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Editorials

D-DAY AND PRAYER

When news came of the Allies landing on the French coast, the people of America went to prayer—perhaps as never before. Church bells rang and church sought the land. For example, some fifty thousand people made their petitions known to God. 

Significant of the prevailing spirit of the day and its events are such demonstrations as are reported from cities throughout the land. For example, some fifty thousand people gathered in Madison Square, New York City, near the close of the day. The roar of nearby traffic seemed quieted as a humble, contrite, and suppliant prayed the priest, of the universe as inspired. men and women bowed as are reported from nearby city traffic seemed quieted as a roar of labor and protest. The Protestant establishment in oversea, an outstanding development over seas, has since the critical day, one or by in small groups, people sought the opportunity in sacred places to make their petitions known to God.

Confession of sin at home characterized many prayers through the nation, and petition that we be kept from bitterness and hatred. Prayers for a better world were uttered; petitions for understanding, brotherhood, and co-operation. 

If, in some cases the formal "Thy will be done" was voted for its absence, such omission does not necessarily denote its absence from the petitioner's mind and heart. 

On the whole, the prayers of the nation give us encouragement and denote the high plane of Christian thought and living on which its people stand in these anxious, critical days.

SAVING TINS FOR BEER?

We find ourselves quite in sympathy with thousands of mothers who are making adverse comment on the WPB order releasing one billion cans to be filled with beer for consumption this year by overseas soldiers and sailors on foreign shore duty. Thousands of patriotic American housewives are flattening tin cans for scrap drives and in other ways conserving metal which will, eventually, be made into beer cans for shipment overseas at the rate of 300 cans per minute.

"American housewives," says Mrs. Ida B. Wise, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, "don't wish to be a party to a WPB controversy, but they can't reconcile WPB's beer-can directive with the critical metal shortage. Mothers are asking why their sons write there is lack of water overseas and why, when obtainable, the water is warm, though the easily obtained beer is always cool."

"American mothers are ready to bear their share of the war's hardship," she says, "but they will certainly begin to ask why they should work so hard in their victory gardens to preserve food, at the same time that precious metal is going into beer cans for shipment across the ocean."

Y. M. C. A. — ONE HUNDRED YEARS OLD

One hundred years ago—June 6, 1844—was a young business man, George Williams of London, founded the Young Men's Christian Association, "society for improving the spiritual conditions of young men." Little does one realize in starting a modest movement today that it may grow. The society's founder lived long enough to see that the movement was destined —was even becoming when he died—a great world-wide organization, reaching all races, creeds, and colors; and providing a broad program of spiritual, mental, physical, and social development for boys and young men. Its program today covers practically every healthful and helpful activity of boys, youths, and young men.

The Y.M.C.A. idea came to America in 1851 and spread rapidly. For more than four decades it has been inspired by the prophetic leadership of John R. Watt. In sixty-six different countries today its work is carried on, and on every continent active leadership has been discovered and developed, an outstanding example of which is David Z. T. Yui of China.

The Y.M.C.A. has a right to be proud of it service over the years, as the oldest of its voluntary youth serving organizations. In its centennial celebration with the WPB programs it practically plans for its second century of service. Problems of youth in home, community, and throughout the world will be given utmost attention.

Among the outstanding features of the service of the Y during the present conflict is the work in the prison camps among the prisoners of war. Such service contributes significantly to the reconciliation of men and nations, to the development of a world-wide Christian community. With other agencies it co-operates in national and world-wide programs to build world peace and bring about more economic and political justice in the world.

We salute the association and congratulate its leaders and members who have contributed so much to the association's success of one hundred years. As the second century of endeavor opens up, we may the reduction of selfishness of body, mind, and spirit which you are making be readily blessed of God to the upbuilding of Christian life and conduct throughout the world.

REV. JUDSON HARVEY STAFFORD
Rev. Judson Harvey Stafford, whose picture features our cover this week, became a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ in Plainfield, N. J., a few years ago. By a council called by the Plainfield Church, he became recognized as an ordained minister of the church.

