ing calls his native British Guiana, as well as in China. Is so-called "super-
vision" by Caucasian delegates from the United States a concept that has any
permanent validity in the mind of Chris-
tian people? Are the Chinese, the Jamaic-
ans, and the BG's our brethren in Christ,
or are they congenially inferior to those
of us who have evangelized them?

A Publishing Frontier
4. There is definitely a new trend in
the publication of religious materials for
public distribution — a trend away from
nickel tracts to booklets of larger size and
content considerably more challenging to
the average American intellect. Is this
trend a passing fancy born of days of
easy money, or a permanent trend? Here
is a publishing frontier, and as a Church
we need the wisdom to lean with courage
into the future.

Creative Sabbath Observance
5. There is a huge frontier in the area
of Sabbath observance. In the first cen-
tury of the Christian era, Juvenal, a Ro-
man satirist, poked fun at the Jewish
Sabbath as being observed as a day of
idleness, and there was a prolonged dis-
cussion among the rabbis whether an egg
laid on the Sabbath day could be eaten.
I wonder if our Sabbath observance does
not look much like this to most of the
Christian world? There is a frontier here
for a creative and spiritual interpretation
of Sabbath rest that may commend itself
for its realism and religious value to many
people in our world — our "own" people
as well as others.

The Faith to Venture
These are only a few and random sug-
gestions of the problems that face us
today — you can add many others. Fur-
thermore, I make no claim to be able to
give answers; I only know that the an-
swers will be found only as we discover in
ourselves the faith to venture as our fore-
fathers have done. The first command-
ment of the Church is not "thou shalt
not 'upset the applecart.'" It lies rather
in forgetting the things which are behind,
and pressing forward to the things which
are before. If we possessed faith enough
and courage enough to do that, perhaps
it might be said of us, "Those who have
turned the world upside down have come
here also."

Children's Page
USING GOD'S GIFTS FOR OTHERS
By MIZPAH S. GREENE
Andover, N. Y.

Betsy Smith was the only child of
parents who were rich. They had taught
their little daughter a great truth which
she never forgot. It influenced her whole
life. This truth was that every blessing
which came to her was a gift from God,
and that she should use it if possible for
others.

One day a poor child stood looking
through the fence at their beautiful flower
garden. Betty said with a sweet smile,
"Would you like some flowers, little
girl?"
"Oh, yes I would; I never had even
one such pretty flower in my whole life,"
said the little girl. "Don't flowers grow
only for rich ones like you?" she asked.
"No," said Betty. "God made the
flowers for everybody. These here in the
garden are ours because we planted them
and take care of them. But God wants
us to divide them with others. And in
the fields and woods are wild flowers
that belong to anybody who will gather
them. They are a free gift from God. What
is your name little girl, and where do
you live?"
"I live down in the alley," said the little
girl. "and my name is Mary Baker. Is it
very far to the wild flowers?"
"Oh, no," said Betty, "my girl friend,
Anna, and I often go to the woods to
gather flowers. Would you like to go
with us some day?"
"Yes, I would, for I want to pick some
of God's flowers for my little brother,
Johnnie, who is very sick."
"I'll pick a bouquet of flowers from
our garden for you, and you and Johnnie
can enjoy them together."
"Oh, thank you," said Mary and soon
she ran happily home to bring, as she
said, "God's gift" to her little brother.
Mizpah S. Greene.

A Christian Is —
A mind through which Christ thinks,
A heart through which Christ loves,
A voice through which Christ speaks,
A hand through which Christ helps.
—The Salem Herald.
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Editorial:

1. Prompt Action—Good News! Back Cover

2. The Convocation at the School of Theology

With a prayer for insight, vision, and courage, the Seventh Day Baptist School of Theology at Alfred University formally opened its academic year on Monday evening, September 26, before a large audience of students, and local friends of the school gathered at the Gothic Chapel on the eve- renight before the Convocation to dedicate the year of study and fellowship to Christ and His Church.

