Association at Fouke, Ark.
The Southwestern Association will con­
vene at Fouke, Ark., August 12-14. In
order that those planning for meals and
entertainment may be fully prepared it
is requested that all persons planning to
attend send their names to Mrs. Emerald
Mae Monroe before August 7, 1955 (R.D. 2,
Box 16, Fouke).

[Some of those traveling to Conference
might well consider spending the weekend
at this association and then driving north
to Conference at Fayetteville, Ark.]

Marriages

Stephan-Coder. — William J. Stephan, son of
Mr. and Mrs. W. Hatfield Stephan of
Nortonville, Kan., and Catherine Marie
Coder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray M.
Coder, of Independence, Kan., were united
in marriage at Glenwood City, Mo., on May
26, 1955. The new home will be in
Nortonville.

Appel. — A son, Robert Frederic, was born
May 3, 1955, to Rev. and Mrs. Addison
Appel, Farina, Ill.

Warner. — A son, Wayne Stanley, to Maurice
and Dorothy Warner, Higginsville, N. Y.,
was born on May 21, 1955.

Births

Clarke. — Corry Parke, died unexpectedly at
her home in Independence, N. Y., on
July 4, 1955, at the age of 73.

At the age of nine she was baptized and
joined the First Baptist Church of Union City,
Pa. On Feb. 26, 1904, she was united in
marriage to Robert Clarke of Independence.
She moved her membership to the Independence
Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1914 and has
always been active in the church, Ladies' Aid,
and Missionary Circle.

She is survived by her husband; a son, Cleon;
three daughters: Mrs. Zenita Mattison, Mrs.
Miletta Coats, and Mrs. Viola Waters; eleven
grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Potter. — William J., was born in Independence,
N. Y., on March 8, 1866, and died at
Helmuth, N. Y., on June 19, 1955, follow­
ing a long illness.

He was a member of the Seventh Day Baptist
Church for 75 years, though illness prevented
his active participation for many years. He is
survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ola Pease, of
Andover, N. Y.; a sister, Mrs. Sarah Barney,
of Mt. Ranier, Md.; one grandson and three
great-grandchildren. Services were held at the
Mulholland Funeral Home in Andover, June 22,
with Rev. Don A. Sanford, officiating. D. A. S.

OBITUARIES

Babcock. — Leonidas Emile, son of Adolphus
and Iadore Babcock, was born in Jackson
Center, Ohio, Aug. 17, 1876, and died in
Daytona Beach, Fla., July 12, 1955. (More
extended obituary elsewhere.)

She was a member of the Farina
Church until confined to her home seven years
ago.

Surviving are: his wife; four children: Robert
Lippincott, assisted by Rev. Dwight Faust.
Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery.

Persels. — Lura, daughter of Silas F. and
Emily Luik Randolph, was born Oct. 30,
1868, in Farina, Ill., and died at the Smith
Rest Home at Mulberry Grove, Ill., July
16, 1955.

She was married July 26, 1893, to Charles
Persels, who died in 1947. To this union
were born three children: a son, Fay, who died in
infancy, and two daughters, Arlouise (Mrs.
Bernard Seager) of Farina, Ill., and Kathyrne
(Mrs. William Hunt) of Sierra Madre, Calif.
She was an active member of the Farina Sev­
enth Day Baptist Church.

Besides her two daughters, she is survived by
three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren,
and one sister, Mrs. Mabel Allen of Farina.

Farewell services were held at the Farina
Church with Pastor Addison Appel officiating.
Interment was in the Farina Cemetery. A. A. A.

The Sabbath Recorder

CLARENCE M. ROGERS, PRESIDENT

Attention throughout the denomination is focused
this week on this annual Conference and
its challenging theme,"To Serve Him."
DAYS OF DECISION

This issue of the Sabbath Recorder bears the date of the beginning of the annual General Conference of Seventh Day Baptists held in 1955. Through the years, those who are able to attend, these are indeed great days of decision. Delegates duly chosen by their home churches are on this day beginning to enter into the discussions, workshops, and committee meetings that will influence in large measure the actions of the General Conference later in the week. Few delegates come with instructions from their home churches on how to vote in matters of policy or finance. For that very reason a greater responsibility rests on those who attend - the responsibility of making personal decisions and of voting in behalf of the whole church.

