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

FARINA, ILL. — The Farina Seventh Day Baptist Church closed the year with a Christmas program at the church, with gifts for the children and young people. The annual dinner and church business meeting was held at the Parish House December 29, 1946, and reports were received from the auxiliary departments. These reports, with the report of the pastor, showed activities in the Union Week of Prayer, the Union Daily Vacation Bible School, and the Union Thanksgiving Service held this year at the Evangelical Church. Two contributions were made to the Second Century Fund. Clothing was sent to Pastor John Schmid and money was appropriated to help send the goods to Germany.

The church voted to participate in the Ministerial Retirement Plan and voted an order be drawn to pay the full yearly sum. The pastor was called unanimously for the twenty-first time to serve another year.

The God's Acre project netted the church about $50. We enjoyed visits during the year from Rev. Carroll Hill, president of Milton College, and Rev. Marion Van Horn of Lost Creek, W. Va.

We lost during the year two members by death and received into membership two by baptism and one by letter. The treasurer's report pleased us in that church finances in all departments showed a balance and a disposition by the members to carry on.

At this business meeting $100 was voted toward the Second Century Fund. Absent members received quarterly letters during the year and in these letters a little booklet, "The Upper Room," was included. Ten from the church attended the Conference at Milton.

We have been greatly interested in the work attempted in Indianapolis by Brother L. L. Wright, and we feel that the opportunity there warrants more interest and attention than now seems to be given it.

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for his blessings in the past, and we look into the future with increased faith and "a hope that maketh not ashamed."

—Correspondent.

MARLBORO, N. J. — During the last quarter the Marlboro young people and Sabbath school have bought a slide and filmstrip projector to use in visual education in the church work. The Junior C. E. Society has been studying the Bible by means of projected Bible stories, as suggested by Rev. Alton Wheeler at Conference. This experiment has paid dividends in much new and vital interest on the part of the children. The children have adopted the powdered milk plan as their project for the Christmas gift from the society, and with the money they collected, turned over enough to the church treasurer to buy nearly five hundred "glasses of milk."

Other organizations have sent clothing and money for aid to our German churches, helped to redeem the building so badly needed in Franklin City, Va., and have sent donations to the Jamaica field for mission work there.

The Friday evening prayer and study groups have been following a study of God's seven great covenants. We are receiving (Continued inside on page 35)
During the summer of 1946, some sixty thousand Soviet citizens living within Russia were baptized into the Baptist faith, as part of some hundreds of thousands of Baptist evangelicals in that land, according to Dr. Louis D. Newton, of Atlanta, Ga., the Baptist Conference, who recently visited the U.S.S.R. According to this informant, the Baptists, long established in Russia, together with the Evangelical Christian Church and the Pentecostal Church, have joined forces into one, "mighty stream which flows all over the country." The Baptists in Russia are planning to open a theological school for the training of their ministry.

The moral damage in Europe is greater than the physical destruction, is the judgment of months. Reverend Kershner, of the Society of Friends, who has just returned from a four-month tour of the continent. Formation of a Bible Commission to co-ordinate and intensify Bible production and distribution in Germany has been announced by the Council of the Evangelical Church of that country. This commission will also establish and maintain relations with foreign Bible societies—General Manager.

A survey of present conditions in Palestine will be undertaken by the American section of the Lutheran World Federation. A Lutheran official, who will sail as a pilot foreseen during the World War, is available for service in this effort.

Ten years ago the churches in the United States used to send hundreds of bicycles to China and India and Africa to help native pastors perform their parish visiting in less time than it would take to walk. Now the bicycles when available are being sent by the churches to Europe where pastime and recreation are abundant. In many areas no other means of transportation for visiting their church members. Church World Service is trying to keep a stream of such vehicles moving into the needy areas.

The grand jury of Jefferson County, N. Y., at the conclusion of its regular business, passed a resolution urging the people of that county to renew their faith and halt the "decay of religion."

