standing Christian Endeavorer in the city of Denver for 1954. She will be a senior in high school this fall. Graduates this year from eighth grade were Beverly Davis and Phyllis Shepard. Bob Shepard was graduated from high school.

The usual fine quarterly missionary program was prepared and given by Luther and Geneva Hansen, telling the historical facts and showing pictures of our British Guiana Mission in South America. The offering to be sent to this mission amounted to $20.55.

A birthday guest luncheon was served in the social room of the church by the Ladies’ Aid Society on Thursday, July 1, followed by a short program in the sanctuary. This was their final meeting before the summer vacation. — Mrs. Susa Patterson, Correspondent.

Justification is the strait gate through which we enter the narrow way to sanctification which leads to glory. — E. J. Forrester.

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The Power of Prayer

J. EDGAR HOOVER
Director of the F.B.I.

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ECONOMICAL NEWS AND PROBLEMS

The following is a portion of a general letter unanimously agreed upon by the 100-year-old Greek Evangelical Church: "We ask God's blessing on all those in our country who honestly work for the spiritual awakening of our people by the spreading of the Word of God." John Wesley. Translation to go on, whatever may be the cost, rendering our contribution to the spreading of the Gospel of divine love to our thirsty people according to the Lord's command...

We express our deepest regret and concern over the protest against certain ecclesiastical leaders of the State Church who, contrary not only to the ecumenical spirit and the liberal feelings of the whole of the Greek people, but also against the provision of the Constitutional Charter of the country, are attempting to repress our religious freedom, influencing sometimes certain state authorities which are usually ignorant of religious and ecclesiastical questions.

We call upon all the members of our church to stand firm in the faith of the Gospel and to remember the words of our Lord who said, "Pray for those that persecute you, so that by the grace of the Holy Spirit and by their purity of life and spotless conduct in Christ, they may serve as a protest against every false accusation."

Note: The Evangelical Church has declined to send delegates to the World Council of Churches because of the above-mentioned persecution by a member church — the Greek Orthodox. Ed.

Stressing the common ties that unite an estimated 168,000,000 Christians around the world, the General Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. released on May 11 an official message of welcome to delegates of 47 foreign countries to the second assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Ill., Aug. 15-31.

Differences existing between the churches of other lands are paralleled by differences "within our own American churches," said the statement. Among them it referred to "many differences in our interpretation of the Gospel and of the nature of the Church and in the application of our Christian convictions to contemporary problems." John Wesley. The message further stated, "The witness which will be borne at Evanston, as Christians meet together from all parts

1 John 1: 3

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If we are self-satisfied and desire nothing from above, any prayer we offer will be foiled. If we are longing for our Father’s presence and feel the need of what He offers, prayer becomes a necessity, and a glorious fellowship will probably result. When we are in some definite service for the Lord we soon feel this need for a vital prayer contact with Him. The service may be any one of a great variety of tasks for God and for those He loves but if it is true service under His direction we know we must have that contact with Him. Problems will come up that force us to flee to our Father in earnest prayer.

Service requires prayer but it works the other way also. A friend of ours and her husband were known as being great believers in prayer. A friend in the Christian school they were attending asked them to pray that the way would be opened for her to go to Europe as a missionary. They prayed but found that they could not pray for anything until they themselves were willing to go. The result was that they found the service of their lives on that continent.

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Thought

It may not even come my way.

Lord, teach me how to pray,

To give my best to Thee today,

Just for today.

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A letter from G. Zijlstra printed on the Mission Page of the April 19 Recorder tells of the ordination of this new leader by Rev. Johannes Hansen of Copenhagen, Denmark, on March 12, 1954. The Danish minister had been making a crowded visit to Elder McGeachy and religious gatherings in the London area and spent more than a week visiting the brethren in Holland before returning to his home.

Further information about Elder and Sister Visser comes by way of a letter from Elder McGeachy who visited them upon his return from a Jewish-Christian Conference in Germany in April. We learn that Elder Visser was a builder, now retired, who still carries on an insurance agency. He is described as being of a very humble spirit.

The sermon on “The Holy Spirit” presented by Dr. Loyd F. Hurley also brought out the thought of pressing on toward the goal, as did the closing sermon of the association given by Elder C. A. Beebe of Pomona Park, Michigan. The sermon was titled “The Finish.”

A letter from Rev. James McGeachy who visited them on April 24.

The Edinburg, Texas, Seventh Day Baptist Church entertained the Southwestern Association of Seventh Day Baptist churches, July 1-4. The association is made up of churches in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Alabama, and Georgia.

