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New Church Building at Paint Rock, Ala. See story inside.

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The best way to double a preacher's power is to double his congregation.
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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 7, 1953

Stronger Churches — Better Communities
Lesson Scripture: Acts 2: 41-47;
Phil. 1: 27-30; 1 Peter 2: 4, 5, 9, 10.
Contributed by C. Harmon Dickinson

BIRTHS

Crandall. — A daughter, Gale Ann, to Boast­
swain Mate and Mrs. John Lee Crandall
of Ashaway, R. I., September 29, 1953.

McCor kel. — A son, Harry Hamilton II, to
Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. McCorkel, Chicago,
III., on Sept. 23, 1953.

OBITUARIES

Whitford. — Paul Abert, son of Abert and
Ella E. Whitford, was born in Leonardsville,
N. Y., Sept. 11, 1884, and died at his
home in Plainfield, N. J., on Oct. 9, 1953.
His youth was spent in Leonardsville, N. Y.,
and at the age of 18, he moved to Plainfield
to work for the Potter Printing Press Company.
In 1903 he went to Westerly, R. I., where
he was employed by C. H. Cottrell & Sons Co.
printing press manufacturers. In 1910 he re­
turned to Plainfield and was office manager of
various textile concerns in New York City over
a period of 29 years. In 1912 he married Miss
Celia Cottrell. To this union two children were
born. Mr. Whitford was elected a trustee of
the Memorial Fund in 1934 and became its
treasurer in 1941, which position he held until
his death.
He was a member and actively engaged in
the work of his church. He served for many
years as assistant treasurer of the Plainfield
Seventh Day Baptist Church, and was a trustee
of Alfred University. For the past several
years he has held the responsibility of treasurer
of the American Sabbath Tract Society.
Surviving are his widow, a son, Roger C.,
and a daughter, Mrs. W. B. Van Buren; two
brothers, Dr. Edwin Whitford of Westerly, and
Ernest C. of Plainfield; a sister, Miss Lucy
Whitford; a granddaughter, Susan Van Buren.
Services were held at the Memorial Home on
Oct. 11 and 12 and interment was in Hillside
Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

Burdick. — Mary Babcock, daughter of Herbert
and Fanny Watrous Babcock, was born
July 27, 1880, and passed away August 17,
1953, at the Westerly hospital after a
brief illness.
She was married Oct. 10, 1900, to Elisha
Burdick, who preceded her in death. There
are no immediate relatives. Mrs. Burdick was
active in church and community affairs for many
years. Funeral services, held in the Pawcatuck
Seventh Day Baptist Church, August 26, were
conducted by Rev. Eli F. Loofboro in the
absence of Rev. Charles H. Bond, pastor.

Babcock. — Martin, was born March 6, 1875,
and passed away May 8, 1953.
Mr. Babcock lived in and near Riverside,
Calif., for fifty-eight years. In 1895, with his
parents, he first came to Colony Heights, the
original beginning of the Riverside Seventh Day
Baptist Church. Young Martin returned to
Humboldt, Neb., for a time, where he married
Laura Gilmore in 1897.

As a member of the Riverside Church, Mr.
Babcock was very active, for a long time being
a member of the choir, the men's chorus,
the board of trustees, and holding other offices.
He made many improvements and repairs on the
buildings at Pacific Pines Camp, the church
building, and other church property. His
Christian thoughtfulness and helpfulness will
long be a cherished memory.

Mr. Babcock is survived by his wife; two
daughters, Ada Sloan and Ethel Babcock; one
brother, Robert; several grandchildren, and
a number of great-grandchildren.

T. D. L.

Rowe. — John Clarence, was born March 14,
1884, and passed away July 15, 1953.

Mr. Rowe was educated from a child to
young manhood at the Nebraska City School for
the Blind at Nebraska City, Neb. He learned
to teach violin and also to tune pianos. On
Oct. 20, 1906, he married Eva Wright at
Auburn, Neb. On June 7, 1952, they became
faithful members of the Riverside Seventh Day
Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Rowe have been
Sabbath keepers since 1908. Altogether they
have lived in California twenty-three years.

Mr. Rowe is survived by his wife, a brother,
W. T., of Passadena, a sister, Mrs. Laura Russell
of Sacramento, as well as other relatives.

