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active in attendance and work, as health permitted, with his wife in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Surviving him are his wife and two daughters, Carolyn Jane and Mary Ellen; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Smiley; his grandmother, Mrs. W. N. Smiley, and nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, November 18, at the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, by Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph, pastor. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

E. F. R.

Coon. — Byron E. Coon, son of James and Jeanette Crandall Coon, was born November 12, 1869, in Utica, Wis., and died November 5, 1948, in the Edgerton Memorial Hospital.

Elected in the Albion Academy and Milton College, Byron Coon came to Milton at the age of twenty-two and was married on September 29, 1903, to Nellie Viola Coon in New Auburn, Minn. Following their marriage they purchased a farm near Milton where they lived until 1927, when they moved to Milton.

Byron Coon was a loyal and active member of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church through all the years of his residence in the community. He was also faithful in his long-time affiliation with the local lodge of I.O.O.F.

Through the years he has been admired by all who have known him for his industriousness and devotion to his work and to his family. His skilled care of gardens and lawns in Milton was a much appreciated contribution to the community.

Surviving him are his wife; one son, Elwin, of Beloit; an adopted daughter, Mrs. Retta Spaulding, Clintonville; three granddaughters and two grandsons; and a sister, Mrs. J. Fred Whitford.

Funeral services were conducted November 7, 1948, from the Phelps Funeral Home. Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph conducted the service, assisted by Dr. Edwin Ben Shaw, a long-time friend and neighbor of the deceased and his family. Interment was in the Milton Cemetery.

E. F. R.

Lewis. — Kenneth Wayne, son of Paul and Mary Cook Lewis, was born January 10, 1938, and passed away December 11, 1948, at Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, Pa.

He is survived by his parents; one sister, Pauline; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lewis of Riverside, Calif.; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cook of Bridgeton, N. J.; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Rex Burdick from Garrison's Funeral Home in Bridgeton. Burial was in the Marlboro Cemetery.

C. R. B.

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The Baptist (MRS.)

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THE AGED OF YOUTH

This is the age of youth. Every age has been an age of youth in varying degrees. Yet, in these last months of the first half of the twentieth century, youth has surged to the fore. Witness the youth movements — political, social, educational, reform, and religious — now active throughout the world. The shape of things to come is in the hands of youth.

The Test of Youth
As the youth take into their hands the shaping of the future, they will be tried to the limit — they will be tempted to be satisfied with less than the best; they will be tempted to be drawn from their earlier high resolves to a level of low compromise; they will be tempted to be less than honest, sometimes to cover up their mistakes at the expense of others; they will be tempted to desert their highest faith and deepest loyalties. No victory will come to youth!

"No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." The child should think Jesus your man was unwilling to part with the old associations that he might follow Jesus.

The Consecration of Youth
Young folks readily commit themselves to high adventure. In a thousand realms of human endeavor today young people are launching out upon the great adventure. In a thousand of their lives — some upon adventures of sacrifice and service to their fellow creatures; others upon adventures of selfishness and material gain. It is not strange that from the same community, from the same school, from the same Church, even from the same family there will be those who go out to serve others and there will be those who go out to serve self.

The day of self-made men and women is long since past. There are serious doubts that any man or woman was ever self-made. Certainly, there is none today.

Think for a moment, if you will, of those who have touched your life at some point along the way. Are you able to list all of them? Are you sure you did not leave out someone? How, then, can you claim to be self-made?

Moreover, in our state of interdependence, we become united in common tasks and share in mutually common accomplishments. Our faith grows and we become strengthened by these common bonds of fellowship and friendship. We are beginning to grasp the real meaning of community.
**Catalina**

...except Honolulu and Avalon, for which there would be a clergy card issued by... of March 1 to provide this reduced airline fares. He said he would file a tariff with the Board on January 28 for an effective date for sales of United, has sent a letter of intent to the Air Transport Association in Washington, D.C., for the nation...in the history of the world have faced a greater responsibility than the generation of American youth now in the schools, who will be the leaders in world affairs during the last half of the 20th century. For the nations of the world are today looking to America for leadership in science, in commerce, in finance and—in 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 a faith 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...in a way of life which will give hope for the future of mankind.

From whom will our youth catch this invincible faith of Jesus Christ? If not from us? Where is our faith?

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**FOR "FLYING PARSONS"**

United Aid Lines has filed a notice of a tariff which, if approved by the Civil Aeronautics Board, will give reduced air-line fares to the clergy for the first time in history.

Harold Crary, vice-president, traffic and sales of United, has sent a letter of intent to the Air Transport Association in Washington, D.C., stating United's plan to offer the clergy a 25% discount on basic airline fares. He said United expects to file a similar request with the Civil Aeronautics Board on January 28 for an effective date of March 1 to provide this reduced transportation for all ordained or licensed clergy. Such persons would have to hold a clergy card issued by United Airlines for which there would be a $3 annual charge.

