Did You Know That the Sabbath Is As Old As the Creation?

The Sabbath had its origin in a distinct creative act. Mark 2: 27. God made it at the time of the creation, using the seventh day as the material from which to build it. Because of His resting from the work of creation, God "blessed" and "sanctified" the seventh day. To sanctify is to set apart for a special purpose. It includes the idea of announcing or proclaiming. The same word is used of the cities of refuge and other things publicly proclaimed. Genesis 2: 2, 3, then, refers to a public announcement of the setting apart of the seventh day as the Sabbath, and amounts to the promulgation of a law for the Sabbath at that time.

God never did for any other day what He did for the seventh, and never undid it for the seventh. What God does is done for all time, and God does not change.

Nowhere else in the Bible is there any suggestion of a later sanctification, proclaiming, or announcing. Every later reference is always to this earlier (at creation) sanctification. The fourth commandment itself is in keeping with this thought in its wording.

The week is an arbitrary division of time. There is no heavenly body whose movements in relation to the earth are in cycles of seven days. The institution of the Sabbath is the background for this mode of reckoning time.

Since God instituted the Sabbath and gave the commandment, and since Christ Jesus obeyed the commandment and observed the seventh day, who, then, has any authority to change it?

No, the Sabbath is not a new thing, but one of the universal, imperishable moral principles which are as old as the creation.

To disregard the Sabbath is to disregard God. "Will a man disregard God? Yet we have disregarded Him," saith a present-day prophet.

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Thick Puts Randolph, pastor of the host Church, was also taking a picture of the group when this Courier photo was taken by Bud Bowen, editor and publisher of the Milton and Milton Junction Courier, to whom we are indebted for the front cover photo and this information.

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Those Present

More than forty Seventh Day Baptist ministers and theological students, from 14 states, posed for this photo on May 16, on the second day of their four-day annual conference and retreat at the Indian Trails Camp near Milton, Wis.


Standing in the last row are: Walter D. Cockerill, Oscar Burdick, Leon R. Lawton, Kenneth B. V. Horn, Victor W. Sturgis, David S. Clarke, Wayne R. Rood, Earl Cruzan, Carl R. Maxson, Marion C. Van Horn, Don A. Sanford, Clifford A. Night, Edgar F. Wheeler arrived after the picture was taken.

In This Issue

Up-to-Date Information

Is your information on denominational affairs up-to-date?

Yes?

Fine.

Then, why not tell a friend about the Sabbath Recorder?

Attention, Young People!

If you plan to be at General Conference in Salem, Oregon, and are interested in helping to serve the meals at the college cafeteria, be sure to contact Kenneth V. Hulin, Salem, W. Va., at your earliest convenience.

COMMENCEMENT

Graduation and Promotion

All over our land this season our boys and girls and our young people are being recognized for the progress they have made during the school year. There are several hundred Seventh Day Baptists among the tens of thousands being so recognized.

As we think of them we thank God and take courage.

We Thank God

We thank God that He has blessed us with the children and youth and has committed their training to our care.

We thank God that He has guided us in the home instruction that we have tried to give them.

We ask His forgiveness and seek to do better in the days ahead.

What a blessed privilege!

We thank God that He has led in the establishment of schools in a free land.

O God, grant us vision and wisdom that our schools and land may continue to be so.

We thank God for our colleges and universities which receive our high school and college graduates for further training and specialization. We may ever be mindful of the self-sacrificing service that many of these institutions are rendering in the name of Christian higher education.

We thank God for the teachers in our elementary, secondary, and advanced schools who are called of Him to their task.

May we encourage and support them and may they be true to their sacred obligations.

We Take Courage

We take courage because we see our children and youth developing in mind and body and spirit.

It may be with a tug at
Easter season, with some appointments at considerable distance from Beloit, besides meeting his classes regularly at Beloit College.

The Spirit of God is using mightily Dr. Soper's abilities. As Seventh Day Baptist ministers, present and future, we were greatly blessed in the privilege of having this dynamic speaker at our conference and of enjoying his fellowship. We hope and pray that if it be God's will, our association with Dr. Soper will commend more strongly to him the truth of the Sabbath. All praise to Him!

