

# The Sabbath Recorder

power of the Holy Spirit, unconditional surrender, and the full assurance of the reborn Christian.

Our choir sang on three evenings, and the Mt. Olive Baptist Gospel Chorus (Negro) sang the first Sunday evening. The attendance then was 108. Guest artists furnished vocal, organ and instrumental special music the other evenings.

We pray that our church may be revitalized as a result of these meetings and that many will dedicate or rededicate their lives to Christ. — Correspondent.

## Marriages

**Cox-Holt.**—Darrel L. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erlo Cox of North Loup, Neb., and Janet Sue Holt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holt of Cotesfield, Neb., were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church of North Loup, Oct. 30, 1963, by the pastor, the Rev. Duane L. Davis.

**Towne-Schmeiding.**—C. Henry Towne of White Cloud, Michigan, and Mrs. Pearle E. Schmeiding of Shelby, Mich., were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Oct. 5, 1963, by his pastor, the Rev. Don A. Sanford.

## Births

**Babcock.**—A son, Eric Charles, was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Babcock of Allegan, Mich., Oct. 20, 1963. He is a grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. Orville Babcock.

**Beebe.**—A daughter, Lily Anna, to Pastor and Mrs. Paul Beebe of Fouke, Ark., on Nov. 2, 1963.

**Bradberry.**—A son, Steven Douglas, was born Oct. 4, 1963, to Edgar D. and Dorothy (Underwood) Bradberry of Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Flock.**—A daughter, Jennifer, was born to Dean and Phyllis Christensen Flock (formerly of Lincoln and presently of California) on August 17, 1963.

**Stimson.**—A son, Stephen Michael, to Stanley and Shirley Stimson, stationed near London, England (formerly of Riverside, Calif.) on November 8, 1963.

**Wells.**—A son, James Howard III, born Oct. 29, 1963, to Mr. and Mrs. James H. Wells II, of Chillicothe, Ohio.

## Obituaries

**Milward.**—Fannie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield S. Bonham, was born in Shiloh, N. J., Aug. 21, 1884, and died at Mt. View Hospital, Lockport, N. Y., July 17, 1963.

In the fall of 1907 she was married to Harold B. Milward. They had lived in Kane and Bradford, Pa., and in Alfred, Buffalo, and Burt, N. Y., having resided in Burt for twenty-two

years. Here Mr. Milward established a community newspaper, *The Observer*, and Mrs. Milward, *The Wayside Gift Shop*.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., transferring from the Shiloh church Feb. 7, 1914.

She is survived by a son, Harold of Elba, N. Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Edna Banks of Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Ada B. Lyon of Bradford, Pa.; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Kenneth Sherrie Funeral Home, Newfane, N. Y., and interment was in Acacia Park Cemetery, Tonawanda, N. Y. — H. S. W.

**Maxson.**—Rose M. LaForge, daughter of Abiel T. and Margaret Getschel LaForge, was born in New York City March 16, 1875, and died in Brooklyn, N. Y., Nov. 7, 1963.

She was baptized and united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Y., in her early teens. On June 27, 1897, she was married to Holly W. Maxson of Adams Center, N. Y., who was a school administrator. Her husband died in 1927 at the age of 52. Mrs. Maxson was a member of the New York City Seventh Day Baptist Church until its dissolution, when she transferred back to Alfred.

She is survived by a daughter, Doris M. (Mrs. H. R.) Guyre of Chatham, N. J.; a son, Kenneth L. Maxson of Mount Vernon, N. Y.; a brother, Leon LaForge of Phoenix, Ariz.; three grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the Evangelical Home for the Aged with graveside services at Adams Center, N. Y., on November 9, conducted by the Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, who had the funeral of her husband there in 1927. — D. M. G.

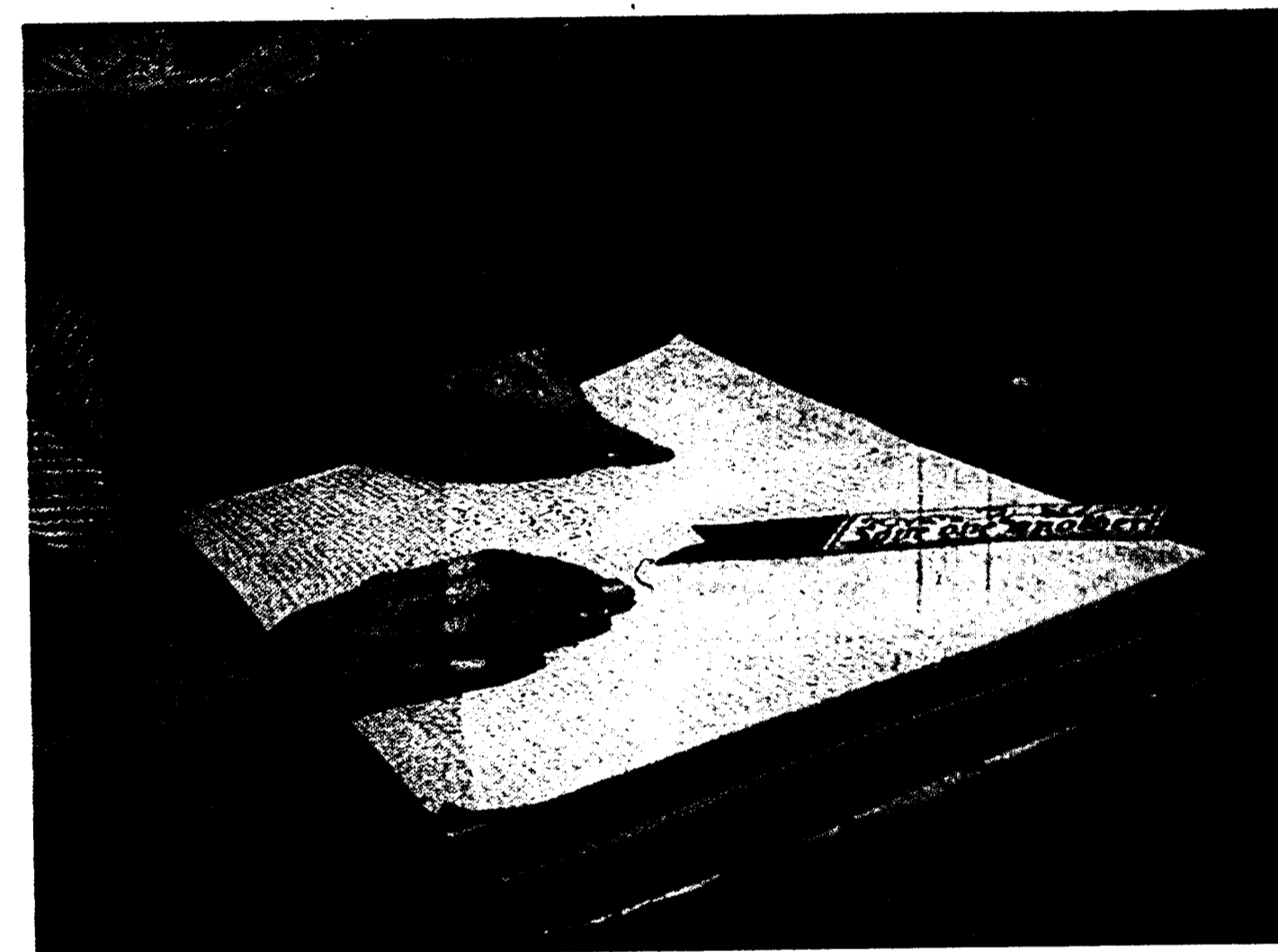
**York.**—William Hobart, was born in Texas, Sept. 22, 1896, and died near his home in Durham, Okla., Oct. 27, 1963.

