We have a wide-awake organization of United Church Women in the city. Several of our women are active in that group. Mrs. L. E. Babcock is the corresponding secretary. She and the president of the group have been contacting churches which are not members to try to get them interested. One of the projects now is to collect garments for the needy overseas.

Our church has been doing such work for several years under the leadership of Dr. Josie Rogers.

We are anticipating the return of Dr. J. W. Crofoot and the other friends from the North who regularly spend the winters here. We would welcome many more. The climate and other aspects of nature are delightful and the friendship is genuine. — L. E. Babcock.

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Victor Burdick

By Testimony:  
David Ahlborn

**Obituaries**

Clark. — E. Howard, son of the late Benjamin Franklin and Emily Francis Kenyon Clark, was born in Westerly on Feb. 9, 1870, and died at the Margaret Edward Anderson Hospital following a brief illness.

Mr. Clark was a lifelong resident of Westerly. After being graduated from the Eastham Business College in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., he established Clark's Music Store, retiring from business in 1913. He was one of the oldest members of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, having joined the church on May 9, 1889. He served his church as treasurer and trustee for 20 years and attended the morning worship faithfully as long as his health would permit.

Mr. Clark was married to Harriett Hannah Brook on Sept. 10, 1895. Other survivors include a brother, A Perry Clark of New Haven; a daughter, Mrs. Robert Lyall Spargo of this city; and two grandsons.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. Charles H. Bond, and Dr. John W. Elliott, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, at the Seventh Day Baptist Church on Oct. 23. Burial was in the River Bend Cemetery.  

C. H. B. Peckham. — Hattie P., daughter of the late John C. and Sarah Green Peckham, was born March 6, 1864, at Berlin, N. Y., and died at her home in Troy, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1954.

She attended the public schools of Berlin and later taught one year there. After moving to Troy, she bought a yarn shop and operated that business for 35 years. Miss Peckham was the oldest member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Berlin, having been a member since 1881.

Funeral services were held in Troy on Oct. 8. Interment was in the Seventh Day Baptist Cemetery in Berlin, services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. Paul L. Milson. — P. L. M.

Van Horn. — Ralph Raymond, son of James Raymon and Elizabeth Jane Babcock Van Horn, was born March 18, 1877, at North Loup, Neb., and passed away Aug. 14, 1954, at Denver, Colo.

Mr. Van Horn married Winifred Arledge in May, 1916. Three children were born to them: Frances E. Brantley, Hazel I. Van Horn, and Dorothy Lu Everett. He is survived by his widow, children, and grandchildren.

In recent years the couple have made their home in Denver and have been regular attendants of the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Memorial services were conducted by Rev. E. A. Colarin, of Boulder. Burial was in Crown Hill Cemetery, Denver.  


Her husband, Harry Maxwell, passed away Jan. 4, 1919. A lifetime member of the Middle Island Seventh Day Baptist Church, she also attended and was active in the Methodist Church at Smithburg, her residence. Surviving are: two daughters, Ethel Maxwell of Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Robert (Elzie) Garrison of Smithburg, W. Va.; a brother, H. W. Davis of West Union; a sister, Mrs. Addie Moore of Smithburg; and five grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church of Smithburg with Rev. Donzell Weese and Rev. D. W. Poling officiating. Interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at West Union.

—Elzie Maxwell Garrison.

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Free Magazine
This time the editor is right. A three-months’ subscription to “The Converted Catholic Magazine” may be obtained by writing Dr. Walter M. Montano, Dept. NM, 27 East 22nd St., New York 10, N. Y.
Although the Sabbath Recorder does not necessarily endorse all that may appear in this new publication, we have personally found much valuable information in its pages in the past. The widespread interests and outlooks of its staff know whereof they speak and are generally moderate in their presentation.

Sharing Our Surplus at Thanksgiving Time

Thanksgiving Day observances across the nation this year will feature in many churches the “Share Our Surplus” program of the major Protestant and Orthodox churches. It is expected that upwards of $1,000,000 will be offered in offerings — this to be part of the $7,500,000 which will be needed for the program outlined by the churches for the next three years.