The reduced fares would apply between all stations on United's 80-city system except Honolulu and Avalon, Santa Catalina Island. — United Air Lines Release

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**A PREACHER-LAYMAN**

By Rev. Trevor R. Sutton
Jackson Center, Ohio

After a period of six months out of the pasture I am returning, having accepted a call from the Church at Jackson Center, Ohio. It has often seemed that a pastor should have a sabbatical leave as well as our missionaries. Although unplanned, circumstances have given me such a leave after twelve years in the ministry.

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**RIVERSIDE CALLING**

When Conference began at Alfred in 1944, it was very warm. In fact, some thought it was unbearably hot, even some of us from California. To help make delegates look at the weather from a different viewpoint, the "Sun" published a splendid picture of Alfred's Main Street buried under snow. That winter scene would make the cold chills run up and down your spine even though the perspiration was running off your face. We really intend giving you a "warm reception" when you come to Conference. The hope, however, is that the weather will not be unbearably warm. We would have to go back a long way to find a picture of Riverside's main street under snow. As this is written we are having a real cold spell. The "man on the street" often says it is the "worst ever." Those who have the records say 1912 and 1937 were worse. I have no records, nor do I remember what the summers were after those winters. If you think you may need something to counteract the heat, possibly you could clip a statement about us from some of your Eastern papers just now. Bring those statements with you, if you wish, but come to Riverside for Conference next summer. We will do our best to make it comfortable for you.

P. B. Hurley, for the Publicity Committee, 4751 Park Avenue, Riverside, Calif.

P. S. — You folks in the East never awakened in the morning to a more beautiful display of snow decorations than Riverside saw this morning. You will not need to bring your own pictures. We should be able to furnish them now. We may not be able to furnish oranges of any sort, but we still say, "Come to Conference in Riverside."

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**The Sabbath Recorder**

With the first of October I began a three months' employment as full-time pastor at a large first Church in a near-by city. Excellent consideration was given me in the keeping of the Sabbath, with dinners of the seventh day being limited to Heating and an occasional opening of the Church for special events. This experience gave me the opportunity to observe the functions of a large Church from a "junior's eye view," as one not connected with the membership.

In this observance I learned both "do's" and "don't's" in Church work. It has given me encouragement for my work. The experience has strengthened my belief that equipment, trained musicians and workers, and organizations — while they are desired — are not essential for the Church or its pastor in the basic presentation of the gospel of Christ. In the spirit of the love of the Lord and with a "mind to work," the small Church can serve the Lord as well as the larger one, for it is love and service, not equipment and organization alone, that wins souls to the Lord Jesus Christ and nourishes them in His love and grace.

Encouraged by these observances and strengthened by my experiences through worship and service in my home Church, I feel ready to take up again the duties of the ministry. I go forth now with the prayer I may better serve my Lord and Saviour. It is my resolve to strive to be first, a pastor in the contacts with people and their homes; second, a minister in the administration of the ordinances, and other official services in the home Church relationship; and third, a coleader in the organization as the people of the Church grow in their abilities in a program of soul winning, soul growth, and applied Christian living in meeting personal and world-wide problems. My care is to be a "Worker of God" through a free democratic Church and a denomination of co-operative Churches and people who love the Lord.

The gospel needs to be declared far more than it needs to be defended. — James Wiley, in the 'Bible Advocate.'
3. Moral Stamina, and the Holy Spirit. Many in our time feel or observe around them moral letdown. We may not be aware of it, as we may be financially unshakable, with no inner dynamo to lift us out of triviality, boredom, and futility. The Christian answer to this is a released power, the Holy Spirit, who can forward a Christian toward "...to be the church of God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth." God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, is an answer to this longing.

4. Life's Meaning, and God's Kingdom. The whole Biblical drama reveals God as "the source of all blessings, the answer to all needs, and the cure for life's deepest evil, the Meaning of existence, if men can respond in faith to Him as an amazing faith in them." The Church bears witness that God's kingdom is the answer to all. It is not for, hoping for, working for, and if necessary dying for. Christ Himself bade us seek first that kingdom. The victories won for it are impressive, but its final goal is incomparably compelling.

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**THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS IN OUR TIME**

By Rev. Albert N. Rogers

Delegate to the Biennial Meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

"In Jesus the Christ, God has overcome the dark forces that curse mankind, and opened the way to a new life and a new world for those who accept Christ's Lordship in their hearts."

This is the continuous message of the Church but a group of distinguished theologians and preachers headed by Walter Marshall Hor
ton was asked to redefine this ancient mes
gage at the biennial meeting of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in Cincinnati, December 1.

They did so in four particulars.

1. Security and Almighty God. Ours is a time of insecurity. Two world wars in a generation, tearing millions of persons away from their homes and families, have brought us this never equalled before in history. The discovery of atomic weapons has destroyed collective security. We have been living in history. The discovery of atomic weapons has destroyed collective security. The American population is a time of insecurity.

2. Peace on Earth, and Christ the Reconciler. "Modern men do little con-
scious praying," the statement continues, "but we are very much at peace with their whole being, as trees pray for rain in time of drought, or animals for food in time of famine."

