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.

The congregation consists ordinarily of only three families, although others are interested and sometimes attend.

**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 are Mr. 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 Hornell, N. Y., 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 Mac- lennan, of Bound Brook; three sisters: the Misses Eva and Loula Ellis of Alfred, N. Y., and Mrs. Robert L. Coon of Ashaway, 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.
IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS

There are two verses in the Bible which contain only two words. One of those is "Rejoice evermore." (1 Thess. 5:16.) It is in that same group of exhortations that St. Paul's most joyous epistle which includes "In every thing give thanks." Continuous rejoicing and thanksgiving in all circumstances are similar, distinctively Christian concepts of sublime strength and import. We begin to give thanks when we become conscious that we have very apparent and greatly appreciated blessing has come from the God above. If that consciousness of God's beneficent interest in us becomes a constant reality, a deep-seated experience, then we begin to enter into the joy of continuing in thanksgiving. No longer is our prayer of thanks conditioned upon some unusual favorable event. It is a natural, a constant reality, a deep-seated experience even when some of our outward circumstances seem adverse.

Our Pilgrim forefathers, whose example is the basis of our national prayer holiday, were indeed thankful for wild turkeys, venison, and the fruits of the soil but of far greater importance to them was the spiritual food of which they had partaken. They had tasted the bread of life; they had drunk of its unadulterated Word; they had drunk of its unadulterated milk; they had fed on the meat of the olive shall fail, and the number of the flocks, and the herbs of the field shall be consumed. The Lord's people may be prosperous in this life and not be in heaven, but they are not as prosperous there as they are here.

Japan's population has increased 16 million over 1945 in spite of a continually dropping birth rate. (It has dropped 30% in 8 years.) The population in Japan is due largely to public health measures which have lowered the death rate. It poses a serious problem; the necessity of fostering migration to other countries. There are already 10 million industrially unemployed in the cities.

The Protestant churches in Czechoslovakia are looking back at the Evanston Assembly. In their newservice they make this significant statement. "We perceive that we had better jettison all our enthusiasm for ecumenism unless it is based on the conviction that mistrust, aversion, and hatred cannot be broken down through organization and theological discussion, because they are fruits of sin." - EPS.

Did you know that more than 80 per cent of the population of East Germany is Protestant? Have you noticed that West Germany under the chancellorship of a Roman Catholic is showing a considerable increase in the ratio of Catholics to Protestants? The percentage now stands at 30%.

Dr. Everett F. Harrison, just returned from a year of theological study in Germany, writes: "No doubt the menace of a budding atheistism in the West is the chief explanation for the attitude of a church leader like Niemoller, namely, that Germany must become one again, even at the price of making concessions to Communism.''

Professor Jerome G. Kerwin of the University of Chicago has pointed out that the founding fathers of our nation were more religious than we. He notes: "The Congress that proposed the First Amendment to the Constitution also passed the Northwest Ordinance, which made it a function of government to spread religion in the undeveloped territories." That is a far cry from the ruling of the New Jersey Supreme Court which declared it contrary to the First Amendment for Gideons to distribute Bibles to school students even with the written request of parents.

Church Management reports that when the publicity for the Revised Standard Version was launched, one of the enthusiasts stated that they had raised one quarter of a million dollars to spend on publicity and that when it was spent no one would recognize that this was a King James Version. The editor took exception to that prediction. Now he observes that he was right, for the King James Version has not dropped in sales. He was wrong financially, however, for Church Management, which depends largely on its advertising, did not get any of the $250,000 in RSV ads.

The Bible Society Record has the most stimulating article on Religion in American Life which, if our editor has seen in the early days of November. This article makes personal applications to habits of Bible distribution. It states that RIAL can only prepare the soil; it cannot sow; and that RIAL advertising does not win anyone to Christ. The concluding sentences read thus: "Hope for America grows dim wherever His Word is neglected. You are here opportunity, with much encouragement, to make your part to strengthen Religion in American Life."

Sometimes God employs the acid of persecution or suffering to eat away the bonds that bind us to our past. — F. B. Meyer.
October Budget Receipts

Attention is called to the Missions Page with its mention of a saddening letter that was sent out to our workers if sufficient money does not come in to pay their salaries. Readers are also reminded to look on the back page for the October letter of the treasurer of the Denominational Budget. It would be well to refer at the same time to the Recorder of October 18 which gives the returns for September and the whole budget year.

