CHURCH NEWS

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Pictures on the Lord's Acre project were shown at the April Church social Sunday night. There was also special music. Mrs. Harlon Brennan was in charge of the program. The kitchen was cared for by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cox. The tables were decorated with spring flowers.

The official board met with all evangelistic teams Monday evening in the parsonage. A recital will be given by George Johnson, Omaha organist, in June, the date to be announced later. This is a return engagement.

The Church organist, Mrs. Brennan, has asked Mrs. Ehret to play for fifteen minutes each Sabbath in April. Mrs. Ehret will play favorite hymns, if asked before Sabbath. — M. T. B., in The Scotia Register.

The ladies of the Nortonville Church are planning to raise money to purchase a sewing machine for Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills to take with them to Jamaica, to use in their school. The other ladies' societies of the Mid-Continent Association are asked to make contributions. The Dr. Grace Society gave $10, and the Missionary Circle asks its members to make contributions before May 5.

The Dr. Grace Society voted to help pay the rent for the younger children's camp which will be held before Conference. — M. T. B.

HAMMOND, LA. — The first service under the leadership of our new pastor, Mr. Edgar Wheeler, was held on Sabbath afternoon, April 10.

A sermon topic was "A Story to Tell to the Nations. Special music was rendered by a quartet consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Purcell Coalwell and Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coalwell, and a solo by Mr. Earl DeLand.

The service was recorded by Mr. Gerald Coalwell on his "Lord's Acre" recorder. The night after the Sabbath a reception and pound party were held at the parsonage. This gave us an opportunity to become better acquainted with the pastor and his family.

Pastor Wheeler will conduct services in New Orleans at ten o'clock each Sabbath morning, with members there. Afternoon services will continue to be held in Hammond at three o'clock.

The Hammond Church feels a deep sense of gratitude to the acting pastor, Mrs. R. J. Severance, for her services during the past six years.

—Mrs. F. A. Le Blanc.

DIRECTORY OF SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCHES


Jackson Center, one block west of intersection of Main and West Pike Sts., Jackson Center, Ohio. Services: Sabbath school at 10 a.m.; worship service 11 a.m.; cottage meetings each Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Leslie O. Greene. Deacon, J. B. Higbee, next door to parsonage. Phone: 38-R.

Gentry, two blocks north of drug store, Gentry, Ark. Services: Sabbath school at 10 a.m.; worship service and preaching at 11:30; cottage prayer meetings on Friday nights during the summer. Pastor, Rev. Clifford A. Beebe, Box 177, Gentry, Ark. Phone: 186. Parsonage, one half mile west of town.

Little Prairie, three-fourths mile east of Nady, Ark., post office. Parsonage adjoining. Services: praise and testimony 10 a.m.; Sabbath school at 2 p.m.; Preaching third Sabbath in each month, by Rev. Clifford A. Beebe, acting pastor. Mr. J. H. McKee lives in parsonage.

Edinburg, meets in the Christian Church Educational Building at 8th and W. Harriman Sts., Edinburg, Tex. Services: Sabbath school 10 a.m.; worship service 11 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. O. B. Loofbourrow.

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The Dorcas Society of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church has contributed $50 to the Denominational Budget. We are sure that if the information were at hand, many other societies in our Churches would be credited with having made contributions to the Denominational Budget. The Dorcas Society item furnishes a springboard for this editorial.

Yet, here is a source of new life for a lagging budget. When the offerings of quite a number of groups throughout the Churches shall have been sent through the respective Church treasurers to the Denominational Budget treasurer, the budget will stand nearer the proper per cent of payment.

By the time this word reaches Sabbath Recorder readers, another month of "Receipts" and "Disbursements" will have been recorded. As the treasurer's books close on May 31, two-thirds of the General Conference budget year will have passed. Now is the time for Churches and societies and individuals to make a special effort toward raising the Denominational Budget in full.

With God's help, we can do it! Then, let us do it!
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President Stillman writes, "I would like to encourage all our Churches to reproduce this design on their Church bulletins from now until Conference, at least."

IMPORTANT DATES
Western Association — at Nile, N. Y., June 19, 20.
Southwestern Association — with the Little Prairie Church at Nady, Ark., August 5-8.
Pre-Conference Retreat — near North Loub, Neb., August 12-16.

