church as he spoke to the San Diego Fellowship Sabbath afternoon July 7. He took the train for the East the same evening. His mission assignment in Nyasaland begins in 1937.

NEW YORK CITY. — A printed letter was sent out recently to all members of the church mentioning the action of the church some months ago in regard to the disposition of invested funds. The letter gave the details of how the sizeable capital was disbursed prior to the disbanding of the church. About half of the money went to Alfred to endow a scholarship for a ministerial student. Four of our denominational societies received equal portions, and four retired ministers who had served the church were remembered with generous gifts. The acknowledgments of these unexpected gifts printed in the letter are heart-warming. The current Denominational Budget also shared in the distribution.

The letter further urges the members to affiliate themselves with other churches, one of the nearest being the Plainfield, N. J., Church.

New York State farmers make a better adjustment to retirement than do non-farmers, according to a recent survey of rural areas by Cornell sociologists.

Non-farm workers are more likely to be subject to compulsory retirement and complete physical separation from their occupation. Farm operators, on the other hand, who retire on their farms are not likely to suffer the same "shock of occupational withdrawal." — Brookfield Courier.

Accessions

By Baptism

Brookfield, N. Y.

Jeannette Palmer
Clayton Palmer
James Palmer
Roberta Langworthy
Josephine Van Horn

By Baptism

Leonardsville, N. Y.

Amy Greene
Leola Welch
Leona Welch

The Sabbath Recorder

July 30, 1956

Births

Lewis. — A daughter, Suzanne, to Captain and Mrs. Murray Lewis at Fort Ord, Calif., on April 4, 1956.

Snyder. — A son, Michael Wayne, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Snyder of Alfred, N. Y., on June 7, 1956.

Obituaries

Koontz. — Grover C., son of James and Margaret Jones Koontz, was born near Freed, W. Va., Oct. 4, 1889, and died at the home of his daughter in Berea, W. Va., on July 1, 1956.

On May 3, 1920, he was united in marriage to the late Delcie Haddox, and to this union was born their only child, Goldie. In recent years he came to the Sabbath truth and joined the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church, of which he has been a faithful member.

He is survived by his daughter, Mrs. Pat Fleming of Berea; and two sisters, Mrs. Zona Strader of Wellston, Mich., and Mrs. Rosa Amos of Seligman, Mo.

Funeral services were conducted in the Ritchie Seventh Day Baptist Church by his pastor, Donald E. Richards, and interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

D. E. R.

Monroe. — Merwin Ray, son of Herbert and Sabra (Knapp) Monroe was born in Wiscouan, June 8, 1878, and died at Little Rock, Ark., June 4, 1956.

He married Carrie Eltora McGahhey in 1907, who preceded him in death. He was a member and deacon of the Nady—Little Prairie, Ark., Seventh Day Baptist Church and lived in that area for many years.

Surviving are: his only son, Nathan O., of Fouke, Ark., a brother, O. H., of DeWitt; a sister, Mrs. Gertrude McGahhey of Rosebud, Ark.; seven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Fouke Seventh Day Baptist Church June 7 with Rev. Frank Eaton of the First Baptist Church officiating. Interment was in the family lot of the Fouke Cemetery.

E. M. M.

Saunders. — Mary Lena, daughter of Caleb and Lydia Babcock Saunders, was born in Westerly, R. I., June 8, 1872, and died in Cranston, R. I., June 5, 1936.

Most of her life was spent in Rockville. She was a faithful and devoted member of the Rockville Seventh Day Baptist Church, having joined in 1893. Both her paternal and maternal forbears were among the founders of the town of Westerly. She is survived by a niece and several cousins.

The funeral was held at the Avery Funeral Home in Hope Valley and burial was in First Hopkinson Cemetery. Rev. Harold R. Groveland, pastor emeritus of the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church, officiated.

H. R. C.

Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph, who have just returned from Jamaica, B. W. I., where they administered the affairs of Crandall High School and of more than 20 Seventh Day Baptist churches on the island and supervised the preparations for an agricultural school soon to open.
MEETING THE MISSIONARIES

Two veteran missionaries had gone out to Jamaica eleven years ago and were now returning for their second furlough and retirement. They were arriving at the International Airport in New York City. The plane was half an hour early but customs clearance of all the passengers seemed very slow. Waiting in line to greet the missionaries were two Jamaica Christians and the editor and his wife.

The missionary couple, Rev. and Mrs. Wardner FitzRandolph, passed by the gate. It was good to see them — happy and purposeful, though thin and strained from the extra work of their last few weeks on the field.

An hour passed while we waited for the luggage inspection to be completed. During that time there was much to see of human nature all around us. We could not help but wonder what others saw in the group of four waiting for the missionaries. We hope they could see some light of Christianity in our faces. Some friends in our actions, some purpose in our bearing. These things were so lacking in the cosmopolitan group as a whole at a customs gate where so many were coming and going.

