DEACON LESTER P. KELLEY

Lester P. Kelley was born February 4, 1881, and died April 9, 1953, in the Edgerton Memorial Hospital.

He was a faithful deacon of the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church. A retired farmer, he worked at the Edgerton Highway Trailer Co. and was active in church work until his death. His passing is a serious loss to his church and community. He was a source of wise judgment and a friend to his pastor. His eagerness to do his share and his passion to do his very best, will perpetuate his memory in the lives of those who loved him.

Surviving are his wife; a daughter, Wilma, at home; two sisters: Mrs. Roy Cran dall, Belvidere, Ill.; and Mrs. Arden West, Wolf Summit, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted from the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church, Pastor Kenneth E. Kelley officiating. Burial was at the Evergreen Cemetery, Albion.

K. E. S.

Salem Alumni

New Jersey residents who have attended Salem College are reminded that there will be a Salem alumni reunion at Medford Lakes Lodge near Mount Holly on May 23, beginning with a dinner at 6 o'clock. Officials of the college will be present to help launch an alumni chapter.

Please get in touch with Mrs. Norman Harris, Box 114, Shiloh, N. J.

Seventh Day Baptist General Conference

BATTLE CREEK, MICH.,
AUGUST 18-23, 1953.

MARRIAGES

Probasco - Ayars. — Owen Harris Probasco, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Probasco, and Ruth Mary Ayars, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Ayars, were united in marriage March 29, 1953, in the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church. Their pastor, Rev. Robert Lippincott, read the ceremony.

Births

Keller. — A son, David Carl, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Keller of Chicago, Ill., on March 31, 1953.

Darling. — A son, William Roy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rollie Darling (Neva Jackson), Alfred Station, N. Y., September 4, 1953.

Richards. — A son, Daniel Eugene, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Richards (Edna Ruth Randolph), Alfred, N. Y., March 7, 1953.

OBITUARIES

Ayars. — Oscar S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ayars, was born March 2, 1883, and passed away at his home in Salem, N. J., March 31, 1953.

Mr. Ayars was a practicing dentist in Salem for 40 years and a member of the Shiloh Church.

Surviving are his wife, Mary; a son, Everett; and a daughter, Mrs. William Smith, and four grandchildren.

Memorial services were conducted April 4 at the Garrison Funeral Home, Salem, N. J., with Rev. Robert Walke officiating, assisted by Rev. Robert Lippincott. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

Algren. — Catherine Jane, 5, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Algren, was born September 9, 1947, and died April 9, 1953. She had been ill since birth and was faithfully attended for five years by her parents.

Surviving are her parents; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Saunders, Albion; and paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Algren, Jr., Edgerton.

Private funeral services were conducted at the Jones Funeral Home, Edgerton, Pastor Kenneth E. Smith officiating. Burial was at the Evergreen Cemetery, Albion, Wis.

Peabody. — Edna A., of Bradford, R. I., died in the Western Hospital April 16, 1953, after a long illness.

She was born in Salem, Conn., September 19, 1883, the daughter of the late Joseph A. and Effie D. (Whiting) Peabody. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ethel Turnball of Bradford, and several nieces and nephews.

Miss Peabody was an active member of the Pawtucket Church, and the SDB Society.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Charles H. Bond and Rev. Harold R. Crandall in the Shiloh Funeral Home on April 18. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery.

C. H. B.

A. Burdet Crofoot

Mr. Crofoot began his duties in the new office of Executive Secretary of the Seventh Day Baptist denomination on May 1. Having oriented himself with the ministers and the boards, he is undertaking his first major task, that of spear-heading a campaign to raise the Denominational Budget. Read his articles in this issue.

"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."
MAY 18, 1953


text:

front of the crowd seeking salvation through Christ. Let us pray for those low ranking military leaders who seem to encourage godlessness under guise of toughness. Enduring hardness is a Christian virtue expounded by Paul on Timothy whom he calls a Christian soldier.

CHRISTIAN JEWS

The problem of Jewish-Christian relations as much a live issue today as it was when the converted Jew of New Testament times felt that they had a mission to their brethren according to the flesh.

