WHAT CHURCH PEOPLE ARE DOING THE WORLD AROUND

Facing problems arising in the program of religious education during postwar readjustment, nearly fifteen hundred lay and ministerial religious educators representing ninety per cent of American Protestantism will convene at Columbus, Ohio, February 10-16, for the twenty-fourth annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education, it has been announced by Roy G. Ross, general secretary of the council.

Throughout the evening sessions and the seventeen simultaneous section meetings the first three days, the theme "Unifying the Spiritual Forces in Community Life," will be emphasized. Delegates to these sessions represent the forty denominations and one hundred seventy-three state, city, and provincial councils of churches and religious education of the United States and Canada which are members of the council. Seventh Day Baptists are represented by two official members on the International Council, the plenary body—Rev. Erio E. Sutton, and Rev. Harley H. Sutton.

Eddie Rickenbacker—who, with his seven companions rediscovered the value of prayer when they were adrift on the Pacific Ocean for more than three weeks—will reveal to the radio audience of the United States and Canada how faith has played a prominent role in the lives of the brave company of American men and women who led the world in aviation development and flying progress. This new radio series intended to serve as spiritual inspiration and educational entertainment for young and old, will be heard weekly starting February 2. The programs will be called, "The World's Most Honored Flights."

A Protestant Film Commission has been formally organized by representatives of the major denominations and interdenominational agencies. Purpose of the new body is to provide, distribute, and exhibit religious motion pictures on a non-profit basis.

"We cannot forget the sacrifice that made this peacetime New Year possible—nor can we forget the solemn obligation which we owe to those everywhere—who made it a reality," stated Herbert H. Lehman, director general of UNRRA, in a recent radio message. "Today in America look forward to the first peacetime New Year in four years. But there will be no New Year for scores of thousands of American sons and husbands—or for millions of their European brothers-in-arms. For they endured the terrors of war that we might enjoy the blessings of peace—they laid down their lives that others might be born in freedom and human dignity. We can best fulfill our duty by doing all that is humanly possible to alleviate some of the suffering in the bodies and minds of those who are living reminders of the high price which national independence and personal freedom exact."

THE WORLD FAMILY
A federation of all humanity, together with a sufficient measure of social justice to ensure health, education, and a rough equality of opportunity, would mean such a release and increase of human energy as to open a new phase in human history.—H. G. Wells.

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The universe is but one great city, full of beloved ones, divine and human by nature endeared to each other.—Epictetus.

"Christian Endeavor, age sixty-five, will renew its youth and plan ahead for one of its most eventful and significant periods of service, in the course of Christian Endeavor Week - Youth Week observance," says Carroll M. Wright, executive secretary. For the week from January 27 to February 3, a joint committee of the United Christian Youth Movement has planned an outline for the week's activities—to which meetings, fellowship events, and broadcasts relating to Christian Endeavor's sixty-fifth birthday have been added this year.

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"The World Council of Churches has received a gift of one million dollars from John D. Rockefeller, Jr.," announced Henry Smith Leiper, executive secretary of the council's American committee. "According to Mr. Rockefeller's wishes, about one-half the amount will be used for the council's relief and reconstruction program, and the other half to establish and maintain a Christian laymen's training center on the Continent. Both activities are designed to further the cause of Christian unity."

"For I was an hungry, and ye gave me meat."

—Matthew 25: 35.
Editorsials

MARKING SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

“This is a day of magnificent opportunity!” states a special message from the Department of Propagation of the Federal Council issued for the twenty-fourth annual observance of Race Relations Day.

“This is a day of decision for America! Shall we set our faces toward the future by forgetting our provincialisms of race and class in a new awareness of the reality of human brotherhood?” asks the message in a challenging word to the churches, to America, and to individual Christians. With the ending of the war, the Church more than ever before should set the pace for communities in bringing justice and brotherhood to all walks of life and decide now whether we are to “find a way of destroying the antagonisms of race and the lust for power, or... be destroyed by them.”

Many Seventh Day Baptist Churches will observe Race Relations Day on Sabbath, February 9, and give other emphasis to Brotherhood Month by interracial exchange: of pulpits and choirs; meetings, luncheons, and other gatherings of ministers of various races; and projects of the women’s, young people’s, children’s groups of all races. Following the inspiration of these special events, churches would do well to continue some year-round program for interracial betterment.

As this issue is mailed a continent-wide observance of Youth Week (January 27 - February 3) is beginning. “The observance of Youth Week,” says James F. Byrnes, secretary, Department of State, “at the beginning of the new year, 1946, seems to me an appropriate time for stocktaking and planning, stocktaking of the world we now see around us, planning for the world we hope to build.”

“Mold the World” is the theme chosen for Youth Week, and Mr. Byrnes emphasizes the opportunity which young Americans have for actually creating a happier and more peaceful life. “I see no reason, as some people do,” he says, “to condole with youth over the state of the world into which they are entering to take up their adult responsibilities.” Rather, he should congratulate our boys and girls on their birthright of freedom and on their privilege of citizenship in a great democracy. With that American birthright and citizenship goes the clear obligation to serve mankind. I know our young people are aware of that obligation. I believe they will fulfill it with clear vision and courage.

That is the challenge of the day for young people—to serve mankind with clear vision and courage. The Church has a responsibility in helping youth to catch the spirit of Christian service, the only sure background for “vision and courage.”

Small service is true service while it lasts.
—Wordsworth.

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These are but a few of the services the Recorder is able to render—if you will serve the Recorder. The hope and ambition of the editorial staff is for the Recorder to grow.

Growth in quality of content and attractiveness of appearance is imperative, but the innovations which growth necessitate cost money. However, an increased paid circulation will help balance the budget.

An increased paid circulation! That is the growth we need first of all—and you can help. Let us launch an every-man-a-salesman campaign to see to it that every Seventh Day Baptist family subscribes to the Recorder.