Most of our readers are not among the number of those assembled at the Conference grounds. They are remaining at home caring for the affairs of the local churches, attending to the tasks of everyday life, and, far from the importance, upholding the hands of the leaders at Fayetteville. Furthermore, they are waiting with keen interest for the latest word about our denominational history. The Sabbath Recorder is climated at this annual gathering. The Sabbath Recorder will report the decisions of the Conference as soon and as fully as possible.

Printed reports have their limitations. These pages cannot adequately depict the spirit, the tone, and the inspiration of our nation-wide, worldwide work. Only the people who attend can give such a three-dimensional picture of what they received. Delegates given with earnestness of voice and with lighted countenance are the best means of passing on the blessings experienced.

Editorially, we would appeal to all Conference delegates to take notes, to record impressions as they come, so that when they return home they will not report with meaningless generalities but from the notes that remind them of what took place. We realize that most laymen feel the sacredness of the local church, attending to the tasks of everyday life, and, far from the importance, upholding the hands of the leaders at Fayetteville. Furthermore, they are waiting with keen interest for the latest word about our denominational history. The Sabbath Recorder is climated at this annual gathering. The Sabbath Recorder will report the decisions of the Conference as soon and as fully as possible.

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On the other hand, there are some, perhaps, in our ranks who are so inclusive and ecumenical that they lose much of the distinctiveness of our particular witness before the world. To steer the proper course between these extremes is often difficult.

Your editor feels that his annual elbow-wrapping with chaplains of the three major faiths and with officers and men of many denominations (or of none) is a contact that ought to help him to be moderate in his writing. We must avoid being moderate in our attitude toward sin, which is a common pitfall. But, on the other hand, we must also strive toward those who disagree with us or unjustly criticize us. The apostles, long before their deeper experiences of Calvary, resurrection morn, and Pentecost, were sent out to tell what they had seen and heard. We, with our rich backlog of a completed redemption, fulfilled prophetic techniques of church history, should be not only willing but anxious to encourage other members of our churches through the experiences of Stimulating Conferences. It is our conviction that delegates upon their return ought to call in their friends and neighbors, not to burden them with travel stories but to discuss with them the solidarity of our denominational work in all its branches.

Unity Amid Diversity

The two weeks of active duty training required of chaplains in the U. S. Army Reserve each summer serve to remind your editor once again that there can be a great deal of unity amid a rather wide diversity. We believe that most of our readers have had enough co-operative community experiences to convince them of the truth of this statement. However, there are some among us who have not traveled or have not lived in situations where part of their hunger for Christian fellowship and spiritual growth was satisfied by attending churches of another faith.

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Outlines of the Conference Program

Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.
Monday to Sabbath, August 15-20

In previous issues a little inkling of the program of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference program has been given. Readers have learned something about the 2-hour daily workshops which begin Tuesday morning. Interesting mention has been made in the President's Column of the Junior Conference which will benefit all children, Faye Heville, president, and young people's meetings beginning on Sunday and carrying through the week. The question arises as to what the adults are doing aside from attending the six workshops.

The familiar pattern of board presentations and inspirational addresses, although modified, is not absent in the program prepared by President Rogers. The emphasis is on practical discussions of church problems, but those who have come to love the worship services and the evening sermons will not go away disappointed.

Each evening the young people under the unique and inspiring direction of Miss Lois Wells conduct a 45-minute evening vespers. This is followed by the regular evening service. The mayor of Fayetteville welcomes the conference Monday evening and Rev. David S. Clarke brings the message. The next night, Rev. Don Sanford speaks on "Purify Your Hearts." The speaker for Wednesday is O. Glenn Kendziora, vice president of the Lohn and Fink Products Co., New York. His subject is "Doer of the Work." Another layman, Albyn Mackintosh, brings a message Thursday evening entitled "A Pure and Holy Ministry." On Sabbath eve, Rev. Paul Maxson preaches on "Fulfill the Law." This service ends as usual with a service expressing our individual faith and conviction led by Rev. Francis Saunders. Conference closes with a message, "Accentuate the Positive," by Rev. Charles H. Boden.

Prayer services are scheduled following each evening service. On each weekday morning there will be a nature walk before breakfast for those who desire it. The afternoon program dismisses at an early hour to allow for recreation on the Conference grounds for those so inclined. Since there are not the usual family and host connections to draw people away from between the sessions, it is expected that delegates will feel more unity in the daily experience.