The chief rabbinat of Israel on December 20, 1952, issued an edict to all rabbis and religious officials beginning with these words: "Over four hundred emissaries of Satan, missionaries... among them baptized Jews, traitors to their origin, have settled like a swarm of locusts on the land." He called his leaders "to battle against the activities of the missionaires.

One of Israel's liberal thinkers, Schalom Ben Chorin, took issue with this tirade in a published article. He noted that some Christian Jews were doing a new thing - trying to combine their national-Jewish position with their Christian religious conviction, and even trying to bring out the Hebrew aspect of Christian worship in Israel. He proposes taking the sails out of missionary work by a better mutual understanding along this line.

We wonder how Paul would have reacted to such a proposal to take the sails out of his Spirit-led program of "to the Jew first and also to the Greek." We do not have to wonder. When the Christian Church ceases to be a missionary church, it just ceases to be.

An aged Negro got up one night at the revival meeting and declared: "I am dead and there is no God. My life is one long struggle, one long common suffering. I have known the shadow of death, and I have seen nothing but death and corruption. But I have seen something new. I have seen a living God. I have seen a living God. I have seen a living God."

MANY MINISTERS

Our readers are doubtless anxious to know who attended the annual Ministers' Conference held this year at Alfred, N.Y., May 4-7. The attendance at all but the public meetings was about forty. Of this number, thirty-two were ordained ministers, five of whom are retired. The others were students and licensed ministers plus a foreign missionary and two who were observers. Of the thirty-two, we mention A. Burdet Crofoot, J. Nelson Norwood, and Ben R. Crandall who were present at most of the meetings.


Greetings were also received from Duane Davis, Alfred Keller, and Doyle Zwiebel, men in preparation but not yet ordained.

On the last day of the conference the whole group visited the bedside of Rev. Harley H. Sutton and sang several songs for him. His home is almost next door to the Second Church where the closing noon meal was served.
PERSONAL STATEMENT
Secretary A. B. Crofoot

In daring to undertake the tasks of the new position of executive secretary for the Seventh Day denomination, I am very conscious of the need of strength and wisdom beyond that which I possess in the discharge of the duties involved. These duties are broadly outlined in the Recorders of May 4 and 11, and call for a great deal of pioneering in the field of lay work on our denomination. In reference to the need for greater strength and wisdom than I possess, I naturally look to two sources. The first is, of course, the Divine Source which I hope to tap by prayer — both my own and that of others who are concerned with the continued useful existence of our denomination. The other source is the confidence and active support of you, the members of the denomination. While the tasks have been broadly outlined by the Commission and the General Conference, the details call for branching out in directions not previously taken by our group. These details I hope to meet by way of a modern experience is co-ordinated assistance and by drawing on my previous experience in co-ordinated effort in teaching. This last may seem a bit odd for tasks of this type of work, but close examination will, I think, confirm the parallel which exists between teaching and what I am now undertaking.

I am deeply conscious also of the problems of obtaining a close co-ordination of effort without in any way infringing upon the individual freedom of action of the separate church groups. Being myself a firm believer in that cardinal point in our church polity, I would be the last to attempt interference with the independence and autonomy of the local church. I believe however, that we have enough in common, that our appreciation of common objectives is sufficiently strong, that we can (as we have proved in the past) work together as a larger group, and that I can help to channel our various co-operative efforts for more efficient achievement.

As I have already indicated, however, none of this can I accomplish alone. I need the assistance of all the leaders in our work, both pastoral and lay, and of every member throughout the denomination. This support, together with your prayers that the truths held by Sabbathkeeping Christians may be advanced.

BUDGET CAMPAIGN
Conference President Elmo F. Randolph has designated June as a month in which special effort should be directed toward meeting out of the budget. Figures released by the denominational treasurer reveal that on May 1, with only about three and a half months left before Conference, only 42.26% of the budget has been raised. It is hoped that by the end of June, when nine months of the Conference year are past, the Denominational Budget can be in the corresponding position of being three quarters completed.

We of the denomination have definitely obligated ourselves, through our General Conference, to the raising of $46,653 for the carrying on of God’s work this year. This is not a vast sum in comparison with modern expenditures, but it is something for purposes, and if each of us contributes his share, it would not require a large giving on the part of any individual. When one considers the various aspects of God’s work that we are supporting through the Denominational Budget, the amounts asked for, like of Christ as the true “offspring, heirs of Abraham.”