EASTERN ASSOCIATION
The Eastern Association will convene with the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church, Marlboro, N. J., June 11-13, 1948. South Jersey is an especially delightful place at this season, so it is hoped many will plan to attend and learn more about "Christian Living — Every Day, in Every Way."

All persons planning to attend are requested to forward their names to Mrs. Edward J. Cook, 225 Fayette St., Bridgeton, N. J., by June 5, 1948.

Mrs. David T. Sheppard, Corresponding Secretary.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

ONE HUNDRED SABBATHS
OF SERVICE

There Is Hope!

When the duly constituted societies and boards of the General Conference present a positively cogent program to the people, there is genuine hope for the organized work of Seventh Day Baptists. "There is hope!" seems to be the growing conviction among our people.

The Missionary Society, the Board of Christian Education, and the Women's Society have hopefully and helpfully launched expanded programs within recent years and continue to press on toward their objectives. Their plans have drawn us out of ourselves and lifted our sights to higher levels of consecration and action.

These agencies have felt the responsibility of their special tasks for Christ and the Sabbath. Yet, their programs have been channeled along lines of co-operative endeavor.

Just as these agencies are organized for certain work and have accepted specific tasks, so is and has the American Sabbath-Tact Society.

The publication of the Sabbath Recorder and the general printing and distribution of literature are projects of long-standing. The outreach and effectiveness of this work are measured in part by the funds available to pay for such work.

We may have the most consecrated writers of tract material available, writers of vision and common sense, of God-ordained zeal and sense of mission, yet, if because of lack of funds we cannot print the tracts, how can they be distributed? We may be doing our utmost to publish the kind of Sabbath Recorder that the majority of readers apparently want, yet, if because of lack of funds we cannot lease our pictures and resort to other economy measures that cripple the ministry of the Sabbath Recorder, how can we expect results commensurate with the God-given mission?

Good printing costs money in these times of inflated values. If we expect results we must be willing to pay the price of obtaining them, and pay that price.

The American Sabbath-Tact Society has been operating effectively for Christ and the Sabbath through many years by means of the consecrated, fruit-bearing ministry of its corresponding secretary.

Following in a graciously-blessed-of-God line of secretaries, the society is now being served by a young man of zeal and vision, one who is ready and eager to press the field work to the boundaries of the United States in co-operation with the secretaries of our other agencies. Yet, if because of lack of funds the corresponding secretary cannot visit our Churches and lone Sabbathkeepers, attend associational meetings, and inaugurate special Sabbath promotion projects how can the society bear the share of responsibility for witnessing for Christ and the Sabbath?

Such services require funds in these days of high costs. If we expect results we must be willing to pay the price of obtaining them, and pay that price.

In order to more effectively fulfill its mission, the American Sabbath-Tact Society is proposing a campaign of One Hundred Sabbaths of Service for Seventh Day Baptists, beginning on September 11, 1948, and ending with Conference Sabbath, 1950, this proposal being contingent upon the approval of the Conference and upon adoption by the General Conference.

The specific items of the budget for the Hundred Sabbaths of Service over and above the normal annual budget would appear within the confines of the following general items:

Beyond Budget Each Year

Item
Sabbath Recorder
Printing expense
3,500.00
Clerical
1,225.00
Travel
275.00
Total
5,000.00

Printing and distribution
2,500.00
Corresponding secretary, travel and office
1,400.00
Exhibit representatives
200.00
Special Sabbath Printing
900.00
Total
$10,000.00

For two years
$20,000.00

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THE ROAD TO PEACE

Thus far the road to war has not led to peace. In this brief space we do not propose to discuss the merits and demerits of armed conflict as related to a particular issue or situation. The fact remains that when we walk the road to war, we are not walking the road to peace.

As we approach Memorial Day we remember those who, at the call of their country, went out to fight her battles. We decorate their last resting places. We pray that their sacrifices may be in vain.

Yet, they will have died in vain, as will our children's children, if civilization does not act civil. As peoples of the earth progress, the means of self-destruction become more terrible and effective. Talk about self-preservation! Men have not learned this most essential lesson. Surely, after one world war to "make the world safe for democracy," and another global conflict to free the world from aggression, we cannot launch upon a third conflict to free the world from aggression.