The goal of the three-year program, which begins at this Thanksgiving season, is the handling and distribution overseas of at least 500,000,000 pounds of surplus foods, through the agency of Church World Service, in addition to the program of many individual denominations for their own efforts for relief, rehabilitation, and reconstruction in Europe and Asia, especially Korea. The foodstuffs (wheat, cottonseed oil, corn, corn products, butter, cheese, powdered milk) will be contributed by the United States Government from its surplus farm stocks; the money raised by the church will be needed to ship the foods, etc., overseas and to distribute them to the needy of many lands.

This year, for the first time, two Orthodox churches gave $11/2 billion to all causes in 1953.) It has been estimated that the cost of handling and distribution (the $7,500,000 during three years) will be 5% of the value of the material sent under this plan.

BLOOD CALLED RED WEAPON

An Associated Press dispatch under the above heading appeared in the local papers recently. The story comes from a Catholic missionary to China who was testifying before a legislative committee on Communist aggression in Asia.

Before his deportation from Red China he overheard one letter to Red soldiers at a staging area as they were about to be shipped to Korea. The Red priest told them: “If 1,000 Chinese die in Korea and one American dies, then China is winning.” From this the Catholic priest draws the logical but horrible conclusion that blood was their principal weapon.

Here is a case where a thousand men were dying for one man to advance the cause of atheism. It is a program of death, not life. Human blood was counted as the cheapest and most plentiful commodity.

How different from the Christian view of things. The blood of one man was shed for the salvation of countless thousands. God gave His only begotten Son that “whosoever believeth on him might not perish but have everlasting life.” This eternal life for millions of sinful men was so much desired by the loving heart of a heavenly Father that He was willing to shed His precious blood for the salvation of many individuals.

Blood may be the weapon of the Reds; it is the symbol of sacrifice to Christians. To the former it is wanton disregard of life; to the latter it is eternal life. To the one it is too cheap to be priced; to the other too priceless to evaluate. While the Chinese are being taught the insignificance of lifeblood, Christian nations are building blood banks and learning to appreciate the significance of redemption through the precious blood of Christ.

Youth News

Did you notice that the October 25 issue contained three items under a large heading “Youth News.” The next page issue, November 8, contained another column for youth. This is the beginning of what we hope will be a feature that will increase the number of readers in the high school and college-age bracket. These articles will be obtained from what ever sources are available. They must be very brief in order to be included. It is our plan to rely heavily upon the youth concentrated in our three college towns but not to limit the material to college news.

We realize that it is of no use to have a youth column unless all of the young people who have access to the Sabbath Recorder are made aware of it. We therefore urge all pastors, parents, and Recorder agents to call attention to this new column. It should help to create reading habits that will result in a generation of better-informed young church members.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for November 27, 1954
The Sabbath and the Creation Lesson Scripture: Genesis 1: 1-5, 26-27, 31: 2-1: 3; John 1: 1-3; 1 Peter 1: 17-21.
SECRETARY'S COLUMN

Is Evangelism Keeping Pace?
The gas-light era of the good old days was also the era of medicine shows and camp meetings. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and the itinerant revivalist had (unfortunately) much in common. Both were itinerant; both leaned heavily on ballyhoo; both moved on to another community. Probably both much more than the latter) and in saving souls. Many co-operated with that of the medicine show. Much real good was accomplished by them. The camp meetings, however, acquired a reputation similar to that of the medicine show.

Today the medicine show has been crowded out. Movies, radio, and television have brought almost as good entertainment daily and hourly into the local leamings, direct into the home. While more closely controlled by state and federal laws, elixirs, nostrums, and magic formulas are today ballyhooed by radio and television, rather than the Barker standing in front of the tent.

But what has replaced the old-fashioned revival meetings? What substitute forms of religious appeal have crowded it out? Can we offer daily and hourly evangelistic services to supplant the yearly camp meetings on a scale commensurate with television's supplanting of the old-fashioned Tent?