It is encouraging to note that total contributions for the first month of the new year are much higher than last year. However, much of the increase seems to be accounted for by gifts to special causes by individuals coupled with the fact that six churches failed to get their larger year-end contributions sent in early enough to be counted in the statement of September 30. We are painfully aware that as we start the new year the list of contributing churches and groups is exactly half as long as at the end of the year. This is the usual pattern, but as the Scripture says, "My brethren, these ought not so to be."

Prayer Thought

Usually our "prayer thoughts" have emphasized the importance of prayer, its effectiveness, or its various aspects. Seldom have we given direct suggestions as to suitable objects for public and private prayer. We are glad to pass on the following suggestions copied from the weekly bulletin of one of our churches which is currently holding two prayer meetings a week.

"Remember to pray for: The Sabbath Recorder and the Helping Hand, and meet other monthly obligations that we as a denomination have accepted. Last month we gave undesignated budget gifts of $3,212 — slightly over one half the monthly needs of our various agencies."

Examining the list reported by Treasurer Van Horn, we find that a number of the churches did not get their October contributions in to him in time for inclusion in the regular report. This may in part have been due to the fact that the last Sabbath of the month so nearly coincided with the last day of the month, but the evidence so far available does not show a sufficient determination to keep the budget currently paid up.

This should be our objective this year more than ever before. With the largest amount needed in November. Let us start the new year the list of contributing brethren, these things ought not so to be."

SECRETARY'S COLUMN

Think in Terms of Monthly Needs Not in Terms of Annual Budgets

Our 1955 Denominational Budget needs $5,896 a month to meet missionary payrolls, continue printing the Sabbath Recorder and the Helping Hand, and meet other monthly obligations that we as a denomination have accepted. Last month we gave undesignated budget gifts of $3,212 — slightly over one half the monthly needs of our various agencies.

The Children of Israel then had to "make a brazen serpent" as our aim and then hit it up" with a last-minute spurt of effort. Let's look on each month's budget requirement of $5,896 as our aim and then hit the target monthly. It will be much easier, and it will insure us being dependent on our various agency payroll rolls. If the effort is postponed until next September, some of them might not be available to you.

We adopted a budget at Conference. It is our responsibility. Let us forget for a while that it is an annual budget and remember only that the needs occur each month. Our monthly budget is $5,896. We failed to meet it the first month of the Conference year and increased the amount needed in November. Let us raise the November budget.

LESSONS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

Rev. E. S. Ballenger, Riverside, Calif.

After the Children of Israel had buried Aaron they made a request of the inhabitants of the land. You go through the territory belonging to the Edomites or Edom. This request was refused. The Edomites were cousins to the Children of Israel, and Edom was the most acute controversy between cousins.

The Children of Israel then had to "take the back" to the Red Sea, in order to get around the territory of Edom. The way was rugged and hot, being desert. The people began to complain, not only against Moses but against God. They were very much disappointed and dissatisfied with the food which the Lord had provided for them. The manna was becoming quite tasteless. They longed for the fleshpots of Egypt.

However, the food which the Lord provided for them was the most perfectly balanced food that humanity has ever enjoyed. It is too bad that somebody didn't have the "seriousness" to understand that there seemed more logical to the people.

The New Testament uses this incident in a very interesting way. It is not required to look at a brazen serpent, but the instruction is to look at Christ crucified, for salvation, and it works in every case. One noted example of this was the thief who was crucified with Christ. He looked upon Christ and believed that there was a future life, and God accepted his faith. And, it is the privilege to meet the "thief" in the kingdom of God.

There is a very interesting episode in the history of the pioneers who settled in the Middle West. A very wicked family who paid no attention to religious matters, lived near by. One of the older boys of the family was bitten. While they had no confidence or faith in religion, nevertheless, they sent for an old circuit rider, to come and pray for Jimmie. The old man came, and...
examined Jimmie and found him suffering terribly. He offered what seemed to be a very peculiar prayer. It is reported that he prayed as follows: "O Lord, we thank thee for rattlesnakes; we thank thee that one has bitten Jim. O Lord, send another snake to bite Bill. O Lord, send a big snake to bite the old man." This was a very effective prayer. Jimmie was restored to health, and the entire family accepted Christ as a result of this experience.

