ABOUT NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK
May 5 to 12

PARENTAL LOVE AND AUTHORITY
MAKE GOOD CITIZENS
By J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation,
United States Department of Justice
Just as good homes give good citizens to society, broken homes frequently give society
delinquents and criminals. The love
which binds the family together diffuses
throughout the world and brings to fulfill-
ment the ideal of the brotherhood of man.
The selfishness and lack of love which destroy
the home spread desolation among mankind.
Parental love and parental authority are prime
forces toward good citizenship, and we must
cherish and preserve them.

AMERICA'S FOUNDATION STONES
LAID WITHIN HOME
By Ruth Mougey Worrell
Executive Secretary,
United Council of Church Women
America is awakening—and none too soon
—to the basic place of "the home" within
"the house." "Many a man who thinks to
found a home discovers that he has merely
opened a tavern for his friends," says George
Norman Douglas. Yet within the home,
with its allegiance to God's moral laws,
were America's foundation stones laid. Only
as that foundation is kept pointed up and
freed from destructive influences can the
superstructure which becomes a community,
a nation, a world, rise to enduring beauty
in a setting of peace.

FAMILY LOYALTY AND SPIRITUALITY
MOST IMPORTANT
By Amos Alonzo Stagg
Football Coach, College of the Pacific,
Stockton, Calif.
We were seven children in our home,
five girls and two boys. The house was a
bit small for nine people. But what fun
we had together, and not one of us left
the family hearth until he or she became of age.
We were taught to pray at our mother's
knee and we were taught to be honest. Our
home life developed unselfishness and co-
operation and loyalty. Our family economies
were so arranged that each of us co-operate in the
family chores which created self-reliance and
ambition. Those parents are 100 per cent
wise who center their efforts in developing
family loyalty and spirituality.

POSTWAR OBJECTIVES
BUILDING ENDURING FAMILY LIFE
By Katharine P. Lenroot
Chief, Children's Bureau,
U. S. Department of Labor
Building family life upon an enduring
basis should be one of our chief objectives
in the postwar world. The impact of the
war on families and children resulted in
increased tensions and strains and deprived
many children of normal home life. Sound
employment policies, good housing, social
security, and the efforts of churches and
community agencies to strengthen the cul-
tural and spiritual foundations of family life
are essential if the home is to play its part
in a free society.

FORCES OF RELIGION MUST PROVIDE
LEADERSHIP
By Walter H. Judd
Congressman, Fifth District, State of Minnesota
I feel strongly that all the political or
economic devices we may construct for pro-
ducing a better world will not and cannot
work, no matter how sound they may be in
themselves, unless we have men and women
of higher character to operate those devices,
to translate high principles into effective pro-
grams. If the forces of religion do not suc-
cceed through their educational and other
activities in achieving that end—to whom,
pray tell, can a stricken and distraught world
look for adequate leadership?

FAMILY UNIT FOUNDATION OF SOCIETY
By Philip Murray
President, Congress of Industrial Organizations
There can be no mightier objective on the
part of religion, industry, labor, or any other
organization than the building of the
FAMILY

These statements were written at the request of the International Council of Religious Education,
Chicago, on behalf of the continent-wide, interfaith observance of National Family Week, May
5-12, in the United States and Canada. Seventh Day Baptists and thirty-nine other
Protestant denominations as well as one hundred seventy-three state, city, and provincial
interdenominational councils of churches and religious education are co-operating
in this observance.
FELLOWSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

An important part of our Christian experience is fellowship. Probably no one appreciates it as much as the Sabbath keepers and others who are far removed from the advantages of a church and association with people. Many people, living apart, steadfastly maintain their spiritual ties and stand staunchly by the faith of their fathers; others, so removed, find it easy to slip entirely out of contact with their home churches.

To do something to check the latter tendency is imperative, not only for the welfare of the individuals involved but also for the good of the denomination.

A number of projects are currently being sponsored in a number of different places, all of them designed to help maintain and increase fellowship among our people.

Clearinghouse for Jobs

The Vocational Committee, with headquarters in Alfred, N. Y., is making an urgent appeal to the people of the denomination to use its facilities as a clearinghouse for jobs and business openings. Inside the back cover of this issue is an information file which you are urged to use to fill our want and send immediately to the committee.

It is imperative that the committee have complete information about employment on file.

Just recently, for example, a prospective employer telephoned half way across the country to us to fill a vacancy. Undoubtedly there is someone, somewhere in the denomination, who would have qualified for the job, but the information was not at hand. Consequently another good job is lost temporarily, at least, to Seventh Day Baptists.

Such a circumstance is far from right. Won't you help make it right by sending in any information you may have?

Back-to-the-home-church Movement

A group of men in the Middle West are inaugurating a back-to-the-home-church movement, the idea being to help strengthen existing churches by making employment and business or farming opportunities available in communities where churches already exist. You will be hearing more about this effort in the near future.

Planned Farming

Many individuals are vitally interested in the problem from a number of different points of view. H. N. Wheeler, for example, whose article on soil conservation appears in this issue, warns that rural churches especially are dependent directly upon maintaining the fertility of the soil which supports the families that support the church. Many churches once strong are now weak because haphazard farming methods left the surrounding farms depleted, and people were forced to move away. Seventh Day Baptists have always been rural minded, Mr. Wheeler points out.

