rewarded by the attendance and interest of several of them. Early in September the pastor and his wife moved into the unfinished parsonage, and are gradually getting it into shape. The next project is a coat of paint for the outside, as soon as weather permits.

We extend a cordial welcome to our services at 10 a.m. Sabbath and 7 p.m. Sabbath eve, to any Sabbathkeepers or others interested who may be traveling on Route 100. We have plenty of room, also, for trailers to be parked. — Correspondent.

DAYTONA BEACH, FLA. — Our church joined this fall in the Leadership Training School held by the Methodist churches of the Daytona Beach area, October 30 to November 3. Three people from our church received leadership training credit for the course: Miss Leah Davis, Mrs. Donald Cushing, and Miss Mary Green. Three others attended a part or all of the sessions: Dr. Ruth Rogers, Miss Ruby C Babcock, and Rev. Oscar Burdick. Those who attended found these training sessions very helpful, the leaders being persons of good training and wide experience.

On the first Sabbath of 1956, the church received four members from sister churches in the North: Dr. and Mrs. Waldo A. Titsworth from the First Alfred, N. Y., Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Orson Randolph from the Piscataway Church of New Market, N. J.

The annual church meeting was held January 11, with the president, Dr. J. N. Norwood, in the chair, and Mrs. Ruby Babcock in her place as clerk. These two officers together with Dr. W. A. Titsworth, treasurer, were re-elected.

Among the items of business transacted was the vote to pay $738.88 to the Memorial Fund toward the amount borrowed from the George H. Babcock Fund for assisting in the building of churches. The $738.88 was a bequest to the church from the estate of the late Mrs. Carol B. Church, originally from Brookfield, N. Y.

It was also decided to authorize the trustees to use $150 from the cash balance of the church and $100 from the 1956 budget for repairing and redecorating the church.

The reports of the pastor, the Sabbath school, the Church Aid Society, and the various committees showed the organization to be in a healthy state.

The health of the congregation, however, has not been uniformly good. Several have been in the hospital, but perhaps the most serious cases have been Mrs. Julia Rogers Blossier who underwent an appendectomy December 20, in the hospital at Orlando; Dr. W. A. Titsworth who has been in the hospital in Daytona Beach twice with serious heart trouble; and Dr. J. W. Crofoot who has had a remarkable recovery from an appendectomy performed December 19. — Correspondent.

Marriages

Wilson-Davis. — Perry Franklin Wilson of Denver, Colo., and Joan Marie Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Davis of Arvada, Colo., were united in marriage at the Denver Seventh Day Baptist Church, Jan. 13, 1956, by the bride's pastor, Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson.

Births


Fetherston. — A daughter, Carol Sue, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fetherston of Holland, Mich., on January 7, 1956.

Obituaries

Fleischer. — Myrtle Eyerly, daughter of Elvin and Maud Eyerly, was born in Nottawasaga, Kan., Feb. 16, 1902, and died quite suddenly at her home in Eureka, Calif., Dec. 6, 1955. She was married to Elmer Fleischer of Hoyts, Kan., Dec. 5, 1922. Those surviving her besides her mother and husband are a son, William, and a brother, Hugh, of Los Angeles. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Gregory Moroney of the First Baptist Church of Eureka with interment in Ocean View Cemetery.

Maud Eyerly.

Whitford. — Margaret Ann (Minnie), daughter of Orvin and Esther Stoddard Trowbridge, was born Aug. 6, 1871, near Adams Center, N. Y., and died at the home of her son, Harold, Rodman, N. Y., Dec. 19, 1955.

She was united in marriage to Edwin Whitford on Feb. 19, 1896. He preceded her in death on Sept. 26, 1945. Since February, 1946, she has made and brought her home with her son. She joined the Adams Center Seventh Day Baptist Church Jan. 51, 1891, and has remained a faithful member since that time. Funeral services were held at the Piddock Funeral home in Adams with Pastor Earl Cruzan officiating. Interment was in Union Cemetery, Adams Center.

E. C.
SEED OF MISSIONARY MARTYRS

The civilized world was shocked, missionary work set back, and families suffered great loss on January 15 when it was confirmed that five young missionaries had been killed by uncivilized Auca Indians in the jungles of Ecuador on the banks of the Curaray River, an upper tributary of the Amazon. It matters not what denomination they served. It happens that they were zealous, highly trained young Christians willing to devote their lives to bring the Gospel to the unevangelized by the best modern methods. (They died beside their small plane.) At least two of the young men were killed by the hostile, spear-wielding Indians held master's degrees. Some of the group were specially equipped to reduce the native language in order that portions of the Bible could be given to them. Perhaps they did not exercise as much caution as was needed on that particular expedition, but that is not for those who perished. Important men as Lt. General William K. Harrison, Jr., Army Command Chief of the U. S. Caribbean Command, are on the committee.