The Church bears witness that the Church is in Christ a human answer to this longing. "For He is our peace who has made both one, and broken down the middle wall of partition between us." An appropriate call to the Church itself is also sounded by the theo-
logians, that each congregation, the groups of congregations in denominations, and the Church with each other, should be "the kind of family that makes people wish they belonged to that family." Only so will the world take Christ seriously.

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6. For the care of God's house that it may be warm and clean and light for all services and meetings.

7. For the protection of our Church property by insurance and for any unexpected demands upon us. — $ 5.00

APPEAL FROM ITALY

Attendants at the 1948 Seventh Day Baptist General Conference will remember the letter to Rev. Carroll L. Hill from Libonati Elia of Genova, Italy, which was read during one of the sessions. That letter is here, and also a letter received from Brother Libonati by the Missionary Society secretary. The signature for today: there are calls for free, loving presentation of the Sabbath, and that means a continuing demand for Christian witnesses, lay or ordained. D. S. C.

Dear Brother Hill:

I learned your name and address through the letters of the pastor of Presbyterian Church, Clinton, Wis., Mr. Russell F. Peterson, my personal brother and friend. I have an interest in writing to you, because I AM AND DO AS YOU ARE AND DO THE SCRIPTURES OF THE BIBLE. I was a member of the Seventh Day Adventists, in Washington, D.C., but I resigned from the office of minister, because I do not accept either Leviticus 11, or White, who forms an errorous prophecy. In this respect, I take the liberty to send by mail an epistle of mine (Italian language), in which you will know my spiritual crisis as luther, and things that denomination is. Now, I am an independent pastor and director of a little group of faithfuls.

I ask you greatly, if the Seventh Day Baptist denomination would do all that lie in their power, establishing in Italy a first trial of her spiritual activities? Certainly, our Lord will help in this effort! In a similar case, I would ask to be one of yours, brother. Are there in the U. S. A. Italian communities of Seventh Day Baptists? If so, I want you to answer and give us (my wife and me) a word of hope. Thank you very much for your favorable answer, receive brother, the expressions of my gratitude. Cordially yours,

Libonati Elia.

Via Fara 21-5
Genova
August 9, 1948

P. S. Excuse my grammatical English.

Dear Brother Clarke:

Your letter of October 26, came, and we rejoice to hear you have in your heart a place for Seventh Day Baptists. We have great hope that our God will open a way for the enlargement of your work and the beginning of your spiritual ministry in my unhappy coun-

try. Let us pray for that. We will continue as independent Sabbathkeepers, but I do hope that the Seventh Day Baptist denomination will trust on me in the near future to open the evangelical campaign in Italy. Now, in default of money, we cannot rent a meeting room; we have a private Sabbath meeting in my house. Personally, I am in an unpleasant penurious condition, in pressing need of daily bread, which is beyond often, and keeps no pace with my fidelity to Sabbath truth. No further explanations are needed. The Lord knows all things, and whatever comes, however, we will trust in His love.

In conformity with your good suggestion, I have written, in Italian language, to Brother Fazato.

May God bless you in your work among His saints, and bear you up when you are weary in well-doing.

The Libonati family sends Christian salutations to you, your family, and the brethren in Westerly. Sincerely, for the Master.

Libonati Elia.

Via Fara 21-5
Genova
November 10, 1948

THE SOLUTION OF WORLD PROBLEMS

The secret of successful living is in practicing God's precepts in our lives—then and only then is humanity at its highest.

Without God, how small and helpless we are in the great scheme of things.

The earth, the stars, and the sun all keep in their orbit without our help.

Some denominations think they possess all religious truth— that is a matter of the individual conscience; but that there is a higher Power that rules the universe but few fail to admit.

Worship of that omnipotent Power is in the heart of the organized life of humanity.

Mankind is fretting over the affairs of the world and constantly in fear of war and its terrors.

If we could only come to see that the cure for all our apprehension is in the Golden Rule—men could not be other than kind to each other if everyone did to his fellow man as he do by.

This is plain common sense and does not need to be argued over in world councils.

Shiloh, N. J.

Cora June Sheppard.

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR FEBRUARY

By Myra Thorngate Barber
North Longfellow

Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers"
Scripture: Deuteronomy 8: 1, 2, 7-14, 20.

Lives of great men all remind us,
That he should make our lives sublime;
And practice all the virtues he
Footprints on the sands of time.

February is the big month in the lives of Americans, with the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln to celebrate. No doubt, school children all over the denomination are practising the songs and the recitations, the pageants and playlets, that they will give during the month to commemorate the lives of our national heroes. Their schoolrooms are colorful in red, white, and blue. They are learning to make paper hatchets and logs and most of all, flags. They will also learn that some well-loved poets were born in February. That morning may be among other ageless lines, those written by Longfellow, that I learned in the fifth grade and have quoted above.

I have been living in the past and remembering. I was an older in grades. And that brings me to the subject.

