HOW CAN I HELP THE UNITED NATIONS?

Organize a Peoples Section Discussion Group

By Marie Ragonetti

Director of Popular Education, American Association for the United Nations

The Committee on Peace and World Order of the Women's Board has submitted the following article for publication. Committee chairman, Erma Van Horn, states that such a group as the one explained in the article is being started in the Lost Creek Church and other West Virginia churches. The hope is that other Seventh Day Baptist churches will follow.

Have you asked, as have so many other people throughout the country, "How can I help the United Nations?" What can I do as an individual that will influence what will happen in the United Nations?" If you feel strongly about this, perhaps you will find an answer in this column.

You can organize a Peoples Section Discussion Group.

The basic aim of the Peoples Section of the United Nations is to provide for each individual the opportunity of more direct participation in the United Nations, to support its aims, and to influence its policies.

The American Association for the United Nations, acting as trustee for the Peoples Section, believes that one of the best ways to achieve this aim is through the setting up of Peoples Section Discussion Groups throughout the country.

The purpose behind these discussion groups is first, to inform individuals on the issues before the United Nations, and second, to take action based on knowledge.

Each month the AAUN will send a question with background information for these discussion groups to consider. The question will be based on an important issue before the United Nations. Each group is asked to study and discuss the question-of-the-month and to send a summary of its discussion to the Peoples Section. The AAUN will analyze these views and submit a report to the United Nations Delegation at the United Nations and to United Nations officials direct.

You can start a Peoples Section Discussion Group among your friends, or if you are already active in an existing study group, you can interest that group to become a Peoples Section Discussion Group.

Membership in the Peoples Section is $1.00. Any discussion group of five or more members of the Peoples Section will receive a steady flow of pamphlets and literature on United Nations issues in addition to the question-of-the-month.

If set up throughout the country, these groups can become an important part of American public opinion, representing a true cross section of the United States. We must not forget that in the United States, "We, the people . . ." are responsible for foreign policy, and we can make that foreign policy out of ignorance or out of our understanding of the issues involved. The AAUN, in its SOS call for Peoples Section Discussion Groups, plans for knowledge first, and then action based on knowledge.

If you are interested in receiving additional information about setting up a Peoples Section Discussion Group, write to AAUN headquarters, 42 East 65th Street, New York 21, N. Y. — Changing World.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"

PALM SPRINGS, CALIF. — Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Davis, who spend the winter months in Palm Springs, worship in the Community Church there and represent Seventh Day Baptists each year at a special "eclesiastical census" service held during February.

The church bulletin reports this year's special service in the following paragraph:

Ecclesiastical census taken last Sunday revealed a wide variety of religious affiliation. Presbyterian 99, Methodists 77, Lutheran 37, Baptist 36, Christian Church 13, Protestant Episcopal 15, Congregational 11, Reformed 11, Dutch Reformed 4, United Church of Canada 3, Friends 4, Church of Christ 3, Church of God 3, Evangelical 5, Christian Science 3, Salvation Army 3, Brethren, Lutheran 3, United Brethren 2, United Presbyterian 3, Seventh Day Baptist 2, Nazarene 1, Roman Catholic 1, Unity 1, Evangelical Covenant 1, Boy Scouts 2, German Reformed 1, Evangelical Lutheran 1, Reformed Presbyterian 1. Total 28 religious preferences, the believers all worshipping happily together. The whole service called forth innumerable favorable comments.

WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — Rev. Harley Sutton of Alfred Station, N. Y., executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education, spent from February 2 to 6 with the

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HARLEY SUTTON.

Editor's note: The vast majority of Seventh Day Baptists were opposed to involvement in World War II and the Korean War. They argued that these wars were unnecessary and that they supported the movement for peace as a matter of conscience. The Recorder Press, a magazine of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, was one of the few voices that spoke out against the war. The editors of the Recorder Press, including Harvey Sutton, were active in the peace movement and were known for their opposition to militarism.

Meet Worship Program
This issue...

