Dear Janet:

It has made me very happy to receive so many children's letters lately and how I wish I had room to get them all in the Recorder this week! I still have four more letters and haven't even room to answer yours. By making my answers short I hope to get them all in next time. Your loving friend,

Mizpah S. Greene.

**Conference Publicity**

What? — Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.
Where? — Denver, Colo., the Mile High City for Mountain High experiences.
Why? — Inspiration, fellowship, and attending to the Lord's business.
Who? — All Seventh Day Baptists and friends. — Publicity Committee.

**VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Orson E. Davis, Vocational Committee Chairman
Winter address: 2959 Orsen E. Davis, Vocational Conference.

Possible Employment Listings
1. Bellamy Lace Works (Mfrs.) (Year-round employment)
2. Nottingham Lace Works (Mfrs.) (Year-round employment)
3. Warners Bros. Company (Year-round employment)
4. Hope Valley Mills, Inc. (Year-round employment, mostly women and girls)
5. Marrone Mfg. Co. (Year-round employment, mostly women and girls)
6. Prospective buyer for wagon shop, also blacksmith shop.

Anyone interested in these listings please consult D. Alva Crandall, Hope Valley, R. I., Box 248, Key Worker for Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church.

**COMING EVENTS**

May Fellowship Day — May 2, 1952.
Annual Seventh Day Baptist Ministers' Conference — Brookfield and Leardonsville, N. Y., May 5-8, 1952. The conference probably will open Monday evening and close Thursday noon.
New England Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship — Sabbath night, May 10, 1952, at Worcester, R. I. — Bill Barber, Secretary-Treasurer.

Sabbath Rally Day — May 17, 1952.
Northern Association — The spring session of the Northern Association will meet May 23-25 at Jackson Center, Ohio. The first service will be on Friday at 8 p.m., EST, and the session will close with business at the Sunday morning fellowship breakfast. M. B., Sec'y.

**BIRTHS**

Carol, — A daughter, Nora Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Galin of Oneida, N. Y., April 5, 1952.

**Obituaries**

Sutton, — Mary (Mida) Ellen Jett, daughter of Jacob and Mary L. Rowe Jett, was born in Roane Co., W. Va., October 13, 1866, and died at the home of her daughter, Leona May Whitehair, in Berea, W. Va., March 12, 1952. She had been a long-time invalid, being cared for in the home of her daughter. She was married November 5, 1896, to Martin L. Sutton, who preceded her in death on August 28, 1919. To them were born five children: Bernece Iline, Veva Anna, Leona May, Hubert, and Doris Ruth. She is survived by three children: Veva Anna Outright, W. Va.; Leona May Whitehair, Berea, W. Va.; and Doris Ruth Garnes, Frostburg, Md.; also by twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

She has been a long-time member of the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted in her home church by the pastor, Rev. John Flit Randolph on March 15, 1952. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery.

J. F. R.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
DENVER, COLO., AUGUST 19-24, 1952
"OPERATION SABBATHKEEPING"

Friday night: Emphasis on individual Sabbathkeeping.
Sermon or discussion or filmstrip Sabbath school: Family Sabbathkeeping as a part of the lesson.

Church: Sabbath as a day of universal rest
"The Sabbath was made for man"
(1) Intent, (2) Message, and (3) Witness
Suggested Scripture (See letter)
Suggested hymns (See letter)

Young people's meetings: Adventuring in Sabbathkeeping
In business and profession
In school and social life
In helping others

The above suggested outline for Sabbath Rally Day emphasis is presented by the Committee on Sabbath Promotion of the Tract Board of which Corresponding Secretary Frank R. Kellogg is chairman.

A letter giving fuller details of plans and suggestions was sent recently by Mr. Kellogg to pastors and clerks of pastorless churches.

Editors: Sabbath Rally Day—Ministerial Retirement Allowances.

Ministers to Review

Denominational Strategy:

"A Half Century of Denominational Strategy" will be the subject under discussion on Wednesday morning, May 7, at the coming Ministerial Conference at Brookfield, N. Y. Three denominational leaders will review and evaluate the program of the Missionary, the 'Tract, and the Education Societies, and under the chairmanship of Rev. Earl Cruxen of Adams Center, N. Y., the entire conference will participate in an open discussion of agency strategy.

The acting secretary of the Missionary Society, Rev. Harold R. Crandall, will come from Rhode Island to present denominational strategy "For World Missions." The program "For Printed Preaching" will be reviewed by Rev. Hurley S. Warren, editor of the Recorder. The new editor of the Helping Hand, Rev. Melvin G. Nida of Richburg, N. Y., will speak of our program "For Educational Evangelism." Contributed.

Ministerial Retirement Allowances

In this day of inflated prices, how far do you think $40 per month would go in keeping your body and soul together, in paying your entire way?

