**Marriages**

Clark - Mapes. — Samuel W. Clark of Independence, N. Y., and Nora Mapes of Belmont, N. Y., were united in marriage at Alfred, N. Y., September 21, 1947. Dean Alva J. Bond was the officiating clergyman. The couple will make their home at Independence.

Cook - Spencer. — On September 27, 1947, at the home of the bride at Rockville, R. L., Lillian Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar T. Spencer, and Robert H. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neal W. Cook of Westerly, R. I., were united in marriage by Rev. Paul S. Burdieck. The new home will be at Independence.

**Obituaries**


She was a lifelong Seventh Day Baptist, being in early life a member of the old Overslide Church at Berea, and later until her death a member of the Roanoke Church.

On November 21, 1890, she was united in marriage with Thomas Everett Bond, who passed to his reward April 21, 1944. Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Lulla Ann Zinn, Salem, W. Va.; four sons: Urcel, Fulsom, W. Va.; Eston, Weston, W. Va.; Oras and George, Roanoke, W. Va.; two daughters, Mrs. L. B. Taylor and Mrs. C. E. Bonam, both of Weston, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted at the Roanoke Church by her pastor, Rev. Marion Bora, and later transferred his membership to the Battle Creek Church.

She was united in marriage to the late Philip Mattison in 1889. They had no children. Surviving are her brother, Frank Dingman of Coneville, Pa., and a sister, Mrs. O. J. McGolough of Derrick City, Pa., and several nieces and nephews.

She was a member of the First Hebron Seventh Day Baptist Church. Farewell services were held at the Grable Funeral Parlor and were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwoebel.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." — John 3: 16, 17 (R. S. V.)

**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**

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Special Features
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WORD FROM WITTENBERG, GERMANY

My dear Brother and Sister Schmidt,

God’s peace to you and a greeting.

I would have liked to write to you from Chemitz, but I was able to leave right away for a few days to visit my daughter in Wittenberge; that is the reason I am writing from here. When I am home again next Wednesday, I will tell you the number of packages we have received so far.

For three weeks no packages came at all, and we were wondering if you had difficulty in sending, but I assure you that one package of shoes, two packages of dried potatoes, one package of rice, and one of lentils. Oh, how happy I was, for the need here is so great!

Why Do the Innocent Have to Suffer?

We have had such awful drought that the grass is all dried up, and everywhere we have forest fires. Neither potatoes nor anything else can grow in the drought. It seems as though it is God’s punishment for our nation, because the leaders did not recognize Him any more, and we who love the Lord and strive to do His will have to suffer under it too; but we know that our heavenly Father will help us out of all our trials and tribulations and through this suffering we will have a closer walk with Him and feel His nearness evermore.

The Loved Ones from America!

When your wayward son sends you your wonderful oil package was there. You can hardly imagine how much happiness you spread among us with that. I divided it right away and on Wednesday I went to a refugee family that came from East Prussia. This brother used it in the light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but it gave light and we were wondering here. When I am home again next Wednesday, I will tell you the number of packages we have received so far.

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The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society was held September 21, 1947, at 2 p.m., in the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church. The president, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, called the meeting to order. The call for the meeting, as advertised in the Westerly Treasurer, Karl G. Stillman, Westerly, R. 1.


The annual meeting of the Society made at the annual Conference held in Westerly, R. 1., during August, 1947, was presented and ordered adopted and recorded.

Voted that the president appoint a nominating committee for the ensuing year. He named the same committee as was named for the year 1947. Hiram W. Barber, Jr., Rev. Alexander P. Austin, and Elly F. Loofboro.

The year book of Grace High School, 1947, contained a memorial tablet in commemoration of the first centennial anniversary of the Seventh Day Baptist Mission in the society, which was presented to the school by T. M. Chang, principal of the school, when he attended the Conference in Westerly. The tablet was presented by the president, Harold R. Crandall, and given to the keeping of the Board of Managers.

Voted that the necessary action be taken to change the name of the officer in the corporation charter from “Corresponding Secretary” to “Executive Secretary.”

Voted that we adjourn to meet the third Sunday in September, 1948, at the Pawcatuck Church.

The meeting adjourned.

"Man comes into his own when he learns to reflect in his life not alone the God of nature but also the God of history. — James Allen Kestein in The Upper Room.