But what of the rank and file in the churches? How about parents and church fathers in our own denomination, for instance? Will there be many who will secret or openly oppose the raising of funds for our own missionary program in areas where there is possible danger due to nationalistic or communistic developments? We fear that there will be some such. We who are older tend to lose our fire for the survivors (Acts 28: 2). In describing his missionary hardships in 2 Corinthians 11: 27, the apostle mentions being "in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." The chilling winds that blew upon him served to warm his heart, as the kind of persecution is still blowing. At a time when some step forward to face it, God forbid that any of us be found among the number of those whose love "shall wax cold."

Ministerial Retirement Program

It was generally believed last August that one of the most important sessions of Conference was the change proposed in the plan to provide adequate retirement benefits for ministers. For a number of years our churches have been urged to contribute towards current and future ministerial retirement on the basis of 4 per cent of the pastor's salary. Ministers were also encouraged to contribute personally or by deductions from their salary checks about 2 per cent. It was a sliding scale which, in the case of some of our better paid pastors, amounted to 3 per cent or more.

This income provided a relatively small part of what was paid out each month from the Ministerial Retirement Fund. The Social Security program on a self-employed basis posed a problem. How could a young minister continue to pay up to 3 per cent or more of his salary into our churches, and at the same time take care of in later years, and at the same time agree to pay from 4 to 6 per cent of his income as a fire for the survivors (Acts 28: 2). In describing his missionary hardships in 2 Corinthians 11: 27, the apostle mentions being "in fastings often, in cold and nakedness." The chilling winds that blew upon him served to warm his heart, as the kind of persecution is still blowing. At a time when some step forward to face it, God forbid that any of us be found among the number of those whose love "shall wax cold."

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**President's Column**

### Pre-Easter Season

As I look at the calendar I become very conscious of the fact that February has arrived and that the pre-Easter season is upon us. This period, now very widely observed in most of Christendom, is kept in remembrance of our Saviour’s temptation for forty days in the wilderness. It is officially known in many churches as the Lenten season and begins on Ash Wednesday and continues through Easter, February 22 - April 1.

I am urging each church of our denomination to observe the pre-Easter season this year from February 18 through March 31 (Easter Sabbath). Please try to include the following:

1. **Attendance Emphasis** — Urge members and friends to be faithful to all the services of the church during this period — Sabbath eve service, Sabbath school, morning worship service. (Send to the President’s Desk the attendance for each Sabbath for seven weeks.)

2. **Special Messages** — Pastors are urged to give a series of special sermons.

3. **Lenten Campaign** — Visit non-attending members. Visit for decisions for Christ. Urge for a transfer of membership. (It is easy to have a split loyalty and do nothing.)

4. **Dates** — Dates for baptismal service and membership Sabbath. Go to work for Christ and His Church in earnest.

*Be happy!* You are the light of the world.

For years this pre-Easter season was left untouched by a large number of our Protestant churches because they said it was Catholic and they did not want anything to do with it. It sort of reminds us of the fact that some people shy away from the cross because the Roman Catholics have capitalized upon it. They use it inside their churches as well as outside, and hang it around the neck as a sort of good luck charm. Finally, Protestants have come to the place where they say that the Cross belongs to them, too. It is the symbol of Christ’s redeeming love and must be preached, lived, and held up before the world.

So it is that more and more churches are beginning to realize that the pre-Easter season is for them and can be used to the glory of God and to the enrichment of His Church. The Encyclopaedia Britannica says that the occasion was observed in the Greek and Latin churches from at least the fourth century. Ireneaus mentions that the custom of keeping a fast begins to be observed during this period, but that no uniformity of observance had up to that time been established. Leo I alludes to the fast of forty days as having apostolic authority, but the number does not seem to have been taken quite literally. (Why not make your own study?)

For twelve years I have emphasized this season in the churches I have served both to the enrichment of myself and of the church. Many different things have been done. Special sermons were delivered on such themes as “Christ Speaks from the Cross,” “The Lord’s Prayer,” etc. This year the special messages will be based upon “The Beatitudes” and will extend into the Easter season. When I served the Little Genesee Church we had special Sunday evening services and often had guest speakers. In this program we have always urged faithful attendance with calls upon nonattending members and also, made calls for decisions. I have found that it helps if dates are set for the pre-Easter season in the church year. (WARNING — Never put off decision calling or visitation evangelism as this is a year-round job, but a special period does focus attention upon this important task.)