It is to be remembered that Conference gets under way a day earlier than usual this year with important committee meetings, business, and the president's message and annual address. The theme, "To Serve Him," is carried consistently through the daytime programs as, for instance, "To Serve Him Through Education," and "To Serve Through Missions." These are subdivided to bring out the Tract Society work, ministerial education, and the various aspects of our mission work. Special messages are scheduled on Jamaica, Nyasaland, British Guiana, and Nigeria. Women's work, Sabbath school and young people's work also have a place in the program.

Around this framework and the reports of committees, workshops, and the Conference the business and inspiration of God's people is shared in the stories to be told in the next few issues of the Recorder.

A Reader Speaks Her Mind

Dear Editor:

Since I, for one Seventh Day Baptist, have wished to express myself in reply to many articles published in the Sabbath Recorder, surely I ought not fail to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the editor's "Denominational Democracy" in the July 18 issue. This is a fair invitation on your part; still it seems rather restricted by the thought conveyed, that publication of pro-and-con views on all issues preceding General Conference, rather than at any time during the year, thus giving readers a greater opportunity to consider these questions and come to decisions before time for delegates to be chosen, and sent to that meeting.

At the time Conference voted that our denomination become an active member of the World Council of Churches, you might even have voted the same, had I been there, not having given the matter much study or consideration, up to that time. I'm sure many people from various denominations feel differently concerning this issue than they did a few years ago and feel much more strongly than then. It has been said, "Only a fool never changes his mind." Yet, from my viewpoint the Conference were to vote in favor of this question, as before, and even if we could be certain that a majority of our churches and individual membership in this body, still I'm sure it is contrary to Seventh Day Baptist principles and polity to arbitrarily force any member's convictions. Surely the great, democratic policy of our denomination is complete freedom of conscience. I do not recall a single instance in which the chosen people achieved victory because they were greater in number. But rather, always, they overcame because, though they were few, the Lord fought for them. Often, times the minority is right. I think the Scriptures make it clear that those who "keep his commandments and do those things which are pleasing in his sight" are selected. The majority of Seventh Day Baptists are a minority group among church denominations.

Now that time has given us opportunity to study and observe the World Council organization and the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, some of us want nothing to do with either. You are quick to retort "modernists," and to make both terms seem to denote things equally loathsome. Such childish bickerings only denote the weakness of those who have "become childlike." They present no honest grounds for either view, and permit no frank, clear, emotional, democratic discussion of the question. At another time, lest this letter require too much space, we should be most happy to state our reasons for the above decision. (These are the days spoken of by the prophets of old when multitudes are in the valley of decision (Joel 3:14). . . .)

I read this all-important word "decision" many times in the July 18 Recorder. But since maybe even a few Seventh Day Baptists, not of the World Council or the Revised Standard Version, is it democratic or Christlike to coerce any?
THE SABBATH RECORDER

MEMORY TEXT

Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in your absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. Philippians 2: 12-13.

EVANGELISTIC WORK AT DENVER
Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson

We were blessed by participating in a special series of evangelistic meetings beginning June 24 and closing July 3, with services on the three nights of two weekends and Wednesday night, also. The first night was in conjunction with the Bible School demonstration with Rev. Loyal Hurley speaking and the quartet singing. The attendance at the evening meetings averaged 45. We appreciate the challenging Gospel messages that Evangelist Hurley preached. He was accompanied to Denver by Mrs. Hurley and the quartet consisting of Doyle Zwiebel, Justin Camenga, Edwin Green, and Paul Green, who brought his bride of only two weeks.

On the closing Sabbath a baptismal service was held when four were baptized as a testimony of their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. Two of these persons only recently accepted the Sabbath. Let this be an encouragement as we continue to be evangelistic for Christ and the Sabbath.

The loyalty of the members in attending these meetings and providing for the team is much appreciated.

Many have expressed appreciation of these meetings and have mentioned the challenge they received. The pastor feels that such evangelistic meetings are necessary from time to time to help revive the church members to a greater awareness of their responsibility to dedicate their lives to Christ and bring others to Him. May we continue to serve our Lord as good stewards of the Master.

Presented as part of the pastor's report at a recent business meeting of the Denver, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church.

AUGUST 15, 1955

Impressions of Jubilee Congress of the World Baptist Alliance
Dr. Wayne R. Rood

For everyone who attended the Jubilee Congress of the World Baptist Alliance in London, there were significant moments of inspiration and insight during its seven full days, July 16 to 22.