Is prayer becoming possible in the office? Are times changing? We must have an evangelistic church, made up of evangelistic laymen led by capable pastors, in tent. Sabbath Christianity is as near as the pulpit itself is not there to use as a speaker in the Church of Christ. It is a difficult thing to achieve a more virile spirit of evangelism, more eagerness to bring others to a recognition of the truths we hold dear, less complacency, not mere conviction that we do have these truths.

This is not simply a job we can wish to do our pastors. Most of them are inadequately paid for a full-time job of shepherding the flock they are serving. We must have an evangelistic church, made up of evangelistic laymen led by capable pastors, intent on convincing others that Sabbath Christianity is as near as the pulpit is not there to use. We need a stronger church will grow on its own strength and will contribute more fully to a denominational program of evangelism beyond its own physical boundaries.

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MEMORY TEXT
And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made, and the earth was finished. On the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. Genesis 2: 2, 3.

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Prayer Thought
Faith is no longer a one-day-a-week affair, and prayer has invaded big business. Such is the comment of S. A. Schreiner in the October 10 issue of Parade magazine.

"Baffled by problems over which they seem to have no direct control, no matter how high their position, men and women are turning to God in a very practical way to seek guidance," he writes.

The article cites a number of instances of top-level businessmen who start off the working day with prayer and Bible reading with their associates. One of these, Lem T. Jones, head of a $10,000,000-a-year candy firm and president of United Church Men of the National Council of Churches, reports that he starts every day in the office with the prayer: "My God, make me adequate in Thy sight for this day." He also at other times, switches on a public address system and asks his employees to stop work for a period of prayer.

And from Washington, the article reports, the top planning staff of the Department of Agriculture gathers with Secretary Ezra Taft Benson for prayer, led by a different member, at the beginning of each day.

We have long sought for more prayer in the home and have considered it impossible in the office. Are times changing? Is prayer becoming possible in the office and impossible in the home? We need both.

Sabbath Thought
Sabbath desecration brought trouble to Israel. For 50 years they were in captivity and their land lay waste because God considered His holy day more sacred than place and temple and worshipers where His Sabbath was not bellowed. The cause of the captivity was Sabbath desecration, and the first reform upon return to the land had to do with the sanctity of the Sabbath. The Sabbath is more sacred than place and form of worship. It is a fundamental law to govern man in his religious nature and his relation to God. (Jer. 17: 19-27; Lev. 22: 12-14; Neh. 13: 15-19.) L. G. O. in Ashwaya Messenger.

SUGGESTIONS TO THE PULPIT FROM THE PEW

Author's Name Withheld
One who sits in the pew would like to make some suggestions to the speaker in the pulpit as follows:

1. Do make careful, prayerful, studious preparation for every appearance in the pulpit. Do not think that a nice, extemporaneous little talk on some subject of interest will take the place of a sermon prepared in such a manner.

2. In the main, preach the Gospel of the New Testament making careful application of the teachings of Jesus to life in the twentieth century. It was recently asked by a man of affairs, "Why do preachers spend so much time in discussing these theological questions instead of getting down into the market place?"

3. Remember that in your congregation it is very likely that there are those who are sad and lonely; those who are discouraged with a sense of failure in business; those who have financial troubles; those who find it difficult to live by the Golden Rule in the world of business; and may need a word of encouragement for some of these at least, and in your prayers lift them to the throne of God.

4. Give much thought to pastoral prayer, making sure that you voice the needs of your particular congregation. Lead them in praise and thanksgiving as well as in petition.

5. Give polite and unreflected attention to criticism. Encourage some one in whom you have confidence to criticize your dic tion and manner.

6. Make a careful, constant study of word definitions and synonyms and so avoid tiring repetition of words and phrases.

7. Avoid pulpit mannerisms as far as possible. Be careful of facial expressions. Remember that the pulpit itself is not there for you to lean upon, or otherwise to use to support your body. Stand upright, and in a dignified manner upon your own feet.

8. Remember that a certain dignity attaches to praying publicly in the Church of Christ.
fellowship which makes the minister most helpful and influential among all classes in the congregation and in the community. The heart of this idea is an appreciation to the opinions of those who differ from you. It is possible that they have thought long and deeply and with intelligence upon the subject under consideration.