The council, composed of representatives from sister churches in the Eastern Association, was eminently satisfied with his fitness for the work; impressed by his testimony and experience, his knowledge of the Bible, his Christian faith, and earnest zeal. His sermon before the church the preceding Sabbath and his prayer was evangelical and thought-provoking.

His presence in the pulpit, and out, is dignified, pleasing, and humble.

An observer for the past twenty years, Mr. Stafford hopes to continue in that line of work for the Lord. He has been a Sabbath School teacher for many years, and only recently learned of Seventh Day Baptists. He has preached the Sabbath truth, however, for many years, and never till now been able to direct a Sabbath convert to a people of such faith. When asked how he feels about his service, he replied, "They think me a little queer, but continue to love me and invite me back."

Our brother and sister, the teacher and a clear preacher of the Word of God which he devoutly believes. He has been with the Plainfield people at least three times a week, the more they see him the deeper their respect and confidence grow. We believe he will be an inspiration and help wherever he goes.

His home at present is in Boston, Mass.

Mr. Stafford gives us the following data of his life: "I was born May 9, 1888, in Sara-
toega Springs, N. Y., the son of Judson H. and Mary E. Stafford, my deceased parents. My paternal grandfather, Warren Stafford, first settler of Saratoga in 1783; and my mother, whose maiden name was Cady, descended from some of the oldest settlers in New Hampshire and Vermont.

"In 1909 I was graduated from Saratoga High School. A year later, in 1910, I entered Attleboro Academy, the academy of the great evangelistic life, I was converted September 7, 1943, in Attleboro, Mass.; and began a six-year study of God's Word and theology, at the expiration of which time I was ordained to the Christian ministry by the Union Christian Church of Providence, R. I. From that time until now I have been active in evangelism in many eastern and southern states, preaching for many denominations.

I was born in Attleboro, Mass., and three children were born: Norma Edith, James Jerome, and Judson Y. Seventy-Day Baptist Church, and Francis D. Saunders, recently graduated from Salem College, and candidate for the gospel ministry. A young convert to the Sabbath, Melvin Nida, member of the White Cloud, Mich., Church, and Judson, a Saratoga in 1783; and my mother, whose responsibility for a Redeemed World.

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EASTERN ASSOCIATION

Much was packed into the meetings of Sabbath and Sunday, June 10 and 11, at Shiloh, N. J., at the 106th session of the Eastern Association.

Rev. Leslie O. Greene, Promoter of Evangelism sponsored by the Women's Society, brought the Sabbath morning message. A message with a especial zeal and love of God and for lost men, preached a stirring sermon on "The Individual's Reponsibility to God Always." The worship service, conducted by the local pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, assisted by a former Shiloh pastor, Rev. Eli P. Loof­ kover now of Waterford, Conn., was truly a service leading the congregation into a feeling of God's nearness. The music—instruction of the panel contributed richly to the preparation of the people to receive with open hearts the thrilling Gospel message and constantly being invited to bring their message and music in many different places.

At two o'clock, a large group of children held a special service in the session room under the leadership of Mrs. Mary C. Ayara. In the evening a well planned and inspiring program was given, some and address was carried out by the young people. A large youth choir participated, Thoughtful address were given by Harmon Dickinson, pastor-elect of扣除, N. Y., Seventy-Day Baptist Church, and Francis D. Saunders, recently graduated from Salem College, and candidate for the gospel ministry. A young convert to the Sabbath, Melvin Nida, member of the White Cloud, Mich., Church, and Judson, a Saratoga in 1783; and my mother, whose responsibility for a Redeemed World.

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Sunday 

The Tract Society program consisted of strong addresses by Rev. James L. and Victor W. Greene, who worked on "How the Tract Board Can Help in Working for a Redeemed World." The younger man, secretary of the board's committee on dis­tribution for, said, "Redemption, by the board, is carrying on through publishing and distributing religious papers, tracts, and pamphlets" and" brethren" have asked to have many of the tracts recently published and invited people to join the "Tract-a-Month Club." The father brought a challenge to modern Christians to live up to the high standard of the ministry, given them by God. "If the Sabbath isn't important, he said, "we are not separate people apart from other Christian bodies; but if it is important, as we believe it is, then it should determine our conduct in all things." The corresponding secretary of the board spoke briefly of the Sabbath Recorder, world­wide correspondence, and especially of correspondence with lone Sabbath keepers, men and women in war service. He displayed a map showing field activities, and the influence of our board's work in every state and in Canada.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

