Births

Curless. — A daughter, Wylene Ruth, was born to Corporal Paul and Leonora (Todd) Curless on January 10, 1957, at Neosho, Mo.

Babcock. — A son, Taavi Kirk, was born March 17, 1957, to Bryce and Carol Babcock of Tuolumne Coop Farm, Modesta, Calif.

Obituaries

Todd. — Ruby C., daughter of Charles L. and Clarke M. Todd and to this union two.

Burdick assisted by Rev. Harold R. Crandall of Rockville, R. 1. Interment was in West Baptist Church and of its Ladies' Aid Society, mother, and homemaker.

She was the oldest member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church by Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph. Internment was in Milton Lawns Cemetery. - E. F. R.

Maxson. — Minnie Alice Macfarlane, daughter of William and Eliza Shaffer Macfarlane, was born in West Willington, Conn., May 25, 1861, and died at her home on the Great Neck Road in Waterford, Conn., April 4, 1957.

She was married to Herbert B. Maxson October 19, 1881, in New London. Mrs. Maxson was the oldest member of the Seventh Day Baptist Church and of its Ladies’ Aid Society, both of which she faithfully attended as long as she was able. She was a devoted wife, mother, and homemaker. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Helen Maxson and Mrs. Leslie A. Avery, both of Waterford.

The service was in charge of Rev. Paul S. Bairdick assisted by Rev. Harold R. Crandall of Rockville, R. I. Internment was in West Neck Cemetery. - P. S. B.

Todd. — Ruby C., daughter of Charles L. and Myrtella Maxson Clarke, was born at North Loup, Neb., August 25, 1888, and died at Daytona Beach, Fla., February 14, 1957.

She was baptized by T. J. Van Horn and joined the Brookfield, N. Y. Seventh Day Baptist Church when she was eleven years old. In August, 1906, she was united in marriage with Clarke M. Todd and to this union two children, R. Loyal, and Bernice E., were born.

In 1935 the family moved to Milton, Wis., where they affiliated with the Milton Church and have been faithful and active through the years. Ruby Todd was devoted and effective in her relationships to her family, her church, and the community.

In addition to her husband and two children she is survived by two grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. Elmo Fitz Randolph. Internment was in Milton Lawns Cemetery. - E. F. R.

Whitford. — Albert Edward, son of Professor and Mrs. Albert Whitford, was born in Milton, Wis., in 1875, and died at Fort Pierce, Fla., April 14, 1957.

Educated in the schools of Milton, he received his bachelor of arts degree at Milton College and his master's degree from the University of Chicago. As an educator Doctor Whitford served thirty years on the faculty of Milton College — nine of these years as president. Following his association at Milton College he taught on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin for two years and then went to Alfred University where for twenty years he taught mathematics and was dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

In 1900 Albert Whitford was married to a college classmate, Mary Whitford, who died in 1936. Their two children, Doctor Albert E., director of Washburn Observatory, University of Wisconsin, and Dorothy (Mrs. Nels Ler­dahl), Madison, Wis., and seven grandchildren survive him.

In 1938 he was married to Ruth Rogers of Alfred, N. Y., who survives him.

A funeral service was conducted in Fort Pierce, Fla., by the Rev. George B. Edgar, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, assisted by Dr. James M. Howard, pastor emeritus. Following cremation in Florida, a memorial service was conducted in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church, with Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph and Professor D. Nelson Ingalls, of Milton College, presented a tribute honoring Doctor Whitford. Internment was in the Milton Cemetery. - E. F. R.

[See a tribute elsewhere in this issue.]

SABBATH RALLY DAY

"The next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God" (Acts 13: 44). The physical appearance of a modern American city differs much from ancient Antioch in Pisidia but the need of the people for a day of worship kept sacred for the things of the Lord remains the same.

Sabbath Rally Day reminds God's people of their responsibility in helping their communities to find the joy of Sabbaths well spent.
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IN THIS ISSUE

 Ministers Conference Notes

An article on the beginning of the Ministers Conference at Westerly was phoned to the office just before the Recorder went to press last week. Many of our readers may want to know more about things discussed and the values received by the 30 or more Seventh Day Baptist ministers who found it possible to attend.

