In Pastor Wheeler's absence, William Rymer, of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department (son-in-law of your correspondent), occupied the pulpit, Sabbath, May 21. His sermon, "The Believer's Responsibility," was direct and soul-searching.

Pastor Wheeler returned according to schedule, somewhat tired in body, but much refreshed in spirit. At the Sabbath eve prayer service, May 27, he gave a thrilling account of his visit with some fifty-five families in the course of his two-thousand-mile trip. We were much heartened by the news that regular services are now being held in Oakland. The Rasmussens, of Livermore, are largely responsible for this new venture of faith.

"The Impending Threat of a Calendar Change" held our attention on the final Sabbath of the month. Pastor Wheeler pointed out the serious problems to sincere Christians that such a change would bring. We can thank God for the wise decision of our national leaders for whom in the Word we are admonished to pray. We are also admonished to "awake."

During May we began the study of the Book of Hebrews. Later, studies in the Old Testament will be resumed. These studies are conducted by the pastor on Sabbath eve and are enthusiastically attended. - Mrs. A. O. Ritz, correspondent.

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Obituaries


His wife was Miss Alice I. Toop, who was head of the Music Department of Alfred University for several years before her marriage. She preceded Dr. Prentice in death twenty-five years ago. Surviving is his daughter, Eleanor (Mrs. Charles Anderson), Clark Township, N. J. His son, Donald T. Prentice, died two years ago. He also leaves nieces and nephews. Dr. Prentice was a devoted member, trustee, and deacon of the First Seventh Day Baptist Church of New York City.

Funeral services were held on May 9 at the Pratt Funeral Home, Roselle, N. J., Rev. Harold R. Crandall officiating. Interment was in Kensico Cemetery.

Andreas.—Elder George P., was born Oct. 28, 1899, in Nortonville, Kan., and died April 9, 1953, at Los Angeles, Calif.

His childhood was spent in Nortonville, Kan., and Salem, W. Va., where his father was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Churches. When he became pastor of the Los Angeles Church in 1919, he transferred his membership to that church. His life was spent in helping others. As a teacher of home economics at Belvedere Junior High School, where he taught for 26 years, his particular joy was to work with problem youth. During the years she was one of the leaders in the Los Angeles Church, serving as church clerk for many years.

She leaves her husband, Herbert H., of San Gabriel, Calif.; two daughters: Hilda Gregory, of Arcadia, and Winifred Wheelock, of San Bernardino; her mother, Mrs. George W. Hills, of Los Angeles; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Leon R. Lawton, at the "Little Stone Church" of Turner, Stevens & Alhambra, Calif., on April 13, 1955. Interment was in Forest Lawn Memorial Park.


Her early life was spent in the East. She came to California in 1904 with her parents, one of the early pioneer families in the Monrovia area. Her husband, C. Carol Owen, died in September, 1953. Their home was in South Pasadena.

She is survived by her parents of 815 California St., Monrovia; and two brothers: William L. of Alhambra, and L. Fred, of Oakland, Calif. Funeral services were conducted in Temple Moravian Chapel in Monrovia by Rev. Leon R. Lawton. Burial was in Live Oak Memorial Park.

WANTED — Partner or partners for a corporation to put a radically improved school desk on the market. D. Alva Grandall, Rockville, R. I.

The Bible has become again the source-book of theology, and the question now asked about the latest theological publication is not whether it meets the demands of the modern mind, but whether it does justice to the biblical data. It is the Bible and the whole Bible that matters. The practice of treating the Old and New Testaments as two books of different importance and value is now dropped." — A. M. Chirgwin in "The Bible in World Evangelism."
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**GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Mount Sequoyah

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August 15 - 20, 1955

**WE GO TO ASSOCIATION**

June is a special month not only in Cumberland County, N. J., where the Eastern Association was held, but all over the nation. It is the time of weddings; it is the time of graduations; it is the time of planning for the coming summer; it is the beginning of summer. Thus most of us find that when we are able to drop our work and travel a bit to attend the weekend meetings of association, there is already some sentimental preparation for the rich experiences which these meetings offer us.

