**DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET**

Statement of Treasurer, August 31, 1954

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**Best Seller in Japan**

It is encouraging to learn that in Japan where still less than 1% of the population are Christians the Bible is by far the best seller every year. It is also significant that Dr. Takuo Matsumoto, Methodist Girl's School principal who was severely burned in the Hiroshima atom bomb explosion, is one of the translators of the New Testament into colloquial Japanese.

**Eschatology — The Study of Last Things**

Two world wars, and particularly the atomic bombs, were needed to blast this dusty term from the theological dictionary out into the World Council Assembly and from there into our current speech. If the World Council had been formed even as short a time back as the 1920's, it would certainly not have concerned itself with this strange-sounding word. — Review and Herald.
WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION

Throughout the United States and the world for a number of years there has been an attempt to create a feeling of Protestant oneness among the people. On the first Sunday of October as World-Wide Communion Sunday. In those numerous denominations which have Communion every week it means only calling attention to the fact that it is a special day. The same would be generally true of a large group of churches that celebrate the Lord's Supper the first weekend of each month. Then many others are included among those who celebrate the first Sabbath or Sunday of each quarter. But there are some who have Communion at other designated times, and a few who celebrate but once a year. If these latter groups join with others in holding a special service in October, that service comes as a change of custom and tradition for the purpose of capturing the spirit of oneness the world around.

Seventh Day Baptists do not celebrate Communion on Sunday. None of our churches, to our knowledge, have weekly Communion among their fellowships. It can be held the service bimonthly; more hold it quarterly; and a few believe it should be annual. It is a matter to be decided by their local committees. However, that once each year most of the churches of the land are thinking as they partake of the elements that there is a basic unity of believers which centers in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The cross is the center of Christianity. If there is to be spiritual unity it must be at the center rather than off on the perimeter. Broken bread and the fruit of the vine are symbols of that central doctrine that Christ died for sinners.

Our Cover

The picture on the cover comes from the World Council of Churches and is chosen because it illustrates beautifully the idea of World-Wide Communion. It is a photo of an international group of young Christians participating in an international Greek Orthodox Communion service held in Riziani, northwestern Greece. The young people were members of an ecumenical work camp in Riziani which was involved in the construction of a new steeple for an existing church. Ecumenical contacts such as this increase understanding and form strong bonds of Christian solidarity.

SEPTEMBER 27, 1954

There is question as to how far we can create denominational boundaries in partaking of the Lord's Supper. Your editor, wishing to give support to a fellow chaplain who had announced a Lutheran Communion service, attended such a service at Camp Drum last July. At the last moment he decided not to go forward to receive the Communion. He was forced to make a decision for the words used and the conditions laid down by the chaplain would have involved us in a breach of conscience. We cannot accept the Lutheran view of the relationship between Christ's body and the bread. It is too close to the Catholic view. The same is true of some other denominations. They make the minister a priest who uses such terms as, "I commune thee," which we have heard in a Methodist service.

We are by our very nature completely separatist people. We do not teach that we alone have the keys of heaven. Whenever we can conscientiously do so we co-operate locally, nationally, and in world-wide fellowship. Each in our own way, each on our own day we can celebrate the Lord's Supper, and can derive benefit from knowing that once each year most of the churches of the land are thinking as they partake of the elements that there is a basic unity of believers which centers in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Each in our own way, each on our own day we can celebrate the Lord's Supper, and can derive benefit from knowing that once each year most of the churches of the land are thinking as they partake of the elements that there is a basic unity of believers which centers in the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. The cross is the center of Christianity. If there is to be spiritual unity it must be at the center rather than off on the perimeter. Broken bread and the fruit of the vine are symbols of that central doctrine that Christ died for sinners.

FIRESIDE MUSINGS

Our fireplace does not get used very much in the summertime. Occasionally when it is a little cool we burn it up in case there is a purifying need for a fire and glowed through the evening hours a change took place in our heartstone. As if by magic the black ashes were consumed in the greater heat and the sooty firebox became whiter than any amount of scrubbing could have made it.