In the afternoon the Missionary Board's international department was represented by Rev. Daniel Crandall, president of the Missionary Board, and its executive secretary, Rev. William L. Burdick, who demonstrated by use of a great map the widespread need of home missions and where the board is helping. Truly, at home and abroad, through the Missionary Society of Seventh Day Baptists are "Working for a Redeemed World." One of our great needs," Dr. Burdick pointed out, "is for more ministers; more young men to dedicate themselves to the special gospel calling.

In the evening, Rev. H. Eugene Davis, la church, spoke to an overflow audience concerning trying experiences of the past recent years, and needs of China. The National Missionary Society Assembly will be held with the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church at New Market, N. J., June 8-10, 1945; Miss Ethel Rogers is the president. Her address is 520 Prospect Avenue, Dunellen, N. J.

Herbert C. Van Horn.

THEY SANG A HYMN

In Mark 14: 26 we are told, "And when they had sung a hymn, they went out." Following this example Seventh Day Baptists often sing a verse of a well-known hymn at the close of the communion service. Breathe the Tie that Binds" is often used for this purpose, as it so well expresses the thought of unity and fellowship. Whether this song is sung, or a more definite expression of worship, adoration, and praise toward God, should be the thought at this time.

The communion centers around our Lord Jesus Christ and his sacrifice for man. Would it not be appropriate, then, to close the service with a serene praise and worship, rather than with a verse telling of our happiness in being united with fellow Christians in the sanctuary? It is given to us with thanks to God for our Lord Jesus Christ rather than to express our "hope to meet again."

With this thought in mind the following verses are offered as a substitute for the old favorite. The tune remains the same.

To thee, O God, we raise

Our several hearts as one; (Eph. 4: 13)

For Jesus Christ, thy Son. (Acts 4: 12)
A DIFFERENCE IN MOTIVES AND IN RESULTS

Not all professionalism is bad. In missions, the ministry, and all Christian work there is a professionalism that goes to the heart of things and produces desirable results; and there is a professionalism which degrades its possessor and blights much that he sets out of it. He chooses this vocation because he delights in and values it in the same way as he agrees, for instance, to try his hand at being an actor or a teacher, is a real shepherd, who leads men to the Lamb of God. If he is a hireling, the hire is the man described in the previous paragraph; both are following the same profession. But there is another kind of professional who is a being, trying to help men know God and live at home through the risks faced by him, that he might have come in the course of his work, for he is pleasing if there are any causes that he could be, and he is constantly seeking for promotion, elevation, and financial favor. This is professionalism in a bad sense.

But there is another kind of professionalism. One may enter the ministry, become a missionary, or take up any Christian work because of a passion for Christ his Savior and a heart aching to lead men to their Redeemer. With him it is not a question whether he is going to use the activities of the ministry or those of a missionary's life better than another. It is a question of helping men know God and live at home now in the Father's house. He reads, calls, writes, studies, teaches, plays, and prays with this as the uppermost passion in his heart. If there are hardships and sacrifices, he willingly takes it. It is entirely possible that he can lead men to the Lamb of God. If he is an hireling, the hire is the man described in the previous paragraph; both are following the same profession, but how different the results! The one is an hireling, the other is the real shepherd, whose own the sheep are not; the other is the real shepherd, who gives the life for the sheep. The hireling, though he pass under the name of missionary, minister, or teacher, is a hireling just the same.

The kingdom of Christ demands true shepherds in all the walks of life. Its progress depends upon having them; but a worldly church and worldly homes can hardly be expected to produce such. "Once in grace always in grace," is an exploded doctrine. We are on an island not unlike Jamaica somewhere in the South Pacific. We had a safe trip down with no untoward event. Thus far we are not in the area of fighting. How is the work in Jamaica going? I don't hear from the brethren, for up to now I have been so busy that I have not had time to write them to let them know where I am; but I did write to Brethren Smellige, Grant, and Lyons the other night. I am far away from and quite out of these things these days. Has a man been going to Jamaica to help carry on the good work there? I dearly love the work there and I would not like to see it fail during this critical period for lack of strong leadership. And I am sure, though I have not heard from him, that Brother Smellige has been writing to you anxiously inquiring as to when another worker is going to be sent to Jamaica.

