## The Sabbath Recorder

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<td><strong>Births</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Hargis.</strong> — A son, Douglas Ray, to Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Hargis at Fresno, Calif., June 3, 1953.</td>
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<td><strong>Shuler.</strong> — A son, Gary Vincent, to Mr. and Mrs. Vincent L. Shuler (nee Marilyn Sholtis), March 13, 1953.</td>
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### Obituaries

| Clark. — Harriett M., daughter of John C. and Mary Eccleston Langworthy, was born in Hopkinton, R. I., August 8, 1866, and passed away at her home on July 2, 1953. She married John S. Clark more than 65 years ago and for the past 40 years they have made their home at 134 West Broad Street, Westerly, R. I. In addition to her husband, she leaves a brother, John C. Langworthy of Boston, and a half sister, Mrs. Annie C. Langworthy of Westerly. She was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and the Women’s Aid. Funeral services were held at the Buckler Funeral Home Sabbath afternoon, July 4, 1953, with her pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, officiating. Burial was made in the River Bend Cemetery. |

### OUR SERVICEMEN

| Enst. Paul N. Sholtz, USN |
| USS Tarawa, CV 40 |
| FPO, New York, N. Y. |
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ANOTHER FORGOTTEN MAN

The editors of "The Upper Room" have suggested another name for consideration as "the forgotten man of 1953." They affirm that the young man from your church serving in the country overseas thinks he is not. Who is it that has forgotten him? Dr. Potts, just returned from Korea and Japan, finds that the church has forgotten its men in the service, according to the men themselves.

Churches are made up of the many who remember by the chapter serving. In a while and the precious few who remember to do good all the time. Remembering others is the most painstaking requirement laid upon the Christian by his Lord. Perhaps the equipment most needed in the average church is a good pair of surgical scissors which can be put to the profane use of cutting the cords of packages that need to be undone as quickly as possible. What are these parcels? They are not lovely "in-much" gifts. Oh, no! They are the people who are wrapped up in themselves. On second thought, we wonder if anyone but the Lord Himself is fitted to use such scissors.

Well, anyway, here is a chance to unwrap ourselves in doing something for our young servicemen, the sons of the church. Spasmodic remembering no doubt seems more virtuous to us than to those who pay. Digital needs can be doted out by the mess sergeant or supply sergeant and not adequately by the chapter.

Jesus said that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Those words are of course true, but most men in the service seem to live on the smallest that comes from home. The men live for mail, the messages that can be cherished in the off-duty hours, that can transform the bunks into a little bit of home. We hear from church people keep the atheists out of fox holes. Mothers care and fathers care, but who else cares about the young who is ruddy regimented and strongly tempered by duty and by our glory in profound obscurity.

Daniel Webster.

ECUMENICAL DEVELOPMENTS

From the numerous press releases and magazines coming to the editor's desk we gather much more information about ecumenical matters than can be passed on to our readers. News is particularly plentiful in the summer when so many denominations are holding annual conferences and making moves toward or away from unity and union.

The National and World Councils of Churches are moving forward with ever-increasing program. Attacks upon them have not lost their intensity. Such thousand-legged organizations cannot expect to be free from well-deserved criticism. However, the reality of the condemnation is ill-founded and either ignorantly or maliciously written. For example, to libel the National Council by calling it communist is to label yourself as something less than a clear thinker.

The ecumenical movement, though progressing, faces many barriers according to Dr. Wilbur S. Mudder, dean of Boston University School of Religion, as reported by EPS (Ecumenical Press Service). Among these he lists "denominational size" as follows:

"Each institution, having developed its own traditions, and having come into existence to achieve certain values, is reluctant to enter a union which would threaten or destroy the cherished value. Smaller churches are therefore anxious lest they be simply swallowed up. The strategy of ecumenicity must provide for an appreciation of the small sects and denominations."

The above remarks would seem to fit the great Southern Baptist Convention which has recently voted once again not to unite with any interdenominational body. At the same time the smallest denominations seem to seek unearned recognition by being connected with something big.

There is news also from the camp of the American Council of Christian Churches which has so vociferously attacked the National Council. The Independent Fundamental Churches of America meeting in Jacksonville, Fla., April 27, resolved to draw from the ACCC and its world coun-
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

Coming to Conference? If so you surely will be interested in one or more of the special meals being planned during the week. These include two for young people, two for the women, one for each of the colleges, one for ministers and their wives, and the Sabbath Day dinner for all Conference guests. Will you please send your reservations immediately for any or all, to Mrs. Lloyd Lukens, 86 East Grand Circle, Battle Creek, Mich. Tickets will range in price from 90 cents to $1.50. They may be paid for at the registration desk when you arrive in Battle Creek.