A policy widely practiced in the past is for one copy of the Recorder to be passed around to several families. To be willing to share the Recorder is an admirable trait, but that practice hampers progress. You want denominational news as soon as it is news, not two or three weeks after publication date. If the Recorder comes to your own home, you will constantly be up to date on matters of denominational and religious interest. You will take more interest, too, in church affairs as revealed through the pages of the Recorder if you are a paid subscriber.

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TH: contingent situation in Germany today we must recognize that not too long ago she was a threat to the world; that education to Nazi principles was done very thoroughly; and that, as far as the American churchmen could discover, there has not been a “change of heart” to any great extent.

He also pointed out that really only a very small percentage of the people belong to a free church that had courage to oppose Nazi principles. During the war years the church did not hold the industrial and intellectual classes—those who undoubtedly advocated Nazi principles. During the war years the church did not hold the industrial groups can keep constantly will to date on matters of denominational and religious interest. You will take more interest, too, in church affairs as revealed through the pages of the Recorder if you are a paid subscriber.

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Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, president of the Federal Council, courageously revealed the findings of the delegation of the American, the people need clothing and literature. Relief needs are so great that he advocates the handling of the problem on a national basis; what individual groups can do is dwarfed to insignificance unless every resource is pooled. Church groups are urged to support wholeheartedly the united program. The editor also pointed out that the need for co-ordination of administration between areas, with meticulous care that justice of treat-
ment is accomplished. One of the greatest problems is the matter of our overall government policy toward conquered nations.

A complete report on Germany has been released by the Federal Council, available at five cents a copy by addressing a request to 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

The opening of this report is what Bishop Oxnam emphasized in his verbal account: "Above all, the Church must pro-

claim and practice those great principles of her Lord upon which enduring peace alone can rest and through which humanity may be saved."

Christians Did Not Start War.

"In placing the blame for the war with Japan," Mr. Van Kirk began his report, "one thing is certain—the Christians of Japan did not start the conflict. Today the people in general have a genuine interest in Christianity; there is a widespread feeling that peace is dependent on the spread of Christianity."

An incident was related when one of the deputation asked a Japanese leader, who expressed such an idea, why he then did not become a Christian himself. Others in the group representing different organizations for overstepping propriety, but the next day a personal note from the Japanese leader thanked him for putting the question.

The reporter voiced the opinion that the present situation in Japan is full of promise for a great Christian movement. There is strength in the Christian community, although it is a very small minority of the total peoples. The Federal Council is held in high esteem by Japanese leaders, Mr. Van Kirk was enthusiastic in reporting. He hastened to caution against lack of unity in meeting the needs of the day. He is certain that the work of the group is invaluable in helping to go back to the old method of denomina-

tional rivalry.

General MacArthur was complimented for his handling of the situation. Mr. Van Kirk went so far as to assume that there has been nothing parallel in all history to the American army of "liberation," for so the word is being used. General MacArthur, it is evident from what the churchmen observed, is not interested in a hard or soft, but a middle-of-the-road method.

A highlight of the Japanese deputation was one occasion when each of the four representatives was preaching to a different group of Japanese Christians simultaneously and from the same text, "Ye Are All One in Christ."

United Action.

The same far-reaching and unified sweep of action was evident when the deliberations of the January 15 meeting of the Federal Council, and the editor of the Sabbath Recorder. To have the privilege of witnessing the consecrated, Christ-first proceedings is to come to a realization of the practical working in the world of the Ruler of the universe—a great, united, Protestant front.

EDITORIAL FROM THE PAST

HOPE IT TO REBUILD

(Shanghai, China, November 29, 1880)

Hoping that we might be able to rebuild at least by early spring. I have been having the ground broken with the aid taken from the canal that is being opened. The ground on which the house stands was a number of feet lower than in front and back of us, so we took the drainage from this land. I am having soil from the canal brought in to fill in under the house when it is repaired, in order to make it possible that it will be our problem to shunt the water so that the water may run away from the house. This is very important in this climate.

It would not be best to commence re-
pairing until after freezing weather is past. If it should freeze severely, it would injure the walls. We did hope at one time the job might be done this fall, but it will not now be feasible. I have put two of the Sabbath school lessons, beginning with the present year, into Chinese. I intend putting all that occur in the New Testament into Chinese, to use in my Sabbath school class. My plan is to ask and answer all questions, and then with my copying-multiplier make copies for the use of the children. Of course in this work I employ my Chinese teacher. I find that he is very quick to suppose what he has taught me is, what he fails to teach me is.

P. B. Hurley

Columbus decided to sail around the world. He did not succeed in accomplishing what he intended, but it did reveal that which made it possible for others to do it after him. Hitler decided to rule the world. He did not succeed, but he brought death to our soldiers, destruction to many cities, and mis-

ery with privation to nearly every home in the world.

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Hitler seemed to have everything his way. Selfishly his own actions, yet his people lauded him on every hand. Success seemed within his greedy grasp. Success and greed, however, do not bring ultimate glory.

What should we consider as we endeavor to make our decisions? May I suggest these questions to be answered. By the standards of the Book, is it right? What will be the influence on others? Is there selfishness hidden in the action?

When selfishness rules the decision, disa-
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"Not for ease or worldly pleasure, Not for fame my prayer shall be. Gladly will I toil and suffer. Only let me walk with thee."

FIRST THINGS FIRST

More Determined Decisions

Decisions are very important factors in our lives. Too often our decisions are only halfhearted: "I want it if it is easy.

I know it is right, but it is hard to keep Sabbath when the government needs it. I want to be loyal."

Daniel decided to be God-guided even if he had to defy the government. He went through fiery trials but was guarded by God. Who does not envy his record? P. B. Hurley

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OUR COVER

The pleasing Chinese youngster pictured on the cover of this issue serves to emphasize the crying and earnest need of the Chinese for response to the outstretched hand? Let us con-
sider carefully and prayerfully what our Christian obligation is, then give accordingly—in money and time.