**York.**—Jessie E. Moulton, wife of William Hobart York and daughter of the late Orrin L. and Carrie Moulton of Grimes, Okla., was born at Dodge Center, Minn., May 2, 1897, and died near her home in Durham, Okla., Oct. 27, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. York were parents of five sons and four daughters. Mrs. York is survived by her twin sister Bessie (Mrs. Roy) Harkins of Sayre, Okla., three brothers, Ben H. Moulton of Battle Creek, Mich., Shirley A. Moulton of Grimes, Okla., and Archie D. Moulton of De Ruyter, N. Y. The joint funeral, conducted by the Rev. Sanford Cole, was held at the Durham Community Building with burial in the Fairview Cemetery, Durham. — A. D. M.

Patience, please.

Obituary notices from pastors and near of kin will be published as soon as possible. An unusual number came in during the two weeks that the back page was not available. We attempt to print such notices in the order received if the information given contains the essential information.



## The Word of Truth

Theme for Universal Bible Sabbath, December 7

"My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes" (Psalm 119: 48).

"Thy word is very pure; therefore thy servant loveth it . . . Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth" (Psalm 119: 140, 142).

"But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, . . . By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left" (2 Cor. 6: 4a, 7).

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## Death of President Kennedy

The nation and the world were shocked and numbed on Friday, November 22, by the news that President Kennedy had been shot. With instantaneous worldwide communication almost the whole world in a sense stood by in the emergency room of the Dallas hospital waiting for the tragic news of his death. The story need not be retold in a weekly journal like this. Nothing newsworthy can be added as late as this, although at the time of writing the funeral is yet in the future.

It is safe to say that no event in all history has been told with so many pictures or so many words so quickly. In saying this we must remind ourselves that the events growing out of an incident at Dallas, which have claimed the complete attention of radio and television for three days, are not to be compared in importance with a somewhat similar incident that took place on the outskirts of Jerusalem nearly twenty centuries ago, which is still claiming radio and television time and the best thoughts of the writers of thousands of books.

National and world affairs were thrown into a wobbly spin like a globe with a loose bearing when the bullets of a perverted assassin cut down the popular President of a great nation and a leader in world affairs. The far-reaching results of this sudden, violent ending of the presidency of Mr. Kennedy will only be apparent as the future slowly unfolds, but the government faltered only for an hour until a new President was sworn into office to tighten, as it were, the bearings of the wobbling sphere. Provision had been made for such an emergency, and the reins of authority were picked up, loosely at first, by the new President, in the presence of the young widow in blood-stained clothing.

Ironically two presidential proclamations for religious observances during a single week were urged upon the people of this nation. With all the dignity of well-chosen words President Johnson as his first public act proclaimed Monday, November 25, a national day of mourning and urged people to assemble in their respective places of worship for prayer. The late President Kennedy had previously prepared for circulation the proclamation of Thursday, November 28, as a national day

of Thanksgiving. Part of that call to prayer follows:

"On that day (Thanksgiving) let us gather in sanctuaries dedicated to worship and in homes blessed by family affection to express our gratitude for the glorious gifts of God; and let us earnestly and humbly pray that He will continue to guide and sustain us in the great unfinished tasks of achieving peace, justice, and understanding among all men and nations and of ending misery and suffering wherever they exist."

The difficulty of heeding two such seemingly contradictory proclamations could not be considered insurmountable by those who had sufficient faith in God to put the proper religious content into either of the observances. Christians worthy of the name achieve a balance unknown to the world by which they turn from honoring the memory of an executive who served "under God" to a day of thanksgiving for general and specific blessings from almighty God. The sudden change of human leadership in government cannot be permanently upsetting to those who believe firmly in the sovereign rule of God and who place themselves under the continuing Lordship of Christ.

We are painfully reminded that anyone in public life faces criticisms of his own policies or the policies he is pledged by office to uphold. These criticisms are normally expressed within the bounds of law, order, and decency, but not always. There is always danger from snipers who for various reasons determine to do a great wrong to register their dissent or to bring in an imagined right. This thing has happened again in a land where constitutional, godly government has never been overthrown by anarchy. Assassination should not happen here, but it did. In principle, the shooting of our President is no worse than the shooting of an obscure policeman by the same person or the bombing of a church in Birmingham. In effect it is greater because there is only one President while there are many obscure policemen and countless Negro girls. Our attitude should be that of former Vice-President Nixon who called upon the American people to root out the lurking hatred which

## MEMORY TEXT

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Romans 6: 1, 2.

gives rise to such acts of irresponsible violence. We can only add that Christians must show a greater determination to rid their lives and homes of explosive anger and a greater concern to bring the love of Christ to potential extremists, young and old.