T. D. L.
YEARLY MEETING THOUGHTS

The editor was privileged recently to attend the Yearly Meeting of the New Jersey and Eastern New York Seventh Day Baptist Churches. There were no memos to present from Berlin but one or two from New York City and a good delegation from the New Jersey churches. The meeting was held in the Marlboro Church which is a country church a few miles from Shiloh. It is one of those churches that gives one a feeling of refreshment and restfulness. It was attended by persons who were filled with people who are staunch and earnest, sure of their belief, helpful and Christian in their attitude. We do not suppose that the Marlboro Church is free from all troubles, any more than any other church, but there is a wholesomeness about that church which certainly impresses the visitor.

Previous notices in the Sabbath Recorder have mentioned the various fall meetings that have been held, or are to be held in the near future. This yearly meeting is one of the most important meetings being held this fall, and we would not overemphasize it, but the editor, of course, can only write about that which he himself has experienced. The meeting opened with a few thoughts put in just a few words about the meetings in the Marlboro Church.

We dare not say that New Jersey can boast the greatest beauties of nature or more evidences of the handiwork of God in painting the autumn foliage, but certainly we can voice the opinion of all who were able to make the trip from North Jersey to South Jersey that there were gorgeous colors, some of which perhaps might not be found in other areas of the country. Leisurily returning to Plainfield after the meetings were over, we were able to enjoy these beauties to the full and to enjoy them perhaps more than if we had seen them on the way to the meetings, for we had a feeling after being in the midst of this short series of meetings that God was closer to us than He had been before.

Therefore the beauties of nature were enhanced by the experiences of the Sabbath.

The theme of the weekend meetings was “A Closer Walk with God.” That theme was well adhered to. At the Sabbath meetings, everything referred to the Sabbath, from the music, to the addresses of the different speakers. This was an invitation to the audience to come closer to the Sabbath, and to the Lord. One of the significant blessings of the meeting was that for two years a Christian and a member of the church.

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THEME FOR NEXT CONFERENCE
To Know Him and Make Him Known

Fellowship, brought the first message on "Walking with God Through Faith in God." Clearly, forcibly, and beautifully, he presented the thought that a step in faith is a step with God.

The editor brought the message on Sabbath morning on the assigned topic, "Walking with God in Consecration." He felt that the congregation was attentive and responsive as he brought out the thought that consecration is not a gift of God but a thing which is possessed by redeemed men and women.

"Walking with God in Service" was the subject or theme of the afternoon meeting. A young mother was introduced to the group by the moderator, Charles F. Harris. Her good words were strengthened by the information which he gave in the introduction that her young son had already expressed a desire to be a minister of the Gospel when he grew up. Mrs. Rex Ayars spoke on "Serving God in the Home" by training children. David Sheppard, a successful farmer living some twenty-five miles from his home church at Marlboro, was introduced to speak about his experiences in Sabbathkeeping. After mentioning the fact that to him becoming a Christian and becoming a Sabbathkeeper were one and the same experience, he went on to speak of the opportunities that a truck farmer has to evangelize the Sabbath and for his faith in Christ.

Frederic Bakker from Plainfield was introduced as a professional man, a lawyer who selected to let his light shine for Christ and the Sabbath in his professional work. Those who are acquainted with his legal practice and his office conversations would sense the sincerity with which he spoke of the opportunities of the lawyer in the realm of human relations even at the expense of losing some attractive fees.

The enthusiasm of youth was brought into the program the evening after the Sabbath when a trumpet trio from Kings College, Del., took over the main part of the music, testimony, and a lively sermon by one of the college students.

One of the significant blessings of the meeting was that for two years a young man living near the church has been now for two years a Christian and a member of the church. His good-sized family occupied the front seat at the morning service.

Other few members, well-spoken-of, were in evidence but were too busy serving to visit with all the guests. In looking back over all the contacts with this rural church we could not help but remark to the moderator that it seems to move all of our churches out in the country. Possibly the editor is prejudiced in favor of the country and its folks.

NO CONTINGENT FUND

The Missionary Board took action at its quarterly meeting on Oct. 25 toward adopting the new budget as revised at the General Conference. New members of the board noted that the budget is concerned mostly with salaries and that it is a very tight budget. It seems to provide for the large anticipated needs of the many workers but is not flexible enough to cover some of the smaller and unanticipated needs that arise. The reason for this probably is that it takes money to maintain discretionary or contingent funds — money which might accumulate in such funds — money which is more urgently needed for salaries.