Dr. Melvin Nida will have in this issue a resume of what Dr. Benjamin Browne told the group about publications and their importance to our denomination in maintaining its special witness. From the editor's 17 pages of notes on all matters presented, a little material is drawn here as a basis for telling the story of the three-day conference.

The main theme to which the guest speaker spoke and which was discussed at length in the subsequent sessions was denominational publications. Some had perhaps thought in advance that only a few would be interested. All those present soon realized that the subject was one of vital concern not only for those involved in the production of periodicals and lessons but for the whole group and the people back home.

The program committee had apparently intended that the discussion would take up the whole range of publications with perhaps equal attention being given to those of the Board of Christian Education, all of the Tract Society, and the more or less independent ones. As it turned out, though some mention was made of all in one way or another, the great bulk of the time was spent on one publication,
the Sabbath Recorder, and the possibility 
that a new venture might be tried out. 
This turn may have been due to 
several factors. Our weekly magazine 
is very prominent in the minds of minis-
ters and laymen as evidenced by the 
generous response to the recent question-
aire. (Returned questionnaires from other 
publications had come back in rather small 
numbers.) At the conclusion of the meeting, 
Dr. Brown's emphasis had been largely 
on the new ventures of various denomina-
tions in the changing of their periodicals. 
Then, too, the brethren assembled seemed 
disposed to think through as far as possi-
ble in the time allotted one problem rather 
than many.

In the last few moments of the con-
ference there was a movement to recom-
mend to the special committee of the Tract 
Board a serious consideration of this project 
and that it be arranged or conducted by the newly or-
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Pastor Van Horn was elected chairman of the council and Mrs. Lloyd Lukens the clerk. Statements were made indicating the growing God-like desire for a church in Texarkana, the organization of the Fellowship, the purchase of property and then the building, and finally the request for a council of organization.

Thirteen of the nineteen members were present; each gave a statement of personal faith and hope. The Constitution and Articles of Faith and Covenant of the new church had previously been carefully prepared and adopted by the Fellowship and were read for the council's consideration. The actions of the council commended the group for its devotion and preparation and approved the organization of the new church.

The Sabbath night program was one of inspiration and testimony. Pastor Fred Cox gave the message which was followed by a splendid session of witness and testimony in which almost everyone took part. Messages of welcome and greeting were also read from churches, agencies, and friends.

The first business meeting of the new church was held on Sunday morning following a devotional service. One of the impressive parts of the meeting was the signing of the Covenant by the thirteen members present. The officers now serving the Fellowship were made the first officers of the church. Application was made for membership in the Southwestern Association and in the General Conference.

Following this brief business session another inspirational service concluded the weekend of special blessings. Pastor James Mitchell gave a challenging message, speaking of the opportunities and duties of the new church.

Our God particularly blessed us with perfect weather, many dear friends, wonderful messages, and bringing into reality the hopes of many years. This we realize is not the end of hopes and aspirations, but the beginning of opportunity for our new church.

The Sabbath traffic was bad; last year 16,680 motorists never made it to Monday.

The total program of our world mission is set up by our boards and agencies to help us as individuals to have a part in the carrying forward of our Christian mission to the world. Seventh Day Baptists as believers in the Word of God have the responsibility to "go into all the world" with the Gospel message, and, we believe, with the message of the Sabbath. The program of your local church should be vital in this respect in your own locality, but how fine it is to have a part in this world-wide work! I have a real interest in it and am experiencing the joy of participating in the Our World Mission program you will, I am sure, share your enthusiasm with others in your church so that they will catch the spirit and receive a blessing from participation, too.

During the first six months of the Conference year the giving of our churches, computed on a per capita basis according to membership given in the last Year Book, was as follows: Number of churches giving less than 25% of their share, 15; between 25% and 50% of their share, 17; between 50% and 75% of their share, 7; between 75% and 100% of their share, 9; 100% or more of their share, 8. Where does your church stand?