God's methods may look foolish to humanity, but so long as they work, let us try them. Let us have faith and look to God's methods whether it be reasonable or not.

Later the Israelites began to worship their brass serpent, so that Hezekiah destroyed it. 2 Kings 18: 4.

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The choice of one's friends indicates which social level he prefers. It reveals whether he has intellectual interests, worth-while hobbies, top-notch morality toward such problems as drink, gambling, and sex. Furthermore, associates temper one as to religious, God, Jesus Christ, and the Church. It makes a lot of difference with whom we chum around.

The threadbare truth is this: many so-called friends are wolves (stab-in-the-backers) in sheeps' (friends') clothing. Sure — they make promises: "When I get my car, we'll do this," or, "Just wait until payday, we'll really fly high." A sad commentary on big talk is that, like a balloon, it will soon be deflated.

Quite often people talk much too conversationally, but one can always listen to what will be able or betraying a confidence. Astronomical figures alone could begin to calculate the frequency of betrayal by a supposedly friend. Fly by wire, for day, light or darkness, sweet or bitter, good or bad — suffice it to say that the contrast between a genuine friend and a crawling enemy is sure to be apparent at any instance.

The world's outstanding literary masterpiece, the Bible, has this to say concerning friends: A friend loveth at all times" (Prov. 17: 17). The world also states the ultimate in friendship, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15: 13).

Recently the author talked with a soldier not yet 21. He said that he had never known a happy day in his life. When only 18, he attempted suicide. Being the victim of a broken home, though physically healthy he was terribly friendless and lonely. Everyone had let him down until his faith in humanity was shattered. Then he met the One who never fails — the Lord Jesus Christ. He had lost a friendship that was indissoluble. It was the Son of God who said, "You are my friends if you do what I command you."

TRACT EVANGELISM

A Means of Reaching the Lost

Though men are fallen by their iniquity and are to be recovered from their apostasy and condemnation only through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus there are many ways of bringing them to a knowledge of the Saviour. One of the most effective is the printed page.

We are not ignorant of the alarming success with which Voltaire and his infidel associates proved the efficacy of the printed page in producing one of the most terrible moral convulsions which has ever shaken the world. Neither are we ignorant of the success in a different spirit through well-directed efforts in the cause of tracts, by which the continent was enlightened and reformed in the days of the great Reformation.

The ordinary man in the most obscure position can give away a tract; a minister may distribute them among his congregation and use them for counseling; the teacher and pupil, the parent and child, the master and servant, may become to each other the most effective preachers by the circulation of tracts. The traveler may scatter them; merchants can place them on their counters; businessmen may transmit them in packages or in letters and invoices. The infinitely important truths of the Gospel (truths to make men "wise unto salvation"), may be emitted from numberless sources and in every direction.

An important thing to remember is to use tracts which appeal to the eye, yet have Bible-centered messages.

More persons limit their capacity for accomplishment and enjoyment by believing nothing, rather than believing too much. — Selected.

FRIEND OR FOE

Chaplain David J. Williams, Wolters AFB, Texas

"Show me your friends and I'll tell you what kind of person you are," said Sally.

"Don, a young teener, retorted, "Awe, what difference does it make?"

It makes a lot of difference.

Among these new filmstrips are sound filmstrips and require a record player. These new filmstrips and is in the process of being developed. Among these new filmstrips are sound filmstrips and require a record player. We like to tell you about one of these.

This filmstrip which tells the story of a young couple who have just joined the church and are asking the question, "What must I do to be a good church member?" The story outlines what it means to be a good Christian. It points out by means of the pictures that one must worship and share. They come to realize that they want to share their material possessions in gratitude to God. The minister explains to them that when they understand the needs of their church they will respond generously with the traditional tithe, or even more.

This filmstrip could be used in starting off a financial campaign or on many other occasions where it is desired to appeal to youth and adults to lead a consistent Christian life.

