New Filmstrips Available

Among the new sound filmstrips available from the American Sabbath Tract Society is one entitled "The Church Is There." It has 88 frames in black and white and two 78 rpm records with running time of 18 minutes. It can be used from junior age to adults and would be suitable for a worship service as well as missionary education meetings. Its story is about as follows:

"Various members of a 1930 Christian family report on their findings concerning the many projects which today's church is carrying on to help solve major problems of the world's people. In a council meeting, a family decides that they should know more about the work of the church. In subsequent family meetings, this family learns that the church is really accomplishing results in areas of Christian education of children and youth, better race relations, wholesome recreation for young people, Christian youth camps, religious ministry to migrants, overseas relief, displaced persons resettlement, home and foreign missions.

"The family soon comes to appreciate the church as a progressive, dynamic program at work today in every area of life in the United States and other lands. No longer taking the work of the church for granted, the family resolves in a spirit of prayer and consecration that each member will accept his responsibility for continuing and enlarging the service of the church."


NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

VERONA, N. Y. — Our Ladies' Benevolent Society held its October meeting at the home of Jennie Sholtz. A baby shower was given for Carol Crandall. It was reported that the baked ham supper, netted $29.05 from the sale of candy, and $25.00 was cleared at the bazaar. The society has voted to send 2 boxes of used clothing to our Nyasaland Mission.

The Father and Son Banquet was held in our church on the evening of November 6. An interesting program was given. Orville Williams acted as toastmaster and Maurice Warner was song leader. Floyd Sholtz gave the toast to sons, and Kenneth Davis, the toast to fathers. Two educational films were shown, and a cartoon comedy concluded the program. The program for the evening was planned by Pastor and Mrs. Skaggs and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Crandall. — Correspondent.

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — From a recent church bulletin and the DeRuyter Gleaner comes information that the local church is taking an active part in the plans for setting up the proposed Protestant Re­leased Time Religious Training Program. The Christian Business Men's Association of Cortland has offered to sponsor the program in cooperation with the Bible Club Movement. A public meeting to discuss the matter was scheduled for Novem­ber 17. The plans are in accordance with state law.

The trustees of the church have installed a new oil conversion unit in the furnace at the parsonage. The pastor writes that it is a great improvement on the church property and one which is greatly ap­preciated by the pastor's family. The item in the bulletin suggests to the members that contributions toward the expense would be welcomed.

Obituaries

Barber, — Howard M., son of Paul M. and Clarrissa Angelina Kenyon Barber, was born July 24, 1872, in Ashaway, R. I., and died after a short illness in the Westerly Hospital Nov. 6, 1954.

Mr. Barber, a former chief engineer of C. B. Cottrell and Sons Company, retired in 1947. During his 36 years of service, over 300 patents were taken out by himself for improvements made on the printing presses. He was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church and for 32 years a member of its Board of Trustees. He was also a trustee of Alfred University, and of the American Sabbath Tract Society.

He was the husband of the late Bertha Roberts Barber, whose death occurred March 22, and is survived by a son, Robert S. Barber, of New­London, and a grandson, Robert Winship Barber, also of that city.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor Rev. Charles H. Bond, at the Schilke Funeral Home on Nov. 9, and burial was made in the River Bend Cemetery.

G. H. B.

DECEMBER 6, 1954

Youth Reads The Bible

One Book, and only one,
The Book my Father gave;
One Book, and only one,
The Book with power to save.

One Book, and only one,
That points the pilgrim way;
One Book, and only one,
To keep me, lest I stray.

— J. R. Clements.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Neal CHILDREN’S

Postage to Canada and foreign countries

All subscriptions

Entered

Editorials:

Women’s Work: The Glory of Christmas

News from the Churches

Items of Interest

PLAINFIELD, N. J., DECEMBER 6, 1954

date to which payment is made unless renewed.

Is America Christian?

For Preachers Only.—Catapulted

Bible Society Project.—

Builders of the Kingdom

Plainfield. N. J.

DECEMBER 6, 1954

Vol. 157, No. 21

Whole No. 5,620

EDITORIALS

For Preachers Only—

Catapulted to Eternity

Your own words are the only help we can give to you...But if we do not try to make a job of teaching, the child shall go wrong.

Catapulted to Eternity

An evangelist preaching on the uncertainty of life and the necessity for making an immediate decision for Christ may be expected to warn people of the sudden destruction which might "catapult them to eternity." But we didn’t get this heading from a high-pressure evangelist; it came from a newspaper — The Dodge Center Star-Record. Here is the leading article:

"Sudden death catapulted 91 pedestrians to eternity in traffic accidents on Minnesota’s streets and highways during the first 10 months of 1954, according to the Minnesota Highway Department.

We suspect that the expression "catapulted to eternity" was coined by the reporter rather than the highway department.

For Preachers Only

Your own words are the only help we can give to you...But if we do not try to make a job of teaching, the child shall go wrong.

