colors on waterproof posterboard. Price is three dollars each.

Requests for any of the above should be sent to Don V. Gray, Box 517, Milton, Wis.

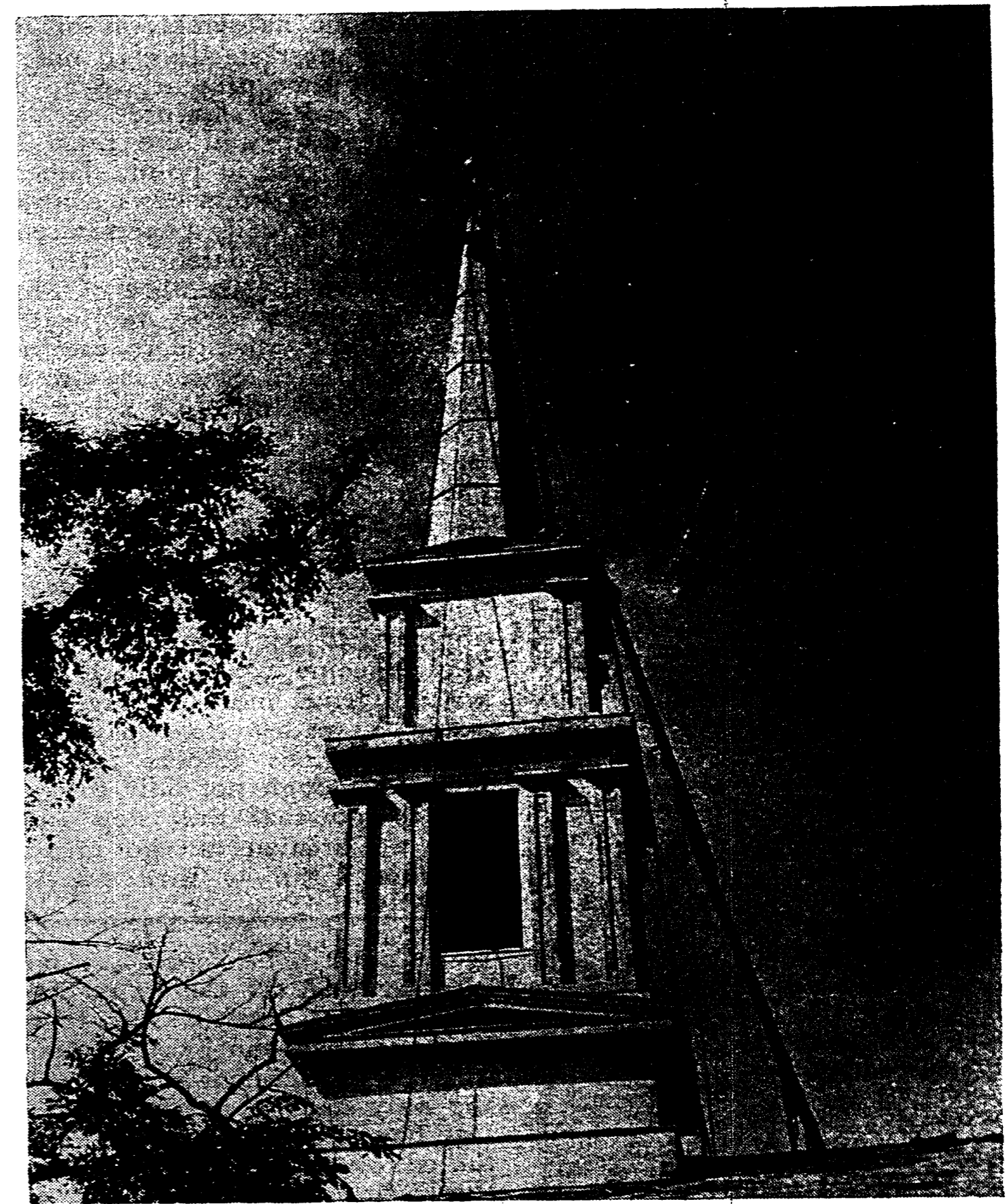


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Repairing the high Pawcatuck church steeple (see inside)