Salem College
Outlines Progress Potentials

Extensive improvements have been effected during this college year, on a self-help basis and through generous co-operation of the Board of Trustees and individuals. They include, in brief: interior of main buildings repainted; modernization of heating system; new heating equipment installed in cafeteria and heating equipment for library; new equipment in kitchen remodeled and new equipment installed (thanks to the Hope Natural Gas Company); progress made on range development program, the initial stage of which is now nearing completion.

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Denominational Publications

Importance and Improvement

A report of two lectures by Dr. Benjamin P. Browne prepared for the Sabbath Recorder by Dr. Melvin G. Nida.

Seventh Day Baptist ministers in attendance at their annual conference—held this year at Vassar, N. Y.—were challenged to rethink the nature and purposes of denominational publications. The guest speaker was Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, who is executive director for publications of the American Baptist Convention.

Dr. Browne first pointed out the importance of the printed page. Adoniram Judson worked six years before he won a convert to the Christian cause and then it was done through the printed page. Men such as William Carey who had little promise of greatness in themselves became great when the Christian cause to use otherwise hidden talent; and its message is limited by his audience. Not so the writer, for his message can be multiplied a thousandfold.

Denominational publications have their great importance. If a denomination does not proclaim its own distinctive witness, that message will be lost. Such publications must acquaint young people with the heritage and indoctrinate succeeding generations with the distinctives of their heritage.

Besides preserving distinctives, denominational publications also have the responsibility of preserving the Christian ecumenical witness. We cannot look to our secular magazines to present, for instance, the Christian challenge to temperance. Only denominational publications can counteract the false reasoning and appeal of the liquor interests that are given voice in the secular magazines. In denominational publications there is a free voice to speak out on matters of general Christian concern.

Denominational publications can also be a free agent in other concerns of our day. If we wish our young people to read and understand the truth, the pulpit is an instrument to provide it through our publications. Through our denominational publications we can help undergird our children, our young people, and our adults with our distinctive moral and denominational challenges.

Expanding the idea of denominational distinctives, Dr. Browne said that it emphasizes one's distinctives does not necessarily detract from our ecumenical witness. We need to be constantly strengthening ourselves to our Christian best. We do not strengthen the cause of Christ by soft pedaling our distinctive witness. Individuality is the very heart of the Christian cause.

Dr. Browne also pointed out that we need to make our publications' distinctive best. This is also a means of advertising our strengths. Denominations tend to be associated with certain distinctive magazines such as Seventh Day Adventists and "Liberty"; Christian Science and "The Monitor"; Presbyterians and "Presbyterian Life".

One striking statement of his lectures was the remark of Dr. Browne that it is the effect that denominations seem to be the numerical peaks just after periods of great publishing activity. Distinctive denominational books also have an important part in the outreach of Christian publishing, said the lecturer.

In discussing how to meet the challenge of Christian publishing in our day, Dr. Browne was very insistent in pointing out that it is the time for Christians to move into the vacuum left by the anti-religious writers who have utterly failed. Where a generation ago the writers who slandered and smeared the Christian cause were popular, today there is an emphasis upon Christian matters. The great challenge to Christians is to be able to take advantage of this hunger of our day.

In order to do this, however, we must have trained Christian writers. We need to call the writing ministry just as we would call them to the preaching ministry or the mission fields. In our day, we need dedicated Christian writers who will help inform the printed media with the written Gospel.

To help meet the need for training in Christian writing, Dr. Browne has pioneered in organizing a Christian writers' training program. At the beginning this was simply a religious writers' conference, but it has now developed into a full-fledged training program. Last year there were nearly 250 writers and prospective writers in attendance at Green Lake, Wis., where the classes are held. This year one will be able to earn college credit for the course and it is expected that the program will be further strengthened next year.

Pastors, missionaries, laymen, housewives, and students come to improve their writing. An internship plan has also been inaugurated so that young people will be able to work with a publishing house in action. A correspondence course in Christian writing has also been organized. This serves to train those who cannot get out of their homes and to supplement the training of others.

It is essential that we have the written word for our distinctive witness. Today the need is tremendous. People cry for religious information and yet it is lacking. Children and young people seek the challenge of truth. There is a tremendous flood of obscene literature to entice them away and to occupy their misinformed minds. Christian publications need to fill up the gaps.