That we are in the midst of a "cold war" is evident. That this "cold war" might break into a "hot war" appears possible. Consequently, the time is short. It is later than we think. Mrs. Harper S. Shley, president of the United Council of Church Women, has said recently: "We feel the best road to peace lies in such measures as more fair distribution of food, clothing, and medical supplies among nations. We believe, along with other women's organizations, that intercultural programs can promote understanding, that an international police force is the best way to protect both large and small nations. We also believe that every effort should be made to remove attitudes of racial and national superiority."

Let us support the "nation-wide peace drive" of the United Council of Church Women with our encouragement and prayers. The slogan for the drive is: "Act Now — Mobilize for Peace."

FOOTPRINTS

By Rev. Loyal F. Hurley
Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church,
Salem, Va.

(Sermon delivered at Salem College—substantially as given.)

No, I am not talking about "fingerprints," which loom so large in our present-day thinking; the theme is "Footprints." Fingerprints will tell conclusively who you are—no two people have fingerprints alike. But your footprints will tell where you go, and often indicate what you do, and what you are. Footprints are wonderfull!

Most of you remember the story of Aladdin's Lamp, that magic thing with the power to give one whatever he wished if only he rubbed the lamp while he was wishing. Nearly everyone, at some time in his life, wishes he had an Aladdin's Lamp. But that is only a fabled thing, a purely imaginary something. Nobody can get things just by wishing.

But there is a really honest-to-goodness way to get things desirable, and it lies in your footprints. Moses revealed it to the children of Israel, long years ago. The secret is recorded in Deuteronomy 11:24, and reads as follows: "Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours!" Isn't that easy? Walk on it, and it's yours. Almost as easy as wishing, and it's no failure, either. This works.

I have read the story of a man who was offered all the land he could walk around in a day. He was so greedy and wanted so much that he walked farther away from his starting place in the forest than he could walk back again in the afternoon. In his hurry to get back before sundown, he exerted his strength too much, and fell dead from heart failure. But this promise to Israel wasn't that. They didn't have to walk around the land, just walk on it. As far as they went, as much as they walked on, was theirs. The land of Israel was given them promised to Abraham, and now the promise was to be fulfilled to them. The title to it was in their footprints: "Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours!"

Yes, footprints! How important, and almost magical, they are! I have suggested that our fingerprints identify us. They never change, though we may change in age, in learning, or character. But our footprints! Better watch them, for they reveal so much.

I remind you that our footprints tell where we have gone — since we went into the road of war. We went up town the first three boys I met happened to be wearing just those very shoes! Their footprints gave them away.

Let us see how footprints determine our possessions, also. The Israelites were promised all the land of Palestine they walked on, but the promise was accompanied with a warning that the possession might be either a blessing or a curse. Property means value all right, but it means more. It means responsibility, taxes, insurance, and possible loss. Canaan was to be the enemy of the enemies within it, along with locusts and grasshoppers and possible drought. Blessing and curse were set before them. Their god might prove to be one.

This principle, which we might call "Titles in Footprints," is a universal one. Who owns a mountain like Pikes Peak, or Mount Shasta, or San Jacinto? Those who have seen and loved them, own them — especially those who have climbed them. Who owns a river like the Colorado, the Columbia, the Mississippi, or the St. Lawrence? Those who have seen and loved them own them in the only way they can be owned. The same is true of lakes and canyons, of deserts and cities. The only real ownership is in the footprints of experience seen and loved them, own them — especially those who have climbed them. Who owns a river like the Colorado, the Columbia, the Mississippi, or the St. Lawrence? Those who have seen and loved them own them in the only way they can be owned. The same is true of lakes and canyons, of deserts and cities. The only real ownership is in the footprints of experience seen and loved them, own them — especially those who have climbed them.

Henry E. Warner wrote a poem entitled "The Millionaire," which shows this:

I've got my name on the river.
I've got my name on the sea;
I've got my name on the sun, skies —
They all belong to me.
I've got my name on the cycle, violet
That grows in their corner fair,
And wherever nature has planted peace.
My name is written there.

As far as my eye can travel
From where I stand to the sun,
I've got my name on the shining birds.
And I own them every one!
I've got my name in the shining birds
When they sing when it is new.
But I won't be selfish with all these things —
I'll share them, friend, with you.

