**BIRTHS**

Ross — A son, Henry Berry, to S. J. and Joy Berry Ross of Riverside, Calif., December 20, 1952.

Hunt — A daughter, Michele Marie, to Jack and Neva Brannon Hunt of Riverside, Calif., December 20, 1952.

Phillips — A daughter, Donna Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Phillips, R.D. 2, Coudersport, Pa., on January 5, 1953.

Greene — A son, Erwin Lewis, to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin A. Greene, on November 9, 1952, at Berlin, N. Y.

Welch — Stephen Wesley, to Wesley and Betty Welch, 1633 Kenneth Way, Pasadena, Calif., May 16, 1952.

Robbins — Randy Lawton, 11127 E. Hondo Parkway, Temple City, Calif., November 22, 1952, by Rev. E. Z. Wallin, John L. Lawton, and Mrs. D. Alva Crandall of Hope Valley, R. I., and Nan Dill of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage in the First Baptist Church of Riverside on December 29, 1952. The couple are now in Redlands, Calif., where they are attending the university.

**Obituaries**

Jeffrey — Lida Benetta Burdick, was born in Albion, Wis., June 18, 1857, and died suddenly December 6, 1952, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Davis, of Riverside, Calif.

In early life she united with the Albion Seventh Day Baptist Church. She was married to Benjamin Jeffrey on July 29, 1879. Upon moving to Riverside she transferred her membership to that church. She is survived by two children, three grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. At the time of her death she was the oldest member of the church. Failing strength had kept her from church for several years.

L. M. M.

Cotrell — John Boardman, son of Rev. Ira Lee and Angeline Dye Cotrell, was born September 10, 1873, in Richburg, N. Y., and died at his winter residence in Miami, Fla., December 10, 1952. Mr. Cotrell was owner of the Mingo Springs Hotel in Rangeley, Me.

He was married to Julia Randolph of Shiloh, N. J., December 26, 1895. To this union were born five children. Mrs. Cotrell died January 9, 1933. Later, Mr. Cotrell married Alva Travers who survives him. Also surviving him are his five children, two brothers, eleven grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Cotrell joined the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church in September, 1903, and was a member until his death. Memorial services were held Sabbath day, December 13, at the Plainfield Church with Rev. E. Wendell Stephan officiating. Burial was in Rangeley, Me.

E. W. S.

Wing — Minnie Hayes, of Lymansville, a suburb of Coudersport, Pa., died suddenly at her home of a heart attack on January 10, 1953. Mrs. Wing was born at De Ruyter, N. Y., on September 12, 1876, to Ory J. and Elizabeth Munsey Hayes and was married in 1915 to Rev. Robert W. Wing at De Ruyter, N. Y.

Surviving are her husband and three stepchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Gravel Church. The body was laid in the church. Burial was in the Church Cemetery at De Ruyter, N. Y. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Wing came to Coudersport in 1924. In 1924 he accepted a call to the White Cloud, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church and returned to Coudersport several years later to live in retirement.

Mrs. Wing was well known as an organist and was active in the church and the Seventh Day Baptist Church of which she was a member.

The Christian's mission to the world is to proclaim to mankind the power, justice, and love of God.

— Selected.

**Marriages**

Crandall - Dinwoodie — At Elkton, Md., December 22, 1952, by Rev. E. Z. Wallin, John L. Crandall, M. B. M., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Alva Crandall of Hope Valley, R. I., and Alice Dinwoodie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dinwoodie of Ashaway, R. I. The double ring ceremony was used.

Osborn - Dill — Kent Osborn, son of Rev. and Mrs. Lester G. Osborn, of Ashaway, R. I., and Nan Dill of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage in the First Baptist Church of Riverside on December 29, 1952. The young couple now reside at 4254 First St., Riverside.

Thompson - Stillman — At the Chapel of Roses, Pasadena, Calif., on October 13, 1952, Joyce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Stillman of Montebello, was married to Marshall Thompson of Palm Springs. The couple are now making their home in Redlands, Calif., where they are attending the university.

Stearns - Morris — A/1c David Stearns, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Stearns of Hebron, Pa., was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Morris of Wichita, Kan., Sunday, December 21. The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Roberts in the Wesley Chapel at Wichita. After a short wedding trip, A/1c Stearns and Mrs. Stearns will be at home in their apartment at 3904 East Elm St., Wichita, Kan.

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MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
May 4-7, 1953 — Alfred, N. Y.
THE MILTON HOUSE

D. Nelson Inglis

"What mean ye by these stones?"