What can be said in tribute to the President who is gone? Perhaps little that has not been said much better. The manner or the fact of his death should not blind us to the faults or shortcomings of his administration. Neither should we fail to note his loyalty to principles and his very unusual capabilities. Few will agree that everything that he advocated in domestic and international relationships was wise. Only those blinded by some bias or prejudice will deny that he stuck tenaciously to the principles that he felt to be worth standing for. There were many. One was the separation of church and state in which he won the respect of many who feared that as a Roman Catholic he could not stick to his campaign promises. Not all were satisfied in this respect, but he did remarkably well. Another principle involved race relations. He took a stand that cost him many friends and perhaps won him few. It appears to this writer that his constant efforts toward securing first-class citizenship for Negroes in the areas where this was lacking were based on principle. History will evaluate his acts.

An unexpected change in the presidency must not unnerve the people of this land. The recent events should, on the other hand, cause Christian people to realize their responsibility in proclaiming Christ to a nation and a world that so desperately need His salvation and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



## American Bible Society Advisory Council

The Advisory Council of the American Bible Society is both stimulating and challenging to the members who consider each fall, in a two-day session, the great responsibilities that fall to this world-wide organization. The editor, together with the Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson (Conference appointed) have represented Seventh Day Baptists at these New York meetings for a number of years.

The 1963 meeting, November 19 and 20, even more than those of past years, brought to the 225 people from more than fifty denominations a sense of burden and urgency for making the Scriptures available. Although publication and distribution at home and abroad is increasing at unprecedented rates it is not keeping up with the population and is falling far behind the rate of literacy. The Communists are spending many, many times more dollars to put their evil literature in the hands of new literates (at 1/5 the cost). On the other hand, the Bible wins many converts among the indoctrinated Communists when it is given a chance — as in the prison camps of South Korea.

Here, indeed, is a great challenge. The Advisory Committee, with its many new members, decided after considerable heart searching to recommend the endorsement of a budget that will allow significant progress in translation of the Word and promoting its use. Much concern was expressed by staff and members that the percentage of support from the participating denominations is much lower than when the Bible Society was able to operate on a relatively small budget. It is hoped that the new Women's Department under the very capable direction of Mrs. Paul Moser will bring to the attention of more people the great need of the world for the Bible in hand and heart.

The Sabbath issue is not a question and never was a question; it is either a reality or a repudiation.

— A. L. Hawkins in *Sabbath Sentinel*.

## PRAYER

for the Success of

### "God's Word for a New Age"

By Gilbert Darlington\*

God of our Fathers, whose dearly Beloved Son has taught us that at the time of harvest we shall each be judged by our own fruits, and has given us, in His Parable of the Sower, a sacred challenge, saying, "The field is the world," and "The seed is the Word of God";

Grant that we may be such faithful sowers of the good seed of the Gospel that under the direction of Thy Holy Spirit, we may learn to use, more fruitfully, some of the 1,202 languages and dialects into which some portion of Thy Holy Word has now been translated and is ready to be sown;

Bless, we beseech Thee, with Thy gracious favor, the world-wide program of "God's Word for a New Age" prepared by Thy dedicated servants in many continents and in many lands who are now preparing with the help of Thy Holy Spirit to increase the annual distribution of Thy life-giving Holy Word by 1966 to 150,000,000 copies a year.

Grant also that the same Holy Spirit may inspire all Bible societies and churches to help persuade at least 150,000,000 of Thy devoted servants to become sowers of the seed so that each one may reach one and teach one of Thy dear children who through no fault of their own now live in darkness and in the shadow of death and thereby guide their feet into the paths of peace.

More especially, we pray Thee to grant that in the next three years all young children, and those of older age who are just learning to read, may, through possession of copies of the printed pages of the parables, prophecies, promises and prayers of Thy dear Son in their own tongues, be able to come into His presence and hear Him say, "Man doth not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." We ask it in Jesus name. Amen.

\*(Gilbert Darlington, D.D., treasurer emeritus of the American Bible Society, gave this prayer at the close of one of the sessions of the Advisory Council of the ABS.)

"We can do nothing better than  
to become People of the Book"



# THE WORD OF TRUTH

(A Universal Bible Sabbath Message)

By Rev. Elmo F. Randolph

"One of the paradoxes of American society is that while our economic standard of living has become the envy of the world, our environmental standard has steadily declined. We are better housed, better nourished, and better entertained, but we are not better prepared to inherit the earth or to carry on the pursuit of happiness."

This quotation comes from a new book, *The Quiet Crises*, by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, in which the author sets forth the present situation in America relating to our poor stewardship of natural resources and outlines steps that must be taken to resolve our conservation crises. He affirms that "we can have abundance and an unspoiled environment if we are willing to pay the price."

A speaker at Beloit College recently, with a national reputation both as an economist and as an interpreter of the arts, quoted H. G. Wells as having said thirty years ago that "Americans are fatalistic optimists." With almost prophetic fervor the speaker led us to see how we have lost our optimism through national and world events of the past thirty years and that today our outlook is somber and filled with alarm.

The fact is that most thinking Americans today would be suspicious of anyone who painted a rosy picture of either the present or the future. A modern atomic "sword of Damocles" hangs by a dangerously thin hair over our heads. Whether in the area of conservation of natural resources or of national morality or of international relations the people of this generation are confronted with staggering problems that threaten not only our pres-

ent way of life but call into question our very survival as inhabitants of this planet.

### The Challenge of the Times

Christians, both as individuals and as members of the "Body of Christ," that is, the church, are challenged as perhaps never before in history to show the saving power of Christ — "the Way, the Truth and the Life" — for men and for nations.