Through the courtesy of Dr. Soper and the promptness of Dr. Rood and his associates, those who attended the Ministers' Conference have already received mimeographed copies of Dr. Soper's sermons and addresses. Many of us are looking forward to the appearance of his new book which will include this material.

(To be continued)

REATIONS ON THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Ministers' Conference this year seemed to fill a need that has long been felt, namely, some intensive thinking and preparation for the calling as ministers of the gospel. Such stimulation was provided in our sessions at Indian Trails Council Camp from the beginning of the day to the closing exercises. When all the funds are in, the total for the budget of the denomination will be approximately $5,000,000. Sad is the fact that autonomy by co-operating with others of similar purpose in interdenominational groups is still an ideal and is in some places the very reality of our denominational endeavor. The committee is to be commended for the fine job of planning the program and for the arrangements made locally for the stimulation of small groups, both in out-of-doors. Certainly it was an experience which should help all who participated from "going stale" in their ministry.

Orville W. Babcock.

THIRD BUDGET SABBATH

JUNE 24, 1950

Another budget Sabbath is almost here. With the passing of another quarter, the work of the denomination has moved forward. In order that effective work may be maintained in the various areas of our denominational endeavor, the Denominational Budget will need to be raised in full.

We realize that the Committee on Budget Promotion is the Budget Sabbath offering to be made on the last Sabbath of each quarter. Every Sabbath is Budget Sabbath among Seventh Day Baptists. In order to boost the budget and to make more certain that all phases of our great program will not suffer unduly, a special Budget Sabbath each quarter is being observed.

We need to remember that the offering on Sabbath day, June 24, will be the third in a series of three Budget Sabbath offerings. It will be the last special Budget Sabbath offering before General Conference meets at Salem, W. Va., August 22-27.

Churches, groups, and individuals have been making a generous response to the Budget Sabbath offering appeals. Let us make the June 24th offering the largest yet.

"Let each contribute what he has decided upon in his own mind, and not do it reluctantly or under compulsion. It is a cheerful giver that God loves" (Proverbs 22:8, LXX). 2 Corinthians 9:7 (Weymouth).

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

(Continued from May 29)

The Program Committee for the Ministers' Conference sought to carry out the suggestions of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education as presented by Dr. Wayne R. Rood who represented the board at the meetings of the committee.

Dr. Soper's Sermons and Addresses

Upon the recommendation of several persons who had heard Dr. David W. Soper, head of the Department of Religion at Beloit College, Beloit, Wis., the Board of Christian Education succeeded in securing him for addresses on the three evenings of the Ministers' Conference.

Dr. Soper's main subject was "World War in the Soul: A New Theology" under which he presented the following addresses: (1) The Christian View of Man; (2) The Christian View of the World; (3) The Christian View of the Holy Spirit.

The Christian View of the Church was given in three sections in the form of sermons presented directly to the assembly.

Dr. Soper read the Scripture lesson from memory prior to the sermon each evening. We were deeply impressed with Dr. David W. Soper's dynamic personality, his utter consecration to the truth as the Spirit of truth has revealed it to him, and his sincere presentation of the truth as revealing "the love above us, God; the love with us, Jesus Christ; and the love within us, the Holy Spirit." To realize that his outstanding positive spiritual development has covered a little more than ten years, presumably, is amazing. This fact truly demonstrates the manner in which God will use a man who has that man's filling on an average of more than one speaking engagement a day during the pre-
"GO FORWARD"

(Translator's Note: The two papers on the theme, "Go Forward," which follow this note, were presented during the Women's Hour of a recent Sabbath Union meeting."

Brethren, I shall speak to you for a few minutes on these words, "Go Forward." I am sure we have all read Exodus, chapter 14, over and over; the lesson in that chapter tells us about the outcome of the children of Israel from Egypt. The children of Israel were slaves of the Egyptians, but the time came for their deliverance from bondage.