Catapulted to Eternity

An evangelist preaching on the uncertainty of life and the necessity for making an immediate decision for Christ may be expected to warn people of the sudden destruction which might "catapult them to eternity." But we didn’t get this heading from a high-pressure evangelist; it came from a newspaper — The Dodge Center Star-Record. Here is the leading article:

"Sudden death catapulted 91 pedestrians to eternity in traffic accidents on Minnesota’s streets and highways during the first 10 months of 1954, according to the Minnesota Highway Department.

We suspect that the expression "catapulted to eternity" was coined by the reporter rather than the highway department.

FACED DEATH 30 TIMES

Guts Life Sentence

There is some theology involved in the newspaper story of David Almeida. He was sentenced to life imprisonment for the Superman holdup. This well-groomed young man is shown in the corner of a bleak anteroom of the Philadelphia courtroom. Hands underneath his knees (probably manacled), head hung low, he seems to be contemplating his sentence or the shame of finally admitting his guilt.

For six years he had been under the sentence of death. For six years he had effectively pleaded his innocence, we assume. During that time the date of his execution had been set 30 times. He faced the electric chair five times a year only to get a reprieve at the last moment. How many deaths did he die? We do not know what agony of soul he went through. The story is too briefly told to give us much of a clue as to whether he ever seriously thought of God. There is nothing to indicate repentance. His pictured attitude would lead us to think that his final decision to admit his guilt was prompted by that type of theology that came from the mouth of Satan. "Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life." Job 2: 4. He could not press his luck any further; the next time there might be no reprieve to lead him far from pleasant, but he would at least be alive.

From the point of view of the Gospel we can perhaps be glad that this death-deserving criminal has pleaded guilty. Throwing himself on the mercy of a human court may be a stepping-stone to asking forgiveness through Christ at the court of heaven. At least it gives time for faithful prison workers to try to reach him with the message of the Cross.

Theology is involved in this story in another way. Your editor would like to press it home to some of his good friends who argue that the Bible passages which speak of eternal punishment of the unrepentant wicked are inconsistent with their idea of a righteous God. They claim that annihilation of the wicked is more
Secretary's Column

This year's Denominational Budget can be met if every member of the denomination gives approximately one dollar a month to it. Recognizing that we do not all have similar abilities to give, would it be too much to expect every member to give at least fifty cents a month? Surely that should not be too much for anyone who has reached sufficient maturity to have made public profession of his faith and to have joined the church.

But remember, it is the one dollar per month per person that is needed— not $12 per member next September, if it is not forgotten then.

Another criterion by which we may judge our giving to denominational work is to compare denominational gifts with gifts to the local church. Last year's giving to the denomination amounted to 31% of every dollar spent by the local church. If it had been 36% /4 cents, the budget would have been met. A pitifully small margin of four and a half cents represented the entire budget expenditure. In one of the larger denominations it is asked its members to give fifty cents for denominational work to every dollar given for local expense. It seems to us that this is a worthy goal, and if we were to meet it, we would have no difficulty in raising this year's increased budget. Those churches which meet this objective are rightfully called "Honor Churches" by the other denominations. On this basis we would have eight Honor Churches in our group for last year.

In meeting such goals we must be certain that we do not accomplish it by cutting down on local work. Most of our pastors are inadequately paid, and the other local work of the church must not be made to suffer. It has previously been pointed out that while more in dollars represents less real sacrifice than it did even as little as fifteen years ago.

What we individually should do, therefore, is increase our giving to both the local work of the church and to the denomination. The Divine Commission is not merely to preach the Gospel locally, but to carry it to "all the world." That demands co-operative effort such as Seventh Day Baptists are attempting through their various denominational agencies— supported by the budget.
had a truck load of paper to sell. They plan to continue this drive, and also to collect scrap metal for the same cause. Other plans call for a sort of Lord's Acre project. Two or more members have land on which they can donate for garden plots with the produce to be sold on the highway. A plumber donated the first $25 rental on a quicksand pumping machine to the Building Fund.

One of the plans for enlisting the help of outsiders is the sale of cinder blocks at $2.50 per block. They plan to appeal to friends, far and wide, to pay for as many blocks as they think they can afford in order to help the church build a permanent house of worship and a parsonage. The head of the building committee is Eugene Fatato, 1628 Foster Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.

This little group is looking toward employing a permanent pastor. The church gave partial support to Harold K. Pearson, Jr., who served them as a student pastor during the summer. A plumber donated the first $25 per block. They plan to appeal to friends, far and wide, to pay for as many blocks as they think they can afford in order to help the church build a permanent house of worship and a parsonage. The head of the building committee is Eugene Fatato, 1628 Foster Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.

There is close cooperation between the National Building, at 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J. This is a meeting of the missionary, tract, and Christian education secretaries and the president of the Women's Board which is called by the executive secretary of the denominatio to co-ordinate the work of the various boards and agencies. It is the first meeting since Conference and will have several important matters on the agenda.