The Housing Committee hopes to receive registrations with as little delay as possible. Write Mrs. John R. Cornish, 492 Emmett St., Battle Creek, Mich. And here is the Conference telephone number to call on arrival if you need transportation or assistance — 45039.

E. M., Publicity.

PAY GOD FIRST

A. B. Crofoot

Perhaps our thinking about denominational giving during the past few months has been insufficiently influenced by the idea of stewardship. It is God's sunshine and rain working together to enable us to raise crops from the soil of our farms. It is God's organized chemistry of the human body that turns the products of the soil into physical and mental energy that enable us to earn our living. Without these mighty gifts of God, we would be unable to continue our existence, to say nothing about accumulating any store of wealth for the assurance of living tomorrow.

A slogan that banks and the government use to encourage the purchase of government bonds is "Pay yourself first." Their idea is to encourage systematic saving — a worthy program. But shouldn't we, as grateful beneficiaries of God's provision for us and His love of humanity, give even greater priority to the obligation to "Pay God first."?

Most of us, whether we consciously budget our incomes or not, do plan to some extent the spending of our money. We must have shelter, clothing — must be paid for, however else we spend our money.

Our Denominational Budget at the end of nine months of the Conference year is dismaying behind schedule — only 56.6% of the total we set for ourselves. This, in spite of the fact that many have already given more generously than they had thought they would when setting the budget. And if ALL of us will determinedly Pay God First, our interest in missions also wanes. We must be prayer warriors if we are to be mission-minded.

A Mission-Minded Church

Rev. Leland E. Davis

"In spite of our so-called increased missionary interest there are 400 million more unevangelized in the world today than a generation ago," says Dr. Darroch, Home Director of the Sudan Interior Mission. In 1950 all church giving was increased 11%, and yet only 4% of all giving went to foreign missions. In the same year, ministers among English-speaking people increased 67%; while missionaries to foreign countries increased only 11%. Today, 6% of all missionaries and preachers are ministering to 91% of the world's population. We are losing out in our race against world population, world conflicts, and world religions. Shall we sit idly by "while Rome burns," or revive our interest in missions?

What Is a Mission-Minded Church?

A mission-minded church is a praying church... who feels that such an attitude is mission-minded because it made use of the appointed hours for prayer. While the apostles tarried in Jerusalem waiting for the promised coming of the Holy Spirit, they continued to pray — one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and all that were zealous for the Lord. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit! Through prayer we can be filled and receive power for mission service. Later, "Peter and John went up together at the hour of prayer." That was at 3 p.m. Two other prayer meetings were held, one at 9 a.m., and another at noon. Praying together gives us vision and a burden for souls. The call of the first great missionary, Barnabas and Paul, was the result of a prayer meeting (Acts 13: 2, 3). The "Haystack prayer meeting" resulted in the sending out of the first foreign missionary. Prayer is "an instrument of our own creation." "Praying Hyde" was truly mission-minded. When our prayer life wanes, our interest in missions also wanes. We must be prayer warriors if we are to be mission-minded.

A mission-minded church has a deep concern for the needy. While Peter and John were going to prayer meeting, their eyes fell on a lame beggar sitting by the temple gate. Their sympathetic concern went to him. They didn't, excuse their concern because of not having any money to give him. Such as I have I give unto him. Peter had love. He gave him that. Peter had faith so he gave that to him. He had the message of salvation and he gave him that. "What is that in thine heart?" Have you anything in your heart? Where is your concern? A mission-minded church witnesses daily for Christ. Having healed the lame beggar, Peter acquired a vast congregation with whom he shared the message of salvation. He spoke of Christ as God's servant, the Holy One, the Just One, and the Author of Life. "His name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know; and the man which was diseased did sit here..." (Acts 3: 6). The prayer burning in his heart resulted in this notable miracle by the Sadducees. Peter said of Christ: "...there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. Through his name alone, man is saved from sin. Do we witness that fact?