I have been thinking of for some time, and which I think is very appropriate for this hour, that maybe, some day we may have a feeling that we live too much in the past, and are happy to rest on old laurels. Maybe that is the reason we as Seventh Day Baptists have not grown as we should. I think many of us have remembered, that in the wonderful revivals, where the ones who will leave footprints on the sands of time, and how will we do it, if we do not grow in the spirit of worship and advancement in our denominational work?

I was thrilled many times during the Conference held here this summer; I was thrilled with the young folks, I was thrilled with the enthusiasm shown, I was thrilled with being with many from all over the United States. I remember I stood in an hour, at the top of the balcony and looked out on the crowd, and knew that behind me. And I thought to myself, "I am proud that I am a Seventh Day Baptist."

And yet, but a few months before this time, I was explaining to a friend, also a Nebraskan who belongs to an organization of which I am the President, that I am a Seventh Day Baptist. She looked at me and said, "Surely you mean Seventh Day Adventist." And just this summer we celebrated the fact that we had been in North Lorp for 75 years, and this friend lives but three hours away from me. I wonder if it could be my fault that more do not know of our people. We cannot live on past glories and grow. That which happened yesterday is gone. Today is what counts, and we can honor and glorify Washington and Lincoln in our nation, it is our senators and congressmen, and we, ourselves, who are building our nation now. In the same way it is not the pioneers of our denomination who are making Seventh Day Baptists, but we ourselves. It is a challenge to us and we are proud of the heritage and tradition that we have, and our work and witness.

Not so long ago, we had a saying in our American Legion, "I do not want to die for my country, I want to LIVE for my country." I always think of that when we sing the second stanza of the hymn I have selected for this service, "How shall we show our love and gratitude? If they, like them, could die for thee! I think it would be far more effective if we would sing, "How shall we show our love and gratitude? If they, like them, could die for thee?" For in living, I think we do the work we are put here to do. The dead are gone.

To be practical, what is there for us to do? With the 1949 Conference theme of "workmen who need not to be ashamed" before us, we find that we can do much. And first and foremost, I think...
THE SABBATH RECORDER

HIGHLIGHTS OF JANUARY BOARD MEETING

The first meeting of the board for 1949 was held at the Gothic in Alfred on January 16.

Directors present joined in prayer as they were led by Dr. E. D. Van Horn in asking for guidance from God for the coming year.

President A. N. Rogers reported the names of committees as follows: Dr. J. N. Norwood, Committee of Higher Education, Dr. Alfred E. Whitford, Committee on Finance, Dr. E. T. Harris, Committee on Church School Work, and Rev. Rex Zwiebel, Committee on Young People's Work.

The most interesting item from the treasurer's report was the announcement made by the treasurer that nearly $200 had been secured from investments which he had considered valueless.

Most of the items in the report of the executive secretary have already appeared in news items in the preceding December 29th feature. He expressed thanks to Fred Palmer of Alfred Station for donating his time and the use of that equipment in the making of records for the board. Thanks was also expressed to the School of Theology and Carl Maxson for use of the wire recorder. The secretaries of all Sabbath schools on our records were being sent to Churches of the denomination. The First Hebrew Church used the records Sabbath day, January 16.

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OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE
Address: Mizpah S. Greene
Addressee: N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am doing it for him again. He will soon be ready. The January Sabbath Visitor says Sam and Tacy sat up to see New Year in.

Milton's Mother.

Dear Milton:

I am in the second grade this year. I like my teacher and get 100's most of the time in spelling and arithmetic. I have an adopted baby sister. She came in April when she was eight months old; now she is sixteen months old. We call her Aridith and she is very sweet.

We found out that on New Year's Eve the sun set at 5:30, so five minutes early we went down to our candlelit supper table. First Daddy read a Psalm and then we sang a blessing. At 5:30 p.m. we sang bells at the table, and sang "Happy New Year to You." God said that a new day began with the evening and we think it is the nicest way. Sitting up until midnight must be tiresome; besides it is the worldy change of time, Daniel 7: 25.

"WHAT IS GOD?"
By Goldie Greene Thrasher

"What is God?" One day was said to me, by a lad with a tousled head. And with a smile and a shake of the head, "To put him off, I tried.

But he still persisted; "Why don't you know? Does He really live like they say?" he said.

And his eyes grew big and earnest
With a desire to know.
And in my poor, weak head
I tried to explain the best I knew.
"God is a spirit," was the reply, "That's why we can't see Him. He is the one who surrounded all the stars in the space and everywhere else, the one who created the world and all the people in it. He is the one who controls everything, the one who made the earth and everything on it. He is the one who made us, the one who loves us, the one who helps us every day and who will help us when we die.

And our souls and bodies, they feel our pain,
And, in the end, when earth is done,
Waits to bring us home again.
But the lad still asked,
"Why can't we see Him?"

With his big blue eyes,
His question still unanswered.
So I tried again,
"The song of a bird on a swaying limb,
The growing flowers we love to see,
A trickling brook, a mountain dim,
Seen through purple and gold over a forest green;
These are, my lad, things God made me to see.
A friendly word and a hand in need,
All the pain we can ease and the good we can do.