United China Relief, the organization which has provided the cover photo, reiterates the fact that temporary shelter is urgently needed for destitute peoples. In many instances it has been money and provisions provided by United China Relief agencies, that have made it possible for missionaries to give food to children, as the one pictured on the cover, have come to the mission stations during their own chopsticks and emplee bowls.

While United China Relief headquarters are at 1790 Broadway, New York, they empha-

sized that all clothes collected for China relief are being sent to United China Relief, c/o Brethren Service Center, Modesto, Cal.

Seventh Day Baptists will want to contribute money to the United China Relief, a large amount of that $25,000 fund will be devoted to rehabilitation of mission enterprises in China.
Five Acre Plot Stands Ready for Use

POSSIBLE SERVICE TO RURAL COMMUNITY ENVISIONED

By May Davis Missionary to China

There is a natural and only slightly occupied field for service in the rural districts around Shanghai. In some parts of China statistics have it that one in every six farmers is a Christian. How come? Is it because Jesus’ parables of country life strike home to the Chinese farmer more than to the city man?

We could well build on that. Eugene’s vision of what our mission could do for the rural community around the village of Da-dzang remains continually in mind. There lies the unused land, five acres of it, belonging to our Seventh Day Baptist Mission Society. It had been put into fair shape of the beginnings of a small nursery of candle trees. That method insures one survival of the kind of crops, supplemented by the beginnings of a small nursery of crape-myrtle trees, evergreens, fig trees, and bamboo. Some of the trees were gifts from a friend. A necessary high bamboo fence was built around the entire five acres; a tiny cow-stable was added to the small building which Mr. Crofoot had previously moved out there as kitchen, sleeping room, work and tool room for a caretaker or workmen; and finally a small single room cottage with wire-in-tube light and automobile packing boxes was put up. This was built to enable one, two, or more people to spend their Sabbath on the land. The people who eat the food so fertilized. Subjecting such food to long cooking is absolutely essential for safety, though not always insuring proper vitamin content. Raw foods are not safe from such gardens.

Vegetable Raising

Some years before the war with Japan began, we were directed to supplement our salary by other work and income. Eugene seized upon the possibility of raising vegetables as a means of earning income and increasing the income and if desired. We knew that the public market was practically void of such provision. The land at Da-dzang mentioned above was lying fallow.

It had been hoped, back about 1923, to build the new school there with plenty of room for playgrounds, tennis courts, and ball field for the physical development of our Chinese students. The Chinese members of the committee, however, to a person, cautioned against the building of the school in open country, eight miles from the Shanghai Mission compound gateway. They foresaw that war with Japan was inevitable and that we would lose all that we were to build at Da-dzang. They were given farsightedness. Our school still stands in the Shanghai compound, and we are grateful.

Accommodation for Retreats

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class on the street cars for as long as she can stand it. The mass of humanity, sick or well, on those cars! If we can only get a seat! Ah! there’s the man with some wasted time, strength, and morale. I hope during China New Year vacation to get help in cataloging and map making of information in the Chinese language and in English to make this work the joy and use it ought to be. This material would include information on bus and car routes (you can always get rides there, they don’t have enough money); neighborhoods, lanes, alleys; the different number systems in this city; writers showing different families in close proximity; family information such as religion, church connections, if they are Christians, children’s schools, whether parents were pupils and what items. Were there someone to take my teaching, I would devote more time to this ministry.

The afternoons are the time to call, and of course, we have to be prepared sometimes not to be permitted entrance. Why? Well, sometimes it may be because there’s a foreigner along; sometimes they aren’t prepared to hear what seems to be too intimate talk from the Bible woman on what Christians need. And it is not worth the time we are willing to spend, because the people get our health, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control.

One does not buy them and carry them home in a paper bag, either from the store, the full back, or the school. They are attained, when they are attained, in the process of rubbing elbows.

The school is an excellent laboratory of spiritual values, for it accepts all children and gives them access to the best of man’s heritage of knowledge and experience. There is in the democracy of the school a fellowship which is important to spiritual values, for what can the nine words quoted above mean, unless they are forged in personality and look out at us from the eyes and speak from the tongue of friends?

A fruit of the fellowship of the school is the crystallization of a sense of moral worth and courage, the ability to stand on one’s own feet in the knowledge of the ultimate worth of men in terms of honor, purity, and truth.

But above all the school furnishes the human laboratory in which may be gained an assurance of the trustworthiness of God’s world. All of the real laws of science and human behavior are God’s laws. In them we think his thoughts after him. In them we find the full words of the paraphrase as given by a modern translator, “the spiritual man is alive to all true values.”

real needs and the way out—Christ, the Way of life.

SCHOOL CONSIDERED EXCELLENT LABORATORY OF SPIRITUAL VALUES

By Carroll L. Hill
President of Milton College

(The following article was written for release in another publication during American Education Week. The present article is so basic that it merits consideration again now as we are started into a new year, and as we become painfully aware that the present global crisis will not soon pass. Time will be well spent if we consider the place of the church-related colleges in this time of peril.)

It is noteworthy that we are to begin our first postwar year with an emphasis on spiritual values. What are they and where can they be found?

The best list of them that I know is this: “Love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness, and self-control.”

We always come back uplifted at the church connections, if they are Christian’s children’s schools, whether parents were pupils and what items. Were there someone to take my teaching, I would devote more time to this ministry.

We had a great surprise party last night around five o’clock. The bell rang and Meling went to the door. She came rushing back upstairs calling at the top of her voice, “Doctor’s coming.” Of course it was a time of excitement and great rejoicing. No one knew when we were coming to either. We had sent a radio message through the American forces in Nan chang but for some reason, it never came through. Meling was the one who opened for us, and she had two rather joyful surprises.