Perhaps there are lessons in this. In these summer months there may have been too much lightness in our home life, a little too much of the vacation spirit, not enough serious thinking. Perhaps there have been lessons in this. In these summer months there may have been too much lightness in our home life, a little too much of the vacation spirit, not enough serious thinking. Perhaps there have been lessons in this. In these summer months there may have been too much lightness in our home life, a little too much of the vacation spirit, not enough serious thinking. Perhaps there have been lessons in this. In these summer months there may have been too much lightness in our home life, a little too much of the vacation spirit, not enough serious thinking. Perhaps there have been lessons in this. In these summer months there may have been too much lightness in our home life, a little too much of the vacation spirit, not enough serious thinking.
NOVEMBER ELECTIONS

In editing a denominational journal we do not have opportunity to devote much time to the secular press or to political issues. A recent Sabbath school lesson on good citizenship reminds all of us that we do have an obligation to study issues and to vote intelligently.

The current weekly news release of Walter Chamblin is of more than usual interest. He points out that the coming November elections constitute a far more than a struggle for the mere control of Congress, "for these elections will determine whether Mr. Eisenhower will be able to complete his program or whether he will be forced to modify it materially as a result of a hostile Congress."

Mr. Chamblin is interested in the reduction of corporate taxes. Some of the rest of us are perhaps more interested in excise and income taxes and the problem of how the government can reduce them and at the same time avoid a more than $3 billion deficit. A hostile Congress is thought to be one that would not keep government spending at a minimum.

We note that on April 1, 1955, lower excises on automotive products, tobacco, and alcohol are scheduled to go into effect, which will cut off $1 billion of revenue. It may be safe to assume that sufficient pressure on Congress by the people would save the government that $1 billion, which must ultimately be paid to the U. S. Treasury by some form of taxation. Our attitude toward legislation and taxation should be Christian, unselfish, reasonable. Too often we are motivated by the selfish principle of seeking special privileges for ourselves or our group. It would seem to us that harmful and luxury items should be highly taxed no matter how many people (with votes) use them.

A Good Example

In the church notices from Lost Creek, W. Va., we observe that the young adult group scheduled a Sunday evening meeting with the purpose of study of the tract, "Has the Original Sabbath Day Been Lost?" That is a tract which other young people might well study and discuss.

REV. ALVA L. DAVIS

A Personal Tribute by Loyal F. Hurley

In the passing of Alva L. Davis, Seventh Day Baptists have lost one of their strong leaders who for years was a preacher of Jesus Christ.

He was born in New Milton, W. Va., on April 10, 1870, and died at East Aurora, N. Y., on September 14, 1954.

On September 1, 1904, he was married to Flora Talbott. They celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary only a few days before his passing. Besides Mrs. Davis there survive two sons, Alfred of Rochester, N. Y., and George of Richmond, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Margaret Burdick of East Aurora, N. Y., in whose home his last days were spent; four granddaughters; two brothers; three sisters; and other more distant relatives.

His early schooling was in West Virginia. In 1899 he entered Alfred University from which he graduated in 1903. He served as principal of the Leonardsville, N. Y., High School from 1903 to 1905, and then entered the ministry as pastor of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church. During this pastorate he earned his Master's degree from Syracuse University in 1908 and 1909. Salem College conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity upon him in 1930.

On account of his daughter's health he accepted in 1910 a call to the Boulder Church which he served 6 years, doing much field and evangelistic work during that time. There followed 5 years at North Loup, Neb., 5 more at Ashaway, R. I., 6 at Little Genesee, N. Y., and 9 years back in Verona where he began and ended his ministerial career.

Eight years of teaching Bible and Religious Education in Salem College made a total of 46 years as teacher and preacher. During part of those years, in Salem I was his pastor and in an intimate fellowship that revealed more fully his attitudes and spirit. For the past two years he had a monthly fellowship as I have ministered in Buffalo.

In spite of the handicap of a small physical constitution, Alva Davis was a strong preacher. Some of us remember well his last sermon given at the Ministers Conference at Jackson's Mill and entitled "The Gospel for the Low Tide." It was a powerful message to close a record of well over 4,000 sermons. He had a growing mind and heart. He not only earned two degrees in course, but demonstrated every degree and honor bestowed upon him. His growing mind mellowed and sweetened with the years.