The lad ran off with a happy smile
For joy! At last he knew,
And may Heaven forgive my poor, weak way
Of telling a child what God is to me.

Green River, Wyo.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Dear Mrs. Greene:

We had some snow yesterday and I went out and slid down hill on my sled. I have three sisters, and a baby brother who is nine months old. Virginia and Maxine goes to school. Marcia is two years old and plays with me. Wayne can't walk but gets all over in his walker. I have a dog named Erroll and a cat.

We all went to the special Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma Nelson, and New Year's Day we went to Milton to a family gathering at Universal Charles and Aunt Mable Nelson's. I am four years old. Virginia and Maxine have written to you before but this is my first letter.

Your fatu.

Walter Martin Basler.

R. 3, Cuba Rd.,
Barrington, Ill.

Dear Walter and Marcia:

I must wait until later to answer your letters.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Milton:

Thank you and your dear mother for your good letter, and please say thank you for me to your daddy and mother for the generous gift they sent me. I hope they know how much it is appreciated.

Now I must close this letter and leave room for more children's letters.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene

Dear Milton Davis,

1046 W. Taylor,
Phoenix, Ariz.

I received a doll and a big ball for Christmas. Santa gave me a game of "Old Maid" on the tree at Church. We went to Grandpa and Grandma Nelson's for Christmas. Aunt Elsie Rood was there, too. Wayne is a big boy. He weighs thirty pounds.

With a happy smile
I sent our hearty salutations to all the children.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I am happy to be welcomed to your home. I have three more children's letters this week, and think it is a fine idea that you have written again and hope you will do so.

Mrs. Greene,
Phoenix, Ariz.

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Yours in Christian love,
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Dear Milton:

Every first Sabbath of a new month we have a greater meeting in our Church; then many members are coming from the environs, from Thuringia and elsewhere. We have a great deal of worship and music. Our German friends, Peter and Axel Schander are well received. Hardly a week goes by without someone whom we meet well received. We are now writing again and hope you will do so.

Dear Walte.

I am convinced that it is more blessed to give than to receive.

But he still persisted; "Why don't you know? Does He really live like they say?" he said.

And his eyes grew big and earnest
With a desire to know.
And in my poor, weak head
I tried to explain the best I knew.
"God is a spirit," was the reply, "That's why we can't see Him. He is the one who surrounded all the stars in the space and everywhere else, the one who created the world and all the people in it. He is the one who made us, the one who loves us, the one who helps us every day and who will help us when we die.

And our souls and bodies, they feel our pain,
And, in the end, when earth is done,
Waits to bring us home again.
But the lad still asked,
"Why can't we see Him?"

With his big blue eyes,
His question still unanswered.
So I tried again,
"The song of a bird on a swaying limb,
The growing flowers we love to see,
A trickling brook, a mountain dim,
Seen through purple and gold over a forest green;
These are, my lad, things God made me to see.
A friendly word and a hand in need,
All the pain we can ease and the good we can do.

The lad ran off with a happy smile
For joy! At last he knew,
And may Heaven forgive my poor, weak way
Of telling a child what God is to me.

Green River, Wyo.

NEW SABBATH SCHOOL OFFICERS AT WHITE CLOUD

New officers are elected every six months. Officers elected on January 8 were: Superintendent, Dan Boss; assistant superintendent, Leon Mosher; secretary-treasurer, Mabel Babcock; assistant secretary-treasurer, Joan Johnson; pianist, Naomi Vandenberg; assistant pianist, Dorothy Blake; chorister, Margaret Sage; assistant chorister, Clyde Branch; junior superintendent, Zoe Branch; assistant junior superintendent, Minnie Reefman; and cradle roll superintendent, Ruth Crazan.

SHILOH BULLETIN EXTRA

Mrs. Hattie Borum, Feriss Whitford, Mrs. Mae Bell, and Mrs. Oral Reeland.

The night was chilly and cold but the hay ride and singing were fun. The powerful "iron horse" stood faithfully but Pilot Gordon Sanford kept a steady hand on the reins as we traveled.

We received a warm welcome everywhere we stopped, but we had a hot time over Lewis Champlin. Mrs. Champlin was all ready with piping hot cocoa, cookies, and candy — nothing ever tasted better.

We went home from the carol singing convinced that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

OUR RADIO BROADCAST

"The News and the Bible"

Our radio ministry is in its' ninth season, with a total of 263 broadcasts to the end of 1948. The new series is being well received. Hardly a week goes by without someone whom we meet well received. We are now writing again and hope you will do so often.

I think it is a fine idea that you have a special meeting in your Church every month; it helps to increase the interest. I must make my letter short this time as I have more children's letters this week, and wish to get them in.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Milton:

I am in the second grade this year. I like my teacher and get 100's most of the time in spelling and arithmetic. I have an adopted baby sister. She came in April when she was eight months old; now she is sixteen months old. We call her Aridith and she is very sweet.