Attention Young People

Anyone wishing to work for meals during Conference should write to Mrs. W. D. Burdick, Milton, Wis.
SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

Are the associations becoming the spark plug for our denominational effort? After attending three associations in the same year, and again in the Southeastern Association this year, the present writer would incline very much to the affirmative point of view. And one direction in which this new vitality is being directed, because of its year-by-year formation, is to the education of their young people. By means of the leadership of such persons, the colleges and especially the church-related colleges, particularly the church-related college, is ideally fitted to turn out such denominational leaders as music and church education are equipped to step into the leadership of the religious field.

The Southeastern Association is interested, quite naturally, in the welfare of Salem College. But that interest is directed especially toward Christian education, and could be laying a groundwork which other colleges might profitably build upon. For the college can handle better than the church, who are also qualified to step into such a field, where there always seems to be a dearth of qualified leaders. Listen to these testimonials from students and teachers of these courses in Salem College:

Miss Lou Bond: "Let me tell you what I received from the courses in Christian education in Salem College. First there was a course in general introduction to the work of Christian education. Then following that one, teaching one to plan the work for the local church."

Mrs. Venita Zinn: "Have you ever wished, as a Sabbath school teacher, that you knew better how to keep interest, to find materials for use, to know more about the Bible? That is the reason for a major in Christian education at Salem College."

Let me add here that Mrs. Zinn planned a series of devotional programs for the association meetings that were outstanding in interest, and deeply worshipful in effect.

Pastor Hansen: "The purpose of these courses is to give each student a knowledge of Christian education, which is an integral part of Christian experience. That these aims have been attained at least to some extent may be gleaned from the following answers on students' papers to the question, 'What have you gained from this course?':"

"It has taught me to read and understand the Bible in a better way."

"It has given me a better sense of reasoning."

"It has taught me to make decisions for myself."

The committee on Christian education in Salem College has been working faithfully since 1949, when it was first set up by the association, under Miss Alta Van Horn as chairman and Miss Greta Randrup as secretary. It published a pamphlet paper, "The Highlighter." It has encouraged Salem College Day in the churches of the association. It has led the churches into giving a sum of 36 cents per person per year into a fund to help support Christian education in the college. It has encouraged churches to aid in the tuition of such students, with the result that the tuition of one student preparing for the ministry and the tuition in Christian education courses for other students were paid.

August 2, 1954

May our colleges gain the vision and support such an endeavor that means so much to the spirit of education and to the strengthening of the teaching work of the churches.

This association is fortunate also in having a co-ordinating committee for planning the over-all work of the association. This committee is made up of the pastor and two lay members from each church. Its purpose is to promote an evangelistic work and to make better known the principles for which we stand. One outcome of this purpose is the publishing of the Sabbath Interpreter, further notice of which has been given elsewhere. The committee also has encouraged evangelical meetings in the various churches. Its plans for work should inspire and lead us in the years to come.

Informal votes were taken in the business meetings regarding holding Conference biennially, and making the associations more of a teaching program; holding Conference at a camp ground; changing our methods of choosing members of the Commission; and the disposition of our school of theology. In the last named of these informal votes, choice was given, significantly, to having a fully accredited school of theology, but not necessarily at Alfred.

The enemies of liberty in the twentieth century have not been self-interested realists openly seeking personal power, but rebels against reality. The most valuable contribution of Christian thought is the realism of the Bible. — Church of Scotland, Commission on Communism.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

For August 14, 1954

Self-Discipline for Growth


SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

For August 21, 1954

Christian Giving

Lesson Scripture: 1 Cor. 16: 1-2; 2 Cor. 8: 1-9.

Please Note!

Several churches have been very prompt in returning the Christian education reports. Farina has the honor of being first. It would be fine if all the reports could be received in time to be summarized before Conference. If any superintendent has failed to receive your report, notify Secretary N. D. Mills, Alfred, N. Y. All camp directors are asked to return their reports as soon as possible after the close of their camps. Registration forms for those who expect to attend the Pre-Conference Camp are being sent to pastors. Ask your pastor for one and send it in as early as possible. — Sec. Neal D. Mills.

A redeemed man is the noblest fruit earth ever offered to heaven.

Rev. W. L. Burdick.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

ALFRED STATION, N. Y. — We were happy to witness the baptism of nine candidates just before Conference. On May 8, three babies were dedicated: Lisa Marie Cook, Gerald Eugene Snyder and Yvonne Horner.

On one of the Sabbaths of May, A. Burdet Crofoot occupied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor. He spoke on "The Church and the Post War World." June 26, Pastor Rogers and family were in Plainfield where he assisted in the ordination of Pastor John Schmid. They also visited relatives and friends while away. Rev. Neal Mills preached in his absence.

A County Council of Churches is being organized in Allegany County. Pastor Rogers, Deacon Fred Pierce, and Rubie Clarke attended a meeting in Wellsville where a constitution was drawn up.

On the last Sabbath in June we published a pamphlet of our Vacation Bible School again this year. The dates are July 12-23.