There is no deed to the river,
There is no lock on the sea,
Not all the power in all the world
Can take their joy from me.
There is no fence in the heavens,
No vaults hold the sunset's gold.
And earth is mine, and heaven's mine.
All the sun goes cold!

And though I may be a pauper
And stand in my rags apart,
I'm richer than all the kings there are
If peace is in my heart.
The stars are my thousand jewels,
And life is my bread and wine;
And all that I see was made for me,
And all that I love is mine.

A sport is your own when you have learned to understand and love it — and you do not have to be a star, either, to make a sport your own. Flowers are yours when you learn to love them. Whether they bloom in your own garden, or your neighbor's, is your concern. Music is yours, when you get it in your heart and soul. No book is yours till your mind walks through it. No friendship is yours till your heart enters into it; no beauty is yours till your soul absorbs it. The title deed is always in your footprints. The footprints of your body and your mind, your heart and your soul, determine your possessions. "The land of Israel was given them promised to Abraham, and now the promise was to be fulfilled to them. The title to it was in their footprints: "Every place whereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours!"" That's not imaginary like Aladdin's Lamp; that's the title deed to all real possessions.

Came the warning of blessing or curse at the entrance of every road we may travel. And that is because the end of a road is tied to its beginning. When my mind walks through a book, the book becomes mine. When it is an evil book, the evil is mine; if it is a good book, its good is mine. When my heart enters a friendship, that friendship becomes mine. If it is a degrading friendship, the degradation is mine; if it is uplifting, its uplift is mine. I may enjoy the lights and tinkling glasses of the tavern if I will; I can share the carefree and careless company, the breakdown of inhibitions, and the
REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE TRACT SOCIETY

March 5 - May 5, 1948

For one month following the March board meeting, the secretary continued his work at Alfred in the School of Theology. The courses closed on April 2, and after completing the grades, the secretary was free to start for Brooking to keep his appointment for the week ending April 9-11. During the last month at Alfred, the field work in the surrounding Churches was continued as planned. During the time from February 17 to April 1, the secretary addressed the board in its Seventh Day Baptist Churches. A series of meetings was held in three of the communities, while sermons and talks were given in the fourth. The meetings were addressed on some phases of board work.

The secretary returned to Plainfield on April 13. As was to be expected, his desk was overloaded with correspondence and other business. Since his return, he has been attempting to catch up on filing, correspondence, etc., and has spent considerable time on plans for the special committee to be appointed on the needs of the Tract Society to the Commission. Extensive correspondence has been carried on and is continuing. A letter to the pastors or Church clerks was sent out, calling attention to Sabbath Rally Day plans and the special Sabbath Rally issue of the Recorder.

The secretary has received requests from the Women's Board that the article entitled, "Traditions of Men," written by Rev. John F. Randolph, and appearing in the April special issue of the Sabbath Recorder, be printed as a tract. The secretary has carefully considered it, and members of the Distribution Committee have made comments on it. Some suggestions for minor changes of phrasing have been made, but it is my feeling and the expressed feeling of others that this is a needed emphasis in our work. Therefore, I recommend that the board approve the publication of the article, "Traditions of Men," as a tract to the number of 5,000. Changes in text to be worked out by the secretary and the author. Design to be approved by the manager of the publishing house, the editor, and the secretary.

Plans have been worked out for extended field work if the plans for an expanded board program are approved by the board and by Conference. Due to this plan and some other considerations, the secretary requests permission to take a two-weeks' vacation at some time during the months of June or July, when office work and travel permit. He would like such authorization from the board.

Respectfully,

Victor W. Skaggs.

A SUNDOWN SABBATH SERVICE

By Charles H. Palmer

(Written about a group of Seventh Day Ad- ministered in Edinburg, Tex., with whom Mr. Palmer has had very pleasant relations.)

At 5:30 p.m., April 17, 1948, on a per- fect day, a group of thirty-five Christian people drove some fourteen miles from their homes to attend this service. They walked over a suspension footbridge sev- enty-five feet long, through the woods, between huge boulders twenty or thirty feet high (among which were many caves).

After they had enjoyed the wonders of nature till they were tired, they sat down in a secluded, quiet nook and toiled of experiences they had had with animals, birds, etc., or told of experiences about which they had heard. Before the sun had set, they had a song service, Scrip- ture reading, and prayer, until after sun- set.

