THEY RISE OR FALL TOGETHER.

"ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL."

"OF A TRUTH I PERCEIVE THAT GOD IS NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS." ACTS 10:34
INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our national independence was secured so long ago that we have come to take it for granted. The flag-waving, blind patriotism associated with the 4th of July has lost much of its meaning for us. Independence Day was not taken for granted by our forefathers a century ago. It was a day of action and purpose, a day of struggle and sacrifice.

On this day, we remember the brave men and women who fought for our freedom. We remember the sacrifices they made so that we could live in a free country. We remember the principles of liberty and justice that they fought for.

The day is not just a time for celebration, but a time for reflection. We should remember the values that our country was founded on and work to uphold them.

IMPRESSIONS OF EASTERN ASSOCIATION

The Eastern Association is composed of many churches from different parts of the country. It is a fellowship of believers who share a common faith and a common purpose. They are united in their commitment to the principles of Christianity.

The Eastern Association meets on a regular basis to discuss important issues and to plan for the future. It is a time for fellowship and encouragement.

The Eastern Association is an important part of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. It is a fellowship that is committed to the spread of the message of Jesus Christ and to the salvation of souls.

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Ashaway, R. I. Attendance was good and the theme, "Prayer — the Christian's Fuel," lent itself to easy development and good discussions.

From the morning we arrived we felt the difference between this and the numerous other such gatherings of which some of us have been privileged to be a part. The most noticeable difference is not size of congregation, for others might be larger in that respect. Neither is it geographical size.

The State of California is twice the length of the Eastern Seaboard group of churches, and other Associations bring together much more widely separated churches. What impressed everyone, we believe, was the scope of the Association in terms of the number of churches and ministers and the fact that the membership was counted at least 14 ministers in attendance.

That is about half the number that usually gets to Ministers Conference and nearly one third as many as one would meet at General Conference. But it is not a pastors' meeting; the people are there, too, to represent the host churches.

With visiting delegates from other Associations the weekend at Eastern Association seems almost like General Conference on a smaller scale. The fellowship is rich and the horizons wide, even though the business is quite secondary to the inspiration side of the program.

It was our feeling that this was a more profitable gathering than some we have attended involving the same churches and many of the same leaders. One thing that gave this meeting a striking resemblance to Conference was the way the theme had gripped the president, R. Merritt Kenyon, of the Albion church. His president's message on Sabbath eve set the tone for the good messages to come. It may be the only message which will appear on these pages, though we wish it may be the only message which will appear on these pages, though we wish it could be printed more.

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RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS

Anyone who holds a position as public as that of an editor of a religious magazine has spice added to his daily life by the mail received from religious extremists of one sort or another. We could write a headline for every sort. We have recently received a bundle of mail from religious extremists who believe that the churches should say to the nations that it is neither by words of anger nor by insistence on rights that spreading of justice lies somewhere between. Let it be fair in the presentation of viewpoints and presenting to our readers what we believe to be the truth. Sometimes this is of necessity a middle position between two extremes. We hope we can remain objective and reach an instant decision. Generally speaking, our readers like us to be fair in the presentation of such matters. There are a few who are, perhaps, right in a position to judge accurately seem to prefer a one-sided view.

Let us all strive to follow truth when it appears to come from one side or the other and equally when the truth lies somewhere between. Let it never be accurately said of any of us that we allow expediency to dictate to truth or policy to silence conscience.

New Pacific Coast Church

Word has been received that a new church has been organized in Pasco, Washington. Rev. Leon Lawton visited it and helped with the organization on his recent visitation trip up the Pacific Coast. Watch these pages for the story.

NATIONS MUST REPENT OR PERISH

In a message to all Christendom, the seven presidents of the World Council of Churches said in part:

"Let us all strive to follow truth when it appears to come from one side or the other and equally when the truth lies somewhere between. Let it never be accurately said of any of us that we allow expediency to dictate to truth or policy to silence conscience.

Therefore, each Conference day will open and close with prayer and we will walk at His side throughout the next 45 days.

There will be a thirty-minute Prayer Service each morning starting promptly at 8 o'clock (Tuesday and Sabbath at 9) and it should close just as promptly at 8:30. Many of those present should be given an opportunity to lead.

"The day will close with private devotions. Each one may come before God in his own way."