Dean A. J. C. Bond presided at the impressive convocation exercises, which were joined on the platform by Rev. Dr. Everett Harris, lecturer on Pastoral Theology, Dr. Ben R. Crandall, who is currently offering his course in Rural Sociology, and Rev. Dr. Wayne Rood, professor of Historical Theology. Rev. Albert Rogers, lecturer on New Testament, delivered the benediction from the congregation. Following the closing of the worship service, the rooms and apartments of the Gothic were open for visitation.

"In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee,"
were the words from Whitaker with which Dean Bond opened the service. After he had officially opened the school, President Hurley set, but he did not remain seated. His address was limited to a few introductory remarks, and was concluded by saying that God had been good to us as a people. Some of our Churches have engaged in rebuilding programs, not just to have beautiful Churches, but because we wanted beautiful Churches. From this day forward we will reach forth our arms toward one another and become more united in our service for God and to one another.

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Rev. Loyd P. Hurley's four Bible studies in the Book of Philippians might not be called an innovation, altogether. Nevertheless, they took the place of a formal address. These studies were very much appreciated. We hope that we may publish them in outline form for the benefit of our readers. Of course, cold type cannot convey the warm heart and triumphant spirit of the speaker, yet, it can preserve for us the true set forth on those memorable mornings.

Devotional Services

The devotional services presented as a part of the programs of boards and so- cieties are well planned and conducted. On Monday evening before the Conference began Tuesday morning, no devotional leader has ever been present at a College auditorium, a unique feature of the day's service was a prayer for insight, and was pronounced by President Hurley, and was answered by Dr. Wayne Rood, who preached on "courageous faith, the Seventh Day Baptist Church's Golden Key.

"Workmen Approved of God"

The readers of the Sabbath Recorder had access to the General Conference program as published in the issue of our denominational paper for August 15. As was doubtless noticed, the evening services featured in addition to the youth chorus, the orchestra, anthems by the choir, devo- tions, and good night prayers, sermons built on the themes of the day's service, an opportunity to give expression to the warm heart and triumphant spirit of the speaker, yet, it can preserve for us the true set forth on those memorable mornings.

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On the eve of the Sabbath, as is the custom at General Conference gatherings, there was a sermon and a conference meeting. Rev. Everett T. Harris preaching on the subject of "The Parable of the Second Chance" and Rev. Herbert L. Polan conducting the conference meeting following.

On the evening after the Sabbath, K. Duane Hurley had charge of the Youth Fellowship program, which consisted of a drama entitled "A Certain Just Man under the direction of Mr. Hurley, the parts being taken by Riverside young people.

On Sunday evening Rev. Alton L. Wheeler brought the closing message on "Workmen Approved of God — Retrospect and Prospect."

On Sunday morning the sermon was preached by Dr. Wayne R. Rood who used as his subject "Frontiers for Seventh Day Baptist Workmen." This sermon appeared in full in the special issue of The Sabbath Recorder for October 3.

This Week's Features

This week we are happy to present, as featured items, the Pre-Conference Retreat by Miriam Seager, daughter of President and Mrs. Lloyd D. Seager of Little Rock, Ark., who has drawn upon a number of sources to whom she gave acknowledgment at the close of her article; Recreation at Pre-Conference Retreat by James Harris, son of Rev. and Mrs. Everett T. Harris of Alfred, N. Y.; and the Junior Conference by Ann Bond, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul V. Bond of Lost Creek, W. Va.

The issue of the Sabbath Recorder for September 19 carried an account of the 1949 Pre-Conference Retreat by Rev. Albert N. Rood from the viewpoint of a staff member and the Board of Christian Education, the sponsoring board of which Mr. Rood is the president; A Message from Retreat by Rev. Harley Sutton, former executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education; and Music at Pre-Conference Retreat by Nellie Jo Bond, a camper.

Also in this week's issue there appears an article, entitled "Music at General Conference," by Dr. Alfred E. Whifited of Alfred, N. Y. Dr. Whifited is eminently qualified to give an appraisal of the Conference music. Those of us who were privileged to be present at the Conference were privileged to be present at the Conference and we will continue to bless and guide us as we face the future — not only the future of our individual lives but also of the Alfred School of Theology.

We thank Thee for all faithful teachers who have served here in past years, laying a good foundation on which we may build today, giving of their lives freely and creatively as they prepared young men for the ministry. We know their lives live on in the ministry of healing and quickening of souls as students have gone out from these halls to the four corners of the earth to serve the Master.