There is a matter I must bring to your attention. The Chief of Chaplains has sent a letter to all chaplains in which he states that there is available to each church or organization from which a chaplain entered the service "an attractive certificate, suitable for framing, size 11 1/2 by 12 1/4 inches, signed by the chief of Chaplains and bearing the name of the chaplain and church concerned." He further states that he will make suggestions, for a suitable presentation ceremony. Since I entered the service directly from the employ of the Missionary Board, I will leave it to you to decide how this matter can be worked out. You will of course receive a direct communication from the office of the Chief of Chaplains on this matter.

I am glad to be associated with a denomination in which the leaders are influential men of God and which, through the influence of these men I was trained and which, through the influence of these men I was certified for the chaplaincy by the Northern Baptist Convention. I am further glad that our denomination is a member of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. I am glad, in short, because such influence, when it is known, will help me in my work. As you know, I have always tried to be as fair-minded and unprejudiced as I could be, always ready to undertake any cause that would make for better understanding and better relationships between the races. I write as I do above not because of any trouble now or because I look for any trouble in the future; but I write merely to let you and other leaders of our denomination know what the situation is and to bespeak your help in the need. While some of our officers we have to deal with are not Christian, many of them are Christian gentlemen in the fullest sense of the term. I came into the service because I thought I could do something in my little way to help the men.
of my race put forward their best efforts in whatever way required by the military au-
torities. Also you want to help me to understand why they are fighting and why their work is important. Above all I am determined to minister to the spiritual and moral needs of the men assigned to my ministerial care. I am going to be fairminded and tolerant, interested only in helping bring this war to a successful conclusion in the shortest possible time. I think the work, and thus far in the denomination will speak more loudly in this direction than all the words I can write. I write, again, to assure myself of your full support and to thank you and other men of the denomination for your wholehearted support. Write me and have other leaders of the denomination write me that was given during the young program of the Eastern

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They would be fine. Thanks, everybody.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read.

Hersey S. Warren, vice-president, presented and welcomed to the meeting of the board three of your young men who are graduating this year from theological schools: Kenneth B. Van Horn, Mr. Harmon Dickinson, and David Clarke. Also welcomed as visitors at this meeting were Mrs. Ed Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. Victor W. Skaggs, and Mrs. Loren Osborne.

For Corresponding Secretary Herbert C. Van Horn, Mrs. Van Horn submitted the following report which, with its recommendations, was adopted.

REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
May 14, 1944

Six weeks of the absence from the office during February and March during my absence from the office. In addition to this, I was in Dayton, Ohio, at the time of the United Methodist Church Convention. The minutes of the latter meeting were made possible by the courtesies of Dr. Bessie S. French who was able to make a suitable arrangement for the use of her car. One sermon was preached in Dayton by the Rev. J. Leland Skaggs who was a former pastor of the church here. The secretary spoke twice in Palatka, where he was in company with Dr. J. Leland Skaggs.

The illness of Miss Randolph and her enforced return to Dayton Beach made it impossible to carry on the work as it had been done for the work here. The secretary is convinced that a valuable work has been done in Putnam County, which should be encouraged and more adequately supported. The support of the Work in that county is a matter of public responsibility to the church and those who are interested in the welfare of the county.

The secretary recommends that the president of the Board of Trustees appoint a committee to arrange for a program for the work in that county.

The work of the treasurer was presented by Mrs. William M. Stillman and accepted as shown.

J. Leland Skaggs, Treasurer

In connection with the American Sabbath Society

For the quarterly ending Saturday, May 31, 1944.

Dr.

To: J. Leland Skaggs, Treasurer

In accordance with the American Sabbath Society

Based on these statements cost of subscription and mailing of catalogues, 28.59

Deposits in Florida Banks

Reserve for Historical Society Rooms

30.89

Maintenance Fund

104.73

4,275.25

To cash received since last report: GENERAL FUND

Contributions: Individuals ...............