There will be further notes about our other new material, some of which is for children.
Missions
Christmas Is Coming

The secretary may be required to write a sad letter to our mission workers along toward Christmas. You will recall that October and November budget receipts last year were so small that the salaries of Missionary Board workers were delayed. This affected approximately thirty heads of families.

It was learned after Christmas that one missionary pastor used the family's Christmas Club money, eeked out bit by bit during the year, to pay the early December bills. The secretary never dared ask how that there will be enough to go 'round and somebody will have to wait. I trust the labors of November. Would you be generous enough and soon enough to make the writing of the above letter totally unnecessary.

David Pearson on

in their home now. There were repairs to be done on the school buildings before we arrived. There has been much to be done on the school buildings before tomorrow (October 14) when the boarding students arrive, and the two new schoolrooms will be done in fine shape by Monday, October 18, the first day of school. The kitchen floor had to be taken out and is now about replaced. Floors in about two more rooms will probably be redone because unburnt bricks were used and caused cracking and air spaces. Some walls may have to be repaired and painting done, and the roof needs some new thatching. We will probably move in about a week, and complete other things ourselves if needed. (They moved in about Oct. 20 as expected.)

"We enjoyed the trip north and found much of interest. Joan is going to write a complete log of it shortly so you can have the details. However, will mention some things of importance. At Nthinda, there were some problems in regard to tithing and disbelief in the resurrection which we tried to settle. We took along two native pastors to help in that, and they were valuable later, too. At Uzumara Church (which we had to walk about 12 miles to reach) we met Johnson Ernest (clerk of the church who had written to the board). . . . (It is almost 350 miles to Uzumara, the northernmost church.) Also on the trip some churches were visited not listed in the Year Book, and others have a great increase in membership over that listed for them in '53. Wish we could have gotten an accurate report in this Year Book but suppose it is too late to do it now.

"We plan to build some of the furniture for the house, so we don't have to buy much. That purchased must be specially built, then a truck hired to bring it, and of course we carried it the last five miles because a truck cannot get across the bridges existing there now. One bridge was burnt out yesterday by a grass fire, and we hope to put in a good one before too long.

"Signs of growth in the churches are encouraging. Last Sabbath was the third in a row that baptisms were conducted at our mission church. The attendance was about 100, which is a good percentage. This arrangement would be until Indiana would be strong enough for a full-time pastor. It would cut the budget for Indiana in half in that the two klubs would have to continue to serve the fellowship in Ashabula during the first two Sabbaths of the month depending upon the assistance of certain leaders in the fellowship. Word has been received that Kenneth Davis is serving as lay leader during Pastor McMahon's absences.

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Recent Happenings

Miss Jacqueline Wells flew from Idlewild Airport to Kingston, Jamaica, B.W.I., Wednesday evening, November 3. She planned to arrive at 9 a.m., Thursday. Our Jamaica leaders were notified of time of arrival so that they might welcome her.

Gifts and pledges have been received toward the purchase of Makapwa Mission property such that the full amount is assured. Appreciation is expressed in behalf of the Missionary Society to our many friends for your generous gifts.

It was voted at the October 31 Missionary Board meeting to transfer a bequest from Dr. Rosa W. Palmberg amounting to $1,253.48 to the General Fund. This was done in order to carry out her wish not to create a trust fund but to use the full amount "in missionary effort in furthering the Gospel of Jesus Christ within a period of two years from the time of her death."

E.T.H.

WORSHIP PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER
Mrs. Addison Appel, Farina, Ill.

Topic: The Priceless Gift of Peace
Hymns: It Came Upon the Midnight Clear
There's a Song in the Air

Responsive Reading: Luke 2: 1-20
Duet: "The Peace of God" — by Gounod
Leader: Read John 14: 27 aloud
Prayer: Almighty God, open our hearts in this Christmas season and teach us love, patience, and understanding. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Leader's Comments: In this Christmas season, one's thoughts naturally turn to Jesus and the story of His life, birth, and death. We remember again the message of the angel to the shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, goodwill toward men." Then we are apt to ask ourselves, "Where is the goodwill? Will peace on earth ever come?" It is true that our world is not peaceful; the threat of atom and hydrogen bombs hangs over us; we hear of wars, uprisings, cold wars, rebellions, and discontent. Where, then, is peace in the world?