Grant, we pray Thee, such insight, such quality of mind, such enlarged vision and courageous faith to those who teach and those who learn today, of this present faculty and student body: that the world, in some measure, through this school, may achieve the character on which the kingdom of God may be built; that there may grow up here a sense of fellowship that shall be sweeter and enriched by the presence of Christ; that all that is said and done may redound to His glory. And to this end we dedicate this year of service that lies before us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Contributed.

SEMIANNUAL MEETING

The Semiannual Meeting of the New Anburn, Wis., and Dodge Center, Minn., Churches will be held with the Dodge Center Seventh Day Baptist Church, October 28-30, 1949. Theme: "Living for Jesus."

Ethel Greene,
Corresponding Secretary.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

By Miriam Seager
Little Rock, Ark.

Before breakfast each morning, we assembled on the tennis courts. There we had a flag raising service. It differed slightly from the regular services; we sang hymns, the National Anthem, "God Bless America," and other songs, and gave the pledge to the flag, and the pledge to the Bible.

Alone Hour

Rev. Albert Rogers called us together for a short period of meditation before our "alone hour" each morning. He gave us a short talk and suggested Scripture references. He then led us in the "alone hour." One morning he told us how to write a collect (a certain type of prayer), and suggested we spend our "alone hour" in writing one.

Quest

Conducted by Rev. Victor W. Skaggs.

In discussions about Seventh Day Baptist history were the histories of our Churches at Newport, Philadelphia, Piscataway, Shiloh, Salem; in Georgia, Florida, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and many other states.

The local organization of the early Churches was very interesting. "Uncle Vic" told us that they had no "statement of belief," the deacons had many duties, the reasons they were founded were for growth within, and growth in the world, and that the General Conference was begun in 1803.

On Monday he granted special requests for individual Church histories, and gave character sketches of early members. He also discussed (and closed with this thought) the part of the individual Christian in the Church.

Discussion of Quest by Groups

After the discussions in Quest, we went to our various interest groups. My interest group was No. II, "The Christian Citizen," led by Rev. Carl Maxson. We discussed making vocations Christian, striving for spiritual life in the world, and our Christian duties, privileges, and responsibilities as future citizens of this world. Similar ideas were exchanged in other interest groups during this "Discussion of Quest by Groups."

Interest Groups

Group I
"Youth Work in the Local Church," Rev. Marion Van Horn.

Discussed in this group were four points: What you should expect of the Church; what the Church should expect of you; recreation and social activities in the local Church; and prayer.

Group II

In this group we discussed racial problems, churchly denominational needs, the World Council of Churches, the missionary call, our duty in war, the ecumenical Church, and many other interesting and informative topics. We did not, I believe, discuss the United Nations, but it might well have come under this heading.

On Monday, Rev. Mr. Maxson gave us an outline for bringing souls to Christ, and for each topic he suggested Bible references and how to outline it as follows: Restitution (Repentance), Confession, Forgiveness, Prayer for a Clean Heart, The Reception of Christ in the Heart, Baptism, Church Membership, A Test for Love, God's Dwelling Place, The Passover, The "New" Passover.

Group III

"Stewardship is an essential part of life. We show we are good stewards of God when we tithe. But God expects us to do more than that. We must be willing, also, to give of our time and energy for the Lord's work. We give money and service because of our love for God, and to repay Him for His great gift to us."

Group IV
"The Bible Speaks," Dr. Wayne Rood.

Dr. Wayne Rood told of the value of the Bible for its poetry, stories, history, and prophecy, and presented the idea of what the Bible had meant and still means to him.

Between 1 and 1:30, we had a period
of rest and study. However, few rested or studied unless they were sick. There were things to do such as helping the cook, archery, horseshoes, playing a game, playing the piano, playing the accordion, walking, etc., in our places, the program commenced.

Presentation of Denominational Needs

Presented by Rev. David Clarke

"Uncle David" told us of the Denominational Budget, the "100 Sabbaths of Service" program, the "United Evangelistic Advance," the "10% Sabbath School Increase" program, what the Church owes to the community, and of the different books, tracts, and other literature available from the Missionary, Tract, and Women's Societies and the Board of Christian Education.