The only printing in Dutch allowed by the Japanese during their occupation of Java was an edition of three thousand copies of a new Dutch translation, on paper supplied by the American Bible Society. The edition was printed during the Japanese regime, it carried the Japanese date "in the year of war 2065," which is the year corresponding with 1943 in our calendar. The Totanmen were distributed in concentration camps where all Europeans, men, women, and children, had been interned, and where there had been a great demand for educational materials. Permission to reprint this edition was secured by the missionary counsel of the missionaries who were still free. — American Bible Society.

WORK TO DO


Activity. Consecrated, productive activity in kingdom-building! Throughout the denotation there has been a growing desire for such activity. In some places there has been actual preparation made. In a few localities real action has begun.

One such point of concerted gospel work is Indianapolis, Ind. For some months Leo L. Wright, an enthusiastic convert to the Baptist faith, has been leading in an extensive campaign of advertising for Seventh Day Baptists in that area. A wholesale hardware dealer, Mr. Wright is skilled in the art of selling and has been doing an effective job of "selling" for the denomination, using newspaper display ads and radio broadcasts, and making personal contacts among national leaders, including Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, Rev. Claude L. Hill, and Secretary Victor W. Skaggs, have met with Mr. Wright from time to time, giving encouragement and advice to formulate plans. It has become evident that a nationalization of the missionary outreach is the establishment of a church in Indianapolis.

Now that hope is one step nearer realization. The American Baptist Tract Society at its regular bimonthly meeting, Sunday, January 12, officially voted to sponsor a series of meetings in Indianapolis, advancing the necessary funds and giving whatever needed support. The meetings are scheduled to begin Sunday evening, February 16, at 7:30 p.m., Central Standard Time.

REV. Lester, G. Osborn, pastor of the Shiloh, N. J., Church, is to conduct the nightly services; it is anticipated that other ministers from near-by churches may be called in to help with follow-up visitation and personal work. The Shiloh Church is backing this special undertaking in an admirably sacrificial way. The members have agreed to give their pastor a two or three months' leave of absence to carry on the other work, and they not only are continuing his salary but have granted him a cost of living bonus. In addition they are contracting for a substantial amount monthly to supply the pulpit and provide pastoral assistance while the pastor is away.

Mr. Wright, at his own expense, has arranged for the place of meeting, a church ideally located near the center of Indianapolis. Regular services will be held in the church for as long as seems advisable—perhaps a month—and Sabbath worship services will be conducted for the local group already vitally interested in becoming the nucleus of the new church organization.

It is the steadfast hope of Mr. Wright that the results of the meetings will be so startling that it will bring every Seventh Day Baptist to life, ready to work for the advancement of God's kingdom and the denominational new movements across the nation. If, however, the effort is not as successful as anticipated, he is ready to study critically the reasons, with the idea of perfecting a technique that will bring results.

"Each Seventh Day Baptist is to be complimented for standing staunchly by the denomination through these times," Mr. Wright told the members of the Tract Board. "But to stand by is not enough, as admirable as that may be, especially in the face of difficulties. While we should have faith that God will work matters out in his own way, and in his own time, nevertheless we must
FIELD MISSIONARY BECOMES PASTOR AT DE RUYTHER

Rev. Zack H. White of Nudy, Ark., arrived Monday, December 30, to take up his work as pastor of the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church. He comes to the pastorate from work as field missionary in the Southwestern Association. He succeeds Rev. C. H. Dickinson who resigned several months ago to accept work with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Ashaway, R. I.

The new pastor is a son of Mr. and Mrs. James V. White and was born on December 29, 1918, in Rolla, Mo. He was graduated from Rolla High School, Class of '37. He is majoring in art at Salem College, Salem, W. Va., where he majored in art, while studying at Alfred, N. Y., and from Alfred University, School of Theology, Class of '45. He was student pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church when he was at Alfred.

Mr. White is married and has two children, Christopher, aged two, and Martha Lynn, aged eight months. Mrs. White was Miss Marian Jean Edith, Parkes. She is a graduate of Buffalo State Teachers' College where she majored in art. After graduation she taught at Metarie, La., and at Snyder, N. Y. -De Ruyter Gleaner.

"If God intended that we should talk more than we hear, he would have given us two mouths and one ear."