Although Pharaoh had agreed that they might go sometime to worship their God, he feared they would not return to Egypt; so God told Moses to tell the people to go, not to turn back. We are not to deride you for my sake, but the labourers are sure of our innocency. We are to go forward in full confidence, to go forward to bring a righteous reign by the object of this command is to bring one to a safe destination. We are pilgrims, journeying to a certain place. When we are to go forward, we have to keep our course, turning neither to the right nor the left, and that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us and will come again and receive us unto Himself.

So, brethren, with that hope, we have to pay attention to the theme of this lesson and act well, our part so that not only you, but others will GO FORWARD with you.

Inez Stafford, Parka Seventh Day Baptist Church.

WHY ARE WE AS SEVENTH DAY BAPTISTS NOT GROWING?

Why are we as Seventh Day Baptists not growing? We look at some of our brethren, with that hope, we have already defeated. Let us not allow any unavailing sayings to prevent our going forward, when we are sure of our innocency. "Blessed are ye when men revile you and shall deride you for my sake." Let us go forward with clean hands, clean hearts, clean tongues, doing our Master's work. We can only do the Master's work by trust and determination in God. "The harvest field is large and fruits are white for harvest, but the labourers are few," so I am challenging you men and women to go forward.

I know that women can play a great part in the building of the Master's kingdom. Let us think for a while on Deborah, the prophetess, when she told Barak to go forward against Sisera. He said that he would not go without Deborah, and she said, "Certainly, I will go with you." She went with Barak and they were successful in the battle because they had a woman, and his army was routed.

Now, our battle is not to kill men, but to teach them the way of eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Our Saviour has given us an example as to how we should live, and has asked us to pass it on to our fellow men who do not yet know this wonderful way of life. Many of them are still stumbling in the paths of darkness. There are many souls longing, waiting for a Moses to lead them out of Egypt's land; are we going to fail Jesus? All of us cannot go out preaching, but the labourers are sure of our innocency. We are to go forward, we are to go straight, to go forward to bring a righteous reign on earth.

Barnes the beryl pillar At our army's head; Who shall dream of shrinking, By our Captain led?

Forward through the desert, Thru' the toil and fight! Jordan flows before us; Zion beams with light. Amen.

—Henry Alford.

Mrs. Hannah O. Berry.

To go forward means to pass on. This is a command given by God to mankind; God bids men to "Go Forward." We have for our example the children of Israel, when they had faced that crisis where these words were used. The children of Israel had almost lost faith and hope, but in that hour of trial they heard the voice of God saying, "Go Forward." They were saved because they obeyed.

Lot, when he was warned by God that he and his family should flee for their life, was told to go forward. We read that Lot and his family went forward, but his wife, who looked back, was transformed into a pillar of salt.

So, my brethren, there is much danger in looking back, and divine blessings on keeping the commands of God. The object of this command is to bring one to a safe destination. We are pilgrims, journeying to a certain place. When we are to go forward, we have to keep our course, turning neither to the right nor left, and that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us and will come again and receive us unto Himself.

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Inez Stafford, Parka Seventh Day Baptist Church.
I often wonder — is our trouble a lack of the Spirit-filled life? Have we actually come to Christ, ready to do His will, or are we eager to keep up with the Joneses — unwilling to give up the worldly things all around us? There are so many things to attract one away from the Church and Christ’s work.

I have been warned against becoming a religious fanatic and I would like to see all Seventh Day Baptists become fanatics!

How many of us are more interested in the “soap operas” on television than in seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit? I don’t like to see all fanatics!

The town is bedridden and without religious help. The children across the tracks who are undernourished giving a thought to the family of poor people? Never? Here we have a serious problem to face. We surely need to seek heavenly guidance in the proper way of observing the Sabbath. We need to be sure that Jesus is holy and precious to all of us.

I have been warned against becoming a religious fanatic and I don’t like to see all fanatics!

Let others know who you are!

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ORDINATION SERVICE

An ordination service for Mrs. William Macorkel and Raymond Sholtz as deacon and deaconess of the Chicago Seventh Day Baptist Church was held on May 20, 2:30 p.m., in the First Baptist Church, 410 S. Michigan, where the Church holds its services.

The first half of the service, in charge of a group of laymen, followed the usual procedure and included appropriate Scripture reading by Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn and special music by Mr. and Mrs. David Williams.