Throughout the East, in June, Nature’s brown body is well clothed in her richest green. The faces of our young people seem to bloom with a little more radiance.

The faces of parents, too, draw a little with the stress of life, relax and mellow, and the memories of bygone days crowd the mind when the cares of the world are laid aside to attend, for instance, the Eastern Association of Seventh Day Baptist churches.

Eastern Association is one of the oldest, and happens to have the largest number of churches in its 350-mile coastal territory. This year the meetings were held with the Marlboro Church, one of the two strong churches of South Jersey, from Friday evening, June 10, to Sunday noon, June 12. The gathering drew a larger and more representative attendance than last year—an attendance that taxed the capacity of this rural church throughout the weekend.

It was more than editorial duty which drew the editor to attend this largely Seventh Day Baptist community of Shiloh-Marlboro at the close of a busy day. As one who owns two bicycles. The delay gave opportunity for a little research in connection with the editor’s interest in the Seventh Day Baptist Tract Society. (The promoters were defeated 2-1.)

What caught our attention was the gaudy, blackface heading over a two-column article, “One Apostles’ Creed.” Evidently it was a cheap attempt to attract horse racing with something religious, Christian.

We mention this because the article is lifted from a book by Joe Palmer, ranked by some, at his death in 1952, as America’s best-known racing writer. Perhaps in its book context the article would not appear so blasphemous. (We are not about to buy the book to see.) Reading the article in the paid ad we are at a loss to understand how the title fits the article. Was this an “apostle” of horse racing? Is the so-called “apostle’s creed” that of the stable manager, the jockey, or the author? We cannot be sure.

This seems to be the most pertinent sentiment: “There is no attempt among professional racing people, best expressed perhaps by the riding instructions given to a steepleschase jockey some years ago: ‘Who the devil do you think I am? Don’t be skrieked of dyin’; just let him run.’”

No Christian church, no Christian creed, teaches any such fatalism. To link it with the Apostles’ Creed by association is profanity — perhaps such profanity as may be expected at the race track where the greatest emphasis is on “filthy lucre.”

We don’t use the Apostles’ Creed regularly in our churches but the apostles were holy men, Christlike men. This degradation is revolting. Let us avoid any similar loose use of terms that have long been held sacred.

**JUNE 20, 1955**

The smoothing out of many highway problems enables families to plan trips easily of destinations. Does that also carry over into our religious experience? We have left the people at Eastern Association that everything was not burdened with the problems of present living that they could not easily turn to communion at the large testimonies in the meeting.

The cemetery with its white slabs of marble is just across the drive from the church. It was almost obscured from view by the emergency parking of many cars on two sides of it. Death had recently taken one of the deacons of the Marlboro Church, and others such a composite congregation certainly had similar losses. This year the meetings were held with the Eastern Association of Seventh Day Baptist churches.

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**Apostle’s Creed of Horse Racing**

The Apostles’ Creed, found in almost every horse book, read or reverently recited in the morning worship of thousands upon thousands of Protestant churches of many denominations, is a venerable little document of historic chasm. Though very old, there is no evidence to connect it with the apostles. However, there is no part of it in its original form which was not taken over by the apostles. When Marcellus, Bishop of Ancyra, left Rome in the year 340 he left behind this now well-known statement of his belief. (Bettenson: Documents of the Christian Church, page 34.)

An item closely akin to blasphemy — if not identical with it — appeared in a full page advertisement in the Westerly (R. I.) Sun on June 5. We believe the editor would take as sharp issue with us as we are impelled to do. Our nation-wide magazine cannot devote much space to their local race track issue which was decided by referendum on June 9. The futility of attempts to prevent gambling is already some sentimental preparation for the rich experiences which these meetings offer us.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. Edgar Wheeler, delegate from the recently held Central Association, was not present at the beginning of the meeting, the door was not arrived until the service had closed. He had phoned ahead that he was being delayed by a boy on a bicycle. The delay gave opportunity for more of such spirited congregational singing as seems only to be found in churches like Marlboro. The clear ringing voices surrounded and lifted us.