Dr. Lloyd Seager, member of the board from Orland, Pa., echoed Mr. Wright's plea for widest interest and increased effort. Dr. Seager spoke briefly of his hope that a church might be re-established in Philadelphia, the city where a plaque in the street marks the historic Liberty Bell hangs reminders by that once Seventh Day Baptists had a church there. Discussed was the fact that some people, with undetermined plans are being made to help "revive the spirit of the ancients in this great city."

The imminence of the Indianapolis project of course creates other considera-
tions. It was emphasized repeatedly that while the project is a part of the board's Sabbath promotion activity, the work is bigger than just the board; that it embraces the entire denomination in its scope of influence and interest. Mr. Wright, Mr. Os-

be working by every means possible to share with the world the truth entrusted to us!"

DR. ZACK H. WHITE

ON MARCH 25, 1811, twenty-six mem-

bers of the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist

Church, feeling that they should organize a separate church because they lived at a distance from Shiloh, organized the church now known as the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church. The original name given was "The Second Seventh Day Baptist Church in the Western Division of the State of New Jersey." This name was used until 1844 when it became known as the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church. Since that date it has been incorporated as the present body.

During its first year of existence, under the leadership of Rev. Jacob Ayars, its first pastor, the church gained eight new members, and in the next ten years that membership was doubled. By 1851 the membership was 135. In 1902 it had fallen to 88, but has risen again until at the present time the membership numbers 134.

Shortly after the organization of the Marl-

boro Church, a joint communion service was held with Shiloh, binding the two churches together, and this communion service is still held semianually.

In 1851 the first meetinghouse was erected in Marlboro, the two churches from Shiloh, the old burying ground still remains. This meetinghouse was later placed upon the site where is now the present church, built in 1855, now stands.

The Sabbath school was organized in 1840 and has had its cooperation from the church since that time.

Around 1880 the people of the church started a 'chicken-picking' for a special thank offering to the church. This special meeting of the church has continued, gradually turning into a weekend of special meeting.

On October 12, 1946, the annual Harvest Home was held in the church. Rev. David Clarke, representing the Second Century Fund Committee, was the guest speaker. His wife and children came to Marlboro with him.

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CONFERENCE PRESIDENT

Rev. Everett T. Harris

Baptists’ plan for postwar reconstruction

The Commission approved heartily of the work of Mr. Stillman and his associates and urged a wider circulation of their publication, The Missionary Reporter.

Victor W. Skaggs, corresponding secretary of the American Sabbath Tract Society, asked for the privilege of discussing that society’s interests in the Indianapolis field with the Commission. The Commission was much interested in the developments there which have arisen from the work of Leo L. Wright.

Upon invitation from Corliss F. Randolph, president of the Historical Society, the Commission visited the society’s rooms in the Seventh Day Baptist Building on the afternoon of New Year’s Day. Guests on the occasion included J. Leland Skaggs, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, K. Duane Hurley, Franklin A. Langworthy, and Mrs. Albert N. Rogers. Coffee and cakes were served by the assistant librarian, Miss Evalois St. John.

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Plants for Conference

The president of the General Conference outlined his plans for the next session of Conference to be held at Westerly, R. I., August 19-24. He stated that the chief purpose of the conference will be the laying up of the fund of the denomination’s second century of missionary work in China, climaxing in a historical pageant, depicting one hundred years of work in China, to be presented on the closing day of the Conference. Assignment of time on the program to denominational boards and agencies was discussed, and particular attention was given to the spiritual experience it is hoped the delegates may receive.

Mr. Harris reported on a meeting of the secretaries and representatives of boards and agencies during the four-day work held at the suggestion of last year’s Commission. The Commission designed a Calendar of denominational activities as the result of this meeting. The efforts of Mr. Harris in this direction seemed very useful to the Commission, and it was suggested that the work in other years be conducted in a similar way.

Upon inquiry as to the failure of the 1946 Year Book to appear, it was learned from L. Harrison North, manager of the Publishing House, that the volume may be expected in February. Steps were taken by the Commission to speed up the handling of Year Book copy following the conference.