From the first glimpse of the interior of the authentically Victorian Royal Albert Hall, draped with the flags of 44 represented nations, and dominated by the huge blue dome, the emblem of the Alliance flanked with the theme words, "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever," to the closing rally at Arsenal Stadium, the Congress was a succession of stirring moments.

For some, the outstanding was Billy Graham's affirmation of the "tide of revival" that is moving in the world today. For many, it was the three-hour historical pageant, sweeping majestically from Zwingli, through Bunyan and Williams and Carey to the world-wide work of Baptist belief in the last decade.

The day devoted to the world mission enterprise of Baptists brought challenging statements from the men and women of the younger churches of their struggle against the difficulties besetting them and the call to evangelize the darker corners of the world, and the call to every man to become a missionary, wherever he lives. The sermon brought from behind the Iron Curtain by the chief Russian delegate fearlessly declared Christ to be the Life, the Creator, and the Head of the Church, under whatever conditions it may be.

At the Ministers' Conference the principle of the priesthood of all believers was explored with emphasis on the need to come to a real understanding of a free-church doctrine of the ministry. At the Conference of Seminary Teachers a plea was made for competent scholarship in the service of the theology of freedom.

The Congress sermon, coming from South America, urged the sort of experience and commitment that demands believer's baptism by immersion as the only symbol adequate to express the totality of rebirth. The discussion at the Conference of Baptist Historians recalled the distinctive insistence of the 16th-century Anabaptists that the Church exists in any age, not for reform of that which had erred, but for restitution of that which had lapsed.

A message to the Four Power Conference meeting simultaneously in Geneva indicated the concern of Baptist people for political peace and religious freedom, and an exchange of greetings with other world-wide denominational bodies their genuine interest in religious brotherhood.

Throughout the Congress, fellowship and hope were dominating motifs, the former expressed in the frequent singing of chantel, the latter in the often recalled words of William Carey, "Expect great things of God."

"Twenty-two million Baptists have a great part to play in setting the world on the path to redemption that leads away from failure and catastrophe. The world at large, and the emerging ecumenical movement in particular, need a contemporary affirmation of the Baptist principles for which in other times, men have witnessed bravely and sometimes died heroically. For many of us, the Jubilee Congress helped to reaffirm and frequently to clarify both the principles and their present significance./

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for August 27, 1955
Deliverance and Return

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for September 3, 1955
Worship in a Nation's Life
The Bible is the rock on which our Republic rests. —Andrew Jackson.
Sabbath, the 18th. The morning worship was in charge of Deacon Kendal Nagazi in the absence of others. He spoke, exhorting us to humble ourselves as children.

In the evening, the pastors returned from the “safari.” The return was one day earlier than they planned because car trouble developed. (A shock absorber fell off.) On Friday they had done some business but found that there was more red tape than could be taken care of at that time, with getting the boxes of clothes cleared. They visited Manolo Church, and arrived in the area of Number Church that evening, where there was a mass meeting of several churches. They stayed overnight in temporary huts made of grass for these services. On Sabbath day various ministers, who were present brought messages, and took part in other ways. In the afternoon there was a baptismal service, at which time David baptized thirteen new Christians. These meetings were closed Sabbath afternoon.

Friday, the 24th. The Pearsons bought a pet babbou, two months’ old. This provides a little zoo for all the school children.

Sabbath, the 25th. The morning service was directed by Pastor Leman. He spoke on the theme of “Salvation,” emphasizing that all who believe in Christ as Saviour will have everlasting life.

Afternoon evangelism was at a railway camp about a mile north of the mission. Singing, testimonies, a short message, and words explaining the way of salvation were given. There were about 15 Africans present.

Sunday, the 26th. Traveling along the road toward Cholo, an accident was discovered. A man on a motorcycle had fallen head first on the stones in the road. His forehead was badly lacerated and also quite a deep cut along one side of his nose down to the mouth. Africans who were standing by watching him, loaded him into our car and he was taken to a local hospital where he was taken care of. Later he was taken by ambulance to Zomba, Nyasaland’s capital, about 60 miles away, to receive the treatment of a specialist.

Thursday, the 30th. A visitor to the mission came to see why he was not allowed to be pastor of a certain church. He was a deacon and perhaps a licentiate of this church in 1953, was taken sick, and went to a hospital. On his return he was quite disturbed to find a new pastor at the church.