During one of his classes, Sarah Becker gave us an address in which she discussed "Choosing the Right Vocation."

Another afternoon, Ted Stillman, camp athletic director, gave a talk. His topic was "Living Up Sports with Your Life and Character."

Rev. Mr. Clarke stressed the importance of intercessory prayers for missions, our board, our pastors, our denominational president, and the Commission, and the daily study of our Bibles and our Sabbath school lessons. His subjects covered the following topics: "Knowing the Word," "Living the Word," "Sharing the Word," "Reap the Word," "Will the Sabbath be restored to Christendom?" What is a missionary call? What are the most important needs to which you should respond in your community and in the world?

Vesper

Prayers, poems, Scripture, short stories, hymns sung by the group, by male quartets, and by female quartets and accordion solo by "Lulu" were heard each day from 5:15 to 5:45. We sang hymns and choruses as we walked up the hill and, once in our places, the program commenced with the participants behind the audience. This was very effective.

Campfires

Our campfires were held in the lodge. They were started with the singing of a special request chorus. After this "singspiration" we were led in devotions, or given a talk by one of our counselors or some outsider. For instance, one of the best was by Dr. J. Lowrey Hendrich, of the Institute of Religious Science, in Los Angeles.

Dr. Hendrich's Talk

Dr. Hendrich challenged us as Christians and as Seventh Day Baptist young people to make up our mind to be responsible. He felt our choice was possible concerning our life's work. Again, he challenged us, saying it was up to us to evangelize, Christianize, and teach, if it is to be done at all. He told us of his teachers, the ones he liked, and why. "In just a few years," he said, "you will be taking the plans to the grandparent's and grandparents in the Church community, and you will be the doctors, lawyers, teachers, ministers, senators, mechanics, and maybe even - presidents!" He left us with this thought - the importance of living and working our faith in this day and age.

After campfire and before taps each evening, the girls and women counselors gathered in one room of the "girls' dorm" for a short period of time in which sentence papers were offered by all.

Final Campfire — Fagot Service

All who so desired wrote on a piece of paper, to throw on the fire, their own personal sin or sins that they wished to cast off and, in the case of a piece of paper, to lay on an open Bible, their goal or purpose to which they wished to dedicate their lives. Those who had offered words of encouragement or inspiration at the beginning and soon all were participating. There were many wonderful testimonies for the Lord Jesus Christ, and as each gave his testimony he found that not only he, but all who had heard, had been strengthened. The campers were not the only ones to testify. The counselors and ministers also participated.

I am sure all who attended this service realized that it was the most important part of the whole camp period. Words cannot express the spirit of fellowship there.

Deep changes were wrought in many lives. We were able to see things to which we had been blind before. Jesus became closer and more real to us. We found out more about each other for the first time. We realized we were different in our relations, the heart, the mouth speaketh."

It was wonderful to see and hear those of a like faith get up and express thoughts which were also in our own hearts and on our own minds.

I have not even told yet of the main thought of this campfire. It was an idea that a song was given again in the testimonies.

"We (or I) cannot get rid of sins by merely throwing a piece of paper on the fire. We (or I) need, simultaneously, to have them washed from our hearts. And to do so, WE NEED GOD'S HELP."

Camp Church Service

The Sabbath day service, held in the chapel, was open to any who wished to come. The chapel was packed with "out-of-town" visitors, our relatives, friends, and brothers in Christ. The program was planned and carried out by campers and counselors to give the visitors a brief idea of what we had accomplished at Retreat.

At the Foot of My Favorite Pine

I feel that I have come closer to God in this Retreat than I have ever been before. I have discovered my life to Him. I want His will to be made manifest in my life. I want to cast out of my life those things which are not pleasing in His sight. I want Him to give me the strength to overcome temptation. I realize that it will not always be easy when I must descend from this mountain to keep as close to Him as I should. It is easy here, surrounded with so many Christians and Seventh Day Baptists, but I know that the strength to carry on when I go down in the valley. I realize too, that there are many in this world who have never had such privileges as we, who are thirsty and hungry, tired, weary and cold, not only physically, but spiritually. It is for these I would pray and give of myself to help. If it be not God's will to send me to a far land or strange place, I will witness for Him at home. I will show to all that "my Re-sponsor' is Lord." Written during an "Alone Hour" by Miriam B. Seager.