Doctor Thorngate was in Hongkong, as you undoubtedly know, and flew up here the day before yesterday. He has been traveling and stationed in the Whangpoo; so he is near enough to come to see us every few days and help in the things which are immediate. It greatly lightens the burden for the rest of us, for I have not yet been able to go down and do any business. Mabel should not have to do it for she is anything but well. It is very hard for her to get about. She has been untriringly faithful, however, and has done the work of two in getting the food to the children. Doctor Father had by far the harder time, for she had the responsibility, and we had so much baggage that it was a nightmare. I am so thankful that she stood it all right and did well.

It is now Wednesday. There has been so much confusion and people coming and going that I have been unable to do much writing. There is sunshine today, and I am sitting in the sunlight and so am fairly comfortable. It has been very cold all these days and, of course, no fires. We feel the change of climate rather keenly, for Shanghai is much lower in altitude, and there is much more chill in the air. The sun is not as hot as at Changtung.

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I am doing my own cooking separately; because I have to eat so differently from everyone else. The Wests eat two meals with Mrs. Yu.

Friday, December 7—Yesterday I ventured downtown for the first time and walked a good deal. I am rather tired today, but one gets over the cold which pulled me down in strength this week. We have been here just a week and have had a few letters from home which were, very welcome. I have improved in appearance because of my trip down town. The rims of my glasses when I went south were made of a composition shell which after a year or so crumbled all to pieces. Yesterday I purchased a new pair for $4.00, which would be at present black market exchange almost four U. S. dollars.

The same kind of frames cost me six dollars Chinese money the last time I bought them. But U. S. dollars are dropping in price these few days and prices tend to drop some, too; so we have hopes that a brighter day is coming.

Not to Retire
I appreciate very much the desire that you express that I should not retire, now that I am in better condition. I hoped to be able to teach for several more years if others were sent to take over the work. At present I do not seem to be in any condition to do very much, and am much stronger than I was two or three months ago. I hope that with the better living conditions here in Shanghai I shall improve enough to be able to do a more moderate amount of work, although I really have no hopes that I shall ever be as strong as I was before I went on this venture.

Mr. Chang-Tong-ming and Mr. Dazhuh ing went out to Liuhuo on Tuesday. They took some photographs which no doubt Mr. Chang will send you. They found everything on the hospital land flat, only a few red tiles being left there. The church, however, was in fair shape, as also were the house where Doctor Palmberg lived and the little house at the back which was built for the industrial work. The church room was being used as a garage for the buses coming to Shanghai. Doctor Palm berg's residence was being used as a school by a woman who used to work in the industrial work, and Dazhuh's old servant who has cared for the buildings lived in the little industrial house. Mr. Dazhuh gave them notice that the building must be vacated at the end of the semester. If that is done, someone must be there. I thought that if we were able I could go out and live there and do some clinic work as I had strength; but if we do, there will have to be some support for the building. I cannot do it alone. Also the work would have to be done in a larger way to come. Esther is going to try to get a hospital job. She has been so long away from all contact with up-to-date medicine that she needs a few months of hospital training and up-to-date work. There seem to be opportunities for the securing of funds to help us rebuild if we knew just what plans we can make, and we cannot know unless the Board will tell us plainly what its policy is to be, as there is a constant change in the Dazhuh-zok, a large city about thirty miles beyond Luoho, where there is a piece of land which has been ready for us for some years if we would build there. It is an ideal place for a recuperating sanatorium for tuberculosis patients. I know of two sanatoriums with Doctor Thorngate's patients if he were doing work in Shanghai.

It is decided that I am to return to Shanghai and Esther may eventually start in practice at Dazhuh-zok. Doctor Thorngate seems to be with us now, and the need of a man like him in Shanghai is greater than ever, for tuberculosis has had a very unfavorable effect in the Chinese. Here seem to feel that they have been liberated by America and could never have been free again without help; so the feeling between the Chinese and American, especially in Shanghai, is most friendly.

Schools Suffered Little
The schools here have suffered very little in the buildings, except there is need of many repairs. Any money that they had laid by is of little value. That which had been saved for scholarships or building funds etc., is practically of no value now, but what was invested in buildings is still in hand. The buildings are doing good work and will continue to do so. Sometimes under God's leading we build better than we know.

Need for Teacher
There is a shortage among many of the old school girls that the Board should send out another teacher for the girls' school like Miss Burdick and Miss Anna West. They feel that the religious influence of these two women made the girls' school a real evangelistic center and their unsalvaged devotion to their pupils has had a profound, life-changing effect upon many a girl under them. Miss Mabel is most helpful in her relations with all the Chinese, but if we connect with the girls' school has not been especially close. Because she has taught in the girl's school at the British School, her interests have been more scattered. She has had no real official position in the girls' school.

Strong Evangelist Needed
I feel that it is very important, also, that there should be a very strong evangelist on the premises who, although he may have no students himself, may work to help others. With the building, as the longings for God's help will grow, there will be a need of a man who will have time to go out with this work.

I hope the Board will not feel that I am trying to direct their policy, for I have no such thought. I am only giving my impres sions. I have looked upon things after this five years of being out of it all. I pray that the Board and the denominational school may be led to do that which is God's will. Then they will be carrying their responsibility to this their work, and God himself will do what we cannot.

May God be with you all in all your ways.

With Christmas greetings to you all,
Grace 1. Crandall.
Shanghai, China,
December 1, 1945.
Christian Education

By Frances Dunlap Heron

This is the last in a series of four articles on the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament. The introduction appeared in last week's issue.

To Americans now graying, the scene was a familiar nightly ritual around the living room stove. Father in his red hickory rocker with the checked gingham cushion read a chapter from the Bible, after which the members of his family knelt at their chairs to hear him talk things over with God. All who grew up in that routine (which not even the presence of less devout overnight guests could disturb) look back upon it as a highlight of family faith and unity.