There was the middle-aged man in a light tan suit who had to be pushed back from the gate. A few minutes later he was lying on the tile floor in the baggage way with his glasses in place, his hat on, and his head resting comfortably on his arm. He was dancing and talking, stupor. After ten or fifteen minutes the police came, removed the bottle from his hand, the glasses from his face, and took him to the waiting wagon outside. Someone in a foreign port would look in vain for a relative or friend the next morning — because of.

There was a black-haired Southern European mother with her blossoming daughter waiting for someone from across the water. The daughter wanted to look like the average American the no black hair for her except close to her head where the true color showed.

On the other hand we saw happy people. There were two generations of Jamaicans waiting for a college-age girl to clear customs. They had heard of Crandall High School and they seemed to be Christians. The light-complexioned Jamaican girl whom they were meeting was a tourist. We are always possibly lacking in concern for others which the older generation showed.

But what of our own missionaries?

They will be speaking for themselves at General Conference and will perhaps get to a number of our churches during their year of furlough employment. For the present it would seem that rest and relaxation is what they need.

Questioned about future plans in the brief time before plane and train Mr. Randolph could not even venture to say what. They could do immediately after the Missionary Board meeting (July 22). "I have been too busy with the present to think about the future," was his comment.

The ladies on the back seat of our car had a little chance to discuss the coming events of their ministry on the island. Of the many farewell parties one of the most touching was the one given by the community of Point Hill where we have a church. This area was "the one most seriously hit by Hurricane of a number of years ago. Seventh Day Baptists, we are told, were the first on the scene with help for the stricken families. Later, Mr. R. was able to distribute large quantities of clothing and supplies coming through a relief agency of the National Council of Churches. These goods went to the whole community, and the community turned out almost to a man when they heard that the Randolphs were leaving. Those who had remembered them in their time of need were now showered with lovely gifts at the time of their departure.

Missionary work has its rewards. In lands where the Gospel is given free course and is allowed to make its way by the persuasion of preaching and by godly example, in such lands the experience of these veteran missionaries can be duplicated. In other lands at the present time the inroads of atheistic Communism or the hostility of a dominant church make such demonstration of ap-
From The President's Desk

Conference Business

I was amazed to learn some years ago that business meetings can actually be interesting, challenging, inspiring, and fun. The realization came to me when I began to see that I was not an spectator looking on but a member of the team. Yes, in a real sense I am responsible for the actions taken because if you plan to give me a mind with which to think, a voice with which to speak, and a vote that was mine as an individual. Every delegate should realize that he has an obligation to be about his "father's business" because Conference business is God's business.

Then, too, we begin to understand the importance of the Conference business when we stop to realize the amount of time given to it. Do you know that more than a full twelve-hour day is given over to business when Conference meets for only six days? At Milton, in 1954, more than ten hours were spent in formal business sessions and you can add to this five hours for committee meetings.

This year eight hours have been set aside for business sessions, two hours and fifteen minutes for special committee reports (Committee to Study Denominational Publications, Committee on Ministerial Training, and Committee on Ecumenical Relations), and five hours for committee meetings to study both reports.

NOTICE — On the opening day of Conference I shall call for all reports that are usually referred. Each board and certain committee chairmen should be ready with their printed reports. I am doing this as your president because on Wednesday morning a block of two hours has been set aside for meetings, the hope that each group will have long enough together to finish much of their work. An additional hour will be given on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday mornings, but all reports should come back to the floor of Conference as soon as possible.

Every individual attending Conference should find his place on one of the twelve committees which will be appointed to study the work we are doing as a denominational through the various boards and agencies. This is your opportunity to learn what is being done, to speak words of praise, and to offer constructive criticism. Yes, Conference is for you and what you say is important.

"Be Happy!
You are the light of the world!"

Conference News

from Hospitality Committee

Delegate coming to Alfred, N. Y., for Conference are asked to register at headquarters in classroom No. 2, Greene Hall, Main Street. During Conference, the telephone number will be Alfred 5441. Headquarters will be open at 8:30 A.M. Thursday, Aug. 16, and at noon on the following days. Afternoon and evening will be open from noon on.

Regarding transportation, Hornell is the nearest Erie Railroad stop and is also the bus stop for through traffic. If transportation to Alfred is desired, write Donald Pierce, Alfred Station, or call him at Alfred 5142. Taxi service from Hornell to Alfred is approximately $3.50, if you prefer to come up that way.

All mail should be addressed in care of Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Alfred, N. Y.

There will be space at the Alfred Station Community House for parking trailers. Camping arrangements may be made at Camp Harley. Be sure to bring plenty of beds if you plan to camp. For further information about camping or trailer space, contact Mrs. M. Elwood Kenyon or Mrs. Dana C. Peck, chairmen, Hospitality Committee.

