ITEMS OF INTEREST

The American Tract Society (N.Y.) has rolled up an impressive record in the publication of Christian literature. Sufficient tracts have been published to circle the globe with a highway of leaflets seven feet wide. During 1952 over ten million tracts were distributed, approximately 1/2 million through the chaplains in the Armed Forces.

We could wish that the American Sabbath Tract Society could boast as many tracts. Our society does have a goodly number of Gospel as well as Sabbath tracts. If you cannot get as many as you would like of the former from the Plainfield society, remember that you cannot get any of the latter type from the New York society.

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Births

Snyder, — A son, Charles Walter, to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Snyder, R. D. 2, Coudersport, Pa., March 26, 1953.

Daenzer, — A son, Timothy Craig, to Mr. and Mrs. Milton Daenzer of White Plains, N. Y., April 2, 1953.

Wagner, — A son, Dana Louis, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Wagner, Texarkana, Ark., April 3, 1953.

Burdick, — A son, Timothy Shaw, to Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burdick (Gene Jacox), Cleveland, Ohio, October 9, 1952.

Hudson, — A son, William Wesley, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hudson (Carol Burdick), East Aurora, N. Y., February 18, 1953.

Obituaries

Kennedy, — Gordon, son of Loman J. and Elizabeth Jane Swisher Kennedy, was born at Lost Creek, July 19, 1871, and died at his home October 4, 1952.

He is survived by his wife, Molly, and two brothers: William of West Milford, W. Va., and Stephen of Lost Creek, W. Va. He was a faithful member of the Lost Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church for 68 years. Services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zwiefel, and burial was in the Brick Church Cemetery.

R. E. Z.

Carpenter, — Edwin Grant, son of George Bradford and Mary Elizabeth (Covey) Carpenter, was born February 9, 1869, in Ashaway, R. I., and died March 15, 1953, in the Wakefield, R. I., Hospital.

For many years he was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church at Ashaway. He attended the Ashaway public school and Alfred University. Mr. Carpenter was employed by the Ashaway Line and Twine Co., becoming its president in 1900. For thirty-two years he represented the Ford Gum Machine Co. of Lockport, N. Y.

He is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Ann Basset, Wakefield, R. I., and two sisters: Frances Adele Randolph (Mrs. Curtis F.) and Ruth Marion Carpenter, both of Alfred, N. Y.

Memorial services were held from the Avery Funeral Home in Wakefield, March 18, with burial in the First Hopkinton Cemetery. Rev. Ralph Lightbody, pastor of the Wakefield Baptist Church, officiated.

R. M. C.

Tillis, — Will C., aged 81, passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Edith Wilkinson, near Palatka, Fla., on Sabbath day, March 7, 1953.

He had lived for over forty years on a farm near Caraway. He had been a member, and was ordained as a deacon, in the Missionary Baptist Church; but about ten years ago he became convinced of the Sabbath, and was instrumental in the organization of the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Caraway, which he served as a trustee, although he did not unite with it in membership until December, 1942. At that time the church voted to recognize him as its deacon.

He is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Lela Price, Mrs. Edith Wilkinson, Mrs. Lula Sweet, of Palatka, and Mrs. Sarah Hall of Georgetown; five sons: Jimmie, Dan, Albert, and Edwin, of Palatka, and Colton, of Ocala; 33 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services, at the request of members of the family, were held at the Primitive Baptist Church at Barden, Fla., in charge of the Missionary Baptist minister.

May 4, 1953

The Sabbath Recorder

Christ and His Mother

MOTHER'S BOOK

We search the world for truth. We call The good, the true, the beautiful, From graven stone and written scroll, And all old flower-fields of the soul; And, weary seekers of the best, We come back laden from our quest, To find that all the sages said Is in the Book our mothers read.

— John Greenleaf Whittier.
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Editor's Note

With this issue there is a change in the masthead, the identifying materials at the top of this first column. The omissions do not indicate a change of policy but the judgment of the Advisory Committee in expressing the necessary things in fewer words. Some of our readers will also appreciate having the publication date at the top of every other page, which has not been done for many years.

A FAMILY ALTAR WILL ALTER A FAMILY

There is no question about it; families that pray together are deliberately different. Other families may get by; they may keep up appearances; their children may be well clothed and well behaved; but they may also lack that spirit, that unity, that calmness found in the homes where an altar is consistently reared. We speak not of visible worship centers, Protestant shrines. They may be helpful if they are constantly kept fresh. Unless spontaneous worship is developed in connection with the location the benefits will tend to become little more than those derived by a passing church or listening to an off-repeated recording of song and prayer.