The whole world recognizes today that it was the Jewish people who gave us this great, world’s Treasure of religion, just as the Greeks gave the world art, and the Romans gave law. Most people today also realize the one idea of the past two thousand years, and this idea was part and parcel of the religion the Jews gave to the world. If we accept the two basic teachings of the religion of the Jews — belief in the one true God who made the universe and belief that He is sanctifying or purifying men from the contamination that has come into the world — we accept the two basic teachings of religion from the Jews, and if we accept the demonstrated value of one day’s rest in seven, to be given to religious purposes, why shouldn’t we accept the very day, the very same day which was originally set apart and sanctified to symbolize the eternal sovereignty and holiness of God? I think we should.

IV. Jesus Taught Sabbathkeeping
But I come to a far greater reason for Christians keeping the Sabbath, the fourth reason in the order. That reason is, He Himself kept and recommended the keeping of this day.

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up, and He was subject to them. Luke 4:16, RSV.

And He said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is lord even of the Sabbath.” Matt. 12:27, 28, RSV.

I think it is plain from these passages that Jesus Himself recognized and appreciated the values of Sabbathkeeping built up in Old Testament times. Why shouldn’t the Christian Church, which professes to follow Christ, follow Him in this regard also?

We believe in Jesus. We profess to follow Him. Why should we disregard His example whose custom was to attend public worship on the Sabbath day? Why should we disregard His Word when He said the Sabbath was made for man?

My four chief reasons for keeping the seventh day Sabbath then are these: (1) It is the symbol and memorial of God’s action in creation. (2) It is the symbol and memorial of God’s action in redemption. (3) It is the symbol and memorial of God’s action in sanctification. (4) It is the day, the only day, kept and recommended by Jesus, the Christ, My Lord.

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MAY 18, 1935

WHY I KEEP THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH
Rev. Clifford W. P. Hansen (Continued from last issue)

III. A Symbol for All People

“‘Yes,’ some people say, ‘I can see that. But why must I do it? This question brings me to my third major reason for keeping the seventh day Sabbath. What did the ancient prophets believe and teach about the Sabbath? Did they think of the Sabbath as only for the Jews?

Thus says the Lord: . . . ‘Blessed is the man who does this, and the son of man who holds it fast, who keeps the Sabbath, not profaning it, and keeps his hand from doing any evil.’ “And the foreigner who joins themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, every one who keeps the Sabbath, and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant—those I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer.” Isa. 56:1, 2, 6, 7, RSV.

Along with that, notice what Paul thought and taught about the relationship of Christians to the Old Testament dispensation. “And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, heirs according to promise.” Gal. 3:29, RSV.

According to these Scriptures, Isaiah taught that the blessings Israel had received from the Lord were also the blessings of the one true God, the Creator, would also be poured out upon those Gentiles who would turn to worship this God and keep Holy Days. And Paul taught that the Gentiles are not excluded from being heirs of God’s blessing just because they were not Abraham’s seed.

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The following is one of seven resolutions adopted unanimously by the Associated Church Press meeting in Washington, April 10. The ACP includes about 120 religious periodicals of which the Sabbath Recorder is one. We were not represented this year, but we would no doubt have concurred in this and the other resolutions.

4. Whereas, It is our opinion that appointment of a United States ambassador to the Vatican is a fundamental violation of the national principle of separation of church and state,

Resolved, That the Associated Church Press express its gratification that the nomination of such an ambassador was withdrawn by the previous administration and has not been made by the present administration, and urge the President of the United States not to disregard the steadfast conviction of a majority of the American people that no diplomatic representative of the United States should be assigned to the Holy See.