Persons bringing young people to Pre-Conference Retreat will find both Beres Hall and The Brick dormitory available for sleeping from Thursday, August 9 on. Registration for these may be made at the parish house on Thursday and Friday.

Buried Crofoot Memorial Gifts Including Coin Cards

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Rais'ri's Budget Promotion Committee

Figures on how many coin cards or special gifts were returned in each church are sketchy, but it would appear that the 395 gifts, specifically noted in 18 reports, averaged about $4.37. We would again suggest that church treasurers, or whoever in charge of the special coin card effort in each church, please drop coin card to this committee at 510 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J., so that we can complete our record in time for a report to the Commission before Conference time.

We would gratefully acknowledge the following gifts since the previous report.

A Note of Appreciation

By Courtland V. Davis

One of the great difficulties connected with the publicizing and raising of the Denominational Budget, or of any unified budget whether it be Community Chest, Social Welfare, or any similar combination of budgets is the lack of emotional appeal. The drama, the empathy, the feeling of personal relation between the donor and the specific object of the gift are all lacking. Giving to such a "united budget" becomes impersonal, a chore, something that needs to be done, must be done, is a matter of duty. But "the gift without the giver is bare."

Many Seventh Day Baptists have felt this situation and have wished that something could be done about it. That we can and will go well beyond the call of duty when the personal touch is restored is amply evidenced by our prompt and generous response to specific and special appeals.

Recently the Commission has set up the budget so that those of us who wish to do so may give to special projects without feeling that we are thereby neglecting the general work of the denomination. This is done by arranging for undesignated gifts to be channeled into that part of the work which is at the time failing to receive its share (as determined by vote of General Conference) of the denominational giving.

Under this plan the first step each month is to assign each of the designated gifts in proportion for which it is designated. Every donor of such a gift has the satisfaction of knowing that his gift goes directly to the project he has in mind. The second step is to place all undesignated gifts in such fashion as to build up those projects receiving the lesser attention from donors of designated gifts, to the share in the Denominational Budget voted by Conference.

This plan, too, helps those of us who, thinking of the whole denominational effort, wish to support that part of the work receiving the lesser attention
from other givers. Now we may give to the Denominational Budget in the assurance that our gifts are not being used to build up extra funds for those projects which are not supported but are carefully assigned to that part of our work most in need, thus making sure that the intent of our people as voted in Conference is being carried out.

That this difficult problem has been so well handled this year stands as a tribute to our former Executive Secretary who worked out and installed its detailed operation, to our Commission who sponsored it, and to our officials, especially our new treasurer of the Denominational Budget, who have so painstakingly carried it out. A word of appreciation and commendation is very much in order.

Youth Suppers At Conference
Youth suppers for Conference are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, August 14 and 15, at 6:00 in the new Brick dinning area. Pastor Kenn- nedy will be in charge of this Tuesday evening. The program will follow the supper and will be held in the church so that others who are interested may attend. Wednesday evening's speaker, exclusively for the young people and their advisors, will be Dr. Paul C. Saunders who will give his Liquid Oxygen demonstration.

The price of these suppers will be included on the regular meal tickets which may be purchased at registration time or $1.25 to those without meal tickets. The meal will be served cafeteria-style.

JUNE 30, 1956, BUDGET STATUS

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O UR MOST DISTINCTIVE FEATURE
(The substance of a sermon preached on Sabbath Rally Day in the Daytona Beach, Fla. Church by the pastor, Rev. Oscar Burdick. Printed at the request of the congregation.)

On Sabbath Rally Day, which comes each May, our denomination stresses the Sabbath. The Sabbath is the most distinctive feature of our denomination. It is that which separates us from all the larger Baptist denominations. Yet we are mindful that the Sabbath is only one part of Christianity. Besides the Sabbath, we need to know about God, Jesus Christ, daily Christian living, and social problems in which Christian principles are at stake. We do this in order to study just how God works in this world, and the methods by which God inspired the men who wrote the Bible. Thus we preach on many aspects of Christianity.

Sometimes it appears that there is a separate denomination for every aspect of Christian doctrine, but that is something we are trying to avoid. Our present goal is to be our best to speak on many aspects of the Gospel. We are trying to minister to the whole man with the whole Gospel.

II
Denominations today are under pressure to make the Church one body in Christ. Sometimes we feel we should endeavor to embrace all Christian believers in its membership. Almost invariably, the new church becomes a new denomination, competing with already existing denominations. That is the irony of starting a new church to unite all Christians.