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world gives, do I give to you." This wonderful gift of the peace in the world is not given to us, but is ours if we but accept Christ. We don't have to pay a large sum of money in this transaction. If that were true, there would be few people who could afford peace.

On the contrary, peace in our hearts is available to us all, rich and poor alike. How much peace do you have in your heart? Once we have accepted this priceless gift, we want to show to others the joy and love in our hearts that Christ gives. Let us all recommit and rededicate our hearts, lives, minds, and loyalties anew in this Christmas season. Let us believe in Jesus' own words, "Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Poem: Christmas tide, by Rev. A. J. C. Bond
When Jesus came to Bethlehem,
A babe to Mary born,
The world in darkness did not know
That it was the world's Lord.

The heavens knew; the angels sang
Gladsongs to shepherds mild;
The star that drew the wise men on
To the Holy Child.

Today the Christmas anthems ring
Throughout the whole wide earth,
And Christmas stars in all our homes
Proclaim the Saviour's birth.

New-born within our hearts today,
O Christ, with us abide;
By thy great love make all the year
A happy Christmas tide.

NEWS BITS
Mrs. Leland Davis has been elected recording secretary of the Women's Board, to fill the vacancy made when Miss Jacqueline Wells resigned to leave for service in Jamaica.

Mrs. David Pearson writes from Nyasaland, where she and her husband are newly arrived, to thank the women for their generous gift of money and the love and thoughtfulness that prompted it. One purchase from this money was a sewing machine, which she says will be a great help to her. All our missionaries at home and in far places, need our prayers. Let us keep them on our hearts.

Our women's societies contributed more than $500 to the Continuous Support Plan of Alfred theological School in the year 1953-54.

CAMP MILES REPORT
Camp Miles was held July 6-12 at Columbus, Tex., on the ranch generously provided by James I. Stillman. Our staff consisted of Pastor and Mrs. Trevah Sutton, Pastor and Mrs. Clifford Beebe, Mrs. Austa Coalwell, George Stillman, and Mrs. Anne Looney. The campers were Evelyn FitzRandolph, Harold Boat, Floyd and Judith Coalwell, Harold Deland, Susan Hall, Sandra Rogers, Lewis, Earl, Pearl, and Estrella Hibbard, Kathy and Timmy Looney.

After a long and tiring journey, the campers in the two loads from Edinburg and Hammond drank cool water and made for the tent house, but Aunt Austa called, "Come on! There's work to be done!" From that moment we worked, making up our cots, putting away food, putting bulletins etc. Aunt Mary and Uncle Trevah, being wonderful directors, had all pretty well situated by supper time. Car trouble prevented the Beebes, Looneys, Harold Deland, and Lewis Hibbard from arriving until Wednesday morning.

Sabbath day we had visitors from Hammond and Houston. After a wonderful morning church service and a large dinner, the adults sat under the trees and talked, and Mrs. Catharine Stillman took the campers for a hike. We collected beautiful stones and two or three new plants. We had our Youth's Counseling and camp singing program, and in the evening a campfire service in which everyone took part.

Most of us left early Sunday morning after a wonderful camp experience. We went our separate ways hoping to meet again, and God went with us and blessed us.

Sincerely,
Beatrice Pearl Hibbard,
Vice-President.
SEMINARY FAMILY
School of Theology, Alfred University


WEST VIRGINIA FIELD TRIP
See Nov. 8 issue for first part of article.

On Sunday, October 31, I drove from Lost Creek to Salem and went that evening with Rev. Ralph Coon to Berea where I gave my illustrated talk on Jamaica along with a short presentation of Christian education objectives. I was particularly thankful to visit for the first time the church of which my father was pastor before I was born. One or two people present remembered him and my mother who rode behind the saddle with him as their faithful horse climbed the hills and ford the streams when roads were little more than muddy trails.

The rest of the week was spent in Salem. On Friday night the World Community Day service was held in the Methodist Church. The speaker was Dr. M. C. Guha, professor of Chemistry in Salem College. He is an Indian and the inventor of a synthetic rice which will do much to relieve starvation in India.