Two or three special needs were brought to the attention of the board with no apparent way for them to be met. Mrs. Clarence Crandall, chairman of the American Foreign Mission Society, presented the case of Mrs. Trotman, who is one of our
British Guiana pastors, who needs eye surgery. She has lost the sight of one eye and the other is affected. An accomplished musician, she is the one who
would not mind being sent, as we understand, from the Marlboro, N. J. Church. We noticed a few dollars changing hands at the close of the meeting.

A new board member presented for discussion the need of Brother E. S. Graf of Argentina for a typewriter capable of doing stencil work. Mr. Graf has been for many years a carpenter in a large
handicraft company. He has had the need of a typewriter for his tract work (at the very favorable exchange rate), seemed to some to be a good investment. A board member offered a contribution toward it.

When the missionaries sailed for Nyassa-land, they made a last-minute purchase of a secondhand paper cutter without knowing where the $19 purchase price was coming from. Again, outside the meeting a five-dollar bill changed hands.

The above illustrations may indicate a budget situation that somehow ought to be changed. More than that, it shows that even some of the board really believe in missions and sometimes try to solve by personal contributions some of the smaller problems which cannot be met by corporate action.

One significant action of the meeting was empowering the president to appoint an Africa Committee in addition to the other standing committees. Loren Osborn heads this new committee.

**PASTORAL QUALIFICATIONS**

We were impressed with the well-written-thoughts of the unnamed layman on "What I Expect of My Pastor" appearing in this issue. It seems to us that any pastor who could have a fair number of such laymen in his church would have a happy pastorate. If he could be sure that his people had such high and well-defined aims for him, it would be a great help to him in living up to those aims, for we take them to be quite representative of the attitude any self-respecting pastor has for himself.

It might not be amiss to call on all our readers to think this thing through. What do you expect of your pastor — the one you have or the one you hope will feel led to come to your church? Let's be fair about it. Don't stop with one or two qualities. List them all in writing, mind or on a piece of paper. If you think of all the things you have a right to expect, then you may sense that you may be more charitable in your judgment if he does not come up to your expectations at every point in every time of need.

We cannot find any fault with what the writer has included, but we might wish to add other things. Intellectual attainments are not very specifically mentioned. They are implied in the specialized field where knowledge counts. The minister should be a man of the Word. He can't be that without study. When a man spends one or two years beyond college in other fields, he receives a master's degree. When he spends three years beyond college in Bible and theology studies, his degree is still bachelor of divinity or theology. It could be 28 years before he is a doctor of divinity. It is really only a minor part of the education of experience and private Bible study.

The best pastors are aware that they do not have all the qualifications needed for their God-given tasks, particularly in their first pastorate. In our years of experience we find that more and more pastors, who had the right stuff in him who didn't grow in ability during his ministry. Like the larynx they serve, they never do quite get over making mistakes. We wonder sometimes if churches and pastors should make it a general rule that first pastors be shorter than later pastors. Mistakes or failures of youth can often be better corrected or capitalized upon in another church.

The joy of the pastor and church relation is in seeing the people grow spiritually. A pastor who has spent much time in the Sunday school grows, becomes more mature, more understanding, and sometimes more zealous. He works with ideas and doctrines, but more and more he works with people, leading them from earth to heaven with sure step.

When there's a piano to move, don't pick up the stool. — Selected.

**Secretary's Column**

**Reviewing Budget Giving**

Quite probably at the time that message appears, the budget giving for October will be working on its first report for the current Conference year. In another week we should know thoroughly the enthusiasm of the Battle Creek Conference has carried forward and whether the impetus of a progressive program is being realized. Meanwhile, however, it may be helpful to review a bit that happened during the Conference year recently closed.

Consistent with past years' records, total giving was once more greater than the amount asked of the denomination by Conference in its budget. Total receipts were $49,700 while the budget was $46,600. The difference of $3,000 was sent through the budget treasurer, but was specially earmarked for some specific purpose or board, and so could not be counted in the general budget distribution approved by the 1952 Conference at Denver. Some of the boards also received gifts directly, and some gifts were also made direct to our agencies, so it is impossible to know exactly what Seventh Day Baptists did give for our denominational task last year. But the fact remains that, as always, we have proved ourselves willing and able to give beyond what was specifically set up for us by Conference.