Perhaps more hope for Christian unity lies in the merging of denominations. We do not want to preserve our denomination just because it is a long history. We recall that the first Seventh Day Baptists in America belonged to the First Baptist Church in Newport, R. I. They did not want to leave that fellowship, but tensions became so great they formed their own church in 1671. But the observance of Friday night and Sabbath as the Sabbath is so distinctive that Seventh Day Baptists have to remain somewhat separate. It is possible, how-
The factories inspector does not approve of our present set-up, but rather than stone, bricks are an item used entirely for classrooms and school buildings. We saw the pastors at Sabbath day meetings, morning messages, and all at a decided marvel. We saw the pastors at Sabbath day meetings, morning messages, and all at a decided marvel. We saw the pastors at Sabbath day meetings, morning messages, and all at a decided marvel. We saw the pastors at Sabbath day meetings, morning messages, and all at a decided marvel.

Bricks are more readily laid and bind relatively to stone. The stones already gathered can be utilized in the foundation. Makapwa is a busy place these days — approximately 80 paid laborers.

Under date of July 5, Brother Pearson of Makapwa Mission tells of the new church at present. It is also necessary to erect another small building of burnt bricks for the housing of our missionaries in Jamaica. Mr. and Mrs. FitzRandolph return to the church where we were that day, and we returned to the mission with them.

"We left the mission the 14th going to Sandama to get the train. We were accompanied by the mission pastor and Otrait Manan, taking our bicycles with us. We went by train about 11 miles, getting us out of the river gorge. That day we went about 3 or 4 miles to the home of one of the pastors. From there we traveled to other churches increasing our number a bit. Our farthest out was about 65 or 70 miles from Makapwa as the bicycle goes, farther if traveled by car.

"We would like to say here that we had a wonderful time with the various pastors. There was a good feeling of cooperation among the group, and we felt that the Spirit present in the mission was in a marvelous way. We saw the pastors at work among their own people, in their own environment, seeing their zeal for seeking souls. We had an enjoyable ten days, filled with meetings, often staying up late discussing Bible questions.

Then Sunday, the 24th, was the quarterly meeting, here at the mission of the Committee of Seven (Executive Committee, 4 Americans, 3 native leaders). We met for several hours discussing various things.

"The English brethren were all very loving and kind to her and helpful in many ways. "There was one instance apart from the opportunity afforded her to speak to the Mill Yard Church of our work here in British Guiana, an experience which stands out prominently in her memory.

Mr. and Mrs. FitzRandolph arrived by plane at Idlewild Airport, New York, on Thursday, July 19, 1956. They were met at the Hostel in Bulstrode, a scene of love and beauty, with the Jewish brethren. Mrs. Trotman expressed their thanks for the opportunity afforded her to speak to the Mill Yard Church of our work here in British Guiana, an experience which stands out prominently in her memory.

The older building will be used entirely for classrooms and school purposes, while the new church building made possible by an individual gift from within the Chicago Church. This church is to replace the one that was the occasion of fellowshipping with the Jewish Christian brethren at their church in Middlesex, where she was taken by Rev. Mr. and Mrs. McGeachy. The home of their hostess, Mrs. Pauline Rose of Hounslow, was a scene of love and beauty. Bright sunshine, rare and beautiful flowers, and a simple service of prayer and the reading of God's Word, an interesting sermon by Mr. McGeachy, bread and wine, and an undisguised flow of love free from discrimination — all combined to paint a picture of loveliness which is a fitting reflection of true Christian fellowship.

"Brother Trotman indicates that he would like to write the words of the people at the Bulstrode Hostel for working girls, and the good people who run it — a committee of Christians. He mentions again the kindness of the English brethren, especially that of Rev. Mr. Cooper, a First Day Baptist minister, "all coupled together with that of our North American Seventh Day Baptists who did so much to make the trip and the operation what may now be regarded as a huge success," and ends "may God specially bless all those who helped." He asks permission, together with his good wife, "to record through the medium of the Sabbath Recorder our gratitude to all and our praise and thanksgiving to our prayer-hearing God."

Home Field Reports

Fouke, Ark.

Rev. Emry, Emeryborn, clerk of the Fouke Church, has reported the arrival of Rev. Marion C. Van Horn and family "on the Southwestern field July 3." He writes that Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Van Horn immediately assumed the duties of Shepherding Pastor, visiting the sick, conducting prayer meetings, bringing the Sabbath morning messages, and all at a decided
disadvantage, without household goods and the para­sonage in the process of remodeling.”

Daytona Beach, Fla.

Rev. Oscar Burdick, retiring pastor of the Daytona Beach Church, writes, “We plan to leave for Berkeley, Calif., Monday, August 13.” He reports a total of 90 calls during the quarter, contacting members and friends of the church at Ft. Lauderdale and St. Petersburg, as well as in the Daytona Beach area. He suggests the possibility of the Daytona Beach Church sponsoring a “Florida Seventh Day Baptist Conference” some weekend of the coming winter. This seems like an excellent plan, drawing together for fellowship the ‘Scattered New Auburn, Wis.

The summer itinerary for young people in the parish have helped, along with others from Miami, the community.