Churches and educational institutions in the United States now own more than 2,500 prints of the widely acclaimed motion picture, “Martin Luther,” according to a report November 30 to the board of directors of the film’s sponsoring agency, Lutheran Church Productions, Inc.
church — our church and our Saviour's body — but we must also, as God gives us the ability, provide long-term annuity, endowment, and other gifts to its service.

THE LIVING WORD
Luther A. Weigle
One of a series of articles by this noted man.

Paul's injunction to "condescend"
The Oxford English Dictionary defines "condescend" as "to stoop from one's position of dignity or pride," and quotes Samuel Johnson's definition: "to depart from the privileges of superiority by a voluntary submission; to sink willingly to equal terms with inferiors." Yet there is always something snobbish or patronizing about the word "condescend." The person who condescends never forgets his "superiority" and usually succeeds in reminding others of it.

The word appears just once in the English translation of the Bible, and is English Dictionary adds a parenthetical meaning of the translators in 1611 is not. The word appears just once in the English Dictionary defines as "condescend," and when "condescend," "ostensibly"..."put our shoulders to the wheel and bring the victory back."

Having lived with budget promotion ideas for quite a while they just naturally step forward, especially on this typewriter which has relayed so many messages for the Executive Secretary. We can thank God for the Burdet gift loving work — all phases of it.

Thank you again — Commission members and all — from the bottom of our hearts. We hope that all of you will be able to come to Conference at Alfred next August.

Most sincerely,
Leah C. Crofoot.

Subscriptions Coming In. Many Recorder subscriptions need to be renewed in January. It is interesting on a Monday morning to see the "dead box" with a liberal pile of incoming mail on it and Etta North O'Connor busily entering renewals and new subscriptions in the circle. The efforts of many to help raise our budget IN FULL as a memorial to the Glory of God and in memory of A. Burdet are appreciated of articles by this noted man. The question might well be asked then, "What happens when a child of God goes to heaven?"

The Abiding Comforter, The Holy Spirit
By Rev. Paul Maxson

"And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever" (John 14: 16).

Many Christians believe that the Spirit was given them and came to dwell in their hearts at the time of conversion; but they also believe that after certain falls the Spirit withdrew and abandoned them. This kind of belief is unsound and unscriptural, for our text is the Word of Jesus as He was speaking to His disciples.

If the Spirit were to leave us for a brief moment we should lose spiritual life and relapse into death, for our life is in Christ and He remains within us only through the Spirit.

In Old Testament times the Spirit could be withdrawn from men. Remember King Saul, yes, and even David who wept for the Spirit in tears. Since Christ's life on earth and His return to heaven He has sent the Spirit to dwell within us.

Now do not misunderstand and think that once we are converted and have accepted Christ as our personal Saviour we can do as we please. We must always be on guard against the devil and his varied ways of deceiving us. He usually attacks us in one of two ways: He has passed him up many times since then. But the end of the story is this: This fellow is the man shot by my wife just a little while ago in Troy. I said to my friend, "Guess what happened when a child of God goes to heaven?"

The question might well be asked then, "What happens when a child of God (as we all are after we have accepted Christ as our personal Saviour) has sinned and not yet confessed and stopped, or abandoned his sin?" The Spirit is grieved and immediately ceases to manifest His presence in the life of the believer. At the time I had' picked him up and he had completely forgotten about the belt. My friend was a very religious man and was usually in church every Sunday. As soon as I got in the car he wanted to smoke. He already reeked with alcohol. I must have lectured him about destroying his body, the temple of God, and I must have persuaded him not to smoke. He had been smoking in Grafton (where there is a bar) on the pretense of getting a loaf of bread.

I had completely forgotten about the incident, and I only told me that as he was driving back from Troy, he picked up this same fellow, and before long he commenced to relate about the incident. My friend had lectured him about sin, and pointed out salvation to him. It seems that again, this time, he was about half drunk, so my friend just pulled the car to a stop and let him out. He has passed him up many times since then. But the end of the story is this: This fellow is the man shot to death by his wife just a little while ago in Troy. I said to my friend, "Guess the advice that I gave him did not work." He had followed the advice and accepted the invitation to a more abundant life in Christ Jesus, how different things would have been!

How little it takes to find life and have the Spirit of God. All that man, or any
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Social Security for Clergymen

Beginning January 1, 1956, ministers can be covered by the Social Security law as self-employed persons.