Those who planned the program would not have considered omitting the sermon and listing only a testimony meeting, but it is our opinion that under the enthusiastic leadership of Brother Carlton Wilson of Philadelphia the congregation felt that they had received a rich blessing even without a sermon. (Mr. Wheeler gave his sermon Sabbath morning in the Shiloh Church to an overflow audience of 68 — service announced 10 a.m., by telephone and the ringing of the bell.)
More Evidence Against Smoking

The American Cancer Society has recently held another annual meeting at Atlantic City. It has added materially to the mounting evidence of the relation between tobacco smoking and lung cancer which was announced a year ago. It may well be expected that this continuing study of 190,000 men, aged 50 to 70, will more strongly confirm the findings which have already extended over a period of 32 months.

In studying the smoking habits of 8,000 men who have died of various causes, the Cancer Society finds that the cancer death rate for men who had quit smoking was only half that of those who continued to smoke.

Of course the chairman of the Tobacco Industry Research Committee is doing his best to discredit these unbiased scientific findings which are so damaging to the industry. We wonder, however, if there will not be a good many older executives in the tobacco industry who will themselves quietly taper off their smoking habits. There is a good deal of bluster and "loud denial" but their actions and their advertising belie their words. For they admit that there is necessity for special rates for lodging have been made available for a limited number of persons. Two large buildings known as the Women's Lodge and the Men's Lodge, each taking care of about 35 persons, will be available on the following basis: adults per night, 75 cents; children under 15 years of age, 50 cents per night. This is being done to make it possible for those who feel that the charges of $1.00 per night is more than they can afford. Under this arrangement it will be necessary to separate the men and boys from the women and girls.

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Secretary's Column

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Finish to Begin

Mrs. Hugh Whitford, North Loup, Neb.

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THE MISSION OF HUMANICS

By Richard Batchelder of Westerly, R. I.

(Talk given on Salem College Day at Salemville, Pa.)

Too often in today's society, the thoughts of men center on the techniques of science with little or no thought given to the human or spiritual aspects of the developments. We are rightly concerned with matters of science, government, or economics, but err when we commit to the background the sphere of human relations.

The American Humanics Foundation was organized in the belief that consecrated, intelligent, and well-trained leadership is a must for our youth if we are to insure the safety of our American way of life. At this particular period in history our attention is focused on the youth of our land. We stand firm on our belief that our young men and women must not only be trained to defend America, but must be trained to understand one another.

We have confidence in our proven youth movements but we know that their success or failure lies in their professional leadership. We hold this leadership to be a sacred trust. The American Humanics Foundation, in training men and women of character into social programs of worth and value, translates its objectives into action.

The importance of such a dedicated program as this to a college like Salem is obvious. For example, in the curriculum alone there are offered to the student such practical courses as Social Psychology, Theory and Techniques of Counseling, Community Organization, Ethics, Man and His Spiritual World, The Field of Social Work, or The Administration and Supervision of Social Agencies, to name but a few.

However, the curriculum is not all. The student of humanics has offered for his training, humanics seminars where he can gain a fund of information and practical knowledge about his chosen career. There are field trips, on which he can become a participating part of social work. There is the faculty, carefully chosen from only the most highly qualified and dedicated teachers, offering the student a close and personalized relationship which greatly enhances the value of the knowledge imparted.

Salem College became a part of the American Humanics Foundation when, in 1955, it closed its contract and set up its Department in Human Relations. It was the second college in the world to do so. Last year saw the work of the Humanics Program in the hands of but five students. This year there are seventeen, comprising one of the finest, most loyal groups of students a college could wish to have. March 14, 1955, was indeed a history-making day, for on that day the campus and community of Salem, W. Va., saw the first annual A. H. F. Convocation.

Probably the feelings of local students and residents can best be summed up in the words of Salem's own "Green and White."" As the paper went to press on that day for a very special edition, the editor wrote: "Today is undoubtedly the biggest day that the campus has ever seen. It is the beginning of the American Humanics Foundation."