A real family altar is as intangible as a mother's love. It is there; it is fresh with its daily variety of manifestations; but you may not be able to touch with your hand the essence of it. Prayer and Bible reading are the essential framework of such an altar. Of what emotional material may be found helpful. American families may be justly proud of that spirit of enterprise which makes it possible to make ends meet. Good Bible reading is designed to show the same ingenuity in bringing the family altar to a central position in the life of the family.

This annual Family Week culminating in the traditional Mother's Day makes us think seriously of family foundations. Most of us are thankful for the altars of our childhood. Most of us feel that our own families need some altering. Let us alter the family with a family altar.

Bad men or devils would not have written the Bible for it condemns them and their work. Good men or angels could not have written it, for in saying that it was from God when it was their own invention, they would have been guilty of a falsehood and, to behold that which was good. The only remaining Being who could have written it is God. - Flavel.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

BATTLE CREEK, MICH., AUGUST 18-23, 1939.

MAY 4, 1953

MEMORY TEXT

"And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God." Acts 13:44.

SEEDS FOR SABBATH SERMONS

Does Grace Kill?

Oponents of the law frequently affirm, "Law kills." That is only a partial truth, for Paul says, "The commandment was unto life." Some say the law is harsh; it kills an adulterer and it stones a Sabbath-breaker. Willis W. Mead in his book, "The Modern Outcry Against the Law," makes this rejoinder to such anti-nomians: "If it was the law that stoned the adulteress and the Sabbath-breaker, what was it that killed Ananias and Sapphira? Was it grace? Surely it must have been if it was the law that killed the former two" (p. 71). Another answer would be that the law was still in force in those days when grace was reigning.

Is the Law Bad?

The followers of J. N. Darby, the Plymouth Brethren, and many teachers in orthodox religious schools maintain that there is always a sharp distinction between law and grace. Thus C. I. Scofield, in "Rightly Dividing the Word of Truth," says that the Scripture presents Law and Grace in sharply contrasted spheres. The mingling of them in much of the current teaching of the day seems to go beyond the law loses its terror and Grace of its fearlessness." In this kind of dividing Willis Mead points out that they have divided the law itself. They note that the law says: "Hate thine enemy," but neglect to quote Deut. 6: 5 which commands love to God and man, and also Prov. 25: 21: "If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat."

"Free from the law, oh, happy condi-

This is a verse which should never be excepted with those safeguards which the author of the hymn has not been careful to set up." Daniel Steele in Anti-nomianism Revived (p. 107).

"What is wrong with this and why do we not see all the principles of the moral law, and prompts to their glad performance?" (Ibid. p. 109.)

GIFT COPIES OF RECORDER

Beginning with the April 6 issue, the Sabbath Recorder plans to send a free copy of the magazine to each new member who joins one of our American churches. It is possible that we may at a later time decide to do more than that. The new member will receive that issue in which his admission appears.

This should be an incentive for clerks, pastors, and correspondents to send in all names, with addresses, promptly. We do not publish time after admission.

This new service is being primarily designed to help young people and Sabbath converts to realize that they are not only a minister and a church, but also with a denomination which is interested in helping them to grow in understanding and service. Our secondary aim is to encourage these new people to read about the broader work of Seventh Day Baptists in our official organ. Pastors instructing the young folk coming into the church through camp and other types of evangelism may be glad to promise the new convert that they will see their names in our denominational paper. We are convinced that adult admissions should constitute our most fertile field for new subscriptions.

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Having just come from six years of residence on the Pacific Coast we scarcely have the courage to tell our friends in such distant places that the Sabbath Recorder is never late. We have been convinced that it never has been late (for several years) and told them that it had better not be late through any fault of the editor. We believe we can assure our readers that their copy will always be in the Pacific Pulpit Office on the Friday preceding its Monday date. Perhaps this has been published before. If your Recorder is delayed unduly, please keep your harsh thoughts for postal handlers, do not love you, do the painstaking workers at the Recorder office. As to the contents of our paper, some articles do have to be held over for various reasons. We shall try to keep it fresh.

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WEEKEND IN NEW ENGLAND

Westerly and the nearby churches in Rhode Island and Connecticut constitute one of the Seventh Day Baptist centers of activity, namely, missionary activity. The missionary offices are located in a prominent downtown building of Westerly and the personnel of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society is drawn largely from the New England group of churches. It was the editor's privilege to make a very enjoyable, unofficial visit to that area on the weekend of April 25.

Spring arrives a little late around Ashaway and Westerly, but spring rains are not infrequent. The greening grass, the flowering shrubs, and the still tightly budded trees bear mute testimony to the slowly melting snow of a long winter. They also sway and move with a quickening promise of full-blown meadows, deep green trees, and fruitful fields.