Christian Rural Fellowship

This basic consideration was one of the prompting factors in the organization of a Seventh Day Baptist Christian Rural Fellowship. Just getting nicely under way, the rural fellowship is planned as a real service to pastors, laymen, churches, and denominational boards in helping to conserve and develop all true values of Christian rural life. An executive committee has been organized and has made progress to further important plans, but the organization cannot serve unless you will let it serve. Why not write for specific information and help along this line to Rev. Marion G. Van Horn, Lost Creek, W. Va.

Ten Commandments on Display

From the Pacific Coast comes another entirely different project. An active church member in California has offered to bear the expense of a project to place the Ten Commandments in every church and Sabbath school room across the country.

He feels, as others do, that we as a people need to be before us the commands which prompt our worship and give us a framework of life and thought. As the Church and the things for which it stands.

To display God's laws might well help in the promotion of God's cause in every church member as a copy of the Ten Commandments saved our church building at Newport, R. I., in Revolutionary days.

The landing British troops were taking over every conceivable shelter as barracks for their soldiers and stables for their horses. It was their intention to destroy the church, but the Seventh Day Baptist edifice also, until the commander noticed the Ten Commandments displayed on the wall.

"Any church which takes these laws as the basis of its faith is to be honored; we cannot detect to the holiness of this place," he said, and he ordered his men to go elsewhere.

A small but attractive card, bearing simply God's laws including his Sabbath injunction, is being prepared by the churches. Pastors, Bible school teachers, and interested laymen may write to the editor placing their orders for the cards. There will be no expense to you; all you must agree to do is to hang the card in some classroom or other prominent place in your church and see that it stays there. If the commandments are not visible in your church, the cards will be sent immediately to that place.

A Common Love — A Common Job

All of these various projects are evidence of a common love for God, an adoration of the Church, and serving interest in his Church. They reflect concern and consecration in all parts of the denomination. But the effort to increase the worth of God's kingdom on earth must not cease with mere interest. It requires the love and loyal service of the people.

A Definite Course

A definite course of action! That's it! The specific action for you may be to write in about an employment opportunity, or urge your own employment in a Seventh Day Baptist community. Your duty may be to help foster the back-to-the-home-church movement and to work hard to help strengthen the home church. Perhaps your main interest is in helping to make Christian rural fellowships really work, in using cooperative farming methods, or to do some helpful promotion work. Possibly you are the one to send for and display the Ten Commandments as a constant reminder of our obligation to the Almighty who has done and continues to do so much for us.

The New Testament is our smsdash a- and the worth-while way immediately and continu
**The Sabbath Recorder**

**First Things First**

Disappointed

Yes, I am disappointed, very much disappointed, that the budget money does not come in as it should. I am not discouraged, however, for my observation is that the procrastinators are coming to their senses. We want to wait till the last minute and hope that our efforts will result in success. Almost every day, and at last we now; do it 100 per cent plus.

I happened into a religious gathering recently where they were reporting progress on the money-raising project. The goal had been set at $30,000. The time was not yet up. They were still working on it, and they had raised $40,000. Why don't we lack?

There was a time when we set the budget goal much higher than the figure we actually expected to make, hoping that in trying to reach it a really sufficient sum would be raised. Not so today. The budget as presented is the amount needed to carry on. If it is not raised, the workers are made to get by with less than planned. We know they are often expected to get along with too little, even when the full amount is available.

I am disappointed. I just read this in the "Chaplain." "The days are rich, life is rich. And most of us fail not so much from lack of ability as from lack of determination and method. We have been put in the back pasture is where."

In conversation with a friend this morning, we were commenting on the promises of God. We know God is all-powerful. We like to quote his promises; but when it comes to expecting him to fulfill them we are often admit that we lack real faith. We have seen his care for missionaries of old. We know he cared for our forefathers. But what can he care for us? Not unless we get a larger vision and turn our lack of faith into hope and expectation.

P. B. Hurley, Conference President.

**Guest Editorial**

**An American Problem**

Five serious health problems are alcohol, tuberculosis, venereal disease, cancer, and heart trouble. Alcohol is listed first as it is found to be connected, in many cases, with each of the others. It causes more deaths than any of thirty-one infectious diseases, and 20 per cent of mental patients in the United States are alcoholics.

We have called our war on war barous for many of our deeds. Yet we Americans have permitted the governments of most of our states to commit a crime as great as many of those of our enemies. This crime is the licensing (the giving permission) for the sale of alcoholic beverages—and beer is one of them. Not only permit its distribution but also permit criminal business firms to advertise lies to gain trade. We permit, without proof, giving our money to some groups giving judgments against good citizens who dare to speak the truth against this great evil.


**Pin Point Editorials**

Habit is a way of living, a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it.—Horace Mann.

"Liberty is the one thing you can’t have unless you give it to others." —William Allen White.

**Rural Churches Have a Special Genius**

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers

"Our young preacher is certainly doing a fine work for us, but we can’t hope to keep him long!" For this remark is made in the rural churches, betraying the assumption that a city church, or one in one of our college towns, is either to be preferred by the preacher or can take him where he comes from congregations paying a smaller salary. A growing number of young ministers are choosing to serve in the rural church.

Arthur Wentworth Hewitt called the rural church "God’s back pasture." On most of the farms I know the back pasture is where the young stock is kept until it is grown, and the figure is apt because rural churches are the chief source of replenishing for city churches and for idealism in urban life in general. Their importance to the kingdom and to the nation far exceeds their numerical strength and it should not be forgotten that they are numerically the strongest agency in rural life.

"The rural church," wrote Charles J. Galpin, "has handed on to rural men, women, and children the precious inner life of the Christian centuries. It continuously imparts the gentleness of love, but also the tough steel of endurance. It stands guard night and day over that delicate organ of the soul;" he care for us? Not unless we get a larger vision and turn our lack of faith into hope and expectation.