Some of the Commission members called on Pastor John Schmid, of the Irvington Church, to observe his work in forwarding relief packages to Seventh Day Baptist churches in Germany. Sabbath services in the Plainfield and Irvington, N. J., and New York City churches were also attended.

OLD-TIMER SEZ

"I got a interest in schools, m’ churches, an’ denominations in this fine country without ’em. So, I reckon I’m bound to give both a spiritual an’ financial support. It’s an investment."
A BIBLE STUDY

Paul's Sabbath Activities

Broadcast Revealed Keen Beauty (Rev. Elizabeth Randolph, soon after her arrival in Columbus, Miss., to help in evangelistic work through her radio message about the Sabbath day. She wrote the following open letter, published December 15, in the local newspaper.)

As a new arrival in this beautiful city, I was much interested in the radio broadcast by Rev. W. Brannon about Paul's activities on the Sabbath day. The letter recorded in the thirteenth chapter of Acts. It revealed a keen search for truth. Mr. Brannon called attention to the fact that the Sabbath was a day of the week, commonly called Saturday. He made it very clear that it is incorrect to call the first day of the week the Sabbath, for in no place in the Bible is there a command to observe Saturday, the seventh day of the week, as God's holy day.

In his address Mr. Brannon asked if Christian people meet for worship on Saturday today because it is the Sabbath, or in other communities they do. In the town where I was born and raised, the only Christian church in the community held its worship services on Saturday, the seventh day of the week, as the Sabbath day.

These people believe that Jesus expects all of his followers to rest and worship on this seventh day of the week as God's holy Sabbath day because:

1. The custom was in the synagogue on the Sabbath day. Luke 4: 16.
2. Jesus expected the disciples to keep the Sabbath and not to question his actions. He told them to pray that their flight be not in the winter neither on the Sabbath day. Matthew 24: 20.
3. Paul followed the custom of going into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he was stoned to death. He was stoned to say near the close of his life, "I have committed nothing against the people or the custom of our fathers."

Anyone who is interested in the Seventh Day Sabbath may address Sabbath Keepers, P. O. Box 132, Columbus, Miss.

A Woman's Work

Francois Davis, Salem, W. Va.

Word has been received of the death January 5 of Okey W. Davis. He has many friends among Recorder readers, whose sympathy goes out to his bereaved family.

Census of Religious Bodies to Be Taken Soon

The director of the Census is authorized by Congress to take a Census of the Religious Bodies in the United States every ten years, the first census in this decennial series having been taken in 1936. The information is collected through the use of a simple schedule or questionnaire, which is mailed out the churches by the pastor or clerk, and returned to the Census Bureau for tabulation.

Preparations are now being made for the 1946 Census, and the Census schedules will be mailed to the churches early in 1947. This is a most important inquiry, and for its success great publicity and cooperation are necessary. It is the utmost co-operation from the pastors or clerks of the churches, as well as from all religious leaders and officials. The schedule for this census includes a question on the number of members of each local church, with a supplementary question on the number under thirteen years of age. The second question on membership will facilitate comparison among denominations having different programs of religious instruction of their children as church members. There are also questions on church expenditures, Bible schools, etc.

If the statistics of religious organizations are to be of maximum value, it is essential that the return be accurate and complete, so nearly as possible, every church or religious organization in the United States. The census can be completed promptly only if each pastor will participate wholeheartedly in the work by filling out the schedule for his church and returning it promptly to the Bureau. The Census Bureau is a laborious task to obtain returns from the more than two hundred fifty thousand churches scattered throughout the United States, but it can be done; and it is hoped that the church leaders will realize the importance of the census and will do their utmost in the power to help the Census Bureau secure prompt reports from all the churches.

The Census is an exercise in the giving of the gift and will be of enormous importance for the Church in America.

Calm minds cannot be frightened or perplexed—they go on in fortune or misfortune at their own will. Calm minds are like a clock during a thunder-storm. —R. L. Stevenson.
"Our arms are so short and so feeble, but the arm of the Lord is not shortened that it cannot save."

[Three years ago Rev. Leon M. Maltby was enlisting as chaplain in the United States Army. Now he has become pastor of the Riverside, Calif., Church, near where he was born and where he writes in a revealing way as what he anticipates now that he is back in a pastorate.]