Statements of religious experiences and beliefs were given by Mrs. Macorkel and Mr. Sholtz. The prayer was by Rev. Loyal F. Hurley; charge to the candidates, Copastor Leon R. Lawton; charge to the Church, Rev. W. Allen Bond; welcome to the deaconate, Deacon Mark Wiley.

Present on the platform for the “laying on of hands” during the ordination were: Pastors Hurley, Bond, and Van Horn, and Deacon Wiley.

Those in attendance from the Churches of the quarterly meeting of First Baptist mission were: Rev. Kenneth B. Van Horn, pastor of the Albion and Milton Junction Churches (also representing the quarterly meeting); Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dangerfield, and Miss Ethel Butterfield of the Walworth Church; and William Arthur from Milton.

Other out-of-town guests included: Pastor Edgar Wheeler, Hammond, La.; Mrs. Loyal F. Hurley and Mr. and Mrs. Oris O. Studler, Salem, Va.; and Miss Ada Bond, Roanoke, Va. — Lilian C. Webster, Church Clerk.

THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

By Rev. Paul L. Maxson
Pastor, Seventh Day Baptist Church.
Berlin, N. Y.


Text: “And they told what things were done on the way, and how he was known of them in breaking of bread.” Luke 24: 35.

Not long ago I went to Stephentown to call on a young woman, probably about my age, who had just married. She was taking her loss bravely. She was, and continues to be, a religious person. I thought it might be well this morning to preach a sermon of comfort. This young woman is not here, but I wish that she were for I am going to talk about the presence of Christ.

Let us go back a few years when Mrs. Maxson was ill. I well remember praying that the will of God might prevail as to whether she would live or die. I remember the answer that she would live, but that her recovery would take a long time. I thought that I would not mind a few weeks, but months. As I sat in the hospital waiting, day and night, I was aware of the nurses, doctors, and people coming to pray and to try to comfort me. My eyes often filled with tears to see and know that God’s children still loved and trusted in Him. I feel that perhaps I felt much like that which was on the way to Emmaus. They were pretty low in spirit after the crucifixion of their Lord. Then Jesus came along and walked with them on the road. He talked with them and reassured them that He truly had risen—and was present with them.

I believe that all of us in the time of trouble and discouragements really appreciate people coming to us and thus helping to reassure us of the presence of God. The young woman of whom I spoke said as I was leaving, “Mr. Maxson, you don’t know how much you have helped me. I had never met you before, but your hands and heart knew so many things about you, that, had he lived, we were going to take time and come up to Berlin and see you and your family.”

I had met her husband on a couple of occasions; once when he had brought a radio to me to be repaired, and again after I had repaired it. We sat there each time for two or three hours and talked about heaven and Christianity, along with many other things. I was glad that I could help this young woman to feel and know the presence of God even in death itself. I feel that one of the greatest needs, if not the greatest in the world today, is a new assurance of the real presence of Christ Jesus.

First, let us discuss loneliness. At night when our children go to bed, their bedroom door is left open and the hall light on. That is just like grownups; they, too, are afraid of loneliness. They are afraid to be by themselves. They crave social contact and someone to talk to. There was an old lady, a grand Christian woman in her nineties, who, after she had been desperately ill, kept calling to her daughter in the night and asking this question: “Are you there?”

The daughter’s repeated reply to her mother’s question was: “Yes, I’m here, Mother, I won’t leave you.”

That’s all right, my dear. I just wanted to be sure! I just wanted to be sure!”

Again, that is just like us. We want to be sure that Jesus is with us, whether we are young, middle-aged, elderly, or even young. We want to be quite sure that God’s presence is real to us, that we can depend upon Him now.

I want to tell you that I believe with all my heart in the real presence of Jesus. The following may sound rather peculiar, but I enjoy making the trip to the top of the mountain every early morning, because I feel so near to God. Up there in the pasture is a large rock I can stand on. Upon the hillside many are still asleep. Sometimes I slip off from the family and go up there for my morning meditation on the prayer rock.

I don’t believe that a minister of the gospel, nor any other person can get along, in the true sense, regardless of his joy, without strong, solid belief in the presence of Christ Jesus.