Acknowledgment of Sources

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RECREATION AT PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT

By James Harris

Alfred, N. Y.

The recreation at Pre-Conference Camp was very well planned.

Because I have tried my hand at recreation myself I know how much work Ted Stillman put into preparing a good program for us kids. We all appreciate not only his efforts but the efforts of the staff members who helped in every way to give us a good time.

Amusing activities that kept us busy were swimming, horseback riding, basketball, volleyball, pitching horseshoes, hiking, archery, and the traditional moonlight hike.

Because everyone enjoyed and participated in all activities, I think I can say on their behalf that we were present at Retreat of 1949 was one of the best.

JUNIOR CONFERENCE

By Ann Bond

Lost Creek, W. Va.

The Junior Conference was held in the basement of the Junior College Building. The teachers were Rev. Rex Burdick, Rev. Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Miss Emma Burdick, and Rev. Francis Saunders.

We had many interesting activities which lasted until 10, and then we went to our classes. The class I took was taught by Rev. Rex Burdick. We learned about the life of the Bible and the Gospel.

At 10:55 we had recess period. Then at 11:05 we had a worship at which we sang and learned songs and had Scriptures and sermons. At 11:30 we were dismissed for lunch.
At 2 we returned for an hour of recreation during which we played games and went for hikes. Our recreation supervisor was Rev. Ronald Hargis. At 3 we had “General Interests” such as “movies,” records, short talks, and a ventriloquist. I enjoyed Junior Conference very much. It inspired me and made me want to live a better life for Christ.

**MUSIC AT GENERAL CONFERENCE**

By Dr. Alfred E. Whitford
Alfred, N. Y.

In making a report concerning the music of the General Conference, it is impossible to convey to the reader the spirit of the Sabbath Recorder as to the inspiration and uplifting power of the anthems sung by a well-trained chorus of sixty voices. One must have been present and listened to get that. The choir music of the Conference is always helpful in creating a worshipful attitude among those who are present. This year at Riverside the music was especially uplifting and was climax ed in the last evening meeting by the singing of the Hallel Chorus from Handel’s “Messiah.”

The excellence of the choir singing was no accident. It resulted from careful training and faithful practicing over a period of months. The anthems to be sung were chosen early and the list was present and listened to get that.

A Conference orchestra under the leadership of Mrs. Grace Howard brought pleasure to the delegates in outdoor programs preceding two evening meetings. Solos, duets, and quartets were rendered by members. The red and blue Advance Program was in the hands of the audience for reference.

When an individual has a real call to missionary service, God has presented a real need which that person’s abilities can fill. The work can be done by medical evangelistic effort, by school evangelism, by rural evangelism, or by literary evangelism.

We feel the need of advance in home mission fields. We feel the needs are so great that we can meet them by similar efforts and co-operative work with other Churches.

The broad objectives agreed upon, under the “Mission of the Advance” call for the united prayer and effort of every Protestant. Should they not become a part of our prayer lists or daily petitions? Should we not make them the common petition of Baptists? Our 100 Sabbaths of Service Program, our Efficiency for Evangelism movement, our 10% Sabbath school campaign, our 1949 Christian Advance called for prayer toward common aims. Can we not seek God’s wisdom on working goals we can accomplish? What part of the program of Advance can we be prepared to know for the service? uYe, my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you” — “Go ye — teach, preach, baptize...”

What power is behind the program then? What part of the program of Advance is under the leadership of the Federal Council of Churches and what responsibilities do you have for actual work done? That is a leading question.

Do some of us refuse to try certain programs of evangelism just because either a radically conservative or radically liberal group frowns on them? Can we lovingly combine elements of the conservative Christ for America with the Federal Council of Churches? To be effective we must love the Lord and His people with a passionate love. We love God and His people enough to stand for our beliefs. What is the result of this love and a desire to be effective for Christ?