What of the future? No one can predict with certainty the future of a small church. Any loss of members or workers by death or withdrawal that is not offset by substantial accessions would be a discouraging factor. However, there are practically no old people in the congregation. The feeling of unity in the organization seems to be strong and growing stronger. There are a few substantial businessmen who have the work at heart. One of their young men is now on the mission field in Nyasaland. Another is preparing for the ministry. The tenacity of this group in the past, its present zeal, and its building program combine to make a visitor feel that the future of the Schenectady group is brighter than that of most churches of like size.

Sabbath Thought

The Sabbath is a sign between God and His people. It is a sign of separation. We have been "set apart." God has redeemed us from the bondage of sin and Satan as He delivered Israel from the bondage of Pharaoh and Egypt. We should keep the Sabbath holy in gratitude for our deliverance and setting apart as "a peculiar people, a royal priesthood." Separation and Sabbath observance are most important. Breaking down these brings spiritual disaster. (Exodus 31: 12-17; Ezekiel 20: 12, 20; Nehemiah 10: 28-31.)

L. G. O., in Ashaway Messenger.

Meetings at Denominational Headquarters

On Friday, December 17, the Co-ordinating Council will meet in the Denominational Building, at 510 Watchung Ave., in Plainfield, N. J. This is a meeting of the missionary, tract, and Christian education secretaries and the president of the Women's Board which is called by the executive secretary of the denomination to co-ordinate the work of the various boards and agencies. It is the first meeting since Conference and will have several important matters on the agenda.

The regular quarterly meeting of the trustees of the American Sabbath Tract Foundation, Saturday, December 19, in the board room of the building. It is expected that a new tract on the Second Coming of Christ will be presented for approval, as well as the reprinting of several others.

The Audio-Visual Committee has been using one of the front offices on several occasions to preview new filmstrips being offered for distribution.

December 6, 1954

MEMORY TEXT

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. John 6: 63.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY PROJECT

Barbara Warren,
Youth Activities Committee
Board of Christian Education

A spark dropped last summer at the Milton Conference by Rev. Charles Bond is slowly being kindled all over the country. The spark, which refers to the challenge to the youth of the denomination given at the fellowship supper in Milton Junction, is being accepted and met in young people's groups throughout the denomination.

The facts concerning the challenge are these. The American Bible Society has, this year, launched on an unprecedented program to re-awaken interest in Bible reading and to supply pictures to people who want them. To do this, the society needs the financial support of every denomination. This year, denominations are to raise $1,128,201; our denominational goal, according to figures based on our membership and set by the society, is $500. For the past few years, although there has been a small increase in contributions, our goal has not been reached. Thus, out of these facts, grew the challenge — would the young people of our denomination be willing to promote the work of the American Bible Society in their own churches on a local level? Since Conference reports have been received. In Westerly, the Senior High Fellowship has set a goal of $100 for their group and is working now on raising it. Alfred, though no goal has been set, is endeavoring to promote the cause on Bible Sabbath, through a special offering.

The following promotion ideas have been presented for Rev. Mr. Bond. Let's all get behind the project and reach the goal as set by the society. With concentrated effort on the following plan, IT CAN BE DONE!

1. Get signers for the World Good Will Book. Invite each person who gives $1 or more, and more is needed, to include his signature in the World Good Will Book.

2. Promote Bible reading by furnishing the bookmarks with suggested passages from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Bookmarks with reading for the entire year may be a big help.

3. Observe Bible Sabbath in your church. Bulletins are furnished. Most churches observe Bible's Day the second week in December.

All of these materials can be ordered free, and certain filmstrips and motion pictures are also available without charge. The Bible House will also furnish you with all the leaflets you can use.

IS AMERICA CHRISTIAN?

It is time every Christian joined the movement to lift this Bible blackout and give freedom to local school authorities to have the Bible read at opening exercises along with the Lord's Prayer, daily if desired, and supplied with a copy of the New Testament and other Scriptural literature as provided in a graded collection of readings to be supplied by the State Board of Education, such reading exercises always to be without sectarian comment or application.

Would the young people of our denomination, who want them. To do this, the society needs the financial support of every denomination. This year, denominations are to raise $1,128,201; our denominational goal, according to figures based on our membership and set by the society, is $500. For the past few years, although there has been a small increase in contributions, our goal has not been reached. Thus, out of these facts, grew the challenge — would the young people of our denomination be willing to promote the work of the American Bible Society in their own churches on a local level? Since Conference reports have been received. In Westerly, the Senior High Fellowship has set a goal of $100 for their group and is working now on raising it. Alfred, though no goal has been set, is endeavoring to promote the cause on Bible Sabbath, through a special offering.

The following promotion ideas have been presented for Rev. Mr. Bond. Let's all get behind the project and reach the goal as set by the society. With concentrated effort on the following plan, IT CAN BE DONE!

1. Get signers for the World Good Will Book. Invite each person who gives $1 or more, and more is needed, to include his signature in the World Good Will Book.

2. Promote Bible reading by furnishing the bookmarks with suggested passages from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Bookmarks with reading for the entire year may be a big help.

3. Observe Bible Sabbath in your church. Bulletins are furnished. Most churches observe Bible's Day the second week in December.