In their reminiscences, however, they see another picture. They see young Johnnie and Lucy nodding in their chairs as Father's words ended. They see young Johnnie occasionally having to be nudged to kneel. The language of Americans of 1946--such as "his" and "its" in Missouri and New York in the everyday speech of the denizens of a missionary of our denomination, a study of a Board, of the Second Century Fund plans, or some other phase of denominational work. Suggestions will be given each month in the Beacon and the Sabbath Recorder, and will be prepared by different groups of young people. It is planned to have this plan start with the last Sabbath in February and continue until time for General Conference when the young people will vote on the matter of continuing the plan.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

board approves commission's recommendation on visiting

A number of matters were discussed at the quarterly meeting of the board held at the Gothic in Alfred, Sunday, January 13, at 2 p.m.

The board approved the suggestion made by the Commission that field men for the boards, through the Conference President, clear dates for visits to the churches so that there will not be overlapping of these visits. We came through the Commission that the Committee on Budget Prioritization would like to have more information regarding work being done by the boards.

New theological students

Dean Bond reported that Mr. H. Ribbard, a Baptist who has been in the Army and has quite recently come to the Sabbath truth, is in the process of a missionary of our denomination, a study of a Board, of the Second Century Fund plans, or some other phase of denominational work. Suggestions will be given each month in the Beacon and the Sabbath Recorder, and will be prepared by different groups of young people. It is planned to have this plan start with the last Sabbath in February and continue until time for General Conference when the young people will vote on the matter of continuing the plan.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S COMMITTEE votes to present work of denomination each month

Pastor Rex Zwiebel, chairman, presided over a very interesting meeting of the Committee on Young People's Work held at the Gothic in Alfred, N. Y., Sunday, January 13, 1946, at 10 a.m.

It was voted to suggest to all youth groups of the denomination that on the last Sabbath of each month some phase of our denomination, due to go on in the current month, be selected for presentation. This will be a report on a youth committee of a missionary of our denomination, a study of a Board, of the Second Century Fund plans, or some other phase of denominational work. Suggestions will be given each month in the Beacon and the Sabbath Recorder, and will be prepared by different groups of young people. It is planned to have this plan start with the last Sabbath in February and continue until time for General Conference when the young people will vote on the matter of continuing the plan.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

For February 9, 1946

A People Bordered

Basic Scriptures—Numbers

Memory Selection—Proverbs 3: 12
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Woman's Work

Frances Davis, Salem, W. Va.

The father and mother of an unsaved family, who in their seclusion awaken the minds of one or two of the ideas and love of goodness, who in their story will to stand, who are who send him out prepared to profit from the conflicts of life, success in influence a Napoleon breaking the world to his way. — William Ellery Channing.

WORSHIP PROGRAM

Meditation and Its Value to Us

Hymn: "Tread Softly."

On a recent Sabbath morning a minister asked the choir of the church to enter the loft without singing, as they usually do, and then asked that they sing very softly the hymn "Tread Softly." The result was indeed effective. Following the singing and the invocation, the minister spoke of the importance of frequent meditation. He gave a few ideas which were thought-provoking and said that in the spirit of meditation little light comes. And as he spoke I thought of a thought of one I had recently read from the pen of Edgar A. Guest.

Inventory

Business men take inventory, just to know the past year's story. For the owners and the bosses must add to the stock and losses and their costs and selling prices, Stock, and old and new devices, and, when all is summed together from the total find out whether there is a better way of doing thing. But we have been doing thing.

In our own lives let us do it:

Take the year past and review it. Did we do our work? Did we win? Did we lose, and, if we did, did we lose it? What, when disappointments crossed us, Did we our prospects? Does the total of our labors prove us to be our friends and neighbors? Would less taking and more giving make a better way of living?

For the undergraduate years of your child, select the college, and assist your sons and daughters in selecting the college that will strengthen America; that will build the new world of peace and fraternity: "Christ, the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ's" by giving sound spiritual and moral, as well as distinguished education. — Daniel A. Poling.

A RECOMMENDATION

Regarding Peacetime

Military Training

From the Board of the United Council of Church Women, Washington, D.C.

The atomic bomb has focused attention on the futurity of compulsory military training as defense. Its main purpose is avowed by military indoctrination. Because we believe that any peacetime military training which is compulsory is contrary to Christian democracy, we oppose the principle of peacetime compulsory military training. We urge that at once large numbers of letters be written to Congressmen by every civic organization, every church society, every political organization, and every club.

If you want to be rich ..... GIVE
If you want to be needy ..... HOARD
If you want to be poor ..... GRASP
If you want abundance ..... SCATTER

Nazi Policy in Reverse

By Robert W. Root

[Monthly report comes from Mr. Root, formerly of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, who is now reporting the religious scene to the American press under interdenominational auspices.]

"Hitler's ideas really won." "The policy is Nazism in reverse." Such statements are already becoming almost trite, and the fact that they are the symbols of one of the greatest setbacks that the churches could suffer.

Awhile back I got "all steamed up" when I saw the accompanying ration card given the German-speaking people of Czechoslovakia. Across its face is printed "German," just the Czechoslovakian Ration Card way the Nazis used to put "Jew" across some ration cards. And the "Germans," regardless how long their ancestors lived in Czechoslovakia, get shorter rations than the general population. Yes, Hitler's racialism had conquered.

But I haven't the heart to jump on the Czechs when I see my own government, for whose doings I share responsibility, following a policy as cruel as the Nazis are doing. Maybe more cruel.

We who call ourselves Christians are going to have to face up to the way we are treating our neighbors, and the way of us have said — I think wrongly — that the war could be won without hate. The fact is that today
cold, congealed hate — revenge — in the saddle in Germany. It is true that the people of France and Holland and Czechoslovakia and the rest of the “occupied” countries are suffering. But steps are being taken to aid them. The government permits this, and the churches are helping.

Misery in Germany

The great misery today is in Germany. Even if it is not popular, Christians must recognize that we are doing unto our enemies as we would not be done unto! This column reported two months ago that babies were dying by the hundreds in Central Europe. They still are and will continue to — especially in Germany! Note, our government has begun to ship large quantities of food into the American zone. This is fine, as far as it goes.