The above has been written to each individual leading these morning prayer services.

At the very center of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus talked to His disciples about prayer and then He gives them the "Model Prayer." I trust that prayer will be at the very heart of our Conference program, and it will be if we continue to pray for the sessions and come with consecrated spirits saying, "Thy will be done." As Henry Ward Beecher once said, "It is not well for a man to pray cream, and live skimmed milk." Let us be determined to make our deepest prayers a reality.

We must always remember that to pray is a luxury that few can afford. We who are Christians can mend them no matter how many words of prayer we utter nor by insistence on rights that settlements can be achieved, but by the spreading of justice, by combining to meet another's needs, and by relying for our salvation upon the grace and mercy of God.

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We hope you are still thinking and working and praying over the problem of a world-wide Christian and to realize this is also one of God's heart.

Surely, we are faced with the task and the challenge of the next four years. We must always remember that to pray is a luxury that few can afford. We who are Christians can mend them no matter how many words of prayer we utter nor by insistence on rights that settlements can be achieved, but by the spreading of justice, by combining to meet another's needs, and by relying for our salvation upon the grace and mercy of God. We believe the churches should say to the nations that it is neither by words of anger nor by insistence on rights that settlements can be achieved, but by the spreading of justice, by combining to meet another's needs, and by relying for our salvation upon the grace and mercy of God.

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THE SABBATH RECORDER

MEMORY TEXT
As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God. Psalm 42:1, 2a.

PRAYER – THE CHRISTIAN'S FUEL
Theme message at Eastern Association, Ashtabula, R. L. by the president, R. Merrit Kenyon.

"If many people are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, then will I hear."

Prayer is not an unfamiliar subject. It is our Christian attitude. One almost hesitates to use it as a theme. However, we must consider the possibility that its practice may not be keeping pace with its theory.

One day immediately following a service in which Charles B. Templeton had spoken about "Prayer" he lunched with a friend, whom he had not seen for some time. In the midst of the meal, the young student suddenly leaned across the table and asked, "Why should I bother to pray? Did you hear what Charles B. Templeton said? He said that God knows what we need before we ask Him?"

"I don't think so," his father answered, "Did not Jesus Himself say that God is a matter of letting Him find you, and and seek my face, then will I hear."

The father of four children was visiting with a friend, and during the rather extended conversation, all four children came to him. The first, a small boy, came in to ask, "Daddy, may I have a nickel for an ice-cream cone?" Later a girl about 7 came hobbling in, in tears. She had barked her shinbone while playing and wanted her father to "kiss the pain away." The youngest, who is in her teens, appeared with a homework problem she could not solve. He did not give her the answer, but showed her how to find it. The third child, a big girl about 7, came in and climbed up into his lap and settled down. He looked down at the boy and said, "What do you want, dear?" The child answered, "Oh, I didn't want anything, Daddy, I just wanted to be with you.'

What a near-perfect likeness to prayer: coming to our Heavenly Father through prayer for the things we need, or when we have bumped our shinbones on some rough place in life; Father comfort us, or when we face problems, and seek, not the answer, but the wisdom to find the answer; or most important, to ask and not to receive, but to come into His presence because we love Him.

Prayer is not a burden to be borne, an obligation to be fulfilled, something that is due to God and must be paid. Prayer is a privilege; like friendship, and family love and laughter, great books and music, it is one of life's opportunities to be grasped thankfully and used gladly.

Prayer is the Christian's fuel. The early Christians looked upon prayer as a source of power and not merely as a religious exercise. Prayer is to the Christian what gasoline is to your car or to the airplane. For without fuel the car will not run and the same is true with a Christian who does not pray.

Every Christian would agree that power, both physical and spiritual, rests in the name of Jesus. In Matthew 18:19 says, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

A group of sightseers was being taken through the great hydroelectric plant at Niagara Falls. A guide had enlarged on the tremendous amount of electricity this plant supplied for hundreds of miles throughout the area. One lady looking at the huge turbines, asked, "How do you make all this electricity? An engineer standing nearby replied, "Madam, we don't make it, we just channel it."