When a speech or conversation has been recorded word for word, we cannot rely entirely on the printed text to carry the meaning intended. The very same words spoken at one time, read at another, can convey different ideas. At best, words are poor conveyors of thought.

Some wise man said that we see what we want to see and hear what we want to hear. Especially in matters of religion, which are instinctively very important to us and which naturally become closely associated with our emotions and are therefore hard to control objectively, we are apt to be hypercritical of others. Philosophy of life, salvation, and similar vital matters are an integral part of faith and practice. Of course we are anxious that others come to satisfactory conclusions; it is a part of our Christian duty to have concern for souls. But we have to keep in mind that we may not have all the truth or may not yet understand the truth fully. Our ideas, even after much thought, study, and experience, are not infallible. We cannot afford to close our minds to possible additional light. Others have a right to express themselves freely and accurately, without being subject to censure from us and without having their thoughts twisted into a preconceived mold. Just because we have heard or have come to consider that some other person thinks in a certain way is no sign that he does, even if we can interpret his words to indicate such thought.

In the final analysis, most of the arguments about religion—and there are many of them—are vividly revealed in an editor, who receives volumes of propagandistic literature and hears many "altered" discourses, and is asked to peruse various and sundry documents—seem somewhat silly and uncalled for to the average layman. The basic, important, fun-
TAKING TIME.

Take time to live. The best time is for.
Killing time is suicide.
Take time to think. It is the source of power.
Take time to play. It is the fountain of wisdom.
Take time to be frugal. It is the road to happiness.
Take time to dream. It is hitching your wagon to a star.
Take time to look around. It is too short a day to be selfish.
Take time to laugh. It is the music of the soul.
Take time to play with children. It is the joy of gentleness.

Habit is a cable. We weave a thread of it every day, and at last we cannot break it. — Horace Mann.

DAMNEDAL matters in our Christian heritage, and belief, and practice we all apparently agree upon; we differ mainly in the ways of explaining these matters. The conflict—if there is actually a conflict—is a battle of words. Although we sometimes seem to talk apart, basically we feel, sense, and worship together.

"The prevailing spirit of the age seems to be ascension and dissolution," one writer lamented. "Those who compose the body of Christ on earth, who profess to have been cemented together by his love, have no right to wage war among themselves, to sow discord among the brethren, and to endeavor to pick to pieces, pull down, and scatter the church of God, to see, as timely and modern, but it was written in 1861. Apparently there has been foolish bickering among church members for a long time. So we need not be overly concerned about the times in which we live; however, we should continue to struggle for harmony. As one prominent Layman puts it:"

Certainly if this world is to continue as you and I want it, the last thing we want to happen to is have religious groups devolving violently with each other. I personally believe that unless all Christians feel the work shoulder to shoulder, we face great danger from an anti-Christ movement that seems to be sweeping the world.

What do the people of this generation could make to the world if churchmen within de nominations would cease to vocalize petty differences and start to act together on basic imperatives, joining hands more generally with other Christians in projects for the common good!

The Sabbath Recorder is anxious to have part in bringing about the harm of action based on mutual understanding. Requests are made from time to time that arti cles be printed. Whereas none of us want to have anything to do with mere squabbling or futile arguing, we all are anxious to gain a perspec tive from a full discussion of all points of view on important questions. The ideal situation is for those who think they disagree to be able to sit down together to discuss differences in a friendly spirit. Next best is the opportunity to read and seriously weigh in many things that are in print.

Habit of joys.

Take time to laugh. That is the road to happiness.
Take time for the soul.
Take time to sit.
To laugh.
To look around. It is the source of joy.
To think. It is the road to wisdom.
To laugh. It is the music of the soul.
To play. It is the road to gentleness.

Habit.

On with the work. It is the source of power.
On with the play. It is the fountain of wisdom.
On with the frugality. It is the road to happiness.
On with the dreams. It is the road to philosophy.