Landmarks, whether an iron stake, a cement block, a hewn stone, or any sort of marker of stone, wood, or metal, have value and significance, and should therefore be conserved carefully as evidence. Joshua set up twelve stones as a memorial and proof that God had led the Hebrews across the Jordan and into the "Promised Land." A modern pioneer, Joseph Goodrich, more than a century ago, brought his family from New York State into the then sparsely settled Wisconsin. They were seeking a new home. Their first dwelling was a log cabin (which by the way still stands). It was not a large building; it served not only the Goodrich family but was used, too, to receive overnight guests who might be passing through Milton. In 1844, Mr. Goodrich felt impelled to enlarge the facilities for entertaining guests and providing accommodations for travelers. In this project he became again a pioneer in a new field; viz., the use of sand and gravel with a proper mixture of lime and crushed rock which when mixed with water was poured into wooden molds and allowed to harden. Where Mr. Goodrich got the idea and the recipe for mixing the materials for this sort of building no one seems to know. The statement has been made several times that the idea was original with Mr. Goodrich. As far as can be ascertained the Milton House, as the structure became known, was the first of its kind in the United States.

Not only original in its material construction; it was also original in its section for its design of building, being of hexagonal shape in one of its units. This hexagonal building, three stories in height, became the model of polygon building near and far. A certain Mr. Fowler came to Mr. Goodrich to get his formula for the purpose of constructing concrete buildings in the New England area. When asked if the material was solid, Mr. Goodrich, according to reports, used to allow people to use a hammer on the walls at so much per blow.

As has been said, the hexagon was three stories high. To the right of the hexagon were five rectangular units two stories high. The second-story units were used by travelers and renters. The lower floors were used as mercantile units. The Milton Post Office was once located in one of the units. The Davis-Greene print shop operated in two of the units. Here our own L. Harrison North used to ply his profession as printer. Among the names of guests that were entertained in the overnight quarters are to be found many that are well known. I believe I have heard Corliss F. Randolph say that he and his father were guests in the building. One finds on the guest book the names of Grover Cleveland, George R. Peck, and many others.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

For February 21, 1953

Conquering Deceit with Truth

Scripture: Matthew 22: 15-46.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

In his book, Badger Saints and Sinners, Fred Holmes has this to say of the Milton House: "Across the corner and facing a ten-acre park of shade, and green is the queer concrete Milton House, with a three-story hexagonal tower and extending two-story apartments. It is a picturesque landmark where the city's founder lived in 1844, when the use of cement in construction was little known. The mystery persists today. Mr. Goodrich learned to mix the elements in proper proportions. Nearly a hundred years have passed, but the hostelry still stands unyielding. Local historians claim that it is the first structure of its kind in Wisconsin.

"Around it, Joseph Goodrich, the pioneer, gathered a community of non-conformist Protestant denominations. As a social and religious center, the building is not only a point of interest, but also a place where people gathered to worship. It was built as a church, and used as such for many years. Later, it was converted into a hotel, and finally became a residence. The building has been well preserved, and is a reminder of the early days of the town.

There is a story that the building was used as a hospital during the Civil War, and that many soldiers were treated there. It is said that the building was also used as a jail, and that many prisoners were held there. The building was in use for many years as a school, and it is said that many famous people were educated there.

In recent years, the building has been restored to its original condition. It is now used as a museum, and is open to the public. The building is a fine example of the architecture of the 19th century, and is a fine example of the woodworking of the time.

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For many years Seventh Day Baptists have been affiliated with several of the forerunning organizations which comprise the National Council. Our association with these groups has sometimes been questioned by some. I wish to state that the situation unchanged? The present merger into the National Council has been heralded by many as a great step forward in the merging of a united Christian witness.

These were some of the questions that confronted me as I visualized Seventh Day Baptists proclaiming an evangelistic witness to the world. In this report I am not attempting to answer such questions. I do want to report on what seemed to me to be the salient emphases in these meetings and those items which might be most pertinent and interesting to our people.

Since this assembly marked the completion of only the first biennium since the organization of the National Council at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1950, much consideration was given to a review of the purposes calling it into being and the objectives of its existence. Major achievements were set forth under six points, stated briefly as: (1) publication of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible (which received only casual reference on the assembly floor); (2) the resettlement of 52,000 Displaced Persons, "provision of a ministry on wheels to the migrant harvesters," and a "program of teaching the illiterates of the world to read"; (3) "the drawing together of all the major programs of interdenominational co-operation," resulting in "an increased impact upon the general public"; (4) co-operative action in the field of radio and television in "reaching multitudes with the Christian message who are not reached by the usual methods of the churches"; (5) providing a "well co-ordinated effort against the appointment of an ambassador from the United States to the Vatican," and (6) promoting a "well co-ordinated method in presenting a direct Christian witness.