All of these materials can be ordered free, and certain filmstrips and motion pictures are also available without charge. The Bible House will also furnish you with all the leaflets you can use.

IS AMERICA CHRISTIAN?

It is time every Christian joined the movement to lift this Bible blackout and give freedom to local school authorities to have the Bible read at opening exercises along with the Lord's Prayer, daily if desired, and supplied with a copy of the New Testament and other Scriptural literature as provided in a graded collection of readings to be supplied by the State Board of Education, such reading exercises always to be without sectarian comment or application.

Would the young people of our denomination, who want them. To do this, the society needs the financial support of every denomination. This year, denominations are to raise $1,128,201; our denominational goal, according to figures based on our membership and set by the society, is $500. For the past few years, although there has been a small increase in contributions, our goal has not been reached. Thus, out of these facts, grew the challenge — would the young people of our denomination be willing to promote the work of the American Bible Society in their own churches on a local level? Since Conference reports have been received. In Westerly, the Senior High Fellowship has set a goal of $100 for their group and is working now on raising it. Alfred, though no goal has been set, is endeavoring to promote the cause on Bible Sabbath, through a special offering.

The following promotion ideas have been presented for Rev. Mr. Bond. Let's all get behind the project and reach the goal as set by the society. With concentrated effort on the following plan, IT CAN BE DONE!

1. Get signers for the World Good Will Book. Invite each person who gives $1 or more, and more is needed, to include his signature in the World Good Will Book.

2. Promote Bible reading by furnishing the bookmarks with suggested passages from Thanksgiving to Christmas. Bookmarks with reading for the entire year may be a big help.

3. Observe Bible Sabbath in your church. Bulletins are furnished. Most churches observe Bible's Day the second week in December.

All of these materials can be ordered free, and certain filmstrips and motion pictures are also available without charge. The Bible House will also furnish you with all the leaflets you can use.
Builders of the Kingdom

This sermon was preached in the Kingston Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath day, Oct. 16, 1954, by Rev. S. A. Thompson, a pastor in Jamaica and teacher in Crandall High School. It launched the effort to extend Crandall High into a "Country School." — E. T. H.

Man in his early stage was rather primitive, making his house, gathering, getting things to eat and drink from sources which were available to him. He continued on this search for livelihood until the race became too large, and began to deplete the available stock. No more could he go out and find an animal to trap nor fruits to collect where he ordinarily would. It was therefore necessary for him to begin to domesticate animals and plants in order to be able to meet the needs of life.

This stage of life has been termed the Palaeolithic and the Neolithic Ages. Man was crude in all his works, living in caves, and having all things in the most crude manner imaginable. But in the same way as changes occurred in the way in which he obtained his food, so it happened that the race became larger and he needed homes, and in the construction of a house, and in the building of Canaan. They had copied the Hebrews, and in the building of a nation of nations, we move down the history of peoples and the building of the kingdom of God on earth. God's kingdom can only come on earth when we have succeeded in planting it in the hearts and lives of men. Ours is the task of building this kingdom in this world, and this is what we ask when we pray, asking that God would bring His kingdom on earth. God's kingdom can only come on earth when we have succeeded in planting it in the hearts and lives of all with whom we come in contact.

In building this kingdom, we must bear in mind the words of Christ, "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. If we builders are to make a success, then we have to fight against the forces which prevent us from making the necessary sacrifice of denying ourselves of one shilling each month for the cause of building the kingdom of God in some sin sick soul.

Welcome for Miss Jacqueline Wells

A good letter from Miss Jacqueline Wells tells of her safe arrival at Kingston and of the royal welcome she received from our mission leaders, Crandall High School, and the Kingston Church.

She enclosed a "Welcome to Jamaica's program by Crandall High School students and faculty, revealed the heartfelt greeting was received. Representatives from each class expressed a welcome for the group. At the close of the program," she writes, Dr. F. was in the presence of the students filing out to extend hearty greetings and to form a reception line, with me standing in the middle and Mrs. Bond on my right, and all sixty-three of the students filing out. They are saying and I'll run to Dr. Bond and Mrs. Bond named each one.

Jackie's letter continues, "The day of Friday was spent in faculty in one class. I visited the third-year geography class and the first-year spelling class. They were not all mannered, rising to answer all questions, and piano, and songs, and prayers. The Sabbath day I arose to the sound of the city — laughing, singing, and the various calls of the sellers passing the door: 'Co-al,' 'Ice,' 'Broom,' 'Tangerines,' etc. Jackie writes that when Mrs. Hargis was here she used to try to get the various tunes on the piano and write tunes to the accompaniment of the calls that the hucksters make. Oftentimes I can't tell what they are saying and I'll run to ask. "What's that?" and he will interpret it. If they are calling just one article it's fairly easy but when it is a fruit vender and he shouts his wares I can't make head nor tail out of it.