The denominational publication as the voice of the all is, always ready to print articles which will contribute constructively to the development of the Church to a waste space on material of a purely controversial nature, and we must not deal in personalities. We are Christian brothers in a denominational "family," and there is nothing to be gained by calling names when correspondence is needed. It is a sin to point out faults in the doctrinal, practice, or the like. Facts, objectively stated in a calm spirit of kindly interest, can help people to come to logical conclusions, and they should always be based on fact rather than rumor.

Let none of us be guilty of attempting to force the specific position of the old spiritual in all our people. According to our statement of belief we "cherish liberty of thought as an essential church principle." We must be willing to allow each other to sit around the Holy Spirit. All right then, let us each be sincere and conscientious in our personal vows, let our brotherly love be as great as the love of God, and have the wit to win: we drew a circle that took him in. A large circle enough to take the other, even the state of the other's thoughts in accordance with ours—that is the ideal. The psalmist caught this spirit when he sang:

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the border of his garments, as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Israel; whereby the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

THE SABBATH RECORDER
A business meeting was held in July, 1946, in the home of O. W. Babcock, at Delmar, Iowa. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Babcock, others present were Zuriel Campbell, of Kent, L. S. Ash, of Marion, Iowa; Mrs. F. E. Loofboro, of Milton, Wis., and Mrs. Walter Kershaw and Mrs. Lucy Van Horn, of Wilton. At this meeting, letters of disinterment and other churches of like faith and order were granted to all existing members in good standing; and action taken to close up the affairs of the church, authorizing the transfer of property and funds to the cemetery association, leaving only the required legal steps to be taken, when after a century of notable service the Welton Church would have passed into history.

The records of the church are in the hands of the present owner of the old parsonage; the present treasurer, Mrs. Lucy Van Horn, both of Wilton (F. O. address, R. 3, Delmar, Iowa).

This sketch would be incomplete without the names of the notable group of ministers which Welton has furnished for pastors of our church and for positions of responsibility in our other denominational organizations. They are as follows: James H. Hurley, Theodore J. Van Horn, Christopher C. Van Horn, Charles S. Bay, and Edgar D. Van Horn, all deceased but the two last named.

PLEA FOR CO-OPERATION TO HELP NEGLECTED RURAL AREAS

A plea for a co-operative Protestantism, bigger than denominationalism, or organized to serve the neglected rural areas of America, is made by Professor Charles M. McClean, of Boston University School of Theology. He charges that denominational Protestantism has "side-stepped, ignored, and abandoned" rural sections of the country. "Tumble-down shack churches, dog-eared song books, abandoned churches, scant re-sightings of real beauty, and the total absence of theological seminary graduates in these underserved fields furnish proof of this neglect all along the line," sometimes including neglect by mission boards. "The harvest of this failure is widespread rural paganism."

CHRISTIAN RURAL FELLOWSHIP SPONSORS PROJECTS

"SAVE SOILS, SOULS" is the motto for the Seventh Day Baptist Christian Rural Fellowship. The winter issue of the organization's bulletin was published recently, containing reports of various activities and undertakings.

The chairman of the Rural Fellowship, Mr. Wilfred Knight, of Milton, Wis., was elected at the December meeting. The first was to Alfred where he participated in the meeting of the representatives of the boards at the call of Rev. Everett T. Harris, president of Conference.

In October he attended the National Convention on the Church in Town and Country, at Milwaukee, Wis., November 12-14. On this trip six churches were visited and the illustrated presentation of the Lord's Acre Program. The third trip was to Salemsville.

The Rural Fellowship bulletin carried reviews of Lord's Acre projects in Alfred Station, Berea, Hebron, Farina, Lost Creek, and Roanoke.

The fellowship now has two sets of Kodachrome slides depicting Lord's Acre activitiy. These are available for use in churches. The only requirement is that they be returned on schedule so that others may have the use of them for scheduled meetings. There is no rental charge; users pay only the postage.

A plea which contain leaflets, song sheets, posters, signs, and other materials helpful to a committee or group preparing to promote Lord's Acre may be ordered from Rev. Marion C. Van Horn at Lost Creek, W. Va.