The most of us would say, "Impossible!" The fact is that we as a denomination expect our retired ministers to get along on $40 a month as a maximum payment. Yes, if funds permit, two additional checks are sent out during the year, thus making fourteen instead of twelve payments. How fine it would be if the Memorial Fund should receive sufficient funds to warrant sending out four extra checks instead of two!

Pastors of Seventh Day Baptist Churches will recall that Mrs. Abbie B. Van Horn, at the request and on behalf of the Commission, sent a letter under date of December 10, 1951, in which an appeal was made for contributions to the Ministerial Retirement endowment fund.

Copies of the letter also were sent to the clerks of pastorless Churches and to a selected list of individuals.

Mrs. Van Horn reports that "from some sources the response has been most gratifying." She added: "It is hoped that other Churches and individuals will be heard from soon."

WHERE THE BURDEN RESTS

In life's emergent struggle, the strong must bear the burdens of the weak. Otherwise the strong become weak and the weak become weaker. The Apostle Paul said: "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves...Romans 15: 1, 2.

This principle holds true in family and community life, in religious and social circles.

The baby in the home is a helpless creature. For months the mother must lovingly care for and the father must faithfully provide for his needs. Only thus will he become a strong child and grow into a courageous man, who, in turn, will help those who are weaker than himself.

When the child's needs are neglected, he suffers, the family and the community
suffer. Especially is this true when the child's moral and religious training are neglected. The state requires the child to attend public school. Only divine compulsion operating in the majority of Protestant homes will require parents to train their children morally and religiously.

Children from homes in which there is strong moral and religious training are called upon as they go out from the home to be a bright example and influence for those who are weak in such training. Through their character and conduct, those who are weak will be made elevated and enhanced instead of degraded and worthless.

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A great responsibility rests upon the Christian home—brotherhood begins there.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

Communist Control in China Slipping
By George B. Utter
Chairman, China Committee

(As presented at the quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board, April 27, at Westerly, R. I.)

For more than a year and a half, the Missionary Board has heard nothing about our work in China and hospitals or about the Church members there. It was then we heard from Shanghai asking us to write no more letters from the United States might embarrass Seventh Day Baptists there in the so-called People's Government.

We have often wondered what is happening there in that Communist control of China.

During the past few weeks, some news from China has been coming through Hong Kong to the world, that Communist China is rushing for a fall. The people there apparently are no longer accepting the propaganda as truths. Faced by the economic machine, the people are thinking the Communist's policy.

One report that has come out of Hong Kong, through Time magazine, says that "Almost daily, new evidence of Red China's convulsions reach the British Crown territory. With their violent "five-ants" campaign against private business, the Chinese Reds have brought merchandising and much of industry close to a standstill. There is not enough cotton going to the south. The Communist bureaucracy itself has been riddled by purges and dissensions, who refused to follow party directions."

Sabbath Day Baptist history and the information concerning it was turned in by a student at the School of Theology. It occurs to me that it might well be used as a contemporary Bible study. For two students yet ahead of us, Walter Greene and Herbert Van Horn. A bit later Eugene Davis joined us, and then Jay Crofoot, home from China, furloughed, was with us for a time. It was a friendly group, and when the time came for us to scatter and go to our respective fields of Christian service we decided we would keep in touch with each other through the use of the mail service. Then was instituted what for forty-five years was known as the Budget Letters, an anachronistic name for what in seven families has become a precious tradition.

During the years it has gone to seven pastors, to two missionaries, to one chaplain of a noted sanitarium, to one editor, one college president, three theological professors. And this list does not include all the important positions held by the seven who were in seminary together in the first decade of the century. The mutual understanding and cordial support of these years have been warm and unbroken. There was never the slightest suggestion of rivalry, nor the faintest note of jealousy.

About three times a year the Budget Letters would arrive, and that was an event. I speak of these letters not only because of what they were, but for what they symbolized — Christian brotherhood. They did not represent or stimulate a self-contained or smug fraternity, but instead widened the interests and sympathies of the circle. I confidently believe that because of the warmth of the friendship of the seven for each other their friendship for others, too, was warmer.

Walter was less demonstrative than some of the rest of us, but his smile was suggestive of gentleness and his laughter was contagious. I recall that, to the seminary in 1935 as dean, Walter and Edgar were there on the faculty, and were my understanding supporters. Now they are both gone, having followed Herbert. Some would say we are now out of print, but I declare today in the language of Wordsworth's "Little Cottage Girl," "we are seven!"

School of Theology Students Attend Rochester Convocation
Six students from the School of Theology at Alfred University heard three of the outstanding scholars of the twentieth century at Rochester, N. Y., April 14-18.

The Colgate-Rochester Divinity School Spring Convocation presented during this week Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, famed minister emeritus of Riverside Church (Baptist) in New York City, Dr. Frederick W. Manson, leading British specialist in New Testament manuscripts, and Douglas V. Steere, eminent mystic and philosopher of the American Quaker tradition.