One might expect that an organization so new and large would have some quirks in its machinery that would need correcting. The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommended many minor changes dealing mainly with representation on the General Board, duties of officers, and the function of the General Board, committees, etc. Two problems of major concern were, (1) that of having full denominational representation or duly appointed alternates at each meeting of the council ad interim; (2) the need of securing a larger participation of laymen, laywomen, and young people on council committees, reducing the high percentage of professional religious leaders. Another objective was added to the list of nine named in the constitution: "To assist in the promotion of the Bible and to assist in the spread of the Christian religion."

The assembly reaffirmed the desire set forth in the preamble, "to manifest one-ness in Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Saviour," feeling that the wording should not be changed in order to permit a "more inclusive fellowship." The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws recommended no change, asserting that the preamble is "in full accord with St. Paul's injunction that every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father," and with St. John's declaration that we bear witness that the Father hath sent the Son to "soak the world." In his address the opening night, President Henry Knox Sherrill justified the qualification for membership in the council, that of belief in "Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Saviour," as providing the only basic foundation for Christian fellowship.

To me the most encouraging aspect of the council's meetings was the strong evangelical note that was sounded time and again by the leading speakers. In daily morning worship, Dr. Charles T. Leber, retired president of the Division of Foreign Missions, defined the gospel we preach as "God's redeeming love and invincible power," which continues to be felt wherever it is preached. The prayer was voiced that the Church may preach the gospel to every creature, a truth that makes men free, and so lift up the cross of Christ that all mankind may be drawn to the fold. "Church may remember the sheep that are not of the fold, seek out the wandering and the lost, proclaim the forgiveness of sins to the penitent, keep a heart of compassion for all mankind, and defend the cause of the poor and the oppressed." The mission of the Church, he said, "is not a procession but a penetration of redeeming love."

(To be continued)

BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scouts of America, with its membership at an all-time high in excess of 3,250,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Explorers, and adult leaders, is observing the 43rd birthday of the organization during Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13.

The theme of the celebration which is being observed by 84,300 Cub Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Explorer Units throughout the United States, its territories, and wherever American families live abroad, is "Forward on Liberty's Team." This is the name of the Scouts' three-year program which seeks to produce a greater functioning manpower and provide a higher quality paycheck for its ever-increasing boy membership.

Boy Scout Week celebrations this year will be marked by an increased emphasis on how parents and others of the family often have a relationship to the Scout program.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

COUDERSPORT, PA. — The First Hebrew Church held its regular business meeting Sunday night, October 12. Plans were discussed for next summer's Vacation Bible School and sample materials were ordered from various sources.

The church voted to ask the pastor to continue his services until spring at which time further action will be taken.

The church has been active with an average weekly attendance of 35.

Sabbath night, October 11, we were greatly impressed by Rev. Septimus Bottom's sermon. He met Bottoms who told of the call he and Mrs. Bottoms received, the plans that had to be made, the trip to England, and their visit to the Mill Yard Church. With the help of the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bottoms showed his colored slides and told of the workings of the great need for more men and women to carry the Word of God to foreign fields.

A free will offering of $25.55 was taken to defray expenses.

On December 14 the church held a Christmas program at which time a simple but effective play was presented. The annual church meeting was held in the community building, January 11. Following an oyster dinner, the business meeting was held. Officers elected for the following year were: Moderator, William Thompson; clerk, Lena Thompson; treasurer, Ralph Keyhoe; secretary, Margaret Snyder, Don Storms, L. Pepperman. Correspondent.

MARLBORO, N. J. — The last quarter of the year brought with it added accomplishments. The Loyal Temperance Legion was started in September under the leadership of Mrs. Leonard Davis. The intermediates and juniors, directed by Pastor, Rev. Burdick, and Miss Jan Davis, have had interesting programs. Pastor Burdick's theme for the intermediates was a study of "From Death to Life."

A children's choir under the direction of Mrs. Luther S. Davis sang at the Harvest Home program September 26 and 27. As usual the church was decorated with flowers, fruits, and vegetables. On Sabbath eve, a sound film, "At Work with the Lord," was shown. Rev. and Mrs. Septimus Bottoms were our guest speakers and led both our morning and afternoon meetings. The young people had charge of the afternoon meeting, and an orchestra was served in the church dining room.