11.23

Endowment Fund for J. Leland Skaggs

25.52

Special contribution for additional funds

15.67

One-half proceeds "Chains Letters" (see letter)

140.45

Proceeds through Memorial Board

1,243.23

Receipts from "Helping Hand"

418.48

General printing and mailing

61.38

of literature

MOUNTAIN FUND

5,445.00

Moved from publishing house

202.00

Refunds-overpayment compensation insurance for J. Leland Skaggs

90

PERMANENT FUND

A proportionate share in Work in Australia

170.10

A gift from Mrs. J. Leland Skaggs for a bond of $500

950.00

A gift from Mrs. J. Leland Skaggs for a mortgage of $500

155.62

A gift from Mrs. J. Leland Skaggs for a mortgage of $500

59.49

Transferred from savings account for September

4,675.46

5,265.67

DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING ENDOWMENT

Additional gift--Franklin Phil Randolph gift

1.50

To cash paid out as follows:

GENERAL FUND

Sabbath Promotion work

10.00

Bureau of study

12.00

Expenditures of "Sabbath Recorder"

1,888.97

General printing and distribution of periodicals

72.30

Letters to subscribers

1.70

Printing and postage for correspondence

423.14

Salary tax

6.31

Salary of Mrs. Walter H. Wharton

78.00

Office supplies

3.90

General printing and mailing

8.25

Auditing reports

5.00

Claims for subscriptions

75.00

Salary paid

12.00

Little children's giving and investments

12.00

Salary of Secretary

12.00

Balance in bank at end of period

12.00

First quarter, 1944, printings to date

238.50

Retirement Fund

27.20

Deposits on magazine subscriptions

216.00

Interest on 1/4% U.S. Bond

98.75

A/2% mortgage

145.17

A/2% mortgage

90

A/2% mortgage

1.13

Experiences of Committees on Finance

183.84

Cost of printing and mailing

3,713.20

Net estate expenses: 612 W. 7th St.

5,265.67
The SABBATH RECORDER

Meadow Fund

Coal

$10.78

Miscellaneous

$13.00

Tracts

16.17

Competition contest entries

3.00

Bound Tracts

1.80

Income from D. C. Reserve

12.63

Total Fund

$94.39

The report was received and its recommendations approved.

L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house, reported, as follows for the Supervising Committee:

1. Due to the printing being produced for the war industry, the gross business for the ten months since July 1, 1943, is more than $10,000 greater than for the full twelve months ending June 30, 1943. Profits from this work will allow the returning of the equipment notes which have been on the books since pre-depression days.

2. Mr. North also outlined briefly the extent of war work being done by the publishing house now about 65% of the total. Of war work being done by the publishing house, reported as follows:

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Plainsfield, N. J.

Tuesday, April 18, 1944.

E. T. Stillman, Clerk.

Examined, compared with books and vouchers, and found correct.

I. W. Hiebel, Auditor.

The committee recommends that Tract No. 1 be transferred to the S. D. Books and the Committee directed to prepare and sign papers necessary to that end.

Kenneth Van Horn, Harmon Dickinson, and David Clarke spoke of their appreciation of the action of the board in making it possible for them to visit the seventh Bap tist Building of the Selma Baptist Building of their interest in the work of the Board.

The minutes were read and approved.

Adjournment followed a closing prayer by Pastor Victor W. Skaggs.

Laverne C. Bassett, President.

Children's page

Dear Mrs. Greene:

From eight years old and my brother and I like to read the Children's Page. We each have a little garden. We are trying to plant vegetables. We have a friend who grew a pretty palm plant from a date pit.

Sometimes we go to Brookfield to church, but most of the time we go to the Community Church in our town.

We will soon be out of school. This week we have a school picnic.

Your friend,

Justin Camenga.

North, Webster S. Greene, L. Harrison North, manager of the publishing house, now about 65% of the total.

Denominational Income

Income from invested funds:

Through Tract Society $ 4,500.00

Sabbath Recorder 2,500.00

Helping Hand 1,500.00

Sale of books, tracts, etc. 300.00

Denominational Budget 5,375.00

$17,375.00

The Budget was adopted as presented.