Then they went back across the bridge, with what brushwood the men could carry, built a fire, prepared sticks for roasting marshmallows, which were fol- lowed by apples, oranges, peaches, pecans, cookies, corn fritters, popcorn, etc., with cold water as drink. Games of an active kind were played (no cards, checkers, dom- inos, flinch, rook, or bingo). After they were tired of good, clean fun, the cars were loaded to capacity with those who had none, and the people started for home, arriving tired but happy, at 10 p.m., after an ideal sundown service and recrea- tional period.
THE SABBATH RECORDER

SHANGHAI SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH REPORTS YEARLY MEETING

(Translated by seniors in the Grace High School)

The Annual Meeting of the Shanghai Seventh Day Baptist Church was held as usual on January 1 in our Church with the chairman of the executive committee in the chair. After the opening exercises of prayer, singing, and Scripture, Mr. Koo called for reports from various committee members. These were somewhat long. The large crowd was served dinner—a gift of some of the more well-do-good-erous members; so the meeting could begin in the morning and continue in the afternoon. It closed with a religious picture shown through the courtesy of the British Consul with whom one of our young men is working. Mr. Lee came out to show the film.

Mr. Tshaung, the pastor, reported:

1. Services are held Sabbath morning for the students, for which he usually invites an outside speaker. The pastor takes charge of the regular Church Sabbath service in the morning except once a month when it is his turn to go to LiHuo. Sunday morning he also conducts a service for those of our Church who wish to come and for many of other faiths who live in this vicinity.

2. Bible school is in charge of Mrs. Koo, our Bible woman and the pastor's assistant in much of the work. This is on both Sabbath afternoon and Sunday evening.

3. Monday evening, prayer meeting, usually attended by regular Church members.

4. During the year twenty-four men and forty-one women were baptized and joined the Church. As one student translated the report, "Seven Christian spirits were received in heaven."

5. Two special evangelistic services were held, one in May and the other in December, pastor and a lady evangelist assisted. Total number of Church members, 515.

(At China New Year, during meetings held for those who did not know Christ, some 200 came out as signifying their desire to know more. Of these at least ninety have expressed a wish to become Christians.)

- Five cottage prayer meetings are held each week, to which Christians and their neighbors come for testimony and prayer.

- Twice, meetings were held on the street by the Church members.

- Fifty-one meetings were held in homes—many, thanksgiving for some special blessing, and funerals at which the pastor has an excellent opportunity to tell non-Christians about the "Jesus Way." On Sunday afternoon visits are made to hospitals and even to the prisons.

- Weekly services are held Sabbath afternoon at LiHuo with a special children's meeting, Sabbath school, and on Saturday morning four people take turns going out. The pastor and Mrs. Koo taking their turns at this. Twice during the year they have had special meetings at Keon Poo where there is much interest in Christian work.

- Two students are being educated at a Bible school in Ningpo for the express purpose of assisting in rural work.

- Mrs. Koo Loo Ming Yuan, who has for years been a faithful and hard-working member and Bible woman, gave her report. (1) The Wednesday evening she has a meeting for those who are new to Christianity. (2) A prayer and testimony meeting is also held on Thursday evening. (3) One afternoon she teaches those who do not know how to read.

- (Mrs. Koo is very modest. She did not begin to report all of the work she does. She is often called out to pray with the sick, to minister to the suffering of poor Church members of whom we have many. Money has come from two sources which we have turned over to her to use just as she finds. So you at home are helping her.)

- Florence Dzau told of the Youth Fellowship Group. They meet Friday evening with a special speaker to bring some message to them. The Church choir, as well as the junior choir which sings for the services held for the fifth and sixth grades on Sabbath morning, and the primary Sabbath school are in their charge.

(Miss MABEL WEST SUFFERS INJURY

Friday, May 14, Miss Mabel West, missionary teacher and long-time worker in the Shanghai Seventh Day Baptist School, needed her ankle and fell on the walk, breaking her hip in the joint. She was taken to the Country Hospital where she was to have had an operation Thursday, May 27, to see if the broken piece could be restored by pinning.

