WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING
(DEMONINATIONAL "HOOK-UP")

MILTON, WIS. - A motion picture, "The Kindled Flame," was shown at the Community Lenten service on Friday night, March 21, at 8 p.m., in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church.

This picture is "a vivid drama on the life of early Christians under Roman oppression." With its setting in the year 304 A.D., the power of Christianity is seen to triumph over pagan religion. During the devotional service led by Rev. Orville W. Babcock, the high school capsella choir, directed by Kenneth A. Babcock, sang.

This is the fifth in this year's series of seven services for the season of Lent, sponsored by the Methodist and Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Milton and Milton Junction and the Congregational Church of Milton. - Courier.

NORTH LOUP. - The organ committee reports that among those who have been honored are John L. Ward and Cora Goodrich, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Barber, Mr. and Mrs. Timon Swensen, W. G. Rood, Deacon and Mrs. Wilson Babcock, Dr. Grace Cran dall, Mrs. Mary S. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Green, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Black, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Horn. There have been several contributors.

Superintendent Clement of the Sabbath school announced the Vacation Bible School committee to be Mrs. Menzo Fuller, Mrs. Harlan Brennan, and Mrs. Myra T. Barber. Pastor Ehret will work with this committee.

ALFRED, N. Y. - "Easter-Tide," a sacred cantata by Gustav Borch, was sung by the Seventh Day Baptist choir at the regular morning service on Sabbath day, March 29. The choir was assisted by the following members: Nellie B. Parry, soprano; Henry E. Pieters, tenor; Donald Hargis, baritone; and Wayne R. Rood, bass.

Dr. Ray W. Wingate was the director and organist. - Alfred Sun.

SHILOH, N. J. - The people of the Shiloh Church are at work at more than the usual jobs while their pastor is on leave. Committees on every phase of pastoral service have been and are assuming responsibility for Friday evening and Sabbath services, the weekly and quarterly bulletin, a monthly County Home meeting, special prayer meetings, a visitation program including calls on sick and shut-ins, publicity, social, welcoming those who attend church, having flowers there, and any other tasks which present themselves.

Friday evening services have been varied and most inspiring with Sabbath school classes and invited guests participating. Neighboring ministers, our acting pastor, Leland Davis, the young people, and both choirs have contributed to the Sabbath morning worship. The attendance is normally high at all services since the snow and illnesses have more or less abated.

Mrs. Ella Sheppard's class of young people prepared and presented the program at the County Home in March, with the assistance of Elizabeth Lupton since Mrs. Sheppard is ill. The Brotherhood of the Sabbath school performed this service in February.

The bulletin committee of C. E. young people, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. William Richardson, Jr., are doing a fine bit of work in editing and publishing the weekly church program. Auley Parvin is editor. Typists are Evelyn Trout and Marion Probascio. Lorraine Rainear cuts the stencils. All this (Continued inside on page 251).

First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Hebron, Pa.

(See article page 261.)


TOWARD A MORE CHRISTIAN WORLD

The first American missionaries to return to Japan since the war have gone under the auspices of a commission of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, in which more than one thousand missionaries, and already forty-two are the field. Last year, they carried out from mission boards in North America for the relief of Japanese pastors; and $20,000 are now being secured for erecting temporary churches in strategic places. It is estimated that it will be possible to build thirty churches with this money.

W. R. Reid

If they could only see firsthand the struggle of the people of Europe to rebuild a Christian community from the ashes of war, they would realize the sacrifice and their giving for united church relief and the church's work. Dr. R. W. Barlow, executive director of service for Church World Service, Dr. Barlow made this statement just prior to his embarkation for America. He was in Europe several weeks, surveying the work of the people and conferring with European church leaders on future plans.

"The unavailing fact to which all the future of Europe, the survival of Christianity rests upon a world order and response from the church of America," Dr. Barlow reported. "Our work is the only resort to which suffering and heartshattered people turn and women and children look.

"The greatest contribution most of us can make to the United States is to be in our relationships, attitudes, judgments, and influences, the makers of peace, the bearers of a spirit of strong, informed, intelligent, resolved will for justice. An Anglos Dune, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Washington, D. C., a people which tolerance grows unjustly and demands a priority of race in the home is very well equipped to maintain justice in the world abroad. It is very easy to tell other people what they ought to do about a minority race; but if we Americans are to work together, we must learn to cross the barriers of race, class, and nation with the spirit of understanding."