An Appreciation of Services of Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond

In behalf of the Missionary Society and at the time of the Managers meeting on July 24, 1955, I wish to express our deep appreciation to Dr. and Mrs. O. B. Bond for their consecrated services as principal and teacher, respectively, at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, during the past two years.

It was with much regret that we sought out and called your successors to this field when it became certain that you must terminate your services earlier than anticipated because of health. However, we have noted that you have used every effort to assist Mr. and Mrs. Grover Brissey in filling these positions efficiently and we are grateful both for the practical assistance given and the cooperative spirit which prompted the efforts.

Because you have given of your very life and strength so freely to the Jamaican brethren during these years of service, and because you have left a bit of yourselves behind as you came away, you must sympathize more keenly with Dr. David Livingstone who allowed the Africans to bury his heart in Africa.

Your teaching in school and out of school, the example of the Christian home which you presented by keeping “open house” for two years, and, most of all, the kindly Christian spirit with which you have met all obstacles, surely these have endeared you to the students, faculty, and fellow Christians in Jamaica, and surely they will kindle the heart of many a youth and help to keep him steady and true. We are certain that this is the only reward you sought, and surely God in His wisdom and mercy will grant you “fruit for your labor” and a far greater reward than you ever dreamed of in His good time and way.

In behalf of the Board of Managers of the Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society,

Everett T. Harris, Secretary.

Letter of Appreciation from Denver

I wanted to get word to you before Conference time, to tell you of our appreciation of the evangelistic team (Dr. and Mrs. Loyal Hurley), while they were working the Colorado field. They are splendid examples of the Christian young people that take up the ministry and with field work. I am very proud to have known them and worked with them and enjoyed them while they were here.

My personal contact with these “safari” was through the Rocky Mountain Camp in the Rockies. After putting in eight active days with the senior group and with no “breather,” they threw forth their entire energy into the junior group, as instructors and companions to the young men, doctors, sores, helping cook in the kitchen, helping youngsters with their chores, and leaving in our hearts and minds a wonderful new feeling to bring home from our mountaintop experiences.

We all will devour news of their progress in their future work.

Mrs. Loyal Hurley and I enjoy the same feeling and know the team feels the same. We feel that our marvelous pastors need help from evangelistic teams or visiting ministers in this line of work. With Denver growing, 2,000 new persons a month, our church could grow with it, if it were possible for our minister to make all the contacts, and I, personally, feel that he could use help during the summer months with Vacation Bible School, camp, and the general church program. Mrs. Hurley can give you a more detailed picture of our camp and very much I could ever express in writing in case you should require more information. Some of us feel that the team’s coming has a significance of something big for the Colorado field.

Thanks again for those responsible in the grand work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robert R. White and family.

Resurgent Protestantism

"Waiting to counsel 56 million American Protestants, this Easteride, was a ministry that has taken a new and powerful grip on its theology and its Gospel." — Newsweek.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORTS

Annual statistical reports are coming in steadily. Last year we had a complete response than in recent years though many reports were late in coming. Let’s have 100% of our churches reporting promptly this year! Those who had occasion to refer to them appreciated the tabulated form of the reports in the 1954 Year Book.

Battle Creek is the first this year in reporting camps. Let’s have the other reports as soon as possible after the camping season. It is hoped that any camp director who didn’t receive a report form will let your secretary know.

It is too late now to talk about what will happen at General Conference, or to urge people to attend, but we expect to have some mighty interesting and important things to report as soon as Conference is over.

Seventh Day Baptists have led in the Vacation School movement from its beginning. Your secretary attended one at Milton Junction more years ago than he likes to think. He is still active and has memories of the schools he has conducted in Alfred, Shiloh, New Market, De Ruyter, and Auburn.

This year some of the schools seem to be better than ever. The Ashaway, Westerly, Hopkinton, and Rockville Vacation School Church reported 130 boys and girls attending — the most in several years. Pastor Osborn was the director and Pastor Charles Bond and members of the participating churches served as teachers.

Although two others can measure the extent of the Rocky Mountain Camp Schools were held in De Ruyter this year the Seventh Day Baptist school was one of the most successful in the experience of Pastor and Mrs. Wheeler, and the attendance was remarkable.

It is hard work to plan and run a Vacation School Church but the rewards are great if the work is skillfully and faithfully done. No one can measure the impressions made upon young lives.