You are the initiators in the success of the United Evangelistic Advance. You voted
WOMEN'S BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met in the Trainer Sabbath School Room September 18, 1949, with the following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. L. F. Hurley, Mrs. S. O. Bond, Mrs. Ottis Swiger, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Mrs. A. T. Britsey, Mrs. R. P. Seager, Miss Alta Van Horn, Miss Lotta Bond, and Miss Greta F. Randolph. Mrs. Ralph Cooon was a welcome visitor. Mrs. Seager led the devotions reading from Proverbs 31: 10-17, a meditation from the Church Woman, and the poem, "A Woman's Prayer," developing the theme, "The Perfect Woman." Mrs. Seager also led in prayer.

Mrs. S. O. Bond read the report of the treasurer, showing the following balances: General Fund, $189.19; Special Project—Helpers' Fund, $400.43; Total, $589.62.

A letter was read from Miss Lenora Williams expressing appreciation for the use of the Sara O. Bond Room in Salem College last year and asking for the same scholarship for the year 1949-1950. Her request was approved.

Mrs. Hurley gave a very interesting verbal report of the work of the women at Conference.

Voted, that the board secure an alternate to represent Mrs. Bond at the National Board Meeting of the United Council of Church Women, October 9-13, in California.

Miss Alta Van Horn read the report of the Christian Culture Committee, suggesting some Bible games and where to obtain them. These suggestions will be in the new magazine, issued out in October.

Mrs. Seager read the report of Rev. Elizabeth F. Randolph and gave a verbal report for the Ways and Means Committee.

A bill for $3.90, secretarial work for Barbara Seager, was ordered paid.

Voted, to ask Mrs. Ralph Cooon, Mrs. Harold Stillman, Miss Mildred Lowther, the most direct form, and conclude in the process of having the doors won to become evangelists themselves.

Voted, that the resignation of Mrs. R. P. Seager and Mrs. S. O. Bond as board members be accepted with regret.

Mrs. Bond was instructed to prepare the first newsletter to be sent out early in October.

Voted, to meet the second Sunday in October at 2 p.m.

These minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, President.
Miss Greta F. Randolph, Secretary.

Salem, W. Va., September 18, 1949.

PEACE IS POSSIBLE!

"This period is indeed a time of second chances; and there will be no third chance," said Warren R. Austin recently.

Over half a million women of the United States have accepted personal responsibility for world peace. Our program for World Community Day, November 4, is a concrete expression of their commitment and a challenge to thousands of other women.

Has the program for the observance of World Community Day in your town been planned carefully? September was the time for general publicity about your observance. In October intensify your promotion through every available channel. Use releases in newspapers, spot announcements and programs on the radio, minute speakers in meetings, pulpit announcements, notes in Church bulletins, and special films in Churches and theaters. PATTERN FOR PEACE—16-minute sound film, explaining the functions of the UN, is good. Cost $3. Available from Films of the Nations, Inc., 55 W. 45th St., New York 19, N. Y. Careful planning now will insure a successful program of observance.

Do you women know how World Community Day collections will be used? First, they will be paid for the local observance and for the purchase of the materials gathered through the project to the nearest Church World Service center. All of the rest is set to the United Council of Church Women. This we share with our partner in the project, Church World Service. Our part is used regularly to finance our work for Christian international relations, including liaison with the United Nations. The money turned over to CWS at the end of the year, after the expense of shipment overseas has been met.

Because America's Protestants have been slow in providing aid for Displaced Persons, Europe is beginning to wonder whether we Protestants have any concern for Christian brothers and sisters. Has your council assumed the responsibility for an individual or a family? Have you sent in the necessary assurance forms? If blanks are not available locally or through your State Council of Church Women, send directly to the Department of Displaced Persons, Church World Service, 214 East 21st St., New York 10, N. Y.

My personal greeting to all of you! I shall not attempt to "fill the shoes" of Mabel Head, but will work with you to the very best of my ability. Personal contact with Church women across the seas has given me the conviction that we must have greater understanding and cooperation between Christian women around the world before we can expect to have lasting world peace.

Pray for me and for all Christian women around the world. — Luella Reckmeyer, in the Church Woman, August-September, 1949.