The Christmastide has swung around again on those fleet wings of time which bring us all our annual joys and blessings. Speaking of the wings of time reminds me that there have been many changes of circumstances, events, and relationships in the three years since I first became acquainted with the Riverside Seventh-day Baptist Church. On that eve of Christmas the dimmed-out streets were crowded with soldiers; the skies reverberated with the heavy drone of formations of Liberator bombers; and I was a visitor in this friendly church just beginning my work as a chaplain. Now the lights are on again, in our part of the world at least; uniforms of homesick soldiers are seldom seen; even the sky seems clearer with only the swish and whirl of the fleetest wings ever designed by man. And we have now become one of you, thrilling in the love and the responsibility of the relation of pastor and people.

So in this our first letter sent out to resident members, visitors, friends, and would-be friends, we ask a family send the glad greetings of the season in the name of Christ. God has always sought to be known as a Father. The universal feeling of the fleeting wings which became the means by which he came into human relationship to man. The incarnation parted the veil of this world and opened the way to the cross and for our spiritual adoption into the family of God and for the banding together of his children in the Church of the living Christ. We too must stress human relationships. Our love for God and our love for those for whom Christ died must be expressed in human ways. The loving Son of God voiced it when, with tears in his eyes, he spoke of longing to gather them as a hen gather her flock under her wings. So we too should reach out in thoughtful prayer.

As this greeting comes to your home, we long to strengthen the ties that bind us to God and together. Our arms are so short and so feeble, but the arm of the Lord is not shortened that it cannot save. May we let him enfold us and sustain us with the everlasting arms! Thus we as individuals and as a church may look forward to that which we wish for all of you, a Happy New Year.

May God bless you all!

WORK IN LONDON
PASTOR MCGEACHY WRITES
OF PRESENT ACTIVITIES
Dear Brother Burdick:

Thanks very much for your encouraging letter of December 9, telling me the good news that the Tract Society has definitely agreed to make an appropriation of the same amount as that agreed to by the Seventh-Day Missionary Society. Please convey our heartfelt thanks to the brethren of America who have so kindly decided to do this.

I am glad to say we have not been unduly pressed for cash, as I had something saved from the work I was doing at the aircraft office, and we have always tried to be careful. But we appreciate your having it in mind that we might be. Probably it will be a little while before the bank negotiates the draft with the company in America. I received the $65 from Brother Stillman Friday.

We rejoice to know that Dr. Thorsgatte and his family are able to get back to China once again. They will have many problems to face in rebuilding the medical work there. We will remember them in our prayers.

We had a good attendance yesterday for our Christmas Sabbath service in spite of the severe cold. We have had good attendance at all our services this month. This morning we were awakened by a burst of pipe and the water coming through the roof of one of the bedrooms.

I have recently got in touch with another independent Sabbatarian on the south coast of England. Occasionally he attends the Adventist services, but his other views apart from the Sabbath correspond more with those of another sect we have here, known as the Christadelphians. I do not know if these are so numerous in America. I hope to touch with him through correspondence connected with Jerusalem, magazine of the Jewish-Christian Community.

I have not yet had the proofs of the next number of the Sabbath Observer. From the printers, I expect they are busy with other orders for Christmas. Recently all the printing for the MTS. has been increased 10 per cent, owing to a new agreement between masters and employees increasing wages and shortening hours. This is the second such increase within the last year or eighteen months. I see you have many similar difficulties in America with strikes and other labor troubles.

You will be interested to know that owing to the recent deaths of the former chairman and clerk of the Joseph Davis' Charity, from which “Mill Yard” benefits along with two other Baptist bodies, and the retirement on health and age grounds of two or three others quite a number of new trustees have been appointed, and you were made me the new clerk. They will allow me £10 a year for expenses. It involves a bit of correspondence and sending checks, calling the meetings of trustees, etc.

We also collected various items of food from the various members of "Mill Yard" and sent two parcels to Hamburg, to Rev. Johannes Schille and Roger Brun. I see you are doing the same through the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Wishing you much blessing and prosperity in the New Year.