Let us take another look at our Scripture story. This man Cleopas and his
There was one thing which was certain about these two men meeting our Lord there on the road to Emmaus. They recognized Him when He was breaking bread with them. They went back to tell the others and to keep Him as their friend and partner all the rest of their lives.

My friends, if you do not know Him, now is the accepted time to come to Him. If you have known Him in the past, but have lost Him through the world's crowding, you need to keep close to Him for you need Him in this life. Yes, He needs you, too. He will never leave you nor forsake you.

Here is a little story that might help us to realize that Christ will truly be our partner in life with us:

A happy Christian one day met an Irish peddler and exclaimed, "It's a grand thing to be saved!" The Irish peddler replied, "It is, but I know something better than that." "Better than being saved?" queried the other. "You certainly can't possibly know better than that."

"The companionship of the Man who has saved me!" was the unexpected reply. Believers' Waywaysell

Dean Bond Suffers Minor Accident

On the evening of his seventy-fifth birthday, May 23, Dean A. J. C. Bond of the Baptist School of Theology at Alfred, N. Y., fell from a porch step at his home and broke his right ankle. X rays show that the break to heel. It will probably be required for the break to heal.

The dean's classes at the school have been assumed by other instructors during the ten weeks of the school year. — Contributed.

FOREIGN MISSIONS CONFERENCE

The Foreign Missions Conference voted to become a division of the proposed National Council of Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

"We wish we might in some manner share with you the warmth of Christian fellowship experienced in contacts with members of the Planning Committee (of the proposed National Council of Churches) and the earnest conviction we feel concerning the necessity of keeping the great imperative of foreign missions at the heart of any co-operative grouping of the Christian Churches of America." So wrote the chairman of the Foreign Missions Conference's study on relations with the new National Council.

Secretary Wynn Fairfield of the Foreign Missions Conference staff answered in part the question, "Why go to all the bother to get these organizations together?" by saying: "For the member boards of the FMC, participation in the National Council will mean that such a facing of the whole task will include as an integral part the responsibility of the North American Churches for the evangelization of the world and also the realization of the extent to which the imperfect Christianization of the United States and Canada handicaps the effective presentation of the gospel in other areas of the earth. One of the imperfections of how imperfect Christianity in American Church life itself saps foreign strength in missions shows his point: The type of separation between missions whites in our Churches and separation of Northern and Southern denominations hinders more than anyone can measure the effectiveness in missions, in Africa especially.

Such is part of the spirit behind the action taken April 25 at Philadelphia, Pa., by a special meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference. Following a vote on becoming a division within the proposed National Council which turned 77 for and 7 against, Dr. Luther Gottwald offered a prayer for more oneness in devotion to the Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Saviour — making Emissaries of all the close of his prayer. That prayer was a mountaintop from which could be seen in faith the post-
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Miss Greta F. Randolph read the following report of the Ways and Means Committee. The report was accepted as a report of progress.

Mrs. William M. Stillman and Mrs. Frank J. Hubbard of Plainfield, N. J., have agreed to be our co-constitutional delegates to the meeting of the National Council of Women's Organizations of the Presbyterian Churches in Ocean Grove, N. J., June 13-19, 1950. We recommend that their expenses to this meeting be paid.

Mrs. Alvagene Clarke attended the special meeting of the Foreign Missions Conference in Philadelphia as a representative of the Women's Board. She voted for the merger which called for and 7 against the organization becoming a unit of the proposed National Council.

A letter containing a copy of a recent radio address was received from Mrs. C. C. Wharton.

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SCHOLARSHIPS

The Committee on Scholarships and Fellowships of the Board of Trustees of the Seventh Day Baptist Memorial Fund again call the attention of all young men who require financial assistance in preparing for the ministry, that their application should be made to the Memorial Fund not later than July 1 of this year, at which time all allocations are made. Applications should be addressed to the office of the Treasurer, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

WOMEN'S BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference met at the home of Mrs. G. H. Trainer, May 15, 1950, with the following members present: Mrs. J. L. Skaggs, Mrs. Ottis Swiger, Mrs. Okey Davis, Mrs. J. L. Hurley, Mrs. A. J. Allen, Mrs. Rex Zwiebel, Mrs. G. H. Trainer, Miss Lotta Bond, Miss Alta Van Horn, and Miss Greta F. Randolph. Mrs. Okey Davis led the devotions and conducted the meditation in the April "Church Woman."