What is desperately needed by Christ's followers of this generation is a vivid awareness of the forces of evil that threaten the coming of God's Kingdom. The day of the "Church Complacent" must be at an end and the coming of the "Church Militant for Christ" must become the order of the day.

Recent statistics have been charted indicating a decline in the rate of Christian population as compared with that of the world population. By 1950 Christians were about 33 per cent of the world population. By 1960 they had dropped to 31 per cent. If that rate of decline continues, by A.D. 2000, they will be about 20 per cent. It is obvious that we are presently failing in the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission to us.

Thanks be to God, we are not left to hopeless desperation in this trying time. Even as the Holy Spirit, intangible but real, continues with us to inspire and empower, so, also, the Bible, tangible and revealing, provides for us an authoritative guide for faith and practice in the Christian Way.

### The Bible Is God's Vehicle

Our intent in this Universal Bible Sabbath message is to alert us to the importance of the Bible as the God-given vehicle for making the Good News of

Jesus Christ effective in our lives and sharing that Good News with the world. As Seventh Day Baptists, we will do well at this point to have our memories refreshed with our statement of belief in the Bible: "We believe that the Bible is the inspired record of God's will for man, of which Jesus Christ is the supreme interpreter; and that it is our final authority in matters of faith and conduct."

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Methodist Church has thrown a bright light of understanding and appreciation upon Holy Scripture in an address developed around these three insights: "First, the Bible asks the right questions. In the second place, the Bible has the right answers. Third, the Bible gives us the right vision." The concluding sentence of his message, prepared for the American Bible Society, is, "We can do nothing better than to become the People of the Book."

As Seventh Day Baptist Christians, we are deeply indebted to the American Bible Society for their continuing role in helping us to "become the People of the Book." Their service to us directly in stimulating more and better use of Scriptures through Bible reading programs and through making teaching tools and techniques available to us is noteworthy. The great worldwide work of translating, publishing, and distributing the Bible, in which we are privileged to share, beggars any puny effort we might mount on our own. Here is effective ecumenicity.

This is the 20th Anniversary of the society's "Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas" program. Universal Bible Week, December 1-8, is the 46th annual observance sponsored by the society. Christmas Eve, 1963, will mark the fifth nationwide reading of the Christmas Story under the auspices of the American Bible Society.

Of special value to local churches in the study and appreciation of the Bible is the society's excellent library of audio-visual aids, including exhibits, filmstrips, recordings, and motion pictures either for loan or sale at nominal prices. An inquiry to the New York headquarters will bring a catalog listing of their available materials. Those who use these aids will benefit greatly.

### Bible Distribution Dramatic but Insufficient

The worldwide distribution of Scripture by the American Bible Society is dramatic beyond description. A projected plan to provide the peoples of the world with "God's Word for a New Age" calls for the distribution of one hundred fifty million copies of the Scriptures by 1966, which year is the 150th Anniversary of the society.

We are reminded, however, that there is an immediate need for an even more greatly accelerated program of Scripture distribution than that already projected. According to a recent statement by UNESCO, 350 million adults will learn to read in the next five years, on an average of 70 million a year. Struck by these statistics, the Archbishop of York, president of the United Bible Societies, asks two questions:

"1. In the strategy of the church is anything like enough stress being laid on Christian literature, in view of the rise of literacy and the menace of anti-Christian literacy propaganda?"

"2. In the strategy of the church are those handmaids of the church — the Bible Societies — enjoying the support which they deserve, support in skilled manpower and in finance?"

With all our enthusiasm for the monumental work of the American Bible Society and similar organizations, we must never lose sight of our firsthand requirement to "know and use the Word." One of the saddest commentaries on the present state of the church is the all too general biblical illiteracy on the part of great numbers of church-related people of all ages. Can it be that for many individuals the Bible has been allowed to become a symbol rather than a source of God's revelation to man; a religious relic rather than a living embodiment of the Good News?

### Resurgence of Bible Study

There is exciting news from some quarters of the church telling of a resurgence of interest and blessing from the discipline of Bible study. The East Harlem Protestant Parish in New York and related inner-city projects are making

Bible study for individuals and groups central in their worship and Christian growth programs. The widely publicized Church of Our Saviour in the nation's capitol includes an intensive, continuous study of the Bible as a required part of the Christian education curriculum for every member of the church. Glowing reports of deep and abiding spiritual benefits come from participants in both of the above projects.

On the international scene it is significant that in Israel there are hundreds of Bible study groups devoting enthusiastic attention to the Scriptures of the Old Testament. One such group meets in the home of the former Prime Minister, David Ben Gurion.

Here in the United States one branch of the Lutheran Church has developed a Bethel Bible Course making use of a series of paintings done especially for this purpose. Reports indicate that large numbers of church members are participating in this project.

### We Must Be People of the Book

Our own Seventh Day Baptist General Conference president calls for us to make a special study of Paul's Letter to the Colossians during this year. He encourages us to begin this study with these words: "It is good for us as a people to be tied together by the systematic study of some portion of the sacred Scriptures in which all of us throughout the denomination may participate."

Does it occur to you as a Seventh Day Baptist that we ought in very special ways to be "People of the Book"? It would be pitifully ludicrous, if not tragic, for us to highlight the biblical Sabbath in our patterns of belief and practice and yet fail to be dedicated searchers after the full truth as revealed by God in Holy Scripture.

May the celebration of Universal Bible Week this year be a signal to all Seventh Day Baptists to make a steady advance toward becoming "People of the Book."

Christianity cannot afford to be selective in the moral issues which it faces.

— Charles Wellborn, Duke University.



### Girl Scout Executive

The call to serve boys and girls in the Scouting program has been heeded by a number of Seventh Day Baptists in recent years. Latest to be appointed to an executive position with the Girl Scouts is Lorna Payne Austin, wife of Lt. Col. William R. Austin whose new military assignment takes him to Rapid City, South Dakota, where he is an Army Advisor to a National Guard unit.