Four Seventh Day Baptists, in addition to the Rural Fellowship chairman, were present for the Des Moines conference on rural life: Rev. Earl Crustan, Dodge Center, Minn.; Rev. Oscar Wilson, Albion, Ill.; Rev. Orville Babcock, Milton Junction, Wis.; and Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, secretary of the Tract Society, Plainfield, N. J.

The sixteen page mimeographed bulletin of the Rural Fellowship shows that a lot of work has been done by this organization.

Use the sets of slides in your church so that you also see what others in rural churches are doing.

H. S.

INTERESTING FACTS REVEALED ABOUT CHILDREN

Five issues of the children's paper, "Seventh Day Baptist Boys and Girls," have been published and sent to the Sabbath schools. The issues include a Conference number and the theme "The Fox's Lair." The back issue at the end of February showed the following interesting facts:

1. Fifty-seven Sabbath schools are supporting the project.
2. Orders from the schools for local use or to be sent to our churches in Jamaica, New Zealand, and South America total 1,250 copies per month at $1.65 each.
3. Cost of printing and mailing is about $31.50 per 1,000 copies in each issue. This must be taken from the budget of the school.
4. Free copies in the numbers indicated are sent to schools in New Zealand (two churches, 25 each; New Guinea, 25; Rev. Lester G. Oehrn at Indianapolis, 50 (in two issues); Pastor William J. Kimbrel, Pine St. Gospel Chapel, Middleton, Conn., 10; Mrs. Marie Davis, Franklin City, Va., 10; Palatka, Fl., 10; and 10 copies to each Sabbath school family.

5. The following Sabbath schools—or in some cases it is the church—are contributing toward the above free copies: Alfred Station, Boulder De Ruiter, Little Genese, Hebron, Hebron Center, Milton Junction, Plainfield, Riverside, Salem, Watford, New York City, and Dayton Beach.

6. Mrs. Ada E. Bottoms is giving her time gratis to make this paper possible. The Missionary Board prepared the material for the January issue. The February and March issues are again, giving emphasis to Sabbath Rally Day.

It is very important that Sabbath school teachers be aware of this paper, reading it and passing it along to the children. This helps them in learning the story if they are too young to read and also by urging parents to help children to be more interested.

Perhaps your Sabbath school would like to have a part in sending copies to other churches at home and abroad, and to none Sabbath schools in the country by contributing to the project a sum of money with instructions as to where the money is to be sent.
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CORNER

ASHAWAY. — Just recently a "Christian Endeavor Bulletin," published by the Intermediate Society of Ashaway, was issued. Mildred Saretzki is the editor. The following are the officers of the society: president, Ruth Saretzki; vice-president, GWendolyn Grannell; secretary, Mildred Saretzki; treasurer, Marialy Bower, social committee chairman, Helen Saretzki; lookout committee chairman, Barbara Anne Waite; publicity committee chairman, GWendolyn Granell and Mildred Saretzki.

This mimeographed paper has eight pages, and there was some fine work done in getting out the numbers.

NILE-RICHBURG. — The Christian Endeavor and Bible study groups meet together on Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. for a worship service, after which the groups separate for their respective services. Leader March 7. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Bubke; the leader on March 14 at Richburg was Thelma Clarke; on March 21 at Nile Philip Burrows was leader; and on March 28 at Richburg was Marialy Bower.

ALFRED. — The Alfred group is working now on the March issue of the Bible. The young people's publication has been on a "trip" which included Salem and Milton, where loyal groups did a grand job of editing and mimeographing several issues. Appreciation is hereby extended to chairman groups.

Don Poles, editor for the Alfred group; Rev. Wayne R. Rood is adviser. Please send news for the April issue to the above.

only fifteen churches held Vacation Church Schools, or helped with other churches in community schools, last year? What would be the record for the year?

A leaflet published by the International Council says: "YOU CAN DO IT. Take some children, some time, some good plans—and you have a Vacation Church School." The suggestion is made that one good teacher can train mothers to help.