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Following the annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society held in Westerly, R. 1., during August, 1947, a special meeting of the Board of Managers was held.

Voted that in case there was any question that in 1947 they had been presented with the power of Attorney, that it be so given. (Later it was found that was done November 17, 1944. The record shows it was sent to him. But it was never received, and the secretary has sent a new copy.)

Dr. Ben R. Crandall of Alfred, N. Y. who visited Jamaica during January and February, 1947, and made an investigation of the work of the society, was chairman of the committee in charge of the school and was present at the meeting. He told how a beginning has been made on the long-term educational policy of the Missionary Society for Jamaica. The ideal agricultural and technical school may be nearer the model to be followed.

"Pastor Wardner T. Fitz Randolph is proving a good supervisor of construction as well as mission service.

The cottage at 29 Charles Street has been thoroughly repaired and improved. The Randolphs now occupy it. The big house on the property, to be used as both school and dormitory, has received extensive repairs. The original showy stucco process is now removing the dilapidated siding preparatory to applying a stucco finish.

Some equipment has been purchased, and part of the faculty has been selected for the new school. The greatest need is an experienced schoolman with degrees to act as headmaster.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Ben R. Crandall, chairman of the Jamaica School Committee, it was voted to approve the appointment of the following teachers for the Jamaica school, all of whom will serve without salary or expense to the board for the term of one year: Mrs. Charles L. Smellie, house mother; Miss Icilda Reynolds, teacher of sewing; Mrs. G. D. Hargis, teacher of English and music; Deacon J. Hamilton, teacher of shoemaking.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE RETREAT.

Resolutions on the retirement of the secretares were ordered to be prepared by the president for the October meeting of the board.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

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CHURCH NEWS

VERONA, N. Y. — About thirty of our membership attended General Conference at Westerly, R. 1., with a large delegation in attendance at the Pre-Conference Retreat. The reports of these young people, together with camp choruses sung, were especially inspiring.

The annual Church picnic was held at Schieffle’s Pond. The afternoon was spent in swimming, boating, visiting, and the usual sports.

On “Old Home Day” we were privileged to hear Rev. Jay W. Crofoot’s message, entitled “Bowl of Chop Suey.” Mrs. Iva Davis and Mrs. Sylvia Carr by request sang “The Rose of Sharon.” Following dinner Maurice Warner led in singing choruses while brief remarks were given by Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ford, Elroy Varley, and Alden Vierow.

At a recent Church day, Pastor Polan read an article depicting hardships suffered by religious followers in Korea. Junior and senior Christian Endeavor followed.

The Young People’s Social Club was entertained by Alden and Jean Vierow, with Garth Warner presiding.

David and Mayola Williams, Duane Davis, and Joyce Sholtz are attending Salem College. Muriel and Leora Sholtz (cousins) are students at Geneseo Normal. We sorely miss these young people from our midst.

Through the efforts of the “Helpers Class” our place of worship is resplendent with two coats of white paint.

A splendidly lighted memorial tablet has been presented to the Church by Rev. and Mrs. Polan, Edith Polan, Murdie Baber, Frances Clarke, and Luna Turck. This most generous gift was given in memory of Lieut. (j.g.) Dighton L. Polan. — Correspondent.
A lot of Seventh Day Baptists are asking, "Why aren't we getting more money to carry on Sabbath missions?"

One group of Seventh Day Baptists which is badly needing a Church building has already saved $1300 toward that project. The money was secured by three men giving one day's wage each week for a year to the mission cause. We had a rumpus and had such a good time that the last fellow, whom he had a hard time finding, was thrilled before we will take to anything. But yet, hasn't it always been that way? Christ had to be crucified and His life restored before even His own disciples and followers would take any positive action in His behalf or in behalf of the Christian way of life. To get our things straight, feel the evil, because we know it is wrong and we think we are getting away with something. To have the freedom to be our own parents only thoughts about doing. Young people must be given a Christian purpose; they aren't the job of our parents. Somewhere along the road the majority of them failed in their duty. Those of us who were lucky enough to have the right kind of parents and grandparents will work to give them the peace, the things that are worth while. In his own words: "For a price the hands of God to ourselves and our posterity, to sell anyone on the idea of making a nice, decent living by religious means. In God's touching hearts and sending of God to ourselves and our posterity, to sell himself on the idea of religion. That doesn't mean we should lessen the reverence we show for the Bible and its teachings, but get it of the minds and do the right thing of giving Christ to the people, not getting people for Christ... They have made the Christian way a way of happiness as well as work, for they know that a happy man is a willing worker, and that is exactly what it takes to make the word of Christ spread—a happy and a willing worker."