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"Opportunity never knocks at the door of a knocker."
follow an order of service as well as their city cousins, but they are less intrigued by novelty and more aware of tradition. Choirs, whether in rural or city churches, are only as good as their leaders and the regularity of their practice; but rehearsals will be governed by the daily schedules of the singers.

Observance of Rural Life Sabbath in May, when the local Grange is invited to attend in a brief sermon, is often seen in spiritual values inherent in rural life. I feel too done as the seasons change during the year. When the local church follows an order of service as well as their congregation in rural churches is that while beginners, primary and juniors need graded materials the International Uniform Lessons should be generally used by all classes of intermediate age and older. I know many will disagree on this point, but it does make possible more family study and common family interest. There will be times when some class will need a more specialized study. Our Board of Christian Education can supply picture guides for use with the uniform lessons, and in many of our churches where there are only one or two rooms a simplified curriculum will prevent confusion. Teachers can exchange ideals in workers' meetings too, if this is done.

Special Methods

The Lord's Acre plan has been popularized as a method of rural church finance, and some of our churches raise a good deal that way. But where diversified farming is practiced people generally have cash for weekly purchases and the weekly offering should be the chief income of the church. Pledges made at the beginning of the fiscal year stabilize the church's finances. Once a year I feel sure that each church is justified in asking the community it serves for financial support.

Rural people expect the minister to call. Unless he can visit and call just as soon visit with him in the kitchen as in the parlor. Most ministers prefer the kitchen too! It is possible to call on men at their work in the country much more than in the cities; and this is an advantage, for Christianity was never primarily a "leisure time activity." We find people are glad to receive copies of the church bulletin when they do not attend church, to help them keep

up on what is going on. My own church is most fortunate to have nearly all of its members served by two rural delivery routes. If the pastor cannot get them on the telephone, he writes them a postcard.

Relief from Routine

To social life in rural churches, like other phases of Churchmanship, will center in family experiences such as showers for newly married couples, anniversaries, holiday gatherings, and seasonal get-togethers for threshing, butchering, or suryping off. Rural communities are often over-organized, but the church comes in for its share of people's time if good leadership is provided. Do we need to be reminded that many a society, club, or lodge would never have been started had the church been on its job?

The young people in rural churches, like those in every church, will want their own parties and athletic programs. Transportation may need to be furnished for them. If the pastor cannot spend a good deal of time with them the church should see that someone else does. Where boys work on farms, and girls are busy with canning, the camps and summer conferences should be planned to avoid peak seasons, but chances to "get away" are needed quite as much by country youth as by anyone. I hope the young people in most of our churches are planning already to attend their association camp or General Conference at Milton, Wis., or both.

The rural church does not stand alone. There is a wide and useful literature available to them, and our denominational boards are ready to be of assistance. The genius of the rural church lies in its keeping close to its people where they live.

Alfred Station, N. Y.

Inspired by a sermon in his local Quaker church in 1940 Perry Hayden, a Quaker miller of Tecumseh, Mich., set out to illustrate some of the Bible lessons on "Tithing," "Rebirth," and "Returns on what we sow.”

Hayden started with a cubic inch of wheat, which he planted in a patch 4 ft. by 8 ft. . . .

Perry Hayden is shown standing in front of the first little plot of wheat grown from the cubic inch of grain shown in the insert, with the huge increase in the background.

A year later, he harvested the patch; deducted 10 per cent of the crop as a tithe to the church, and planted the balance again the following year. The second, third, and fourth years he again deducted the tithe and replanted the entire balance of each crop . . .

The cubic inch of "Biblical Wheat" grows to 2,500 acres in six years; would cover globe in thirteen
to about two hundred fifty farmers throughout the country, who have planted the genuine "Biblical Wheat" and will plant the tithe to more than one hundred fifty different churches representing all faiths.

A representative field of the famous "DynamicKernel" has been planted inside the track at the Adrian, Mich., Fair Grounds, where the final huge official celebration will be held during the harvest this summer. The wheat will then be ground into flour, baked into biscuits and fed to the multitudes in the grandstands, right before their very eyes.

"Now that the war is over, elaborate plans are being completed by Mr. Hayden, in cooperation with the Lenewee County Fair Board to make a special international human-interest story in the world," says Raymond J. Jeffreys, an Ohio publicist.

"The colorful parades, cutting and harvesting pageants, showing equipment used from the Biblical days down to the modern combines, and reports from the farmers throughout the country who are making possible the completion of this stupendous final year of the project, will make this great religious event a living demonstration of the Bible truths regarding sowing, reaping, re-birth, and tithing," says the Quaker minister who founded the demonstration.

CONSERVATION

MANY ACRES OF FARM LANDS DESTROYED BY IMPROPER CULTIVATION

By H. N. Wheeler

Conservation is the proper use of our natural resources. The word was given to it by President Theodore Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot, the then chief of the United States Forest Service.

Our greatest natural resource is the soil. Methods of cultivation have resulted in great waste to such an extent that more than one hundred million acres of farm land are entirely ruined and another one hundred million are badly eroded.

Doctor Bennett, chief of the Soil Conservation Service says only nine inches of top soil now remain, on an average, on all farm lands. His investigation of the rich land of the nation shows that farm land with a 3 per cent slope cultivated for seven years lost one inch of top soil. Where the land sloped eight feet to one inch, the straightest furrow, and plow the straightest row of corn. By this method of farming a billion tons of soil is washing into the Gulf of Mexico every year, leaving impoverished farms with bare clay, rocks, and gullies where once was rich top soil that required four hundred years to form. Just by now learning to contour plow, to strip farm, and to terrace.