"Money can be a vile thing; it can turn a man's head and ruin his soul," says the Rev. Theodore Vlas. "But you can squander money or you can spend it. You can take money and say, 'This is something that is God-given. This is part of the work that I must do.'" — W. W. Reid.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwibel

Active Seventh Day Baptist Youth Fellowship is busy making arrangements for members to attend Pre-Con Retreat. Churches and Sabbath Schools are laying aside money to aid the retreat and other expenses that are so prominent in attending such an event. In its last business meeting the Youth Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education, J. Paul Green, chairman, meets at least once a month to spark the ones who are planning and developing the program.

The committee has selected the theme, "Christ in You," for the retreat's central thought. The theme was suggested by Mrs. Maleta Curtis of Riverside, Calif., who will be the worship leader at Pre-Con. Rev. Kenneth E. Smith is serving as the dean of classes and is rounding up a staff from the colleges and denominations. Rev. John F. Randolph is the business manager. He is responsible for getting the information and logistical details. Mr. Babcock, outstanding musician, will teach and lead in the music department. Rev. Don Sanford and Rev. Edgar Wheeler will hold forth with the "Sabbath" and "Personal Evangelism." There will be classes on "Vocations," "The Christian Home," and "Christian Drama." Among the counselors will be Pastor and Mrs. Ronald Goodenough.

SABBATH SCHOOLS LESSON

May 25, 1957

A Man of Peace in a World of Strife

Lesson Scripture: Genesis 26:17-29.
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By What Authority?

When Jesus cast out them that sold and bought in the temple and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, He was soon confronted by the chief priests and elders asking Him by what authority He did these things.

When asked in the right spirit, that is a legitimate question. One should always be able to give a good reason for whatever he does and satisfy himself at least that he is backed by the highest authority appertaining thereto.

The Sabbath

One thing that makes Seventh Day Baptists different from most all Christendom is the Sabbath, and it is the only thing that makes us different from one large branch of Protestantism. If we insist on standing out from the others on this point we should be able to state our authority. By what authority do we keep the seventh day as Sabbath?

The Sabbath is a part of creation. When God created heaven and earth He blessed the seventh day and sanctified it. Genesis 2: 2, 3. So our Sabbath is the Sabbath of creation should be remembered. Exodus 20: 8-11.

The Sabbath was made one of the ten fundamentals of the moral law which God gave to Moses, that the Sabbath of creation should be remembered. Exodus 20: 8-11.

The prophets were mouthpieces of God urging the people from age to age to keep the Sabbath holy.

Christians rely on Jesus Christ's interpretation and practice of God's will among men. He stated that man still needed the Sabbath: "The Sabbath was made for man," that is, mankind, as He Himself observed the Sabbath. Luke 4: 16. He assumed the Sabbath would continue, for He told His disciples to pray that certain calamities ahead should not come on the Sabbath. Matthew 24: 20.

Christian apostles who broke away from Jewish tradition still kept the Sabbath, as Jesus expected them to do, preaching to Jews and Gentiles, Sabbath after Sabbath. Acts 13: 42-44.

The divine authority for the seventh-day Sabbath is recognized as antedating Moses, continuing through Judaism, and passing on into the early Christian Church. What better authority for the Sabbath today?

Sunday

Most of Christendom has substituted the first day of the week for the seventh day as Sabbath. Such a radical change certainly calls for a statement of authority.

By what authority do ye these things? Different reasons for the change have been given, but seldom has the authority for the change been set forth. A thorough study of that question might surprise many devout Christians.

Sunday is called the Lord's Day. Did Jesus ask for a Lord's Day to be substituted for the Sabbath? Where then is the authority for the change?

Sunday is observed to commemorate Jesus' Resurrection, we are told. Did Jesus ask His disciples to commemorate His Resurrection, on Sunday, or that it be substituted for the Sabbath? Where then is the authority for the change?

Unofficial objection is raised to the seventh-day Sabbath on the ground that it is the Jewish Sabbath. Is it Christian to harbor race prejudice, or to let it divert us from divine edict?

Just where is the authority for the change? That is a question that should be honestly studied and answered by every Christian.