The combing of religion with a little simple psychology really works miracles. One minister, a Rev. Roy A. Burkart of Columbus, Ohio, used this simple formula and since 1935 has increased his congregation from 225 active members to 3,670 active members, mostly young people. In fact, in the neighborhood high school of 960 students, 275 percent of the student body are active members of his Church. He uses his regular guy sincerity to gain Church members and to get a nice psychology to get them to pay attention to what he has to say. Once, when he was speaking at a high school, the student body, on being told that he was a minister, settled back for a nice, boring program. The first thing he did was tell them the story about the girl who called herself "Pilgrim" because every time he came over he made such progress. That simple story brought them right over on our side. He then went on he was "in." They listened hard to every word. By that trick he was able to give them something worthwhile. In his own Church he had done the same thing; he had given the young people a purpose in life. Someone to work for, a goal that was desirable.

If given a purpose for Christ, this generation will come through and be able to meet the problems and obligations of the world, which we have to put on our shoulders. The problem of peace in the hands of one without the love and understanding that we have had the fortune to "mess." There are so many vital and important matters that depend on the guiding hand of Christ. Young people of the Church must spread Christianity in the best way we can, hoping that Christ's influence will reach the people whose job it is to run the government, make the peace, or feed a starving world. All young people need a purpose for Christ so that their lives will be full of the little deeds and services that make one truly happy.

SERVING WITH A PURPOSE

By Lewis H. May

(Sophomore, Pre-Medical, Salem College)

Given on the Youth Fellowship Program at General Conference, Sabbath School, August 23, 1947.

To start my little talk I would like to misquote the preamble to the Constitution of the United States, in order to get an early decision. We read once several years ago and it was so thoroughly boring that I never played another game. This year one fellow came to college carrying a deck of cards in his hip pocket, and with three other fellows, whom he had a hard time finding, started playing pinochle. They raised such a fund that before the year was over everyone in the school but a few members of the faculty could play pinochle. I then learned to play for no other reason than just to be able to share in their good time. The principle is sound. It will work if you give it a try.

The young people of today need a purpose for Christ; they need a purpose for Christianity. There's no argument there. If given a purpose for Christ, this generation will come through and be able to meet the problems and obligations of the world, which we have to put on our shoulders.

The problem of peace in the hands of one without the love and understanding that we have had the fortune to have, is a big "mess." There are so many vital and important matters that depend on the guiding hand of Christ. Young people of the Church must spread Christianity in the best way we can, hoping that Christ's influence will reach the people whose job it is to run the government, make the peace, or feed a starving world. All young people need a purpose for Christ so that their lives will be full of the little deeds and services that make one truly happy.
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THE PRESENT SABBATH SCHOOL—Its Advantages and Disadvantages

By Ronald Hargis

Student in the School of Theology, Alfred University, Alfred, N. Y.

(A paper prepared for the class in Christian Education.)

The present author points out the importance of their teaching in the minds of the present Sabbath school teachers and their sincerity and desire to be of service is perhaps the greatest point for the Sabbath schools of today.

To deal with the advantages is of no great value, however, if the work is not already in practice, and the need is to point out places where the Sabbath school may be improved. To this end I would suggest several aims, and then take them one at a time and elaborate on them.

1. The selection of teachers on the basis of their training and ability rather than on their willingness to serve.

2. The providing of practical methods of learning that will arouse more interest in the child than to adapt the standard adult lesson to the intellect of the child.

3. The teacher should make the child aware of his importance as a vital part of the Church school.

4. To reveal and to direct the class as a whole, to Christ, their source of inspiration and example.

Take point number one. The Sabbath school in most Churches has relied on volunteers to be used as teachers of the classes. While this method is an easy one, I do not think it could be called an intelligent one. This method is almost invariably used by the lazy or uninterested Sabbath school superintendent who does not want to go to too much trouble, or is afraid of refusing the aid of a willing worker, who is not adequately trained for teaching.

