Adams Center

My dear Mr. Hurley:

I have been interested in the statements in the Recorder that ninety-five dollars a day will cover denominational expenses. I shall be glad to take responsibility for one of those days, in the names of my father and mother (a former Seventh Day Baptist minister and his wife). You will find enclosed my check for a hundred dollars to cover this amount.

... I shall be glad to have this sum credited to the Church of which I am a member.

Very truly yours,

DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

Statement of Treasurer, December 31, 1948

Receipts

December 3 months
Balance on hand Dec. 1 $42.10
Adams Center 77.00
Alfred, First 100.00
Association of and 444.76
Battles Creek 73.10
Berlin 638.36
Boulder 104.09
Brookfield, First 52.95
Brookfield, Second 25.00
Dayton Beach 55.00
Denver 31.25
De Ruyter 23.50
Dodge Center 122.50
Edinburg 20.00
Egan 48.40
Farina 10.07
Fouke 182.50
Friendship 6.30
Gentry 35.00
Healdsburg-Ukiah 21.69
Hebron, First 10.00
Hebron, Second 14.06
Hopkinton, First 84.92
Hopkinton, Second 177.20
Independence 177.30
Individuals 7.00
Little Genese 13.00
Los Angeles 35.00
Los Angeles 35.00
Marlboro 35.00
Middle Island 10.21
Middleton 219.78
Milford 623.28
Milford Junction 271.51
New Auburn 31.00
New York 64.96
Newportville 42.50
Pawcatuck 56.75
Piscataway 247.29
Plainfield 32.00
Richburg 129.50
Riverside 233.84

Totals $3,430.44

Disbursements

Missionary Society $852.04
Tract Society 511.28
Board of Christian Education 507.36
Women's Society 16.24
Historical Society 66.08
Ministries Retirement 243.60
Seventh Day Baptist Building 119.31
Building 55.72
General Conference 283.92
World Fellowship and Service 20.16
Committee on Relief Appeals 47.71
Debt repayment: Missionary Society 90.86
Tract Society 106.14
Board of Christian Education 28.33
Seventh Day Baptist Building 18.27
Bank of Milton, service charge 1.23
Balance on hand December 31 71.93

Totals $2,873.16

Comparative Figures

January 29 - February 5, 1949

The Sabbath was instituted in the beginning when the Word was with God, and was observed in the days of the Word made flesh; where now can there be found any authority for changing or disregarding it? — A. J. C. Bond.
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THE BROTHERS' KEEPERS

OUR BROTHERS' KEEPERS

In the next column appears an article from the "Clipsheet" of the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church. Truly, our minds do fail to grasp this horrible situation. It is so big, so much beyond us, so much out-of-hand.

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Several years ago we heard a temperance speaker from Australia tell an university audience that the United States had let Australia down in the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. Australia's fight against the liquor traffic was getting well under way when the repeal took place. Not only was Australia looking to the United States for moral support but also for guidance in the pattern of progress.

The Sabbath Recorder will be criticized for devoting one page of its precious space to this important matter. Yet, if just one more person is helped to think and pray one hour more about this tragic situation, the investment is well made and justifiable.

Some will say, "Seventh Day Baptists do not need this trash." Some even feel that it cannot happen! Nevertheless, it is happening.

As Seventh Day Baptists we need to constantly bear in mind that we are our brothers' keepers. All Christians need to keep this in mind and to act as though they are responsible for their brothers. If the Christian Churches of the United States would unitedly take a Spirit-guided stand against the alcoholic beverage business, and stand by their stand, the crime trend attributable to liquor would decline overnight.

Let us give it an honest try.

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Our MINDS FAIL TO GRASP IT

The headline reads, "Girl, Ten, Kidnapped, Slain, Body Dumped in Ditch."

The story says that the most important clue is "a smashed half-pint whiskey bottle bearing a 'Philadelphia' label."

The headline is horrible; the story is horrible, the picture of the little girl's life so beautiful where it was dumped by the murderer, goes straight to the heart of any humane person.