The Sabbath morning service was in charge of Deacon A. G. T. Brissie. I read the Scripture lesson and made the prayer. A challenging sermon was given by Dr. Robert S. Hicks, associate director of the American Institute of Family Relations. I observed some very excellent teaching in the Sabbath school. In the afternoon I presented the "Project Program," discussed Sabbath school problems, and showed the filmstrip, "Guiding Children in Worship," to an interested and receptive group of teachers and leaders.

Following the fellowship supper on Sunday night I spoke on Jamaica and showed my color pictures. An offering amounting to $13 was given to me for the work of the Board of Christian Education. I had also received $10 from the Middle Island Church. On Monday I drove home to Alfred having been away nearly three weeks. The trip was well worth while to me and I believe it created an increased interest in missions and a greater appreciation of the importance of the work of the local church and Sabbath school.

NOVEMBER 22, 1954

OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

Address: Mizpah S. Greene
Andover, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Greene,

I am ten years old and in the fifth grade. My teacher is Miss Westfield and I like her very much. My Sabbath school teacher is Marie Bee.

My brother is in Little Genesee now with my aunt and uncle from Salem. They are visiting my aunt and uncle, Pastor and Mrs. Delmer Van Horn, and their family. I read the letters in the Sabbath Recorder any time I look through it.

I went to church camp and liked it very much, all except it was my first year. I go to the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church.

I take piano lessons now, and like them. My piano teacher is Mrs. Ica Lyon.

Sincerely yours,
Carylon Randolph.

Salem, W. Va.

Dear Carolyn:

Your letter was very welcome and I hope after this you will write often. Not only children but many grown people enjoy reading children's letters. I'm pretty sure you do.

We in the Western Association are proud of our church camp near Alfred Station. Many of our men are working each Sunday if the weather is suitable to improve its appearance and convenience. This week they were planning to finish putting on the new roof.

I'm glad you enjoy your piano lessons, for I think that means you will practice faithfully. "Practice makes perfect" is an old saying, and usually true.

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

Did you have Halloween costumes as our Andover children did and go out ringing doorbells shouting "Trick-or-treat"? Before that begins in Andover there is a true practice of giving to others, for and for the work of the Board of Christian Education. I had also received $10 from the Middle Island Church. On Monday I drove home to Alfred having been away nearly three weeks. The trip was well worth while to me and I believe it created an increased interest in missions and a greater appreciation of the importance of the work of the local church and Sabbath school.

Afterwards they go from house to house

with paper bags, asking for tricks or treats. About twenty-five came to my door and when I ran out of treats, the last five children said, "Never mind; our bags are almost full." The only mischief they were guilty of was to soap windows, but they did not soap mine this year. Still I wonder, as does the editor of the Sabbath Recorder, if children are acting like little Christians when they go out begging for things they don't need and don't even want. What do you think, Recorder boys and girls?

I'm sure the children of Alfred and Alfred Station celebrated Halloween. About seventy-five children in those towns solicited money which will buy over one million glasses of milk for hungry people overseas. "Sponsored by six church groups in Alfred and the Alfred Station Fellowship in Alfred Station, the children in Halloween costume rang doorbells between 6 and 8 p.m., asking for donations to send dried milk overseas through the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Contributions totaled over $175, which means 1,107,200 glasses of milk can be provided in areas where people are literally starving.

'Cocoa and cookies were ready for the Alfred children as they turned in their containers at the parsonage, while cider and doughnuts were given the Alfred Station children in the church basement.

'This is the second year these solicitation have been made in the two communities, at Halloween time, giving the children an excuse to ring doorbells and show off their costumes.'

Recorder boys and girls, don't you wish you could all spend Halloween in this wonderful way?