During a period of some weeks studies were made by the United States Forest Service on the Yazoo River watershed in Mississippi. During that time 27 inches of rain fell. Measurements showed that 60 per cent of the water ran off of the surface of the cultivated areas and took 33 tons of earth to the acre of the rain, while from the timbered lands 85 of 1 per cent of the rainfall flowed from the forested lands and not enough soil was washed to measure. Forests are the best conservers of soil and moisture. Heavy grass cover, not over grazed, is 90 per cent as good as timber in preventing soil wash. The 96,000,000 acre dust bowl was created by plowing up those wonderful grass lands. The grass roots were destroyed, the land dried out, an extra dry year came. It is nothing remained to hold the light soil in place and the winds carried away millions of tons and laid waste thousands of farms. In recent years more moisture has left them, those lands are again being plowed, and dust is again in the air and abandonment of land on the way. We are learning how to put back into grass and never again be plowed except in small valley areas where semiarid crops could be produced to furnish winter food for livestock. Those areas supported millions of head of buffalo and later great herds of cattle and sheep. They will do it again if we are not careful. Grazing lands are greatly needed. After careful study and survey those lands must be divided into areas so that a family can live comfortably by having a band of sheep or a drove of cattle. This can be done under private ownership, or the lands can be publicly owned and the welfare of the nation is concerned about the proper handling of this great dust bowl.

Our rural communities are the backbone of the nation, physically, morally, and religiously. They can prosper and survive only if the soil is conserved and made to produce the crops for which it is suited.

To the United States Forest Service the国土 of the United States Forest Service 11-1912.

PEACE ON EARTH

Mr. Speaker, India, a country of unrest, peopled by a vast population, is very much in the news these days. I received a letter from my nephew who has served in our armed forces during World War II. He pens these challenging thoughts:

Whenever writing to anyone for the first time from India I’m always troubled by the thought that perhaps they expect too much of me than I can offer, the open sesame to India—a mirror that will capture her reflection and give a solution to India’s problems. India will let me pass with this one simple observation: that the inhabitants of this heathen land are good people like those I found in America, in Mexico, and North Africa, good as I suspect people all over the world are good. I personally hope the good sense of some British leaders will prevail as per reports, and that India may be a united, free dominion, but not now possess. I think those words, from a 21-year-old youth, could well be taken to heart by all of us during these troubled times.

Congressional Record, March 18.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The Central Association will convene with the First Brookfield Church at Leonardville, N. Y., June 14-16, 1946. All are invited to attend.

Bernice D. Rogers, Corresponding Secretary.

OUR COVER

This issue’s cover photograph has for its setting the same part of the country as the headquarters of the recently created Christian Rural Fellowship for Seventh Day Baptists — Lost Creek, W. Va. Taken in the home of our young man employed as a page boy in the House of Representatives, who made it his practice during each summer to help look after his mother’s farm.
For a long time we received news from our brethren and churches in Germany, except that we learned through Brother Zijlstra, Haarlem, Holland, that it was reported Pastor Losch had been killed. This lack of correspondence was not on account of un-friendliness, but because of government restrictions. No longer ago than last February, correspondence was not on account of that, our brethren and churches.

Now it received the following letter from Brother Bruhn:

Dear Brother Randolph:

This might do for today.

In all of this my wife, my son and I have written a little letter to you and give a sign that the government is allowing censored letters to pass; and it is difficult to express the satisfaction which came to many of us when Dr. Corliss F. Randolph received the following letter from Brother Bruhn:

As it is possible to have correspondence again with foreign brethren it shall be the first to do, to write a little letter to you and give a sign of life.

Since a short time again I have connection with a number of our brethren, pastors, and churches in Germany. It is very sorry I hear from them. The most have lost all goods and chattels, a great number of lives. We feel that we live here in a world of sorrow (2 Peter 3:13). But we are still alive and hope for his full help which he kindly gave us (Romans 12:12).

Thank you for today. I hope to hear from you next.

I send my kindest regards and sympathy to you and Sr. Bruhn and to all the good friends.

In all of this my wife, my son Lorentz, our preacher, Brother Bahkle, and Sr. Anna Sass join me.

Faithfully yours,

Hamburg 39, den 1.
Anordnungsstelle '45.
April, 1946.

Regarding Brother Bruhn’s letter Dr. Randolph wrote:

The enclosed letter from Heinrich Bruhn of Hamburg came this morning (April 23) — two weeks on the way. It is the first communication I have had from Germany. The letter had been opened by the censors.

“We were in Hamburg, Mr. Bruhn, who is a fine looking man, was the engineer in charge of the public utilities of Hamburg. His wife, who is an equally fine looking woman, is an accomplished musician. The son was a shly boy of some ten or twelve years. We were entertained in their home. Mr. Bruhn’s right-hand man in all church activities was Miss Anna Sass, as was Dr. Conradi’s very efficient housekeeper. The minister—Bahkle—I don’t remember quite so well.”

Dr. Randolph (for many years president of the Tract Society and now president emeritus) and the missionary secretary worked together in encouraging and advising Dr. Conradi when he started the Seventh Day Baptist work in Germany; and as Dr. Randolph’s letter indicates, he and Mrs. Randolph visited Germany when on trips to Europe.

Dr. Conradi started the work in the fall of 1931. As first he had no an appreciable help from our boards; but after five years, the Missionary Board began appropriating a small sum annually. Under the leadership of Pastor Waltz it is understood that the board is considering organizing a quarter to assist him in the work in the field.