Prayer is the life-breath of a man's soul. It is the appointed way to obtain the relief of our spiritual necessities. It opens the treasury and sets the fountain flowing. If we have not, it is because we do not pray. Prayer is the way to procure the outpouring of the Spirit upon our hearts, and here it is that men fall short so miserably. J. R. Ryle said, "Prayer is accepted as a matter of course, but seldom practiced. It is everybody's business, but neglected by nearly everyone."

In the Moody Monthly, January 1956 issue, the author entitled, "How Our Church Prays for Its Members," by Margaret Donaldson. After giving it considerable thought, I talked with Pastor Osborn about it. The Religious Life Committee recommended the plan to the church and it was decided to include a prayer for each member in our 1956 Directory. It is our hope that each church will follow this plan in their own directory and eventually unite the Eastern Association together in daily prayer and love for one another.

Our church having slightly less than 200 members, the names were arranged so that each member has two special days a year to be remembered in prayer. We are trusting this will be an untold blessing in the spiritual life of our church.

Beginning April 1, twice around the roll will take us to the middle of January, 1957. Church members are finding that it need not be difficult to pray for one with whom they are not intimate. Using the pattern of the Lord's Prayer, they can take that one of their number to the Throne of Grace and pray that the Lord's name may be hallowed in that life, that daily needs may be supplied, that a loving, forgiving spirit might be manifest in his or her life, and that their walk may be worthy of a Christian.

We are praying this plan will result in a new bond of fellowship among members of our church — that they will find that as they pray for some one with whom they are not well acquainted, they will have more incentive to really know that one. When the directory is received, one naturally turns to his name and finds his own prayer date — the date on which the whole church family will be bearing him before a loving and faithful Heavenly Father.

Prayer is a co-operative work. Not alone are we to be united as believers in prayer as Matthew 18:19 says, but we work hand in hand with "Him who ever liveth: to make intercession" for our own hearts, for our friends, for the world. God is a soldier of the cross, a prayer warrior. Paul says in Ephesians 6:12: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

These spiritual hosts of the evil world are arrayed in warfare against the child of God. The only way to combat and break down these forces is by the outpouring of our power of God through intercessory prayer.

"He (Jesus) made intercession for the transgressors." May we be willing to enter into this fellowship and unite our hearts in intercession for the salvation of the brethren.

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**Missions**

**Nyasaland News**

A recently received letter from Rev. David Pearson encloses the statistical report of the Seventh Day Baptist churches and pastors of Nyasaland. A study of the report reveals many interesting facts.

There has been an increase in church membership of two hundred twenty-one souls during the past year. An effort is being made to train members and to develop spiritual depth as well as to secure numerical growth.

There are fifteen pastors serving the twenty-seven church groups. Of this number, five serve at Makapwa Mission. The five pastors are assisted by a considerable number of licentiates, who serve as evangelists, he writes.

An effort has been made in the report to give names of church officers as accurately as possible, English and Chinyanja spelling of names being quite different.

To quote:

"You will probably notice a difference in spelling in some of the same names submitted for publication last year. You will notice some new church names and on the other hand some that do not appear as they did last year. Organization is very poor" in some churches.

Plans are under way for a conference of Seventh Day Baptist church and leaders to be held at Makapwa Mission, July 12-15.

**Beth and Joan Note**

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that we are in good health, and finding more energy as the weather begins to cool off. It seems that we have had a very long summer this year, and along with this the rains have continued to be hard and frequent.

This year sees both of us in our uniform at last back to nursing. The 26th of January we moved into our new Dr. W. B. Lewis Medical Building. This consists of a six-room building: an admitting and administrative room for the Out-Patient Department; one room as a combination workroom and pharmacy, the Labor Room, the Delivery Room, and the Maternity Ward. This room allows for nine beds for our mothers; the babies are kept in baskets at the head, which should see the baskets. They were made in handwork class by our Standard Four (6th grade) children of split bamboo and are very nice.

Though Joan is still school principal, she has given most of the responsibility of the mission school to a capable African teacher. The other teachers are in full bloom, their many colors add to the beauty of the mission. The flowering trees that were planted last year are growing nicely. We hope some will bloom before we leave next year.

