Letter From a Serviceman

I am to leave Korea July 1, so please change my Recorder address to Box 174, Pomona Park, Fla.

I am very much pleased with the articles and statements of belief that have been appearing in the Recorder. I would like to see a Seventh Day Baptist camp leaders' school started in some convenient place; am sure many of us would profit from one.

It is my sincere belief that if every Seventh Day Baptist diligently tithed all that he eats, we would have no problem as to how our work is to be financed. Truly there is a great blessing in knowing that we are doing our share in the advancement of God's kingdom. I have come to feel a great deal closer to our Lord while in Korea.

May you walk in His way.

Love in His service,

Paul V. Beebe.

Dr. Ivy asks the following pertinent question: "We spend $200,000,000 a year to advertise $9,000,000,000 worth of a product which produces, according to experts, the number four public-health problem in the United States." — Clipsheet.

Accessions

Milton, Wis.

By Baptism:

Rolland Arthur Maxson
Leila Mae Wright Maxson
Charles Whitford, Jr.

Monte Whitford

Births

Burdick. — A daughter, Susan Gala, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burdick, Jr., Milton, Wis., May 4, 1954.

Prentice. — A son, Carl Orvan, to Mr. and Mrs. William Prentice, Janesville, Wis., May 11, 1954.

Obituaries

Lowell. — George David, son of Alfred and Lucinda March Lowell, was born at Chillicothe, Ill., Oct. 19, 1876, and died at his home in Gentry, Ark., June 11, 1954. His wife, Ora, a sister of Darwin E. Mazon, survives him. Other survivors are two daughters, Mrs. J. L. Head and Mrs. J. C. Forrester, both of Oklahoma City, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Maude Eyerly, Eureka, Calif., and Mrs. Lillian Litt, Salina, Kans.; and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at the Seventh Day Baptist Adventist Church with Elder Jameson officiating, and burial was in the Gentry Cemetery.

Bakker. — Jacob, was born August 27, 1874, in Oude Pekela, The Netherlands, and died June 21, 1954, in Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, N. J.

He was the son of Rev. Frederik and Aefien Smit Bakker who were pioneer Seventh Day Baptists in Holland. Mr. Bakker came to the United States in 1892, and became a naturalized citizen in 1897. He worked for nearly thirty years for the Recorder Press.

A staunch Christian, he was a member of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church for many years serving much of that time as Sabbath school teacher. For a short time, he served as a missionary at head of the Sabbath Industrial Mission in Tanganivika, British East Africa. He was married on Dec. 31, 1903, to Gertrude Schur who died on Oct. 13, 1944.

He is survived by two brothers: Garrelt, of Adams Center, N. Y., and Frederik, of Plainfield; a daughter, Mrs. C. Harold Thompson, of Bound Brook, N. J.; and a son, Frederik J., a lawyer in Plainfield; and two grandchildren.

The funeral services were held in Runyon's Funeral Home in Plainfield with Rev. Lee Holloway officiating. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield.

A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches. — Proverbs 22:1.
DENOMINATIONAL BUILDING

Should our imposing, three-story denominational building in Plainfield be sold? Would it be good business to remove our historical treasures and library to rented space in the Plainfield area? Our cause be advanced financially by selling this building and buying or constructing a more modest headquarters in a larger, more central location? Not only are these questions being asked by responsible leaders of the denomination but some churches have already held meetings called for the purpose of discussing them and possibly instructing their delegates. If some churches are instructing their delegates in how to vote on these questions at the General Conference next month and other churches do not know that decisions on such drastic changes are coming officially before our people, something is wrong with our publicity. We feel that our denominational paper should have been free to publish such news earlier than this. It is probably already too late for some people to make plans to attend General Conference. Those who would have attended if they had known that disposing of the denominational building was likely to be an issue. In a democratic organization like ours, no one can predict all the motions that may come to the floor of Conference. Neither can anyone foretell what the ten or more committees will recommend. However, when a few people know that the sale of our denominational building is being urged, all those people who can be reached by this denominational organ should have a chance to know it.