It was precisely this situation which Conference at Battle Creek attempted to realize last August. In fact, the resolution adopted by Conference includes the words "a budget which accurately reflects the total needs of our boards and agencies, without extra-budgetary asking." The new budget was largely rewritten to include known and pledged gifts which had been received as "specials" by the budget treasurer or which go directly to their beneficiaries without ever appearing in the treasurer's records.

We are still asked to give more than we did last year, even including the unrecorded gifts of last year. We have undertaken a forward-looking program for God's work, and it will cost more. But it is God's work, and by His grace we can meet the added cost. A. B. C.
SEVENTH DAY BAPTIST CHURCH
PAINT ROCK, ALA.

This little church body has been through many trials, and has even experienced two migrations. It was first organized near Logan, Ala., in Cullman County, about sixty miles south of Athens where it became better known among Seventh Day Baptists. It was organized with ten members on Sabbaths in our small community schoolhouse. This was of short duration and soon became ill and passed away. The families moved away, some to Athens, Ala., where the church was reorganized after a few years. Brothet D. W. Leath, a very godly Seventh Day Baptist Brother was called to serve as pastor. God had planted the seed and though there were seasons when it lay dormant, it was spiritually alive. While Brother Wilson served as pastor it grew spiritually and in numbers. This was to give way to another period of testing.

There were leaders. Our beloved pastor felt the Lord’s leading to accept the call to the pastorate of the Jackson Center, Ohio, Church. A. T. Bottoms felt the Lord to call to the ministry and to prepare for it. With their leaving, other families moved away, and without a pastor, the little body lay again dormant.

Despite this dormancy there was at least one member who could never give up believing that God would revive this little church. One again. Each year when the clerk received the blanks for the year’s report it was filled out with the meager information that was available, but with a prayer, and a hope and a belief that God was in it. His own time, would bring the revival.

It was by the loving influence of the visit of Brothet C. A. Beebe and Brothet Zerk While one summer after the return of several families that a regular Sabbath school was reorganized. After this, Rev. Walter H. Hancock served as our pastor for a year and some months, and several inspiring messages. Meetings were held alternately at Athens and Woodville (Route 1), for quite a few years with visiting ministers supplying the pulpit when we were without a pastor. In 1950, Brother Edgar F. Wheeler served lovingly and efficiently as pastor until he was stricken with an illness which required a year’s rest. Having the pastor taken away again, was felt as a great blow to the little church.

Being without a pastor for a year, the body held the blessing of a visit by Brother Wayne Marlow from Los Angeles, Calif. During the series of meetings held in the First Day Baptist Church in Cedar Point Community, there was a great move of God. Miss Mary Alice Butler gave her life to the Lord, and blessings upon all who attended with open hearts. There were spiritual experiences that will never be forgotten.

The year the little church was again bereft of one of its strongest and most beloved families, the B. H. Bottoms family, who sold their farm home and returned to Battle Creek, Mich. The remaining membership knew that they must only pray and seek for new fortitude to carry on with this added hardship.

The following year (1952) Brother Ralph M. Soper came in April to take up the pastorate. He was with the church a year’s rest. Some circumstances again entered in to take Brother Soper and his family away, and also Miss Mary Alice Butler, one of the best workers. The little group felt a heartbreak, and to David C. Pearson, the present supply pastor.

There is a hearty welcome extended to all Sabbath believers to come and worship with this group. Paint Rock is a small town in northeast Alabama, situated on Highway 72, about 18 miles east of Huntsville. The Seventh Day Baptist Church building is one block west of the highway, a marker standing at the intersection.

Sabbathkeeping people are invited to come to live in this area where there are many industries providing employment with many Sabbath keepers. The people have open hearts and doors and extend to all a heart welcome.

Mrs. Robert L. Butler.

The best way to break a habit is to drop it.

W. Va., in November. The group feels it a great blessing that it hasn’t been without a pastor recently even in the many changes.

One by one the dear pastors have come and gone—loving service and gone on to other work, being bound to the little group with hearts, and left aching hearts with their going.