We found out that on New Year's Eve the sun set at 5:30, so five minutes early we went down to our candlelit supper table. First Daddy read a Psalm and then we sang a blessing. At 5:30 p.m. we sang bells at the table, and sang "Happy New Year to You." God said that a new day began with the evening and we think it is the nicest way. Sitting up until midnight must be tiresome; besides it is the worldly change of time, Daniel 7: 25.

Our German friends, Peter and Axel Schander.

Halle, Salle,
Martha Brantstchstr 12,
Germany.

Dear Peter and Axel:

Have you your address right this time? I hope so. You see, no two of us form our letters exactly alike and that's why I made the mistake in your former letter. I was very much pleased that you have written again and hope you will do so often.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — The annual meeting of the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church was held in the Church on January 9, at 10 o'clock, with Dr. Josie Rogers, vice-president, in the chair.

Reports were given by the pastor and by the officers of the Church and from the Church Aid, which includes here both men and women, from the Sabbath school, and by the Committee on Work in Putnam County.

Special votes of thanks were given to Mrs. Edmund R. Gavitt for her very efficient service as treasurer. Dora K. Degen, secretary-treasurer. Dr. W. A. Titworth, president; Miss Mabel T. Rogers, vice-president; L. Emile Babcock, clerk; Mrs. Edmund R. Gavitt, treasurer; Frank Jones, Correspondent; Dr. J. N. Norwood, trustees. Dr. Josie Rogers was elected trustee emeritus with special expressions of appreciation for seventeen years of service on the board of trustees. Mrs. C. M. Rogers for her long and faithful service as pianist.

Following the report of the nominating committee given by the chairman, Jesus Randolph, officers were elected for 1949 as follows: Dr. W. A. Titworth, president; Miss Mabel T. Rogers, vice-president; L. Emile Babcock, clerk; Mrs. Edmund R. Gavitt, treasurer; Frank Jones, Correspondent; Dr. J. N. Norwood, trustees. Dr. Josie Rogers was elected trustee emeritus with special expressions of appreciation for seventeen years of service on the board of trustees. Mrs. C. M. Rogers was elected as pianist, with Mrs. Royal Cottrell as assistant.

A unanimous call for 1949 was given by Dr. W. A. Titworth. The Rev. J. W. Crofoot. Dr. Crofoot's report of his forty-seven weeks of service for this Church showed that in addition to his regular preaching and radio talks he has spoken eight times in Putnam County and has made about 150 calls on Church people, including people as far south as Miami.

After the business meeting a dinner was served in the social hall to forty people. The chairman in charge was Mrs. Royal Cottrell.

In the afternoon a business meeting of the Sabbath school was held. In addition to the routine reports given and business transacted, officers were elected as follows: L. Emile Babcock, superintendent; Garrel F. Bakker, assistant superintendent; Dr. W. A. Titworth, secretary-treasurer. — Dora K. Degen, Correspondent.

MILTON, WIS. — The Christmas and New Year season was appropriately celebrated by the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and congregation.

In the period immediately preceding Christmas some of the adult Bible school classes held special Christmas parties and the primary department had a program and party. On Christmas day, at the prayer meeting hour, a worship program of carols, readings, Scripture, prayer, and a "Litany for Christmas" was presented. On Christmas afternoon the congregation was in keeping with the day and included a presentation of babies, organ music, anthems, carols, and meditation. The day of worship closed with a vesper program of music and readings. The choir led the congregation in singing familiar carols and choruses from the "Messiah," closing with the "Hallelujah Chorus." At this time the White Gifts from the Sabbath school classes were presented which amounted to $194.80.

On New Year's Eve the program with other numbers included the reading of the poem, "Another Year Is Dawning," singing the hymns, "Ring Out Wild Bells" and "Standing at the Portal," a solo, "Light;" and a meditation on St. Sophia's theme for the new year. The entire service was given to various causes — a missionary pastor on the home field, the Jamaica Mission, German and China relief, and the Indiana tobacco campaign.

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The members of the Milton Church departed from their usual custom of a formal Church dinner and business meetings both forenoon and afternoon. Instead, they enjoyed a potluck dinner and held a single business session in the afternoon. Weekly reports for this week were presented on Sunday, January 2, Pastor Elmo Fitz Fandolph, after four years of service, was called to the pastorate for another year, with an increase in salary. Other officers elected were: Edward R. Reed, president; Bernice Todt, clerk; Truman G. Lippincott, treasurer; J. Fred Whitcomb, Sabbath school superintendent.

A portable record player for use in the education program has been given to the Church by a lady member. The Church has provided a bulletin cover for a year. During 1948 new members have been added to the Church by letter and by baptism and the membership has increased. The attendance upon Sabbath morning worship. The primary department of the Sabbath school is outgrowing its quarters. These things seem to be an indication of growth and give renewed hope for the days to come. — Abbie B. Van Horn, Correspondent.