Intense in his convictions, he grew broad and, to make clear how God had made him as a source of rich joy to him. He loved to talk about his work in various fields, and sometimes of his hardships, not to complained, but to make clear how God had sustained and guided. Alva and I differed in some of our opinions, but I never had a better friend, and I want to voice my deep appreciation for Alva's dedicated faith in God, and his devotion to the church which led him to attend the service of worship many times when he was not physically fit to go.

His family and friends will have many precious memories to cherish. May God help us all to live as faithfully and honorably in our day as he lived in his day; true to the truth as God gives us to see it, devoted to the Lord whom Alva Davis served so long and so well.

Salem College Begins 67th Year

Salem College opened its 67th year with a full schedule of activities Sept. 14, with several events that were held in place of the total school program for the coming year.

Nick Taral of Peoria, 111., recently appointed director of campus student activities, will inaugurate a new and greatly expanded student life and recreational program for the college. He will be head resident at one of the men's dormitory units as an expression of Christ. Advance registration indicates a large increase in freshmen enrollment for the new year.

STATEMENT OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

A. Addison Appel

Given at his ordination to the Gospel ministry, August 14, 1954. For an account of the proceedings see Recorder of September 15, p. 110.

I was born into the Christian home of Albert and Sallie Appel of Stonestop, Ill., October 25, 1916. I hadn't been around long when I became so very ill that Mother thought I would die. She dedicated the little life to the Lord, and the Lord heard and answered her prayer.

Some would probably say that my he re­l­e­g­a­tion had something to do with my becoming a minister. I am a great grand­son of both Elizabeth Coster and Robert Lewis, the early leaders of the Stone Fort, Ill., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

As I grew up near the Old Stone Fort Church, many leaders of the denomination were entertained in the homes of my parents and grandparents, Deacon and Mrs. Howell Lewis of North Loup, Neb., and Mrs. Edward Johnson of North Loup, Neb.

I entered Old Stone Fort College in 1934 and filled my young mind with great admiration, awe, and wonder; they were there for the Master.

When I was eight or nine years old, the new pastor from Farina came to Stonestop. He was staying at Grandma's. I got up early and went to see him. Grandma was starting breakfast when she saw me. She said, "Addison, what are you doing here so early?" "I like to hear that man talk," I answered. That man was R. F. Johnston, and I wanted to be like him.

I have always felt the call to enter the ministry. I knew that if I ever accepted Jesus Christ and gave my heart to Him, I'd have to accept the call. Maybe that is why I held out so long. In high school I met a girl that had all the qualities that go to make up a
good pastor's wife. I was no pastor, nor even a Christian, but a family in the proper training." There look out for myself much less bring up a family man and God; now was a way. With God as head of the family in the proper training, I knew for a long time that I needed God; now I needed Him more than ever.

I was not attending church anywhere at the time. I prayed for myself, preached to myself, sang to myself, and cried for myself for the greater part of a month, sometimes praying all night. No matter how hard I prayed and tried to receive a revelation from me. That day I accepted as His redeemed child, nothing happened. Always something seemed to cause me to think that I should be baptized and make a public profession. I had through many contacts with Pastor Hill grown to love and respect him as a spiritual leader, so I took my wife, who knew nothing of my convictions, and the baby and drove to Farina to see Pastor Hill.

I knew that I had accepted Christ as my personal Saviour, but I wanted to know that He had accepted me. When I told Pastor Hill of my dilemma, he said, "Christ accepted you when He was nailed to the cross." What a ray of light those words were to me. That agony of conflict and lack of understanding now help me to understand and help others in like difficulty. The next day being August 7, 1943, we went to Farina Lake for a baptismal service.

When they say, "the regal mountains, rolling hills, and wondrous seas are nobly fair, And, vying, are the vales and streams And islands in their beauty rare.

The ones endowed with special charm Are aptly named The Thousand Isles.