Many ask what are the qualifications of a good teacher, with the thought in mind that anyone who likes children is adequate to teach them. This is not true, and has been proved so by countless costly experiments where teachers, because the dislike, yes, in some cases even hatred, of all things religious. While the ideal teacher would, as in any professional field, be one who has devoted study and research to the work, we know that such material cannot always be found, especially in the smaller Churches; however, such should be an evident fact that the teacher in the Church, loving and teaching, a child would be the public school teacher who has made such teaching a life work. If such teachers are not available, the next step is to give able persons a brief course in the method and means of teaching.

The second point is that when a source of emotional feeling, as it is a need which I felt myself. Too often the Sabbath school lesson is but an adaptation of the adult lesson for smaller folk. For example, the lesson for the coming week is on the first chapter of Hebrews. How can such a lesson be adapted and interesting taught to the child when most adults, my own self included, are doubtful or do not know what the true meanings are?

I would suggest in place of this method that special lessons be made out entirely separate from the adult lessons, with the child specifically in mind. Such lessons would hold the child's interest, where today I have found the lessons do not. Another means of maintaining the interest is the printing of the actual text at the same time teaching them, by the use of their hands in making things.

The building of a map in clay according to scale was tried with great success in one group. The children learned Biblical geography amazingly fast, and never forgot it. This is a result of the teacher's work as any other, if not more so. The child must be shown the part that is being trained in as a future Church, and the part that he is playing in the Church at the time. He must be made aware that he is needed and is an integral part of the Church of Christ.

This fourth point is the most important and aim of all, and yet it cannot be achieved by the teacher. No amount of work to be achieved. Only until we have gained the child's interest can we hope to influence him. In all things the teacher must be aware that the example if not copied is at all times observed, and the influence upon growing boys and girls is tremendous. Thus we should be examples of the religion that we teach.

The Sabbath school is the deciding factor in a cold Church, or a going, growing Church. May God help us to have the latter.

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YOUTH NEWS

Salemville — On September 13, a high school Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship was formed.

Officers will be elected every six months so that there will be opportunity for more members to get leadership experience in this way.

The officers for the first period are: Duane Edgerton, president; Lois Kagarise, secretary; Robert Diamond, treasurer.

Assistants were elected for each office.

The group includes those in public school grades 7 to 12.

Alfred Station Youth Fellowship meetings are held on Friday night.

Two members are appointed to work together in planning and conducting the meetings.

Rev. Luther W. Crichlow of Washington, D. C., spoke to the group one week. The group went to Alfred one Friday night to hear Principal T. M. Chang of Shanghai, China.

The young people of the Western Association will meet with the group for a Youth Retreat on Sabbath day, October 23, when the semiannual meeting will be held at Alfred Station.

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES

This is the season to start a class in your Church for the teachers and workers of the Sabbath schools being trained a need for such courses and this is a time when folks are not as busy as usual and it could be well attended. Courses such as "How to Improve Your Church School," "The Children We Teach," and others would be most helpful.

A word, too, about the "First Certificate of Progress," which is awarded to those who complete four First Series courses and meet other requirements. There have been eight of these awarded during the past two Conference years and all of the people cite from Lost Creek, W. Va. The board is anxious for all of the Sabbath schools to work with the teachers and workers toward this award, which is not an end in itself, but it signifies that a certain amount of preparation is made for this important work.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

A column wherein the readers may freely express their thoughts on Sabbath school. It does not deal in personalities or mere controversy.

Dear Sabbath Recorder Editor:

I found the Recorder of September 29 especially helpful. I hope someone will attempt to answer Dr. Norwood's questions. But I think that if we knew what Jesus had in mind as the true purpose of the Sabbath, those questions would disappear.

In his article about "Unity," Rev. Lester G. Osborn mentions several teachings which we hold as fundamental. Probably he would also include the Sabbath, at least for those who would be most helpful to see its true meaning and possibilities.

There are some who have learned the value of daily living in acceptance with God. The teachings of Jesus about "turning the cheek," or as Paul puts it, "overcoming evil with good." For them, this has become a fundamental of their faith. They may find it hard to say "Yes" to the question of Amos, "Can two walk together except they be agreed?"