Almost four hundred visiting dignitaries from all walks of professional life arrived at Salem, coming from all sections of the United States, to meet the students and faculty, view the town and campus of Salem, and find out more about Salem's unique program.

There are almost unlimited opportunities in the vast and important field of youth leadership. The demand for trained personnel on the part of all of our great youth movements has always far exceeded the available number of people capable of fulfilling responsibilities. Those who complete the humanics course and receive their degree in Human Relations will be ready to take their place as qualified, professional workers in the agencies of their choice. Those who become a part of the Humanics Program, become a part of an organization whose goals and whose work stem from its belief that:

"What we have done for ourselves alone, dies with us; 

What we have done for others and the world remains, and is immortal."

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Dr. Luther A. Weigle

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

Who Will Go For Us?

We believe our whole missionary enterprise, whether at home or abroad, rests on the foundation of a divine revelation. Jesus Christ, the greatest missionary of all, saved his Father the world, even so send I you.” This is the basis and foundation upon which we rest all our soul-winning efforts. We have received a divine revelation. We are called and commissioned by the Lord to be “fishers of men.”

The great commission to “Go into all the world and preach the gospel” was not just good advice nor a pious suggestion. It was a ringing, ageless command. Let every sincere follower of Christ make his peace with it. There is an old salting saying in New England, “Either fish or cut bait.”

Do you know what this means? I think you do. How shall we apply it to this matter of being fishers of men?

The Missionary Board voted at the last meeting as follows: “That again we go on record as favoring the sending of a full-time mission worker, preferably a married couple, to the British Guiana Mission field as soon as financial support is assured and the workers can be found, referring this to the Budget Committee of the board to determine the amount necessary for salary, rental allowance, and travel expense to and on the field.” Have you made your peace with this matter of fishers of men? You should do that. It is a matter that is going to be very important in the next generation, it will be for the next generation to fish.

Personal Glimpses from Nyasaland

Excerpts from letters from Joan and Beth received by friends on the West Coast.

The following quotes are from letters from Joan during the period June 16, 1954, through April 6, 1955.

- "Today we had a bit of trouble. The Pearson’s furniture, 24 bags of cement, and a drum of paraffin (probably kerosene oil) were to be sent here to the mission from Blantyre by lorry (truck) and it could have been a quarter of a mile of the mission. Our furniture came that way. The lorry company said they would send the same driver because he knew the way, since it is quite hard to find. Well, they sent someone else and everything was taken to Sandama. The reason we got a truck instead of shipping on the train is this: A new and rigid law went into effect regarding walking on the railway line. They are soon installing fast new coaches on the line and since there are some long bridges which must be crossed by walking on the ties, they have now forbidden any walking on the line, under penalty of heavy fine, jail, or both. Since the rains have been so heavy this side of the river with loads and so cannot use the path on the other side. What to do? We didn’t want to send the lorry back. (We since found out that the lorry broke down on the way.) They left Blantyre last Friday and today is Tuesday - 45 miles. We let Standards V and VI out so that they and the other boarding students could go to see if they would be able to carry the things up on the line. It was quite a predicament. But everything arrived all right.

- "Tonight we are sitting here writing letters and the flying ants are giving us quite a time. They came up early in the rainy season, all sizes of them. Tonight we have the big ones. They have bodies about one inch long, are very fat, and have four huge wings, and they are just everywhere. We keep brushing them off the table and feeding them to our cats and the dog. The Africans fry them in fat and eat them. Sounds lovely, doesn’t it?"

- "Last evening about five-thirty when Beth and I were coming up from the play-ground after the boys’ games, we found a great crowd of people at the dispensary. They had brought a man who was stripping the bark of a tree to make string and his knife slipped and went into his thigh. It happened at noon and they had carried him ten miles. We sewed him up and kept him here all day. We haven’t seen him yet but we trust that he is all right this morning. It was not a long cut but the Africans say it is always three times as deep. We were unable to tell for there was a very large clot of blood that had filled the hole. We just pray he didn’t hit a large blood vessel.”