When Mrs. George Thorngate wrote on May 20, Miss West was resting quite comfortably. Miss West's mother, Mrs. Nettie West, is eating some meals with the Thornates. Mrs. Thorngate is helping with the extra teaching load occasioned by Miss West's accident and Mrs. Brier Thorngate's return to the U. S. with her husband. All Seventh Day Baptists join with the Missionary Board in offering sincere best wishes and prayers on Miss West's behalf.

Her address is 23 Zikawei Road, Shanghai 25, China. The post office now supplies a ten-cent air-mail form for foreign correspondents similar to V-Mail. Also for "International Stationary" for China.

D. S. C.

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met in regular session on May 9, 1948, at the home of Mrs. Otis Swiger. The following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. F. P. Seager, Mrs. Okey K. Davis, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. Loyola F. Hurley, Mrs. Otis Swiger, Mrs. J. L. Vincent, Mrs. A. G. T. Brisey, Miss Lotta Bond, Miss Alta V. Horn, and Miss Greta F. Randolph.

Mrs. Hurley led the devotions using John 4 as a basis for thought for the meditation. Mrs. Hurley offered prayer and all members joined in the Lord's Prayer.

Mrs. S. O. Bond read the report of the treasurer showing the following balances in the different funds: Special Project, $221.56; Helpers' Fund, $213.56; General Fund, $164.56; Trailer Fund, $1.45. Total, $601.41. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Miss Lotta Bond reported that Mrs. Donald Payne is not available to serve as the associational secretary for the North Central Association. Miss Bond was instructed to ask Mrs. Earl Cuzan to take the position.

Mrs. Okey Davis and Mrs. Skaggs reported on their work as editors of the Recorder page. Much praise was given to the co-operation of the associational secretaries.

Mrs. Vincent reported that another history had been received. The board urges that the societies which have not yet sent their histories do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Swiger reported for the Christian Culture Committee. Her report was accepted as follows:

The committee met at the home of the chairman April 29; members present, Miss Alta V. Horn, Mrs. Sh. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. A. G. T. Brisey, and Mrs. Otis Swiger.

Plans and work were discussed at length and the following recommendations were adopted:

1. We recommend that our committee sub- mit a list of books for study to the societies; each society to choose a book from the list for study and review it for publication on the Woman's Page of the Recorder.
2. We recommend that Miss Alta Van Horn correspond with friends in North Loop with respect to a suitable place for a Literary-Literature table at Conference, and that we request a local woman have charge of it.

3. We recommend that our women's society subscribe for the "Christian Union," the official publication of the United Church of Christ. Our Council for Missions prefers that the commitment cards issued by the United Council for Prayer, the administrative officers to be appointed, and that the commitment cards be obtained by addressing: United Council of Church Women, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, 10. Y. N. which is usable be sent to Mrs. Wardner T. F. Randall.

4. We recommend that the women's committee should report the minutes of the Ways and Means Committee to the Board of Directors, and by the United Church Women's representatives in Congress, and that the committee on religion in the Local Church be urged to contact the National Council of Religious Education for the use in family worship.

5. We recommend that Miss Greta F. Randolph be the special devotional. Mrs. Seager, Chairman.

The following committee was appointed to make out and submit to the Commission: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. R. F. Swiger, Miss Lotta Bond, Miss Great, P. Randolph.

Voted that $5.07 be allowed Mrs. Seager for mimeographing and mailing the tracts, "Traditions of Men," to Rev. Elizabeth Randolph. Voted to allow the president $5 for her postage fund.

These minutes were read and approved. Adjourned to meet at the old Sunday school room, in the Indian Sabbath school room.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs,
President.

Gretta F. Randolph,
Secretary.

"ACT NOW - MOBILIZE FOR PEACE"

An end to the "cold war" is being sought by the United Church Women, and interdenominational Protestant body, it was announced today by Mrs. Harper S. Sibley, council president, who said that a nation-wide peace drive will seek the support of one million American women.

"Act Now - Mobilize for Peace" is the slogan adopted for the drive.

"We are asking people to mail in one dime, or a larger amount. We urge that this be done as a move to remove attitudes of racial and national supremacy," Mrs. Sibley said. "We believe, along with other women's organizations, that intercultural programs can promote understanding, that an international police force is the best way to protect both large and small nations. We also believe that every effort should be made to remove attitudes of racial and national supremacy.