I have finished the first year of teaching in Farina with much joy— they alone penetrate the mists of uncertainty. — Hudson News Letter.
THE SABBATH RECORDER

Missions

Pearsons Fly to Nyasaland

It seemed imperative that Rev. and Mrs. David Pearson arrive at Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, before September 30. A new law affecting their entry permit goes into effect on that date. In addition Joan and Beth had expressed their hope that the new missionaries might accompany them on a visit to the Northern Seventh Day Baptist Churches before the mid-October rains begin.

Reservations were made for David and Bettie to leave Idlewild Airport, New York, on September 21 at one o'clock. Secretary E. T. Harris saw them off. They were planning to fly to London, England, by Pan-American Lines. At London they were to take the British Overseas Airways to Nairobi, Kenya, and thence by Central, or East African Airways to Blantyre to be met by the nurses in the mission car (a Morris Oxford station wagon).

Miss Beth Severe, acting head of the mission, wrote regarding the immediate coming of the Pearsons, "You will never know the depths of our joy in hearing someone in whom we believe, and in whom we are coming. We trust in God's leading—that we have been guided by Him in our request for their coming without delay. If we were under different circumstances now, we would heartily agree to training there but you will have to trust our judgment in something that you will probably never understand. It is just that we feel we can never convey to you people things as they really are."

The funds to pay the travel expenses of the Pearsons by air are at hand, made possible by a gift of the Los Angeles Church.

Makapwa Mission Purchase Plans

Approximately $1,700 is still needed to complete the purchase of the Makapwa Mission property. There is no amount in the Missionary Board's share of the 1954-1955 Budget recently adopted by General Conference to cover this need.

A letter from "Thorne and Collins," lawyers serving the interests of Rev. and Mrs. Clarence Grandall, chairman of the American Tropics Committee, Rev. Lester Osborn, and Secretary Everett T. Harris. After consulting with Rev. Wardner Fitz-Randolph, headmaster of Grandall High, the committee requested Miss Jacqueline Wells of Battle Creek, Mich., to serve the above need. She consented to do this at the time of the last General Conference at Milton.

The committee felt that Miss Wells' secretarial training and experience, as well as her personal qualifications were such as would make it possible for her to give much assistance in the administrative details of the school, thus releasing Dr. Bond to give more time and thought to the current plans to establish a 'country school.' There was also the need for music and playground leadership as well as the teaching of certain subjects, all of which it was felt that Miss Wells could do.

If Miss Wells was to arrive at Kingston in time to begin her services at the opening of the school term it seemed necessary that some provision be made to secure the necessary health certificate, passport, visa, and permit of entry. She began at once by applying for passport to Chicago, on her way back to Battle Creek from Milton.

However, plans for immediate going have had to be deferred for a while. Rev. Wardner Fitz-Randolph wrote soon after his arrival back (letter dated August 31): "Cases of polio are breaking out all over town. It might be well to hold up the sending of Jackie till epidemic clears up."

A letter written the same day (Aug. 31) from Dr. O. B. Bond states that school funds have had to be used to pay the cost of repairs on the school buildings, such that there would be none available to assist on Miss Wells' salary. The original plan had been for the Jamaica Board of Education to give some assistance on the salary of a new teacher.

All things considered, it seemed wise to defer Miss Wells' going to Jamaica at least until the beginning of the second school term. This will also give Miss Wells an opportunity for study and preparation in the classes she will be expected to teach.

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The 500 pounds (or $1,400) has been paid in amounts of $805 deposits sent August 1 and $595 sent within recent days. This leaves 650 pounds or $1,820 as a mortgage on the property to be paid over the next twelve months at the rate of approximately $152 a month."

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Note: This is a reminder, before the end of the current Conference year, that the above noted need constitutes a special request which was approved and publicized last April, 1954.

Did You Know?

The full amount of $500 has now been paid to Rev. and Mrs. Neil D. Mills for the purchase of their furniture and household goods left at the Charles Street property, Kingston, Jamaica, for the use of our mission workers? This amount was included in the Denominational Budget for 1953-54.