"One World, One Book" is the theme that has been selected for the Bible and Reading Program, which covers the period from Thanksgiving to Christmas, and has been sponsored annually by the American Bible Society and according to its director, Dr. James V. Claypool, is the fourth consecutive year of this plan of daily Bible readings will be promoted.

The cross of Christ is replacing the golden images of the Buddha in various temples of Hokkaido, Japan. This move comes from the newspaper Chugai Nippo, which is under Buddhist management and is often influential in Christianity.

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At several times during the past month pastors' salaries have been mentioned. Gratifying enough, most churches have at least attempted to adjust their ministers' salaries to carry on the work ordained for the year. The General Conference of the Seventh Day Baptists has met in session according to the plan of the General Conference of the Seventh Day Baptists. The wise shall inherit glory; but shame shall be the portion of fools.

Proverbs 3: 35

A word to the wise is sufficient—so the timeworn saying goes. Each one of us cherishes the idea of being wise. Certainly we all strive, as Christians, to seek God's guidance and live daily according to divine wisdom. A very important and integral part of the day by day routine is finances. Of course, many other considerations are vital, but inevitably monetary matters touch and effect most others. We wisely recognize the importance of money problems, not only for individuals but for organizations. So mere mention of some of these difficulties now facing us as a group (and concerning us as individuals) should be sufficient, each problem is serious enough and important enough to be discussed at great length.

Contributions to the Denominational Budget are lagging. Last year we tasted the satisfactions of over spending the budget; apparently that moment of glory during September was only a reverberating echo. The budget made has spread into hours of idle complacency. "See what we did! We keep complimenting ourselves, while doing nothing—almost nothing—now! We cannot pay this year's bills on last year's achievement.

The work of each society, board, school, and other denominationally supported enterprises in direct proportion to the funds received by, and consequently distributed to the various organizations by, the budget treasurer. Take the present situation of the Tract Society as an example of the general condition in other fields of united endeavor. In the Denominational Budget recommended by Commission at the beginning of this budget year, the Tract Society was allocated $5,500. The society's budget actually called for $8,402 from over-all church giving that is, unless activities were to be curtailed.

During the first six months of the year, the Tract 'Society received only $1,848. That means that so far only a little more than 33 per cent of the yearly total allowed by Commission has come in and less than 22 per cent of what is actually needed to carry on the work ordained for the year. The budget of which adds up to the fact that the working balance in the treasury is at very low ebb. In fact, unless additional money is received from some source right away, the first of the month obligations cannot be met without borrowing. Other boards are in a similar position.

Some thing must be done—and done immediately—to increase giving through denominational channels, or the work of the Seventh Day Baptists will suffer and all chance will be lost of raising the remaining portion of the total budget during the part of the year for which the budget is to be held in Westerly, R. I., August 19-24, is little more than fifteen weeks away.

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ministers made this statement: "The time will soon come when I will have to seek outside employment to augment my income." What a tragedy! Neither that minister, nor any other, will complain to his church; but he has grounds for complaint. Ministering to a church is a full-time mission, especially if the church is to prosper and grow. No one realizes that ministering to the man who has been especially called by God to minister. But first of all, the minister must feed and clothe himself and his family.

We have not yet done all we should financially for our church employees—particularly the pastors. An increase in the regular pay check comes first, and there are other ways to help: pay the pastor's car expense; make up the deficit in the church's own treasury, paid out $536.08—the first time for himself, asked for, and there are other ways to help, pay the pastor's car expense; make up the deficit in the church's own treasury, paid out $536.08—a turn for making the church's need. It is easy to imagine that the desire for a parsonage was strong when the First Hebron church was erected in 1889. Nearly forty-two years later when Rev. Charles Bond was pastor, a fund for parsonage building was started. The Lord's Acre idea was introduced and the proceeds were dedicated to that fund. It was then that a more dream became a real vision. The members of the church, with a large amount of cooperation from the community at large, annually pledge several acres of potatoes under the Lord's Acre plan. Enough funds had been accumulated by 1945 that the church agreed that there was enough to start construction. The spark was given when the home that was rented for the pastor was suddenly denied them.

NEW PARSONAGE

Hebron, Pa.

This home, completed just one year ago this month, is the realization of a long cherished "dream."

The project was started upon the old parsonage property. The old parsonage was taken down and a new one was built. The new parsonage was completed in the fall of 1945. The building was designed by Rev. Charles Bond and was constructed by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pepperman. The materials were purchased from local suppliers and the work was done by local laborers.