- "We are certainly having blessings this week. There is a man (an Australian) who is chief engineer at the tile factory in Portuguese East Africa, just four miles from here, and we asked if he could come help us install the electric wires in the school so the students would be able to study. He came Sunday night bringing two helpers, and what a job he’s doing. The classrooms and church are done, the Pearson’s house, our house — he’s set up electric lights. He has been very good to us in allowing us to send a boy three days a week in order to post our letters and bring us what we need. They have also been kind enough to bring some things up the line for us. Yesterday they stopped a whole train just to let off a box of groceries. Once a month the pay train comes down from Blantyre and we have consigned. The other day we got a ton of cement and three 40-gallon drums of oil.”

A Letter from Beth

Under date of May 11, 1955, Beth wrote:

- "Our weather is getting cooler now. We usually have a fire in the fireplace in the evening and we enjoy it very much. In a house now, and with a fireplace, I don’t think it will be as bad last year, for the house stays much warmer."

- "Only two more weeks of school and the year will be finished. We are very anxious to see what the Standard VI students will do on the government exam — to us it has really worked hard in teaching them."

- "We dug our first sweet potatoes the other day. They aren’t too large yet, but we enjoyed them. They are really like our yams back home, though not as sweet. Yesterday one of the schoolboys brought oranges to sell — four large ones for five or six cents. We bought them, of course, for they are the sweetest ones we have ever had in this country. You appreciate things more when you don’t have them so often."

- "Last Thursday we were called to Sandama to see an old Indian man who was sick. He had a temperature of 104.2. We gave him an Atabrine injection and by the next day he was feeling a lot better."

- "The District Commissioner payed us a visit a few days back. He is a new one and seems to be very nice. He seemed happy with what he saw, and was pleased about our starting a maternity work.”

Nothing can be great which is not right. — Samuel Johnson.
No organization, on this continent or elsewhere in the world, owes a greater debt to John R. Mott than does our Division of Foreign Missions. Yet several other ecumenical bodies could truthfully make the same statement. To the YMCA, to the World Student Christian Federation, to the International Missionary Council, and to the World Council of Churches he contributed such Christian statesmanship, such a persuasive call to evangelism and world vision as to lay them under similar obligation. They and many National Councils of Churches, his own Methodist Church and its Board of Missions and Councils of Church, his own Methodist movement as to lay them under similar obligation. They and many National Councils of Churches, his own Methodist Church and its Board of Missions and Councils of Church, his own Methodist

The Power of God
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What Does the Church Offer?
What does the church offer the adolescent today? Great strides are made by many churches in recognizing him as an individual. In these, the high school young person is provided for in the equipment and teaching materials. He has organizations purely of his own age group, youth choirs, recreation programs, etc. His leaders and teachers are devoted Christians but are also trained in the tasks they perform, and interested through sympathetic love in guiding him into the development of Christian personality and in making a Christian adjustment to life.

The small church which cannot finance expensive buildings and equipment in many cases has done a valu- able well-being of the adolescent when the adults recognize his individuality. Buildings and equipment are only tools for the work of the church. Simple programs, when thoughtfully planned, and buildings that are neat and clean are useful in the training program. The personality, experience, and training of leaders have a more important influence.

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Don't Treat Him as a Child
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**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

**July 2, 1955**
**The Prophet of Judah's Decline**

Lesson Scripture: Jeremiah 22: 1-9, 24-25.

Money! There is plenty of it in this world and none needed in the next." — A Friend of Missions.

**JUNE 20, 1955**
**The Adolescent and His Church**

Rev. Trevah R. Sutton

Much thought is given today to the well-being of the adolescent. Often in the past he was a forgotten person. At the age of twelve or thirteen he suddenly passed from childhood to adulthood with full adult responsibilities and was expected to meet adult standards. With present trends he is considered an individual with his own rights. His physical, mental, and social development becomes the emphasis in educational and youth organiza- tions. Knowledge and personality de- velopment aim at producing an adjusted adulthood. Although falling short of the ideal there, nevertheless, has been real progress made in recognizing the adolescent's needs in its needs.