Lack of mission-mindedness is risky business, especially if based on the fallacy that our giving is not充足的. The PC Bishop judged the PC giving as 98% of our total giving. Missions will go forward as they are planned today. Whether we do or not, missions will go forward as they are planned today. Whether we do or not, mission-mindedness is necessary for our church to grow, continue, and move forward. "The mission-minded church is not one that is mission-minded by accident or by some remembering of a sabbath meeting or a special meeting. It is one that is mission-minded by a living purpose and plan; by a right understanding of the work of God and of the Church's place in it." — J. W. T."
WHAT THE SABBATH MEANS TO ME

As a child, the Sabbath meant going to church and Sabbath school, then to Grandma's for dinner with the rest of the family, and finally to C. E. to learn and discuss God's Word. It was a day different from all the other days of the week.

Now, upon reflection, it still means going to church and Sabbath school, seeing friends, shaking hands, saying hello, meeting friends I don't see other days but am so glad to see Sabbath day. It is still different from the other days which are workdays with all of the activity of business and cares of everyday life.

Our Christian life expands and develops from birth to old age and is a progressive life. It seems that constantly we must renew our inner strength. Sabbath means a time of worship, of prayer, and of thanksgiving. The sermon is a time of meditation on the greatness of our Lord and of His goodness and kindness to us. In Luke 11:1 we read, "Lord teach us to pray." Prayer is requesting, asking of mysterious secrets but an attitude, a practice, and a power. It is an attitude of humility and expectancy. It is a practice which develops our faith. God is a power that brings the unusual to pass. Prayer transforms the mind, heart, and life of the one who prays. It is in the church and Sabbath school that we learn to pray wherever we are, whether at home or away.

It is the church and Sabbath school that helps us to gain inner security and power. Also we learn to praise God and thank Him for our many blessings.

Sabbath means a lot to me. One thing that stands out in my thoughts is the song "We Young Folk Are Seventh Day Baptists." May we all sing it together. — Miss Carolyn Davis, on Sabbath Rally Day at Marlboro, N. J.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

August 8, 1953

The Christian's War (Temperance Lesson)

'Lesson Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20; Romans 14:19-21

NO CONDEMNATION IN CHRIST JESUS

Miss Rachel Schaub

"There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Rom. 8:1. What? For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. That the indulgent and Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." RSV.

Paul says "We know that the law is spiritual," and "You do not sin, and the commandment is holy and just and good." Rom. 7:14, 12. To walk according to the Spirit means simply to walk according to God's law of the Ten Commandments. If we do that, the fruit of the Spirit which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, we bear the fruit of the Spirit. And against such there is no law. Gal. 5:22, 23, RV.

There are many today who say, I am in Christ, and I am doing the Spirit but according to the flesh. Those who say, the Word says, will die. "For if you live according to the flesh you will die." Rom. 8:13.

Many will be condemned. And the shepherds are to blame: they have perverted the Word of God, and they themselves and their flocks with them will be doomed. "Now the oaks in the forest are never plucked, and the dandelion, the briar, the thistle, the gourd, the lily, and the like. I warn you... that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Gal. 5:19-21, RV.

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passes away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." 1 John 2:15-17.

"And do not conform to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Rom. 12:2, RV.

One commandment of that spiritual law says: "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. . . . The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God." Ex. 20:8-11.

The word illegal Sunday-because it has been denounced not to be conformed to the world. If we are regarded as "a peculiar people" because we keep the true Sabbath, we can have no trouble among us. And against such there is no law. Gal. 5:22, 23, RV.

Let us keep the Sabbath along with the other nine commandments that we may be accounted worthy to enter in through the gates into the Holy City. Rev. 22:14. Let us keep them all, too, to show our love for God. For this is the love of God that we keep his commandments: "R.S.V.

commandments are not grievous." 1 John 5:3. — Eternal Gospel Herald, Warrimoo, N.S.W., Australia.

Are We a Christian Nation?

J. Edgar Hoover, chief of our FBI, reveals some very shocking facts in "Forward." He reveals that: Only one out of 12, or one in 12, of the illegal delinquents attends church; there are more harmaids in this country than college girls; one million illegitimate babies are born annually; there are almost a million illegitimate babies born annually; our nation harbors three times as many criminals as college students; there are sixty suicides in our nation daily; and that three out of ten who start as light drinkers end up drunks. — The Civic Bulletin.

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A GREAT C.E. CONVENTION

Susana Patterson

There were 2400 delegates at the International Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver June 22-27. Twenty-seven were Seventh Day Baptists; two from Milton, Wis., the remainder from Denver. Nineteen were Juniors. Donna Hastings served on the Housing Committee; Betty Davis, Regine Folsom, Betty Poling, and Dick Shepard, usher; all from the Denver Church. It was a great inspirational experience which should carry through life — if only it could be transmitted as easily as it is absorbed, how the Gospel would spread around the world.