Word came from Middle Island, W. Va., that the church had called Rev. James L. Skaggs as missionary pastor and that it needed help in his support.

It was announced that the society is seeking a man who will accept a call to go to Jamaica to help establish the school there and act as its head. A man experienced in education is desired. Only recently the society opened property adjoining the Kingston church where the school can be located. A reserve of $2,900 which has accumulated since Holland has been opened is being released as not being needed there. Of this $2,400 was set aside to replace permanent funds used for the purchase of the new school property in Jamaica.

The balance of $500 of the $2,900 released from Holland is to be used in the purchase of property in a suitable locality.

The society on the home field was made at the quarterly meeting held at the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church in New London.

The treasurer reported it was possible to do this, and that the increased cost of living made advisable.

The salaries of all employees of the board have been raised $100 per year, and the monthly allowance for the work at Syracuse, college, was increased to $25 a month. The increase in salaries also includes an increase for Rev. Wardner T. Fitz Randolph in Jamaica.

The purchase in Westerly of the so-called Maxson property, which is south of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and has two hundred feet frontage on Main-street, was raised from $12,900. The Pawcatuck Church has voted to pay $1,500 of this total covering sixty-six feet frontage for the protection of its own property.

The property was recently owned by C. Clarence Maxson, and it was there Miss Jessie Utter lived for so many years after she left Plainfield, N. J., to make Westerly her home. It can be broken up into four apartments, and will be a paying venture. It is expected that part of the building will be used by the secretaries of the board as their residences.

An interesting report from the Little Traverse Baptist Church is presented by Dr. Edwin Whitford, chairman of the Missionary-Evangelistic Committee. The report came from Rev. George B. Whitford, of the Central Baptist Church and Pella, Iowa, of the work in the Minnesota area, that the church had called Rev. James L. Skaggs as missionary pastor and that it needed help in his support.

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In connection with the report of the $2,900 which was released by the Holland people, it was noted that the Memorial Board is about to open a cottage in Holland, and that we repair or replace their church property destroyed by war action. The people of Holland will carry this burden themselves. The loan was endorsed by this board at its meeting on Sunday.

Elston H. Van Horn, assistant recording secretary, acted in the absence of George B. Utter, who was attending a meeting of the Committee on East Asia of the Foreign Missions Conference in New York City.

The members of the board present were: Rev. Harold R. Crandall, Dr. Edwin Whitford, Karl G. Stillmtn, Dr. Clarence L. Waltz, William L. Burdick, Mrs. Alexander P. Austin, Walter D. Kenyon, Elston H. Van Horn, Lloyd B. Langworthy, Rev. Eli F. Haboro, Mrs. John M. Adams, Mrs. Harold R. Crandall, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, and Rev. David S. Clarke.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY’S REPORT

As corresponding secretary I would report that, though I have not been out on the field during the quarter, that part of the work of the secretary and field worker, Mr. Clarke, who will report on that subject and his other activities. The correspondence has been unusually heavy, but it would be a long story if I should attempt an outline of the problems which come through correspondence with people in all parts of the world. Many of these problems are the result of the war just closed, but some come from other causes.

The World Wide Fellowship of Prayer during the six weeks before Easter has been promoted. Considerable time has been given to this work. An unusual amount of time has been given to the Committee on Ministerial Relations of the General Conference.

Working on matters for the Committee on Ministerial Relations has forced home as
EXPRESSIONS OF REAL GRATITUDE

The following are excerpts from letters received from various countries to which your food and clothing have been sent.

"At first I will thank you for the surprise that really bothered me very, very much. We have received several useful and indispensable articles from you: a beautiful woolen blanket, three fine sheets and pillow slips, four towels, six handkerchiefs, and a nice bedspread.

"I am not able to tell you what kind of painful sensation it is to find yourself staying here completely as a beggar, possessing nothing in the world except the clothing you wear! We have been helped by our friends in a most generous way, but in those days it was very, very painful to be one's guest, for the food rations were then per person per week 0.4 kg. of bread, 3 kg. of sugar being helpful.) Since January 1, 1945, the only things mother and I could buy in a legal way were a night dress, one pair of stockings, one pair of underwear, one cotton frock. You can perhaps understand how long we get clothes, stockings, and underwear, shoes, and lots of other desirable things...

"I cannot tell you how religious I am in getting these things we wanted very, very much. We thank you wholeheartedly for this rich gift, which means to us more than can be expressed.

"Magda Osewoudt, The Hague."

THE SABBATH RECORDER

EMERSON WINFIELD AYARS

EMERSON W. Ayars was born at Dodge Center, Minn., and was educated in that town and Walworth, Wis. He taught school in Minnesota, New York, and New Jersey. He was graduated from Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y., 1891, and from the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., in 1895. His first practice was at Richburg, N. Y., where he spent ten years. For thirteen years he practiced at Alfred, N. Y., and also served as coroner of Allegany County, N. Y., for thirteen years, being elected five times to that office. In 1919 he began practice at Coconut Grove, Fla., and continued there and in Miami, Fla., until his death. He was city commissioner of Coconut Grove and instigated the erection of the first treated drinking water plant in South Florida at that place. He never had more than a physician; he was a citizen with an unusually broad interest in public affairs. His church membership was in the First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y.

Close survivors are his widow, Florence Greenland Ayars; a daughter, Alice A. Ayars; two sons, Erving E. and Lister S.; and a sister, Mrs. Amelia P. Churchward.