Those of you who receive Mission Notes might remember one of our schoolboys, Chain Manan, who wrote an article some time ago titled "Why I Am a Christian." In it he stated he wanted to be a pastor. We are happy to say he takes Seventh Day Baptist correspondence. In the meantime he is letting his light shine before man. While talking the other day, he told us of the services he holds in the area. That he is not allowed to do at home, and how during one of these, four of his immediate family came to accept Jesus as their Saviour. He said, "You know it is very hard to talk to your own family. I was afraid the first time, but it is easy now." Might we as Christians take courage from his experience? That we might tell God that we will have the strength to take that first hard step to tell others of our Saviour. We still remember with joy the evening that Otraim came to receive Jesus as his Saviour, and now our joy is increased by him in turn bringing others to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. But how great must be our father's joy as he sees his children come to Him.

**Plans for Return of Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph**

Plane reservations have been made on the British Overseas Airway Line on which it is expected that Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph will fly from Kingston, Jamaica, to Idlewild Airport in New York City on Tuesday, July 24. That afternoon they will be attending Conference at Alfred, N.Y.

It is expected that the FitzRandolphs will attend the quarterly Missionary Board meeting on Sunday, July 22, at Westerly. After an interval during which they may visit their friends and friends it is hoped that they will be attending Conference at Alfred, N.Y.

**Mrs. Trotman Returns to British Guiana**

The long-awaited news has been received from Rev. Alexander Trotman that Mrs. Trotman has arrived back safely from her recent visit to London where she underwent eye surgery. His letter states, "She arrived on May 24, 1956. She is well and seems to be none the worse for the severity of the winter she had to endure."

That which will bring rejoicing to the hearts of her many friends in this country is news that she is still desired and useful. Pastor Trotman writes, "Sight is wonderfully restored." He adds that it is
WOMEN'S MEETINGS AT CONFERENCE

Wednesday afternoon, August 15, from 2:15 to 3:15, the women will present their Conference program. Mrs. Russell Maxson, president of the Women's Board, will preside. A drama entitled "Are You a Candle?" will be presented. The play was written especially for this program by Mrs. M. M. Wilson, a member of the board. It shows a Sabbath day in the life of a lone Sabbathkeeper's family which has been receiving material sent out through the nonresident program of the Women's Board. The audience will join in the worship service as they conduct it as a part of the program.

Thursday night there will be a supper for all the women at Conference. Following the meal we will make use of the new type of discussion meeting in which the group is divided into many small sections where each person gets a chance to express her thoughts. The ideas brought out in these small groups are then compiled and brought to the whole group as they come together again. The subjects for discussion will be taken from your answers to the Women's Board questionnaire sent out with the last Newsletter. These must be compiled before Conference, so we hope all of you have filled out and returned them promptly.

Friday noon all the women will have a luncheon followed by the Annual Meetings of the Women's Society of the Seventh Day Baptist General Conference. Every woman who is a member of a Seventh Day Baptist church or fellowship is a voting member. Election of officers will be necessary for her to be fitted with glasses adjusted to her new power of vision.

In a former letter Pastor Trotman had written of the tragedy performed guarantees against any further ravages of glaucoma, so I am told. We are sure it was a great help to this. I am sure it will be very good news for you also. God be praised. He sees and there is no more pain." His letter concludes, "We are in line for selection as visiting campers."

N. D. M.

Inter-Association Camper Exchange

The Board of Christian Education is pleased to report that the "camper exchange" program being promoted by Paul Green, chairman of the Youth Work Committee, is taking shape. The Eastern Association voted to send two young people, one from New Jersey and one from New England, to the Central Association (eastern) to help them get started. The Central Association authorized its Camp Committee to provide funds to send a camper to Camp Harley in the Western Association. The Western Association appropriated money to send a camper, Nina Traver of Little Genesee, to Camp Holston near Battle Creek. The Northern Association plans to send a camper to the North Central Association.

We hope that, in those Associations which will not meet until too late for this year's camping season, the Camp Committee or the Executive Committee will make arrangements to participate in the program so that there will be an unbroken chain of visiting campers embracing all the Associations. We have recently been sent to all our pastors reminding them of the plan and suggesting that they take the necessary initiative.

This camper exchange, or visiting camper plan, will help, we believe, to create a wider fellowship among our young people and to stimulate boys and girls to become honor campers and thus be in line for selection as visiting campers.