The new building is a memorial in honor of James Edward Butler, son of Robert L. and Almira Bottoms Butler, who gave his life in World War II. It was financed largely by funds from insurance that named his mother as beneficiary. His life was dedicated to the Lord by his mother even before his birth; therefore she felt that God was answering her long years of prayer for a house of worship by a dearly bought sacrifice, and that these funds could be used for no other purpose. There was no doubt that God was leading in the plans and working out of the building project. Since its completion there has been some wonderful experiences among the group. At one service a young mother accepted the Lord, and since then there have been others.

There was an offering of about $150, which was turned over; a young minister was ordained; a memorial service for James E. Butler was held at the time of its dedication; five new members were received into the church body, one of them the 73-year-old father of James E. Butler. God be praised! There has also been a wedding, the marriage of Miss Bettie A. Butler to David E. Hancock. The pastor accepted the Lord, and the group stood by Brother David Pearson at the Battle Creek Convention, and Marion VanDresen, Mrs. Carol Crandall, Mrs. Mabel Cruzan, and Mrs. Mayola Warner with the beginners, primary, and junior groups.

Pastor Edgar Wheeler gave the morning sermon. The theme was “Stepping Out on Faith” from the text Heb. 11:8-10. Mrs. Avis Schrag and Mrs. Elsie Croop of Leonardsville sang a duet, “I Ask No More.”

A feature of the afternoon program was the tape-recorded sermon given by Rev. Ronald Barratt at the Battle Creek Conference. The DeRuyter, N. Y., Church sang a number of selections and conducted the closing devotions.

The pastors presented a plan for an associational program of evangelism. The association elected Charles Swing chairman of the Committee on Missions. Each church is to elect its own representative on this committee. The pastors are also members. Each church will release its pastor for two weeks once a year so that all pastors and some lay workers may concentrate all efforts on an evangelistic campaign in one church of the association each year. The committee is to meet this fall and begin plans for the first campaign for next spring. Besides this unified effort each church was urged to plan a special annual evangelistic program in its own local area.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for November 14, 1953

Good Stewards of God’s Gifts
Lesson Scripture: Psalm 24:1; Lev. 25:18-22; Mal. 3:7-10; 1 Cor. 16:2.
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The treasurer of the board is an executive who contributes of his time and talent beyond people's realization. He has estimated, when pressed to do so, that it requires about twenty-four hours a week of his time to carry on the board's investment and financial affairs. He will not want this written and will probably protest when he reads it; nevertheless, our people ought to know that services equal to those he contributes could not be hired for less than thousands of dollars a year.

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November Worship Thought

Thanksgiving — Psalm 46: 1

Let’s give our thanks for little things That waking up each morning brings — For eyes to see the friends we meet Who make our tiny world complete.

Let’s give our thanks for ears to hear Familiar sounds that we hold dear — The laughter and the gay refrain — The wind — a robin in the rain!

Let’s give our thanks that we’ve a heart To understand when tears drop start — Strong arms to hold the ones we love — Two lips to pray to God above!

For real Thanksgiving never brings Us peace — without these little things — Nick Kenny.

SABBATH ACTIVITIES

The Christian Culture Committee of the Women’s Board has prepared a set of possible activities for every Sabbath afternoon — in the year to be used in families with younger children. We would like every such family in our denomination to have one and use it. The booklet may be obtained from the Women’s Board at 15¢ each. Requests for the booklet may be sent to Mrs. W. B. Lewis, 367 Champion St., Battle Creek, Mich.

WHAT MUST THE CHURCHES DO?

Mrs. Alberta D. Batson
Presented at the Thursday afternoon meeting at Conference
The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord She is His new creation By water and the word;
From Heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her And for her life He died.

In Ephesians 5: 23 we read, “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church.” — again, in verse 25, “Husbands, love your wives even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it.”

What must the churches do? First of all, what is the responsibility of the church?
1. To teach Christ;
2. To minister to the needy;
3. To bring others to a fuller understanding of the love of God and a closer walk with Him.

Churches are the people and if the people are more closely yoked with Christ much more good can be accomplished by the church.

We must: Be more faithful; have a growing interest; let our light shine brighter.

Some churches are too much organized — that is we think too much of individual group progress and not enough of the real purpose of the church. In a Parkersburg, W. Va., church with which I am familiar, many people, far too many people, would say, are active in this circle and that aid and this men’s group or what have you, all of which in themselves are very good and important, but at the worst a service to these people are truly conspicuous by their absence. The Church, the church service needs its workers — men, women, and children — and what is even more important, they need it.