An excellent woman of my acquaintance will not enter a Church with head uncovered. (See 1 Corinthians 11: 5) Yet she does not use this as a means of judging or condemning other women who may not do as she does. Yet for her this matter is of such importance that she would not be true to her conscience or her Bible if she did not follow it.

It must be that each one of us holds certain truths to be of such importance that they are fundamental for us, but may not be used as a standard by which to judge others. (See Matthew 7: 1-3, Romans 14: 1-3, 1 Corinthians 8: 5, etc.) It is true of course, when a person's beliefs, or lack of beliefs, result in immoral conduct, or other gross sins, it may be necessary for Christians to pass judgment upon him, as explained in 1 Corinthians 5.

Rev. Paul S. Burdick.

If you have any question about the requirements for the "First Certificate," just write me and I will leaflet explaining it will be mailed to you.

H. S.
IS YOUR LIFE INSURED?

By Rev. Charles H. Bond
Pastor, First Seventh Day Baptist Church, Little Geneva, N. Y.

Sermon given on program of the Committee on Budget Promotion at General Conference, Friday morning, August 22, 1947

Perhaps it was thought out in advance and perhaps I am willing to say I was. Because March 15 was set aside by our denominational committee as Stewardship Sabbath. Because March 15 was also the date set by our government as the deadline for the sending in of income tax returns, I would venture to say that most persons have thought through and listed very carefully what income they have received and have sent in all that the government has required. If they have not paid this tax, they may have to get a lawyer to help them figure it out, but a definite percentage is certain they will have to take out insurance unless they do not consider giving to the Church on a businesslike basis. Here are some ways that you may have to get insurance now.

An old preacher once offered this prayer in a meeting:

He prayed thus within himself: "I fast twice in the week, and I give all that I possess." Our Scripture tells us that he went down to his house condemned. Read again Matthew 23: 23—"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weigher matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." And Peter asked the question, "In what spirit do I give?" And, "Do I just give without following the gift with my prayers and my life?"

God Pays Dividends

Many insurance policies pay what are called dividends. This is the pay which comes with the government. In the Kingdom of God, are there any of the blessings which come from investing in God's insurance? According to the words of Jesus, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." Do we want all of this insurance? Because God's insur-ance is through stewardship. There are some who could pay more than a tenth and others who will not pay any harder on themselves. Every person should pay at least a tenth. Honesty requires some people to pay the tithe. Others accept it as a fair and reasonable plan for recognizing God's ownership. But whether we consider it an obligation or a privilege, surely we ought not to be less as Christians than was required by law.

The Spiritual Examination

In order to receive the benefits of most life insurance policies, we must undergo a thorough examination. Sometimes, the insurance company will require we have the ability to pay, we cannot enjoy the benefits of the insurance unless we meet certain physical requirements. Realizing that the blessings which God pours out we must be able to undergo a spiritual examination. We will not receive the blessings and the benefits of God's insurance just because we pay and have the ability to pay, unless we pass the spiritual examination.

Read again the story of the Pharisee and the publican. Christ condemned the Pharisee. He who stood there in public and made a show of his giving. He should pray to God, but he did not thus within himself: "I fast twice in the week, and I give all that I possess." Our Scripture tells us that he went down to his house condemned. Read again Matthew 23: 23—"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weigher matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone."

"What is the nature of the one who is in the Spirit?" And, "Do I just give without following the gift with my prayers and my life?"

Pay Your Insurance Regularly and Promptly

Insurance must be paid regularly and promptly, or else the policy is no good and we cannot collect. So most of us do not think whether he who has taken a life insurance will be paid when it comes due. It is a must in our budget. But how faithful are we when it comes to paying God's insurance? Many people who do not make a plan and commit the insurance to God's treasury. Strictly speaking, we do not give the tithe. It is not ours to give. We pay it as already belonging to God.

An old preacher once offered this prayer in a meeting: "Lord, help us to trust Thee with our souls." Many voices responded "Amen!" He went on: "Lord, help us to trust Thee with our bodies." The response was a great "Amen!" Then with still more warmth he said, "And Lord, help us to trust Thee with our money." Not an amen was heard in the house, except that of one poor old lady. It would seem that if we are willing to give to God with our bodies and our souls, we should also trust Him with our money.