10. Above all, remember you are the representative of Him who came not to be ministered unto but to minister."

ENCOURAGING FINANCIAL NEWS

Readers have detected a note of urgency in the recent appeals on the Missions Page for extra contributions to meet the monthly payments on the Nyasaland mission property. It was announced at the quarterly meeting of the Missionary Board on October 31 that individuals, churches, and groups have responded loyally and sacrificially, even beyond immediate expectation. Monthly pledges have been made and lump sums given in a very encouraging way.

The Women's Board has promised to pay from anticipated income a total of $500. Gifts and pledges have been received from individuals and churches amounting to $1,022. It is known that at least one other church is working toward meeting one month's payment ($152). "Taken together," writes Secretary Harris, "there is less than one month's payment not provided for." However, there will be other bills connected with the purchase such as lawyers' fees, recording of deeds, etc.

The joyful news is that if all the money now solicited or pledged is sent to the Missionary Board it should be sufficient to cover the full cost.

Now our people should be able to turn their attention to meeting the missionary and other needs that are included within our large Denominational Budget. We should remember, for instance, that the budget includes $1,000 towards the "country school" purchase in Jamaica. — Ed.

A perpetual sense of glad surprise at one's own salvation and call to preach, lies at the very basis of an effective ministry. — Unknown.

Report of North Central Association

Held at Milton Junction, Wis.

From a copy of the minutes of the North Central Association, we gain the impression that the local people who attended in large numbers and the representatives of the ten member-churches who were able to be present derived much benefit from the full weekend.

As previously mentioned in announcements of the association, a guitar recital, Rev. Charles H. Bond was brought from Westerly, R.I., to bring four messages. His sermon themes from Thursday evening to Sunday evening were as follows: "Choose to Be Failures," "More Than a Patch," "Remember to Remember," and "You Are in Debt." Other ministers mentioned in the minutes as having taken part in the program or in the business were: Kenneth Smith, host pastor; Elmo F. Randolph, of Milton; Kenneth B. Van Horn, from Dodge Center, Minn.; David S. Clarke, New Auburn, Wis.; and A. Addison Appel, of Farina, III.

On Sabbath afternoon a trip was made to Camp Wakonda a few miles outside of town where a dedication service was held for the nearly completed building which is to be a center of youth activity for most of the churches of the association. Appropriate music with the help of the portable organ helped to make it an impressive service.

Significant action taken in the business meeting included authorization of $100 to be spent from association funds toward chartering a bus to carry young people to the General Conference at Fayetteville, Ark., next August. Another proposal was to the effect that each church hold "a little association" before the first of the year to discuss problems that might well be the basis for discussion at the next fall meeting of the association. It was later requested that any fruitful ideas from these "little associations" be sent to the Executive Committee so that they could be used in any future planning.

A business meeting discussed the request of Secretary E. T. Harris that a missionary committee be set up in the association and a similar request by the Secretary L. M. Maltby. The group failed to take action on either of these requests, it is stated.

Los Angeles Church Engages in Community Census

Evelith Baurersfeld

Our Commission as Christians is: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16: 15. Starting at Jerusalem (Acts 1:8) means for us the Highland Park District of Los Angeles where our new church is located.

After months of planning and study, the Highland Park Ministerial Association called several meetings of ministers and members-representatives of each church in the district to divide the community into tracts of 200 homes each, and churches were asked to provide volunteer workers according to resident membership for a Christian census and organ mission. Each worker was expected to call upon approximately twenty homes.

Churches, being few in members, was assigned a small tract which included a number of apartment buildings, requiring less walking than in some of the districts. Maps were drawn and filmstrips procured, explaining in detail the work to be done. Guest leaders were invited to come and assist in the planning and work. Pastor Wheeler spent the week with us as our guest leader, advising, guiding, helping and evaluating the over-all results. He is expecting to be with us again November 14, to sum up results and make suggestions for furthering the service, with plans to care for the spiritual needs discovered and our responsibilities growing out of the Christian census. Pastor Lewis was also with us part of the time.