The "across the board" increase in amounts paid to missionary churches in support of their pastors raised the maximum limit on salaries to $1,600 a year from a former maximum of $1,300. It was suggested last year that such increase be assigned to teaching burden being carried by Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond, principal and teacher at the school.

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Theme: Neglect is Tragedy

Thoughts
Neglect, whether caused by procrastination or indifference, is tragedy.

Neglect to attend to our rational duties is also great tragedy. The Bible refers to the danger of failing to develop our mental and spiritual abilities.

Neglect to feed our soul daily with Bible reading and prayer will mean the tragedy of being a stunted spiritual cripple, unable to help our fellow men.

Neglect of our health means the tragedy of pain and suffering.

Neglect the use of a muscle, and it will soon mean the tragedy of uselessness.

Neglect to "go about doing good" as Jesus did while on earth will smother and kill the soul.

Neglect to maintain a weekly prayer meeting means the tragedy of a spiritually bankrupt church.

Poem: "If" — (with apologies to Rudyard Kipling)

"If you can go to church when all about you
Are going anywhere but to the House of Prayer;
If you can travel straight when others wobble,
And do not seem to have a righteous care;
If you can teach and not get tired of teaching,
Or tell the truth when others lie like sin,
Or pray and pay and carry heavy burdens
And pay the heavy price it costs to win;
If you can face the surge of things about you
And keep your moral balance in life's whirl;
If you can act with patience in each crisis,
Nor be a coward, cynic, or a churl;
If you can face the surge of things about you
And keep your moral balance in life's whirl;
If you can live, and not be spoiled by pride
And give — without a Pharisee's vain pride —
Your life for God and man will pay real profit,
You'll be a saint no critic can deride!"
—Trinity Lutheran Messenger.

Hymn: "Help Somebody Today"

WOMEN AT CONFERENCE
Mrs. Fred Walters

With the 1954-1955 theme of "Doers of the Word," the women of Conference gathered for their first meeting in the Milton Congregational Church on Wednesday, Aug. 18, following the luncheon, to hear a short talk by Rev. Everett T. Harris, secretary of the Missionary Society.

Secretary Harris stressed three objectives: 1. To raise the level of the pastors' salaries in all missionary churches; 2. To raise the standard of all young pastors' salaries; 3. To put a full-time evangelist on the home field (which we were unable to do this past year). We learned that about 75% of our pastors have to resort to outside work to meet their financial obligations. A minimum salary of $2,400 per year is a goal greatly to be desired.

Three suggestions were made by Secretary Harris that deserve our serious consideration: 1. Our own graded Sabbath school lessons for children; 2. The opportunities that are open for those gifted in writing to put the Jamaica and Nyassaland stories in a form for children; 3. Giving young women the opportunity of going out in quartet or similar singing groups to work on the evangelistic field. He pointed up for us the fact that the moving force in mission work is to bring all people into fellow work with God.

Annual Meeting
The luncheon, Friday noon, was held in the basement of the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church with the annual meeting of the Women's Society held immediately following the meal. Credit was given Mrs. H. Eugene Davis as the author of "My Daily Morning Meditation" for the coming year. Mrs. Davis was introduced to the group. Mrs. Elmo F. Randolph, wife of the pastor of the host church, led the devotional prayer with Scripture references and prayer; and the women repeated the 100th Psalm in unison. The general business was transacted during which time the Conference Committee on Women's Work presented a verbal synopsis of their report to be presented at Conference in which they recommended the Women's Board on its accomplishments and activities.

A letter of greeting from "our" Joan and Beth to the women of the denomination was read. There was a plea for used clothing to be sent to the mission in Nyasaland. Also mentioned was the need for money for the purchase of books. The suggestion came from our president that any corresponding sending of clothing also send money to the mission to help defray the duty on the shipment.

A spontaneous motion was made, and passed unanimously, that we have a money shower for Mrs. David Pearson, wife of our new Nyassaland missionary, for her personal use. Baskets soon made the rounds of the tables and $226 was counted at the time. We understand that more was handed in later.