Women wanting to sign commitment cards were urged to contact local Councils of Church Women, or national headquarters at 156 Fifth Avenue. The cards cost half a cent, and require one cent postage.

—Release.

A GOOD BARGAIN

A good many years ago, a young man asked his pastor, a Seventh Day Baptist minister, if he would unite him and his bride in marriage. "And, if I have very little cash, would you be willing to be paid with a pig?"

"Indeed, that is all right with me," replied the pastor. The ceremony was duly performed, and the pig accepted in lieu of a fee.

Just one year later the young man sent the pastor a larger, better pig; the second anniversary he sent another gift, even better than the first and second. As the years went by, each anniversary was recognized by a gift to the pastor, each one better and of more value than the preceding one.

Questioned as to why he sent such gifts, the man replied, "My wife is a fine wife; better every year; it was a good bargain I made." — As told to Miss R. Marion Carpenter by Mrs. W. A. Thomas of Alfred, N. Y.


A PRAYER

(Given by Dean Alva J. C. Bond, at the First Alford Church, Milton, Mass., during the five minutes of prayer for Rev. Harley Sutton. It is included here because of the inspiration it will bring to those who need it.)

Our Father who art in heaven, Thou art the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and who dost note the sparrow's fall, we ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay, no angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of our souls as it is and let it be entered into and occupied by Thee as the path that led over the hill to the Valley of the Shadow of Death; and as the path that led over the hill to the Church, over the hills to college, and on to the School of Theology here, and out into the work of a Christian minister. Thou hast been with him through the years; we know he trusts Thee still.

We thank Thee for his good wife; for her life of faith and of faithfulness. More closely drawn together in affliction, bind them more closely to Thee.

Our Father, we know you cannot have one world without Thee. But in Thee the universe is one, wholly, and we are one, wholly. Anyhere in the universe the believing soul is with Thee.

We know our friend's affliction is due to some earth cause. Sharpen the minds and increase the diligence of those who engage in research, that a remedy may be found. If his life shall be spared, by medical skill or by miracle, we shall praise Thee.

If not, we shall still be praising Thee for Thy love which goes with us through the valley of the shadow of death — the shadow of death; for there is no death, which surpasses so is transfigured.

For this we thank Thee above all else, we can leave with Thee our loved ones in confidence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CENTRAL ASSOCIATION

The Central Association will convene with the Church at Brookfield, N. Y., June 4-6, 1948. (Miss Bernice D. Rogers, Corresponding Secretary.)

DON SANFORD ATTENDS SEMINARS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Don Sanford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sanford of Little Genesee, was selected to attend seminars at Washington, D. C., and New York City recently.

Mr. Sanford was one of sixteen students from the North Central area of the Y.M.Y.W.S.C.A. attending the seminars. The purpose of the program was to acquaint college religious leaders with the workings of the government and the United Nations, and what our duties are to them as citizens.

Mr. Sanford spent three days in Washington visiting senators and representatives and other officials of the government and connected agencies.

Three days were spent in New York City and Lake Success, visiting the American Mission to the U.N., the Secretariat, and committees of the U.N., and in constructive appraisal of its purposes and functioning.

Since returning to Milton College, where he is a student, he has been asked to speak several places about his trip.

In a recent interview, Mr. Sanford said, "The over-all impression of the tour to me was one of enlightenment and encouragement through firsthand knowledge of the workings of both the federal government and United Nations, with a rekindling faith in them. For, as the proverb goes, "We are apt to be down on something which we aren't up on." — The Bolivar Breeze.

VENITA VINCENT IN PARIS

We dashed around getting our French visas and the boat tickets for home. At 6:30 that evening we hurried to the station and boarded a through train bound for Hudson. We were very comfortable but of course due to the war, things were a bit worn. The food in Paris was good, not poor or scarce as we had been told in other countries it would be. You know, it's a funny thing, but every place in which we have traveled people have warned us about conditions, but we never did really feel the shortage of food on the whole trip.

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English turned up their noses at the Irish bread. The Swiss told us that we would starve in France. So I guess we were just lucky.