I Want Insurance

Personally, I like to think of this whole thing as an investment in insurance. We don't have to take out insurance unless we consider giving to the Church on a businesslike basis. Here are some ways that you may have to get insurance now.

The government has set up a definite standard that we must go by in figuring the income tax. Perhaps it is complicated and you may have to get a lawyer to help you figure how much is required. A standard has also been set up so as to how much we shall give to our God. The Old Testament requires that one-tenth be set apart as a sacri-fice and devoted to God's treasury. Strictly speaking, we do not give the tithe. It is not ours to give. We pay it as already belonging to God.

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that juvenile delinquency has risen in direct proportion to the decrease in Bible school attendance. Then when we give to the support of God's work we insure better living, we insures ourselves against thieves, murderers, and immoral living in general. What other insurance will do this?

**Take Insurance Now**

On the back of a bulletin was this statement: "There has never been a year in modern missions when it was a question of getting young life to send; it has always been the lack of money to send them. "Youth has been willing to do its part, but we have failed them." Money is needed for home and foreign missions. "The kingdom of God can never be established by raising money, but it can never be extended without raising it."

The tenth of God's people supports the building by the moderator, Leon Mosher, at 2 o'clock.

**Word from Wittenberge, Germany**

White Thread and Saccharin Needed

Now, may we have a wish? If it is possible, will you please send us white thread, so we can sew little undershirts for the children from the flour sacks. We cannot buy any thread at all.

Also some saccharin, if it is possible. Please forgive me if I ask for these things, but it would help us a lot if you could send them to us.

Since three weeks ago we haven't received a bit of shortening and for the last part of July we got two hundred grams of sugar instead of shortening as the ration book says. When I came here Friday I found that there was nothing as yet this month to buy. We all wish Jesus would come real soon, then all our misery would have an end.

**Take out this insurance now because when you pay regularly you are insured years, not for life, but forever. For God's support of building by the moderator, Leon Mosher, at 2 o'clock.**

**CHURCH NEWS**

**WHITE CLOUD, MICH. — The annual church dinner and business meeting was held in the church parlor Sunday, October 5, 1947. Some painting was done on the building that day.**

The business meeting was called to order by the moderator, Leon Mosher, at 2 o'clock. Reports were given by the church clerk, the treasurer of the Ladies' Aid, and the president of the Auxiliary.

Officers elected for the year are: Leon Mosher, moderator; Minnie Reifman, clerk; Dan Boss, treasurer; Margaret Mosher, chorister; Elma Johnson, pianist.

Rev. Robert W. Wing resigned as pastor of the Church on account of ill health. He will retire and return to his home in Pennsylvania.

A new gas range has been installed in the Church kitchen.

The teachers and parents of the junior department of our Sabbath school gave a party for the pupils after school on Monday, September 29. It was held in the Church basement. Thirty-five children were present. Games were played and a sandwich was served.

Zoe Branch, Corresponding Secretary.

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**SABBATH RECORDER**

**What She Could**

Written by Rev. Angelina P. Allen, Edinburg, Tex., for the Woman's Hour Program of the Southwestern Association held at Hammond, La., August 14 and 15, 1947.

What greater words of praise could be said than those spoken of Mary by the Master: "She hath done what she could!" To Mary, everything has been deeply spiritual. At one time when Jesus was a guest in her house, while her sister Martha was cumbered with household cares—working hard, no doubt, to prepare an elaborate meal, Mary sat at Jesus' feet to learn of Him. When Martha complained to Jesus about Mary not attending, He said, "Mary has chosen the good part which shall not be taken away from her."

Material things vanish, but spiritual knowledge remains, bearing fruit in the life and preparing for eternity. Material things are useful and all right in their place, if not unduly emphasized. Some pastors and families may have gone hungry and suffered for the lack of clothing if it had not been for the efforts of some of the practical women of the Church, sisters, ladies' aids, benevolent societies, Durcas societies—no matter what the name, the aim is the same, to assist the Church to do the useful and try to carry on. The pastor is encouraged and thankful for the women workers who do so much.