The first action to be taken by any minister who wishes his 1956 earnings to be credited for Social Security is to get a Social Security account card from a district office if he has not previously had a card issued to him. He should then fill out Form 2031 and file with the District Director of Internal Revenue, April 15, 1956. Full information may be secured without cost at the nearest Social Security district office. — L. H. N.

DENVER TV PROGRAM

EDITOR'S NOTE: In an early issue we expected to print a story about the two half-hour TV programs presented by the pastors and laymen of the Denver and Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Churches on January 3 and 8. As evidence that the programs were very acceptable there is an invitation to come back next year. A film was made of the second program which may soon be available for showing in churches through the American Sabbath TV Service. Here we present a portion of the script written and spoken by Rev. C. Harmon Dickenson.

Today we are thinking on what it means to be a servant. We will see first of all Jesus Christ as a servant giving His life as an example, a pattern for our lives. Later we will see how Christians, the followers of Jesus Christ, as a man "who loved his brother, God dwelleth in us" (1 John 4: 12).

Faith without works is dead and the Spirit of God will not dwell in the heart of one who is not partaker of sin. Nevertheless, the Spirit does not take up His abode in us after we have been sanctified (as many believers think). On the contrary, He dwells in us in order to sanctify us, at that very moment when coming to Christ as we are, we accept Him through faith as the Saviour.

(To be continued)

Dr. John O. Gross, Nashville, Tenn., told 175 college and university presidents — the majority of them heads of church-related institutions:

"Religion as the unifying factor for higher education has all but been abandoned in America and in some church schools has been reduced to a verbalism..."

"To gain favor and funds some schools have readily suppressed their Christian convictions and played down their denominational heritage."

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On a typical day Jesus entered Capernaum.

He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath and being invited to speak He took with such authority and power that people were astonished.

He noticed a man present who possessed an unclean spirit and out of compassion Jesus healed him. This healing, along with others, occurred on the Sabbath. To heal this needy man on the Sabbath was not disrespectful because Jesus believed it was right to relieve suffering and do good on the Sabbath.

Leaving the synagogue he went to Peter's home and found Peter's mother-in-law sick with a fever. Was there anything He could do for her? She needed help. Why not relieve her pain? Jesus healed her. She arose and ministered unto them. In many homes today there are those suffering from worry, fretfulness, anxiety, and unrest who are unable to minister to others as they ought. If they could feel the soothing power of Jesus' touch, they, too, would be better able to serve the needs of the home.

The report of His many good deeds had spread throughout the whole countryside. Many people who were sick were brought to Him to be healed and in compassion He laid His hands on them and made them well.

John the Baptist looked upon Jesus as the Messiah. Earlier he had spoken of Jesus, "Behold, the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1: 29). Later John raised the question, was this man whose fame had spread so far really the Christ? John sent two of his friends to Jesus to find out. Jesus replied, "Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; how that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised to the life of the gospel is preached" (Luke 7: 22).

Never did Jesus cease being a servant. Paul says that Jesus "took upon him the form of a servant..." He humbly himself, end became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross (Phil. 2: 7, 8). Even in death, Jesus saw His mission in terms of being a servant. "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many."

At this point the chorus sang:

I believe for every drop of rain that falls
A flower grows;
I believe that somewhere in the darkest night
Ev'ry time I hear a newborn baby cry
I touch a leaf or see the sky,
Then, I know why I believe.

I believe that Jesus Christ is God's own Son,
Supreme, sublime;
I believe no one can save from sin,
He is divine.
Every time I think of all He's done for me,
And when I see His love to me,
Then I know why I believe.

BUFFALO FELLOWSHIP BEGINS TO ADVERTISE

A group of Sabbathkeepers in and around Buffalo, N. Y., have been meeting as an organized fellowship for several years on an once-a-week basis. Recently they began to hold services more frequently, every other Sabbath (Jan. 12, Feb. 4, 18, etc.). Now they are advertising the meetings in a city newspaper with a paragraph such as the following which was suggested in a Sabbath Recorder article of Nov. 21, 1953:

"Have you heard of the Seventh Day Baptist Church? The first Seventh Day Baptist Church in America was established in Rhode Island in 1671. This is a Christ-centered Church that emphasizes daily Christian living and believes that man is intended to keep all 10 of the commandments. For information about the Seventh Day Baptist Church nearest you, write to the American Sabbath Tract Society, Seventh Day Baptist Building, Plainfield, N. J.

The aim, as stated by the correspondent, Roy E. Wagnner of 325 Delaware Ave., is to "reattach people our membership and organize a full-fledged church." He goes
on to say: "We realize that possibly not one out of a hundred has ever heard of Seventh Day Baptists, and we are going to see to it that they do. We are on the march."