Human life moves above the realm of leaden oceans and the seasons of nature. Man maintains his position as the crown of creation, especially when man turns to his Maker at the call of the Sabbath church bells. The editor was a stranger looking for a church as the Sabbath drew on. We found the church by the sound of the bell ringing through the growing darkness of Westerly. The closing service of a week's church-sponsored lectures on Russia was in progress. The church was so crowded that we feared we had made a mistake until familiar faces were spotted. We felt encouraged to pray on for better days.

The glistening colonial church at Ashaway was warm with the eager blood of children and young parents on Sabbath morning. A relatively small congregation prays in a worship service of childhood, youth, maturity, and old age blend together to make a living, well-tempered church. A church with as many windows as the Ashaway Church should never have a dull Sabbath even though it rains. The missionary emphasis on this occasion also lighted up the church, as it will light up any church whether its architecture be characteristic of New England, or Plainfield, or the hills of West Virginia.

NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Since August of 1951 our people have been looking forward to the setting of an executive secretary to do for the denomination what the name implies and specifically that which the Conference or Commission outlines for him to attempt. As announced briefly in last week's Recorder, the Commission has now secured the services of A. Burdet Crofoot of Alfred, N. Y. It is understood that he will begin his work this month (May).

Mr. Crofoot, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Crofoot, was born in Shanghai, China, shortly after his parents went there as missionaries (1899). He was educated in Shanghai and Alfred. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Alfred University.

His experience has been wide in the realms of education, journalism, and administration. From 1945 to 1947 he was Associate Field Director of the American Red Cross in Japan. For the past two years he has been the successful educational director of the Northeastern Retail Lumberman's Association, at Rochester, N. Y. He sees that profitable connection to assume the religious mission of this new position. We may expect soon a statement from him as to the compelling reasons that led him to accept the biggest challenge thus far to layman in our denomination. We pray that he has long nourished a deep-felt desire to give full-time service to the cause of Seventh Day Baptists.

The new secretary was married to Leah M. Clerke in 1924. Their three daughters are grown and Mr. and Mrs. Crofoot are blessed with three grandchildren.

CONFERENCE ACTION

The action of the 1951 Conference in providing for this office is quoted below in part. Further details of the job analysis will be printed later.

It is recommended that a full-time executive secretary be employed by Conference under the following conditions:
1. To be appointed by and responsible to the Commission, to work under its direction and to attend all its meetings.
2. To be appointed for an initial term of three years followed by annual appointment.
3. To have the following duties:
   a. Provide administrative leadership in (1) program planning; (2) activating the program through inter-agency co-ordination; (3) budget preparation.
   b. Acquaint himself with the work of the various denominational agencies by attending their meetings and conferring with their officers.
   c. Periodically call together representatives of the denominational agencies for more complete co-ordination of their activities.
   d. Provide continuity of administration from year to year for changing Commission and Conference personnel.
   e. Provide a continuing headquarters contact with the churches.
   f. Perform such other duties as may specifically be assigned to him by Conference or Commission.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

MAY 16, 1953

Living as Christians

Basic Scripture: 1 and 2 Thessalonians

Emphasized portion: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11, 14-25
Pastors and churches have made plans to foster an effective observance of Sabbath Rally Day on May 16. Many are using the attractive bulletin covers printed by the Recorder Press and mailed free upon request. With each order for bulletins there is sent an equal number of tracts for enclosure. It is hoped that the churches will mail this new tract and bulletin to all members and friends who are not able to attend services. The Tract Board cannot undertake individual mailing at this time except upon request.

It is hoped that preparations for Sabbath Rally Day have included a display of the Sabbath materials which each church has in stock. It is a good time for local tract committees to check their supplies and reorder. No single tract is a multipurpose pill or a cure-all. You need a variety to suit different needs, temperaments, and religious backgrounds.

New camps are springing up throughout our denomination, owned and operated by Seventh Day Baptists. We have perhaps been slow in developing good camps, but now they dot the map of the United States well enough so that none of our youth need feel that camp is too far away to attend or so far that they can’t invite their friends to go along also. Once Lewis Camp in Rhode Island was the only one we heard about. Then the Rocky Mountain and the scenic California areas caught the vision of mountain-top experiences for the younger ones who have in times past rented camps and have changed locations as they sought for permanence. West Virginia and the great Southwest have reported successful camping experiences. Battle Creek now has permanent, well-care-for buildings and grounds on a lake. Southern Wisconsin and Western New York are reportedly getting much joy out of the hard work that goes into erecting buildings and improvements. There are many possibilities for possible low-cost camping. When it comes to camping, we know how to economize. It is now financially possible for almost all of our young folks to say, “I am going to camp.”

Now is the time to say those words and to keep on saying them. There is not much more than a month and a half of school left. Summer plans are already in the making. Let them revolve around attending one of these available Seventh Day Baptist camps. You can do it, young folk, if you try. But if you say, “I’m going to camp,” that you say it in the right spirit and that you go to camp with that same spirit.
young people are filling their places in the work of the church.