Miracle of Influence
We thank the members of our church for their influence and example. Without their dedicated service, or a special service on Sabbath eve or some other time, using the theme, "Church and Home — Partners in Bible Teaching," we might not have this week's special meeting.

1. Initiate a discussion, or a series of lessons, for parents on the use and appreciation of the Bible in the home, or how to help your child to benefit by Sabbath school at home.

2. Conduct a program on biblical teaching service, or a special service on Sabbath eve or some other time, using the theme, "Church and Home — Partners in Bible Teaching."

3. Conduct a drive, perhaps by a youth group, to secure subscriptions to the Sabbath Recorder, the Secret Place, and other literature for adult reading and worship.

4. Mail or deliver to every home in the parish a copy of "A Fresh Approach to Bible Reading" with a letter and perhaps other material to help people to better understand and share in the educational work of the church.

5. Arrange for Sabbath school teachers and leaders to visit every home where there are children to become better acquainted with both children and parents, and to promote better cooperation between home and church in serving the religious needs of children.

6. Plan for young people to provide regular Bible reading as a service in the homes of elderly and homebound people.

This is a time for families to evaluate
their own religious programs. We may be stimulated to improve our family programs by carefully considering these six questions:

1. What is your family's record of attendance at Sabbath school and morning worship?
2. How thoroughly do members of your family prepare for the Sabbath school sessions—physically, mentally, spiritually?
3. Do you provide at home good "tools" for preparation—books, Bibles, maps, quarterlies, Bible dictionary or commentary?
4. Is a regular time set aside in the home for "religious study" or are only "odds and ends" of time available?
5. What is the usual attitude of your family toward the Sabbath school program and leaders—critical? appreciative?
6. Do you carry your family's share of leadership in Sabbath school and other church organizations? N. D. M.

GOTHIC GLIMPSES
Rev. A. N. Rogers

The School of Theology opened for the new year at Alfred University with a convocation and reception in The Gothic, September 16. Rev. Melvin G. Nida who begins his teaching as Assistant Professor of New Testament and Christian Ethics gave the convocation sermon.

Myron Soper, son of Rev. Ralph Soper of Paint Rock, Ala., and a recent graduate of Salem College, has enrolled for the B.D. course. His wife, Mrs. Marion Coon Soper, will be employed as assistant librarian, and they will live in The Gothic apartments.

Doyle K. Zwiebel of Jackson Center, Ohio, a brother of Rev. Rex E. Zwiebel of Lost Creek, W. Va., began his B.D. course with the fall semester, having been graduated from Salem College in June. He will room at The Gothic.

David Beebe, second-year student, who has been serving in the Battle Creek, Mich., Seventh Day Baptist Church during the summer months, will be employed as assistant pastor in the First Presbyterian Church, Bath, N. Y., while continuing his study.

A collection of books on preaching and pastoral work, from the library of the late George V. Wolf of Hornell was added to the School of Theology library this summer. Dean Emeritus A. J. C. Bond is giving a large collection of his books to the library also.

Rev. Richard Bredenberg, Alfred University chaplain, and Mrs. Bredenberg visited the Seventh Day Baptist Church at Amsterdam and met Miss A. (Ploon) Dijk on Sabbath day, August 21, as they were returning from a summer student work camp in Holland. Mrs. Bredenberg is teaching a Christian education course in the School of Theology during the fall semester. Miss Dijk visited the churches and attended Conference at Riverside, Calif., in 1949.

PRE-CONFEERENCE YOUTH CAMP

The comments of campers and leaders agree that the Pre-Conference Camp held this year at Camp Indian Trails, a Boy Scout camp about ten miles from Milton, N. Y., was splendid. The new educational director, Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, and all the staff, to President Percy L. Dunn of Milton College for his challenging address, and for the cooperation and interest of all who cooperated to make it a success.