N. D. M.

The best jobs haven’t been started. The best work hasn’t been done. — Berton Braley.
Religion and Public Schools

Superintendents from thirty-five commu
nities in the annual Work Conference at Teachers Col
gle, Columbia University, July 5-22. In neither the state nor the public school should promote the special tenets of any church or sect, the school must try to help pupils to believe in God, to understand and appreciate their religious heritage and liberties and to respect the religious faiths of other people.

These ideas are not new but there is a growing conviction among educators that while we believe in the separation of church and state, the public school must not ignore the need for moral and spiritual training, especially since half the chil


dren of the Board of Christian Education re
ceives material describing studies made in school systems have worked out programs in co-operation with Jewish, Catholic, and geography. All faiths are equally recog
ized. Belief in God and the high moral and religious principles integrated.

Dear Mrs. Greene and Children:

Would you like to hear a true story about what I saw from my open window one morning in July? I was awakened just before six o'clock by the starlings and jays making a noise in the yard outside. I went to the window and saw that those birds were squabbling about the suet fastened in the tree. As I watched them I saw three sparrows below, on the top of a woven wire frame that keeps the larger birds away from the bread crumbs, so that little birds may have them.

As I watched, one of the three sparrows went down through the wire, took a piece of bread, flew up and out again quick as a flash, and put the bread in the open mouth of one of the tw sparrows who seemed to be young ages, though all looked the same size. The bread was too large for the baby's bill to close, and the parent bird stood there picking the bread in pieces inside the mouth, till the baby went down its throat. Then they all whished back again to the top of the wire.

The parent bird went down inside for more bread and the baby, big as its mother, stayed up on top. I noticed the parent bird did not take a piece of bread as I expected, but waited, seeming to coax the baby bird to come and get the bread. But when the young one tried to do so, one of its feet caught where the wires crossed and it hung fluttering, head down, trying to free itself and couldn't.

I watched long enough to see it was hopelessly caught; then I hustled into a coat and shoes, unlocked the door, and went out there. Opening the door scared all the bird to come and get the suet on the wire. But when the young one tried to do so, one of its feet caught where the wires crossed and it hung fluttering, head down, trying to free itself and couldn't.

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That little bird had a glad story to tell its brothers and sisters who flock in that yard. I, too, had a share in our Heavenly Father's care for the sparrows. I was glad to see how parent birds have wise ways of training their little ones how to live. So I pass the story on to you, hoping it isn't too long for your column.

Sincerely yours,
Mizpah S. Greene.

Dear Recorder Children:

I have been hoping to hear from you often now that you are on vacation, but only one letter have I received this summer. Even grown people miss your letters just as much as little ones do. This summer we have been having a very nice time at the shore. We always went every day and had our picnic on the beach.

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DEACON ADELBERT BRANCH

Deacon Adelbert Branch, the last of the earliest settlers and builders of the community of White Cloud, was laid to rest on Tuesday, May 31. Although his presence will long be missed, the memory of him will long remain through the fruits of his labors of heart and useful life. Of his ninety-three years over seventy were lived in this vicinity.

He was united in marriage April 25, 1881, to Isabella Hastings and to them were born two sons, C. Raymond and Clifford; and two daughters, Mrs. Nettie Fowler and Mrs. Myrtle Basford, all of White Cloud. Mrs. Branch died in 1918.

Always vitally interested in the church, he was baptized early in life. Upon coming to this community with his family and brothers he helped in the organization and building of the Seventh Day Church of God near White Cloud, and was a charter member of the organization of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1917. Among the various capacities in which he has served he has held public office for forty years, as deacon for sixty years, and in various other offices. His presence at church was always a source of pleasure. The high school choir was planned, he, with his brother, W. Babcock. Inter"
KANSAS CITY FELLOWSHIP

On April 9, 1955, the Kansas City Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship was formed, with a group of four adults and four children meeting at Sabbath school and informal Bible study.

The following officers for the fellowship were elected: president, Edwin L. Johnson; secretary-treasurer, June L. Johnson; program chairman, Albert B. McClure; chorister, Alice Louise Stephan.

After a few weeks of meetings, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Bond joined the group and meetings were held at eight o'clock Friday night as well as at ten on Sabbath morning.