Then too, far too many people do not attend church at all. In the July 27 Sabbath Recorder there appeared an article from The Civic Bulletin entitled "Are We a Christian Nation?" Along with many other appalling facts stated, is the one as revealed to us by J. Edgar Hoover: "Only one out of 12 persons in our country attends church." Isn’t at least part of what the churches can do found in our ever-growing need to make the church alive, real, vital, a necessity to these other eleven people that so they, too, may find their way to church? Dare we ever be asleep to that great need?

Then, again, perhaps it is true that too many of us go to church to be entertained, so sit idly by and listen to the sermon, the music, and even perhaps check on the new clothes — or even the old that may show up.

Churches, to grow, to accomplish much in God’s great Kingdom, must have active, busy members, members with but one purpose — to spread the bringing of God’s Word to all the people, to show the love of God in their hearts so that all will want to find this great love too.

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Our churches need to be more vital, more alive, more active, more sincere, and more forgetful of self.
Are you yoked for life in Christ?

ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Board of Christian Education held at Alfred, N. Y., on Oct. 11, 1953, the following directors were elected: Darrell D. Barber, Ahva J. C. Bond, Gerald Burdick, Ben R. Cranell, D. K. Degen, Everett T. Harris, Jr., J. Nelson Mason, Good, Neal D. Mills, Helen Ogden, Elizabeth Payper, Donald Richards, Miriam Shaw, Hurley S. Warren, Alfred E. Whitford, all of Alfred, N. Y.; Albert N. Rogers, of Alfred Station; Lola Sutton Webster, Don A. Sanford of Andover, N. Y.; Delmer Van Horn of Little Genesee, N. Y.; Paul Osborn of Richburg, N. Y.; Rogers Baker of Friendship, N. Y.

At the quarterly meeting held Oct. 18, the following officers were elected:
President — Albert N. Rogers, Alfred Station, N. Y.
Vice-President — Hurley S. Warren, Alfred, N. Y.
Executive Secretary — Neal D. Mills, Alfred, N. Y.
Recording Secretary — Don A. Sanford, Andover, N. Y.
Treasurer (Acting) — Ben R. Cranell, Alfred, N. Y.

The matter of establishing a correspondence or extension course in Seventh Day Baptist History and Beliefs was referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Neal D. Mills, Executive Secretary.

Baptists in Russia have increased 800 per cent under Communism, according to Dr. F. Bredahl Peterson of Copenhagen, president of the European Baptist Federation. The number of Baptists has increased from 400,000 a generation ago to 3,200,000. The statistics were released by the Baptist Union in Russia and checked by the Russian Ministry of Cults. — Action.

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"And just think how happy we can make people with our pretty flowers. I'm going to pick a bouquet this very minute for poor, sick Mrs. Barton. I just know they will make her feel better."

But Dorothy May shook her curly head and said, "No, no, Betty Lou! I'm not going to pick my posies. I'm going to leave them right where they are, to one day come, with their troubles, pour out, and I will merrily as Philip and caress my flowers, and drink the dew and gazed very long at the blossoms, which would break, and kept all heaps in mine, Dorothy May had fewer and fewer blossoms. But Dorothy May again shook her head. "How silly, to pick my posies. I'm going to keep all my flowers to other people, but now I have my flowers to other people, and to renewed efforts at using their talents for the glory of God in the church, the homeland community. There will be little room for discouragement, and pastor and laymen will be busy with the Lord's work. Surely then, many souls will be added to the Church of God.

The theme of the assembly was "Christ Calls to Mission and Unity: What Must the Churches Do?"

Some of the outstanding speakers and topics were as follows: Bishop William C. Martin, president of the National Council of Churches, "Christ Calls to Mission"; Dr. Walter Van Kirk, director of the Department of International Justice and Goodwill, N. C. C., "The Christian Struggle for World Order"; Mrs. Douglas Horton, former commander of the Waves and Martin, president of the National Council of Women in the Churches"; Dr. Henry St. Martin, former commander of the Waves and Martin, president of the National Council of Women in the Churches"; Dr. Henry St. Martin, former commander of the Waves and Martin, president of the National Council of Women in the Churches"; Dr. Henry St. Martin, former commander of the Waves and Martin, president of the National Council of Women in the Churches"; Dr. Henry St. Martin, former commander of the Waves and Martin, president of the National Council of Women in the Churches. As representative of the Women's Board it was my privilege to carry the Seventh Day Baptist banner in the procession which opened the assembly on Monday night.