Mrs. Swiger gave the report of the treasurer which showed the following balances: General Fund, $320.73; Evangelistic Fund, $976.93. The report was accepted and placed on file.

Mrs. Hurley gave a report as the representative to the meeting of the Commission and Co-ordinating Committee. See your News Letter for details.

Mrs. Stillman presented her resignation as a member of the council since she is leaving Salem the first of June. Her resignation was accepted with regret.

Mrs. Hurley reported for the Committee on Peace and World Order. The report was accepted as a report of progress.

Miss Van Horn presented the report of the Christian Maters' Missionary Committee. The report was accepted as follows:

A letter was read from Rev. Clifford A. Beebe relative to tracts suitable for use in the mission work. He stated that such tracts should be Bible based, simple, and graphic. There is a special need for tracts meeting these requirements to be written on baptism, salvation by grace and its relation to law, and one dealing with holiness, true and false.

Tracts which have made great appeal in the South are: "An Appeal to Conscience," by Rev. T. J. Bottoms, and "Pro and Con," published by the American Sabbath Tract Society.

The sample tracts from the Family Altar League of America were examined. The feeling was that the Board of Christian Education and the Tract Society would probably have similar literature.

We would recommend that the subscription for "Sabbath Memorial and Country Church," be continued.

Alta Van Horn, Cor. Sec.

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"Kindergarten children may begin to cultivate an appreciation for the Bible as a book that has stories about Jesus." So, writes Miss Rosemary K. Reorback, assistant editor of children's publications for the Methodist Church. Children of four and five may be introduced to a few lovely Bible stories as a foundation for later memorization. Only those stories of Jesus which show His helpfulness, His kindness, and His love for people can be told. Continuity is not important at this age.

The best books for kindergarten children are of the storybook type which have pictures on a page. The five books entitled Bible Books for Small People, by Mary Entwistle and Muril Clamhers, Thomas Nelson, 50 cents each, are of this type.

Junior boys and girls can usually read for themselves, often preferring this to being read to. "Juniors should refer to the Bible itself and have the story of Jesus as a whole story, not just one of His teachings," says Miss Moorbach. A few desirable titles are: The Story of the Bible by Walter Rusell Bowie, Abingdon, 

"We are in the process of publishing a series of Bible storybooks. The first issue is "Tell Me About the Bible," which has stories about Jesus. So:"

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Lilian C. Webster,

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Hello, Mrs. Moon. How do you know again.

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went to Mauston, Wis. Mauston is about 120 miles from Milton. We went to see Heidi, Jennifer, Johnny, Sue, and Irwin Randolph.

In Sabbath school we have an opening song, say Bible verses and sing more songs, have an offering, and go to the classrooms.

We have a new car. It is a Hudson. I have nothing to worry about.

Yours truly,

Lynn F. Randolph.

PS. P. Grandpa and Grandma Sutton are here.

Peter Mouse

Once upon a time, there lived a mouse named Peter. He lived in a hole in a wall. One day a cat saw him. It sprang at him! Peter ran to his hole in the wall. The cat was coming so fast he couldn't stop. He was headed straight for the hole! The cat, which had a head stuck in the hole, he never tried to catch a mouse again.

Questions

Hello, Mr. Sun. Have you ever eaten a wiener with a bun?
Hello, Mrs. Moon. How do you know when it's night? when you show your yellow light?
Hello, Mr. Star. How bright you are.

Lynn F. Randolph.

Milton, Wis.