Women will often give spiritual helpers, calling on the sick, the troubled, the shut-ins. A wise pastor will make use of willing helpers. Each has a place. The experienced, of course, can do more than the inexperienced, but some are thoughtless and selfish, but most of the women of the Church are anxious to help. A pastor once said that if a woman has lost a child and is in deep grief, I cannot sympathize with that mother as she needs sympathy. If she is a child, but I will go to a woman who has lost a child and will say, "Go help that woman," and her efforts will help, because she understands.

In some said, "It is all right for women to do Church work in a quiet way, but they should not do public work." Paul said, "The women should keep silent in the churches." I do not believe in these views. Who gave these authority to cut this Scripture in two? The rest of the passage shows that these people have put a wrong construction upon it. Paul adds, "If there is any desire to know, let them ask their husbands at home, for it is shameful for a woman to speak in Church" (1 Corinthians 14: 35, RSV). This passage could not refer to a woman speaking for the Lord. Does a woman preach in Church? She preaches to edify, to help people to find and to know God. Paul evidently meant let not the women interrupt the service by asking questions or whispering in the Church. Did you ever see a woman whisper to her seat mate during Church service? Perhaps a particularly strong point was being made by the minister or teacher at that moment. The whisperer prevented herself and her neighbor from receiving the spiritual help intended. She also annoyed her companion, distracting their thoughts and perhaps causing them to miss the point, also embarrassing the speaker. To say the least, she did nothing to show good manners or proper respect to the preacher or to God. Yes it is a shame for a woman or a child or a man to talk in the Church unless she or he is preaching!

A prominent minister in the Episcopal Church in England said, "If a woman wants to preach let them preach, God bless them. It is not so much that some of us wanted to preach, as that we must preach. The call came from God and we could not get away from God to cut in and try to get away from it did not help. The call persisted until finally we yielded, accepting an invitation to speak. Our strength was the spirit and some were converted and we beheld the wonder of God's power and surrendered to His will, feeling that if He could use us we had no right to stand in His way. He told us. We are nothing, only an instrument in His hands."

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**NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION**

The North Central Association, comprised of the Churches in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois, will meet with the Dodge Center Church October 24-26. The theme for these meetings will be "Consecration," as applied to the total Church program. Earl Crusan, Secretary of Association.
Dear Mrs. Greene:

How are you feeling? We are feeling quite well ourselves. This is Sabbath morning and it is very cloudy out and it looks as if it is going to rain. The gardens need rain very much because the ground is very dry, so it will be a blessing from the Lord.

We are looking forward to our services this afternoon because we haven’t had any services for two weeks because of the Annual Conference. Our Pastor Maxson attended the General Conference and my daddy and Uncle Nick, and they had a wonderful time, because they enjoyed the fellowship with God’s blessed children.

I have another kitten now. It’s black and white. It plays an awful lot, and can it fight!

May God bless you and keep you.

Your Recorder friend,

Esther Fatato.

Schenectady, N. Y.

DEAR ESTHER:

I, too, am blessed with good health, and my neighbors declare I am “busy every minute.” You see my hobby happens to be canning, and I am busy doing that. One thing else I came to need for people near and far, even as far away as New York City.

God is blessing us this week with lovely fall weather. And we recall I was attending in his home while we were touring the New England states.

We took a short walk and saw the open fields and the towering trees in front of the capital. This market in Bern consists of the farm folk bringing their produce to town, putting up stands in the middle of a wide street, and when they are sold out they leave the street as clean as if nothing had ever been there. Another strange thing we noticed, there were deep grooves in the streets, and we learned they were for parking bicycles, which are as prominent in Switzerland as cars are in America.

The unlocked bicycles are not often stolen for it is a fine and prison offense to steal one.

Next day Mr. Hudson arrived at 10:45. After lunch he and Uncle Jack dashed off to a meeting that would decide how they were to get to Nuremburg, Germany, while Aunt Dorothy, Tim, and I went to see the bears.