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Copies of this article in tract form are available from the American Sabbath Tract Society, 510 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey.

The Tract Society is currently reprinting 5,000 copies of the above tract along with 7,500 copies of a salvation tract and a number of other informational and Sabbath-emphasis pieces of literature. The presses are spreading printer's ink in unusual quantities during this quarter. What are we doing in our communities and schools to bring this material which so many people want?

STATEMENT OF BELIEF

Kenneth E. Smith

Christian Emphasis

Our knowledge of God and His purpose comes of God's will to reveal Himself to man. It is part of God's nature as a loving heavenly Father that He wills to reveal Himself to man in a manner that He is able to receive the Truth. It is only, however, as the finite being prepares himself for divine Truth and the process is accomplished. It may come as a mathematical solution to the highly trained scholar or as an insight to the probing philosopher, but just as often it comes to the farmer at sunset or to the mother at her work.

God is Other, as Barth asserts, and as such He is a Mystery, yet God is not Wholly Other for His presence within the life of man is the stimulus at "this end" of the revelation. The mystery lies in man's limited capacity to understand the ways of Almighty God. As Jesus said, "I have told you of earthly things and you have not understood; how do you expect to understand about heavenly things?" (John 3: 12.)

God's revelation of Himself comes in many ways, each with its own degree of importance, depending partly upon our ability to comprehend. I list three types of divine instruction which mean the most to me in this human life.

1. Nature - In the regularity, beauty, and complexity of the world about us, I believe that God has given us a glimpse of His nature. We see but dimly for the world in which we live is not a perfect place and we are not able to see even a fragment of the meaning which is all about us. The universe tells us, for example, of the Creator and so much that we add to the data about the nature of God.

2. Scripture - In the greatest of all Books, the Holy Bible and its progress of man to the search for God. Its climax tells of that God to Man — Jesus Christ, the Redeemer.

3. Christ — The supreme revelation of God to Man came in Jesus Christ. We know that God loved man with such an outpouring of love that He entered time in the Incarnation. The God-Man, Jesus Christ, is the most complete picture of God that man has ever known.

The Doctrine of God

It is extremely important that we remember that our conception of God is not necessarily God. In the very act of defining Him we are doubtless in error, for God cannot be limited by our words. Even when we employ our best thinking to this age-old problem we must realize that God can only be sketched in the light of our limited experience of Him.

It is not difficult to understand why the scholastic theologians would only say what God is not, but not insist upon the reason which is indeed helpful, but in the limited knowledge which we have of Him through the historical figure of Jesus Christ, through nature and the physical senses; through the responsiveness of our own souls, we seek to express what God is to us. I find the definition by William N. Clarke to be most helpful. It seems as accurate as one sentence can be without qualifications:

God is the personal Spirit, perfectly good, who in holy love creates, sustains, and orders all.

In Jesus Christ I see most clearly the nature of God, and in the light of that revelation I can evaluate the traditional speculations concerning His qualities and attributes. God is like Jesus. That is the important thing.

I shall always be prepared to discuss with those who are concerned with my definition of God, but to move to an awareness of Him is the important matter. The most accurate definition will be given by those who have experienced God in their own lives and have accepted His salvation through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ

I believe that Jesus of Nazareth was a man, yet, He is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Neither fact is escapable, either in Scripture or in experience.

The Christian Church at various times has almost lost the human Jesus Christ. The strange and mystical Christ of the stained glass windows with a scepter and a crown has sometimes been the only Christ the Church presented. Today we are indebted beyond expression to the scholars who gave to us again the flesh-and-blood Jesus who walked among us. I believe that Jesus was a man "in all points tempted like as we are," and here is the mystery, "yet, without sin" (Heb. 4: 15). I think it vitally important that the per-
This is the oldest organized church in this section, and probably our ancestors were the first to hold religious services in these parts.

First Hopkinton has been called "mother of churches." In the early days members of this church joined in the emigration from what Denison calls "the bleak rugged New England Coast for the sheltered and favored valleys of the West." Sometimes before 1745 a group went to Shrewsbury, N. J., and organized a church. In 1789 they moved as a body to West Virginia and became the Salem Church.