Your sincere brother,

James McGeechy.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — The December monthly meeting of Seventh Day Baptists in Rochester was held at the newly acquired Fred Brooks home on Titus Street. There were twenty-seven present, including three young children.

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Victories in racial and religious tolerance have been hard won at every level. A nation-wide legislation is still much in the formative stage.

To philosophize a little with the Old-Timer, it looks from where I stand as though the present donors to the Second Century Fund have been very sacrificial—gifts of $250, $100, $50, and even $5 coming from individuals or families who are not well able to part with that much according to Better Business Bureau statistics, I suspect. But we have had many more Seventh Day Baptists ought to be sharing the joy of sacrifice in endeavoring a great expansion for Christ at the opening of our second century of organized work and missions. Many more ought to be a part of the home and foreign expansion program through their prayers and gifts.

If you sacrifice some of your personal pleasures or wants, you will have a larger pleasure in being able to say: "Some of my money helped send Dr. Ben Crandall to Jamaica for planning our school there," or "Our investment in the Second Century Fund is already beginning to pay off us a more effective work of Seventh Day Baptist churches in American villages and cities."

David S. Clarke.

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YOUTH WEEK.—An Awakening to Spiritual Needs

CHRISTIANITY CAN MAKE WORLD PEACE A PERMANENT REALITY

By Chase Going Woodhouse

Former Congressman from Connecticut

Pate has assigned to this country of ours the task of leading the nations of the world to peace. This calls for a knowledge of science and more than our great engineering skill which enables us to produce in such volume more than our ability for democratic self-govern ment.

What the people of this country, and especially the youth, must have is a deep spiritual drive to peace, willingness not only to share our plenty with the peoples of the world in order that they may be in a position to help themselves, but a determination to make the tenets of Christianity so strong a force that world peace will become a permanent reality.

YOUTH NEEDS STRONG SPIRITUAL UNDERGIRDING

By Judge John Rogers

Tulsa, Okla.

The home is no longer the spiritual training ground it once was in America. The speed with which we live keeps the family from being the unit it formerly was. The father, if he is interested in religious, cultural, or civic affairs, must be constant in his efforts to meet the young people where they are. How is the mother ever employed or interested in her husband’s work or in providing a home, she will be away from her family much of the time. Meals are no longer such an important part of the home scene. The blessings has for the most part been eliminated. The stress on education is so great that it is a hurry to get to his or her appointment or work.

With this accelerated living, very little spiritual training is given or practiced in the home. There is a greater stress in keeping the home and broken homes. We can live only by the spirit. The predominance of the market-place mind today on the deep spiritual needs of our nation is based on spiritual values. To do this, the church must supply the spiritual education and training that once was centered in the home, and must provide such programs as train ing for service to one’s God and one’s country.

The above statements, written at the request of the International Council of Religious Education endorsing the observance of Youth Week, show that a real awakening is needed. This is needed if the spiritual things of the world is taking place in the hearts of men. This includes a realization of the truth that the only hope for a better world is for better men, and better people come from leading children and older young people to accept

Christ and training them in the ways of following him.

We Seventh Day Baptists can do more in this way to help build a Christian world.

H. S.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

- Young People in Church Services
- Western Association Rally
- Pre-Conference Camp

January 26 to February 2 has been designated as the time for observance of Youth Week this year. This is not just a time to be happy about young people, but a time to make them stronger spiritually.

Churches are urged to have the young people conduct the Sabbath morning services one of the Sabbath days of Youth Week. which really begins January 23 for our denomination. Several of the churches have been doing this for a number of years. The young people of the Western Association will have a rally at Alfred January 26. (The rally was originally planned for and announced to be December 15.) This is another type of program which can be planned by churches for youth.

Conferees President Everett Harris says that the Commission at the midyear meeting discussed plans for young people at Conference this coming August. Please send your suggestions for this part of the Conference program to Rev. Rex Zwikel, Rt. 2, Couderesport, Pa. He is chairman of the Committee on Young People’s Work and will have much to do with plans for young people at Conference this year.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Harley Sutton, Alfred, ST. N.