In May, the group began inserting an ad in the classified church ad section of the Kansas City Star. From time to time there have been calls in answer to the ad, and one regular member, Eldon Quett, has been added to the group. Others show interest and are hoping to join the group later, but distance and transportation problems have to be worked out. Some have had to join a group with no meeting place other than homes, so the group feels that in the near future a regular meeting place must be acquired.

Seven adults and four children attend these meetings regularly and there have been several visitors. God has richly blessed each one of us who has attended these meetings, and we hope and pray that we are now, and can continue to do His will and serve Him in such a way as to be a true witness for His name.

We feel that the members of our group are humbly aware of their shortcomings, but are united in Christian love, and in the burning desire to be more like our Lord and to serve Him effectively.

We feel that there is a great opportunity for serving the Lord in the Kansas City area, as there seems to be an increasing interest in the Sabbath truth and in spiritual things, and we would invite any who would like to accept this challenge with us to come and make their home here. Employment is good here and housing is plentiful. Anyone interested and desiring information can write to: Alma McClure, 616 S. 56th St.; or Mrs. A. B. McClure, Kansas City 16, Mo., or Edwin L. Johnson, Box 742, Gashland, Mo.

MILTON’S BELL RINGS OUT!

By A. P. Loomer

The ancient bell in the tower of Main Hall rang out daily over the community as though it could never stop. For ten minutes it sang its song of praise of the alumni of the 111-year-old institution who had answered the challenge of President Percy Dunn with a flood of five-dollar bills that had closed the gap between the year’s income and expenditures.

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Milton’s sale of $1,542 has been called "magnificent." We have not been reluctant to join a group with our fellow citizens to help build up a financially secure institution who had answered the challenge.

Our Easter Service attendance was 145. This included several nonresident members who were always glad to welcome. Both Junior and Senior choirs sang very lovely anthems and a fine Easter sermon by our pastor made this an impressive service.

A laymen’s meeting was held on Friday night in our church prior to the Western Association services in Little Genesee on June 18. Several leaders from this meeting were held in the Little Genesee Church. These were planned and carried out by deacons and deaconesses in the several churches.

Special dedication services for two children and three babies were held June 11. As we witness such a service it brings to mind Christ blessing little children when He said, “Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me.” Two weeks later a recognition service was held for seven of the seniors that live in our town. These were graduated from Alfred-Almon Central School on June 27. Brian Rogers, Lyle Sutton, and David Palmer of our group were present.

Two weeks of Vacation Bible School have closed. An enrollment of 63 boys and girls with an average attendance of 51 came it a very busy time for Miss Ruby Clarke as supervisor, Mrs. Nellie Barbour of Adams Center with grades 3, 4 and 5, Mrs. Barry Milliman, grades 1 and 2, Mrs. Adele Jefferson and Betty Pierce, the kindergarten. Several girls assisted these teachers. Janette Rogers had the very important job of arranging transportation for all and obeye. We find that the work done was enjoyed by all in attendance on Sabbath morning. A religious film was shown in the basement instead of the regular Sabbath school.

Camp Harley for senior boys and girls opened July 24 and closed July 31. The following week the Baptist College Orphans were there. The primary children were there two days, August 7 and 8. Pastor Rogers has spent many hours getting things ready for camp. Several men have donated much time and the ladies have done their bit.

Through the efforts of the Ladies’ Aid the church kitchen has been remodeled. Three new sinks and generous cupboards with many other improvements have made the dreams of many years come true. The dining room has also had many changes made.

We trust much good will come from the meetings of the General Conference. Pastor Rogers plans to attend — Correspondent.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND. — Rev. Albert E. S. McMahon of Ashatabula, Ohio, continues to spend a large portion of his time with this church. On June 18 and 25 he installed Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ridgeway as deacon and deaconess, according to a letter from Mrs. Mary McDonald.

INDEPENDENCE, N. Y. — Independence has recently concluded the Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of forty-four children and seven teachers. The instructors for the various groups were Rev. Don Sanford, Mrs. Myrtle Shutts, Carolyn Clarke, Sally Clarke, Sylvia Clarke, Mrs. Martin Empson, Mrs. Don Sanford, and her sister, Adelyn Mears, of Jackson Center, Ohio. The final program at the church was well attended and gave proof of the Bible-centered program that had been provided for these children. Handwork was on exhibit, songs were sung, and we all marveled at the accomplishment achieved in those few days of school. The teachers, some parents, and all the children were taken to Island Park for a picnic as usual at the conclusion of the school.