Now the name Bern is a corruption of the German word for bears, and it happens a number of bears were slain on this spot in 1511, when the double ring was kept by the old fellow was seen. The unoccupied bears are still kept by the city, which uses the bear as its emblem. It is seen on Swiss postage stamps often today. We drove through the quaint little city where, every so often, there is a little statue, a kind of totem pole, with flowers and a fountain at the base of the business man, resembling a shrine. We arrived at last at the bear pits. One old fellow was twelve feet tall as he stood on his hind legs, so Aunt Dorothy estimated. We fed them carrots and figs, which we bought at stands near by. One was very old and lazy and the other was a young bear, and as we fed them a crowd of people threw food into his mouth. If they didn’t get it right in, or at least on him, he wouldn’t take the trouble to net it up, and go after the food. I guess people fed them so much that they were not hungry.

That evening we left for Geneva, accompanied by Mr. Hudson. This is strange because of an agricultural land than Lucerne. Though we can always see high mountain peaks in the distance, it is comparatively level. When we came in sight of the lake, the land was completely devoted to wine grapes, and as the sun was setting it was a beautiful sight—the lake, the endless fruit and flower market, the sun was setting it in sight of the lake, the land was completely devoted to grape production, and as the sun was setting it was a beautiful sight.
FOUR MEETINGS IN ONE AFTERNOON THEN, HOME AGAIN

Following the plan of a year previous, North Jersey members of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society went to Shiloh, N. J., where, with the South Jersey members, the regular session of the Tract Board was held Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1947. This plan offers an opportunity for fellowship with the South Jersey members of the board in their home surroundings and lightens their travel burden a little. Since the other five meetings of the year are held at Plainfield, N. J., South Jersey members of the board bear the burden of travel and are to be commended for their faithful attendance.

The report of the corresponding secretary, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, revealed that the major part of his time from mid-July to mid-September was devoted to preparation for and active participation in young people's camps and conferences, as well as General Conference. The contacts made by the secretary and the Christian leadership that he gave, along with others, in this significant work, have already borne fruit. And, we believe, they will continue to bear fruit. The secretary served as a staff member at the Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship Pre-Conference Retreat held at Lewis Camp, Ashaway, R. I., August 14-18, 1947. He arranged an attractive display of Seventh Day Baptist literature at General Conference. In addition to his regular office correspondence, Secretary Skaggs has continued to prepare the courses that he will teach in the School of Theology, Alfred, N. Y., next February and March.

It is regrettable that due to lack of funds the secretary will not be making a long field trip this fall. Of course, miracles are performed. It will take a miracle to make possible the secretary's answering some of the calls for field work and meeting some of the on-the-field needs.

A lack of funds also has halted the printing of much-needed tracts. It is hoped that this is a temporary situation only. Certain tracts are exhausted and orders for them cannot be filled. As soon as funds are available, the stock of tracts will be replenished.

Considerable business was given attention at this meeting of the Tract Board. The standing committees reported.

The Budget Committee through Mrs. William M. Stillman drew the board's attention to the appropriation of $6,000 in the Denominational Budget to the work of the Tract Society for the fiscal year, 1947-48.

Sabbath Recorder interests were referred to the Committee on the Sabbath Recorder for further study and report.

There was a long discussion on the work and need of the Indianapolis, Ind., field.

The regular meeting of the Tract Board, the last meeting to be held before the corporation meetings and the organization of the new Tract Board, adjourned at 3:30 p.m. There followed in prompt succession the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New Jersey and the one hundred fourth annual meeting of the American Sabbath Tract Society of New York. At these corporation meetings the officers and other members of the Board of Trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Society were elected.

At 4:16 p.m. the newly elected Tract Board met. President Frank A. Langworthy, upon the authority of the board, announced the members of the standing committees.

Principal T. M. Chang, Seventh Day Baptist Mission Schools, Shanghai, China, was among the visitors present. Upon invitation of the president, he expressed his appreciation of the work of the board and of the privilege of attending the afternoon's meetings. Mr. Chang also conveyed Christian greetings from the China Mission to the board. The closing prayer was offered by Principal Chang.

At 4:30 p.m., four meetings had been accomplished. Then, it was home again for the members from North Jersey.

PRAY FOR INDIANAPOLIS

Remember, the Missionary Society, through Second Century Fund contributions, "is financing this fall program."

Hawaii, China, and Norway stand united with the Milton banner.
L to R., James Schubert, Rosaline Sung, Leif Ostern.
—Courtesy of Milton College Review.