Association meetings were held in our church Friday evening, Sabbath, and Sunday morning, so inspiration and enthusiasm were on a high level.

At noon Sunday, Oct. 10, after a light lunch together, we saw the filmstrip and received instruction and equipment for the task ahead. After a short dedication service, twelve of our members went out to talk with folks and an evaluation, meeting again at our church two hours later, with reports.

Saturday God was in, with decisions made for or against Him. Some were home but did not acknowledge our ring, others actively opposed our efforts, and some were out. On these we called back Monday and Tuesday evenings before returning the cards incomplete. The largest group was pleasant, co-operative, and friendly. — This was the Christian Census. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings some of our volunteers met at the church, saw another filmstrip and, after prayer, went out two by two to visit those in our vicinity who had expressed a preference to become active in service for Him in the Highland Park Church of their choice; to extend friendship with our invitation, "Letting His light shine through us." This is Our Mission.

We have already experienced blessing through service, and it is only a beginning.

Many thanks go to our guest leader, Pastor Alton C. Wheeler, from the River-side Seventh Day Baptist Church, and to our own Pastor Lawton who gave their time, thought, and effort so unstintingly to make this mission successful. — It has been planned that what was done in this city may serve as something of a pattern to other churches that might be benefited by wholehearted co-operation in such a church census.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Senior members of the congregation spoke at the year's first service* and opened the weekend celebration of the church's 50th anniversary combined with
At the semiannual meeting of the Northern Association.

Reminiscing about early church activities were Frank B. Hunt, the only charter member still here, Mrs. B. H. Bottris, Mrs. B. F. Johnson, Mrs. Gladys Hemminger, Mrs. W. B. Lewis, Mrs. Charles Aurand, and Mrs. Alice Fifield. Two tape recordings containing greetings from former pastors were heard — one from Rev. J. W. Crofoot, now of Daytona Beach, Fla., and the other from Rev. Alton L. Wheeler of Riverside, Calif.

The guest preacher Sabbath morning was Rev. Loyal F. Hurley, whose topic was "My Church — Thee I Cherish." "Our perspective of the Church," he said, "must widen out until we realize that the Church is one. Its central symbol is not a babe in the manger, depicting God's humility; or a Bible and candle, showing that the truth is empty tomb, displaying His power over death — but a cross, the symbol of groups within the church over the years.

At the well-attended supper a number of the members appeared in dresses, hats, etc., of former years. Among the dresses was a blue silk taffeta gown, worn by Mrs. Fifield, in which her mother was married in 1865.

A fellowship breakfast was served by the Ladies Aid to over 200 people. The afternoon theme was "My Church at Work." Dr. W. B. Lewis told of the experiences of the members while striving to make their dream of a church building become a reality. Dr. B. F. Johanson recounted the accomplishments of groups within the church over the years.

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Obituaries

Davis. — Diana Lynn, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Davis, was born Sept. 1, and died Sept. 2, 1954, at Boulder, Colo. She is survived by a brother, Rex LeRoy. Her grandparents and Mrs. Roy Davis of Boulder. Graveside services were conducted by pastor emeritus, Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, Sabbath afternoon, Sept. 4.

Ellis. — Oscar W., was born in Alfred, N. Y., and died in Bethesda Hospital in North N. J., July 28, 1954, at the age of 82.

He lived in Alfred, where he attended the university, until he was 20 years old. For 43 years he lived in Bound Brook, N. J., where he was in the upholstering business. He was a faithful member of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Mr. Ellis is survived by his widow, Carrie Pangborn Ellis; a daughter, Mrs. J. Scott Maclellan, of Bound Brook; three sisters: the Misses Iva and Loula Ellis of Alfred, N. Y., and Mrs. Robert L. Coon of Asbury, R. I.; and three granddaughters.

Funeral services were held in the Taggart-Chamberlain Funeral Home, Bound Brook, and interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J., with his pastor, Rev. Lee Holloway, officiating. — L. H.