The new parsonage is a two-story building, with four bedrooms, a living room, a dining room, a kitchen, and a bathroom. The building is surrounded by a beautiful garden, which was planted by the members of the church.

The cost of the new parsonage was approximately $15,000. The funds were raised through the sale of a small parcel of land and through donations from the congregation.

The new parsonage has been a great asset to the church, and it has been very well-received by the congregation. The members are very pleased with the new building and it has helped to strengthen the bond between the church and its members.

The new parsonage is a symbol of the church's commitment to its members and their families. It is a place where they can come to feel at home and to feel a sense of belonging.

The new parsonage is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the congregation. It is a sign of the church's commitment to its mission and its dedication to serving its community.
"Behold, I stand at the door and knock"

It daily becomes more apparent that God's respect for the freedom of our affections, thoughts, and purposes is complete. It is part of that respect for our freedom that he never forces upon us his own gifts. He offers them, but unless we actively accept them, they remain ineffectual as far as we are concerned.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock"—that is always the relation of God our Redeemer to our souls. He has paid the whole price; he has suffered the stoning death; yet still he waits till we open the door of our hearts to let in his love which will call our love and which will break down that door. He stands and knocks.

And this is true not only of his first demand for admission to the mansion of the soul; it is true also of every room within that mansion. There are many of us who have opened the front door to him, but have only let him into the corridors and staircases; all the rooms where we work or amuse ourselves are still closed against him. There are still greater multitudes who have welcomed him to some rooms, and hope he will not ask what goes on behind the doors of others. But sooner or later he asks; and if we choose to take him to see, he leaves the room where we were so comfortable with him, and stands knocking at the closed door.

And then we can never again have the joy of seeing that task fulfilled until we open the door at which he is now knocking. We can only have him in our rooms if we really make him free of all the house. —William Temple, Personal Religion and the Life of Fellowship.

What Have We to Contribute?

When General Marshall took the oath of office, he, as president, said: "I will do my best." This is an example for us all and we may well ask, "What have we to contribute to the world's good?"

Every person has some worth-while contribution which he can make. If he will study himself in his surroundings, this will be apparent. Also every church should ask itself, "What contribution can this church make to the local community and to the world? Everybody denomination should ask itself, "What contribution can this organization of churches make to the good of humanity?"

If there was ever a time when Seventh-Day Baptists ought to have thought of themselves what contribution they can make to the kingdom of Christ, it is now. Have we anything the world needs which other denominations do not have if we really know what we should by all means give it in the fullest measure.

This leads to another question which should be pressed at all times namely, "Are we willing to make our contributions freely and fully?" Perhaps one of the reasons why the cause which we hold dear is not more prosperous is that we have not been more faithful in the stewardship committed to us as a people. When we proclaim heartfeltly and haltingly the truth which has opened the doors to a peculiarly wonderful opportunity is taken as an evidence of our insincerity in regard to the things which we profess to believe. There is no better way to show we believe in the truth which we profess than to support the utmost the boards to whom we have entrusted our work.

Do we as a people really believe that we have a contribution to make to facilitate the greatest things which God has ever done? We believe that we have something which is needed in the United States, West Indies, South America, China, Holland, and all the world. We do. Then let us, push our work as those who are in earnest.

W. L. B.

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

The church began with lay workers: a commercial fisherman, a press-man, a page-boy, the first martyr, a tentmaker was the first missionary. . . . The successful opening of the church depends upon the arousing of laymen and laywomen to their personal responsibility and to the need for better understanding, guiding, and helping our missionaries and other professional Christian workers.

—J. O. Royse.

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One Important Task to Understand — THE UNITED NATIONS

By MRS. JOHN F. RANDOLPH
(Meditations on peace, gleaned from the booklet, "The United Nations," by Allen W. Dulles and Beatrice Pitney Lamb.)

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS which the United States entered did not prevent the outbreak of World War II. It would be, a mistake, however, to overlook the influence of that organization. It helped to bring nations closer together through cooperation in regard to common problems in the field of health, economic activities, trade, and finance.

The United Nations Charter has many features that the league covenant did not contain. The charter is probably a more workmanlike document, but our main hope for success of the United Nations must be based upon an awakened sense of the necessity for international solidarity as the only alternative to the horrors of atomic warfare.