"I didn't mention the church 'welcome.' It came on the Friday night the young people and children decided to have another welcome. I was not told about it. We had the first part of church as usual — when I was setting down for the sermon Pastor FitzRandolph asked me to come to the pulpit and be seated. Songs, poems were given (this time by the small children as well as the high school students). One little girl (about 6) recited a poem with about four verses and it was entitled 'Friendships.' Later she and another 6- or 7-year-old sang a duet — just a familiar hymn, but in parts and with harmony. Our American children would be put to shame with their abilities here along these lines."

From the David Pearsons

We rejoice in having seen the way open for us to undertake a foreign missionary endeavor. "Behold, I have set before thee an open door." Thanks be to God for this door.

Having arrived in Nyasaland on the twenty-seventh of September, we found that our plans only partially became acquainted with Makawa and its functions, we began our trip to our northern churches on the twenty-seventh.

Churches visited were: Nthinda, Tusimbo, Uzumara, and Ekwaiweni. We conversed and worked together with Pastors Lames Kaw, Yothu Mati, Shadrack Masumbura, Timothy Mkwakwile, Simeon Muzumara, and Elisa Ngwangwa. It was ours to grapple with various problems and heresies along the way and to declare the true doctrine of Christ.

We rejoice in seeing signs of growth. Pastors have reported increases in their churches. In just the short time that we have been there, we have reported over twelve baptisms. Three of these candidates I had the privilege to immerse myself.
SABBATH SCHOOL STATISTICS — A BASIS FOR FUTURE PLANNING

I want to thank all the superintendents and others who sent in the reports. Some were rather late but we now have a fairly complete picture of the Christian education work of our denomination and it will give us a much better picture of the educational work we now do. We are not able to give a splendid service rendered to our communities. And what opportunities to carry a message beyond our own walls! About $1,600 was spent in these schools and nearly all directors and teachers contributed their services.

It is disappointing to note that very few of our young people are organized in Christian Endeavor Societies or similar groups for expression. A generation ago most of our churches had well-organized and active Christian Endeavor Societies, Junior and Senior, and they contributed much to the training and experience of young people and to the strength of the church. Can it be that we are letting the public school, scouts, and other clubs monopolize our youth? Let's make our youth groups strong again this year! — N.D.M.

Attention, All Sabbath Schools

Has it been brought to your attention that the lessons in the Helping Hand for the first six months of 1955 will not follow the International Lessons as in the past but will be special lessons on Seventh Day Bible Teachers. There are three different ministers contributing materials for each lesson, which should make the whole series interesting. Since there are a number of clubs and small Sabbath schools depending on the publications for lesson helps, this notice is highly important. It is probable that every school will want the Helping Hand for the first quarter regardless of what they have ordered in the past or may order for the remainder of the year. It is hoped that those responsible for ordering will do so by return mail because the Recorder Press ordinarily prints only as many as are ordered in advance. The end of the quarter is almost at hand.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 18, 1954

Thoughts on the Sabbath

Lezek: 20: 11-12; Luke 4: 16, 31-32;

DECEMBER 6, 1954

WOMEN'S THEME FOR THE YEAR

DOERS OF THE WORD

Scripture Selection:
James 2: 14 - 20.

The Glory of Christmas

This Christmas again. Hearts are full of mirth and love. This is a glorious time to spread the glow of friendship. Can you find a new friend who needs you?

Can you send a Christmas card or a small remembrance to cheer the day for someone who is confined at home?

Love is a mighty force. Practice it the whole year through and see how much you have gained. How many new friends?

How much happiness to the heavy-hearted? You, yourself, will be far ahead.
— Mrs. John Langworthy, Battle Creek, Mich.

Christmas Guest

Open heart and home tonight
Set a candle on the sill.

Christ may haply see the light.

Bless the folks who look above
To the star this shining eve.

And anoint with joy and love
All who gladly will receive.
— The Church Woman

The home that is built around a bar
In the basement is not exactly the same type of home as the one that is built around the family altar. — Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, at a hearing on the Bryson Bill in Washington.

Although I can no longer consider myself a pastor of any one definite charge, I have been happy for the numerous speaking appointments afforded.

Now that we have arrived back at our home base we are settling down to begin the many weeks of work before us. Much of the work, although mundane, is necessary in order that we may gain a strong foothold with which to launch a strong offensive for the cause of Christ.

— Betty Brown

Children's Page

Why the Puppy Couldn't Swim

One windy day Betty and Joe Brown were hurrying down to a nearby pond. Joe held in his hand a stick. What were they doing with him? Of course Old Tilly, the puppy's mother, was with them. She would protect her puppy from harm and look after her, as she did when they were going to drown her baby and would be ready to protect him.

What the children were planning was to give the puppy swimming lessons, but of course they should have waited until he had grown larger.

"You had better put his hind legs in first," said Betty, "and hang onto him until he gets used to the water."

"I wouldn't have to get a duck's feet first, would I?" asked Joe.

"Ducks don't like water as well as dogs do," said Betty. "Ducks are made for the water but dogs like land better than water."