In the development of the personality of an individual adolescent his spiritual well-being is also essential. Authorities on adolescent psychology stress this point. The public school can deal with the moral development and in a limited way can stress the value of religion. Under the principle of separation of church and state, denominational schools and the religious practice, the public school cannot stress, and rightly so. This is the task of the church and the home. Do these institutions recognize the adolescent as a person with his own rights?

It has been pointed out that there is a decline in church attendance and interest among this age group. Some of this may be due to the fact that they have, as they need to have, an increasing freedom to choose as they grow older. However, the church and its leaders and the home must take the lead in the development of this decline. The adolescent, in general, is interested in religion even though some of the doctrines may not be understood or the outward forms appreciated. His disinterest may reflect adult lack of interest in him.

What Does the Church Offer?
What does the church offer the adolescent today? Great strides are made by many churches in recognizing him as an individual. In these, the high school young person is provided for in the equipment and teaching materials. He has organizations purely of his own age group, youth choirs, recreation programs, etc. His leaders and teachers are devoted Christians but are also trained in the tasks they perform, and interested through sympathetic love in guiding him into the development of Christian personality and in making a Christian adjustment to life.

The small church which cannot finance expensive buildings and equipment in many cases has done a valu- able well-being of the adolescent when the adults recognize his individuality. Buildings and equipment are only tools for the work of the church. Simple programs, when thoughtfully planned, and buildings that are neat and clean are useful in the training program. The personality, experience, and training of leaders have a more important influence. The same uncritical, sympathetic love is the keynote of successfully leading adoles- cents in the small church as it is in the larger one.

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sideration for the adolescent. His own group worship experience often may be an adult hand-down. Although in nature and leadership. The common worship of the church naturally must be acceptable to the adult worshiper. The adolescent can be trained in worship, the leaders mindful of him, and giving him opportunity to participate. Too often the purpose of the worship service and that of the evangelistic meeting become so confused that the free evangelistic methods are reproduced for morning worship or the evangelistic meeting may stress the more rigid worship forms — either service losing much of its value and influence, and the young may be confused and find neither worship nor evangelistic experiences.

The adolescent needs clear-cut experiences in both the worship and evangelistic emphasis of the church. Evangelism in teaching and preaching needs to lead him into the realization of his need for God through Christ. If he hasn’t been led to a decision to accept Christ in childhood by all means he should find such an experience at this age. The church fails here if it makes the impression that “to be saved” ends in the decision experience. Fortunate is the adolescent who has been given such experiences in place of “indoctrinating” them in our limited interpretations, unchristian prejudices, and poor example we can capture their interest and hold more of them to the church. Teach them the love of God, His justice, and His power as the way of life and to hold the adolescent. He is at the age when he most needs the church and its influence in his life. He needs to experience the presence of God, the salvation in Christ, and the sustaining, growing power of the Spirit. If we adults can give adolescents such experiences in the limited interpretations, unchristian prejudices, and poor example we can capture their interest and hold more of them to the church. Teach them the love of God, His justice, and His power as the way of life so they may find it to be so. Then our interpretations will become steppingstones to greater truth and experience.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

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YOUTH NEWS

Miss Dortha Bond and Miss Marie Bee have volunteered to give six weeks of their summer to serve the Southeastern Association churches. The first two weeks of June they spent directing and teaching in the Bible School of the Salem churches. Another week will be spent in Bible School at Middle Island. The first week of July, both will be counselors at the Southeastern Association Camp.

The opportunity to practice brotherhood presents itself every time you meet a human being. — Jane Wyman.

OUR CHILDREN'S LETTER EXCHANGE

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

Dear Robert:

I'm sorry to be so late in answering your letter, but as you see I had to wait until it was printed as I had already sent it to the Recorder.

My granddaughter, Gretchen, has a mother cat with five baby kittens. I think she is planning to give all but one away when they are old enough to leave their mother.

My granddaughter, Kathy, came with her mother and father to visit me on Mother's Day. She and her brother and sister have, as you know, just a dog named Kelly, but no kitty.