ALFRED, N. Y. — The holiday season this year was observed in a variety of enjoyable ways, beginning Sunday evening, December 5, when the university chorus and orchestra presented Johann Sebastian Bach's "St John Passion Oratorio." Sunday evening, the 12th, the annual Christmas candlelight service was held in the Church. The university choir of sixty voices, directed by Mrs. Minnie Scholes, sang many lovely carols. December 19, the annual Sabbath school Christmas program was given in the Church, at which time there was an offering of White Gifts which included warm clothing, food, and money. Immediately following this gift for the Church's "Christmas caroling. The Church services in December with organ music, hymns, anthems, carols, and messages were in keeping with the season and were an inspiration to all who attended them. On New Year's Eve, there was a family night supper in the parish house. Following the supper a Cathedral film and others were shown. A watch-night service was held in the Church, led by the young people. The week of Christmas was observed the first week in January in our homes and by three special services in the parish house parlors, led by Dean Bond, Lynn Langworthy and Mrs. Royal Cottrell.

Sunday afternoon, January 9, a religious program of "Great Music for the Organ" was played in the Church by John Eustice, sponsored by the Religious Fellowship Association of the university.

There have been several meetings of the One Hundred Seventh Day Baptist Church of Service group at the parish house. At one, a film, "The Autobiography of a Tract," was shown.

A light of a lantern is being made and will match the pulpit in design, material, and finish.

The annual business meeting of the Church held in the parish house Sunday evening, January 9, was well attended. Pastor Harris was given a unanimous vote of confidence for another year. Reports of the many organizations within the Church were presented and showed that much has been accomplished in our service during the year. Some of the activities of the Ladies' Aid are as follows: Five family tureen suppers and three special dinners were served. Two rummage sales held in the spring and fall netted $414.08. Two comfortable were tied and two quilts were quilted. Money has been contributed by the society for Church utilities, the Women's Board, the Red Cross, Teachers, the Bond with Church World Service. A quilt was tied for the family whose home was burned. Clothing has been donated to help the needy in various places. The total receipts for the year were $1,314.25. There was a balance, January 1, of $710.78.

The Evangelical Society is doing a fine work. — Abbie B. Van Horn, Correspondent.

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INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — The annual meeting of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Independence, N. Y., was held January 9, 1949.

Following the enjoyed fellowship tureen dinner the forty-five present were called to order by the moderator, Sam W. Clarke.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: moderator, Sam W. Clarke; clerk, Mrs. Robert Spicer; treasurer, Miss Anna Laura Crandall; trustees, Samuel B. Crandall, Milford Crandall, Charles Clarke; ministerial committee, Decatur Clarke, Charles Clarke.
The committee on preparing the portion of the Community Building was commended for the completion of their fine job and were released. Members of the committee were: Mrs. Floyd Clarke, Sam W. Clarke, Mrs. Leon Clarke. Many others volunteered their time in assisting in this project.

The speaker, Carl R. Maxson, senior in the School of Theology at Alfred University, was given a vote of confidence, with a call to serve the Church another year. — Correspondent.

SALEM, W. VA. — The Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church is planning for the ordination of deaconesses on February 5, 1949. Mrs. Lydia Stutler, Mrs. Hallie May, Mrs. Lydia Stutler, and Mrs. Mary Swiger are to be ordained, and, along with Mrs. May Trainer, already ordained by the Shiloh Church before coming to Salem, will be set apart for that service in the Salem Church.

100 SABBATHS OF SERVICE

Our Church received 49 of each of the tracts. These are for your use. Take them, read them, and pass them on, or take more to pass on. If 49 are not enough, we can have as many more as we need. There are some fine tracts that every Seventh Day Baptist should read.

WINTER GARDENING

By Marguerite S. Whitford

Although outside is cold and drear, the sun shines in to bless; And on my window all you see Is a row of loveliness.

Geraniums, bright with color; Violets, pink and blue; Carnations, filled with fragrance; And sweet petunias, too.

Then hanging there above them The white Star of Bethlehem; And in another window, Hangs my Princess Lorraine.

How can I be lonely, with Thesesilent friends to bless; Encouragement, hope, and joy; And quiet loveliness.

 dossier. Seventh Day Baptist Church. To this union were born three daughters and one son.

He served as pastor first at Portville, N. Y. From Portville he went to Western, R. I. During this pastorate his wife and infant son died.

On January 27, 1889, he was married to Almeda B. Grannell of Niantic, R. I. Three daughters were born to this union.

During the year 1891, he left Western to accept the pastorate at the Albion, Wis., Church.

In 1899 he accepted the call to become pastor of the North Loup, Neb., Church.

He left North Loup to become pastor of the Salem Church, Salem, W. Va., in 1901. It was during this pastorate that he attended the World's Fourth Sunday School Convention in Jerusalem.

In 1909 he became pastor of the Adams Center Church, Adams Center, N. Y. Here he remained for six years.

On April 1, 1914, he accepted the pastorate at the Berlin Church, Berlin, N. Y. During this pastorate he was married to Miss Mary Crosby of Adams Center, N. Y.

He accepted the pastorate at the Walnut, Wis., Church in 1912 where he served for ten years, then retired to Adams Center to live.

He did many months of volunteer gospel work in the Southern States when on his way to spend the winters in Florida.