Other churches resulting from emigrations were Berlin, N. Y., Waterford, Conn., De Ruiter, Brookfield, Little Genese, and Verona, N. Y. So many of the members lived in the northern part of the town that in 1771 a meeting house was built near Rockville, being called the 'upper meeting house.' Though they were one church, separate services and business meetings were held, each group keeping its own records, and transacting its own business.
set off as the Second and those at Rockville as the Third Hopkinson Churches. In 1840 most of the congregation in the village of Westerly became the Pawcatuck Seventh Day Baptist Church.

Six other small churches were formed from the membership of this church. They have either merged with other groups or became extinct for one reason or another. The building of one of these—the Greensmansville Church at Mystic—now located in Mystic Seaport as part of the historical exhibit there.

At one time there were over 1000 members of the First Hopkinson Church. In spite of the drain on personnel by the various emigrations and dividing into separate churches, there were still 539 members in 1899. How zealous the old original meeting house of the Westerly Baptist Church has been paved with it.

In saying that the burden of sacrifice falls upon ministers and missionaries as a rule, it is not saying that it ought to be thus. Furthermore, it should be noted that many men and women in all walks of life have and are sacrificing to the limit by giving time and money and by bearing the work on their hearts.

We repeat that Christ’s Kingdom on earth is to be established by sacrifice; ministers and members must lead and the members of the church must follow in the footsteps of the Master. “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me.” We should not be discouraged because the way is not smoothed out for us. We should glory in hardships. It brings results, and if borne willingly, it brings great satisfaction.

Christ’s Kingdom
Established Through Sacrifice
(Reprint of article by the late Rev. W. L. Burdick)

Christ’s Kingdom has always been promoted through sacrifice. Every step of the way has been paved with it.

For several weeks past the Bible lessons have been leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ. They have portrayed what a sacrifice He made for the establishment of His Kingdom on earth.

All the apostles, excepting John, suffered martyrdom. Through the centuries following, workers in Christ’s Kingdom have been called upon to bear untold hardships, endure labors, and some have been asked to suffer death.

The brunt of sacrifice has fallen upon the missionaries, ministers, and their families. He who becomes a minister or a missionary is not exempt from many things which some around him have. A few may have the best, but this is not the rule. They must not parade their sacrifices or even mention them except in extreme instances.

The sacrifices which the workers are called upon to make are various kinds: Greeneridge Minister, for instance, has spent large sums which others have; if devoted, they put in more hours and work harder; they must go up and down the face of the earth; they are required to endure heart-breaking separations; and if true to their high calling they carry on their hearts the burden and sorrows of all people.

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Camp Preparations
The young people who attend our church-owned camps from East to West and North to South may look forward to magnificent facilities this summer due to the early preparations and the constant improvement now under way.

Church bulletins from Battle Creek, Mich., Milton, Wis., and Riverside, Calif., contain many items of interest to youth all over the nation. It was an appeal to church people to be at the camp on April 28.

"Work will begin at nine in the morning. Projects include: completing the storage loft, repairing, painting, and placing outdoor furniture; repair of the road approach to parking area; digging around well casing for installation of new pump; installing glass in basement windows and painting beams; completing construction of cupboards and serving table in dining room; mowing and burning leaves in grotto: Challenge to Control along creek; leveling and seeding lawn and playground area.

"Remember! Many hands make light work. Come for the time you can spare. Bring the tools you think may be useful."

The third quarterly meeting of the Central Association Young People was held at the Leonardsville Church on April 27 at Leonardsville and Brookfield. Margie Greene led the older group discussion and Mrs. Pearson the younger. They are the parents of Rev. Q. B. Pearson and of Nyasaland missionary, Rev. David Pearson.

When supper time came we were served a banquet-style meal at the Brookfield parish house. This was followed by reporting of the missionary work on the church on the activities of their own youth group. The delegates were Rev. David Crandall, Verona; Lowell Welch, Brookfield; Mrs. Merryman, Swingle; Mrs. De Ruiter; and Barbara Cruzan, Adams Center.