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Western Association Meets at Independence

By Albert N. Rogers

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Speaking of wild animals, you may have heard about the raccoon that was cornered recently on the ledge of the roof of a ten-story building in Providence, R. I. He had apparently climbed a big "city tree" that had no friendly hollow in it. He was captured and confined to a zoo. In the city of Plainfield, N. J., at least two raccoons a year or so ago seemed to have a very pleasant and secure home in the storm sewers. The iron pipe left a cozy hole for them. They have been known to ruin many a house and shine up the tops of some cars in a public garage.

For Jr. High

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From other cities come other stories. We could tell of the 12-year-old boy in the outskirts of Riverside, Calif., who a few years ago brought home a huge wildcat on his bicycle. He had shot it with a 22.

The truth is often stranger than fiction. Perhaps you have followed some of the manufactured tales about Brave Eagle on TV. The programs center around a teenage son of a friendly Indian chief named Brave Eagle. In a recent program, the Indian boy out of jealousy left a white boy in the mountains alone. He picked up a young mountain lion when the mother was away. Of course, just as the old lioness was following his trail and was about to pounce on him, the repentant Indian boy came back. We were a bit amused to notice that the old mountain lion was actually an African lion with the hair cut short.

Boys and girls need to be alert and see all the strange things of nature round about them even in the city. It is better than watching TV. God looks after His wild creatures, and He looks after us.

The programs center around a teenage boy who was being prepared for the meeting. The fiscal year of the Tract Society ends prior to the June meeting (May 31) in order that annual reports of the publishing house, the treasurer of the board, and of the corresponding secretary may be approved as a statement to the General Committee.

These revealing detailed reports were approved by the board on June 17 and are now being printed in the usual pamphlet form to be studied at Conference and later printed in the 1956 Year Book.

In addition to the annual reports, due consideration was given to the work done during the outer quarter by planning committees and officers. Almost every committee reported more than the usual amount of work.

On May 19, the Sabbath Promotion Committee has served the churches of the denomination by sending out two mailings of suggestions for the observance of Sabbath Rally Day. In the past the committees and officers. Almost every committee reported more than the usual amount of work.

The Audio-Visual Aids Committee told of an unprecedented demand for its service in providing free filmstrips to church and auxiliary organizations. The wider selection in the lending library and the more adequate cataloging and advertising of available materials was reported to have brought this about. It also pointed to the need of still more purchases in the future.

One of the most significant changes in board planning was the acceptance of a recommendation from the Budget Committee to change the beginning of the budget year from October 1 to June 1. The purpose of the change was to make the budget year correspond with the reporting or fiscal year. It is felt that this outweighs whatever values there may have been in reverting to the Conference budget year. Under present conditions it is believed that any changes in the budget necessitated by Commission and Conference action can be made at the fall meeting even though the board has already begun work under the new budget.

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**ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE!**

Those planning to attend Pre-Conference Retreat register with:

Paul Green
Box 44, Alfred, N. Y.

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**SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON**

For July 14, 1956

Jesus Is the Saviour of Men

Lesson Scripture:

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**THE TRACT BOARD MEETING**

There was considerable extra activity around the Seventh Day Baptist Building and the office of the publishing house on Sunday, June 17. As a matter of fact, the time of the stencil-cutting typewriter and the mimeograph machine had to be budgeted during the preceding week because of the Tract Board meeting. The miscellaneous business at the close of the afternoon meeting, authorization was granted to spend money under the proposed budget for advertising in periodicals.

The Audio-Visual Aids Committee told of an unprecedented demand for its service in providing free filmstrips to church and auxiliary organizations. The wider selection in the lending library and the more adequate cataloging and advertising of available materials was reported to have brought this about. It also pointed to the need of still more purchases in the future.

One of the most significant changes in board planning was the acceptance of a recommendation from the Budget Committee to change the beginning of the budget year from October 1 to June 1. The purpose of the change was to make the budget year correspond with the reporting or fiscal year. It is felt that this outweighs whatever values there may have been in reverting to the Conference budget year. Under present conditions it is believed that any changes in the budget necessitated by Commission and Conference action can be made at the fall meeting even though the board has already begun work under the new budget.

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**THE LIVING WORD**

Dr. Luther A. Weigle

One of a series of articles by this noted man.

The meaning of "occupy"

"He called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come." Tyndale said, "Buy and sell till I come." But the King James translators followed Coverdale, the Bishops' Bible, and the Rheims translation in using the word "occupy." The Revised Standard Version has translated, "...do business in great waters."