R. E. A.

We hope with all of you that "patience hath her perfect work" in your awaiting the arrival of the Second Century Fund circles. Time has been afforded you to anticipate uses to which your personal circle may be put in spreading the news and needs of the fund campaign. Be sure your circle is used to the fullest extent!

David Clarke, Secretary.

GETHSEMANI

All those who journey, soon or late, Must pass within the garden's gate; More steep alone in darkness there, And battle with some fierce despair.

God pity they who cannot say: "Not mine, but thine,"--on whom they pray;

"Let this cup pass," and cannot see

The purpose of Gethsemani.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.
Yesterday was Mother's Day. The finest tribute we could give mothers would be to do more, much more, as children to build our homes into truly Christian homes. The Quaker poet, Whittier, wrote:

"To worship rightly is to love each other, to smile upon each other, and to pray.

These things we can do to have our homes more Christian:

1. A SPECIAL PLACE. Have a place set apart as a "holy place." This should be a place dedicated to prayer and meditation. This place could be the living room, the dining room, or a room set aside for worship.

2. A TIME SET APART. Blessed is the family which finds time for family worship. It may be in the morning, or after the evening meal, or just before bedtime as the day comes to a close. Such observance will become a special part of Christian family living.

3. SHARING. If family worship is genuine, one inevitable outgrowth will be Christian sharing with God's other children, millions of whom are in dire need of the bare necessities of life. The family which finds time for family worship is also the family which finds time to save money by eating less and by being very careful to waste no food. This is a definite way the whole family can participate in this world-wide sharing experience.

4. ENTERTAINING GUESTS. Children dearly love to "have company." Such occasions provide rare opportunities for the practice of Christian kindness, gentleness, service, self-forgetfulness, and the sacrifice of one's own preferences in order to provide for the enjoyment of others.

The Sabbath school teacher and the public school teacher should be invited to the home. Try to have exceptional guests such as a child from a children's home or members of other races. It is a real experience for children to have the chance in their own home to visit with pastored of our church and those who work in denominational positions.

5. READING. Enriched is the family whose members have entered into the joy of book reading. If a family can achieve any greater happiness than that which comes from reading together stories of Old Testament heroes, the Psalms, the life and teachings of Jesus, great poetry from all ages, myths, legends, nature lore, nonsense rhymes, and biography. The child who grows up in a home where books are loved by all members of the family has a priceless heritage which nothing can take from him.

6. PLAYING. Happy is the family that knows how to play! Having fun together is an important phase of Christian living in the family.

7. CELEBRATING FESTIVALS. Blessed is the family which makes a red letter day out of some of the festivals and holidays. Such observance will enrich Christian family living, adding the qualities of spirit and zest.

8. PARTICIPATING IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH. Attending church as a family and working for projects of the church as a family are fine contributions to the Christian home as well as to the church.

Credit is given for ideas in the above material to Miss June S. Bailey, 1946, which is a mimeographed paper sent out from the children's division of the New York State Council of Churches. Those interested may order a copy from the State Council.

H. S.

"REALLY VICTORIOUS THINGS ARE INSIDE THE MAN"

Easter Weekend with Jackson Center People

Curtis Groves took me under his wing—and under his roof—and most graciously looked after me while I was at Jackson Center.

On Friday night I had the pleasure of conducting a prayer meeting study on the theme, "The Cross." Each person took part in Bible reading, discussion, and prayer.

Sabbath school comes before the church service at Jackson Center. The young people asked me to teach their class, and they cooperated splendidly by taking part in class discussion. It was interesting to watch Doyle Zuelbel conduct his class of children, nine in number, to their class meeting place; much evidence was given of his ability to keep them quiet and busy.

In the sermon I told the Easter story, emphasizing the victory of the spiritual over the physical. The really big things of life, the beautiful things, are inside the man and not outside.

An informal service designed to give everyone, regardless of denomination, the same held Sabbath night. I showed slides of Seventh Day Baptist church buildings and asked the people to name the church and pastor. Each picture was discussed.

Sabbath afternoon and Sunday were spent in calling in the homes, and a special interview was arranged with Mrs. Elva Lawhead, the wife of the Sabbath school superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Miars and Mrs. Lawhead contributed a great deal as did Mr. Groves, the pastor, to the physical well-being, inviting me to partake of several sumptuous meals. Miss Ilo Miars is in Milton College this year.

These visits were most enjoyable and, I trust, were as helpful to others as to me.

Mrs. Clara Davis Ferguson, who was in Salem College when I was a student there, was visiting her father, Mr. L. B. Davis. It was good to see her.

All of the visitors were concerned about the future of the church there and are all hoping that a pastor can be found soon. Many fine tributes were paid to former pastor, David Clarke, and his good wife.

Jackson Center is not a small church. A good number of young people and consecrated older laymen make it a solid church. There are no small churches if the people in them are connected with God who is all Power. Pray for the people at Jackson Center.

PROBLEMS OF CHURCH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION COME BEFORE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL GROUP

A committee of the International Council of Religious Education has for its work the problems and plans of church school administration. I was on this committee, and I attended a two day meeting held in Columbus, Ohio, April 23 and 24.

Some of the matters discussed were as follows:

1. How can promotional material of a denominational nature be worked into the Sabbath school classes without upsetting the lessons being taught? One suggestion was that extra sessions of the classes could be used. Most denominations have in their organization helps definite studies on such subjects as missions.

2. There is definite need for a system of teacher training which would be similar to one required for a public school teacher.

3. What kind of worship service should the Sabbath school hold? This problem varies in our Sabbath schools depending
upon the time it is held, whether before or
after church and whether there are many
who attend Sabbath school who do not at-
tend church.