What are the pros and cons in this matter? We are not prepared to attempt a statement of them in this brief article. We suppose that responsible leaders have spent considerable time discussing the problem, in theory at least. In our opinion, this question cannot be properly considered or settled by a theoretical study of real estate values. It requires on-the-spot study of the physical relation between the one-story publishing house and the denominational building which is joined to it. It calls for careful consideration of whether or not the offices, display rooms, and board room which so adequately meet our needs would be as attractive for business purposes to command a good price. It is your editor's opinion and, we believe, the opinion of the astute business- men well acquainted with our building that any attempt to move our headquarters to another location in these high-cost days is economically unsound. In addition, there is the question of whether it is morally right to sell what was given to us by our people in order to realize a profit which would be diverted to other phases of our world-wide work. It appears that the leaders who are advancing this idea are at considerable distance from Plainfield though most, if not all of them have, of course, visited the building. Plainfield people, as we know them, cannot be accused of a sentimental attachment to the headquarters structure. Their advice should be sought and their voices heard. It might be observed in passing that the only churches which, to our knowledge, are seeking to instruct their delegates in this matter are churches that have very close contact with some member of the Commission.

HOW MANY NEW CHURCHES AND PASTORS WILL WE NEED?

The chart printed below shows the probable increase in population, churches and clergymen, between 1952 and 1975. The figures are supplied by W. J. Tausig, a director of Church Industries Relations for the National Association of Manufacturers. All of these guesses are subject to the will of God, Atomic Age uncertainty, and the will of the Lord. The needs for churches and preachers will also depend upon the evangelistic efforts of the churches during the next 20 years. More church building is now in progress than ever before in our history.

What will be the need for new churches and new pastors in our own denomination? We know that the world needs our message, but will the world recognize that need? An increasing population requires of us far greater net gain even to hold our own. Will we be equal to the task? How many of those 100,000 new churches and 75,000 additional ministers will be called for in our denomination?

August Recorders

As stated in the masthead two Recorders are issued during August. The publication dates for this year are Aug. 2 (8-page), Aug. 16 (16-page), Aug. 30 (16-page). The first reports of the General Conference will be featured in the issue of Aug. 30. The Advisory Committee has encouraged the editor to give Recorder readers extra value for their money by making the August issue 24 pages instead of 16. We believe this can be done without exceeding our budget.
BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN

A man living in the times of ancient history once testified before the king that he had seen a light that was brighter than the sun. "Impossible! A great exaggeration," some would say. Not until this twentieth century has man been able to produce a light as intense as the sun. The flash of an atomic explosion is of the same kind as the sun, but being so much closer could flicker as many times stronger. No scientist would now dare to deny that the light which struck down Saul was stronger than the sun.

That wicked (the man of sin) mentioned above is not the only one to be destroyed by the brightness of the coming of the Son of God. When He comes in judgment, according to Revelation 10, 15, the beast and the false prophet, the devil, and whosoever was not found written in the book of life will find their places together in the lake of fire. This corresponds to the picture painted in the parable of Jesus in Matthew 13: 40.

The brightness of God’s kingdom can well be more than 100 times the brightness of the sun. His coming, however, is the most glorious event remaining in earth’s history. Just how soon it will be revealed we know not. Our relation to Him, our readiness to receive Him will determine whether that brightness will be delightful or destructive. Which will it be?

Church Bulletins Wanted

The Sabbath Recorder receives quite a number of church bulletins. We could serve the denomination better if we received all of them. If the churches do not feel that they can afford the postage to keep the editor on the mailing list, we would gladly pay the bill for the stamps involved. However, if they send only some news besides the morning service, it is of little value to us. In checking through our files recently to make a list of Vacation Bible Schools, we were distressed to find that a number of pastors who announced the beginning of their school failed to say anything about the close of their course. In a number enrolled, nobody likes to be left hanging in mid-air, not even an editor.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for July 31, 1954

Christian Worship and Fellowship


MEMORY TEXT

And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God’s sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting. (Matthew 10: 28-30)

Prayer Thought

It has been said that Satan laughs at our toiling and struggling but trembles when we pray. Indeed he knows humans weakness better than we do ourselves. As Paul says, "Be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to the Lord shall receive all of them. If the churches do not feel that they can afford the postage to keep the editor on the mailing list, we

SOUND DOCTRINE OR ITCHING EARS

Sabbath morning sermon at Western Association as reported by Rev. Albert N. Rogers.