That is the kind of news that readers like to see. In any orderly military advance there is a certain place for marking time, but it is always only brief and is preparatory to a united forward movement. The important thing is the marching.

The plan envisions making many new contacts. Those who are interested by the notices in the paper are expected to write to the American Sabbath Tract Society for further information. A few tracts will be mailed to them periodically and the addresses will be referred back to the secretary of the organization.

Buffalo is considered one of the strategic areas for evangelism by the Missionary Society and the denominational Planning Committee. The group has been receiving pastoral care from Rev. Loyd F. Hurley of the Alfred School of Theology.

It is tentatively planned that when he assumes his new duties as evangelist next June, under the employ of the Missionary Society, his first assignment will be with this fellowship that is already "on the march." Co-operation and prayers for the success of the work are solicited.

Buffalo Fellowship meetings are held at the Union Road Community Church, 2628 Union Road, Cheektowaga, N. Y.

Dr. Harry Denmon, executive secretary of the Methodist General Board of Evangelism, in his annual report voiced the belief that we have before us a New America. He bases this partly on the estimated population increase which is expected to reach 190,000,000 in 1965 and perhaps 275,000,000 by the end of the century. He further believes that the Methodist Church can have a limited number of church and public schools automatically results in a greater mixture of the races. For what they may be worth in current discussions, I share such facts as are known to me with a limited number of church and public school leaders in states most affected by the Supreme Court decision. Any facts known to you which may throw further light on this problem will be gratefully received.

There is less mixture of races in the South, when compared to the population of the states both as in the case of the South than in the North. When compared to the population of the states both as in the case of the South than in the North.

The answer is, so far as can be learned from census figures, "No." The northern states . . . have fewer children born of mixed parents in proportion to the populations than do southern states . . .

In spite of a considerable migration of mulattoes from the South, the increase of mulattoes in the South from 1850 to 1920 was 37.5 per cent, the increase in the North, 245.5 per cent for the seventy-year period. In the North and West the increase of mulattoes was less than in the South, and the increase of blacks in the North greater than in the South. In the South the mulattoes increased 426.1 per cent from 1850 to 1930, while the black element increased only 131.6 per cent. In the period from 1890 to 1910 the increase of the black element in the South was 20.1 per cent, while the mulatto increase was 91.4 per cent. In the North during the same period the blacks in-
Travel to the Holy Land? Why not, when you can do it for a reasonable figure under the competent leadership of Biblical professors?

The Committee of Christian Higher Education of the Board of Christian Education announces that it can secure reservations at a reduced rate for pilgrimage tours to the Bible lands and Europe.

An illustration of the tours which are scheduled through the summer months is the following tour which will leave New York via the SS "Constitution" on April 4. During the voyage to Naples, lectures concerning points of interest and the Biblical background will be given by the tour leader. April 14 and 15 will be spent in Rome and April 16 through 19 visiting the pyramids, the Valley of the Kings, and the fabulous relics of the Pharaohs.

April 20-23 will be spent along the blue Mediterranean, visiting the Cedars of Lebanon and touring the regions about Mount Lebanon. On April 24 you will find the group in Damascus, where Paul surrendered his will to God. On the 25th you will travel to Aman (You are going, aren't you?) for an excursion to the "Rose-Red City" of Petra. You will also see the site of the Dead Sea Scroll finds and in Jerusalem some of the scrolls themselves.

On April 29 you will be in Jerusalem with all its historic and traditional sites. You will worship at Bethlehem and other beloved spots. On May 3 you will drive through Galilee where Jesus spent His boyhood days. You will visit Tiberias of Roman history and Tel Aviv of more recent note. Between May 7 and May 15 you will tour Istanbul, Athens, and then return to Rome. From Rome you will travel to Naples, board your ship, and arrive in New York on May 24 for an educational, inspiring, and unforgettable trip.

Increasingly, people are traveling to the Holy Land, and for a month's tour they are paying in the neighborhood of $2,500. The tour as outlined above can be secured for $1,658, tourist class. If you wish to travel cabin class while upon the ocean, the price is $1,768. This price includes all transportation by sea, air, auto, train, horse, and camel; meals; lodging; incidental fees. The only additional cost during the trip would be the price of souvenirs which you might wish to bring back with you. Be sure, however, to figure in the price lots of color film which you will want to take with you!

For $194 additional, an extension tour through Geneva, Paris, and London can be taken. If you decide to take this extension, you would arrive back in New York City, via the H.M.S. "Queen Elizabeth," on May 29.