Mrs. Austin herself had a three-year military career as a physiotherapist. Following her husband in many of his assignments, Lorna has been active in various Girl Scout activities in Alaska, Texas, Virginia, and Minnesota. On October 7 she joined the Black Hills Girl Scout Council as district or field advisor. She will take further training for the position at Excelsior Springs, Mo., Feb. 9-21, 1964.

Both Lt. Col. Austin and his wife have been very active in Seventh Day Baptist church work whenever they were near a church or could make contact with lone Sabbathkeepers. They have lived in many parts of the world, but the family has always been happy to return to the home town of Dodge Center, Minn., whenever they could not be together — as was the case when he was serving in Viet Nam.



## TRANSITION IN NYASALAND

(A portion of message delivered at Conference at Ft. Collins, Colorado, August 17, 1963, by Secretary E. T. Harris.)

Truly these are days of transition in Nyasaland, transition in government, and transition in missionary policies and practices. From observations made during a 1,400-mile visit across the land and from visits in several African villages, from conversations with various leaders of the Nyasaland government, with the American Consul, Robert Remole, with Mr. Wills of the lawyer firm of Lilley, Wills and Company, with leaders of other Christian mission stations in Nyasaland, and particularly with the leaders of our own Seventh Day Baptist mission, both the missionaries and the African pastors, the following report is made, with some conclusions as to possible trends of the future. Because no one can accurately forecast the future, to say nothing of how difficult it is to give a true picture of the present, the following conclusions are offered quite tentatively.

Following the national trend to get all control into the hands of the Africans, the Christian churches are being strongly influenced to follow the same pattern of turning over the leadership of missions to the Africans. This is a natural and foreseeable trend. All too often Christianity and Christian missions have been linked with colonialism in the minds of the people. This has meant subjection to white people and their ideas. In Nyasaland the Africans are determined that the days of colonialism shall be ended, ready or no.

Some of the new Malawi government officials counsel the people to throw off practically all church customs and practices which are contrary to African tradition. "There is a strong urge for Africanization in administration and structure, in life and worship and in custom and mores," said Rev. Robert Barr of the Lulwe School for the Blind, located south of Port Herald. Mr. Barr has served in Nyasaland for about thirty-five years and can speak from experience as well as observation. When we visited Mr. Barr in July 1963, he had been informed that government assistance toward the Lulwe School for the Blind might be discontinued in the near future.

It is possible that government will take over the work he has directed for many years.

In past years the government, British controlled, has assisted mission stations quite generously in carrying on the work of schools and hospitals. But with the dissolution of the Federation of Northern and Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland taking place quite soon (perhaps by early 1964), and with Prime Minister Banda and the Malawi Congress already in control in Nyasaland, many things are changing. The new government officials (African) have shown by their actions that if government is to pay the cost, then government will expect to set the rules.

What will be the result as far as Makapwa Mission is concerned? Who can say for sure? However, Makapwa School leaders have received assurance that government aid for teachers' salaries at Makapwa School will be granted in 1964.

One reason why Makapwa School seems presently to be in a favored position with government is that the headmaster, Mr. W. Mkolokosa, is an African of high caliber. He is doing an excellent job. Last year the Makapwa School rated second in the country in standing of Standard Eight students taking the government examination.

I was given an opportunity to speak at the school and received respectful attention by the students as I tried to bring a Gospel message. Headmaster Mkolokosa counsels often with Pastor David Pearson as to the spiritual life of the students. He reported to the Executive Committee that there were 285 students enrolled of which number 226 are boys and 59 are girls. He said an effort would be made to increase the number of girls.

I talked with a teacher, W. Mataka, a fine Christian man, who said that some of the students had made decisions for Christ and had been baptized into the Christian faith during the past year. It would seem that government is not opposed to such spiritual leadership among the students. Prime Minister Banda himself was educated in a Christian mission school before going to London for advanced studies.

(To be continued next week)

Let us not be divided by

## The Wall

By Paul B. Osborn

A poet said, "Something there is that doesn't like a wall," and Seventh Day Baptists have evidenced such a spirit for years when attempts have been made to prevent fellowship among Christians. This is the true ecumenical spirit.

But there is a wall of which Christian doctrine speaks and which we must not ignore, for it exists for our protection. I refer to the wall of sin between God and man. Acceptance of this fact does not harm true ecumenical moves, nor does it bother the Baptist conscience, for even before the wall came into being God provided a way through it. Jesus Christ, who declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14: 6), had previously said, "I am the door of the sheep" (John 10: 7). It is because of Christ, our Door, that we become more conscious of the wall. If we deny that man is separated from God by sin, we also deny the necessity of there being a Savior from sin. Hence the atoning work of our Lord and Savior for us on the cross would become meaningless.

Were it not for Christ, through whom we gain access to God's fellowship, we could well ignore the wall of sin and join hands with our fellow sinners everywhere and strive to build our own way to God, much in the spirit of those at Babel, who ignored God's will, choosing their own way. But we know that Christ is the Door, and so we expend ourselves instead of pointing our fellow sinners to Him who has died that sinners might be saved.

The wall of the sheepfold, of which Christ says He is the Door, represents well the wall of sin which separates us as sinners from God and at the same time protects us as Christians from the world. Some protest that such a view makes "God's fold" nothing more than a prison. Far from it! They forget the miracle of the Door. "I am the Door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10: 9). There is no force except our own choice

that brings us to the Door, and the Door also gives us access to pasture so vitally needed. The prisoners are those who have not yet entered through the door into the freedom of the fold. We were created for fellowship with God and anything less than God's presence makes us prisoners, unable to reach our fullest capacity as His creation.

So although as Christians we refuse to build walls against fellow believers, we must never shirk from pointing out the wall which separates the sinner from God, and the Door by which access is gained to God's presence once more. Those who deny that man has sinned, those who reject salvation through Christ as mere superstition, and those who deny that God has revealed Himself personally strive to enter the fold of God they are stopped. They cannot surmount the wall, and if they refuse to come in at the Door, they remain prisoners of sin.

If we as Seventh Day Baptists try to enlarge our denomination by including those whose philosophy prevents them from accepting entrance into God's presence by Christ's death, we are trying to include in our membership some from both sides of the wall. The result is that our "church" is split!