The summer itiner­ancy for the children of this young theological student and his wife was a busy one. On the fourth weekend of June he was on the programs of the Cen­tral Association at Louisville, Ky., and Southeastern at Berea, Ky.

The couple then took part in the Mid­Continent Youth Camp at Lake Fidel, near North Loup, Neb., and Southern Wisconsin Camp (Wakonda) at Milton. While there Mr. Green made his first appearance in his home church at Milton as the Sabbath morning speaker July 21. His assignment for the following week was to assist with the youth leadership at Camp Holston at Battle Creek, Mich.

Mr. Green will return to Alfred in time to act as business manager of the Pre-Conference Retreat for young people beginning August 9. In the fall he will resume his studies as a middle­r­ranked student at the School of Theology. His wife, the for­mer Denise Kagarise of the University, is expected to continue her academic course at Alfred University.

The objectives of the summer employ­ment are stated by Dean Albert N. Rogers as follows:

1. Promote a Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship in the denomination.
2. Promote youth activities at local, associational, and denominational levels.
3. Encourage young people to plan for college and, if they feel called, to the ministry. (Part of his expenses paid by School of Theology.)
4. Promote and plan Pre-Con Retreat — Rex Zwiebel, director.

ACTIONS OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education met in regular quarterly session Sunday, July 15, with sixteen members present. Dr. Ben Cranford was elected in prayer after which the usual reports were read and adopted. The executive secretary’s report men­tioned the workshops on worship and stewardship held in the Western As­sociation in April, and plans for the Pre-Conference Retreat. Miriam Shaw re­ported plans for the board’s program at Conference.

Permission was granted to the new executive secretary, Rev. Rex Zwiebel, to serve the Buffalo Fellowship twice a month until January, 1957, if he desires to do so.

The Finance Committee was authorized to invest $5,000 in each of the following: Broad Street Investing Corporation, Com­monwealth Investment Company, Massa­chusetts Investment Trust, and Well­ing­ton Fund Incorporated.

The budget for next year was adopted with certain possible changes which the Budget Committee was empowered to make.

On account of his plans to move to Rockville, R. I., Treasurer Neil Mills presented his resignation. It was accepted with appreciation for his services, and the Executive Committee was asked to secure a successor.

Since Mr. Mills had not taken his vaca­tion and in view of his services extending beyond his period of employment, it was voted that he be given $150.

The new executive secretary is expected to arrive by the first of August.

Junior Quarterlies

Please be patient!

The July-September Quarterly being prepared by Delmer Van Horn has been delayed by his long illness. Now in the hands of the printers, these junior helps may not reach all of the churches before the first weekend of August. The delay was unavoidable.

JULY 30, 1956

PASTORS: Please remind Pre-Con retreaters in your congregation to bring at least one heavy blanket in their bedding as nights in Alfred are apt to be cool. Also, the pre-conference leaders should be pre-registered. Send names plus questshop preference to Paul Green, Box 44, Alfred. Remember, the $9.00 fee covers food and board for Pre-Con plus room for Conference, too.

Alfred Vacation School

The Alfred Community Vacation Church School was held from June 25 to July 6 with Rev. Neal Mills as supervisor. There were 64 enrolled, 27 being Seventh Day Baptists. The subject of study was the Bible and the courses followed the “Co­operative Texts.”

On the first day the children brought drums and other instruments of noise, and after making some banners to carry, they met in the church for a worship service and then formed a parade at the head of which were carried the Christian, the U.N., and the U.S. flags. As they marched through town many parents and other boys and girls were reminded that Vacation School had begun.

The pre-school and kindergarten chil­dren group was in charge of Mrs. Myron Sibley the first week and Mrs. Ray Polan the second. They were assisted by five girls. The primary class was in charge of Beth Jacob and Alise Ogden, and the junior class was taught by Kenneth Davis and Pearl Hibbard. Mrs. Edward Cran­dall came in three days each week to lead music. Each morning the faculty met at 8:30 for a short worship service led by the Executive secretary, Rev. Rex Zwiebel, to arrive by the first of August.

On the evening of the last day of school the public was invited to a pro­gram in the church at which the boys and girls sang songs and recited Scripture which they had learned. The primary class gave a dramatization of the story of the Good Samaritan. Notebooks and handwork were on display. An offering was received and added to the money which the primary class had earned to provide Braille Bibles.
For Jr. High Readers

The Tied-Down Telephone

You probably have not yet been required to read in your English lessons, the classical story of Gulliver's Travels. One of his journeys was to the land of friendly giants, the Lilliputians (tiny people). As we recall the story these tiny creatures on one occasion securely tied him down to the ground with many thread-like ropes. He couldn't move.

The Bible has much to say about the power of little things. We just looked up all the references to spiders and spiders' webs. There are only three references. One of them (Job 8: 14) says that a hypocrite puts his trust in something as frail as a spider's web. Something to think about, isn't it?