Please write often.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Annita:

I don't find it hard to sit still when the preacher has the sermon, but when my seat is hard because it has no cushion, that's when I find it hard to sit still. We have no large cushions on our seats in the Independence Church.

Your cat must be white since you have a dog. A black cat comes to sit on my front porch almost every day. I don't know his name so I don't know to whom he belongs but he is very friendly. I don't know his name so I call him Blackie.

You surely have a nice large family. When I was your age I thought I wanted ten children; but my three surely kept me busy.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Judy:

When I was your age I thought it was fun to go fishing at Geneva Lake, Wisconsin. I'm afraid the fish I caught were too small to bite more than one hook. In fact I caught so many fish I wonder why. Perhaps you can guess. Anyway I agree with you that it was fun to fish.

The Girl Scouts in Andover meet in the Andover Episcopal Church which used to be our Seventh Day Baptist Church. They seem to be a very nice group of girls.

It was good to receive your letter and I hope to hear from you often.

Yours in Christian love,

Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear David:

I never had a turtle but my brother had one when he was eight or nine years old. We never knew where it came from and at the end of a few months it disappeared, to my brother's regret. We never knew what became of it but thought perhaps it had gone again to choose a new home. Or do you suppose some cat or other animal caught it? We hope your cats did not catch either turtle.

I went to a church supper last night. Each of four long tables was decorated with a beautiful bouquet of all kinds of flowers but there were no daffodils or azaleas, I am sorry to say.

I hope you will write to me again soon and tell if your turtles escaped their cat trouble.

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OUT OF THE NIGHT

By Arlie Davis, Phoenix, Ariz.

Chapter III

Much preparation had been made for the arrival of the new director, Mr. Price, and his wife. Flowers and ferns were placed in every available corner of the wards, the dispensary, and even the kitchen and laundry had taken on a new look and fresh. Each child and adult had also planned some gift for the Prices when they should arrive.

But there was one dark cloud which hung over the mission. That cloud was Lilie. Not one lost thing had been found. Lilie had not once been seen taking things, and she insisted that she knew nothing of the lost articles. But everyone was sure that she was the guilty one.

The great day dawned bright and beautiful. Director Price and his wife would arrive at about three in the afternoon, and...
a sunset service had been planned with special invitations being sent to all the neighboring pastors. It was to be a very wonderful meeting.

The sun was not yet at noon when the poultry boy came running into the dispensary. He was furious.

"One of my spare chicken coops is gone, he shouted. "I haven't used it for a week, but I need it now, and I don't have it. That, that little Lilie has taken it."

"I'm just sure that she has."

"Oh, no," replied Nurse Ellen. But she did not get time to investigate just then.

Before 3 o'clock - then came Director Price and his lovely wife.

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Director Price went on: "The Devil tempts us to do evil things. Sometimes these things seem to be all right; sometimes they are very attractive; sometimes they appear very desirable. But in every case, these things are contrary to the Word of God.

"We are sending new people to the Home. A community Vacation Bible School began June 6 in the Koonz Church of the Brethren in north PlaInfield. The new people will receive a Bible and each of them will be shown the beauty of God.

"I'm looking around."

"Lilie, are these for us?" asked Mr. Price.

"Yes, they are," answered Lilie without looking around.

"Tell me how you got the monkey," said Mr. Price as he took Lilie by the hand, going into the dispensary to be alone with her.

"Oh, it was easy," boasted Lilie. "I made a hole in a gourd, tied it to a tree, and put a peanut inside the gourd. The monkey put his hand into the gourd, took the peanut, but then couldn't get his hand out. He wouldn't let go of the peanut, so he was caught."

"Did the peanut belong to the monkey?" asked Director Price.

"No, it was mine, but when he took it, he got caught," answered Lilie.

"That was a very clever trap," said Director Price. "But have you heard of the Devil and his traps?"

Lilie was a very clever girl. Sometimes she confided to her nurse, Nurse Ellen. But other times she wouldn't talk to anyone.

"Has anyone brought his present?" finally asked Dr. Luke.