Joe put the puppy in the water but he wouldn't even try to swim. All he did was to throw a stick in the pond for Tilly to bring back. Joe gave the puppy a stick every time Tilly went after it, and when she brought it back he dropped the stick and caught her baby in her mouth by the skin at the back of her neck.

"You're hurting the puppy," said Betty.

"I'm trying to teach him, Betty," said Joe. "If you don't want to do it, I won't try."

Betty shook her head and tried to stop Joe. Joe said, "If you don't want to teach him, I'll teach him."

"Well," said Betty, "we can't teach him to swim, but Old Tilly can I'm sure."

"I guess you are right," said Joe. "I'll throw the stick in the pond for Tilly to bring to me. She'll go after it, and when she goes I'll throw the puppy in and he'll have to swim to get with his mother."

Betty shook her head and tried to stop him, but he threw in the stick, and as soon as Tilly went after it, she threw the puppy. But all the puppy did was to scoot and bob up and down. Then Tilly dropped the stick and caught her baby in her mouth by the skin at the back of her neck and brought him safely to land, where he looked almost like a drowned rat. Then Betty wrapped him in her kerchief and carried him home. She put him
Youth News

Alfred Youth Activities

With the opening of the first semester of the university year, the Alfred Church marked the birth of a new organization within its ranks. Known as Chi Rho (the Greek letters standing for Christ), the group is made up of around thirty college-age young people. At present, the society meets each weekday evening at the Gothic at 8:15, with Miss Miriam Shaw as advisor for the first semester.

Officers elected at the organizational meeting held in September are: Judy Burdick, president; David Beebe, vice-president and devotional chairman; and Camille Crofoot, secretary-treasurer. The meeting is opened with devotions led by different members of the group, followed by a study of the current helping Hand lessons, led by Miss Shaw.

Along the project line, the group has voted to support the Denominational Budget; the American Bible Society project suggested by Rev. Charles Atkinson; and the World Council of Churches. "Extracurricularly," the group has offered its services for two church dinners — waiting tables and washing dishes. It has also held one meeting at the Burdick Farm at Pleasant Valley.

— Barbara Warren, Reporter.

Dead Men Tell Tales. So says the highly respected coroner of Los Angeles County, Ben Brown, who has recently retired. The blood of dead men tells many tales. It tells the tales about what caused the death — tales that are kept out of the newspapers to spare the grief-stricken survivors. It tells the tale that 60.9% of the murder victims last March had alcohol in their bodies; that 25.9% of the accident victims that month had alcohol in their bodies. The tales told by dead men make it apparent that 40% of all accidental traffic deaths will show alcohol. Many of these are the "little ones" that got caught — "the big ones got away." — Ed.

BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

This representative committee drawn from six major Baptist groups in the United States upholds the cause of over 16½ million Baptists in matters pertaining to public affairs. Its meetings are held at the Baptist Building, 1628 16th St. N.W., Washington, D. C. Seventy Day Baptists will remember that this is the meeting place of our Washington Church. The purpose of this important committee should also be of real interest to our people because it very largely represents our viewpoint. We take the liberty of quoting it in full:

"The purpose of the Baptist Joint Committee shall be to act in the field of public affairs whenever the interest or rights of the co-operating conventions which constitute the committee call for conference or negotiation with the Government of the United States or with any other government, or whenever Baptist principles are endangered through legislative action, or when any of the co-operating conventions or any of their agencies may refer to the Joint Conference Committee any matter of common interest or concern, for discussion and recommendation. The Baptist Joint Committee shall be empowered to enunciate, defend, and commend the historic, traditional Baptist principle of religious liberty, and its application to the separation of church and state as embodied in the Constitution of the United States; to communicate and commend to the President, Congress, Courts, and Departments of the Federal Government such declarations as Baptists from time to time officially adopt concerning public matters; to make such contacts with admirable custom of friendliness should they be elected.

Perhaps it's significant that Dr. Ruth is Dr. Josie's niece. It certainly is significant that she and Mrs. Fields have been officers in the League of Women Voters and re­signed from that nonpartisan organization to run for public office, and that they have been leaders in the study of public administration. We are sure both will win public respect in office, as did Dr. Josie — if they are elected.
the various departments of any government as may be found necessary or desirable in the legitimate transaction of legal or other business between such government and the denomination's agencies or approved representatives; and to inform the Baptist constituencies of governmental relations aapplying to the life of society, and to the right application of Christianity to the life of the nation.

Probably the most significant action taken by the Joint Committee at the recent meeting was contained in the following motion:

"VOTED: to recommend that the Committee on Public Affairs invite a representation of church and state and the right to the Committee on Public Affairs for consideration."

**Humanism or Religion**

Did you know that there are active atheistic cults striving to win converts, and that there is a self-styled "religion" which claims to be the most rapidly growing religious movement in America today, which, its promoters say, is "a religion without God, divine revelation, or sacred Scriptures"? .

It claims that young people, "let down by religious orthodoxies," are flocking to it. It publishes books and periodicals. It boasts that it has made inroads into the very churches to the extent that "liberal" Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish church leaders are embracing Humanism. We should be aware of this movement.