Plan now to go. Further information concerning the tours can be secured by writing the Committee on Christian Higher Education, Melvin G. Nida, chairman, Box 742, Alfred, N. Y.

News about Children

You remember that last fall there was news on our Children's Page about some Seventh Day Baptist groups of children who did not go out for "tricks or treats" on Halloween. Instead they went through the villages or cities collecting coins for the United Nations Children's Fund to help the needy children of the world. Would you like to know how much it amounted to when it was all gathered together? Here are the figures:

"More than 6,000 community groups in every U. S. State as well as in other countries participated in the UN Children's Fund 'Trick or Treat' Halloween program. By December 8, $300,000 had been contributed by children who had sought donations on Halloween. It is expected that the total contribution will be at least $475,000, or almost $200,000 more than in 1954."

Since our regular space is so capably filled by Miss12ar D. Clarke, we welcome a chance to try a new title and a new corner for our effort.

Your attention is first called to "A Note of Explanation" of a subject connected with a recent issue. There Pastor Earl Cruzan — to whom the Commission has assigned the task of appropitioning non-designated gifts from churches within the framework of the Denominational Budget — has described his portion of the late executive secretary's function. Without an orderly system it would become a complicated, and indeed sensitive, duty for each participating agency its fair share of "undesignated" funds. Under the present procedure, you will note that designated gifts are encouraged so that churches or individuals can truly focus their giving.

Thus specific prayers for the British Guiana field*, for example, can be reinforced with firm, designated support, to the glory of God and for the good of the giver.

You will be pleased to announce progress on two of its projects. Copy for the first of six somebody's bulletin covers has just been submitted to the Recorder Press. Prepared by President Charles H. Bond, this February cover will be sent in the very near future to each church to be made use of them. Others will follow as near as possible to the first of each month through July.

* "Rains" — The Missionary Society hopes to use $5,680 for this field in 1956, including salary support for 3 workers, a $500 reserve for a future superintendent, and $400 (matching funds) for "church building and repair." Who'll raise it?

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* "Rains" — General Conference included an item of $750 toward these efforts in 1956. Without U. S. State and territory participation, we may need this and more for postage and materials, but we hope not! Any "angels"?

A second news item concerns a new and improved filmstrip, with script, planned and partially prepared by Secretary Crofoot, which Editor-Secretary L. M. Malby is bringing to completion. The material is 90 per cent collected for photo-copying in full color. Posters will be sent to each Commission member, and a copy will be available for loan by the Tract Society as soon as they can be made.

This provides the opportunity of promoting "Angel" and make space in your schedule for it!

RESOLUTIONS

of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council held in Washington, D. C., January 18-20, 1956

We live in a land of plenty, but also in a land of tremendous need. We humbly acknowledge the gracious goodness of our Heavenly Father, recognize His concern for the welfare of all mankind, and dedicate ourselves anew to the building of His Kingdom in the hearts of men.

We recognize the tremendous impact the alcoholic beverage traffic makes on every home, each community, each of the following states, and the world. With alcohol in our society, we are as "huts perched on the very edge of an active volcano." We do not like the traffic, even though our nation condones it. We pay the bills in taxes for hospitals, courts, insurance rates, welfare costs, and in other ways seek constructive ways to solve all problems that face us.

Because of our concern for the welfare of all mankind, because of our commitment to the highest way of life, and because of our desire to act in the Christian way, we adopt the following resolutions: 1. We commend the Reader's Digest for adopting an editorial policy which bans alcoholic beverage advertising; Life magazine for publishing the Christianity issue without using advertisements of alcoholic beverages; other magazines, newspapers, radio and television stations for refusing to carry alcoholic beverage advertisements; and all media of communication that open their channels to present scientifically sound facts and the position of total abstinence. 2. We call for the passage of the legislative principles contained in the following bills in this session of Congress:
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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LITTLE GENESEE, N. Y. — The corre-
spondent speaks in words (dated January 26) that their pastor, Rev. Delmer Van Horn, is ill and she requests prayers for him and the church. A cold and streptococcic infection was followed by rheumatic fever. At the time of writing he was still in the hospital but expected to be home soon. Anticipating that the pastor will be unable to curtail his activity for some time, the church hopes to carry on with such counsel and guidance as he is able to give during his period of recovery.

SHILOH, N. Y. — The church was deco-
rated for Christmas by the Willing Workers Class. It was beautiful with a large spruce that touched the ceiling and was placed in front of the organ. The Christmas program was on Friday evening and was inspirational in its simplicity.