One of the highlights of the convention was Christian Night with Governor McKeldin of Maryland as speaker on the subject, "Forward with Christ in Christian Citizenship." Using as a basis for much of his address the life of George Washington, he pointed out that Washington never knew who he was defeated. "Winners are never quitters and quitters never winners." "God has the affairs of men"; "Great men are always religious men," were among the pointed sayings he used. Washington never allowed any weekend guests to interfere with his church. The Civic Committee, including the officers, weekend guests to interfere with his church. The Civic Committee, including the officers, attended all meetings. - The Civic Bulletin.

The International Christian Endeavor Society presented Governor McKeldin with an engraved service, presented to only five others previously. Dr. Dan Poling, himself a former winner, made the presentation. The winners in the annual essay contest for youth were sent out their prizes by Dr. Gene Stone. Dorothy Tillman of Denver won first prize,
the subject being, "I Speak for Christian Citizenship."

In the parade of floats, Ontario, Can., delegation took first place.

Dr. Daniel Ponce gave the closing address. He said, "World peace and salvation rest with 1,400,000,000 people who believe in one God. Guns, fleets, and tanks cannot destroy faith and unity."

The youth were urged to use personal evangelism to help curb juvenile delinquency and the moral and social disintegration of youth.

WORLD FELLOWSHIP FUNDS

Our General Conference Budget contains the following items under World Fellowship and Service: Toward a budget of $275,000.

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These amounts have been paid and letters of appreciation have been received by the treasurer from each agency. In addition, during the past 12 months Special Gifts totaling $649.15 from 17 different churches have been sent on to the following places: Church World Service, #1 Great Hour of Sharing, German Relief, and Holland Relief. Some churches have contributed directly to Church World Service. The treasurer has received in each case letters of acknowledgment telling how the money will be used and thanking the denomination for its support.

Forrest M. Branch, treasurer.

LET'S THINK IT OVER

"Dogmatic Mathematics" would be a strange title for an article about dogs and Christian giving. A Methodist Church official has reduced the national statistics on dog licenses and dog food sales to the Methodist ratio on Long Island. He comes up with the "dogmatic" statement that the Methodist dogs on Long Island eat $300,000 worth of dog food ($26 per dog) each year — enough to start six new churches.

Probably similar statistics on cats would be called "cattistics" and would be just as sobering. We love our pets, but it sometimes appears that we love them more expensively than we love our gospel-hungry brothers. — L. M. M.

Three hundred million people in India are on their way to literacy but have no simple literature (except pornographic magazines and Communist handbooks) awaiting them in adequate quantities. This is the report to a Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature by Dr. Frank C. Laubach in May.

He made it clear that the literature he had in mind for India would be positive, rather than simply anti-Communist in tone, because "unlike Americans, Indian people don’t like to hear talk against Communism." What they want, he went on to say, is concrete evidence that the Western brand of democracy can ease their poverty and distress. — EPS.

Marriage

Parker - Blowers. — Harry Parker, Truxton, N. Y., and Mildred Phillips Blowers, De Ruyter, N. Y., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phillips, were united in marriage at the De Ruyter Seventh Day Baptist Church, May 16, 1953.

Davis - Watens. — Kenneth W. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne W. Davis, Verona, N. Y., and Marie Watens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Audra Piersall, Ozonea, N. Y., were united in marriage at the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of Verona on July 5, 1953. Their pastor, Victor W. Skaggs, officiated.

Paquette - Warner. — Arthur J. Paquette of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Dorothea Clarke Warner, of Plainfield, N. J., were united in marriage on the evening of July 3, 1953, in the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church. The bride’s pastor, Rev. E. Wendell Stephon, officiated.

Obituary

Spinks. — Marion, aged 66, of North Little Rock, Ark., died June 1, 1953. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Maxson Spinks, four sons, a sister, and six grandchildren, all of North Little Rock. He was a faithful member of Remount Baptist Church.

Smith. — Andrew John, son of Chris and Jennie Smith, was born December 6, 1872, in Alabama, and died April 6, 1953, at Freeport, Tex.

He was married to Lola A. Wilson December 23, 1896. To this union one child was born, Lola Ruth (Mrs. J. C. Evans), who survives him. Funeral services were held in the Freeport First Baptist Church and burial was in West Columbia Cemetery. He was a member of the Ponce, Ark., Seventh Day Baptist Church. T. R. S.