The headline, the news account, and the picture do not tell the story. It is impossible for newsprint to convey to any mind a realization of the tragedy because the mind simply refuses to grasp it. We are talking about the murder of little ten-year-old Robert Rieunerton, but the kind of thing which happened to Roberta is happening almost daily to many other little girls — many more than a few years ago.

So far as the English language will convey the story, however, here it is (with the omissions which must be made):

The child had been brutally mistreated and strangled. A garment torn from her body was stuffed into her mouth. There was a deep cut behind her left ear, and her lips were crushed. Finger marks on her throat indicated the ruthless brutality with which her life was taken.

Crimes of this character usually occur to women and girls who are picked up in taverns, or to women and girls who are befriended by her drinking.

If we were to stop all drinking, there would still be crimes of this character, but they would be comparatively infrequent, as infrequent as it was, for instance, in 1920.

If there is any right a woman has, it is the right to be free from molestation of this kind, and the right of a little girl is ten times as great. We say nothing of the rights of parents.— Clipsheet.

The American Business Men's Research Foundation says that there are 175 daily newspapers in 32 states, and 1,950 weekly newspapers, which do not accept advertising of alcoholic beverages. — Clipsheet.
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK
A column wherein the readers may freely express, being as long as they do not deal in personalities or mere controversy.

Dear Editor:
It is a bit unusual for a man to travel over 400 miles from his home for the express purpose of becoming a member of a particular Church. It seems like such a man would be one for Ripley in “Believe it or not.” Strange as it may appear to be, that is exactly what transpired.
Mr. Ralph V. Kime, 3901-A Wyoming Street, St. Louis 16, Mo., traveled from St. Louis to Indianapolis, arriving Sabbath day, December 18, 1948, for the express purpose of becoming a member of the Sabbath Baptist Church of Indianapolis. He returned to St. Louis that night with his heart overflowing with the welcome that he received, and happy in the knowledge that his mission had been realized, and that he truly was a member of the Church.

Ralph V. Kime

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OUR TASK
By the late Rev. S. S. Powell
A Christian may be defined as one who believes the teachings of Jesus, rests upon His atoning sacrifice, drinks in of His spirit, imitates His example, and lives to do His work.
We are not our own. We are each to do the work of an evangelist. That work is not to be considered as exclusively the work of the men in the sacred ministry. All true Christians belong to that universal priesthood of believers, which does not supersede, indeed, the special priest-hood of the ministry but which, at every point, ought to prove a levelling influence. We must learn the command, “Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations,” just because it is the command of Christ, can never grow obsolete. Men are just as much in need of spiritual light as they ever were, and they are hungrying for it. It is the old, yet ever new gospel, that is still the power of God unto salvation, and it will continue to be. There are far too many among us, in this land of religious liberty, in this age when every facility that we could desire for spreading the gospel is ours, that think, speak, or pray for God’s cause in behalf of the lost. We are to be the light of the world, if genuinely converted. Every facility which may possibly be employed for the cause of Christ must be used in that way. Why is it that so many territory is still unoccupied by the hosts of God? If one fourth of the Christians of this age should consecrate themselves and their money as did the Christians of the apostolic age, this generation would not pass away until the blessed Saviour would come in power, if not in person.

May God bless and keep him, and use him is our prayer.
Sincerely yours, in His Service, L. L. Wright.

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How shall we bring this about for ourselves? We cannot move the world, all at once, but we can move ourselves. God can move us. We can go to the work with a right good will, and if nobody else moves, we shall receive our full reward just as if all Christendom had moved. Take your light from under the bushel, we might say, and, depend upon it, those who are about us will see and walk in the beautiful light. Move as if alone and you will not need to move alone.