The recent broadcast to the listeners each listener to self-examination lest his faith in Christ be not sound doctrine at all but the product of "itching ears" seeking familiar, comforting "verses.

Reviewing the antagonism to the prophets of the Northern Kingdom and the refusal of Jesus to accept the Messianic concept of Judas and the Zealots, Pastors Sanford said that many today will flip a coin to see whether they go to church or "stay home with a cold," and keep on flippimg until they get the result they want. Charles Clayton Morrison was quoted as saying that there was a time when the lawyer hired the minister to convert sinners, but now he is becoming suspicious that the preacher is trying to convert him, and few people enjoy paying for their own conversions.

"To Know Him and Make Him Known" implies the use of the intellect as well as the emotion, he continued. Citing the trent of sound doctrine, he warned lest we read only our favorite biographies of Jesus like those in Paul’s day who, "want­ing their ears tickled, find a multitude of teachers to satisfy their own fancies." (2 Timothy 4: 3, Weymouth.) "Out of all the noise of study and criticism we must come to interpretations of Jesus which have stripped Him of all His divinity. And these interpretations have tickled the ears of many — it was just what they believed right along."

"But there is another outgrowth of the quest for further information about Christ and God, which remains to be con­tinued," and this likewise has tickled the ears of many. Perhaps by reaction and perhaps honest, many have attempted to define sound doctrine by means of certain limiting definitions. If you believe this, and this, and this, and this, you are Christian. But you believed that, and that, and that, you are a heretic and we want no part of you!" And when we attempt to know Christ by creeds and dogmas, the preacher declared, "limit Christ to the level of the human intellect.
and emotion. And Christ can not be so
of Theology and how Christ and the
bath are integrated with the Seventh Day
Baptist faith and witness.

NEW DOCTORS
Edward R. Wheeler, a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church, received the degree of Doctor of Medicine
at the University of Kansas on June 7.
Dr. Wheeler earned his B.S. from
Kansan University, having taken work
also at Ottawa University and at Salem
College. Better known as "Boo," he is the
son of Mrs. Edna Wheeler of Norton­
ville, and a brother of Rev. Edgar Wheeler, of DeRueter, N. Y. His wife recently
joined the Nortonville Church by baptism.
The Wheelers have a seven-month-old
dughter, Beverly Faye. They will reside
at Wichita, Kan., for the next year, where
Dr. Wheeler will serve as interne at St.
Francis Hospital.

Victor Burdick, son of Rev. Paul S.
Burdick of New Enterprise, Pa., also
received the degree of Doctor of Medicine
from the College of Medicine at Albany, N. Y. He plans to serve his internship at White
Memorial Hospital in Los Angeles.

Louis May of Salem, West Virginia, another loyal Seventh Day Baptist whose
newlywed Recorder subscription has
recently been changed to a paid subscription, received his doctor's degree from Jefferson
Medical in Philadelphia, where he recently
completed his internship. Doctor May has
also gone to California, for a year as resi­
dent physician in the County Hospital at
Sacramento.

The road to a medical degree is long
and hard and expensive. We may not
know all the tribulations through which
these and others have come to this point
in their training, but we may well salute
their achievement and wish them God's
blessing as they enter upon a lifework
in our homes. There is

PLENTY OF ROOM AT MILTON

The Conference Registration and Enter­tainment Committee wishes everyone to
know that there are several types of
housing facilities in the Milton area. We
hope you may all find just the kind of
housing that will make your visit a most
pleasant occasion.