Other ideas given include these: Use three afternoons a week for three weeks in the open country; hold evening classes for all ages, use the town hall during the week all summer, when transportation is a problem; hold school early mornings when the farmer could ride with the farmers who take the milk to town; meet all day for five days, children bringing lunches. Where? In the town hall, in a near-by living room, or tent, or out-of-doors. How? A "family" group, with each person taking part according to his ability, when departments are unable to trip.

"Find a pattern that works; enlist the best leaders. Begin now! You can have a Vacation Church School."

These ideas should start you thinking how best to enrich your life, and the life of the children. Do not think that just a few weeks or week of special school is enough. Plan for all kinds of activities to make life worth while for the out-of-doors during the vacation period.

The best trips can be used during regular or three weeks school. A different group can help with the picnic, held trips, overnight camps, one-day camps (not including night), family one-day camps, where the whole family participates in special service, but make up the children and the parents meet in separate groups at the present time. You may not have every family in a different group, but you can plan for a complete vacation program, or develop new plans, send in a report so others may try them.

BRIDGES WHICH BIND TOGETHER

Books are bridges—bridges which bind together in a common fellowship persons of different cultural backgrounds, of different ages, creeds, colors, national origin; persons of different ages; and persons who lived long ago and those who live to build the strongest bridges of all, bringing persons together across all differences to the worship of God. — Doris Mary Anes, Children's Book Editor, Rand McNally & Co.

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WOMEN'S SOCIETY DIRECTORS MEET

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination met in regular session in the Mrs. G. L. Alumnis School room March 9, 1947, with the following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. C. H. Harper, Mrs. R. P. Seager, Mrs. Otis Swiger, Mrs. F. C. Groah, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. J. L. Vincent, Miss Alma Van Horn, and Miss Greta F. Randolph.

Mrs. Okey W. Davis led the devotional using the love chapter, 1 Corinthians 13, as a basis. Prayers were offered by all present.

After which the groups turn to the Woman's Work Page of the Sabbath Recorder, gave a verbal report. She urged that extra copies of the special sections of the Recorder be distributed by the societies. Mrs. Davis also reported for the World Literature and Literacy Committee. Her report was requested for these minutes.

Alfred D. Moore, secretary of the committee, has reported for the society: South America. Dr. Laubach is extremely busy in Africa. At the yearly meeting of the committee, which will be held April 8, extensive reports from these areas will be given.

The issues and the issues will be given, From Cairo, Egypt, Dr. Laubach writes: "We have now the first Arabic lessons completed; and three other books are being prepared for these lessons. They are 'Story of Jesus,' 'Helping the United Nations,' and a new one, 'First Visit to the land of Egypt.'"

The "Bible Study" in English by Dr. Laubach is now off the press in numbers. In its colorful illustrations, a gift of David G. Cook Co., this publication is making it a thing of beauty.

Based on our mission study of India, your chairman heartily recommends the use of the literature program published in Darkroads or develop new plans, send in a report so others may try them.

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Mrs. Otis Swiger offered a report of progress for the Christian Culture Committee.

The issues of Graphic Survey ordered were sold. One issue was placed in Salem College Library, and Miss Cole, the college librarian, is using it in one of her extension classes in Parkersburg. We can still order this issue of the Graphic Survey if needed, for postage for anyone interested in the study of race segregation.

We have sold subscriptions of the book of poems by Mrs. Hetzel to the Battle Creek Ladies' Society.

We would suggest that anyone who has received the club service program and news letter from Good Housekeeping magazine and have found help or benefit from these programs would write a note of appreciation to the publisher. This is a service the magazine renders to women's clubs and libraries. The Christian Culture Committee considers these publications to be of great use in our society.

We commend the 1947 Lenten list of books (given below) compiled by Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, "Each Woman for devotional or inspiration reading.