If there are, not only in other lands but all about us, who are in bondage because they do not know the truth. Their souls are precious in God’s sight. Ought they not to love their bodies? We must learn in the true sense to think of others and to devote time and thought and loving personal influence to bring them to Christ. One has said that this is the sum and substance of the Master’s work for us. All other forms of Church work are subsidiary. This is the missionary work which every true Christian lives to perform. We must feel when he thinks of the unsaved, the divine command and the love of Christ compel His followers to desire, above all else, to rescue the sinner and to dedicate time and resources to bring them to Christ.

We are but organs made to a master touches the keys, Vessels of earth into which God pours the wine.

Harps are we, silent harps that have hung on the willow trees.
Dumb until our heartstrings swell and break with a pulse divine.

The most passionate of our lives ought to be a love for souls. As surely as we go out in the right spirit, in Christian work for the lost and perishing, God will bless us. If we cling fast in the right way, in the obedience to the Great Commission, the Holy Spirit will accompany our efforts and confer upon us added power. It is His own work and He blesses us, unworthy as we are, when, with purified hearts and right motives, we again give ourselves to it.

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ONE HUNDRED SABBATHS OF SERVICE

SABBATH PROMOTION
Mary C. Ayars, Director

Sixty subscriptions have been sent to the Sabbath Recorder. Approximately 20 of these were for the special monthly edition. At the present time we have 196 homes represented on the roll receiving the Recorder, with 122 non-subscribers. It is impossible to state just how many tracts have been distributed. I have endeavored to distribute around 100 per month myself, and 15 adults have promised to hand out or mail 10 each month. This has been done for the past six or seven months. There are 40 members enrolled in the Tract-a-Month Club. Twenty-five extra copies of the special monthly issue of the Recorder, paid for by the Church, have been mailed or distributed.

Several Sabbath “ads” have appeared in the Bridgeton Evening News from time to time. The cost thereof was assumed by the S. S. Department.

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"A DOLLAR A DAY IN '86"
By Dr. Edwin Ben Shaw

This picture was made in the spring term of 1886 of Milton College. In those days all men of twenty-one years were subject to a poll tax of one dollar a year, an obligation which might be discharged by working one day in road building. The nine students in the picture secured permission from President W. C. Whitford, known then always as "the Elder," to take a day from their college tasks, and shovel gravel to wagons which carried it out and dumped it on the mud-based highways. The scene is on the north side of the railroad abutting the cut through the north end of Plum Nursery Hill, halfway between Milton and Milton Junction. The gravel is the ridge made from the excavation for the railroad. Mr. E. H. Burdick, the local photographer, heard about the matter and came out to take the picture. The "pastor," Wm. Davidson, is standing near the telegraph pole, the big man standing near Lester was a stranger, and the boy just happened to be there.

Those in the foreground, reading from left to right are:
7. Not a student.

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"NOT A CLOSED CORPORATION"

In a new White Cloud Church publication edited by the pastor, Orville W. Babcock, this statement of the Church’s position is made. We like it because it says a great deal about the attitude an evangelistic Church should have. And we are certainly — and pronounced for — evangelistic Churches among Seventh Day Baptists and all Christians. The article follows.

The Church and Its Task

The Church of Christ of which this local organization is a part was charged with a tremendous task when Jesus gave the Divine Commission. It is the tangible evidence of His presence in the world today as it carries on its ministries to the members and the community in which it is found.

To some the life and influence of the Church is in evidence as members gather for the regular appointments of the organization, Sabbath school, worship, prayer meetings, Ladies’ Aid, and any other group which gathers members together for a specific purpose.

Without minimizing that function, the Church is much larger and more inclusive than that. The Church is made up of individuals, members who live their lives in the homes and in the places of business and in the offices of any community. The way we live in our everyday occupations is probably the most conclusive testimony of the faith which is professed in membership in the Church. All will agree on this point, that "Actions speak louder than words."

This Church is not and should not be a closed corporation. The doors are open to any and all who would share in the fellowship of our members. So many are ready to serve in any way it can. Members of the Church desire to serve one another and any call of need. The pastor appreciates being called to serve in any capacity in which he is able. Make your needs known. Join with us in magnifying and serving the Head of the Church and in so doing serve our fellow men.