There are dormitory facilities at Milton
College. If you make arrangements for
these rooms you will need to bring your
own bedding. All beds are single.

There are hotels and motels within a
radius of 8 to 12 miles from Milton. If
you prefer this type of shelter it would
be well to contact the committee immedi­
ately.

Camp Wakonda, about four miles from
Milton, offers an excellent trailer park
for those who plan to travel to Confer­ence via trailer are urged to do so.

Most important, there are many rooms
open to visitors in our homes. There is
room for all in our Southern Wisconsin
area and we hope for a large group of
visitors from all churches.

We urge you to decide now to come to
Conference. We also urge the church
officers and members to check their lists
for delegates and visitors if they have not
done so already.

Miss Marjorie Burdick, chairman.

Stop the Clock
Professor D. N. Inglis of Milton, Wis.,
whose retirement was written up recently
in these columns came out of his nocturnal
retirement June 20 to close the window
of thunderstorm. No sooner was
he back in bed than he began to play a
new version of the TV show "Beat the
Clock." A real deal of thunder bounced
the alarm clock off the window sill and
under the bed. Another flash of lightning
turned out the ceiling fixture and blew a fuse.
The unperturbed professor and his wife,
realizing that light was gone, the clock
was stopped, and the windows were closed,
went back into retirement and caught some
more sleep.

Ill-founded optimism may be dangerous,
but it is a denominational illness more
easily cured than malignant pessimism. Ed.

GETTING THE CAMP READY

The camping season is one of the most
thrilling periods of our church year! Living
is an atmosphere of the beautiful
out-of-doors and Christian community, the
younger and older derive mutual inspira­
tion and spiritual rejuvenation. There, the
Lord manifests Himself as very near
and dear. There, many accept Christ as Saviour
and Lord, and others re dedicate their lives
to the Heavenly Father.

This year, every church member and
Christian friend that he may actively
participate in this eventful adventure and
marvelous witness.

Some will be attending the camp as
students, others as leaders and cooks. Some
have worked extended hours in planning
for the camping season, while many others
have worked daytimes and evenings to
complete the construction of the boys'
barracks as soon as possible. The mainte­
nance team has been assisted by over
a score of workers in putting the facilities
in good repair for the camping season.
But this represents but a part of the
participation.

There are those who have provided
fees for campers who otherwise would not
be able to attend. Some have given toward
the expansion building program. Some
have given toward general expense. ALL
can pray, and share the ministries here to
the glory of God.

NOTE: The above paragraphs come
from the Riverside Church bulletin and
apply to Pacific Pines Camp. With a few
variations they would fit several of our
camps.

JULY 19, 1954

ITEMS OF INTEREST
The World C. E. Convention meeting
in Washington, D. C., July 24-28, is of
sufficient importance to draw some of
the world's youth from the Mississippi
river to the capital. One of the first
messages of Evangelist Billy Graham
upon his return to this country will be
delivered to the youth of this convention
at the foot of Washington Monument
Sunday afternoon, July 25. An audience
of about 30,000 is expected. In his London
crusade Dr. Graham had a total audience
of nearly one and a half million. Dr.
Daniel A. Poling, head of the World's
Christian Endeavor Union and editor of
two national religious magazines, will
preside and will deliver the closing ad­
dress Wednesday, July 28. All of these
leaders, particularly the latter, are well
acquainted with Seventh Day Baptists.

Nigerian Library
There will be a public library in
Nigeria next year — the first library
in the history of the country. It will be pos­
sible because young American high school
and college students responded to an
appeal and collected more than 70,000
books for its shelves. The appeal came
from Rev. James H. Robinson, pastor of
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first writing out all of the Gospels and
the Book of Acts — and of another who
coated fifty pages from an algebra book.
The story reached the hearts of American
students and they wrote to church and
campus groups all over the country the
donations poured in. In the New York
form of the city's colleges collected nearly 8,000
volumes and then "chipped in" to sort
and pack the books for shipment.