The Youth Choir enjoyed their annual Christmas party in the basement of the church after singing carols to some shut­
ins. — Correspondent.

DE RUYTER, N. Y. — Prayer meeting is being held each Friday evening at 8 o'clock, in the York Room. We believe that there is great significance in the re­
vival of the prayer meeting in our church. The suggestion that the prayer meeting be restored to our church life grew out of a discussion on deepening the spiritual life of our church. A layman said, "It seems to me that the place to begin is with prayer. We need our prayer meet­
ing when we come to prayer feeling our deep need of help beyond ourselves, we may be assured of obtaining the blessings, guidance, and strength of God, of having our minds and hearts bent to do His will, and of a unity among ourselves which can come only by bowing ourselves humbly before our one Lord. — Midweek Call.

In addition to the weekly bulletin bear­ing a Sabbath date the pastor has for some time been preparing and mailing to all members the "Midweek Call-to-Worship," the second page of which is given over to a Bible study from one of the minor prophets.

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — The Norton­ville congregation was pleased to have two carloads from the Kansas City Fellowship worship with them Sabbath morning, December 10. A basket dinner was served in the church, and a $1.50 an­nuity for all, followed by an afternoon program.

The Christmas program was held be­tween four and five o'clock Christmas Eve. The children presented a very beauti­ful and inspiring program followed by pictures and the history of the birth of the Christ child by Pastor Duane Davis.

Pastor and Mrs. Duane Davis spent Christmas with Mrs. Davis' parents at Denver, Colo.

We are happy to report that Maude Burdick, who was severely burned in the fire that damaged her home, is steadily improving. She appreciates your letters and prayers. Address correspondence: Cushing Hospital, Leavenworth, Kan. Correspondent.

BERLIN, N. Y. — With a good attend­ance, the Union Thanksgiving service was held in our church, the sermon being deliv­ered by Rev. Gordon Clark, minister of the Methodists.

Our church made a good beginning for 1956 by holding its annual dinner and business meeting on New Year's Day.

With one exception (due to illness) all officers were re-elected, and a unanimous call for another year was given to our pastor.

For several years our pastor's wife has been very active in rounding up and bringing in new church children who would otherwise have no contract with church or Sabbath school. Like the good wife de­scribed in Proverbs, "She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy." This winter it is a family with eight children whose father has been in the hospital for an injured eye. She has not only brought some of the children before Pent but has solicited and contributed food and money for the family.

A food sale in October and Christmas wreathe made and sold by our Ladies' Aid Society added $107 to our treasury and enabled us to pay for necessary re-

- besonders hervorhebend in Worten (datiert Januar 26) dass ihr Pastor, Rev. Delmer Van Horn, krank ist und sie beten um ihn und die Kirche. Ein kaltes und streptococcische Infektion folgte, gefolgt von rheumatischen Fieber. Bei der Schreiberzeit war er noch im Krankenhaus, aber erwartet bald zu Hause zurückzukehren. Erwartet, dass der Pastor einige Zeit nicht zu pflücken und seine Aktivität zurückzudrängen, hofft, dass der Kirchengemeinde bei ihm eine Stütze und Führer geben kann, während er sich ausruht.


Die Jugendchorfreunde genossen ihren jährlichen Weihnachtsfeier im Basment der Kirche nach dem Gesang von Carolen zu den Kranke.


Das Weihnachtsprogramm wurde zwischen vier und fünf Uhr am Weihnachtsnacht. Die Kinder präsentierten einen sehr schönen und inspirierenden Program, gefolgt von Bildern und der Geschichte des Geburtstages des Christkinds durch Pastor Duane Davis.

Pastor und Mrs. Duane Davis verbringen Weihnachten mit Mrs. Davis' Eltern in Denver, Colo.

Wir freuen uns über die Nachricht, dass Maude Burdick, die schwer verbrannt war, ihre Schäden so langsam erleichtert. Sie schätzt Ihre Briefe und Gebete. Adresse: Cushing Hospital, Leavenworth, Kan. Correspondent.


Unsere Kirche machte gute Anfang für 1956 durch die Organisation eines jährlichen Abendessen und Geschäftsversammlung am Neujahrstag.

Mit einer Ausnahme (durch Krankheit) wurden alle Ämter wiedergewählt, und eine univoxische Stimme für ein weiteres Jahr von unserem Pastor gegeben.


Ein Getreideverkauf im Oktober und Weihnachtskranz, der durch unsere Damenhilfsverein erzielt wurde, fügte $107 in die Gemeindestifte und ermöglichte es, für notwendige re-

"The statistical columns reveal a nation increasingly Christian. The news columns reveal a nation increasingly pagan."