Fortunately the United Nations has two great advantages over the League of Nations in that all the great powers of the world, members of it, and it is not the first organization of its kind. If it receives full support as we believe it will, and pays the price, it may succeed where the league failed.

The machinery for a United Nations has been created. We have begun to use it. There has been a long discussion between the conclusion of the Dumbarton Oaks conference and the end of the San Francisco conference.

We knew the dangers and difficulties and disagreements we would meet in bringing about peace among the people of the world. We find ourselves shocked and discouraged by these same dangers, difficulties, and disagreements. We should not be. Misunderstandings and disagreements are inevitable for the first time in the world for centuries. The important thing to remember is that we have been trying to adjust to and to meet by democracy and peaceful means through the United Nations.

Each one of us is a part of this great peace project and should become well acquainted with its working plan.

The United Nations is made up of one body called the General Assembly, consist
There are suggested amendments to the original charter. One is that the delegates be chosen directly by the people of the world through elections, participated in by all the voters qualified to elect members of the national parliament in their own countries.

“We cannot wait for years to develop a new organization to deal with the immediate complex problems confronting us— including the control of atomic energy. Today we have only one organization, and that is the United Nations. We may be able to reform and strengthen that organization, but we cannot substitute it for the present one.”

Hence one of the important tasks for all of us, if we are to be of real help, is to understand the work of the United Nations.

Berea, W. Va.

UNITED NATIONS QUESTION BOX

How many answers would you be able to give correctly?

(This questionnaire was used by the Lost Creek Ladies’ Aid as part of a program on the theme of peace. The chairman of the peace committee, Mrs. Marion Van Horn of Lost Creek, W. Va., would welcome similar questions for use in your church and prepared by other societies.—F. D.)

1. When was the recent meeting of the United Nations Assembly? Answer—October 23 to December 15. It was the second part of the first session.

2. Who acted as president of this session? Answer—Paul-Henry Spak, foreign minister of Belgium.

3. How many countries were represented? Answer—Fifty-five.


5. Who was the U. S. woman delegate? Answer—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

6. How many languages are spoken by the United Nations? Answer—At least twenty-nine languages. The UN, however, has five official languages: French, Spanish, Russian, Chinese, and English. Chinese is spoken by the most people; almost 458 million speak Chinese, while about 212 million speak English.

7. Where is the capital of the UN to be built? Answer—Skyscraper headquarters is to be built in New York City, made possible by a generous gift by John D. Rockefeller.

8. What requirements does the charter of the UN make for admission of new members? Answer—The charter provides that membership in the Security Council shall be restricted to states which accept the obligations of the charter and in the judgment of the UN are able and willing to carry out those obligations. If a state is unable to make a constructive contribution to the work of the Security Council, it is open to individuals to suggest amendments to the charter.

9. What disarmament resolution was adopted by the General Assembly? Answer—The General Assembly, upon recommendation of the Security Council, acts on applications. The General Assembly had adopted a resolution for disarmament in the form of an international convention which, when passed by the General Assembly, would be sent on to the member states for ratification.

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NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

“CHRISTIAN LIVING BEGINS AT HOME” IS THEME

Our Hopes and Despair root in the home, whether we think in terms of recruiting strength for the church of tomorrow or the training of young Christians, or of achieving a brotherly world, according to Dr. T. Swearingen, director of the Christian Endeavor education for the International Council of Religious Education.

Expressing his belief that Christian living in the home is more imperative today than ever before, Dr. Swearingen announced in a personal statement that 1947 National Family Week will be observed May 4-11 by Protestant, Jewish faiths using the theme, “Christian Living Begins at Home,” giving recognition to the tremendous importance and influence of family life.

An interfaith committee has been making plans for the continent-wide observance in churches and synagogues, and includes Rabbi Abraham Ophier, New York City, assistant to the president of the Synagogue Council of America; Rev. Edgar Schmiedeler of Washington, D. C., director of the Family Bureau of the United Catholic Welfare Conference; and Dr. Swearingen, who is secretary of the committee.

The home is where children acquire their sense of life values, Dr. Swearingen declared. “Whether we wish it or not, learning constantly takes place within the family circle.” Ideas are formed and tested and the emotional quality of the family relationship transforms ideas into prejudices, ideals, and purposes.

“Therefore,” he continued, “the matter of teaching in the home is not an optional matter. The church must face the fact that it cannot do its work by learning taken place in the home, but it can affect what is learned. The church can help to determine the kind of attitudes which develop there.”