The committee appointed on the Conference program was as follows: Herbert C. Van Horn, Courtland V. Davis, and Victor W. Skaggs.

The committee reported a tentative outline as a report of progress.

The committee recommended that the attorney of the Phoebe Shield trust be authorized to act for the board in disposal of the property of that estate, and that the proper officers of
Dear Mary:

in the 'Recorder to answer, as I like to have testing and helpful— a real aid to Christian living. The term, "singeration," is a new term to me, but a very apt one indeed.

Your sincere friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am very sorry when you have no letters in the Recorder to answer, as I like to have my mother read them to me. She said she would type my letter so you could surely read it, so I thought you could. I am four years old, and I will be five next March, and then I can go to school every day. I like to go to Sabbath school very much.

My brother will soon have a birthday cake with two candles. His name is Lee.

He tries to do everything I do, and says lots of things I do, too. When Mama asks him whose little man he is, he says he's Joey's little man.

I like to go to see my grandma, and play with my cousin Jimmy, who is four, too. I like to ride Jimmy's tricycle. My daddy will buy me a tricycle when the war is over, when they don't have to make so many airplanes. I hope the war will be over soon, don't you?

We have a dog named Dopey; he is a very good dog, and likes to sleep under my bed. I hope this letter isn't too long.

Your little friend,

Jo Anne Adams.

R. 1, Box 699,

Battle Creek, Mich.

Dear Jo Anne:

The typewriter is a fine thing, isn't it? It could put your letter all on one page while you would have had to use two. You and my little granddaughter are almost twins, for she will be five next April. As you know, my heart; and there have been others which, amount of grief and wonderment at the encounters.

There have been occasions that brought the latter experiences; so I hope next time you will write long. There is no refrain from first expressing gratitude to your Deliverer before anything else should be done. "And he was a Samaritan." A stranger to the commonwealth of Israel. I do not know how he felt, for too I was a stranger once to the people of God, and being leprous with sin, cried mightily for mercy; and Jesus, being the Word and power of the Father, extended it to me and cleansed, me, making me whole. Yes, I too met the Deliverer out of Zion one day in a small community. . . I know how this stranger felt as he prostrated himself at the feet of the Christ in an overflow of humble thanksgiving mingled with ecstasy at the certainty of deliverance.

"But where are the nine?" One wonders what became of them. Doubtless they did present themselves before the priests, and, their healing officially confirmed, resumed their place in society; but we hear no more about them. Did they become so engrossed in the activities of business and social life, hitherto denied them, that no time seemed available to seek him who had made all these things possible, and give him thanks? Surprising, isn't it? But I have met too many people, even in these days, like that—blessed by the Lord, but just can't find time to go to church.

"This stranger," Jesus said, was the only one of those healed who returned to give thanks. In other words, he who was the Son of God was both surprised and grieved at the careless ingratitude of the others. If Jesus is "the same, yesterday, today, and forever," to feel anything differently now in regard to present-day indifference to his just claims, his word, and his Church?

This was a special dispensation of blessing for those who, with respectful reverence on the Sabbath day to glorify God, and bow with humble thanks at the feet of our Savior. To such hearers of the words of Jesus come with freedom, sweetness and power of assurance, "Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." May God in his mercy cause men and women everywhere to the necessity of cleansing by the precious blood of Christ, so that divine power may be given to them to walk in the commandments of the Lord; and may we, who know his cleansing touch ourselves, show our gratitude to him by bringing his Gospel to others in whatever way we can.

Surprised because you've encountered ingratitude? Jesus also encountered it, and conquered it through the joy derived from witnessing the true thankfulness of the grateful soul like "this stranger" whom he made whole.

Yes, life is filled with surprises, but my experience bears witness that those which make up for those that bring sadness, for the joy of the Lord is indeed our strength.

**Our Pulpit**

**THE SABBATH RECORDER**

Luke 17: 18

By Rev. Judson H. Stafford

(Recently received into membership of the Plainfield Community Church)

Some of the most interesting events in my Christian experience have been the surprises encountered during many years as a preacher of the Gospel. There have been occasions which have, most unexpectedly, brought great comfort to my heart; and there have been others which, suddenly arising, have afforded me a certain amount of grief and wonderment at the coldness and ingratitude of men sometimes encountered. Yet, I have found that the joy produced by the former occasions has more than compensated for the disappoint-

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Denominational "hook-up"

North Loop, Neb.