There are those of us who are greatly concerned that the Seventh Day Baptist denomination should not be divided, that it should stand united for Christ, following the will of God in all matters, which we believe includes observance of His holy day. It is for that reason that everyone should observe carefully the Door, Jesus Christ, and make sure that they are on the safe side of the wall. We who have entered into God's presence by grace through faith know where we are, and we would ever urge others to enter, and more so, for "our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son, Jesus Christ" (1 John 1: 3). We desire that all would enjoy this fellowship.

So, even though we as Seventh Day Baptists refuse to build walls, we do have to

### Youth Interests

Eight members of the Youth Work Committee met for their monthly session on Monday night, Nov. 18.

Mrs. Luan Ellis was appointed to formulate a program to offer to our churches for Church Vocations Sabbath, December 28, 1964.

Plans for setting up the Youth and Young Adult Pre-Con Retreats were discussed and action taken. The secretary of the committee will solicit directors, and the board secretary is to continue correspondence relative to the sites for the retreats.

Answers received in regard to the need for a paid youth field worker were analyzed, and a report of the findings will be sent to Commission. Not enough answers have been received to give a complete consensus of opinion.

The work of the youth field worker, Miss Linda Bingham, was reviewed and commendation extended. Miss Bingham is scheduled for Metairie, La., Dec. 7-15.

A questionnaire will be prepared and sent to Youth Pre-Con retreaters of 1963 to solicit ideas for future planning.

### Dedicated Service Committee

The Dedicated Service Committee of the board has mailed a letter to all Seventh Day Baptist churches asking for volunteers who will be willing to serve in Vacation Church Schools, camps, and other capacities during the summer of 1964. Also churches and camp committees are being asked to make their needs known.

The Dedicated Service project is a joint endeavor of the Women's Board and the Board of Christian Education. All correspondence relative to this project should be addressed to the Board of Christian Education.

recognize the wall with which every truly Christian church is concerned. Let us be careful that it does not divide our denomination, for a house divided against itself cannot stand!

### Baptist Denominational Executives

The Rev. David Clarke, Youth Work Committee chairman, accompanied Secretary Rex Zwiebel to the annual meeting of the Baptist denominational executives in Christian education held in Hamilton, Ontario, Nov. 14 and 15.

The topic for discussion centered about youth work in the church, consequently youth leaders from denominational headquarters were invited to be present.

Emphasis was placed on the fact that youth who have joined the church are not the church of tomorrow, but they are the church of today, thus they should be expected to serve in all places of church endeavor to the limit of their abilities.

"Challenging Today's Youth," "Programming for Youth of the Church," "Providing Adequate Materials for Youth," and "Recruiting Youth for Denominational Service" were topics discussed.

Delegates were present from the Canadian Baptist Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention, the North American Baptist Convention, the American Baptist Convention, and the Seventh Day Baptist denomination.

Hosts for the convention were the Canadian Baptists and the staff of the Divinity School of McMaster University.

The next meeting is set for November, 1964, in Nashville, Tenn.

### Sabbath Calendars

Many of our people are familiar with the attractively printed calendars for desk or wall published by the Bible Sabbath Association. These calendars provide a good reminder of the sacredness of the seventh day of the week, for Sabbaths (rather than Sundays) are printed in red. Valuable thoughts related to Sabbath-keeping are found on each page and on the cover. Memorandum sheets add to the usefulness of this family or office item. The price is the same as in previous years. If interested, send orders to Bible Sabbath Association, Fairview, Oklahoma.

### SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 14, 1963

Entrusted with the Gospel

Lesson Scripture: Galatians 1: 1-17.

### Vatican Council Report

By W. Barry Garrett

#### Catholic Bishops Vote on Virgin Mary Schema

The week I arrived in Rome as a Baptist news reporter on Vatican Council II two important votes were taken by the council fathers. One was on the place of the schema (proposal) on the Virgin Mary in the council decrees. The other was on the authority of bishops in the church. This report will deal only with the Mary schema.

Outwardly, the vote on the apparently simple question as to whether there should be a separate schema on Mary or whether it should be included as one of the chapters in the schema on "The Church." Underneath this simple question were torrents of meaning both to Catholics themselves and in the relation of Catholics with other Christians.

The extent to which Mariology has developed has proven to be an embarrassment to many Catholics. To Protestants the exaltation of Mary has seemed to diminish the role of Jesus Christ in the redemption of sinners. One Catholic commentator at a press conference said that it seems to many Protestants that "we Catholics are trying to make Mary the fourth person in the Trinity."

The closeness of the vote indicates the differences of opinion on Mariology that exist within the Catholic church. The "progressives" or "liberals" largely favored putting the Mary schema with that of the church. The "traditionalists" or "fundamentalists" largely favored the separate schema. There was some crossing of the lines for various reasons.

#### Dynamics for Church Growth

Findley B. Edge, professor of religious education at Louisville, has stated, "The answer to our search for new dynamics for growth will have to be found in a deeper and clearer understanding of the gospel itself." The first he called "a deepened awareness of man's lost condition." The second dynamic: "We must have a clearer understanding of and a deeper commitment to the basic message to which we are called by God."

### School Funds Assured For Makapwa Mission

By an odd coincidence a letter arrived from Rev. David Pearson on November 18, the same day as the Sabbath Recorder issue of November 18, 1963. Pastor Pearson's letter informed that some unexpected assistance has been received at Makapwa to be applied toward the fund for teachers' salaries. The Recorder issue carried an appeal for gifts to complete the special project of raising funds for the three additional teachers at Makapwa School and thus complete the special project begun in January, 1963.

It now seems evident that the response to the Recorder appeal, added to the assistance that has come directly to Makapwa Mission, has resulted in sufficient funds being received to complete this project. Any amount above that which is needed for the special project will be applied to the regular OWM appropriation for teachers' salaries at Makapwa.

We are definitely going to "finish what we have begun." Thanks to God and to those who gave to this "over and above" project are in order.