Charles B. Templeton.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: One of our correspondents urges us to send to our members before February 15 as that is the date of public hearings on the Langer and Siler Bills. The fuller state­ment of the opposition issue in the above release should be of interest to our readers.
pairs in the parsonage and make a contribution toward the pastor's salary.

On December 31, Harold Pearson of Amsterdam, a student in Bob Jones University, showed a film, "You Can't Win," which was made at the university. — Correspondent.

A frozen pump reminds us that often the deep wells of the Spirit can be sealed over when winter grips the soul. — Gospel Messenger.

Accessions

Riverside, Calif.

By Letter:
Mr. Wallie Wheelock
Mrs. Winnifred Wheelock
Mrs. Glades Hemminger

By Baptism:
Amelia Keyser
David Harlow

Daytona Beach, Fla.

By Letter:
Dr. and Mrs. Waldo A. Titworth
Mr. and Mrs. Orson Randolph

Births


Chapman. — A son, Gregg Van, to Mr. and Mrs. Al Chapman of Riverside, Calif., July 3, 1955.


Obituary

Greene. — Edward V., aged 74, died December 20, 1955, at his home in Almond, N. Y. He had been confined to his bed for two months following a fractured hip.

Until his retirement six years ago Mr. Greene occupied the family farm in Railroad Valley. He was a member of the Second Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church of Alfred Station. "Ed," as he was known, served on the Alfred Town Council for over twenty years. He and Mrs. Greene celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last March.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker Greene; two daughters, Mrs. Milton Baker of Almond and Mrs. Milton Emerson of Alfred Station; his son, E. Carlton Greene of Alfred Station, a sister, Mrs. C. Milford Crandall of Independence, two brothers, Harry C. Greene of Tampa, Fla., and Clarence E. Greene of Spring Valley, N. Y.; ten grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

The funeral was held in his church at Alfred Station, Rev. Albert N. Rogers, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Alfred Rural Cemetery. — A. N. R.

Davis. — Sarah Jane Pierce, of Alfred Station, N. Y., died Jan. 18, 1956, at the age of 83 after a long illness. She was the widow of Leslie H. Davis.

The eldest of the twelve children of Mr. and Mrs. John Pierce, she spent her entire life in the vicinity of Alfred Station. In June, 1893, she was baptized and joined the Second Seventh Day Baptist Church at Alfred Station and for several years was an honorary member of the Union Industrial Society of the church. She was well known as a practical nurse and midwife.

A daughter, Mrs. Gertrude Watson, with whom she had lived for the past six years near Alfred Station, and two sons: Milo S., of Arcade, and Ira L., of Holland Patent, survive. She is also survived by four sisters: Mrs. Ella Clarke, Mrs. Lottie Emerson, and Mrs. Edna Lewis, all of Alfred Station, and Mrs. Bertha Pulmter of Hornell; four brothers; Edson F., Fred J., and Ira L., all of Alfred Station, and Dr. Harry M. Pierce of Compton, Calif.; seven grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and over 50 nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Davis was a woman of strong religious faith and requested that her funeral be held in her church. Rev. Albert N. Rogers officiated. Interment will be in the Alfred Rural Cemetery when weather conditions permit. — A. N. R.

Hemphill. — Walter B., son of Silas B. and Mary Clair Hemphill, was born in Sharon Township, Pa., July 10, 1866, and died in Coudersport, Pa., Jan. 9, 1956.

He married Cora Carmer in 1895 at Independence, N. Y.; she died in 1946. Mr. Hemphill was a member of the Hebron Center, Pa., Seventh Day Baptist Church. He lived in the vicinity of Coudersport all of his life except recent winters and the past summer which he spent in Daytona Beach, Fla.

He is survived by a son, William, of Coudersport, an adopted daughter, Mrs. Harriet Dibble, of Pottertown, Pa., seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Barrett. His older son, Harry, died in the army in World War I.

The funeral service was held January 12 at the Grave Funeral Home in Coudersport with his friend, Rev. Harland Saulter, officiating. Burial was in Five Corners Cemetery, Strand Hill. — O. C. B.

Wanted. — A few copies of Tabernacle Hymn No. 4, to be sent to Jamaica for use in the mission churches. Winfield Randolph and Rev. Oscar Burdick are planning to send them to Rev. Wardner FitzRandolph. Any having copies they would like to contribute may get in touch with Mr. Burdick, at 151 First Ave., Daytona Beach, Fla.