I am thinking about spiders' webs today because yesterday I did not use the telephone that rests at the end of my big roll-top desk. Today that telephone is strapped down to the desk with a whole tent of web that is too fine to see at all except that tiny particles of dust have collected on it and some of the strands reflect the sunlight. One particle of dust turned out to be a little white spider. Viewed under a magnifying glass its legs were transparent as is plastic. Looking very closely we could see the movement of another minute spider still busily weaving an almost invisible web.

What was the purpose of the structure so skillfully woven in my absence by this pair of Lilli putian? Perhaps I am thinking about spiders' webs today which can be turned to call 10,000,000 people in New York and New Jersey is supposedly tied in its present position.

The cord, the transmitter, and receiver are anchored to the cradle and all are fastened to the desk preventing me from lifting the phone and making a call.

Young people have many tiny threads spun when they are not watching - threads which might interrupt our composition with God's world. Our web is not strong enough to keep us from breaking through and reaching heaven in the early morning, but some of the other threads, perhaps more visible to our parents than to ourselves, could keep us from the joy of daily fellowship with Christ.

Just as I was amazed that so little could happen to my telephone while I was busy with other things for only one day, so, too, Satan may be trying to hinder your spiritual life by tying you down to the earth and the momentary pleasures of life.

What shall we do? We must break these little strands which are weak and destroy the microscopic web. Our connection with God through Christ must not be hindered.

Our Most Distinctive Feature

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IV

Employment is often a problem for Seventh Day Baptists because we desire Friday night and Sabbath day off. To what extent, the six-day work week in many sections of the country (rather than the six-day work week) is making it easier for our people.

There is another way many Seventh Day Baptists have adjusted: Many have entered professions, such as teaching, which usually give off the Sabbath off. Some have chosen to be doctors which allows them to set their own office hours, though some illnesses must necessarily be treated whatever day of the week they occur. Others have chosen farming or carpentering to let them have the Sabbath free. These are some of the ways Seventh Day Baptists have adjusted to provide for Sabbath observance and worship.

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V

We observe the Sabbath from sundown on Friday to sundown on Saturday. This is the Biblical Sabbath — sunset to sunset (Gen. 1: 5; 2: 1-3; Lev. 23: 32). It is significant that we begin the Sabbath on an evening. Our manual of beliefs puts the meaning of Friday night into words which I cannot equal:

Sabbath eve thought sends us to bed with feelings, not of anxiety concerning the business that drives us to toil through the week, but with restful and soul-refreshing feelings, as we contemplate the presence of God and his goodness to man. As we sleep, something takes place in our minds and in our souls. Our subconscious minds restore our poise and give us power, and the Sabbath morning dawns different from all other mornings.

A Jewish song catches the same spirit of peace:

"Come, O Sabbath Day, and bring peace and blessing on thy way.
And to every troubled breast, speak of the divine comfort Thou shalt rest, thou shalt rest."

Dr. A. J. C. Bond has a beautiful poem for the beginning of the Sabbath:

Long, long across the vale,
The glowing sun sinks in the west,
A calmer sun our field, and dale;
Thus dawns the blessed quiet of rest.

All worldly cares we leave behind;
These anxious hearts annoy;
Sweet Sabbath rest with Christ we find:
A sacred eve of hallowed joy.

Glads that are the preacher's care,
Blest eve that whispers of His love,
A day of sweet communion here,
Fit emblem of our rest above.

VI

For some reason there is not much emphasis on the Sabbath in many denominations today. Perhaps it is the common practice among young people to worship that has caused this neglect. In any case, the Sabbath is a great heritage.

It is the Jewish people who have made the most of the Sabbath. If you attend one of the large synagogues and look at their prayer book, you will see much about the sacred day. But even our denomination has almost nothing to do with Jewish writings about the Sabbath. Jewish books maintain that the burdensome Jewish restrictions about the Sabbath were really meant to make of it a day of joy and peace. By avoiding work, the day is saved for study and thought. One wears his finest garments and eats the best food. It is a day of joyful rest. I will read for you some of these Jewish thoughts.

God sanctified time, rather than space.

Six days a week we seek to dominate the world, on the seventh day we try to dominate the self. The Sabbath is not for the purpose of recovering one's lost strength and becoming fit for the forthcoming labor. The Sabbath is a day for rest, a day of life.

It is not an interlude but the Christian living.

It is not a date but an atmosphere. It is not a different state of consciousness but a different climate. It is all or the appearance of things somehow changed. The primary awareness is one of being with God rather than of the Sabbath being within us.

By keeping the Sabbath, we are retaining a day for God. We get outside our selfish interests in our jobs. We try to make the day count for the work of the Kingdom of God in our hearts and on earth. As an English Seventh Day Baptist said two centuries ago, "The Sabbath is the market day for their souls."