There was a muffled chattering, and a stir at the edge of the group. A path was made, and Lilie stood before Director and Mrs. Price. In her arms Lilie held a large pan half full of the things which had disappeared the previous weeks, and strapped to her back was a chicken coop. In it was a very unhappy, chattering monkey.

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"The things you gave to us tonight were not yours to give. But you can give something more precious than all the gifts in the world. Give your heart to the Lord Jesus. He wants you, too. He wants you to be born into His family. Then you will become a new creature in Christ.

"And that is just what Lilie did. Have you?

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12). Are you in Jesus' family?

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

SALEMVILLE, PA. — Sabbath afternoon, April 23, there was a baptismal service when Pastor Paul S. Burdick baptized Ruthanna and Dwight Kagarise, children of Mr. and Mrs. John Kagarise. The children with smiles on their faces were beautiful as they confessed Jesus as their Saviour.

So that it would have a new look the floor of the church was painted before the Ministers Conference, May 9-12. Entertaining this group was a happy experience for us and gave us an opportunity to meet the ministers we had not met before. One minister made a statement that while it was a home coming to those who have been here before, it was a new experience for the others to view our beautiful hillsides and mountains when the leaves were showing their beauty - the works of God.

The ladies of the church served the meals, lunch and supper, in the parsonage. One day we served thirty-eight dinners.

"I have had a long day only - other duties keeping them at their work. The evening meetings were open to the public and the high light of these meetings was the men's chorus made up of the Ira Johnson quartet directed by Mr. Burdick and his home goods goods had gone six weeks earlier. On Sabbath, April 30, we had presented Pastor and Mrs. Burdick an electric grill and waffle iron as a going-away gift. We wish them Godspeed in their new field of labor.

The Pulpit Committee has planned the worship services, and some layman or class has charge of the services each week.

A community Vacation Bible School began June 6 in the Koonz Church of the Brethren in north PlaInfield with some of our members as workers — Church Correspondent.

MILTON, WIS. — The Women's Benevolent Society has awarded its annual Milton College scholarship to Miss Anne Randolph who is being graduated from Milton Union High School this spring. Anne, daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Randolph, is a member of the National Honor Society and has been active in school and church work.

IRVINGTON, N. J. — Rev. John Schmid, pastor of the German Seventh Day Baptist Church of Irvington, N. J., conducted a baptismal service in the baptismal of the PlaInfield Church on Sabbath, after noon, June 5, 1955. Those baptized were Mrs. Margaret Wichert and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Fassbender who are related to the late Rev. Frederick F. Stoll, former pastor of the church. Mr. Fassbender records on tapes each service conducted in the Irvington Church for the benefit of absent members.

After each new member was given a Bible by Pastor Schmid during part of the service Gerhard Unland, son-in-law of Pastor Schmid, presented Pastor and Mrs. Schmid with a Bible to start their library.

The first meeting and practice of the community chorus for North Loup's traditional Pop Corn Days was held at the schoolhouse May 24. A number from our church enjoy singing in this chorus. — Church Correspondent.

OUR SERVICEMEN

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**Obituaries**

**Turner.—W. Vernon, was born Feb. 19, 1866, at Pittsfield, Me., and died in the Western, R. I., hospital, on June 4, 1955, after a short illness.**

Mr. Turner was a weaver by trade, in the employ of the Swift River Mill. He was a member of the First Seventh-day Baptist Church of Hopkinton, at Ashaway, R. I. He is survived by his wife, Frances; three daughters: Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Louise, and Veronica, all of Ashaway; two sons: Franklin, of Ashaway, and William N., of California; a brother, Harvey, of Hope Valley, and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted on June 6 by his pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, assisted by Rev. Joseph N. Peacock of the Potter Hill Chapel, where Mr. Turner was choir director. Interment was in the First Hopkinton Cemetery.

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**A Girl and Her Bible**

Bible camps satisfy the soul of youth where other camps fall short of that goal. The girl pictured above at her favorite trysting place is not merely reading a suggested chapter; she is coming face to face with Christ. Such experiences are open to our youth in camps which provide an atmosphere and a stimulus for dedication.