The joint Communion service with the Shiloh Church was held the first Sabbath in November, and the Union Thanksgiving Service of the Shiloh and Marlboro Churches was at Marlboro November 26. The offering in excess of expenses went to Jamaica. Music was supplied by both churches.

Several from our church attended the Yearly Meeting in Wilkes-Barre at which time our pastor gave the Sabbath morning sermon.

Prayer meeting and Happy Hour are well attended. Family groups, classes, and others have charge of the Happy Hour program.

The Helping Hand Class gave $200 to the church through their "God's Acre" project.
On November 1, a very successful pie social was held in the church basement by the first section of the Ladies' Aid; it provided both fun and fellowship.

Unusually good attendance is both an inspiration to the speaker and soul-inspiring to those present. We shall have a good report for Conference President Elmo Fitz Randolph in his church attendance campaign this year.

Our church was host to the W.C.T.U. Institute for its meetings and for dinner on November 18.

A new pulpit Bible was presented to the church by Deacon and Mrs. Luther S. Davis. It is much appreciated by the pastor and congregation.

We are looking forward to the special meetings which will be held in March, with a deeper life emphasis, under the leadership of Rev. Ralph Coon, professor of Bible in Salem College.

December 22, the Christmas program was presented under the supervision of the primary superintendent, Mrs. Harry Ansink. We made it a White Christmas. Carolers supplied the Christmas spirit to shut-ins with their lovely music. They returned to the parsonage for "something hot."

Our total proposed budget for 1953 is $4,500. We have willing workers at Marlboro and always a full program with enthusiastic, conscientious, spiritual leaders in our pastor and his wife. — Ella T. Dogbow, Correspondent.

THIS MUCH I ASK

By Bessie Wolverton

I do not ask deliverance from every type of ill,
Hunger and cold, the pain that numbs
And binds me to its will;
I do not ask immunity from danger, grief, or loss,
I ask for courage to endure and strength to bear my cross.

I am prepared for hardships that come to human kind;
I only ask deliverance from these that warp the mind:
Self-pity, fear, and prejudice, dishonesty, false pride;
Deliver me from these, I ask, and I am satisfied.

Accessions

Berlin, N. Y.

Baptism:
— Ruth Marie Ellis, Eunice Jane Maxson.
— Los Angeles, Calif.

Letter:
— Mrs. Marie Hartman,
— Mrs. Mabel Davis,
— Mrs. Rena Stanley,
— Mrs. Grace Lewis Parsons.

Testimony:
— George Hemphill,
— Mrs. Myrtle Hemphill,
— Dr. Alice MacKintosh,
— Frank Ferro,
— Mrs. Ruth Ferro.

Baptism:
— Martha Gregory,
— Marie Gregory,
— Carolyn Gregory,
— Dixie Groome,
— Larry Ashcroft,
— Donna Bowman.

Marriages

Unland-Schmid. — Hildegarde S. Schmid, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. John G. Schmid of Verona, N. J., to Gerhard Unland, son of Mr. and Mrs. August H. Unland of Clausthal, Germany, were united in marriage at the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, on December 7, 1952, by Rev. E. Wendell Stepphan. They will make their home at 27 Osgood Road, Verona, N. J.

Obituaries

Fitz-Randolph. — Mrs. Theodate S., widow of the late Robert B. Fitz-Randolph, was born March 8, 1884, and died at her home in Plainfield, N. J., December 15, 1952.

She is survived by two daughters, a son, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the A. M. Runyon Sons "Home for Services" on Friday, December 19, with Rev. E. Wendell Stepphan officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery.

Waldron. — Esther E. Bird, daughter of George and Elizabeth S. Bird, was born March 8, 1864, and died at Plainfield, N. J., December 27, 1952.

She was married to L. Craig Waldron on February 21, 1892. He met death in the tragic Westfield, N. J., train wreck in 1902.

Mrs. Waldron was nominated and joined the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1893 and was an active and loyal member until her death. Services were conducted at the Wahren E. Patton Funeral Home in Chatham, N. J., by Rev. E. Wendell Stepphan. Burial was in Memorial Park, Kenilworth, N. J. — E. W. S.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation:
but sin is a reproach
to any people."

God is not satisfied with a man's worship unless the worshiper is honestly trying to lead a righteous life.