Christian parents, therefore, must become the leaders of thought as they are already the leaders of growing children,” he pointed out. Our first job is to grow genuine Christians, and if the home is the most powerful agency for achieving this purpose, then our first job is to help the home effectively to discharge this duty.”

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SECOND HOPKINTON CHURCH HAS HOME-COMING

On Sabbath afternoon, February 15, 1947, the Second Hopkinson church, the little church by the side of the road, was the scene of a special Home-Coming. The program was given particularly for the young people of the church and surrounding community.

The pastor, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, and Lewis F. Randolph, a deacon and superintendent of the Sabbath school, worked together for several weeks preparing for the occasion.

The name for the gathering, “Home-Coming,” was suggested by the pastor. The church was the “New Ashaway, Wysterly, Rockville, and the local village.

Papers were read regarding the history of the church, the Christian Endeavor society, and the Sabbath school. Some of the essays are being published with this report. A poem, “Second Hopkinson,” by Kenneth Kenyon, a member of the church, received many compliments. A sketch of the church done in Indian ink and water colors by Stanley Blake, a young artist, added much to the program and was greatly appreciated. Many thanks are due to all those who participated in the program or helped in its preparation.

Letters from the following former pastors were read: Rev. E. A. Witter, Rev. W. D. Burdick, Rev. Trenth Sutton, and Rev.
Wayne R. Rood. Mrs. Rood also wrote a note to the church. An interesting letter was received and read from Mrs. Ellen Cole, a member of the first day Baptist Church at Hopkinton. Mrs. Cole is ninety-two; Rev. Witter is ninety-four. All of these letters brought much joy and encouragement to the church, organization.

Mention should also be made of the paper, "Deacons That I Remember," by Mrs. Annette K. Mills, and also the remarks given by Deacon Walter D. Kenyon on "Ministers That I Remember." Rev. Harold R. Cran dall and Rev. Harmon Dickinson added to the program with very appropriate remarks. Rev. Eli P. Loofboro also brought a message of encouragement.

Our church organization at Second Hopkinton has much for which to be thankful, and we are praying and trusting that with divine help we can continue being prosperous as a church, and that the heavenly Father will bless and guide us, and that we will have shown progress at the end of 1947. "They that trust in the Lord shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, and shall abide for ever." Psalm 125: 1. L. F. Randolph, Corresponding Secretary.

SECOND HOPKINTON SABBATH SCHOOL
By, Edwin James, Jr.

The Second Hopkinton Sabbath school was organized on April 4, 1835, a few months after the organization of the church. The first school had one class, with about fifty-one scholars. It is supposed that the school was first divided into classes around May 25, 1836.

Among the past enterprises of the school are the library and the Union Concerts. The library was started in 1841, with the purchase of some books, and exchanges of books with the Rockville and Claris Falls schools. By 1852 there were 165 books in the library, and although it has not been very active for many years, some of the books are still on the shelves.

In the early eighties, Sabbath school and church concerts were held in conjunction with the first day church, which were known as "Union Concerts."

The school has changed much during the last few years. I remember when I entered the primary class it was the only class besides the adult class. As the school grew, two more classes, the intermediate and junior, were organized.

In addition to the recent growth, I think that the school is looking forward to progress and improvement in the future.

HOME-COMING ADDRESS OF WELCOME
By, LeRoy Burdick

For more than one hundred years our church at Hopkinton has been a force for good; a powerhouse sending a divine impulse into men’s lives; a beacon, guiding them into channels of right; a fountain, sending the pure, clear water of life into souls thirsty and parched by sin.

Today’s program is prepared as an effort to give honor to the men and women who have, down through the years, given much to build up and preserve this church. May we be inspired today to give wholeheartedly of our time, effort, and prayers, that God may use our little group today as he used our forefathers of the faith in years that are passed.

NEW AUBURN CHURCH REPORTS
VARIOUS YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Neal D. Mills writes from New Auburn, Wis. "We had a Valentine party for the Junior Primary, and Beginner classes of the Sabbath school. The teachers gave prizes to the one in each class bringing the nicest homemade valentine. The afternoon games were very enjoyable, and the party ended with a big supper."

This church was the first to write for books to be used in Vacation Church School, which will probably be held early in June, Mrs. Mills reports.

"The children enjoy and look forward to getting the Seventh Day Baptist Boys and Girls papers," Mrs. Mills said.