HEARD AT CONFERENCE

Seventh Day Baptists are in Riverside and are here to stay. The matter of one hundred per cent co-operation was typified in the early history of the Riverside Church. This is the secret of material and spiritual success in any enterprise. — K. Duane Hurley.
The Churches of the association were invited to attend the Sabbath morning service which was held at the outdoor chapel. The young people, earlier in the day, had made a rough field between two trees overlooking the stream and it made an impressive setting. The camp choir's rendition of "We Praise the Lord" and Rev. Mr. Maxson's sermon centered around the camp theme, will be long remembered. A chicken pie dinner was served at 9 p.m. and a program was conducted by singing the camp. After the evening vespers service, movies were shown and everyone enjoyed a "hot dog" roast.

Following the luncheon Sunday noon the campers formed a large circle and closed the week's fellowship by singing, the program was in charge of the campers. The week had made a rough pulpit between evergreen trees the ordination of Pastor Ronald I. Hargis, the Independence and Andover Churches were well represented.

NEWS FROM SECOND HOPKINTON

After Rev. Paul S. Burdick left Hopkinton, we were without a pastor for several weeks. But since July 9, we have had Rev. Ralph Merithew substituting. Twelve children from Hopkinton attended the Ashaway Daily Vacation Bible School held July 5-15. Mrs. Donna James, teacher of the primary class, furnished transportation. Attending Lewis Camp this year were Carolyn, Shirley, Phyllis, and Ruth Kenyon, and Robert James. The Church paid the entrance fee for all, and each one had a wonderful time.

As a follow-up of Lewis Camp, Superintendent Lewis F. Randolph, along with the young people at church, is organizing Friday evening meetings.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION YOUNG ADULTS' RETREAT

The Young Adult Group of the Western Association convened Sabbath day, September 10 for their fall retreat at Little Genesse, N. Y. Several of the group met with the Little Genesse Church for morning worship. Rev. Charlene Davis, used for the theme, "No Listening," that is, not listening to the things of the world that will draw us away from God. Following the dinner at the community hall, the afternoon meeting was in charge of Donald Sanford who used as his theme, "Building a New World." Also present, were Miss Jehan Emery, Corresponding Secretary. The noon meal will be a potluck, the evening meal, a picnic dinner.

EDINBURG VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT

Since the Edinburg, Tex., Seventh Day Baptist Church was too small to make it practical to conduct a Vacation Bible School by ourselves, we cooperated with the Christian Church in holding a V.B.S. July 15-29. Pastor C. B. Loofbourrow, Mrs. J. R. Boehler, and Mrs. Mary H. Boehler assisted in the work. All the Sabbath school children from junior age down were enrolled in the beginners, primary, and junior departments. Approximately forty children were well represented at least four denominations.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

A TESTIMONY OF ONE WHO ATTENDED RETREAT

I was just another person without faith before I started on my vacation trip, not knowing then what was in store for me.
THE SABBATH RECORDER

A Visit at the Mountain View Farm

(Concluded)

Then all the calves, they have a name,
You ought to see them so tame.
There's Bess and Rose, Buttercup,
If they had horns, they'd toss you up.
Young Spot, she plays with little Bob,
And Glenwood, is the one full blood.
Each mule has its mate, and they may call,
And land you way up in the sky.
The hens and chickens scratch around,
I do not think I have seen no catamount.
Each calf a cow may someday be,
And I have seen no catamount.

A SOFT ANSWER

Dear Recorder Children:
I am sure most of you are fond of dogs,
so I am going to tell you a real dog story.
It is a true story about a dog that was a
West Highland white terrier.
One day, a number of years ago, a little
girl, whom we will call Mary, was given
this little dog which she named Snowball.
Mary taught Snowball a number of
tricks, such as to roll over, to sit up, and
to speak. He always could tell when
Mary had candy.
Snowball's nose was partly pink and partly black.
A young girl had never seen a
dog with that kind of a nose before,
so one day she said, "Isn't his nose partly
raw?" Mary laughed and told her, "No."
He was such an intelligent and affectionate
dog, and so good to mind,
that he was well liked by everyone.
When the family had been away from
home and he was left alone, he always
met them with tail wagging.
One day Snowball went to town with
Mary's dudy. In some way he ate some
poison and had to be killed. Mary felt very sad but at last comforted herself
in the following words:
I had a little dog,
But now my dog is dead;
And I am hoping maybe
I can have another one instead.