Christian Ethics and Social Policy by John C. Bennett $2.00

On Final Ground (Excellent sermons) by Harold A. Boley $2.00

Why We Pray for the handicapped by W. G. Branch $1.50

Black Romans (1946), edited by G. Paul Butler $2.75

Together, A Symposium, edited by Glenn Coon $1.00

The Public Worship of God (A source book) by J. H. Hille $2.00

Human Destiny (Profound, inspiring) by Leonidas $3.50

The Modern Parent and the Teaching Church by William S. Boswell $2.50

Look to the Empty Place by Edgar J. Goodspeed $2.50

The Book of Religion by Frederick Grant $2.50

The God We Worship by Roger Hazelden $2.00

The Living Faith (Theology) by Payl S. Minar $3.00

Christ, the Lord by John Knox $1.75

Prayer, the Mightiest Force in the World by W. E. Yancey $1.25

Whose Leaf Shall Not Wither (Sermons) by William $1.50

Peace of Mind (by a Jewish Rabbi) by Elie Wiesel $2.50

Eyes of Faith (Theology) by Payl S. Minar $3.00

Glancing the Signs of the Times by Benjamin C. Meade $2.50

Truths Men Live By (by a Roman Catholic) by John $2.75

Man and Society in the New Testament by Ernest Scott $2.75

Beyond the Beyond by Roger Shinn $1.00

The Spiritual Gospel (Gospel of John) by W. W. Smart $3.00

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How to Live (Sermons) by Ralph W. Sockman

The Sabbath Recorder (for preachers) by James S. Stewart

Foundations of Religion (by a Quaker) by F. Newton Stanwood

Mrs. R. P. Seager read the report for the Ways and Means Committee and the January and February reports from Rev. L. O. Greene. Mrs. R. P. Seager read the report from Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph. Voted that these reports be accepted and that the Ways and Means Committee report be placed on file.

The letter submitted at the January meeting was somewhat revised and sent to seventy-five societies and individuals. The bill for mimeograph and postage amounts to $2.28.

We have received reports for January, and February from the workers on the Missions field. These workers need our daily prayers as they persevere in the Master's work through them. Two commitments for Christ have been made, and the committee expressed a desire for a better life and a closer walk with God. Mr. Greene in his February report is officially announcing the completion of his fifth year as the time to terminate his contract with this board, as Promoter of Evangelism. This will be September 1, and Mr. and Mrs. Greene express a desire again to return to the work of a pastor. The project of a Sabbath-keepers Devotional Quarterly awaits a decision of the Executive Committee.

WORSHIP PROGRAM

"Let us kneel before the Lord our maker." By Albert D. Batson

Prayer: God Plans for Us

Prayer: Father in heaven, as we approach Thy throne knowing of great need for Thy guiding mercy, teach us to pray. Teach us to wait before Thee that we may learn of Thee and know of Thee for us. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture: Psalm 61

Hymn: He Leadeth Me

Esther L. Fields has expressed in verse the thought we have for our meditation—God plans for us. They who love the Lord know that there is a plan for each of God's children. He does not let our lives drift aimlessly, if we put our hands in his. True, we do not always understand just why certain things are as they are, and perhaps we may even reach the place of wondering if he cares—even when things seem to go so very wrong, as they do sometimes. But we must trust him and know that he does have a plan for each and every one of us, and that all things work for our good if we love the Lord. Esther Fields puts it this way:

Things just don't happen to us who love God; They're planned by His own dear hand.

Then moulded and shaped by His own clock, Things just don't happen, they're planned.

We just don't guess on the issues of life; We guess not our own will, Lord.

We are directed by His sovereign will

In the light of His holy Word.

ALFRED ENROLLMENT REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH

ALFRED, N. Y. — Forty-three new students have registered for the second semester at the university, according to Registrar C. M. Pettit.

Nine are students in the School for American Craftsman, ten registered in the College of Ceramics, twenty-three in Liberal Arts, and one in the School of Education.

Total enrollment for the College of Ceramics and Liberal Arts and Ag-Tech Institute is around 1,400—an all-time high.

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"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of the Treasurer, February 28, 1947

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To Church Treasurers and Contributors to Second Century Fund:

Checks, bank drafts, or money orders covering contributions to the Denominational Budget or to any organization and remitted through the local church treasurers should be made payable to L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.