We also keep the Sabbath for our families. We are homes together and can enjoy each other. When we are at work and about the many tasks of the home, there is not as much time for the family together. On the Sabbath with as few routine tasks in the home as possible, there is more time for each other as persons.

Sometimes we emphasize the Sabbath rest so much that we forget some of the other possibilities of the Sabbath. Often a part of Sabbath afternoon can be spent profitably with church friends. There are positive values in Christian fellowship. It is good for Christian people to know each other and practice Christian ideals. Christianity stresses the doctrine of Christian Love; in other words, Christian friendliness. The Sabbath is a time when there can be Christian friendliness. Sometimes Sabbath afternoon is a time for calling upon sick friends: I well remember the example of my father calling upon the sick on Sabbath afternoon, as occasion arose. I would point out that Jesus went about doing good on the Sabbath day. Jesus did not retreat on it,
What and Where Is Individual Responsibility?

By Wayne Maxson for the Mackintosh Essay Contest at Salem College, 1956 (first prize).

The threat of subversive activity in our country and the realization that this can hold more danger than military operations, has prompted many of our leaders to express deep concern over the decreasing interest in the political, religious, and social activities of the citizens of this nation. High-quality political leadership is difficult to find; churches find it hard to enlist the aid of lay leadership; growing social problems are not being met quickly enough. Hence an investigation of individual responsibility is timely today.

We can remind ourselves of great men in our national history who were outstanding in their responsibility and utilized opportunities to the benefit of humanity. Such men as Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and Abraham Lincoln are among these "Greats." No one of us supposes that he will be able to envision such responsibilities and to perform so necessary a service as these men did. But the Great Teacher told of a man, much more like ourselves, who had only a small responsibility shown him, and did his small part to serve mankind. This man, known to us as the Good Samaritan, showed us much about responsibility; he showed what individual responsibility is and where it is.

To this man it was helping where he was needed; it was using his time, energy, and resources to revive healing opportunities arose, to make up for inadequate facilities it was reported by one participating minister as having the finest camp spirit he had ever seen. It drew 31 campers from the four churches in the Association and from five states.

The 41 campers came in relatively equal numbers from Boulder and Plainfield, N. J., Waterford and Middletown, Conn., Westerly and Ashaway, R. 1. Shenectady and Berlin, N. Y. One camper from the Southwestern Association is following out our camper exchange being suggested by the young people's department of the Board of Christian Education.

Our schools, churches, society, and government is, indeed, our privilege and our individual responsibility. Daily we meet these responsibilities. How we accept them is dependent on how observant and how willing we are. It is always possible to let someone else take the load. The Good Samaritan told of a man who offered to offer his meager services. In our nobleness of waiting for more qualified persons to accept the responsibilities ourselves, we refuse the responsibility shown him, and did his small part to serve mankind. This man, known to us as the Good Samaritan, showed us much about responsibility; he showed what individual responsibility is and where it is.

Yesterday's opportunities are now gone; tomorrow's we may never meet; our concern is for those facing us today. A dynamic democracy is dependent on every person as a thinking and acting individual. We as members of a democracy are responsible for the rights that we enjoy; they are our responsibilities.

Southwestern Association Dates

The Seventh Day Baptist Southwestern Association will be held at the Little Prairie, Ark., Church, Aug. 3, 4, and 5, with Pastor J. H. McKay as moderator. The suggested theme is "The Light of the World."

LEWIS CAMP

The oldest of Seventh Day Baptist young adults' camps, Ashaway and Westerly, R. 1., reports another successful camping experience for the 41 young folks who spent the week of July 8 to 15 there.

Lewis Camp provides a camping program for those above 10 years of age. The formal instruction under the direction of the dean, Rev. Paul Maxson of Berlin, N. Y., was given in the forenoon in four classes with the camp divided into two age groups and the teaching material adapted to meet the different age levels. Rev. Paul Burdick of Waterford, Conn., taught denominational history and doctrine. In the course of one week a long bus trip was made to visit the old Newport Church on Thursday. Doyle Zwiebel, the summer assistant pastor at Westerly, gave a Sabbath course. His wife gave instruction on the subject of worship. The dean also had a course entitled, "Romans, the Book of Grace." A number of others were on the staff.

Mrs. Helen Sullivan from the Berlin Church was counselor and instructor in ceramics. Mrs. John Gavitt of Westerly was cook, assisted by Mrs. L. G. Osborn who also taught floral art to some of the older girls. The business management of the camp was handled by Rev. Lester G. Osborn. He also conducted an effective decision service on Sabbath eve. Miss Marilyn Osborn, recent graduate of Salem College, assisted Mrs. Doyle Zwiebel as girls' counselor.