Pastor Earl Cruzan told us about camp for this year: the staff body set apart and we are promised another boat trip around the Thousand Islands. Our guest speaker, Pastor Victor Skaggs, talked to us on our theme—Following this there was an enjoyable social hour.

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Tea n Talk
It’s Tough To Be a Teen-Ager

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Christian Education Committee Organized

The First Alfred Seventh Day Baptist Church now has a newly organized committee on Christian Education. In January of this year a group of interested persons from that church met, studied the needs, and learned of ways to organize to accomplish set goals. Letters were written to other Seventh Day Baptist churches that half Christian Education committees or boards, and from the replies came help. The executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education conducted study periods using a series of three filmsstrips devised for the purpose of helping churches set in motion an active committee. Selected to head the committee was Dr. Ben R. Crandall, veteran group leader and educator. Dr. Crandall set up seven subcommittees, namely, Organization, with himself as leader; Curriculum, with Miss Miriam Shaw as leader; Leadership, with Dean Albert N. Rogers; Accommodations, Richard West; Fellowship, Kenneth Davis; Christian Giving, Howard Jacob; and Denomination, Mrs. Lucille Hildebrand. The committee is responsible for all organization, administration, and supervision of the Christian Education program of the church. In carrying out these responsibilities the committee will: 1. Develop goals and get acceptance. 2. Study and evaluate courses. 3. Study and propose an adequate time schedule. 4. Secure and develop workers. 5. Provide housing and equipment. 6. Prepare and administer educational budget.

Mrs. Margaret Rase is the secretary for the committee. Two meetings have been held since the organization and concrete ideas have been presented with definite action begun. 


There has been an increasing demand by youth for help in their personal devotions. This book admirably fills this healthy need. It has a format similar to the Lutheran Book of Prayer, but is geared in language and organization for high school youth. — L. David Brown.

We have not had an opportunity to read the book described above. The writers are Lutheran. It sounds worth while.

Association Dates

Central Association meets May 31 to June 2 at De Ruyter, N. Y. W. Garth Warner of Oneida is the moderator.

The opening meeting at De Ruyter on Sabbath eve will be given over to testimonies and a Commission Service. The program in the other services will center around Steps 1 and 6 in the new denominational booklet, "A Program for Extension and Growth."

Southwestern Association will begin the evening of June 6 at the Salvation Army Camp near Hammond, La. The association theme is "Grow in Grace." Pastor Ted Hibbard is the moderator.

Eastern Association will meet June 7-9 at Plainfield, N. J., with Frederik J. Bakker as president.

The meetings at Plainfield will feature two workshops on Sabbath afternoon: one on tract distribution, the other on home missions. The Association will provide challenging messages and discussion designed to stimulate a wider outreach.

Obituaries

Lanphere, — Ella Walton, daughter of Henry and Harriet Laird Walton, was born at Cross Plains, Wis., November 11, 1868, and died March 17, 1957, at Mercy Hospital, Janesville, Wis.

A Sabbath convert, Ella was baptized by Rev. D. K. Davis at Smyth, South Dakota, in 1896. Following her marriage to Martine Lanphere she was affiliated with the North Loup Seventh Day Baptist Church. Later the family, including a daughter Leta and a son Leo, moved to Milton, Wis., where they joined the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church in 1908. Her husband preceded her in death in 1938 and her daughter, Leta, died in 1945. Her son, Leo, survives her as does a brother, Fred Walton of South Dakota.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Elmo Fitz Randolph in the Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church and burial was in the Milton Cemetery.

Obituary Corrections

In the obituary column of May 6 the name of Alfred E. Whitford was given as Albert. It was given correctly in other places.

In the issue of April 22 (p. 253) the age of Deacon Lewis F. Randolph was given as 88. He was born in 1888, as stated on the back page of the same issue. The editor is sorry for these errors which were noticed after publication.

"Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book!" Thus cried the patriarch Job seeking to plead his just cause before his shallow-thinking religious friends. He could not know that his words would go out to the world as part of the first book to run on a printing press. The inventiveness of man has brought great refinements in printing presses by which we plead the cause of Christ and propagate the beliefs and practices set forth in the Word. See story inside.