4. There is great need for training con-
ferences for all teachers in an association,
for example, where the teachers of different
age groups could get together to discuss
plans and problems.

5. The relation of the pastor to the Sab-
thah school was considered. Along with this
was a discussion about the church
planning for its total program of Christian edu-
cation. A need was recognized for every
church to have a committee or group to guide
in the planning of the total program. Also
it was stressed that the schools of theology
should give more courses in Sabbath school
work.

6. The small church was discussed and
suggestions made for materials which could be
secured. It was stressed that one of the
strongest teaching forces in any church, large or
small is, "the fellowship." The small church
can have a family type of fellowship which draws
men and women to Christ and his church.

7. There was much discussion of buildings
and equipment for Sabbath schools. Any
church planning to build should consider
carefully the recommendations made by Dr.
Conover, Head of the Inter-
denominational Bureau of Church Architec-
ture.

H. S

DON SANFORD WINS SECOND
PLACE IN CONTEST

Don Sanford of Little Genesee, N. Y., won
second place for boys in New York State in the
Youth Week contest sponsored by the United
Christian Youth Movement. The
winner of the national award will be selected by
a special committee through the United
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Christian Youth Movement.

We will be anxious to see how Don makes out in the national award.

H. S

Religious education that once more be-
comes a passion among Christian peoples can
conquer the morally destructive forces
in the world. — Dr. George A. Buttrick, Minis-
ter, Ten Avenue Presbyterian Church, New
York.

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DENOMINATIONAL "BOOK-UP"

Salem, W. Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Stephenson and little
dughter, Wendelyn Marie, of Alfred, N. Y.,
spent a weekend as guests of Mr. and Mrs.
Oris Buttrick and visited with friends here.
Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson are members of last
year’s graduating class at Salem College. Mr.
Stephenson is now a theological student at
Alfred.

Rev. J. L. Skaggs has been granted a two
months’ leave of absence from his duties as
pastor of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist
Church. — Salem Herald.

On April 10, 1946, the young men of the
West Virginia Seventh Day Baptist Churches
gathered at the Salem church for a dinner
given by ladies of that church. Rev. John
A. J. Bond of the theological seminary
at Alfred, N. Y., made an appeal for full-
time religious service as a life work.

Alfred, N. Y.

Private Theodore Hibbard from Camp
Dever's Mass., recently spent two weeks with
his family in their home at the former Irish
cottage. The Hibbards are a family of newcomers to Alfred. Mrs. Hib-
bard and their four children arrived at Alfred a few weeks ago, having sailed from
Hawaii on board a hospital ship. Private Hibbard expects to enter the theological
seminary as soon as he is released from the
Army.

At a recent meeting of the Twentieth
Century Club, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Burdick
who has just returned from Red Cross work in
India, was speaker of the evening. He told
some of his experiences and showed slides
of the country and people. — Alfred Sun.

Lost Creek, W. Va.

Tuesday night prayer meetings are being
held as a part of our program of evangelism.
In these services we are making a special
effort to prepare ourselves more adequately
for the Lord’s work which we are attempting
to do. Our revival meeting will be con-
cluded by our pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van
Horn. Preaching services will be held each
evening April 14 to 20. Pastor Van Horn is
also doing evangelistic work with the
Ronanoke Church when it is possible to be
with them. — Lost Creek Bulletin.

Children’s Page

OUR LETTER EXCHANGE

Dear Mrs. Greene:

It was lovely of you to answer my letter and
give a story besides. I like kittens too. We
have a cat that we name Alfrro Sun.

Dear Venita:

I think it is wonderful that you are to
have such an interesting trip, and I am very
glad you are thinking of writing back your
adventures to the Recorder. I’m sure the
boys and girls will enjoy your letters of
adventure. I do wish you “bon voyage” and

a very pleasant trip in every way. I can
imagine just how pleased your father will be
to see you. It will be the next thing to
being home with his family.

Just across the street from us is a young
returned soldier who is very happy to be
at home with his wife and baby, and many of
our Andover boys have already been dis-
charged from the Army or Navy, and all
seem happy to be at home with their loved
ones.

Your Christian friend,

Mispah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am eleven years old now and in the
sixth grade. I have a new sister named Katherine Elaine.

We have a black cocker spaniel named
Topsy that loves to chase cats.

I am living in a trailer now because we
had a fire at Christmas. My brother is
staying at my aunt’s until our house is
re-

placed.

Truly yours,

Mary Lou Fogg.

Shiloh, N. J.

Dear Mary Lou:

I congratulate you on the arrival of that
dear little boy. I know you will be very proud of him and happy to be able
to help your mother in caring for him.

I hope you have heard the old saying,
“Dogs and cats do quarrel and fight; it is
their nature to. But children should never
have a special pet of their own, it seems
dog nature to love the cats. A black cocker
spaniel often passes our house and he used
to chase our cat Skeezics up on the porch.

One day, however, he came clear up on the
porch, but Skeezics fought back so furiously
that Mr. Dog was glad to get away. After
that he never tried to bother Skeezics again.

It might be fun to live in a trailer for a
time but not for long. So I hope your house
will soon be rebuilt.

Your Christian friend,

Mispah S. Greene.

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Mispah S. Greene, Andover, N. Y.
Dear Mrs. Greene:

That was a very good story in the April 15 Sabbath Recorder, called "A Boy's Choice." I think it should appeal to a great many boys and girls. The poem was very good, too.

We moved to Gentry, Ark., about two months ago. I like it here very much. Our school will be out May 17; so we don't have much longer to go.