ON HAND

The Missionary Society now has on hand copies of new dramas for use in Seventh Day Baptist Churches. We believe they have potentialities for good dramatic appeal to the missionary cause at large and to devoted Christian living.

Wanted: a Bed, by Mrs. Myra T. Barber (a sister of Dr. George Thornage who is still in Shanghai, China), calls for 11 pianos of moderate cost. (A large part of our production needs and occupies less than 15 minutes in presentation. It appeals for Christian stewardship.

The Sabbath Wins Again, by Mrs. Leun M. Maltby (pastor), is a lively family affair. Conference attendants will know that rehearsal for this play should include synchronize pie eating with speeches! Five players needed; presentation time about 30 minutes; easy staging. The play presents the way humble witnessing brings a change in mediocre living. Requested by Karl Stillman, then Conference president, the Tract Society secured the help of K. Duane Hurley who turned the work over to Mrs. Maltby when he was unable to attend Conference. Mrs. Maltby, we understand, was blessed with the trying circumstances of her husband’s Army Chaplain’s Reserve training coming at the time to prepare for Conference. While at the army camp facility, Mrs. Maltby turned her annoyance into the excellent drama you can have for the asking.
The drama appeals for Sabbathkeeping as a habitual avenue of strength.

WOMEN'S BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met in regular session January 2, 1949, in the home of Mrs. G. H. Trainer with the following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skagg, Mrs. Loyal Hurley, Mrs. John F. Randolph, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. Orla Davis, Miss Otis Swiger, Mrs. R. P. Seager, Mrs. Edward Davis, Mrs. Okey Davis, Miss Lotta Bond, Miss Alta Van Horn, Mrs. O. J. Vincent, Mrs. A. G. T. Brissey, and Miss Greta F. Randolph, with Mrs. Langworthy a welcome visitor.

Mrs. Brissey led the devotions, reading Psalm 103 and a meditation inspired by this psalm. All present offered short prayers.

Minutes of the previous board meeting were read. Included in these minutes are the following unpublished reports:

Radio Broadcasting Committee Report

Inasmuch as Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph feels that the broadcasts are so essential to her work that she has been sponsoring them herself, your Radio Broadcasting Committee recommends that the Women's Board finance the broadcasts for a limited time.

It would recommend that the practice be adopted of sending radio script to the board for approval before being given on the air.

It would be pleased to have copies of the script already broadcast to present to the board.

Mary Swiger, Flora Hurley, Gladys R. Vincent.

...the lessons taught as we worked here, and that in those need of rest and recreation may find it near at hand. May this park be used always as a tiny spot in the eternal kingdom of God....

The people participated in further hearing, singing, and praying, and closed the dedication with a commitment to keep "this garden spot clean and beautiful...remain the same, while that all worthy projects are of God."

D. S. C.

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Christian Culture Committee Report

The Christian Culture Committee met in the home of Mrs. Trainer, November 13, 1948. In view of the fact that Mrs. Alberta D. Batson has asked to be released as writer of the Women's Worship Program, the committee recommends that women throughout the denomination be invited to contribute to this program, which appears monthly in the Sabbath Recorder.

The committee recommends that a note of thanks be sent from the board to Mrs. Batson for the excellent contribution she has made to the work of the Women's Society.

Alta Van Horn, Committee Secretary.

The corresponding secretary sends a letter from Mrs. Jake Turner regarding the need for work in Palatka, Fla. Mrs. Hurley was directed to collect and send Sabbath school material to Mrs. Turner.

Voted, that the Radio Committee be made a standing committee.

The following statement of the treasurer was read:

General Fund $146.31
Helpers' Fund $231.63
African Fund $10.00

Total $387.94

Mrs. Okey Davis reported as editor of the Recorder Page emphasizing the need for evangelistic material for the special issues of the Recorder.

Mrs. Swiger who attended the fourth biennial Assembly of the United Council of Church Women in Milwaukee, Wis., reported to the board the highlights of this conference. The theme was "Thy Kingdom Come."