The church treasurers and other individuals sending remittances to or through the budget treasurers may send gifts to the Second Century Fund, provided such gifts are to be credited to churches. Gifts on individual pledges and those to be credited to individual donors should be mailed directly to Carl G. Sullivan, Treasurer, Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, Box 515, Westport, R. I.

SIX METHODS OF GIVING

By Dr. A. T. Pierson

1. The careless way. To give something to every cause that is presented without inquiry into its merits.

2. The impulsive way. To give from impulse—"as much as and often as love and pity and sensibility prompt.

3. The easy way. To make a special effort to earn money for benevolent objects by favors, offerings, etc.

4. The systematic way. To lay aside an offering to God, a definite portion of our income.

5. The heroic way. To limit our own expenditures to a certain sum, and to give away all the rest of our income.

6. The heroic way. To give to a cause other than God.

HAMILT—ON CHURCH FINANCES

(Apologies to Shakespeare)

To pledge or not to pledge, That is the query.

Whether it is nobler in a man

To think no pledge and let another foot the bill,

Or to sign a pledge and help to pay the church expenses.

To give, to pay—aye, there's the rub—to pay.

What is the item pew; plus a man may have a sitting free,

And the church pew, too, as though he paid.

And none the wiser, be, the finance committee who.

Most honorable men—can keep it secret.

To err is human; to err, at the cheapest rate.

I'm wise! I'll wait, not work;

I'll pay, not pay, and let others foot the bill,

And so with me the gospel's free, you see.

-Anonymous.

March 15, 1947

The following men have been secured for carrying forward the special 1947 field program of the Missionary Society:

Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, Milton, Wis.
Rev. Elmo and Lillian, Darien, Ill.
Rev. Rex E. Zwiefel, Hebron, Pk.
Rev. Zack H. White, De Ruyter, Pk.
Rev. Fred M. Hurley, Walworth, Wis.
Rev. G. Newman, Ashaway, R. I.
Rev. Orville W. Babcock, Milton Junction, Wis.
Rev. Albert N. Remin, Alfred Stanton, N.Y.
Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn, Alton, R. I.

These men have received packets of materials for carrying out their programs and are being given instruction in the emphases for this year's program on the home field. All pastors have received the Missionary Reporters which gives details of the work. Arrangements have already been made for some of the work: Mr. Cruzan and Mr. Zwiefel have done work in recent weeks in Walworth, Wis. and De Ruyter, N. Y., respectively. Mr. Randolph and Mr. Sutton will go to North Loup, Neb., and Niles-Richburg, N. Y., respectively in April. The other men will soon be assigned.

We are convinced that changes are coming fast for America and for the world at large. We believe that along with our foreign reconstruction and expansion must come reinforcement in each local church. As changes come, they must be in a Christlike direction, and they must be effected by persons in homely situations like yours and mine—in local churches and communities. If the local church is not organized for efficient evangelism, insidious changes in the local community will be non-Christian.

Let us find our place in evangelizing America first! Then, when these field men come into our churches, we will help Seventh Day Baptists to move upward in more kingdom usefulness.

REMEMBER THE SPECIAL SECOND CENTURY MISSION SABBATH, APRIL 20, IN ALL SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCHES.

David Clarke.
We arrived in the London depot about 7 p.m. After being bombed the depot had been roughly built over. We took a taxi. London taxis remind me of Model T Fords. The luggage is piled high on the roof.

I guess I expected to see lots of bomb holes, fallen buildings, and to have to detour often; but the streets were well repaired, most of the debris of the bombings had gone, and most buildings looked normal. We later discovered the fronts were fixed, whether the inside was repaired or not, for the sake of appearance.

It was getting dark; we were tired, dirty, and miserable; Timmy was cross—an ideal time for Aunt Dorothy’s suitcase to fall off the top of the taxi in the middle of the street and burst open.