Churches should consider placing in the regular budget a large item to help pay the expenses of young people to the retreat and to Conference.

Conference as a whole can do much to build a strong Youth Fellowship. It is imperative to help young people feel the value of a fellowship, even if there are but a few young people. Many things can be done to help them see their relation to the other young people of the denomination.

MILTON YOUNG PEOPLE PUT OUT DECEMBER BEACON

Milton young people have published the December-February issue of the Beacon and will have responsibility for the January and February issues. They will appreciate very much the help and suggestions of those interested especially if your church has not been heard from in some time. Support the Beacon. If you know of none Sabbath-keeping young people who are not getting it, send the names and addresses to the editor, Don Sanford.

STILL TIME TO ENTER CONTEST

There is stil time for you to urge young people to enter the Parshad Youth Week Contest. Every young person who has four awards will receive four scholarships in the colleges of their choice.

Young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four who are at least seniors in high school and have not had more than one year of college may enter. Especially those who are working in school or in the church and interdenominational work, such as county and state C. E. or International Conference work, would have a good chance of winning. Other awards, in addition to the first prizes, include all expenses paid to summer conferences of young people.

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OBSERVIVE EVIDENCE

Man’s goodness is evidenced by those qualities of his character which are induced by various adversities, guides his habits, and performs services for others, and himself. — Edwin Dummer.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

DEMONINATIONAL "HOOUP-UP"

(Continued from back cover)

N. J. Church, for redistribution to the Sev enth Day Baptists churches in Germany. Quite a large item was given also.

A beautiful Christmas pageant, directed by Miss Sara Bottoms, was given in the church. Albert St. Hilaire portrayed Mary and Joseph, by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gilmores; King Herod, by Kent Stoodley; Three Wise Men, by Christopher Langworthy, LaVerne Malby, and Nathan Whitford; the shepherds by some high school boys; and the angels by Die young children of Sabbath school. The choir sang Christmas hymns, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Reed accompanied on the organ. Special features were Christmas music by the church. A sumper by Harold Bakker. Rev. E. H. Bottoms told the children a Christmas story, and they were given their gifts from the treasury.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Bottoms had as guests for Christmas their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hammel, of Canton, Ohio. Their son, Charles Bottoms and family, were also with them early in November. — Correspondent.

DODGE CENTER, MINN. — The Dodge Center church held its annual dinner and business meeting in the high school community room Sunday, December 29. After a bountiful chicken pie dinner, Moderator Rev. Earl Bird called the business meeting to order. All reports showed progress and prosperity in offices and auxiliaries.

A report was presented for eight months of work and Pastor Earl Cruzan for four. Also Pastor Cruzan gave a proposed agenda of work for the new year.

It was voted that the committee consider the matter of selecting candidates for the diocesan, and the trustees with the pastor to meet the next Sunday to be a committee to get estimates for building a church basement.

The following officers were elected: pastor, Rev. Earl Cruzan; moderator, Wallace Greene; clerk, Marguerite Clapper; treasurer, Arthid Greene; trustee for three years, Harry Bird, chorister, Mrs. Charles Coogan; assistant chorister, Margarette Clapper.

Eva L. Payne.
Dear Dorothy:

There are about eighteen. I am sending you some pictures of the children. I am Pastor Greene's oldest daughter, Dorothy, and thought I would write to you. I have two sisters, Lois and I are in the Senior class, which my mother teaches. I always read the Children's Page in the Recorder and enjoy it very much.

Two thousand of them that keep the school going. Do you know of anyone who would write to me?

I saw a note in my school paper that there are two girls and five boys. In my Sabbath school class there are nine children. Usually six or seven of them come. Christmas day was quite warm here. It didn't seem like Christmas at all. I went to my sun's up in the sand hills. My little two-year-old cousin cried because my five-year-old brother didn't come to play with her. I guess that is all for this time.

Your Recorder friend,

North Loup, Neb.

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Auckland, N. Z.

Dear Dorothy:

I am enclosing a photo of Rosemary and me, and hope it will bring you loving thoughts of you and the Recorder children.

Dorothy Johnson.