Mrs. Seager reported for the Ways and Means Committee by letters from Mrs. Scarry and Mrs. Parkins. These minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the president.

Mrs. J. L. Skagg, President.

Greta F. Randolph, Secretary.
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BIENNALE ASSEMBLY

Excerpts from Report

At the fourth National Assembly of the United Council of Church Women in Milwaukee, Wis., in November, 1948, there were eighty-four denominations represented through local councils with delegates from forty-five states besides Hawaii, Alaska, and nine foreign countries.

The board meeting Sunday was taken up with routine business of annual reports of committees and officers until lunch time. The evening meeting began about seven o'clock when the subject of merging was brought up for discussion. The chief opposition was felt to be that the UCCW would be hampered in pursuing an independent program in Church activities. After three hours of discussion, with Mrs. Sibley presiding, Mrs. Sibley asked a vice-president to take the chair. She then spoke very strongly against the merger, saying that after seeing conditions in Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Bavaria she is afraid of concentrated power. Others spoke just as strongly for the proposed merger, feeling that we would gain in prestige, strength, and power thereby.

This discussion was summed up and presented to the assembly by Mrs. Wm. Sale Terrell, state president of the Connecticut council.

It was voted that the question be referred to local and state councils and that material be sent to these councils from headquarters for further study, and that the board vote on the question after councils have had this study and sent their reactions to the board.

Monday was given over to workshops. I attended the one on Christian World Relations. Dr. Robbins W. Barstow, executive secretary of Church World Service, was present and told of that service. The need of homes for displaced persons, and the need for food and clothing in many parts of the world were discussed.

In this group I took the opportunity of introducing myself as your proxy-president of the Seventh Day Baptist Woman's Board and then told of our "Meal of Sharing" here in the Milton Church. It made an impression whether it bears any fruit or not. At a meeting of the presidents and secretaries of the denominations also had a chance myself as a Seventh Day Baptist woman.

Each morning there was a special early worship service and the room originally planned for use would not accommodate the women that turned out. Dr. Siebeleiense of Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., professor of Old and New Testament, gave a Bible study at each service. The remainder of the mornings were given over to business.

The highlight of each day for me was the vespers hour by Dr. Howard Thurman, a colored man from Springfield, Mass. Caligopater, Church for the Fellowship of All People. His musical voice speaking with great emphasis, yet quietly and calmly, of his knowledge of the presence, power, and goodness of God, created a real worship period.

There were many colored women in attendance, and Rosa Patterson, a young colored woman, sang several solos. She sang with such feeling — so easily and simply — that her singing was a worship service in itself.

Dr. Antonie Nopitsch, a German woman, spoke of the great need for material and spiritual help for the women in Germany. She said that after the years of such great material need, the women of Germany are losing the courage to go on. She felt that if there were some way for the American women to send help directly to the German women, who would be allowed to oversee the distribution of the supplies, it would give them a spiritual lift that they need.

Emma M. Shaw.
(Mrs. Elston)
Milton, Wis.

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YOUTH NEWS FROM WHITE CLOUD

BAPTISMS AND ADOPTIONS: On Sabbath day, September 11, five young people came forward and expressed their desire to lead a Christian life and their wish for baptism and Church membership. The service was adjourned to meet at Diamond Lake near the Fowler-Basford cottage, where baptism was administered.

The candidates were: Gary Branch, Joyce Cruzan, Doris Cruzan, Winifred Sage, and Erle Siems. The right hand of fellowship, welcoming them into full membership in the Church, was given on September 18, with certificates of baptism and new Seventh Day Baptist pins. Our prayers and help and material and spiritual help for the women of Germany are losing the

SABBATH SCHOOL NEWS FROM ASHAWAY

Mrs. Dorith Crandall, superintendent of the school, sends the following report of the quarter ending December 31, 1948:

Visitation Program. — On two different evenings visitation teams were at work with good results. Our school feels the need of much more such contacts. Seventeen homes were visited. The teachers are urged to continue visitation at their convenience.