We were thrilled at the presence and address of President Eisenhower on Tuesday morning. He carried by the false impression given in the headlines reporting his speech. On some inside page most newspapers had a fairly accurate report of what the President really said. He said that we must choose between the horror
of wasteful and devastating contest in the production of weapons of inconceivable power, and a world ever advancing in peace and prosperity through the cooperation of its nations and peoples. He told how we must work and pray for the only possible choice, the second alternative.

In the Communion meditation Dr. Ferreljoled by some far and fanciful accompaniment of the President might seem to imply that we hadn’t expected to find God at the assembly. While there is some justification for the criticism we know that such fanciful normally accompanies one holding Mr. Eisenhower’s high office while the Spirit of God comes as a “still, small voice.”

Of particular interest to me was an address by Dr. Frank Price on “Convulsion in Asia — So What?” Dr. Price, son of missionary parents, and his wife returned last year from Shanghai after thirty years of mission work, the last three under Communism. They endured a public trial as “spies for imperialist America.” but apparently were not treated to prison, for, he said they were never treated with anything but friendliness by the common people. He urged that we help to secure true democracy and a strong faith in God and man in Asia.

Resolutions were passed on Human Rights: urging the United States to explore every possible avenue to secure agreement within the United Nations for reduction and regulation of armaments; urging the continuance of United Nations Technical Assistance to Underdeveloped Countries, assisting segregation in the public schools; and encouraging Christian women to help in all ways possible the 214,000 uprooted persons admitted to this country by the Refugee Relief Act.

During the final call to Christian Commitment our president, Mrs. Wyker, quoted Rosa Page Welch, concert singer and goodwill ambassador on a recent journey around the world, as saying, “I wish we would stop talking and passing resolutions about interracial relations and start praying and living our faith.” We were reminded that we are called to transform the world by our prayers and Christian lives.

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History of Churches in the Buckeye State

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The Waterford Church has had a spiritually rich spring and summer. In April, Rev. Ronald Barrar, accompanied by Secretary Harris of the Missionary Board, spent a Friday evening and spent the week in Nyasaland. On May 16, Secretary Harris again visited us and conducted a Sabbath Rally Day service. Following a fellowship lunch the group worked for the summer of the Missionary Board. In June, several of our members attended sessions of the Eastern Association at Westerly, R.

On August 8, Secretary Harris again conducted our worship service. Rev. Arthur Darby of the Adams, Mass., Baptist Church, conducted the service on August 15. The service was conducted by Rev. Edith Northrop of Niantic, Conn.

Reports from our General Conference were given by Rev. Paul S. Burdick, Miss Emma Burdick, Victor Burdick, and Leroy Burdick on August 29. September 5 brought us Joan Clement, Beth Severe, Rev. Ronald Barrar, and Secretary Harris, all of whom participated in the morning service. After a fellowship luncheon an informal meeting was held.

Rev. A. Theodore Ekholm of the Niantic Baptist Church is serving us as supply pastor, and Rev. Edith M. North-
**Marriages**

Jackson - Berry. — William Lee Jackson, son of Mrs. Claudia Jackson of Briersfield, Ala., and Ethel Lenore Berry, daughter of Mr. Jule Berry of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage at Sister Sylvia's Mission in Los Angeles, Calif., on March 24, 1953, with Brother Tommy Ryan officiating. They are living at Briersfield, Ala.

Orr - Kester. — Floyd Arthur Orr, son of Dora Orr, Loma Linda, Calif., and Anita Marie Kester of Colton, Calif., daughter of Herbert H. Kester, of Missouri, were united in marriage at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church May 22, 1953, Rev. T. Denton Lee officiating. They are now residing at 9270 Magnolia, Riverside, Calif.

Taylor - Averitt. — Harold Taylor, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Taylor of Riverside, Calif., and Lola Averitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Averitt of Riverside, were united in marriage at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, June 24, 1953, Dr. Roy Hofstetter officiating. They are living at 3969 Greenfield Ave., Riverside, Calif.