Barber. — Jacob Augustus, son of William and Amelia Barber, was born January 27, 1861, in the Union Church, in the town of New Hope, in the county of Oneida, and state of New York, and was the last to survive. He passed away December 19, 1920.

On August 7, 1880, he was united in marriage to Harriet Ann More, at Hamburg, Iowa. To this union the following three children were born: Daisy, Harry who died August 20, 1941, and Christine. Mr. Barber died December 2, 1918. Mary W. Thorngate of North loop, Mr. Barber moved to Nebraska in 1904, and in 1918 he moved from there to his home where he had since made his home. He was active in the affairs of the church, and had a heavy snowstorm— a genial, helpful person in all community affairs. For six years, he served on the village board for six years and as a county supervisor for six years. In early years he attended the Presbyterian Church. He was highly respected in his community. He was known as a man who had unusually good health and vitality and would have continued in the work of his farms and community until two days before his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Thorngate Barber, and their daughter, Daisy Black of Illinois, and Christine of North Loop; a grandson, Russell Barber, of North Loop; and the great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Seventh Day Baptist church, conducted by Charles Thorne- gate of Dodge Center, Minn., father of Mary Barber, and the Rev. E. S. Sayre, pastor of the Riverside church. Burial was in the North Loop Cemetery.

see our Christmas number for December 15, 1946.

Your Recorder friend,

North Loup, Neb.

Eulala Davis

Dear Eulala:

I am glad you were so well remembered at Christmas. As for myself, I received all the presents my heart could desire. I'll tell you about the presents Pastor Greene and I received the Sabbath morning after Christmas. I opened the front door about seven o'clock and between that door and the street was quite a throng of people. I was well filled with all sorts of kindness, gift, and joy. On top was a pretty Christmas card which said, "From a Friend." Now we are puzzling over heads as to who that friend is. We wish we knew whom to thank for such thoughtful gifts.

It was rather cold here Christmas day. We had a heavy snowstorm — a genial, helpful person in all community affairs. He was a friend to all people. He was a man who had unusually good health and vitality and would have continued in the work of his farms and community until two days before his passing.

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A. C. E.
WHAT SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS ARE DOING
(DENOMINATIONAL "HOO-KUP")

NILE, N. Y. — The annual church dinner and business meeting was held in the church parlors, Sunday, January 5, 1947. Dinner at noon was served to twenty-four. The business meeting was called to order by the moderator, Paul Baker, at 1.30 p.m.

The program was made up of several songs and recitations by the younger ones, and a pantomime, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," in which representatives knelt before the manger cradle while the hymn was sung by Mr. and Mrs. George Cox, with Mrs. Ava Johnson at the piano. While several carols were sung, led by Phyllis Babcock, George Clement drew an appropriate picture. Richard Babcock drew much applause with a beautiful solo.

At the close of the program, Santa appeared with generous treats for the children. As usual the collection taken was presented to the Nebraska Children's Home and amounted to $31.31. For fifty years this Sabbath school has sent collections to this home.

"Chimes of the Holy Night," a cantata, was presented by the choir in place of the regular Sabbath service before Christmas.

The program opened by the playing of several Christmas carols on the organ by Mrs. Warren Brannon. The voluntary was played by Mrs. Ava Johnson on the organ and Mrs. Louise Brennick on the piano.

Soloists of the cantata were Gloria Babcock, Phyllis Babcock, Mrs. Menzo Fuller, Warren Brannon, and Richard Babcock. The obligato was sung by Carolyn Hamer, Delores Cox, Jeannine Brennick and Phyllis Christensen. A large number of voices made up the choir, which was directed by Dell Barber.

The church was beautifully decorated with greens, candles, and blue and silver appointments. Mr. and Mrs. George Maxson were in charge. — Correspondent.

ADAMS CENTER, N. Y. — The Ladies' Aid had a Christmas party December 10 with an appropriate program and a tureen dinner; several men of the church were present also. Instead of the usual exchange of gifts, a collection, which netted over $12, was taken for the Milk Bottle Fund for foreign children.

During December this church collected, packed, and shipped two large trunks and four packages of clothing to the Irvington, (Continued inside on page 49)