"ALL-DAY CHURCH" AT DODGE CENTER

Since Conference last August, the Dodge Center, Minn., Church has had an all-day meeting once a month. The people bring dinner and, after eating and the dishes have been done, there is a meeting to discuss some phase of denominational work.

The work of the Board of Christian Education was discussed at the December meeting. The records made by Secretary Harley Sutton, which outlined the program of the Sabbath School Enrollment Campaign, were used. There was a discussion after the playing of the records and questions were asked about different phases of the program. Copies of this leaflet, entitled "How the Board Came to Be," were distributed to the group. The board appreciates the promotional value of the program presented by the Dodge Center Church.

Dodge County Leadership School

The Dodge Center Church was host to the first session of this school held Monday evening, January 10.

The courses which are being offered are: Youth Work, Church and Family and Parent Education, New Testament Introduction, and a short course on Visual Aids was given at the beginning of the school.

The Dodge Center Church thus achieves the second goal of the Sabbath School Enrollment Campaign for this year by co-operating in this leadership school.

H. S.
YOUTH NEEDS TRIUMPHANT FAITH
By Edward F. Crane

Probably no generation in the history of the world has faced a greater responsibility than the generation of American youth now in the schools of the nation. They will be the leaders in world affairs during the last half of the 20th century. For the nations of the world are looking to America for leadership in science, in commerce, in finance and — most important of all — in a way of life which will give hope for the future of mankind.

Unless the youth of America have been imbued, through the home, the Church, and the school, with which rises above every temporal defeat, which will triumph over every obstacle of this world, they will be unable to cope with the problems which will face them. Nowhere is such a faith available except in the teachings of Jesus Christ, whose power to save men and to inspire them to save others was demonstrated on this earth nearly 2,000 years ago. That power is still working in the world today. It is the hope of the only hope of struggling and bewildered mankind. — ICORE Release.

TRACTS

We regularly receive tracts from the Tract Society secretary. You will find them in the foyer of the Church. Help yourself. If you who are nonresident members desire to receive more of these tracts, please let us know and you will receive as many as you desire. — Northoup, Neb., Church Bulletin.

ANY BOOK REVIEWED OR advertised in the religious journals, or recommended by your local pastor for spiritual enrichment, can be secured quickly and conveniently from the Sower Bookstore, 23 East Main Street, Madison, Wisconsin. We pay postage or orders for $1 or more when cash accompanies order.

THE SOWER BOOKSTORE
23 East Main Street
Madison, Wisconsin

DEAR Mrs. Greene:

I have been enjoying all your letter exchanging in the Recorder. Aren't there many interesting people in this Seventh Day Baptist denomination of ours! This summer I went with Rev. and Mrs. John F. Randolph (my grandfather and grandmother) from the Berea Church, in West Virginia. I went to three associations and attended Camp Caesar.

At the Brookfield Association I met many nice people and also many pastors I have heard about. I enjoyed the association at Marlboro, N. J. I met Davises and Seagers there.

I never realized that Seventh Day Baptists were so much of a "family." It's just like on big family, isn't it?

At the association in West Virginia I met Jim Randolph. His parents, as you know, are missionaries. He told me many interesting things about Jamaica. He is my second cousin and is very nice. That is where I heard Mr. and Mrs. Groves play the piano and violin. I also met Rev. Mr. Skaggs and his wonderful wife.

I was overwhelmed to realize that all these people from different states are related to each other somehow. At camp I met Miriam Seager. She and I were great pals, and we write to each other now. I learned how to take part in things. I was afraid to give sentence prayers, at first. Now I am not. If only every girl could have the experience I did. You realize that there are nice people in the world that seems so cruel at times.

