On Friday, January 1, they drove here for a church meeting at 4 p.m. They are earnest young people and made a favorable impression on us all. After hearing their testimony it was voted to receive them after baptism.

Clifford Beebe came from Pomona Park to administer the baptism since both Dr. Crofoot and Rev. Elizabeth Randolph by reason of ill health were unable to administer the rite.

Mr. and Mrs. Berger stayed overnight at Miss Randolph’s and were received as members before the celebration of the Lord’s Supper on Sabbath day.

At the annual business meeting of the church on January 10, 5 officers were re-elected: J. N. Norwood, president; Dr. Ruth T. Rogers, vice-president; L. Emile Babcock, clerk; W. A. Titsworth, treasurer; Mrs. Louise Rogers, pianist.

At the memorial service for Clarence M. Rogers conducted at noon by Dr. Crofoot, a niece, and two nephews.


The Army is not a reform school, but if your son or mine has been given basic home and church training, the Army will send him home as decent as, or better than he was, when he went away. — David A. Poling.

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Accessions

Los Angeles, Calif.

Baptism:
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Elena Merrill
Bertha Becker
Stella Carpenter

Art Westerman
Kay Westerman
Lyle Crandall
Carrie Crandall
Rachel Hughes
Ethel Basserman

Births

Cady. — A daughter, Cindy Lou, to David and Loretta Cady, 7506 Garvalia Rd., South San Gabriel, Calif., October 1, 1953.

Cole. — A son, David Addison, to Bob and Dorothy (Harmon) Cole, 3141 Cienega Ave., Covina, Calif., December 14, 1953.


Merrill. — A son, Brian Thomas, to Thomas and Reva William Merrill of Brookfield, N. Y., on Dec. 20, 1953.


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Readers may wish to turn back to the Recorder of January 18 to make a closer comparison with the December report. It will be observed that some new churches are heard from this time and that others contributed very heavily in January. Pawcatuck reflects its usual strength with a total of $1,585.20. It and Battle Creek and Milton are all just below $1,600. It is noted again with surprise that Plainfield still tops the list with $4,488.54. Its congregation is about 1/2 that of Milton. Certainly just as much honor needs to go to the less-favored churches whose smaller gifts represent just as great consecration to the task.

Our churches were asked to keep a record of attendance last November, which was a go-to-church month throughout the nation. The record has now been compiled by the Conference treasurer and the figures have been analyzed and sent to all pastors and church clerks. There is some reason to be encouraged. Only 6 churches reported no attendance in November of 1953 than in the same month of 1952. In some cases the increase was very substantial.

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With thoughts fixed on this symbolism and the actuality of this new life it is small wonder that the radio news drifting in from another room struck us with jarring impact.

This very morning at Allahabad, India, 200 religious pilgrims (later reports say 500 killed) had been trampled to death and 1,000 more had been injured in their frenzied eagerness at the break of dawn to be among the first 1,000 pilgrims to bathe in the Ganges River. This little tongue of land at the confluence of the Ganges and Jumna is the site where, in Hindu mythology, the gods defeated a horde of demons.

Hinduism knows no savior from sin. Washing in the Ganges does not signify...
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SECRETARY’S COLUMN

Secretary’s Column

For the double purpose of (1) placing local missionary responsibility in the hands of persons readily accessible to and con­
venient with local people, and (2) providing a greater opportunity for local groups to become aware of and to participate in the work near at home, the Missionary Society within the past couple of years has asked each association to name a Missionary Interests Committee. All nine of our Seventh Day Baptist Associations have now formed such committees.

It has been suggested that all other boards and agencies encourage similar activities within the associations. Most of the associations already have Camp Commit­
tees, but it might be advantageous if each were to have a Young People’s or a Sabbath School Committee to tie in with the Board of Christian Education; a Tract Distribution Committee to help the Tract Society bring its work to the level where its products are used; a Women’s Work Committee.

Such committees within the associations, if they really worked at their assignments, could do much toward making more effective the work of our various denomi­
national agencies at the level where this work counts. They should tend to dis­parate any feeling that the denominational boards are merely "up there in the sky" or "out in the Middle West," that we ought to support but that are remote from our daily lives. A third advantage could be that the licensed leaders might become stronger working agencies in making Sabbath Christianity a living organism in their own communities.

With one exception, the Missionary Interests Committees are already set up in the associations have ministers as chairmen. Since our ministers are paid (however inadequately) to spend their time in church work and are presumably better informed on denominational activities than most of us lay members, it might appear logical to assign these tasks to them. However, if we rely too heavily on our ministers we lose much of the advantage of such a committee; they do not gain the advantage of awareness of the

real character and need of the work if we let the ministers do it all. Christian activity on the part of laymen is truly necessary for the nourishment of their spiritual lives. We have a good corps of ministers, but it is contrary to Seventh Day Baptist beliefs to think that they can save souls. They can set the spiritual food before us but each of us individually must feed our own souls. A material part of this feeding is active engagement in the work of the committee.