I make these suggestions: (1) Live so that your actions will show that the fatherhood of God is the reason for the brotherhood of man; (2) Stand up and let your actions will show that the fatherhood of God is the

**ITEMS OF INTEREST**

The third general assembly of the National Council of Churches was convened in Boston Nov. 28-Dec. 3, 1954. This important biennial session drew delegations from at least 42 states with the heaviest registrations coming from Massachusetts and New York, the former state represented by delegates of visiting missionaries from about 60 cities and towns, and New York City alone furnishing about 270 delegates. The largest delegations of cities were from Boston (50), Philadelphia (45), Chicago (40), and Indianapolis (40). The whole State of New Jersey had but 25 with the name of Rev. C. Rex Burdick from Bridgeton heading the list. Westerly, R. I., had 4 names, three of them being Seventh Day Baptists. A Burdet Crofoot of Alfred, N. Y., was the only Seventh Day Baptist noted on the list.

A New City Hymn

Rev. Bradford Gray Webster, pastor of the Methodist Church in Smethport, Pa., has announced the adoption of the hymn-text judged the best of more than 200 submitted to the Hymn Society of America in a contest for a "new city hymn." The first and fifth stanzas of Dr. Webster's hymn:

O Jesus Christ, to Thee my hymns shall rise;
In every city for Thy love and care;
Inspire our worship, grant the glad surprise;
That Thy bled Spirit brings men everywhere.

Make strong our hope and grant Thine inspiration;
That Thy bled Spirit brings men everywhere.

The Church of England, the Church of Scotland, the Church of Ireland, together with the "Free churches" of Wales, the British Society of Friends, and the British and Scottish Bible societies have united in a project for producing a new English translation of the New Testament, to be followed some years later by a new English translation of the Old Testament. The British Bible scholar, Dr. C. H. Dodd, is the director of the enterprise, which aims to have a Bible "in timeless English, avoiding both archaisms and transient modernisms. However, in pursuit of this ideal, scholarly accuracy in translation must not be sacrificed." It is hoped to have the new New Testament ready for printing in 1958.

American churches have shipped more than 16,000,000 pounds of food, clothing, and medical supplies to the hungry and homeless people around the world during the first nine months of 1954. The total was reported by Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, executive director of Church World Service. He said the shipments by U.S. Protestant and Eastern Orthodox communions through CWS totaled 16,139,871 pounds and were conservatively valued at $8,187,450. Included were 8,454,680 pounds of U.S. surplus commodities made available free by the government for distribution abroad in the programs carried out through CWS. Relief shipments made directly by CWS on behalf of programs of its 55 member denominations totaled 13,760,732 pounds valued at $6,489,548. These were made possible by specific gifts from individual churches, by funds contributed by CWS members to the Great Hour of Sharing (the annual CWS appeal for overseas relief), and by commodity contributions to the CWS Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP).

In Australia one out of every 410 Baptist church members is a foreign missionary — about one missionary for every church

**DECEMBER 6, 1954**

**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**BATTLE CREEK, MICH.** — Miss Ellen Swiney, Niantic, Conn., has accepted the call to serve as Religious Education Director of the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church, effective June 1, 1955. This means that our summer program can be expanded about one third.

December 10 is the actual organization date of the church! The anniversary planning committee is busy with a "Forward Look" program that weekend which includes a Table of Silent Night service: "A Forward Look at Missions" featuring Jamaica and Nyasaland with a message from our own missionary, Jacqueline Wells, and slide pictures; one of the finest "A Forward Look with the Denomination" with Conference president Clarence Rogers, Salem, W. Va., as guest speaker; and later at the Berea Hour the dedication of the Pastor's Study in honor of Dr. Burdick, followed by a social hour. — Church Bulletin.

**CHICAGO, ILL.** — An indefinite leave of absence has been granted by the Chicago Church to Pastor Alfred Keller, who felt it necessary because of health reasons, to give up his work in Chicago and move to Denver.

He and his family are temporarily with his parents at Fraser, Mich. Services will be conducted as usual at 5052 W. Division St., Sabbath School at 10:30 a.m. and the worship service at 11:30.

Dr. Allison Burdick, moderator, is in charge of supply for the pulpit and will appreciate being contacted by any of our members who might be in the Chicago area on the Sabbath and can let him know before other plans are made.

Dr. Burdick can be reached either at his home, 1657 Mobile Ave., phone Merri­
mack 7-6130, or the office at 1106 North Ave., Chicago 39, Ill., phone Merri­
mack 7-1700.

Anyone in the city over the Sabbath will be welcomed at these services. A Division Street Street can be obtained on State Street in the Loop direct to the Truth Seekers' Church where services are held.