But let’s face facts. These shipments raise the calorie level in Germany from 1,350 to 1,550. All praise that the change is being made in the right direction! Still, such neutral agencies as the International Red Cross say that the minimum calorie requirements of adults are 2,200 to 2,400 calories a day. So we are not doing enough to prevent starvation.

It is no answer for a Christian mind to say that the occupied countries had to suffer such effects for years. I do not admit the problem of transport (though we found plenty when it was men and bombs we were carrying over). The churches’ complaint should be that, like other voluntary agencies, they are being frozen out of bringing any additions for food into the American zone. There are obvious reasons of “equalization” which forbid special help, but they are not reasons I would want to have put to me if I were starving.

Preventing Uter Chaos

I am not greatly concerned whether the military itself favors a “soft peace,” or a “hard peace,” or a “soft peace to do away with hard peace.” It has to prevent utter chaos, and it will permit just as much more as it is ordered to do from Washington. Those who are not misled by the meaningly “hard-soft peace” argument, and want rather, a “Christian peace” must assure that those orders are given.

Aside from the strictures in the American zone, there are two even more basic policies which affect the food situation in all four zones.

One is the policy, said to originate in the state department, that neither goods nor money can be exported from the United States for the aid of Axis nationals. In short, unless the rule is relaxed — and there are hopeful signs it may be — our government forbids our churches to do a work of Christian charity and record status.

Even more important is the second policy from which this one apparently stems. This policy is that Axis nationals shall not be given aid from outside until their calorie consumption falls below that of peoples in the former occupied countries. I do not know how to reconcile a religion which says all men are brothers with a policy which lets people starve to death until starvation elsewhere is eliminated. But even if we accept this dictum as practical politics, and surely we must go on trying to eliminate starvation elsewhere, too, it is time to question loudly whether the German calorie level is not already low enough to permit effective action. Or is hate and revenge, the “religion” of Hitler, to win?

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We wish that you could be with us, because we know that you would enjoy it very much. This will be all for now, and may God bless you and all your loved ones.

Your Recorder friend,
Esther Naomi Fatato.

Schenectady 8, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

I have another letter to answer next week, so as I'm at the end of my page, I'll have to wait until next week to answer your letter, too. I hope you are over your cold by this time. I had a cold some time ago but am all over it now.

Your Christian friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

STUDY to show myself approved
unto God

MEDICINE FOR TODAY

By Rev. Claude L. Hill

Take Your Medicine

Let this cup pass—Matthew 26: 39b.
I will take the cup—Psalm 116: 13a.

How often in our childhood days when the ills of youth beset us early nobbies would say to us, "Here, take your medicine." Sometimes it was grandmother's peppermint tea sweetened to taste, and then again it was castor oil that brought grimaces to the face, and a shudder of revulsion would shake our bodies. The command however was the same, "Take your medicine."

So it is with life. Sometimes it offers us peppermint, and then out of the blue comes castor oil, and with it comes the command, "Take your medicine." We cannot expect that life will offer us only peppermint ills, and that we will not have to tussle with the ailments that only strong medicine can cure.

When Carrie Jacobs Bond was seven years old she was so badly scalded that her nervous system never recovered. She was divorced from her first husband. Her second husband, with whom she lived "as in a castle in the air" died after seven years of perfect married life. Her son as a young man died a suicide death, and her musical compositions were refused by publishers years ago.

At eighty-three years of age she is an active woman with the desire to make a trip and to write, direct, and produce a motion picture. At the height of her profession she sold four hundred thousand songs a month. Her best loved song, "The End of a Perfect Day," which she slowly motored down the field, one hundred thousand people stood and sang, "The End of a Perfect Day." The medicine she was forced to take was at first discouraging, revolting, "but upon her indomitable spirit, the sun indeed goes down with a flaming ray.

It is midnight in an eastern olive garden. Four figures lie prostrate, revealed by the soft light of a silvery Oriental moon. Three of them, tired by the toil of the day, sleep heavily. The fourth rises to a sitting position, and he is heard to remark, "Let this cup pass;" and the kind Father, just as many an earthly father has said, "Son, take your medicine." The sufferer's hands grip the vegetation; bloody sweat, dripping, runs to the ground; the tremor of revulsion passes over his body; the moment of calm decision comes; and he is heard to say in substitution, "I will take the cup. I will take the medicine, because in its draught there is healing for an afflicted, needy world." That is the medicine the world needs today—the medicine of the Father's will done by men of good will. "God give us men: men with strong hearts, true faith, and ready hands.

"Taking, rejoicing, eating. Who, onward toward life goes: Each morning he finds the path to begin, Each evening sees it close: Something attempted, something done, Has earned a night's repose."

Is this what Jesus meant when he said, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." This world needs today, needs terribly, "that medicine," and upon every such life the sun indeed goes down with a flaming ray.

COMMISSION DELIBERATIONS

- Second Century Fund
- Conference Program
- Commitment Objectives
- Retirement Plan
- Northwestern Association

The Commission of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met in Chicago for its annual meeting, December 27-31, 1945, acting for the denomination until General Conference convenes in August, 1946.

Rev. Leslie O. Greene, Salem, W. Va.; P. B. Hurley, Riverside, Calif.; Rev. Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y.; Rev. J. W. Grofoot, Brookfield, N. Y.; and Kenneth A. Babcock, Milton, Wis., were present. Roswell P. Seager, Salem, W. Va., was unable to attend. Courland V. Davis, Plainfield, N. J., is secretary of the body.

To develop the Second Century Plan, Seventh Day Baptists' postwar reconstruction program, arrangements were made for a committee of the Commission to meet with the denomination's Missionary Board in Western New York.