Richard Warner of Verona, N. Y., one of the campers, for his fine report of the camp. Space does not permit the publishing of the entire list of campers. Following is the list of the staff:


White Cloud, Mich.; personal evangelism, Rev. Paul S. Burdick, Saleville, Pa.; fellowship in the church, Miss Esther Burdick, Syracuse, N. Y.; counselors: Miss Joyce Sholtis, Vernon, N. Y.; Miss Catherine Barber, Wasterly, R. I.; Miss Emma Burdick, Waterford, Conn.; Miss Ellen Swinney, Waterford, Conn.; cooks: Mrs. Gladys Drake, head cook, Mrs. Mable Morse, Mrs. Elsie Rood of Milton, and Cpl. and Mrs. Ronald Goodrich, Vine Grove, Ky.

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N. D. M.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

My sister and I wrote to you a long time ago. I'm at my grandmother's (Mrs. Luther S. Davis) near Shiloh.

My Montclair is here with me and we just had a little accident. She got kicked in the head and mouth by a horse we were riding. It was an unfortunate accident but the horse wasn't mean and everyone was very sorry.

We took our cousin, Susie, to your son, Dr. Greene. He surely was very kind to her and fixed her up. It just happened this afternoon, and her parents are quite far away from her. We think she'll be okay though, and as is well as can be expected.

I read your stories quite a lot. I really enjoy them.

I'm so glad your son was near.

Sincerely,

Kathy Davis.

Roadstown, N. J.

P.S. It was my horse that kicked Susie Ward. His name is Sonoby.

Dear Mrs. Greene:

I'm glad you enjoy our Children's Page, and hope you will help to make it interesting. How do you enjoy the children's letters and stories? Don't you?

In Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.
More News of Ministers

Rev. E. Wendell Stephan has a new address. He is more or less permanently located at 835 Atom Court, Uniondale, N. Y. He is a chaplain at Creedmoor State Hospital in Queens Village, N. Y. C. Rev. Trevah R. Sutton is now teaching school and informs us that his address is 929 Beech, Texarkana, Ark.

Rev. Verney A. Wilson, retired, can be reached at 306, East Eaton, Ohio.

Rev. Carroll L. Hill, former president of Milton College and more recently of the Rock Prairie Church, eight miles east of Janesville on County Trunk A. His address is R.D. 1, Janesville.

Rev. Melvin G. Nida and his family are now living in the Methodist parsonage at Troupsburg, N. Y., some 20 miles from Alfred. His mail address is P. O. Box 742, Alfred.

Notice

The annual meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, Inc., will be held in The Gothic, Alfred, N. Y., on Sunday, October 10, 1954, at two o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of directors and such other business as may properly come before it. All delegates to the last session of the General Conference are entitled to vote at this meeting.

Neal D. Mills, Executive Secretary.

TRACT SOCIETY NEWS

On Sunday afternoon, September 12, twenty-one members of the Board of Trustees of the Tract Society met in the board room of the denominational building for the regular quarterly meeting, to hear reports and to transact new business. This meeting was followed after a brief intermission by the annual meeting of the society for the election of officers and other business. After this brief meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order for the naming of committees and the transacting of such business as was necessary. Since the three meetings involved essentially the same people this report to the people will treat them as one meeting.

The officers of the society are the same as those nominated at the General Conference. Franklin A. Langworthy continues as president. The positions of second and third vice-president are filled by new men, Charles F. Harris and David Sheppard. Charles H. North was elevated from acting treasurer to treasurer and was later placed on the General Conference Committee. The personnel of the Board of Trustees remains practically the same as last year. Most of the members are from the Plainfield area but there are three from Rhode Island, one from Berlin, N. Y., one from New York City, one from Philadelphia, and nine from the Bridgeton, N. J. area. Six of the latter group were present at this meeting as well as the member from Philadelphia, and Secretary Crofoot from Alfred, N. Y. New England and Eastern New York are not usually represented and were not at this meeting.

The quarterly reports in general showed slightly less than average activity during the summer months although the work of the board seemed to be progressing satisfactorily. Tract distribution showed 6,769 pieces of free literature distributed. Audio-visual work was not formally reported but the chairman of the committee has selected a considerable number of new filmstrips which have been ordered on approval, some of which will probably soon be available for use in the churches.