WORD OF GOD TODAY

Men and women and children need the Word of God today and in the years ahead, as never before. If people are to live in all conditions of life, have the hope of life, and be able to understand and live by the Word, they must have the knowledge of the Word possible in our time. — Dr. Luther A. Weigle.

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A week ago last Sabbath there was a Youth Conference held in Schenectady, and children from all the churches in the city were invited to attend. We also enjoyed having with us our brothers and sisters in the Lord who came from the Verona Church. We love them very much.

This will be all for now, and may God bless you. Your Recorder friend,

Evelyn K. Gershaw.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am Evelyn Glera Kershaw. I am eight years old. I have no brothers or sisters. I am in the third grade.

Since we have no church here, Grandma and I sing several hymns, and we have committed several verses to memory from our Bibles. We try to do this every Sabbath day. We will be looking for this letter in the Sabbath Recorder.

Love from your new friend,

Welton, Iowa.

Evelyn G. Kershaw.

Dear Evelyn:

I’m grateful to both you and your grandma for this nice letter, and am sorry I could not get it into the Sabbath Recorder before. But I receive many letters and of course have to have the first ones published first. I wrote you an instruction weeks ago that I first heard that the Welton church had been sold. That is what happened to our Scio church, not far from here, so that the Sabbath keepers there have become lone Sabbath keepers.

I, too, used to learn Bible verses at my grandmother’s, and how I loved to do it. I had a story hour with her every day, and on the Sabbath she told me Bible stories, which she made most interesting of all. When I grew up older, my grandmother bought me a big birthday cake, with roses and leaves on it. It was very nicely decorated.

Last night we had Bible study at our house, and the lesson was on the prophecies, showing that we are living in the last days before the soon coming of our Lord.

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Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Esther:

Pastor Greene and I are both a little under the weather with spring colds, which we hope will not stay with us long. However we are in style, for many Andover residents have colds or grip. I believe over a hundred children were out of school because of colds before the beginning of Easter vacation, which began on Wednesday. I think we were having stormy weather when your letter came, but today is bright and sunny, though a heavy wind is blowing. Yesterday we had quite a thunder storm. The storms God sends us have their value; and when we have a pleasant day, we appreciate it all the more. "I have learned to cast my burden on the Lord, and he will sustain me.

Easter conferences are being held in this part of the state, also, and furnish a very worth-while experience for our young people. May God bless you every one.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

This is my second letter to the Recorder. I guess I haven’t been writing much at all. I didn’t go to school this morning. I had a cold and my mother did not dare send me. I have two sisters and three brothers. My big sister is married, and her husband is in the Army. My other sister and my oldest brother are in college in West Virginia. My next brother is in the Air Force, and my last brother and I go to grade school a mile from our house.

It has been a beautiful day here. The snow is coming down as though it didn’t care if it ever reached the ground. Land! How the time does fly! I must quit and help my mother get dinner ready.

Love,

Coudercport, Pa.

Maralee Stearns.
TWENTY-ONE PEOPLE ENROLLED IN INDIANAPOLIS FELLOWSHIP

At the end of two months of intensive effort twenty-one people have been enrolled in the Indianapolis Fellowship of Seventh Day Baptists. Of this number seventeen have never had any connection with our denomination. Some have never before professed Christ as Saviour and Lord, and some are converts to the Sabbath. Most of them are not at present affiliated with any church; so we are not robbing any other group. Six are candidates for baptism, which will be administered the last Sabbath in April. The celebration of the Lord's Supper will take place on the following Sabbath.

To get the people, announce our services, and present a Sabbath-promotion message, we run ads on the church page of the daily papers. This is costly, but it gets results. Nineteen of our twenty-one members have been reached through the newspapers. So it pays! We send postal cards announcing our services each week to a selected list of prospects, and this month we have had a card printed announcing a promotion message, we run ads on the church page of the daily. But personal dealing is what gets results.

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Dear Maralee:

At the very beginning of the public ministry of Jesus certain of John's disciples asked Jesus where he dwelt. Jesus said, "Come and see." The disciples accepted his invitation and went with him, and abode with him that day; for it was about the tenth hour. — John 1: 39.

Your servants in the Lord,
Rev. and Mrs. Lester G. Osborn.

Dear Maralee:

My page is more than full; so I must wait until next week to answer your letter.

Mispah S. Greene.