D. Nelson Iglis, Milton, Wis., was invited to the meeting as chairman of the Conference Committee on Budget Promotion and expressed the hope that the Second Century Fund would not be diverted from support of the regular Denominational Budget. Another guest at the meeting was Rev. L. F. Hurley, pastor of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church, who reported on evangelistic work in Indianapolis.

The Conference president, P. B. Hurley, outlined his plans for the program of the coming Conference session, and it was decided to hold again the pre-Conference gatherings for pastors and their wives, the same young people of the denomination which were suspended during wartime. The Board of Christian Education was made responsible for these plans.

Conscientious objectors to military service received attention when the Commission voted to reimburse the National Service Board for the cost of the services of objectors for their help toward the maintenance of Seventh Day Baptists in Civilian Public Service camps. Two conscientious objectors have been found to be members in good standing of Seventh Day Baptist Churches, and a third is being investigated.

An appropriation was made to the Servicemen's Christian League.

The retirement plan of the denomination and procedures for coverage of ministers previously worked out by the Commission were reviewed. A table of suggested contributions ministers may make to the former was adopted for trial by a few.

A proposal to subdivide the Northwestern Association of Seventh Day Baptist Churches was submitted to the Commission. Although members of the group felt there was no action they could take, the proposal was forwarded to the association officers in the hope that they will have it considered.

Other subjects discussed included the denomination's rural fellowship, official visits to the churches, and a meeting of the executive committee for the consideration of the denomination, and publication of a children's paper by the Board of Christian Education.

The meeting was recessed for the Sabbath. The members attended the services of the Chicago congregation at 64 E. Lake St., Mr. Greene preaching the sermon of the day. As the Commission's work closed, the time was also taken out to hear the address of Dr. E. Stanley Jones before the Chicago Sunday Evening Club.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Editor:

The portrait on page thirty-five (Sabbath Recorder, January 14) is not of Principal T. M. Chen of our schools in Shanghai, but of B. U. Chang, one of the other teachers there. The last I knew, this young man was teaching music and some other subjects. Both were my pupils some years.

Yours cordially,
J. W. Crofoot.

(The editor appreciates this correction for the Record. We need to know the correct face to put up to date with new pictures and hope to be able to print correct portraits of these beloved teachers of the children of Shanghai, as well as B. U. Chang, in the near future—K. D. H.)

Twenty-three Baptist denominations have a total of 14,208,193 members; twenty Methodist denominations have 27,521,122 members; and twenty Lutheran denominations have 5,129,147 members. The 236 religious bodies report 253,762 local churches.
**Today's World Needs God's Message**

**BIBLE HOLDS LESSONS FOR EVERY STAGE OF HISTORY**

By Rev. T. J. Van Horn

In preparation for my day's work this morning, I opened the Bible on the table before me. Two startling statements, not far apart in the same chapter, confronted me. For this is what the Lord of Hosts decrees. Very soon I will be shaking the sky, the earth, the sea, and the dry land and shaking all nations till the treasures of all nations are broken hither, and my house filled with splendor.

"Tell Zerubbabel, the governor of Judah, that I will shake sky and earth, I will throw royal thrones a-dropping, and shake all nations till the treasures of all nations are brought hither, and my house filled with splendor." (Moffatt's translation.)

**The Bible Is Up-to-Date**

The shaking of all nations has been so vividly presented to us during these recent years that we may easily believe that God intended this message for us. It reveals the Bible as an up-to-date book, and holds lessons for every stage of history. This, from this old prophet Haggai, came just before a great revival—when Jesus, of his presence and help. We recall that other crisis in the world's history—the beginning of a mighty revival—when Jesus, the resurrected Christ, in ordering his disciples out on their great mission of evangelism, gave this same incentive to obedience, "Lo, I am with you always."

**A Receptive Mood**

The world, as never before, is in a receptive mood for this message of the gospel; for there has been, during these frightful years, a growing consciousness that the world is desperately in need of a better government. It was not always so. Men evidently believed that they could get along without God. Their curiosity leading them to discover the inherent powers in nature, and their inventive genius enabling them to apply these secret forces as tremendous instruments for the accomplishment of their designs, whether good or evil, led them to believe in their self-sufficiency. God was not in all their thought. They cared nothing for his laws and openly rebelled against his government.

Now there is the beginning of a new discovery that the "way of the transgressor is hard," and the laws which the Lord of the universe has established cannot be violated with impunity. The inhuman atrocities of this war are proof of that. We are now suffering the results of this disobedience and of leaving God out of our plans. The hopelessness of our condition politically, economically, and socially is universally recognized.

A prominent Jewish rabbi said recently that there can never be a change for the better in the world's condition until the principles set forth by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount shall be included in the plan of reconstruction.

Did you hear General Douglas MacArthur speaking from the Battleship Missouri September 2? "It is my earnest hope and indeed the hope of all mankind that from this day, the end of the flesh, the shame and the blood and the travail and the death and the fear and wish—for freedom, tolerance, and justice. Let us pray that peace be now restored to the world, and that God will preserve it always."

Hear what our President Truman says. It is worthy of serious attention just now. "A world issued from this war and nations would accept the teachings of the Ten Commandments or the Sermon on the Mount."

A man in declining health submitted to a painful surgical operation. Then followed a long stay in the hospital where trained nurses skillfully administered to his need medicines, food vitamins, and watchful attention. But there was no improvement, and at last he submitted to an expensive blood transfusion. There was a marked change for the better.

That is a parable of what a sick world hopes for through, in the bumbling efforts of men to improve conditions. We have experienced a terrible surgical operation during these horrible war years. Now wise men are advising what ought to be done to rebuild a devastated world. The man referred to above asked the doctor, during the blood transfusion, if he was going to become like the men who furnished the blood for this operation. The doctor only smiled at that. But the transfusion of new life into the sickicken world is not a trifling matter.

**Repentance the Only Hope**

Perhaps we have not taken seriously as we ought what Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Ye must be born again." The life of Jesus Christ must have this transformation before important work can be realized. For Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven." That indicates that regeneration must be realized in national as well as individual life. Certainly it was a revolutionary doctrine that Jesus gave to Nicodemus.