I wrote to Rosemary Johnson. She is a pastor's daughter, isn't she? I recognized Arapito Road. My hobby is pen pals and I have correspondents from Norway, France, New Zealand, Africa, Jamaica, and all over the states. It is very interesting to learn the customs of different nations. Now when I read the Recorder I recognize so many people's names. I know Venita Vincent and I read her articles all the time. I hope to go to Camp Caesar again next summer and I'm planning to go to Conference at Riverside, also.

We went to West Virginia to see my mother's parents this Christmas and we had a wonderful time. I have been there three summers there and enjoyed them immensely.

I met you at Conference here at Milton once, but you probably don't remember me.

Well I guess I have taken enough time and paper. I hope everyone has happiness in the new year and I would like to hear from anyone who would like to write to me. I am fourteen years old and I love to get letters from other readers.

Sincerely,

Donna Gray.

Milton, Wis.

Dear Donna:

After I had mailed my material to the Recorder, in fact in the very next mail, I received your interesting letter; so I had to save it for this week. I am happy for you that you had such a pleasant trip this summer, for I know from my own experience through the years how helpful and enjoyable your summer must have been. That, of course, was before there were any Seventh Day Baptist camps, so your pleasure and inspiration were greater than mine. My first experience was at Milton Junction, though I had attended associations before that. My next Conference was at Adams Center, where I met Mr. Greene for the first time; it was on the horse block beside the Church. When I went to Adams Center to Conference a number of years later, the horse block was gone, for the automobile had been introduced and how I missed it! Wasn't that a funny place to meet the man with whom I was to spend happily the greater part of my life? As I have attended associations, Conferences, and other Seventh Day Baptist meetings from year to year, like you, I have made such true Christian friendships that I have found Seventh Day Baptists wonderful people, and I am becoming even more sure of it as the years go by. They are indeed "like one big family."

I am so glad you have written to Rosemary Johnson for, as you know, she has...
**CHURCH NEWS**

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — The total to date from the Lord's Acre Project is $865. The one hundred folding chairs were paid for out of this sum. It was voted that the remainder, which is more than $360 be set aside for a repair and upkeep fund to be used at the discretion of the trustees or designated by future action of the Church.

The business meeting of the Church favored continuing the Lord's Acre Project, and the committee, consisting of George and Clara Clement, Vernon Williams, and Pastor Ehret, was asked to present plans for our next year's project at our next quarterly meeting. Thanks were voted to Cliff Goodrich for acting as auctioneer at this year's ingathering.

—Church Bulletin.

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**Obituaries**

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ber 24, 1859, near Skien, Norway, and came to America when she was four years old. Most of her youth was spent in Oconomowoc and Milwaukee, Wis. She was married to Christian H. Rasmussen December 22, 1879, and lived in Dona Ana County, where her husband was a minister and later a farmer. The Rasmussen move to Milton in 1909 in order that their children might have the benefits of a Seventh Day Baptist Church and community. Mr. Rasmussen died in 1911. 

Eight rural Churches in this area, including our Church, have formed the Central Jefferson County larger parish. For the last six weeks of 1948, a local girl, Miss Jean Smith, who is a senior in Keuka College majoring in Religious Education, did her practice work in this parish. 

The Churches united in this movement are the Baptist Churches of Smithville, Adams Center, Honeoye, and Rodman; the Congregational Churches of Rodman and Rutland; and the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Adams Center. In October a new organ was installed. A masked performance was given by the masked choirs of the larger parish. 

In November the Loyal Class sponsored a Church night with a turkey dinner, as has been their custom for the past twelve years. The Children's Christmas dinner with a program and tree was on the Sunday preceding Christmas, in the Church parlors.

Early in December, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams and son Rollin accompanied the body of their aunt, Mrs. Viola Davis Wil-liams of Milton Junction back to her home in Long Island, New York. For Mrs. Williams the funeral service and burial in Union Cemetery.

Our Ladies' Aid society recently entered the ladies of the first day Baptist Church at an afternoon tea and program as a means of keeping the work going in the alternate years for some time. A large amount of clothing was sent for the relief of German families and money to pay for its trans-

portation. — Margaret Stoodley, Correspondent.
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