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OLD-TIMER S E Z

"The Bible says there ain't no chastising that a feller enjoys when he is agin' it. But it says, the rod by reason of the mother, because he loves it and wants it to go right. We gotta be beat up som in this world to keep us goin' right!"

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WORDS TO THE WISE

EDITORIAL

(Continued from page 260)

ABIDING WITH HIM

Read John 1: 35-51.

He saith unto them, Come and see. They came and saw where he dwelt, and abode with him that day; for it was about the tenth hour. — John 1: 39.

At the very beginning of the public ministry of Jesus certain of John's disciples asked Jesus where he dwelt. Jesus said, "Come and see." The disciples accepted his invitation and went with him, and abode with him that day; for it was about the tenth hour. — John 1: 39.

From that simple incident, about which there is nothing startling or unusual, has flowed unmeasured blessing to mankind. It was the beginning of that personal fellowship with Jesus Christ, which has brought peace and abiding joy to men in all generations since.

Andrew and John and the others did not look like men who were to initiate the spiritual conquest of the world. But they had found the Messiah. Jesus had been pointed out to them as the one "of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write." All their lives they had been taught about the Messiah, and later, when they were set free from their religious teachings and knowledge and went to spend the day with Jesus. They found him to be all that they had expected him to be, and they determined not to part from him again.

The only way to make a good world is through the contagion of a good life. Only when living in men, can heal the world of its sorrow. Apart from Christ there is no meaning and life left. With stern struggle is grand and even defeat is victory.

Prayer

O great and gracious Son of Man, Most glorious Thou of all I see, Most present Thou of all who can— I give up all to follow Thee. Amen.

Alva J. C. Bond, Dean, School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

With a little stretch of the imagination, this passage can be paraphrased (legitimately and logically) to carry a great deal of meaning for our church.

Seventh Day Baptists are not strong in numbers, but they prepare for the future while focusing on the present.

Our church members are not wealthy, but they invest what funds they have in worthwhile and denominational projects.

Church policies and personal beliefs are not dictated by anyone, yet all the people work together on the common undertakings.

Whenever there is a job—even lowly difficult—we pitch in and do it, and the rewards are rich and satisfying.

Would that all these statements might be said in complete reflection of actual conditions. All of us desire to be among the wise—mentioned in the opening quotation from Proverbs—who shall inherit glory: the immediate glory of seeing our denomination grow, our churches prosper, our missionary enterprises furthered, and our relief undertakings become more effective, as well as the glory by and by of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." For a certainty—as the proverb suggests—we will be put to the shame of falsifying our great expectations to succeed.

CHURCHES URGED TO KEEP CONTACT WITH SERVICE PERSONNEL

Said Secretary of War Patterson recently: "The panorama is dark. The civic groups and churches turn to other enterprises. Peace in the neighborhood is no longer the concern of the local church. The American people are not callous or indifferent. As a matter of fact, they are less apathetic, but perhaps there will be a reawakened, personalized interest in our soldiers at home and abroad." It is being urged that ministers notify the nearest church of members who are now in service, that church people welcome uniformed men into their services, and that writing by churches to soldiers be continued.

W. W. Reid.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

There are four things which are little upon the earth, but they are exceeding wise: The ants are a people not strong yet they prepare their meat in the summer. The conies are but a feeble folk, yet make they their houses in the spring. The locusts have no king, yet they go forth all together after their manner. The spider taketh hold with the hands, and is in kings' palaces.
You, Too, Can Be a Nervous Wreck
By John E. Wood

It isn't hard to be a nervous wreck. All that is really required is to put your mind to it. The most successful ones find that it helps to do this between the hours of 2 and 4:30 a.m. When you go off, they turn off, that they are automatically off on the wrong track. You see, it is always the wrong track that leads to the best wrecks. At first it may seem that those hours are a bit difficult to keep. With this in mind the more accomplished of the jitted brethren have developed certain rules.

1. Never read any meditative literature, poetry or Next, week before reason. You never be a successful wreck if this rule is violated.

2. If sleep approaches, recall at once the latest murder and think of those to which you wish it had happened. Devise improvements upon the method used.

3. Recall the day's conversations and search them diligently for all insidious or suspicious meanings. For instance, if some one has said, "You are looking well," think how you must have appeared at your previous meeting.

With a little practice you will become so expert you will never have a happy moment.

4. Remember the last time you went to church. Every one so friendly—what did they think I meant? Ome time before reason was that other time when so few spoke to me you would have thought I was a nobody then.