Don Sanford, Oscar Burdick, Duane Davis, Darrell Barber, Kenneth Smith, and Glen Hemminger were accompanied to the meet by Rev. Wayne R. Rood. Theology students have attended these annual convocations for many years. — Contributed.

OUR SERVICEMEN

Where They Are
Marlboro, N. J.
Sgt. Herbert M. Ayars, RA13266967

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference
DENVER, COLO., AUGUST 19-24, 1952

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Courtesy of Denver Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. and Publicity Committee, Seventh Day Baptist Church, Denver, Colo.

A section of Trail Ridge Road with Never Summer Range in the distance. "Trail Ridge Road, the highest continuous highway in the nation. For fifteen miles this oilied road winds across the crest of the Continental Divide above timber line, from 11,000 to 12,183 feet in altitude."
COMING EVENTS

National Family Week — May 4-11. Theme: "Brotherhood Begins at Home."

Annual Seventh Day Baptist Ministers' Conference at Brookfield, Vermont, May 5-8, 1952. The conference probably will open Monday evening and close Thursday noon.


Sabbath Rally Day — May 17, 1952.

Northern Association — The spring session of the Northern Association will meet May 23-25 at Jackson Center, Ohio. The first service will be on Friday at 8 p.m., EST, and the session will close with business at the Sunday morning fellowship breakfast. M. B., Sec'y.

Central Association — June 6-8, 1952, at De Ruyter, N. Y., with the opening session at 8:00 p.m., Daylight Saving Time, June 6. Theme — "Go Ye." — Bernard D. Rogers, Corresponding Secretary.

Southeastern Association — The annual sessions of the Southeastern Association will be held at the Salemville, Pa., Church, June 27-29. Sessions will begin Friday night at 7:30 and close with a Sunday evening meeting. Rev. Paul S. Burdick, pastor, New Enterprise, Pa.

(Announcements will be published in this calendar as received. Boards and agencies are urged to send such announcements for publication. These should reach the Sabbath Recorder office at least two weeks prior to publication date. Increasingly let us remember these events and meetings in prayer.)

BIRTHS

Langworthy. — A son, Frederick Christopher, III, to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Langworthy II, Adams Center, N. Y., on January 25, 1952.

Pickard. — A daughter, Laura Eileen, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pickard of Newfoundland, on January 16, 1952.


Dinners. — A son, TimothyEverett, to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Diner of Battle Creek, Mich., March 23, 1952.

Merchant. — A daughter, Suzanne Louise, to Mr. and Mrs. Claire Merchant of Battle Creek, Mich., April 21, 1952.

OBITUARIES

Wilson. — J. Alfred, son of James Y. and Sarah Frances Stillman Wilson, was born in Plainfield, N. J., October 21, 1875, and passed away in his home in Dunellen, N. J., April 10, 1952.

He was baptized by Rev. L. E. Livermore and united with the Piscataway Seventh Day Baptist Church at New Market in 1891. He joined the New York City Church in 1908 and rejoined at New Market in 1911. He served in various Church offices.

In 1900 he married Elizabeth Elvira Boice, who survives him. To this union were born a daughter, Marion Frances, who died in 1916, and a son, Austin Douglas, now of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Mr. Wilson received a Bachelor of Science degree from Rutgers College in 1897, and a Master of Science degree in 1905. By profession he was a teacher. Several years ago he retired as principal of the Oliver Street School in Newark, in which capacity he had served for twenty-five years. He did some writing, his articles having appeared in various periodicals.

Funeral services were conducted from the Runyon Funeral Home, Dunellen, N. J., on April 14, 1952, by Rev. Hurley S. Warren. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield.

H. S. W. Williams. — Chester C., son of John and Mary Chapman Williams, was born at Lovelive on September 24, 1872, and died at his home in Adams Center, N. Y., on March 8, 1952.

He was graduated from Adams Collegiate Institute in 1894 and taught in Jefferson County schools for about ten years. He conducted a general store in Adams Center for over forty years before retiring in 1946. His wife preceded him in death on August 16, 1939.

He was a faithful member of the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church for 64 years. He was ordained deacon in 1912 and elected moderator of the Church in 1914. He continued in these offices until his death. He was faithful in service to his Lord and Master.

Funeral services were held at his home on March 11 with Rev. Earl Cruzan officiating. Burial was in Union Cemetery at Adams Center.

E. C. Bonham. — John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Winfield B. Bonham, was born December 17, 1880, and passed away April 7, 1952, at his home in Shiloh, N. J.

He was baptized and joined the Church in 1892 and has been an active member in the Church for many years.

Mr. Bonham is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Russell Matson and four sisters: Mrs. Henry Ewing, Mrs. Paul Lyon, Mrs. Harold Milward, Mrs. Charles A. Banks.

Funeral services were conducted on April 10, 1952, in the Garrison Funeral Home in Bridgeton by Rev. Robert Lipton and burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

R. L.