The slate of officers proposed by the nominating committee was accepted, there being no change except in an enlarged list of ushers to serve during the year.

Guest speaker in our pulpit on March 28 was one of our former boys, Kenneth Smith, who at present is pastor at Albion and Milton Junction. The sermon, "Behold the Man," was excellent and well received. That day also marked the reception of new members in the church, four of whom were baptized the evening before. Our choir was augmented by the choir of the North Stonington Federated Church in presenting Gallia-Motet by Gounod. We in turn gave them our support in presenting the same program at North Stonington. On Friday night of Holy Week our choir sang "The Crucifixion" by Stainer.

On Easter Sabbath the altar was lovely with Easter lilies and hyacinths. The pastor's sermon, "When Death Is Gain," directed our thoughts to the real meaning of Easter. Little children happily received the hyacinths, and the lilies carried their message of hope and cheer to shut-ins.—Mrs. E. F. Loofburo, Correspondent.

The Bible won't be a dry Book if you know its Author. — Cream Book.

Accessions

Alfred, N. Y.

Richard West.

Nortonville, Kan.

Letter:

Mrs. Mary Crandall,

Elizabeh Crandall,

Bil! Crandall.

Obituaries

Crumb. — Frank Arlington, son of Dwight and Jane Granda!l Crumb, was born in Brookfield, N. Y., September 4, 1863, and died at the Bethesda Hospital, Hornell, N. Y., April 1, 1953.

He was married to Eta West of Shillott, N. J., October 21, 1885. To this union were born five children: Herbert, Cleveland, Ohio, and Ella (Mrs. Donald Wilson), Pittsford. Besides his wife and children, there survive five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was baptized and united with the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred, May 12, 1893. He was ordained deacon on September 26, 1942, in which office he served faithfully until failing health prevented. He was president of the church for ten years, resigning "to give younger men a chance."

Mr. Crumb was a printer, an editor, and a publisher. At 14 years of age, he began his apprenticeship under Frank Spooner, editor of the Brookfield Courier; at 17, he went to work for the West Windfield News; at 18, he established a commercial printing shop in Syracuse. Two years later, in 1883, he came to "Alfred Centre" to work in the office of the Sabbath Recorder. In 1883, he and three associates formed the Sun Publishing Association, Ltd., and proceeded to publish the Alfred Sun. He retired on April 1, 1931. Mr. Crumb served as town clerk for twenty-five years and as a supervisor for eight years.

Memorial services were conducted on Friday afternoon, April 3, from the First Alfred Church by his pastor, Rev. Hurley S. Warren, and Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor, Second Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred at Alfred Station. Burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery. — H. S. W.

Langworthy. — Martha Brown, daughter of Daniel Franklin and Anna Langworthy Langworthy, was born at Alfred, N. Y., May 30, 1866, and died at her home in Newport, R. I., on Sabbath, March 7, 1953.

Early in her chosen work, Miss Langworthy was a graduate nurse at the Buffalo General Hospital and Buffalo Children's Hospital. She also did private nursing for many Buffalo families. Throughout her career, she gave unstintingly of her skill to members of the Langworthy family. She moved to Newport in 1915, where she served for many years as a public nurse. She was a member of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Andover, N. Y.

Miss Langworthy is survived by four nephews: Franklin A., Plainfield, N. J.; Ebert, Newport, R. I.; Edson C., Andover, N. Y.; and Lynn L. Langworthy, Alfred, N. Y., and several nieces and grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. David Carter in Newport, R. I., March 9, 1953, with a committal service being held the next afternoon at Alfred Rural Cemetery, Alfred, N. Y., with Rev. Hurley S. Warren in charge.

Wilson. — Edward Livingston, son of Deacon and Mrs. John C. Wilson, was born in Attalla, Ala., October 31, 1842, and departed this life on February 20, 1953, at his home in Attalla.

Early in life he accepted Christ and united with the Attalla Seventh Day Baptist Church. In 1913 he was united in marriage with Verna McComb who preceded him in death January 6, 1928. She is survived by four sisters: Mrs. Lula Wofford and Mrs. Maude Mills of Attalla; Mrs. Cornells Vernon of Attoh, Ala.; Mrs. Della Burgess of Fort Payne, Ala.; and one brother, Clifford D. of Attalla; Verney A. of New Lebanon, Ohio; and Lonnie L. of Birmingham, Ala.

Funeral services were conducted at the Collier-Butler Funeral Chapel in Gadsden, Ala., by Rev. Lee Gibs and Rev. Thomas I. Monkett and interment was in the Attalla Cemetery.

V. A. W.