The Western Association meeting in our church, June 12-13, was well covered in the Recorder of June 28.

Our church dining room is being redecorated, which is a great improvement. A community band concert was held on the community house lawn July 8. Our youth group sold ice cream and cake. The proceeds from this will be used to help on their Conference expenses.
Quite a bit of work is being done at Camp Harley this summer and preparations for camp, July 25 to August 7, are being made. — Correspondent.

VERONA, N. Y. — The Ladies’ Aid Society held its annual meeting June 24 at the home of Mrs. Zilla Vierow. Reports were given by officers and committees. The society voted out money for the Denominational Budget for the coming year, for the Women’s Board, the pastor’s salary, and the Building Fund of the local church.

Officers elected for the year were: president, Mrs. Elmina Warner; vice-president, Mrs. Marian Sholtz; secretary, Mrs. Mayola Warner; assistant secretary, Mrs. Jean Vierow; treasurer, Mrs. Lois Stone; key worker, Mrs. Leila Franklin.

Daily Vacation Bible School, held in our church and the Lutheran Church, began June 28 and closed July 3 with a picnic on the church lawn. The Verona Presbyterian Church, New London Methodist and Lutheran churches co-operated with our church in the school. There were 151 children registered with a staff of 16 teachers and helpers.

Several from our school went to the Central Association Camp near Watertown, July 14-20. Leaders from our church: Pastor Skaggs, lifeguard; Mrs. Marian Bennett, camp nurse; Miss Joyce Sholtz, teacher. — Correspondent.

Marriages

Bennett - Harris. — Benjamin B. Berry and Florence H. Harris, daughter of Mrs. Warren R. Harris and the late Mr. Harris, were united in marriage on Friday, June 25, 1954. The marriage was solemnized in Bel Air, Md.

Bothwell - Gibb. — Paul Bothwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Bothwell of Collingswood, N. J., and Dorothy Gibb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibb of Bridgeton, N. J., were united in marriage on Saturday, July 10, 1954. The vows were spoken in the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church with the bride’s pastor, Rev. Rex Burdick, officiating.

Bergen - Nagy. — William Adrian Bergen and Rose Charlotte Nagy were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Plainfield, N. J., on July 3, 1954, with Rev. E. Wendell Stephan officiating. The former Miss Nagy has been the receptionist at the Recorder Press for the past nine years.

Births

Kenyon. — A daughter, Gay Denise, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kenyon of Hopkinton, R. I., on June 27, 1954.

Churchward. — A son, Richard Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell A. Churchward of Sauk City, Wis., on June 11, 1954.

Babcock. — A son, Larry Dean, to Osmond and Louise Babcock of Norttonville, Kan., on July 14, 1954.

Obituaries

Allika. — Alexandra, was born in Russia, Jan. 30, 1859, and died at the Bethany Home for the Aged in Irvington, N. J., July 3, 1954. Mrs. Allika was a widow when she came to this country over twenty years ago. She was among the first to unite with the German-speaking Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church. She is survived by two grandsons and a daughter-in-law. The farewell service was conducted with German by her pastor, Rev. John G. Schmid. Another service in English was later conducted by a minister from the Bethany Home, both services being held at the Hellman Funeral Home. Interment was in Hollywood Cemetery at Union. J. G. S.

MacPherson. — Josephine, daughter of the late William and Mary MacPherson, was born near Marlboro, N. J., Nov. 4, 1863, and died at the Allen Nursing Home in Leesburg, N. J., on July 2, 1954. Miss MacPherson has been a member of the Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist Church since early youth, but failing health has prevented an active participation in the work of the church in recent years. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Eta Boos, and several nephews and nieces.

Funeral services were conducted from the Garrison Funeral Home in Bridgeton by her pastor, Rev. Rex Burdick. Burial was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

Whitford. — Miss Fannie Evelyn, daughter of John B. and Mary Whitford, was born at Nile, N. Y., November 21, 1888, and died in Cleveland, Ohio, June 30, 1954. She joined the Nile Seventh Day Baptist Church by baptism and retained her membership there throughout her life. For many years she was the church organist. Equipped with degrees from Alfred and Columbia Universities and foreign travel, she was a successful teacher, having taught English in a Cleveland high school for the past 33 years. She is survived by four brothers, Frank of Stamford, Conn., J. Fred of Milton, Wis., Ferris of Little Genesee, N. Y., and William of Chicago, Ill.

Farewell services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Paul B. Osborn, assisted by Rev. Delmer Van Horn, and burial was in Alfred Rural Cemetery.

Mr. Osborn is president of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, meeting for its One Hundred Forty-second session at Milton, Wis., August 17-22.

The president's address, "Sharing Our Fellowship," based on the theme verse, 1 John 1: 3, will be printed in our next issue.

"That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."