Lay participation in the actual carrying on of this type of work suggested should contribute extensively to the success of the Christian work we have accepted, to our individual growth as Christians, and to the growth of the churches and associations of which we are members. We need strengthening on all three of these levels. Let us give these suggestions some serious thought.

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Susa Patterson

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We must, of necessity, know Him as our personal Saviour before we can make Him known to others.

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The story is told of a bank robber who had served his time in jail and wished very much to be a Christian and change his way of life, and went to different churches each week after week for a month. Never had he heard anyone tell how he might become a Christian, and oh, how he did long to know! What an indictment of the churches who fail their major cause - making disciples, fulfilling the Great Commission of "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature!"

The answer is "to help others how to find God and be saved is an art that can only be acquired by our own experience in finding Him ourselves. Then we must have His help through the Holy Spirit to impart this knowledge to others." For as long as we are "hurrying and thinking after righteousness," they want firsthand knowledge not something we have read or heard.

Thank God, He is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever." He is able to be trusted about our most precious possession - salvation and eternal life - when we can get our guidance and power through the Holy Spirit by walking and talking with God, "the author and finisher of our faith." He talks to us through His Word and the still small voice. We talk to Him in prayer. We walk with Him by keeping His commandments and following His precepts, "going about doing good" as He did while here on earth.

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Not only in deeds confessed,
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MORE FOR YOUR MONEY

It was a new and better life but it is somehow supposed to prevent the pangs of rebirth in the ages to come. Hindoo belief is that it is their fate to come back after death in the form of lower or higher animals. Their greatest hope is that these rites they can stave off some of these reincarnations and achieve extinction more speedily.

So 2,000,000 people stampeded into the river leaving behind 300 dead and 1,000 injured. Can anything be further from the glory of Romans 6? Christianity lifts and tells them of the real water of life, of the transforming grace of Christ, of His commandments, and the weekly joy of His Sabbath activities within the associations. Most of our alternate 8-page Society have active Sabbath School Committees, but it might be advantageous if they really worked at their assignments,

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R.S.V. and R.S.V.P.

F. Zimmer, New York Times Book Review cartoonist, depicted a preacher in the pulpit announcing the lesson in a new way: "I will now read selected pas­
sages from a current Best Seller." Which recalls an unexpected comment of a thoughtful layman: "We certainly need the Revised Standard Version. We also need some revised readers." — Church Management.
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WALKING WITH GOD

Rev. Lee Holloway

According to the Bible, Enoch lived 365 years. Going back 365 years from 1535 brings us to the year 1588 — the year that Enoch walked with God.

Enoch lived in a time when people were deep in the Spanish Armada. This may give us some conception of the length of Enoch's life even though it was short in comparison to some others of his time. The important matter, however, is that he walked with God for at least 300 years of his life.

The way in which Enoch walked with God most certainly could not have been in a trance or dream. It must have been the walk of a consistent life in close connection with God. This was accomplished in spite of the violence of the age which is described in Gen. 6: 5, "God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Some people seem to think that preaching was born in cellophane wrappers completely insulated from the world. Here was certainly a case where that could not be said, for in spite of the wicked people around him, Enoch was a preacher of righteousness and attained spiritual heights of the greatest rarity.

His walk then must be pursued notwithstanding the prevalence of sin. Joseph and Christ Himself are also outstanding examples of this fact. The Christian life can be followed in the prime of busy manhood as well as in the midst of domestic anxiety and care.

Enoch's experience is also one of the assurances of eternal life.

Surely we can be thankful for the great spiritual life of Enoch and for the inspired Word of God which has preserved this brief but wonderful story for us.

What Our Ministers Are Doing

Rev. A. T. Bottoms, who has been in schoolwork for several years, writes that he and his wife are now teaching in a 500-pupil high school near Trenton, Ga. They live just across the line, R.D. 1, Long Island, Ala. This is some six miles from where they were located before, on the other side of Sand Mountain.

Brother Bottoms, now, as in the past, is attempting to meet some of the needs of the poorest farm families attending the school. He suggests that he would appreciate children's clothing. With his new address now known he can communicate with him about definite needs if they wish.

Rev. T. Denton Lee who has been doing some special visitation work for the Pacific Coast Association has been back at his home in Riverside, Calif., since Christmas. His name and that of his wife appear on some of the newly chosen committees of the church. He does not plan to continue the full-time program of meetings and visitation which had seemed a possibility earlier.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

February 27, 1954

The Good Shepherd


NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y. — The first all-day Sabbath church service of the year was held Sabbath day, January 2. It included the quarterly Communion service in the morning, a full program at the Sabbath school, and planning meetings of the church committees in the afternoon.