The Independence Church co-operated again this year with all Protestant churches in Andover for Lenten services. The Commonwealth service was well attended. Our pastor, Rev. Don Sanford, and some other members have received information...
and material from workshops conducted at Alfred, Alfred Station, and Little Genesee that have been of great help to us. As a result we are now using the every-member-canvas envelopes for the weekly contributions. Practically everyone present is forming the habit of regular systematic giving, children and all. From the report in the Recorder, Independence is listed as reaching its goal and above in giving, as reaching its goal and above in giving, this year. We are blessed because of it.

Some of our young people attended Camp Harley. The Sabbath morning service, which is usually held in some nearby church, was held in the Independence Church July 30, followed by a turbine dinner with the Independence people.

Our pastor, in addition to his many other activities, has been one of the four chosen to edit one part of the Helping Hand lessons. His comments, like his sermons (he has yet to preach a poor one), are of a high caliber. — Correspondent.

OBITUARIES

Arnold—Hannah Brown, widow of the late Daniel E. Arnold, was born at Volunteers, Conn., June 19, 1883, and died in her home in Ashaway, R. I., on July 27, 1955, after a lingering illness of several years.

Surviving are four sons: John of West Kingston, Eldred of Sturbridge, Albert of Westerly, and Harold of Ashaway. Five daughters: Mrs. Fred Brayman, Mrs. Martin Oates, Miss Elsie Arnold (who was her companion and nurse), and Mrs. Earl West, all of Ashaway, and Mrs. Robert Crandall of Quonochontaug. Also surviving is a brother, Arthur Brown, of Ashaway, 27 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Arnold was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church and of the Ashaway Grange. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Lester G. Osborn, on Sabbath afternoon, July 30, and her body laid to rest in the Riverbend Cemetery in Westerly.

Branch.—Adelbert, son of Erastus G. and Emily Stoughton Branch, was born at Hartford, Mich., February 23, 1862, and died at Gerber Memorial Hospital in Fremont, Mich., May 28, 1955. (A more extended obituary appears elsewhere.)

Libby.—Helen, daughter of Chandler A. and Nancy Smith Libby, was born at Anoka, Minn., on March 7, 1876, and died at Marshall, Mich., July 21, 1955.

Miss Libby came to Battle Creek over 30 years ago in search for the Sabbath truth. Having written to our headquarters she was referred to Elder Pifeld who was then in Chicago, and upon his recommendation she joined the Battle Creek Seventh Day Baptist Church.

She is survived by two nephews, Arthur C. Libby of Moorhead, Minn., and Archie B. Libby of Minneapolis; and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Anna Libby, also of Minneapolis. Farewell services were held at the Hebble Funeral Home in Battle Creek on Sabbath afternoon, July 23, with her pastor, Rev. Leland E. Davis, in charge, assisted by Rev. Eugene Ballard. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery.


Her early years were spent at Farina, Ill., until she came to Nortonville, Kan., as a young woman. In 1879, she became a member of the Nortonville Seventh Day Baptist Church. On Sept. 14, 1881, she was united in marriage to Charles Greeley Wheeler, who died in 1915. Surviving her are her son, Edwin, and two daughters, Vernetta (Mrs. F. S. Van Horn) of Logan, Colo., and Helen (Mrs. C. C. Crews) of Denver, Colo. There are 15 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. Duane L. Davis, at the church on Sabbath, July 30, and interment was at the Nortonville Cemetery.

OUR SERVICEMEN

Pvt. Robert LeRoy Stephan
HQ & Svc. 709th TQ Bn.
APO 25, San Francisco, Calif.

PFC George S. Stillman
HQ Battery, 64th F. A. Bn.
APO 22, Fort Knox, Ky.

Accessions

Farina, Ill.

Days Beach, Fla.

Daytona, Fla.

Births

Cushing—A son, Gregory Martin, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cushing of Ormond Beach, Fla., on July 27, 1955.

Mrs. Donald Cushing

A Korean family is all smiles because of the new clothes and gifts pictured here. The Civil Affairs Officer (kneeling), Lt. Col. Harry C. Bursley, and Chaplain Charles W. Lovin are bidding farewell to this fatherless family after presenting them with the clothing made possible by the gifts of women employed in the office of the Secretary of the Army. Such needs are met when people on the scene make known the needs to those at home. So it is also with all missionary work.