Pannell - Babcock. — George Pannell, son of Mrs. Mary Pantazopulos of Turlock, Calif., and Anne Babcock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Babcock of Riverside, Calif., were united in marriage at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, July 25, 1953, Rev. Leopold Lawton officiating. They are living at 211 Calvadoes Avenue, North Sacramento, Calif.

Rymer - Ritz. — William H. Rymer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rymer, Riverside, Calif., and Evelyn M. Ritz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Ritz, of Riverside, were united in marriage at the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sept. 12, 1953, with Rev. George Rymer officiating and Rev. T. Denton Lee assisting. They are living at 4196 St. Paul Place, Riverside, Calif.

Ritz - Hartson. — Merlin C. Ritz, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur O. Ritz of Riverside, Calif., and Mildred Hartson, R.N., daughter of Mrs. Albert Oering, So- noma, Calif., were united in marriage on Oct. 1, 1953, at Santa Rosa, Calif. Their address is: Ensign and Mrs. Merlin C. Ritz, U.S.S. Herbet J. Thomas DDR 833, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

**Births**

Henry. — A daughter, Dinah Natalie, to Mr. and Mrs. David Henry on Sept. 30, 1953, of 3620 Camella Dr., Del Rosa, San Bernardino, Calif., members of the Riverside Seventh Day Baptist Church.

**Obituaries**

Stephan. — Mary Jane Hatfield, daughter of Thoma. A. and Nancy Ann Hatfield, was born in DeWitte, Iowa, on Sept. 26, 1861, and passed away in Whining, Kan., Oct. 11, 1953.

She moved with her family to Kansas as a girl. On Dec. 31, 1878, she was married to Daniel F. Stephan, who passed away Aug. 15, 1939.

She became a follower of Christ at an early age, and with her husband, she accepted the challenge to follow wherever God's truth led. She was a faithful keeper of the seventh day Sabbath.

She is survived by five sons, Alfred D., Earl, Lee, Tom, and William, all of Nortonville, Kan.; two daughters, Florence DeLand of Whiting, and Mrs. Ruth Zeek of Farmington, Kan., twenty-nine grandchildren, fifty-four great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild; four brothers and a sister. A son, Claude, passed away in 1952.

Farewell services were conducted at the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. Duane L. Davis, and a grandson-in-law, Rev. Francis D. Saunders, North Loup, Neb. Interment was in Valley Falls, Kan.

Palmer. — Milo L., farmer, citizen, and churchman of Alfred Station, N.Y., died June 11, 1953, at the age of 85.

Born in Jersey City, N.J., Oct. 17, 1869, Mr. Palmer spent his boyhood in Rome, Ga., and came to this state as a young man. On Jan. 19, 1891, he married Jane Burdick, and to them were born four daughters. She died in 1901. A year later he was married to Mary Moland who became mother of his two sons and who survives him.

For more than sixty-six years Mr. Palmer was actively interested in the work of his church and denomination. Early in his long term as trustee, he supervised major repairs and improvements in the church basement. Besides singing in the church choir he was a member of a male quartet including his two sons which sang widely through a period of years. He was keenly interested in his last years in the building of Camp Harley, and friends contributed to the camp in his memory.

In addition to his widow, survivors include two daughters, Mrs. J. R. Berry of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. M. W. Moland of Akron, Ohio; his sons, Fred M. and Francis Palmer of Alfred Station; two sisters, Mrs. Susan Maple and Mrs. Mary Tilton of Chicago, Ill.; two nephews, Eddie Taylor of Farmington, and Palmer, all of Mineral Wells, Tex.; eleven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, a niece, and two nephews.

Services in his honor were held at his church and in the Alfred Rural Cemetery, Rev. Albert N. Rogers officiating.

President Eisenhower is seen here at his desk at the White House, as he issued a special message to open the fifth annual campaign of the Religion In American Life (RIAL) program. The President said:

"Each year the Committee on Religion In American Life reminds us of the importance of faithful church attendance. . .

"By strengthening religious institutions, the Committee on Religion In American Life is helping to keep America great. Thus it helps each of us to keep America great.

"I earnestly hope that during November, and throughout this and every year, each American citizen will actively support the religious institution of his own choice."