His wife, Mary, died in 1915, and in 1927 he was married to Miss Anna Malby of Alfred City. Anna died on November 20, 1940. He is survived by six daughters: Ella, Mrs. Clark Stillman of Jamestown, N. Y.; Grace, Mrs. Harry Ladd of Watertown; Mary, Mrs. Otto Swiger of Salem, W. Va.; Eva, Mrs. Kenneth Horton of Brockville, Ontario, Can.; Isabel, Mrs. James Hamilton of Wayne, R. I.; and Delberta, Mrs. Gerald Greene of Adams Center, with whom he had made his home since he suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on December 23, 1940. He is also survived by 19 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Whenever he lived he served as a good pastor and minister and in community, civic, and wholesome social circles frequently holding office with school boards or in the township. He had a fine sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye that made him a welcome guest in any circle.

Everywhere he was known he will be remembered as a forceful preacher. He emphasized every servant of God in the ministry. He was a great lover of God's Holy Word and of poetry. If space would permit, we would be happy to give some of his choice selections.

Elder Witter delivered his last message to a congregation on June 9, 1947, at the hundred twenty-fifth anniversary of the Adams Center Church. He had planned that would be his last message because of his weakened physical condition, but his mind and spirit were so active that he could not consider his work finished. He wrote several sermons since that time, doing his own typing very efficiently. He wrote one for each of his grandchildren and wished he might have time to write one for each of his other grandchildren who would wish one.

One of the most recent of his sermons, delivered to a congregation on November 10, 1948, for the Seventh Day Baptist recording library.

Funeral services consisted of a prayer in the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Greco de la Rochelle, at 2 p.m., and in the Church at 2:30 on January 11, conducted by his pastor, Rev. Emmett H. Bottoms; and a memorial service in the Alfred Church on January 12 at 2:30 p.m., conducted by Rev. Everett T. Harris who was assisted by Rev. A. J. C. Bond and Rev. E. H. Bottoms. Interment was in the family plot in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. E. H. B.

The demand for Sabbath observance in the call for the practical demonstration of our faith in God, and for an expression of our purpose to obey His laws and keep His commandments. — A. J. C. Bond.
RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION
ELLA KAGARISE

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst our sister, Ella Kagarise, our intimate association with her during the many years makes it fitting that we record our appreciation of her; therefore be it

Resolved, That while we mourn the loss of a faithful friend and co-worker, we will remember her faith in God and her belief in a immortal life beyond the grave; and be it further

Resolved, That we express to her family our deepest sympathy with the earnest hope that through the clouds of bereavement they may feel the Heavenly Father's love and care.

Therefore death: Cease then to mourn and sorrow

When those we love shake off their shackles grim:

For they but rise to a bright tomorrow,

And we should raise a glad Thanksgiving hymn.

Be it finally

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of our society and a copy be sent to her family.

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All Church groups and workers were actively sharing in the program throughout the year. Projects were carried on by individuals, families, classes, and societies. Individuals had such projects as per cent of extra income, room rent during the county fair, premium money, waste paper sales, first hour's wage of each week, crocheting, notary public fees, and garden produce. Families had projects of popcorn, potatoes, all members working together with God sharing the responsibilities of the care and use of His good gifts.

The relationship of working together with God became very real to the beginners when each one received two baby chicks at the Sabbath morning worship. It was their project, but God's chicks. These little ones reported good stewardship in the fall when along with the adults they told of their projects and placed their contributions on the plate for dedication.

The Busy Bee Class, juniors, sold horseradish and raised a calf which was sold in the fall. This calf was given to the class by Clayton Welch of West Edmeston, N. Y., who is a member of the large cattle dealers' firm of Central New York, I. T. and C. A. Welch and Sons. The class and the Church appreciate very much the interest of Mr. Welch in the Lord's Acre Plan, and in the objectives of our Church program.

The Ladies' Missionary Aid served a Lord's Acre donation dinner at the time of the Central Association held at Brookfield. The Christian Endeavor society raised a plot of beans. The society also sponsored a booth at the country fair. In the booth, a "Country Theater," by the use of colored slides, exhibited the use of visual aids in Church work, especially in the fields of the Lord's Acre, family devotions, and recreation. A model farm helped to show the relation between the Church and the land and the need to stress practices of conservation. More than 800 pieces of Church work and gospel literature were handed out by the attendants of the booth.

A dedication was held last spring at the Sabbath morning worship for the workers and their projects, and for their labors in kingdom tasks. Group dedications were held at the bean field at planting time by the Christian Endeavor society, and by the Busy Bee Class on the farm where the calf was raised.

On Sabbath, December 18, an all-day meeting was held. In the afternoon after the fellowship dinner at the parish house a dedication was held for the proceeds of the projects. Each one gave his own story of his project and reported its income.

At the close of this dedication service the treasurer reported more than $300 received, and sufficient unsold produce to more than reach the total goal of $350.

The program has given us many blessings—a blessing of fellowship, stewardship in the whole of life, co-operation in sacred tasks, satisfaction in the knowledge that God richly blesses those who labor with Him.