**LOS ANGELES, CALIF.** — On Sabbath afternoon, Nov. 20, 1954, an initial service for Sabbathkeepers residing in the southern part of Los Angeles County was held at 1612 South Orchard Avenue, Gardena, in a women's club house. The meeting was encouraged by the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church, being led by Pastor Leon R. Lawton. Thirty-five were present for this first day, fourteen of whom had traveled from the area of the present Los Angeles Church. After a worship service there was an informal discussion of future possibilities. It was decided to have regular services each Sabbath afternoon with Bible study classes at 2 o'clock and worship at 3. Notice of the meetings was to be listed in the local paper and one of those present volunteered to obtain a rubber stamp and furnish tracts for distribution. Others offered to send notices to
those in the area who might be interested in attending the services.

The pressing need for such a gathering has become more and more evident since the Los Angeles Church moved into its new building in the northern part of the county over two years ago. This made it more difficult for some of the members to attend with regularity, made it difficult for the church to serve its members at that distance, and, during the ensuing two and one-half years, others have moved into the southern area. Also new contacts have been made with other Sabbathkeepers who were seeking a church home and place of service.

The meetings will be known by the name, 'Sabbath Christian Fellowship,' and will be non-denominational in nature. Any Sabbathkeepers residing in the area are cordially invited to these services. -- An Observer.

Marriages

Viscosi - Sholtz. - John Viscosi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Viscosi of Oneida, N. Y., and Twila V. Sholtz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sholtz of Onedia, were united in marriage on Oct. 3, 1954, in the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Verona, N. Y., by Rev. Victor W. Grant officiating. The couple will reside at Oneida Castle, N. Y.

Obituaries

Randolph. - Corliss Fitz, son of Franklin and Elizabeth (Fox) Fitz Randolph, was born at New Milton, W. Va., July 24, 1863, and died at his home in Maplewood, N. J., Nov. 6, 1954.

Dr. Randolph was educated in the public schools of West Virginia and at Alfred University, being graduated in 1888. For more than a half century he was an eminently successful educator. For thirty-one years he was principal of the Fifteenth Avenue School of Newark, N. J., retiring in 1933.

An ardent Seventh Day Baptist and active in his church and denomination, his major activity, a service of love, was in the Historical Society, of which he was the president and founder. He gave much time in research in the history of Seventh Day Baptists in America. For thirty years he was president of the American Sabbath Tract Society. For more than forty years Dr. Randolph served as clerk of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New York City.

Corliss Fitz Randolph and Marion Melissa Howard were married in 1890. To them was born a daughter, Mildred. Some years after the death of Mrs. Randolph, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Grace Dawson Bell, who, with his daughter, Mildred, survives him. He also leaves three brothers: Jesus Fitz Randolph of Plainfield, N. J., Estel Fitz Randolph of Fairmont, W. Va., and Roy Fitz Randolph of New Milton, W. Va.

The funeral service was held at his late home in Maplewood with Rev. Harold R. Crandall, former pastor of the New York City Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. Carl R. Maxson, present supply of that church, and Dr. Ralph E. Davis, pastor of Morrow Memorial Methodist Church in Maplewood. Rev. John G. Schmid shared in the service at the place of interment in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway. H. R. C.

Whipple. - Eola Luella, daughter of Freeborn and Amanda Potter Hamilton, was born at Alfred Station, N. Y., Feb. 27, 1866, and died in Fanwood, N. J., Nov. 2, 1954.

A graduate of Alfred University, she taught school for a number of years. She was united in marriage with Herbert G. Whipple of Ashaway, R. I. Their home was in New York City and later in Yonkers. For about fifteen years after Mr. Whipple's death, Mrs. Whipple made her home in Westerly, R. I. In failing health the past five years, she has been with her son, F. Hamilton Whipple, of Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., and with her daughter, Georgieola (Mrs. Robert Adams) of Fanwood, N. J. She is survived by her children and by four grandchildren. Mrs. Whipple was a member of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church of Westerly.

The funeral service was held at the Schilke Funeral Home in Westerly on Nov. 5, Rev. Harold R. Crandall and Rev. Charles H. Bond officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway.

Kenyon. - Minnie G. Crandall, daughter of George and Miranda Irish Crandall, was born at Rockville, R. I., May 27, 1875, and died in Westerly, R. I., Nov. 12, 1954.

Fifty-seven years ago Minnie became the wife of Charles N. Kenyon of Hopkinton. Besides her husband she leaves four sons: Howard C., Ralph, James, and Gillette C., all of Wakefield, R. I. Early in life Mrs. Kenyon united with the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church, transferring her membership to the Second Hopkinton Church after her marriage.

The funeral service was held at the Buckler Funeral Home in Westerly, Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiating. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Ashaway.

I need not stand alone
Before the judgment seat,
For Jesus will be there
Oh — what a comfort sweet!
For o'er my sins He'll throw
His robe of righteousness:
And I can go with Him
To the home of light and bliss.

The spotless Lamb of God
Was offered up for me.
He lived and suffered, bled and died
From sin to set me free.
Oh what a joy is mine!
Oh — how I praise His name!
His merits, not my own,
Save me from death and shame.

I need not stand alone.
Oh may this life of mine
Show forth my deepest gratitude
For all His love divine.
Accept and trust His grace;
Then flees the fear of hell.
None who accept need stand alone;
He's there — and all is well.