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Dr. Van Kirk Dies

Government and church leaders from around the world have paid warm tribute to Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., internationally prominent church expert on world affairs for more than 30 years, who died suddenly of a heart attack July 6. He was 64.

Dr. Van Kirk was executive director of the Department of International Affairs of the National Council of Churches. He also was pastor of the Wellesley Island, N. Y., where he had gone to deliver a sermon.

In a message to his widow the Secretary of State said Dr. Van Kirk was "a Christian statesman of outstanding brilliance, insight and dedication. All people who know a just, durable peace are the poorer because he died, but overwhelmingly the richer because he lived."

Dr. Van Kirk had devoted his life to mobilizing Christs Church in the cause of international justice and peace. Only last month he saw the completion of a two-way visit of American and Soviet Union Christian leaders' sponsored by the National Council under his personal direction."——Religious Newswearly.

Mid-Continent Youth Camp

As previously announced the Mid-Continent Association was interested in two widely separated camps this year, the usual Rocky Mountain Camp for junior-age boys and girls at Boulder, Colo., area, and a youth camp near North Loup, Neb.

This latter camp was held at Lake Pibel in the sand hills of Nebraska about 35 miles from North Loup. It is a not-too-well-developed camp site owned by a minister and his wife. In spite of the inadequacy it was reported by one participating minister as having the finest camp spirit he had ever seen. It drew 31 campers from the four churches in the Association and from five states.

Ten of the campers had journeyed from New York City for the assignment in help in building a new church there. They are described as adding much to the camp from their experience.

All the pastors of the Association, David Clarke, Harmon Dickinson, Duane Davis, and Francis Saunders, took part in the camp program. Pastor Saunders, from the nearest church, was director.

The instruction centered on "The Christian Life." Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Green, now of Alfred, N. Y., were also on the
NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

NORTONVILLE, KAN. — The church is proceeding with the calling of a pastor to replace Rev. Duanz L. Davis when he leaves in the fall to take up his new work at Lost Creek, W. Va.

October 6 has been set as the date for Lord's Acre dedication. During the year ending June 30, nearly $350 came into the treasury from personal Lord's Acre projects.

A church library plan has been announced with titles of desired books announced and an invitation for friends to contribute the price of one or more as a lasting memorial to some loved one.

While the pastor is absent on a brief vacation Rev. Clayton Faubion has been invited to preach on Sabbath morning, Aug. 4. Brother Faubion is a Sabbath-keeping minister from Stanberry, Mo., who until recently was a minister of the Church of God (Seventh Day) and editor of their official weekly, The Bible Advocate. He and his wife and 16-year-old daughter attended services at Nortonville on June 30.

NORTH LOUP, NEB. — Those who pass by our church will notice a beautiful new sign in front of it. Sheldon Van Horn deserves credit for planning the sign and doing most of the work on it. Del Barber also gave help and suggestions.

At the annual business meeting held recently our pastor, Rev. Francis Saunders, was re-elected to serve the church. The officers of the church remain pretty much the same for the coming year: moderator, Aubrey Davis; clerk, Mrs. Ed Christensen; treasurer, Roy Cox; trustee, Clare Clement; organist, Mrs. Harlan Brennick; assistant organist, Mrs. Merle Crow; choir manager, George Cox; Recorder reporter, Mrs. Hugh Whitford; historian, Marcia Rood.

Our church people were much interested in the Association youth camp held nearby. It is recalled that local overnight camps have previously been held for our youth on the river. They were planned by the late Walter Rood and included devotions and recreation but not classes such as were held in the week-long camp at Lake Pibel by the pastors of the Association.

OUR SERVICEMEN

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Marriages

Cruzan. — Charles K., son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foster of White Cloud, Mich., and Doris M., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cruzan of R.F.D. 2, Fremont, Mich., were united in marriage on June 9, 1956, in the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church by the bride’s pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock. The couple at present resides near Grand Rapids, Mich.

Births

Cruzan. — A daughter, Gayle Marie, to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cruzan of White Cloud, Mich., on June 13, 1956.


Obituaries

Branch. — Rose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Belleville, was born at Lacota, Mich., Sept. 27, 1877, and died at her home in White Cloud, Mich., July 13, 1956. She was united in marriage to Nathan E. Branch at White Cloud on July 6, 1905. To them were born three sons, W. Quincy of Lansing, Mich., Ted and Wells of White Cloud, all of whom survive. There are also two sisters, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. She has been a member of the White Cloud Seventh Day Baptist Church since its organization.

Funeral services were held from the church on July 15, conducted by her pastor, Rev. Orville W. Babcock. Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

AUGUST 13, 1956

Rev. Leon R. Lawton and his family who are attending General Conference en route from his pastorate in Los Angeles to their missionary appointment in Jamaica, B. W. I. Mr. Lawton will assume supervision in September of all the Seventh Day Baptist Churches on the island and will also act as headmaster of Crandall High School.