### Christmas Peace Aim

A proposal to adopt Dec. 25 as a day for promoting world peace was advanced by a Texas pastor.

J. P. Allen, of Forth Worth's Broadway Baptist Church, made it in an address to the annual Christian Life Conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. Theme for the conference was "The Things that Make for Peace."

"Christians really do not know what to do with Christmas," Allen declared. "Could this be the answer? Give up the tinsel and the commercial orgy and turn the observance into a pageant of peace!"

Allen said peace is the business of Christians "more even than that of the Congress of the United States or the Assembly of the United Nations." He further pointed out that Christianity, being a world religion, has something to say about world peace.



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### The Bible Story Book

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This faithfully and exceptionally well-told story of the Bible deserves the large sale that it will doubtless get when more people have seen it. Sabbath School teachers should remember that this is not designed for class use where one Bible story is taken up each week. This book shortens and condenses the Bible. The author chose simplification rather than amplification in order to cover the whole Bible. It is refreshing reading, even for adults. Unfortunately, the price of such books has to be high. This one retails for \$4.95.

— Editor.

### We Must Be Guided by the Book

The following story is told as fact in a book, **Planet in Rebellion**.

Some years ago, an Indian visited the home of a minister in Northwest U.S.A., and expressed his desire to study the Christian faith. The minister was happy, and loaned him his Bible to read. After some months the Indian returned, and wished to be baptized. The minister was glad. He went to his cabinet, got a little silver bowl and put some water in it. At this the Indian objected: "Not deep enough." "Oh," said the minister, "This is the custom in our church."

"Then gave Indian wrong Book." He pointed out the passage in the Book of Acts, "They went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him" (Acts 8: 38) — P. 231.

### NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y. — The annual Fall Retreat was held in the church October 25-27 as part of the Advance program. Several people from the Syracuse area were present to help in discussing "World Missions Begin with Me."

The Youth Fellowship and the Junior Youth Fellowship meet every other Sabbath afternoon at the church. The pastor has asked different ones to take charge of the Junior Youth Fellowship for two months at a time.

The Ladies Society has served two Sunday dinners this fall, has had a plant sale, a food sale in connection with that of ceramic articles in Oneida, produced and sold cook books, post-a-note cards, and are collecting stamp books toward the purchase of a car for Jamaica. A new stair carpet, paint etc. have been purchased for the parsonage.

Promotion Day was observed in the Sabbath School on October 5.

The Lord's Acre Auction held October 22 at the Stanley Warner farm netted \$190.

About fifty men and boys attended the Father and Son banquet on November 16 with Rev. John Schaertel of the neighboring Lutheran church as speaker.

A Union Thanksgiving service was scheduled at the Lutheran church at 8 p.m. November 27 with the Rev. Rae Brothers of Verona Methodist Church as speaker and music by the united choirs.

Glen Warner, a 1963 graduate of Whittier College, Los Angeles, Calif., is attending Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass. While spending the summer vacation at his home here, he conducted Sabbath morning service several times when Pastor Burdick was away. Deacon and Mrs. Craig Sholtz attended the centennial of the Nortonville church on August 3. Mrs. Roger Davis, the former Della Fern Lippincott of Milton Junction, is teaching in Oneida. Miss Geri Hargis of Los Angeles is teaching in the Rome school system. We are glad to have both of them helping in our church work. Richard Williams enlisted in the Air Force and has been stationed at Lackland A.F. Base in Texas.

— Correspondent.



# The Sabbath Recorder

## Deaths in Ministers' Families

The death of Mrs. James L. Skaggs on November 19 brought sorrow to her husband, a retired minister, and called two other ministers' families, Charles and Margaret (Skaggs) Bond and Victor Skaggs to the funeral at Milton.

The passing of the grandfather of Herbert Saunders of Little Genesee, N. Y., and the father of Pastor Francis Saunders of Los Angeles on November 11 called these pastors to Boulder for farewell services.

Obituary notices will appear in an early issue.

## Bible Reading Thanksgiving to Christmas

The American Bible Society for its twentieth observance of Worldwide Bible Reading from Thanksgiving to Christmas suggests the following short passages, which are printed from week to week for the convenience of subscribers who do not receive the book-mark references from the local church.

Sunday, Dec. 15 — 2 Peter 1: 16-21  
Monday, Dec. 16 — Hebrews 4: 11-16  
Tuesday, Dec. 17 — 1 Thess. 1: 10-10  
Wednesday, Dec. 18 — James 1: 19-27  
Thursday, Dec. 19 — 1 John 1: 1-10  
Friday, Dec. 20 — John 1: 1-18  
Sabbath, Dec. 21 — Matthew 1: 18-25

## Obituaries

**Kelley.**—Gertrude, daughter of A. G. and Carlotta Watson Kelley, was born July 23, 1875, at Berea, W. Va., and died Oct. 2, 1963, at a nursing home in Fairmont, W. Va., following an extended illness.

Preceded in death by three brothers and three sisters, Miss Kelley is survived by one sister, Mrs. C. B. Collons, Fairmont, with whom she had made her home for some time previous to entering the nursing home. She was a lifelong member of the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church, Berea.

Services were held at the First Baptist Church, Fairmont, with Dr. Edward Dreisinger officiating. Interment was in the Woodlawn Cemetery. — L. A. W.

**Hayhurst.**—Mrs. Della Gay, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Ann Cottrill Sullivan, was born March 1, 1880, in Harrison County, W. Va., and died at the Britton Nursing Home, Oct. 16, 1963.

Widow of Mack Hayhurst, she is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Nora Newlin of St. Al-

bans; Mrs. Rella Sullivan of Salem; and Mrs. Metta Garey of Berea; one brother, Thomas L. Sullivan of Pullman Rt.; two grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. Her only daughter, Mrs. Jessie Brake, died in the Berea flood of 1950.

In early youth she was baptized by the Rev. L. D. Seager and joined the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church. Her pastor, Rev. Leslie Welch, conducted the farewell services at Pennsboro. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery there. — L. A. W.