Approximately 200,000 persons are
starring in the Philippines as a result of
distress caused by ravages of pests in a
huge farming area in two provinces of
Mindanao Island, according to news re­
ports. An estimated 60 per cent of this
year's crop has been destroyed in Cotabato
Province. Also hard-hit is the Davao
region. Elder Rodriguez and the
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Protestants' work can still be carried on
to some extent in Israel at this time, ac­
cording to "The Witness," organ of the
International Hebrew-Christian Alliance,

Ed.
NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — The church extended congratulations to our graduates at the services on May 15. Darlene Crouch Smith was graduated from Nortonville High School as valedictorian of the class, Judy Wells and Billy Crandall from the eighth grade at Nortonville, and Danny Niemann and Jimmie August from Atchison County. Edward Robert Wheeler (Bob) received his M.D. degree from Kansas University.

Mr. and Mrs. Albyn Mackintosh and family visited our church June 5. As a member of Commission, he brought us a report of the problems of our denomination. A fellowship dinner was held in the basement following the morning service. In the afternoon Mr. Mackintosh showed slides of Seventh Day Baptist work.

Vacation Bible School ended Friday, June 11, with over 40 pupils enrolled. The teachers were Lila Rose Bond, kindergarten; Mrs. Floreen Bond and Mrs. Julia McCoy, primary; Miss Zella Babcock, the junior; and Pastor Davis the junior high. Pastor Davis was the supervisor. Mrs. Charles Wheeler had charge of the Bible School picnic. The school presented a very interesting and well-planned program, June 12.

On Sunday following the Bible School Miss Babcock entered Cushing Hospital for major surgery which was successful.

On Sabbath morning, July 5, —Mrs. Laurence Niemann, Correspondent.

RIVERSIDE, CALIF. — Early in June, Pastor Alton L. Wheeler made a ten-day trip through much of the state visiting lone Sabbathkeepers. During his absence from the pulpit Dale Curtis was in charge of the Sabbath morning worship service with Robert Henry of Fontana as the speaker. Upon his return, Pastor Wheeler devoted a Sabbath eve prayer service to recounting this trip in which he met both encouragement and heartbreak. Following the fellowship lunch Sabbath noon, he gave a further account and outlined some of the problems confronting the Pacific Coast Association in attempting a unified work over such a widely scattered area. Since the Bakersfield section is reasonably near, and there is a good interest there, it was proposed that work be done in the near future under joint responsibility of the Riverside and Los Angeles Churches, with Bakersfield cooperating. This proposal was met with enthusiasm. There is a possibility that some work could be carried out during the summer in the San Francisco Bay area while Oscar Burdick is still in Berkeley. Later, it was hoped that other localities could be included.

A mid-June highlight was the graduation of two of our young people from Riverside Polytechnic High School along with some six hundred other students. Lloyd Curtis, who has college in his future plans, and Martin Sloan, keenly interested in forestry, were the graduates.

On June 27, Mr. and Mrs. John Henry of Fontana were congratulated by their many relatives and friends in celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Intensive and sacrificial activity throughout the month has resulted in a nearly completed duplex boys' barracks at Pacific Pines Camp. For this near miracle we rejoice as we focus our prayers and attention on the camping season. — Correspondent.

CAMP NEWS BITS

Camp Wakonda, the Seventh Day Baptist camp being developed in the Milton, Wis., area, entered a comical float in the 4th of July parade and won third place.

The Shiloh, N. J., Church, at its bi-monthly business meeting in July, voted to establish a fund for a campsite and appointed a committee to investigate possible future campsites. The South Jersey camp has had the use of the building belonging to the Shiloh Deer Hunters Club.

Camp Holston at Battle Creek, Mich., like some of the other conveniently located permanent camps is widely used by the whole church, according to a recent bulletin.

Lewis Camp, our oldest camp, had to call in extra help to take care of an enrollment which was twice as large as had been anticipated (44). The campers worshiped in the Ashaway, R. I., Church, Sabbath morning, July 17, with the dean of the camp, Rev. Paul Maxson, preaching the sermon.