5. Remember anyone can criticize some of the things that go on in the world. Only an expert can criticize everything. Try your skill on your better-half. After all you don't want to be prodigal."

6. Get a good worry going. The best worriers usually pick something they can't do anything about.

If you think this is the wrong track for you—and I hope you do—throw the switch and try another one. To begin with, reverse all directions. The Christian Leader.

DENOMINATIONAL "HOOK-UP" (Continued from back cover)

In addition, Dean Drake announces, there will be a period of three weeks covering the interval between the close of the spring semester and the opening of the regular school service. This is important for us, for our church, and for the denomination as a whole.

Alfred University and the New York State College of Ceramics are synonymous with ceramic art education in the minds of many. If there is anything about the field. While during the regular sessions of the college year most students come from New York state, the summer registration is drawn from a much wider geographic area and students come from all over the United States and from foreign countries. Already this summer, over people from California, Colorado, Louisiana, Texas, Florida, Alabama, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, in addition to New York State. Students are also registered from Norway and Canada.

The graduate program in Education leading to the master of arts degree has also come to be an outstanding feature of summer work at Alfred.

A possibility that temporary buildings may be obtained from the S.B. Government for use as sorely needed additions to Clawson Infirmary has become evident.

One Business Manager E. K. Lebohner, revealed that application for seven new temporary buildings, which are to be added to the U. S. Office of Education, one of which would be used to augment the twelve-bed infirmary, that I think of the all-time record enrollment of more than 1,400 students at the university and Ag-Tech.

Services of a full-time physician are also being sought by the university, to augment services rendered now by Dr. R. O. Hitchcock, university physician on a part-time basis, and Dr. Ellen Sutton, also on a part-time basis.

An attempt is also being made to acquire an eight-bed hospital from the War Assets Administration.

The six other buildings requested by the U.S.O.E. would be used by the College of Ceramics and the Liberal/Arts College as classrooms and laboratories. — Alfred Sun.
ASHAWAY, R. I. — In the interest of strengthening church ministry and church efficiency, special services were conducted in the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist church for three weekends. Services were held on Sunday nights, March 30 and April 6, in addition to the regular services of the church.

Rev. David S. Clarke of Westerly, representative of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, spoke at these services, the general topic being, "Look Up, Look In, and Look Out." Pastor the church, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, also had a part in the meeting.

During the week Mr. Clarke met with church groups, and calls were made on members and friends of the church.

On Good Friday evening, April 4, the service included the rendition of the Easter cantata, "Christ Victorious," Nolte, by the combined Senior and Junior choirs, Mrs. Florence Wells, director. — Westerly Sun.

MILTON, WIS. — A community Communion service was held on Good Friday evening, April 4, in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist church, bringing to a close this year's series of community Lenten services.

Rev. Carroll L. Hill, president of Milton College, gave the meditation, and special music was presented by the choir of the host church. Rev. Orville W. Babcock presided at the devotional service, and the four pastors officiated at the communion table.

This brought to an end the third year of union services during the Lenten season, in which the Methodist and Seventh Day Baptist Churches of Milton and Milton Junction and the Congregational Church of Milton have participated. — Courier.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Plans are being made for a Recorder drive in an effort to have the denominational magazine in every Seventh Day Baptist home in the community, as well as in other homes. Mrs. Myra Barber is in charge of the drive.

A series of special meetings are being held in our church beginning the Friday after Easter. The speaker is Rev. Elmo Randolph of the Milton Church. Services are to be held on Friday night, Sabbath morning, and the evening after the Sabbath for three weeks. There will also be visitation services during the time.

The teachers and officers of the Sabbath school had a conference meeting one Sabbath afternoon recently. Several important matters were discussed, among them that of visual aid for the school.

The regular all-church social was held on Sunday evening, March 9. The kitchen arrangements were handled by Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Babcock. The program was arranged by the Junior society.

The young folks gave a Chinese program, with music, recitations, talks, and a little play. Following the program a collection was taken, the proceeds of which are to be sent to Shanghai, China, for a bed for the hospital which is being rebuilt.

Nearly $40 was raised at a Dr. Grace Missionary Society box supper. The proceeds went to the camp fund. — Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The 1947 session of Alfred University Summer School will begin on July 7, and continue for six weeks, until August 15, according to Dean M. Ellis Drake, director of Summer School.

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