Dear Lynn:

I was happy to receive your letter, your cute story, and the questions, which I'll try to answer, as follows:

If Mr. Sun could answer one, I'm very sure that he would say, "I eat no wiener and no bun, But if you put them in my way, I'll make them hot as hot can be.
And Mrs. Moon who shines at night, So that her light you plainly see, Would say, "It's God who gives all light.
While Mr. Star who blinks and shines, Would tell you he's a blessing true.
For his clear light so soft and fine
Is given by God in kindness, too.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

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CHICAGO, ILL. — Forty members and guests of the Chicago Church and Synod attended a farewell dinner at the Austin Y.M.C.A. for Pastor and Mrs. Leon R. Lawton on May 20, following the ordination service for deacons held that day.

Following the dinner, David Williams was in charge of the program which consisted of music by Mrs. Anne Post Bergh and Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, readings and poems appropriate to the occasion given by Kent Osborn, Mrs. David Williams, and Mrs. Sam Dominguez, the first two being written by Mrs. Williams.

Mrs. La Fern Dunstan, in whose home the Lawtons lived, read an original farewell poem to Mrs. Lawton, and Dr. A. L. Fordick, Church moderator, directed his message to Pastor Lawton, expressing regret at their leaving and wishing them success and happiness in their new pastorates, the Los Angeles Church.

Concrete evidence of the Church's appreciation of the Lawtons' service for two and a half years with the Chicago Church was presented by the treasurer, Raymond Sholtz. Others called upon for remarks by Mrs. Williams were: Former Pastor and Mrs. Hurley, Shiloh, W. Va.; Rev. Allen Bond, Washington, D. C., a former member; and William Arthur, Milton, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. David Williams who will hold commendable service at Battle Creek, Mich., and other places during the summer, plan to return to Chicago before the opening of next school year, Mrs. Williams teaching in a Chicago suburb and Mr. Williams to serve the Chicago Church as student pastor.

Robert P. Lippincott, who has been acting as copastor with Leon R. Lawton the past year, will serve the Chicago Church as full-time pastor for the summer.

A comprehensive Bible study has been prepared by Mr. Lippincott and outlines of the study and Bible readings have been sent to members and others interested.

Meetings will be held each Wednesday night during the summer, alternatingly, one week on the South side and one week on the West side of the city or suburbs.
SPECIAL NOTICE

At the session of General Conference in Riverside, Calif., last August, a committee was appointed to study the matter of some changes in Articles VI and VII of the Statement of Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs. The committee reported a slight change in Article VII in both title and wording, which is given in the Year Book for 1949. This was for study during the present Conference year, with possible action at the session in 1950.

Will those desiring other changes, please write the entire article in the exact form they would like to have it, and mail at once to Dr. Wayne R. Rood, Box 937, Alfred, N. Y., that the committee may have them for consideration in making their report at the coming session of Conference in Salem, W. Va. If you have suggestions concerning the wording of Article VI, write it as you would like to have it.

For the Committee,
Erlo E. Sutton,
Chairman.

Note: Since Dr. Rood has been assigned to military duty as a chaplain for thirty days following June 25, he urges that these statements be in his hands by mid-June if possible, and by June 20 at the latest, so that he can prepare them for distribution before he leaves Alfred.

Conference Ensemble and Orchestra

The Music Committee for the General Conference to be held in Salem, W. Va., August 22-27, is anxious that all persons attending Conference who can play musical instruments bring their instruments with them in order that we may have ensemble and small orchestra participation in the Conference program. This request comes through Clarence Rogers, Salem, W. Va., chairman of the Conference Music Committee.

Alberta D. Batson,
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Western Association

The Western Association will convene with the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Independence, N. Y., June 17, 18, 1950.

Mrs. F. J. Pierce,
Corresponding Secretary.
Alfred Station, N. Y.

Southwestern Association

Gentry, Ark.
June 29 - July 2, 1950

CAMP MILES
On Irons Fork
in the Ouachita Mountains
near Mena, Ark.
June 21-27, 1950

CAMP JOY
at Camp Caesar, W. Va.
June 25 - July 2, 1950

Only those not yet freshmen in high school are eligible.

LEWIS CAMP
Ashaway, R. I.
July 18-27, 1950
Ages 12-18

CAMP HOLTSON
Battle Creek, Mich.
1950
Intermediates — July 23-30
Juniors — July 31 - August 2

PRE-CONFERENCE RETREAT
Camp Caesar, W. Va.
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