Yours in Christian love,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Old Timer. One such made no mention of octopi. He said that he came to Minnesota before there were any railroads, rats, or dandelions west of the Mississippi. We have yet to hear of any insect that came into the country prior to the entrance of sin. It follows on his heels more closely than rats and dandelions. The proclamation of salvation, unfortunately, spreads more slowly. Ed.
The annual meeting of the Youth Fellowship of the Western Association of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches was held Friday night, October 15. Three carloads of young people from Little Genesee attended. In Bill Traver’s car were Laura Burdick, Bob Groene, Wanda Van Horn, Shirley Knox, and Nina Traver. Mrs. Enos took Betty Enos, Peggy Stone, Mary Stone, Sue Ritter, Nancy Beck, and Sandra Pielow. In Paul Van Horn’s car were Arnold Van Horn, Andrea Reynolds, Delbert Wardner, Johnny Knox, Tom Grantier, and Duffie Allen. Chaplain Bernard of the University was the emcee for the evening. Little Genesee was in charge of the devotions. In spite of the storm everyone had a very good time. — The Belfry.

**Churches Meet at Richburg**

The semiannual meeting of the Western Association was held Sabbath day, Oct. 16, at the Richburg Seventh Day Baptist Church. The morning sermon was given by Rev. Melvin Nida, a professor in the Alfred School of Theology.

In the afternoon the students of the seminary each gave a short talk on the work of a seminar. The talks were all worth while and well presented. Rev. Paul Osborn of the Richburg and Nile Churches gave a prayer for the growth in Christian service. Rev. Albert Rogers conducted the afternoon service and a chorus in which all the students and faculty members sang. A fine Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all. — The Belfry.

**SALEM YOUTH EVANGELIZE**

The Christian Endeavor Youth Fellowship of Salem, W. Va., is planning to conduct evangelistic meetings with a youth emphasis. Last year Rev. Lester G. Osborn was invited to be the guest speaker. This fall the responsibility for conducting the meetings was passed around to the Christian Endeavor societies of the participating churches. The week of special meetings was inaugurated with a prayer meeting at the Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 6:30 p.m., led by Bob Casey, evangelistic committee chairman. The Seventh Day Baptist group was made responsible for the closing Friday evening meeting, Oct. 22.

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**RIVERSIDE, CALIF.** — October 2 was a big date for the Sabbath school, with the children receiving promotions to new classes. Instead of regular class study, everyone met in the sanctuary and enjoyed a special program under the direction of Miss Dora Hurley, superintendent. The children’s songs were rendered with touching sincerity.

The annual business meeting was held immediately after the teaching of the Bible. That evening there was a pot-luck fellowship dinner. Only part of the business was accomplished and in the meeting was adjourned till the 17th.

Pastor Alton L. Wheeler was unanimously re-elected and the following new officers were installed: Philip Lewis, president; David Henry, vice-president; and Mrs. William Rymer, secretary. Mrs. Albert Withrow was retained as treasurer, Mrs. Gleason Curtis as director of music, and Mrs. Philip Lewis as organist. The trustees are: Merrill Van Noty, R. C. Brewer, Rev. Rex Burdick, Elmer Maddox, and Robert Babcock.

Despite our heavy financial program the report of the treasurer showed a narrow margin of solvency. The churches gave a prayer for the growth in missions and tape recordings made our efforts visible and tangible. Plans for enlarging and making more classrooms were made in the Sabbath school business meeting on October 17. It is a joy to see so many children coming to hear the Word of God. We also voted to hold a special mission emphasis program as a corollary of the Sabbath school with a special offering for missions each thirteen Sabbath. Our first mission program was given October 23. Slides and movies made our mission fields come alive and made the need vivid. Our people responded with a gift of $80.82.

A special service was held on Sabbath afternoon, October 23, for the purpose of ordaining four of our consecrated members previously elected to the diaconate: Larry Maxson, Dale Curtis, Mrs. Larry Maxson, and Mrs. Rex Brewer. Pastor Wheeler delivered the charge. Leon R. Lawton and Elder E. S. Ballenger assisted in parts of the service.

The Bible Reading Fellowship has been resumed with studies from the Old Testament. Pastor Wheeler has been leading us through the book of Genesis, each Sabbath eve of October, with good attendance. A large number from both of our Los Angeles Churches are joining the reading program.

Many of our people participated in the three-day fall meeting of the Pacific Coast Association at Los Angeles, October 8-10. On the last Sabbath of the month, we were blessed by the showing of the first of a series of three films entitled “Formation of the Bishops.” That evening there was a pot-luck dinner at Pacific Pines Camp and many stayed overnight in order to put in the last day of the month in the service of God, working on the exterior finishing of the boys’ barracks. We are thankful to God and those faithful hands which have brought so much to pass.—Correspondent.