**Smith.**—George W., son of George W. and Ellen Howe Smith, was born at Nile, N. Y., Oct. 16, 1873, and died in the Florida Nursing Home, Tampa, Fla., Aug. 27, 1963.

His late wife, Grace Burdick Smith, died in January, 1961. He and his family moved from Friendship, N. Y., to Alfred in 1918, when he became superintendent of the New York State Farm, in which capacity he served until his retirement. In 1947, Mr. and Mrs. Smith moved to Tampa, Fla., to make their home. He has been an associate member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., since Dec. 11, 1926.

He is survived by two sons: Leon B. of New Cumberland, Pa., and Richard W. of Tampa, Fla.; two daughters: Mrs. Henry Harrington of Syracuse, N. Y., and Miss Bernadine Smith, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Davis Funeral Home in Friendship, N. Y., with Rev. Albert H. Schott of the Friendship Methodist Church, officiating. Burial was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Friendship. — H. S. W.

**Whitford.**—Ruth Adelle Rogers, daughter of Albertus C. and Alice Ennis Rogers, was born in Farina, Ill., July 16, 1886, and died at a nursing home in Ft. Pierce, Fla., June 12, 1963.

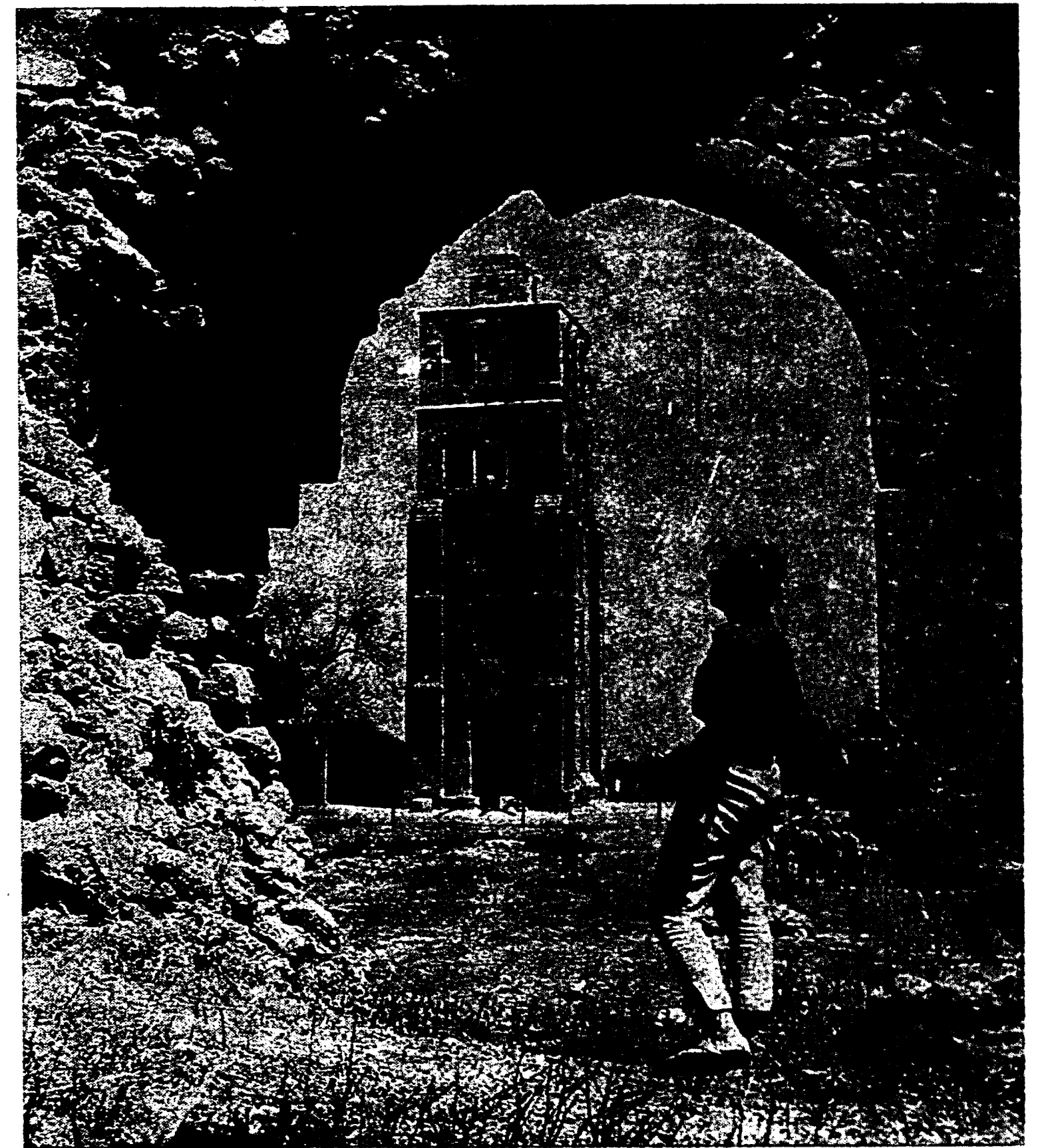
As a child, she was baptized and joined the Farina, Ill., Seventh Day Baptist Church. She transferred by letter to the Alfred, N. Y., church March 5, 1904, soon after coming with her family to the village.

She was graduated from Alfred University in 1909, taught in the elementary school ten years, and later served as secretary to President Boothe C. Davis of Alfred University and assistant to the treasurer for 14 years.

On Dec. 27, 1938, she was united in marriage with Dr. Alfred E. Whitford. Upon Dr. Whitford's retirement from Alfred University in 1952, they went to Ft. Pierce to make their home. He died there in 1957.

Mrs. Whitford is survived by two stepchildren, Dr. Albert E. Whitford of Lick Observatory, Mount Hamilton, Calif., and Mrs. Dorothy Whitford Lerdahl of Madison, Wis.; by seven stepgrandchildren; and by a nephew, Robert B. Rogers of Phoenix, Ariz.

Memorial services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton, Wis., June 21, 1963, with the Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, pastor of the church, officiating. Burial was in Milton. — H. S. W.



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