My twelve-year-old grandchild, Joyce,
is feeling sad because her dog, Blackie,
died last week. She also says, "I hope I
can have another dog just like Blackie."
But her sister Gretchen, who has a
cunning kitten of which she is very fond,
says, "Why don't you get a kitten, Joyce?
She thinks a kitten will live longer."

How about some of your letters?
I hope you will write some, one and all.
Your true friend,
Mizpah S. Greene.

When the trouble once is started
It is like a flaming fire,
For the angry thoughts grow stronger
And the vicious flames burn higher.

So let me advise you, children,
When someone speaks cross to you,
Try soft answers and prove surely
That this Bible verse is true.
Your friend,
Irene Hulett.

Milton, Wis.

Accessions

Milton, Wis.

Baptism:
Mr. Basil Dunwell, Mr. Henry Phelps, and
Edwin Green, all of Milton, were baptised
on Sabbath eve, July 22, 1949, and re-
ceived-the right hand of fellowship as
members of the Milton Seventh Day Bap-
tist Church on Sabbath morning, July 23.
E. F. R., Pastor.

Dodge Center, Minn.

Baptism:
Mr. B. T. Turpin and
Evelyn Turpin, from the Denver, Colo.,
Church, June 4, 1949.
E. C., Pastor.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PROTESTED CALENDAR CHANGE

Hon. Tom Connolly,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:
Whereas, there is at the present time, before the Congress of the United
States, a bill that proposes to make a radical change in our present calendar;
and this bill would completely disrupt the present seven-day week; would subject
conscientious Christians to violate their religious convictions and make it impos-
sible for them to observe the weekly Sabbath; therefore be it resolved,
that the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference hereby protests
against the passage of this bill, or any similar bill, that disrupts the traditional
week and interferes with the God-given right of everyone to worship on the
Sabbath, the seventh day of the week.

Resolved, further, that the secretary of this Conference be instructed to
forward this protest immediately to the chairman of the committee having this
bill in charge.

Very truly yours,
Paul C. Saunders, Secretary,
Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

In session at Riverside, Calif.,
August 19, 1949.
Prompt Action!

Under date of September 9, 1949, Dr. George E. Crosley of Milton, Wis., promptly wrote the Secretary of State, Washington, D. C., protesting the "blank-day" calendar plan of the World Calendar Association. Dr. Crosley's letter is one of many that Seventh Day Baptists have been writing in the interest of this important matter. The text of his letter follows:

"Re the World Calendar Plan placed on the Provisional Agenda for the next Session of the United Nations Assembly beginning September 20, next.

"The individual's supreme allegiance belongs only to God, whose sovereignty is supreme. No nation or state ever has had, has now, or ever will have the right, by any means, to interfere with the individual's allegiance to God as expressed in the Ten Commandments which have never been and never will be changed.

"One of these commandments pertains to the seven-day week, in which one day is specifically set apart for worship and cessation from work.

"Any man-made law which, in any manner, changes the weekly seven-day cycle is a violation of this commandment and is a merger of Church and State with a vengeance.

"Practically all nations, including the United States, are and have been violating too many of the commandments without adding 'blank-day' calendar revision to the list."

Good News!

Writing on September 26, 1949, Dr. Frank H. Yost, secretary, Committee on Calendar Revision, Religious Liberty Association, 6840 Eastern Avenue, Washington 12, D. C., informed us that the World Calendar Association's proposal for "blank-day" calendar revision has been dropped from the Provisional Agenda of the 1949 United Nations Assembly. We quote Dr. Yost's letter below.

"You will be happy to learn that the Committee of Fifteen, the Steering Committee of the United Nations, voted last Wednesday, September 21, to drop from the Agenda of the 1949 United Nations Assembly the World Calendar proposal for blank-day calendar revision. We thank God for this.

"Those who wish to preserve the weekly holy day should, however, keep vigilant, as later attempts to have blank-day calendar revision adopted officially will doubtless be made.

"We thank you very much for your co-operation in seeking the defeat of the blank-day calendar plan."