On January 9 our Sabbath service was canceled due to the failure of the heating system of the church. The Young People's Social Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sholtz that evening.

The Bible Study Class met with Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Davis, January 12. The members were held each Tuesday evening at the homes of the different families. The group is making a special study of Paul's Letter to the Galatians.

The mini-Sabbath School Class met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Warner for a social time and election of officers on the evening after the Sabbath, January 16.

The Verona Messenger is being published quarterly by the young people with a staff of 13 and Pastor Skaggs as supervising editor.

ALFRED, N. Y. — A $9,004 budget was adopted by the First Alfred Church at the annual meeting, January 17. Mrs. R. L. Polan is hostess to the meeting. Mr. and Mrs. SIXTER, and Richard West were elected to the board of trustees, replacing Mrs. L. R. Polan, Gordon M. and E. Kenyon completing three-year terms.

H. O. Burdick was re-elected president and Mr. Ogden, vice-president. Report of the election of officers was made. The budget is to be used for building and improvements in our premises.

Other trustees of the church are Miss Eva L. Ford, George F. Potter, Coit Wheaton, Evert Eurry, Mrs. Iva N. Jacos, and Stanley Butts.

The meeting followed a tureen family dinner, of which Mrs. John Jacos was chairman. — Ogareta E. Potter, Correspondent.

PAINT ROCK, ALA. — We are happy to announce that our former pastor, Brother Ralph M. Soper, has arrived to resume the pastorate of our church. After our meeting last Saturday, David Pearson, responded to the call of the Berea, W. Va., Church. Brother A. T. Bottoms supplied our pulpit with evident blessing. However, living situations do not agree as far as he and Mrs. Bottoms are teaching, he could not be with us every Sabbath. Therefore we are very thankful to have our full-time pastor with us now.

We had a good attendance at our services, with the Sabbath school children at times being in the majority. We have children from fifteen first day families and the adults and children of eight other families attend when we can provide sufficient cars. Our transportation problem is thus one of our biggest. Just now we have an opportunity to purchase a school bus (too small for present and future needs of the schools) in good condition having good tires. It is offered at a decided bargain ($250) and is just what we need. We have a new family of Seventh Day Baptists in our church having no means of transportation of their own. This man is in fine position to be the driver of a church bus, and is a very careful driver. We do have to let this opportunity slip and yet we do not have the funds for its purchase. We are praying that if it is the Lord's will for us to make this purchase that it will be so, and are asking that they give us a little time to decide.

On January 31, we presented a film, "Operation Orient," offered to us by the Reformed Church in America, at a cost of $18.50. It is a missionary work being done in Korea, Japan, and Formosa. We made this program a community missionary program, our pastor bringing Scripture reading, prayer, and a short missionary message. We had a choir composed of people from five other churches besides our own, which presented several hymns and a chorus. There were also special numbers by our two young ladies, "The Nineteen," and a men’s quartet number, "The Nail-Scarred Hand." There was a record crowd in attendance. Many people are constantly being led to Christ through the great need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ to these teeming millions who worship at Shinto shrines and have never heard of the true Saviour of mankind. Our earnest prayer is that all that we do here may be directed by the Holy-Spirit that our work may go forward in truth and righteousness. — Correspondent.

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DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, Jan. 31, 1954

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Percentage of budget raised to date: 20.8% 25.9%

L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.

Milton, Wis.

Marrriages

Monroe - Gladen. — Glathan Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Monroe, and Julia Gladen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shade Gladen, both of Fouke, Ark., were united in marriage by the bride's pastor, Rev. Trehav R. Sutton, at Fouke on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 1953.

Obituary

Jennens. — William, was born at Hastings, Mich., Jan. 4, 1877, and died at Boulder, Colo., Jan. 15, 1954, after an illness of about two years.

He was married to Nellie E. Sweet at Grand Island, Neb., Nov. 2, 1901. He is survived by his wife and eight children: Delbert of San Fernando, Calif.; William and Eldon, Pendleton, Ore.; Thorne, Peoria, Ill.; Mrs. Rose Lackey, Oakland, Calif.; Mrs. Louisa Pierson, Mrs. Bernie Hard, and Mrs. Ena Bolton, all of Boulder, Colo.

There are also four sisters: Mrs. Grace Gereck, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Maggie Johnson of Oregon; Mrs. Louella Moore, Grand Island, Neb.; and Mrs. Sylvia Strach, Puyallup, Wash.; and one brother, Benjamin, Tacoma, Wash.

Mr. Jennens was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Boulder, Colo. They had lived in Boulder since 1902. Funeral services were held in the Howe Mortuary, Boulder, January 19, conducted by the interim pastor of his church, Rev. Erlo E. Sutton. Interment was in the Mountain View Memorial Park, at Boulder.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31: 31-34.