In the great revival, now the expectant hope of the Church, we must work and pray for nothing less than change. All ugly and repulsive things in that dark catalogue of "the works of the flesh" in Galatians 5—hatred, strife, envy, jealousy, and the others—must be overcome and be replaced by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the man and the fullness of life, joy, peace, patience, forbearance, etc.

We ought to remind ourselves that here is suggested the outstanding work of the Church. It is not in the realm of politics, or economics, or sociology, or finance where primarily the work of the Church shall be expended. Jesus said to Peter, "On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." How winsome, attractive, and powerful will the Church of Christ be when it shall be adorned with all the fruits of the Spirit.

That part of Haggai's message ought to intrigue us. It was not to the disciples only, but to "all the people" that Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world; Ye are the salt of the earth." It was to "all the people" that Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." It will be something surpassing imagination when every nominal church member shall become a real luminary and let his light "so shine." For then, "wide over the land and the ocean, a girdle of glory will shine." Let us hasten the day.

Orlando, Fla.

**LIMITATIONS IN RELIEF WORK**

There are definite limitations to what governments can do in the way of relief and rehabilitation, says the Rt. Rev. G. A. Bell, Anglican bishop of Chichester, England. "Only Christian faith interpreted through the church can give the European communities the bread for their spirits—the bread that will create in them the will to live under the deplorable conditions that surround their present lives," he says. "In Germany, the churches are the only institutions that can be said to have life left in them. It is the forces of life, the forces left from which to build in that chaotic world. There must be special help for their pastors and those training for the ministry, for lay service in the churches or church institutions. A start has been made in this direction in England in the training of a certain number of refugee student pastors, and others especially qualified for special tasks of reconstruction."—W. W. Reid.

**OLD-TIMER SEZ...**

"I always thought that in order for a man to teach Sabbath school, he ought to know more than the people."

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The annual business meeting followed. Special reports of the officers and organizations of the church showed them all to be active and in good financial condition. Officers were elected for 1946. The constitution of the church was amended so as to elect the pastor for three years and then yearly.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Eugene Davis have arrived in Florida for a stay of several months. They expect to spend as much of the time as possible in church work.

Verona, N. Y.

Chaplain Leon Malby gave a very interesting talk on his work and experiences in the islands of the Pacific and Japan at the December all-day service. They expect to spend as much of the time as possible in church work.

Daytona Beach, Fla.

The December meeting of the Ladies' Society was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Polan. Mrs. Jennie Sholtz conducted the worship program. Red Cross sewing was the work.

Pastor and Mrs. Polan have just received official notice from the Secretary of the Navy of the death of their son Dighton in 1942.

Westerly, R. I.

Carol Orph. - Samuel, Mrs. Polan were presented a

The play was staged and directed by Craig Wiseman; choir director, Alva Warner; assisted by Misses Jennie Babcock, LaVerne Davis; chorister, Alva Warner; assistant director, H. J. L. Polan was called to continue as pastor for another year.

Our Christmas entertainment was held in the church on the evening of December 23. After songs and recitations by the primary and junior departments, colored slides of the island of Dykeya were shown. This was followed by a dramatization of "The Other Wise Man," adapted from the story by Mary van Dyke. Special music was enjoyed throughout the play. The play was staged and directed by George Davis. Mrs. George Davis was the reader. At the close of the program Pastor and Mrs. Polan were presented a sum of money from friends in the church and society.

The December meeting of the Ladies' Society was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Davis. Mrs. Jennie Sholtz conducted the worship program. Red Cross sewing was the work.

He was cordial and friendly, and it was a delight to be among his friends.

Deacon Babcock was at work as usual on December 23. After songs and recitations by the children and friends in the church, he read "The Master had called him home."

He is survived by his wife and two sons: Newell of Friendship and Harold of Unity.

Funeral services were held at the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church following a prayer service at the home, conducted by Rev. Ralph Coon, Rev. George Shaw of Alfred assisted. Interment was in Mount Hope cemetery at Friendship.

L. W. C.

Marriages

Thompson - Bakker. - C. Harold Thompson, son of Samuel Thompson of Euclid, Ohio, and Miss Lammeciena J. Bakker, daughter of Jacob F. Bakker of Finland, N. J., were united in marriage in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ at Plainfield, N. J., December 15, 1945. Acting Pastor Victor W. Skaggs conducted the ceremony.

Swenson - Barber. - Carol B. Swenson of Viborg, S. D., and Miss Lois N. Barber of North Liberty, S. D., were united in marriage on the evening of December 22, 1945, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in North Liberty. Pastor L. R. Swenson officiated. Their future home will be in Viborg.

Obituary

Babcock, Arthur E., son of Daniel E. and Hannah Witter Babcock, was born April 22, 1873, near Nile, N. Y., where he died December 9, 1945. At the age of eleven he was baptized and joined the Friendship Seventh Day Baptist Church. On October 28, 1922, he was ordained as deacon of that church, and for many years was one of the most active members. He was always present at the church services unless unavoidably detained. He took a firm stand in everything he believed to be right.

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Denominational "HooK-Up"
The most beautiful island I have seen is Jamaica. Like a gem of emerald green it lies hidden away in the ocean; well may it be said, "That every prospect pleases and only man is vile." Yet men are not as vile here as in many other places. The city of Kingston has a beautiful harbor, and is well built up with modern buildings, and reminds us in a hundred ways of eastern cities in the tropics. The native portions have narrow streets, crowded with masses who are looking for the foreigner, hoping to be given some employment.

The island is very mountainous, which adds to its beauty, but not to its productiveness. There are, however, many banana plantations, and some pineapple and oranges grow wild, and can be had in country sections for two to three cents a dozen. Labor is very cheap, averaging from twenty-four to seventy-two cents per day for men and about one-half as much for women.

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