The Sabbath Recorder
DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of Treasurer, April 30, 1953

Receivables
April 7 months
Balance on hand Apr. 1 $ 65.00

Adams Center 168.55
Albion 135.02
Alfred, First 1,276.79
Alfred, Second 434.90
Andover 10.00
Associations and groups 45.00
Battle Creek 895.94 2,653.50
Beaver 44.06 448.38
Boulder 246.14
Brookfield, First 100.00
Brookfield, Second 163.55
Chicago 62.00 443.81
Daytona Beach 27.30 309.25
Denver 121.36 394.09
De Ruyter 60.00
Dodge Center 125.00
Edinburg 15.94
Farina 15.00 201.60
Fowlkes 61.10
Friendship 5.00
Hammond 10.00 10.00
Hebron, First 21.32 104.04
Hopkinton, First 165.70 683.50
Hopkinton, Second 20.00
Independence 16.00 288.00
Indiana 471.15
Individuals 45.00 210.00
Irvington 200.00
Little Greenlee 13.00 239.47
Little Prairie 3.50 21.70
Los Angeles 209.00
Los Creek 359.02
Marboro 1,126.33
Middle Island 76.35
Milton 377.24 2,464.93
Milton Junction 137.84 921.98
New Auburn 12.00 100.85
New York 82.30 82.30
North Lause 330.52
Nortonville 55.00 195.00
Pawtucket 923.01 2,257.15
Phillips 15.00 107.90
Pisgahway 21.00 103.50
Pinefield 317.29 2,089.80
Richburg 148.56
Ritchie 30.00
Riverdale 621.23 1,187.97
Roanoke 36.00
Rockville 55.59
Saline 378.80
Salewille 45.00
Schenendoah 40.00
Shiloh 160.00 1,429.46
Syracuse 100.00
Verona 41.00 468.78
Walworth 30.00
Washington 81.00
Waterford 13.26 117.18
Welton 10.00
White Cloud 21.70 238.67

Totals $4,231.85 $23,950.12

Disbursements
Missionary Society $1,043.46 $ 248.03
Tract Society 408.54 20.00
Board of Christian Education 565.95
Women's Society 749.11
Historical Society 125.40
Ministerial Retirement 374.88 227.27
S. D. B. Building 104.94
World Fellowship and Service 19.40 201.84
General Conference 582.12 12.84
S. D. B. Memorial Fund 105.00
American Bible Society 510.00

Balance on hand 81.77

Comparative Figures
1953 1952
Receipts in April $3,381.77 $ 850.08
Budget $3,316.77 $2,969.94
Specials 850.08 1,058.07
Receipts in 7 months 19,687.28 24,049.37
Budget 4,262.84 6,803.95
Specials 921.98 1,179.90
Annual Budget 46,635.00 45,825.00

Percentage of budget raised to date 42.2% 54.9%

Milton, Wis.
L. M. Van Horn
Treasurer.

Obituaries
Armby, — Eva Bentley, daughter of Caleb and Emma Whitford Bentley, was born September 3, 1867, and died January 7, 1953, at Berlin, N. Y.
She was baptized by Rev. B. P. Rogers in 1883. She joined the Berlin Seventh Day Baptist Church of which she was a member until her death.
She was the wife of the late John Armby who died in 1918. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Carlton L. Greene, Mrs. Charles Knight, Mrs. Roy Wright; one son, Leland Armby; a sister, Mrs. Janie Hull; and two brothers, Artie C. and William U. Bentley, all of Berlin, N. Y. There are 6 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.
Funeral services were held at the Charles F. White Funeral Home on January 10, 1953, conducted by Rev. A. E. Hanney. Her pastor, Rev. Paul L. Maxon, was unable to conduct the service due to illness. Internment was in Meadowland Cemetery, Petersburg, N. Y.

Would you like to be true to God, and yet have soul liberty?
Gal. 5: 1; Phil. 4: 1, 8. Then join the SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH.
(Sticker on the back of a letter from one of our most consistent distributors of Seventh Day Baptist tracts, Ralph Kine, St. Louis, Mo.)

PATRIOTIC PRAYER
O God who touchest mankind by word and example the ways to true peace —
- Insire the minds of all our leaders with the wisdom to bring about a peace according to Thy designs.
- Strengthen the wills of our fighting men and women lest in the pursuit of their vocations they succumb to the temptation to rejoice in the power of material might and gain over true righteousness.
- Enlighten the minds of those in positions of responsibility to the awareness of Thy Commandments which must be the basis for a true peace.
- Touch with Thy outstretched hand of forgiveness the souls of tyrants who would, by abandoning Thy teachings, lead us to disaster.
- With humility and sincerity, do we beg Thy blessings on all those throughout the world who strive to bring about a peace which can be gained by Thy leadership. Amen.