In all but two cases, "occupy" is used by the King James Version where the more modern meaning of "use" or "trade with." "All the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to occupy thy mercies" means "all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you, to barter for your wares." (Ezek. 27: 9). The word occurs often in the Epistle of James and the phrase "in thy works" is interpreted as "in thy regular business." It means "work," "occupy," and "deal." "In thy works" means the giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest." This is the trans-
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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

We need more news from the churches. Occasionally it happens (as just recently) that two weeks go by without any word from our city. Our staff editor, L. E. Sands, has not visited the parishes many religious groups. . . . Seldom has a man in a difficult interdenominational position been able so completely to enlist the loyalty and cooperation of the participating groups and persons. . . . He has succeeded in all areas of a large and difficult field.

C. E. News

Dr. Gene Stone has resigned as General Secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor to accept a call to the pastorate of the First Presbyterian Church of New Castle, Pa.

During his seven years as General Secretary Dr. Stone has traveled more than a quarter of a million miles, speaking to thousands of youth in conventions, conferences, and other meetings. He has been a leader at sessions of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, London, England; Washington, D. C.; and Honolulu.

A seminar on "Young People and the Peaceful Use of Atomic Energy," at which the auditors of the World Alliance of YMCAs was held at Castle Mainau, Bodensee, Germany, from May 15 to 23. In facing the question: 'Do developments of atomic science present a special challenge to Christian faith?' the seminar found: 'Not necessarily. No new problems are presented here regarding the nature and existence of God. . . . Furthermore, leading atomic scientists are extremely humble about their work, first to realize the limitations of scientific knowledge. This outlook is far removed from the assurance of those scientists who at times have seen a sharp conflict between Christian faith and natural science."

Rev. George L. Ford of Wheaton, Ill., received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Greenville College, Greenville, Ill., at its recent commencement exercises on June 4. Doctor Ford is Executive Director of the National Association of Evangelicals and is a member of the Southern California - Arizona Conference of the Free Methodist Church.

The citation made by Bishop L. R. Marston, noted his accomplishments as a Free Methodist pastor, and further stated: 'This man is at the center of one of the significant evangelical movements of our day, in the limelight of many religious groups. . . . Seldom has a man in a difficult interdenominational position been able so completely to enlist the loyalty and cooperation of the participating groups and persons. . . . He has succeeded in all areas of a large and difficult field.'

ITEMS OF INTEREST

From July 29 to August 5 the 90-member Central Committee of the World Council of Churches will meet in Hungary not far from Budapest in the resort town of Matraza. About 25 representatives from America are expected to attend. Enthusiasm for the meeting among the central committee of Hungary is said to run high. The body will discuss "Proselytism and Religious Liberty" and "The Churches and the Building of a Responsible International Society."

The Zondervan Music Publishers of Grand Rapids, Mich., by way of The Biblical Recorder have announced their "$500 Song Writing Contest." This contest will run until Dec. 31, 1956, which is being conducted in an effort to offset the death of good new action songs and choruses for children. The publishers are concerned about this lack and feel that such a contest may well bring to light some great new action choruses for boys and girls.

JULY 2, 1956

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On Saturday night, May 26, the Milton Junction Church held a party in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Zwiebel. They left on June 12 for Westerly, R. L., where he will be assistant pastor this summer.

An evening of games and stunts and a program which resembled the TV program "This Is Your Life" was enjoyed by all. A purse of money and a gift were presented to the guests of honor by the church people. Ice cream, cake, and coffee were served. Best wishes of all who knew her. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. John E. Griffith of Ridgefield Park. Committal, after cremation, will be in the Shiloh Cemetery.

By Letter:

Roscoe Franklin
Karen Bond

Sabbathkeeping churches and promoters of the Sabbath of the Bible can now procure an invaluable historic Chart of the Week, showing the unchanged order of the days of the week and the true position of the Sabbath as proved by the combined testimony of 160 ancient and modern languages. It was prepared by the scholar, Rev. William Mead Jones, D. D., who was pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church in London, England. A photostatic copy in 4 parts, each measuring 17½ by 22½ inches and suitable for framing may be procured by sending $10 to Mark Wiley, 5614 So. Morgan St., Chicago, Ill.