August 3, we visited Eiffel Tower, went up to the top in the elevator. You no doubt know about Eiffel Tower and have seen pictures of it. It was built in 1889 by Alexander Eiffel, as a kind of World’s Fair exhibit. It is 1,066 feet high. We saw all Paris from that lofty height. I hadn’t realized Paris was so big until I saw from that high place nothing but buildings and more buildings — they say one can see for eighty-five miles on a clear day.

We visited the Hotel des Invalides (the word hotel does not always mean a hotel in France, but may be a large house or building). Under the dome of this building is the tomb of the famous little general, Napoleon.

Our next trip was in a Victorian carriage drawn by one horse. There were taxis in Paris, but it would be the ordinary citizen who could ride in a taxi at home, so he said. It was a hot afternoon, hence a hot drive to the Place de l’Etoile (meaning pubs where dogs are the stars, because twelve p.m. is a cure for the dog). This was erected in 1816—17 is its mass. The body of France’s greatest general was placed in the dome of this victory monument in memory of Napoleon’s victories. Beneath its massive arch is the body of France’s Unknown Soldier of World War I.

There were many other things of interest in Paris, but we were homeward bound now and must not miss our ship. There were too many ships sailing out of European harbors yet. My teacher, Mr. Summers, at Salem, forwarded a letter of introduction to a French family with whom he had become acquainted while stationed in France during the war. This evening Mr. and Mrs. Beumatlin, contacted by telephone, dined with us. They could not speak English very well and we could not speak French, but they were kind and gentle, who reminded me of pictures of my mother when she was a little girl. She spoke a little English and we got along beautifully.

Sincerely,
Venita Vincent.
of a committee of the whole. The advisory committee sits to advise the pastor in promoting the work of the Church.

Pastor E. Wendell Stephan was called to serve the Church for two years. L. Harrison North, treasurer, Paul A. Whitford, assistant treasurer, Courtland V. Davis, clerk, Nathan E. Lewis, as trustee for five years, and Frederik J. Bakker, chairman of ushers, were all re-elected.

The trustees' report disclosed a renovation of the parsonage just previous to the arrival of the new pastor and family last September, and a budget for local Church work of $5,531, which was adopted.

A committee of the Women's Society, consisting of Mrs. Courtland V. Davis, Mrs. L. Harrison North, Mrs. Courtland V. Davis, Jr., and Mrs. E. Wendell Stephan, prepared and served a tasty ham supper, which was followed by a hymn singing led by Charles H. North, and a film entitled, "We, too, Receive." Frederik J. Bakker, Correspondent.

**Marriages**

**Phelps - Randall.** — On May 1, 1948, Timothy E. Phelps and Kittie Blanch Randall were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Nesbit of Albion, Wis. Rev. Kenneth Van Horn officiated at the service. The new home will be in Albion, Wis.

**Hess - Babcock.** — On March 27, 1948, at 8 p.m., Lois Babcock of Albion and Kenneth Hess of Brooklyn, Wis., were united in marriage at the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, Albion, Wis., with Rev. Kenneth Van Horn performing the ceremony. The couple will live with the bride's father, Mr. Willard Babcock, R. D. 1, Edgerton, Wis.

**Obituary**

**Whitford.** — Kenneth Delynn, son of Algeron and Vernetta Woolworth Whitford, was born October 1, 1878, in the town of Albion, Dane Co., Wis., and passed away at his home in Albion on May 11, 1948, At the age of 13, on May 6, 1894, he was baptized by Rev. E. A. Witter and joined the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, where he was a faithful member until his death. On January 24, 1904, he was married to Gertrude B. Smith, daughter of Charles and Eliza Bliven Smith. He leaves to honor his memory his wife and five sons: Ronald of Mayville, Charles of Milton, Wendell of Madison, Robert at home, Norman who is in Milton College; two sisters, Mrs. Harry Thomas and Mrs. Floyd Vincent of Milton; four brothers, Harold of Albion, Wardie of Edgerton, Elmer of Lincoln, Calif., and Boyd of Milton Junction; thirteen grandchildren and many nephews and nieces; also Silas Bliven, who was taken into the home when a small boy, and there grew to manhood. There was also a son, Winton, who was killed by a speeding car in 1939.

Funeral services were held at the Reuben Telephone Funeral Home and at the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church conducted by his pastor, Rev. Kenneth Van Horn, on Sabbath day, May 12, 1948. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Albion.

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