Phyllis and Belva Babcock and Marjory Hamer have attended Vacation Bible School in conjunction given by the school Friday night were given King James version red-letter illustrated Bibles. Alice Meyer, Evelyn Hamer, Dean and Dale Hutchings, Sylvia Ingersoll, and Beverly Knapp were given testaments for attending eight years. Sixty-nine were enrolled for the three weeks of the school and fifty-six were awarded certificates for attending at least ten days.

Mrs. J. A. Barber acted as supervisor and taught the junior division. Other teachers were Mr. M. Arthur Watts, Marion Maxson, and Alice O'Connor. Mrs. Harlan Bennick was in charge of the music. All teachers were paid a salary. This was the twenty-second year for Vacation Bible School in North Loop.
A small registration fee charged this year and other contributions by the churches and individuals leave a nice balance of $38 ready for next year.

The June church social was held Sunday night in the basement of the church. After the supper an interesting Tom Thumb wedding program, arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Babcock, was the chief feature of entertainment.—Ord Quit.

**Milton, Wis.**

Rev. John Fitz Randolph, pastor of the Milton Junction Seventh Day Baptist Church almost eighteen years, has resigned this pastorate, effective in August, to accept another in Berea, W. Va.

Rev. Carroll L. Hill, who resigned the pastorate of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church to accept the presidency of Milton College, will be succeeded by Rev. Elmo F. Polan of Alfred, N. Y.

The annual commencement of the Verona Weekday School of Religious Education was held in the Verona Presbyterian Church. Seventy-eight pupils received certificates of recognition. After the worship service, officers for the coming year were elected.

**Marriages**

Crowell - Baton. — Charles Claude Crowell, U. S. Navy, and Miss Gladys Mae Baton, both of Rockville, R. I., were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Baton, late Sabbath afternoon, June 17, 1944, Pastor T. R. Sutton officiating.

**Obituary**

Boyes. — Myra Clarke, daughter of the late Rev. J. Bennett Clarke and Eunice Alvord Clarke, was born at Verona, N. Y., February 3, 1865, and died in the Buffalo General Hospital on June 5, 1944.

She was married to Luther Clifton Boyce on September 2, 1918. Mr. Boyce died about two years ago. She was a nonresident member of the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church; she maintained her interest in and support of the church.

Surviving are a brother, William R. Clarke of New York City; a sister, Mrs. A. N. Annas of DeKalb, Ill.; and nephews and nieces.

The ashes were brought to Alfred and interment took place in the Alfred Rural Cemetery Sabbath afternoon, June 10, the service being conducted by Rev. George B. Shaw, assisted by Pastor E. T. Harris.

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Over forty-five from our church attended the Central Association held with the Adams Center Church, June 2-4.

The Ladies' Society held their May meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Hyde. Mrs. Carrie Smith had charge of the worship program. Red Cross work was done.

Pastor and Mrs. Polan attended the ordination of their son-in-law, David Clarke, at Jackson Center, Ohio, on June 17, at the semi-annual meeting of the Ohio and Michigan churches. Jackson Center was Pastor Polan's boyhood home.

Children's Day exercises were held in our church, June 17. The children did fine under the direction of Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. Claude Sholtz, and Miss Muriel Sholtz. The church was artistically decorated for the occasion.

Rev. Harley Sutton of Alfred Station, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, attended the State Convention in Syracuse and later was a guest at the parsonage where he held a meeting of the teachers and officers of the Sabbath school.

Correspondent.

**This flag was bought with blood—**

A living sacrifice.

Ours is the rich reward,

Our fathers paid the price.

The battles for our peace,

They suffered for our gain;

These stars that thrill our hearts

Were born of grief and pain.

Strong were our sires, and brave,

Who won our liberty;

God, make us brave and wise

To set the whole world free!

—Thomas Curtis Clark,

in Religious Telescope.