There are a pair of screech owls living in a silver maple tree out in front of our house. We are having an egg contest in school to see who can bring in the most eggs. There is going to be a prize for the class that brings the most; or rather, for one grade to bring in six and another for grades seven to twelve.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Beebe.

Gentry, Ark.

Dear Paul:

You surely are to have an early vacation. New York state schools do not close until the last of June.

When I was a little girl living on the farm in Wisconsin, a lady from Chicago came to board with us. One evening she was driving to town with us when suddenly she heard a screech owl close by. Our boarder got down under the buggy seat and hid her head. She was so frightened that we had to drive back to the house with her.

Do they make a frightening noise, do they? I must close as I have already run over my page. Here is hoping your class wins in the egg contest.

Your Christian friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

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DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurers, March 31, 1946

Receipts

Chicago. 70.15 310.85
Daytona Beach. . 69.85 245.33
Denver. 51.00 412.20
De Buyster 19.75 295.06
Dubuque. 50.00
Dodge Center 51.25
Edinburgh. 10.00 90.00
Farina. 15.00 175.00
Fondu. 9.25 80.90
Friendship. 67.15
Genry. 50.30
Hammond 65.00
Hollabrunn. 11.25
Hebron. First. 39.28
Hebron. Second. 5.25
Hopkinton. First. 318.24
Hopkinton. Second. 15.55
Independence 15.00 144.00
Individuals. 4.00 2,563.90
Ivoryton. 150.00 320.00
Jackson Center. 30.90
Little Genesee. 36.75 253.05
Little Prairie. 20.00
Los Angeles. 164.00
Los Angeles, Christ's. 4.00
Lost Creek 196.49 398.80
Marlboro. 52.00 612.35
Middle Island. 7.71 70.69
Milton. 7,210.00 2,050.90
Milton Junction. 53.09 570.35
New Auburn 169.00
New York. 18.85 50.50
North Loopy 187.73 585.68
Nortonville. 68.35
Pawcatuck. 253.66 2,405.49
Pawcatuck 280.00 185.97
Plainfield. 259.19 1,631.59
Richburg. 104.10
Riverton. 74.92
Roxanne. 26.50
Rockville. 8.00 81.45
Salisbury. 43.29 574.88
Salisbury. 43.29 48.37
Shilo. 142.45 1,434.86
Stone Fort. 10.00
Verona. 57.50 548.64
Walworth. 455.00
Waterford 26.00 123.85
White Cloud. 9.88 212.80

Total for March 9 months $430.03

Disbursements

Missionary Society. 8,615.06 49,203
Treaty Society. 262.44 15.00
Board of Christian Education. 431.08 2.00
Society of Friends. 14.94
Historical Society. 41.22
Ministry to Retirees. 187.56 163.50
S. D. B. Building. 48.78
General Conference. 156.24 9.15
World Fellowship. 42.48
S. D. B. Committee on Relief. 36.00

Comparative Figures

Budget receipts 1946 1945

For March. $1,790.86 $1,153.94
For 9 months. 15,644.74 14,693.62

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If interested in employing or in being employed or in buying or selling a property, please clip this blank and fill in the desired information.

The following opportunity is open (or will be) in our community:

I wish employment or a business in the following line:

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Address. 

OCTOBER

Ayres, Emerson Winfield, son of Eli Bailey and Rebecca Jane Ayres Ayers, was born August 21, 1866, and died at Miami, Fla., April 2, 1946. An extended obituary appears elsewhere in this Recorder.

Bond. Erna Fins Randolph, daughter of Frank and Amanda Fins, Elizabeth Fox Fins Randolph, was born October 1, 1870, at New Milton, W. Va., and died April 18, 1946, after an extended illness.

She married Erney Herbert Bond on May 24, 1893. He died in 1927. Mrs. Bond had been a member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church since 1893.

Close survivors are two sons, Burl Randolph and Carroll Arnold, and four brothers: Corliss, Elise, Roy, and Andra.

The funeral service was held at the Lost Creek church and was conducted by her pastor, Rev. Marion C. Van Horn. Burial was in a grave beside that of her husband in the church cemetery.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

FOR MAY 25, 1946

Finding a New Sense of Values

Basic Scripture—Luke 12: 18; 24: 30; 19: 1-10; 1 Timothy 6: 17

Memory Selection—Romans 14: 17

"The reward of a good deed is to have it done."
Spring weather in the United States has created an unwarranted and alarming drop in receipt of relief items for overseas shipment at the United Church Service Centers throughout the country, according to Dr. Leslie B. Moss, Executive Director of the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction.

So whatever you wish that men would do to you, do so to them.

Matthew 7:12 (Revised Standard Version)

A number of new Protestant service centers have been set up to facilitate the handling of relief goods. Contributions may now be sent through the United Service Center nearest you at the following places: 236 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.; 101 Pine St., Dayton, Ohio; 20 Warren St., New York 7, N. Y.; 1735 S. Vandeventer Ave., St. Louis, Mo.; 2247 East Marginal Way, Seattle 4, Wash.; 7110 Compton Ave., Los Angeles 1, Calif.; or the original centers, New Windsor, Md., and Modesto, Calif. Most of these centers are operated under various denominational auspices, with the facilities made available to all groups. All the new centers handle clothing primarily, it is understood, and for the present New Windsor is the only center with extensive facilities for handling food. Food in glass containers is not acceptable. Cash contributions should be made through the General Conference Committee on Relief Appeals in the Churches, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, chairman, 425 Center St., Dunellen, N. J.