Uncle Joe had wired from Dublin to a friend, Mr. Terraneau, to pre-book hotel reservations for us, but since we had arrived two days early, there were no reservations when we drove up to the Strand Palace Hotel. What more could happen to weary travelers! However, rooms were found for us one night at the Claridge, the swank hotel of London.

When we reached the Claridge, a man dressed up in white silk hose, blue satin knee breeches, a red silk coat with white lace at the cuff and gold braid down the front, and a tall silk hat opened the taxi door for us. Timmy innocently inquired, “Is he the Lord Mayor of London?” Can you picture us, in our shining dresses and great high ride, barging in at the dinner hour? Lovely ladies, with their escorts, were parading back and forth in long evening dresses, and neither Aunt Dorothy nor I had our pretty things. They were with the majority of the luggage we had sent ahead on the Argentina (a ship) to Southampton, which would not employ with such while sightseeing in Ireland.

This was a real climax to a not too perfect day; but a reward awaited us—the luxurious train, and after we had just left, was not in World War II.

The miles and miles of houses with no breaks recall to mind the fact that London is the second largest city in the world—but London surely awes one, for it is built up with tall buildings. That is reason the houses seemed so endless.

**THE QUESTION BOX?**

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**WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING**

**DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP"**

MILTON, WIS. — The third of the community services was held in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Friday night, March 7, when a full-hour motion picture, "Forgotten Village," was shown.

The picture, a sound production, is based upon a story written by John Steinbeck, concerning a tribe of Indians in a remote section of Mexico. It first enjoyed a long run in New York where it was seen by thousands of people and later toured other American cities. Dr. Emory Ross, general secretary of the Foreign Mission Conference of North America, says the film "makes a most impassioned appeal. It stands for millions of underprivileged people throughout the world whose lives are steeped in tradition, superstition, and ignorance."

Rev. Elmo F. Randolph presided at the meeting, and, as in previous weeks, an offering was received to defray expenses. There were 232 present the previous week at the showing of the portrayal of the parable of the Good Samaritan in the picture, "Who Is My Neighbor," and at which the high school a cappella choir sang. — Courier.

ALFRED, N. Y. — A Burdett Crofoot arrived in Alfred at noon, March 17, having made the trip from Japan in a day less than two weeks. He sailed from Yokohama, March 4, on the U.S.S. Admiral Hayes and arrived in Seattle, March 15. From there he flew to Buffalo, arriving early Monday morning. This was Mr. Crofoot's fifth crossing of the Pacific, and he reports it to be a very rough one.

Mr. Crofoot left Alfred in July, 1945, going to Washington, D. C., to receive his training for service with the Red Cross. He sailed August 30 of that year from Seattle for Japan, where he has spent eighteen months as Field Director of the American Red Cross in the Far Eastern Theater.

—Alfred Sun.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The regular all-church social was held early in March. The program was in charge of the Junior society and followed the theme of the China mission. James Ehret, president, presided.

Following singing several junior songs at which Jeneanne Brennick accompanied, James conducted the devotional. Recitations were given by Carley Barber and Phyllis Christiansen. These two girls also took the collection, Donna Babcock playing the onetory.

Papers on the history of the China mission and on the North Loup missionaries were presented by Bonnie Babcock and Evelyn Hamer. Miss Hamer also gave her declamatory reading, "Dead End." Three girls, Delores Cox, Jeneanne Brennick, and Carolyn Hamer, played "Chop Sticks."

The young folks also presented a little play, "Wanted, A Bed." Characters were: Dr. Thorngate, Kenneth Clement; Helen Thorngate; Jeneanne Brennick; Grace, Evelyn Hamer; Miriam, Delores Cox; Dr. Yen, Theron Barber; Chinese people, Joe Babcock, James Ehret, Jeannete Williths, Gary Cox, Russell Clement; mail carrier, Donna Babcock. Nearly $20 was received in the collection, which will be used to purchase a bed for the China hospital.

It was voted to send the pastor and a deacon or two deacons to Denver on April 3 to attend the ordination services of Francis Saunders, the new pastor of the church there.

Correspondent.