Without going into the details of a carefully prepared treasurer's report we may note that the general fund, which is the operating fund, is only slightly lower at the end of the quarter than the beginning. It has been maintained at approximately the same level throughout the budget year. The Tract Society is not expected to show at the end of September, expenditures slightly above what were anticipated in last year's budget. Provision was made available for the new budget for an increase in production costs. It is perhaps normal that these increased costs have begun to show up already.

The corresponding secretary in his report called attention to what Commission and Conference did in paring down the Tract Society askings from the Denominational Budget. The total asking of $6,650 was cut to $6,400. To the Sabbath Recorder was allocated more than was asked for; other items were cut $350. The amount allowed for literature publication and distribution shows in the new budget as $680 compared with $1,000 allowed last year.

An informal report from the publishing house called attention to the recently completed installation of a new freight elevator at a total cost of $5,700. It is operated by a 7 1/2 h.p. motor and will make possible the full use of the basement for storage of paper stocks. The prospects for commercial work were reported as good.

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A number of young married couples with their families enjoyed camping at Camp Wakonda during the summer and report happy times together. The camp was in constant use by campers from the last of June until after Conference. Many of our Conference guests also made use of it.

At the hymn sing at Camp Wakonda, Sabbath afternoon, September 4, a new Estey portable reed organ was used. This organ was recently presented to the church and camp by Professor and Mrs. J. Fred Whitford in memory of their daughter Gladys.

Pastor Randolph was recently presented with a new pulpit robe as a birthday gift from friends.

G. R. L.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — Seven young people attended our Mid-Continent Association Youth Camp, at Rocky Mountain Camp near Boulder, Colo., in June. Pastor Davis was one of the instructors.

The annual Sabbath school picnic was held July 25 in the August woods near Atchison. Over 100 people enjoyed the dinner and visiting. Mrs. Iris Maltby and Mrs. Lisle Cavinder of Tekonsha, Mich., on July 28, 1954. Lewis. — A daughter, Kaye Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Damon Lewis (Lois Babcock) of East LeRoy, Mich., on Aug. 16, 1954.

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MARRIAGES

Williams - Gray. — At the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton, Wis., August 28, 1954, James Orton Williams, son of Mrs. Sarah Williams, Lost Creek, W. Va., and Donna Jean Gray, daughter of Donald Vincent and Caroline Randolph Gray of Milton, Wis., were united in marriage. Rev. John Fitz Randolph, grandfather of the bride, officiating. The new home will be at Lost Creek, W. Va.

BIRTHS


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Strother. — Charles Enmit, son of the late James L. and Phelinnia Flowers Strother, was born in Harrison County, W. Va., on April 28, 1887, and died in Weston, W. Va., on Aug. 31, 1954. Mr. Strother was a Spanish-American War veteran and a member of the Roanoke Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Those who survive are his wife, Eva B.; a foster son, Clarence Masters, of Massillon, Ohio; two brothers, Hiram and Fred, both of Sinton, Tex.; three sisters: Mrs. Libby Quick of South Dakota; Mrs. Lucy Currey and Mrs. Cora Stamm, both of Industrial, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Rex E. Zubiel, at the Floyd Funeral Home in Weston. The American Legion Post of that city conducted the committal service at the grave. Burial was in the Mitchell Cemetery at Roanoke.

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Then Answered the Lord

The cry of man's anguish went up to God,
"Lord, take away pain!
The shadow that darkens the world Thou hast made;
The close coiling chain
That strangles the heart; the burden that weighs
On the wings that would soar —
Lord, take away pain from the world Thou hast made
That it love Thee the more."

Then answered the Lord to the cry of the world,
"Shall I take away pain,
And with it the power of the soul to endure,
Made strong by the strain?
Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart,
And sacrifice high?
Will ye lose all your heroes that lift from the fire
White brows to the sky?
Shall I take away love that redeems with a price,
And smiles with its loss?
Can ye spare from your lives that would cling unto mine
The Christ on His cross?"

— Author Unknown.

Correspondent

MILTON JUNCTION, WIS.

By letter:

Harris, Roy

Loofbore, Clara (Mrs. Wesley)

By baptism:

Judy Corftsten

Mrs. Rachel Reames

Mrs. Ira Williams

Orland Reames

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