**BERLIN, N. Y.** — Once again we had the pleasure of entertaining on October 15–16 the yearly meeting of the New Jersey, New York City, and Berlin, N. Y. Churches. Sermons by Rev. Carl Maxson, Rev. Rex Burdick, Rev. Leon Malby, and Rev. Rex Burdick, with worship services and a testimony meeting gave us much food for thought. In spite of the rapid approach of "Halloween," the attendance was good and except for a heavy downpour and wind on Friday night, the weather was fairly good.

Shortly before the yearly meeting, Miss Hattie Peckham, who had the longest term of membership in our church, was laid to rest in the Berlin cemetery.

We are happy to learn that the heart specialist has given our pastor a clean bill of health.

We are glad to welcome back Mrs. L. A. Wing from the summer in Wisconsin with her sister-in-law. Just before leaving, she was given a tea by her daughter-in-law in honor of her eighty-ninth birthday. — Correspondent.

**MARLBORO, N. J.** — The news has been released that Pastor C. Rex Burdick has resigned in order to accept a call to the Salem, W. Va., Church. It is with reluctance that the church has accepted the resignation of a pastor who has so effectively led the congregation. However, there is a feeling that he is going on to a field of great service as he ministers to young people from many congregations spend four of their formative years. Mr. Burdick not only completed his theological seminary requirements while pastoring the Marlboro Church, but went on to secure his master’s degree in theology. His experiences and training should fit him well for the duties he expects to undertake at Salem next February.

Members of the church have been giving prayerful thought to the securing of a new pastor. A call has already been extended and the people are hopeful that the pulpit will soon be filled. — Ed.
DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET
Statement of the Treasurer, October 31, 1954

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L. M. Van Horn, Treasurer.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for December 4, 1954

The Use of the Sabbath

Accessions

Lost Creek, W. Va.

By Baptism:
Carolyn Loofboro
David Curry

By Testimony:
Mrs. David (Helen Ruth) Curry
Mrs. James (Donna) Williams

Obituaries

Johnson. — Bertha G., daughter of Louis Frank and Anna Ayers Glaspey, was born in Farina, Ill., on June 1, 1874, and died in Point Pleasant, N. J., on Oct. 20, 1954.
Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. Charles A. Manson, of Point Pleasant; Dr. Isabel Johnson and Mrs. Joseph G. Hancock, both of Greenwich, N. J.; and a son, Arthur G. Johnson, of Point Pleasant. She was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Shiloh, N. J. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Benjamin R. Durham at the Van Hise Funeral Home with burial in the White Lawn Cemetery in Point Pleasant. — B. J. M.

Van Horn. — Alberto Jay, was born Feb. 23, 1868, at Welton, Iowa, and died at a Cedar Rapids hospital Oct. 4, 1954. Mr. Van Horn resided at Garwin, Iowa, most of his life and was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church of that community until his dissolution. His first wife and mother of his children, Lucy Babcock, died many years ago. His second wife, Mrs. Mary McPherson, whom he married in 1922 died in 1936. At the death of his third spouse last spring he returned from Oakland, Calif., to make his home with a daughter in Cedar Rapids.
Survivors are a son, Harold, and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Van Horn, both of Cedar Rapids; 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Blanche Furrow, of Blair, Okla. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Jackson Burns of S. O. M. Methodist Church of Cedar Rapids and burial was at the Garwin Union Cemetery. — Mrs. Blanche Furrow.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER ENDORSES BIBLE PROGRAM

"Religious faith, in our time, is under massive attack by a strongly entrenched atheistic materialism. In such a time, how clear it is that we should treasure and further every act which fuels the flame of our faith. The observance of Worldwide Bible Reading is such an act; and I prayerfully hope that its success this year will be greater — that its imprint in the hearts and minds of the peoples of the world this year be more pervasive—than ever before.

"I am sure that all who value faith and freedom join with me in congratulating those good people who annually bring to pass this meaningful observance."

DECEMBER 11 IS BIBLE SABBATH. OBSERVE THE DAY!