Obituaries

Rev. C. Harmon Dickinson, pastor of the Los Angeles City Day Baptist Church of that city, where he died Sept. 29, in 1959. He was a charter member of the Christian Endeavor and was in Riverside, Calif., Nov. 16, 1959. He was married to Ray Chester June 17, 1911. He preceded her in death. She was a member of the First Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Church, Ashaway, R. I.

Surviving are: a daughter, Mrs. Carol C. Whitford, of Hope, R. I.; five sons: Edmund T., Theodore S., Ray A., William C., and Rodney D., all of the Ashaway and Westerly, R. I., area; 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; two sisters: Mrs. Edith Lamb of Florida; and a brother, Edmund T. Smith, of Ashaway.

Funeral services were conducted from the Harvey Buckler Funeral Home by her pastor, the Rev. Edgar F. Wheeler. Burial was in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly.

— E.F.W.

Scriven, Emily M., daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Scriven, was born in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1876, and spent much of her life in Los Angeles, where she died June 30, 1959.

Miss Scriven was baptized by the Rev. A. H. Lewis at Plainfield, N. J., and united with the Seventh Day Baptist Church of that city, where she kept her membership until her death. She was a charter member of the Christian Endeavor.

She leaves two brothers, Walter and Elmer Scriven; two sisters, Mrs. Clara S. Loftis and Mrs. Florence S. Munro; a niece and nephew who lived in the family home and nine other nieces and nephews; thirty grandnieces and grandnephews and six great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Francis D. Saunders, pastor of the Los Angeles Seventh Day Baptist Church. — F.D.S.

Van Sickel, Grace, daughter of I. Newton and Eva Jane Hubbard Van Sickel, was born in Plainfield, N. J., and died Sept. 25, 1959, at New Rochelle, N. Y.

She is survived by a niece, Miss Margaret Schmidt, of New York City.

A graveside service was conducted by the Rev. E. Harmon Dickinson, September 29, in Hillside Cemetery, Plainfield, N. J.

— C.H.D.
Don't Celebrate
The Birth of a Savior
With the Death of the Saved

It would be interesting to discover, in this era of mass movement, what the word "holiday" means to most people. What is the first thing that flashes to mind when the word is mentioned?

Time off from work? An excuse to celebrate? A tragic accident toll?

Unfortunately, truthful answers probably would place all of those higher on the list than the true meaning of the word. And it's especially unfortunate that holidays must have an association with high accident tolls.

Christmas, with the deepest spiritual significance, is the deadliest holiday of all, according to the National Safety Council. Ironically, it achieves this terrible distinction precisely because we want it to be such a wonderful occasion.

It is a sentimental holiday. People will drive long distances for the traditional family reunion, undaunted by the worst weather. More travel — especially winter travel at highway speeds — means more accidents.

It is a convivial holiday. The joyous spirit of the occasion is too often sought in liquid form.

This deadly conjunction of the throttle and bottle has dimmed the true radiance from the star of Bethlehem.

The National Safety Council has asked for church help in steering Christmas season to point out that accident prevention is practical religion, and that good will toward men can find no finer expression than beholding a car:

The new safety regulations proposed by the Governor of New York State, Nelson Rockefeller, will be too late to reduce the holiday toll in populous states because they will not be submitted to the Legislature until its January meeting. A portion of the program could well be urged upon every state by its citizens. It includes a new motor vehicle violation: "Driving while the ability to operate is impaired by alcohol." It is aimed at the two-drink driver and would require for conviction only two thirds as much alcohol as is now required to substantiate a drunk-driving charge.

We do not want to die or to have our loved ones die on the highway in holiday accidents that could be avoided. Christ, whose birth we celebrate, came to earth to be our Savior. There are two classes of people that ought not to die in automobile accidents: the one that needs their Savior and those who have not yet filled out their years of serving Him who is their Savior.

Evaluating Financial Appeals

The man with the little skiff had put out a plea: "Help break the coming breakers to rescue passengers from a shipwrecked vessel who were bobbing in the angry waves. When he had pulled on board all he could possibly carry to safety, he cried out, "O God, for a bigger boat!"

Those who are on the mailing lists of many worthy causes are deluged at this time of year with countless appeals for support to enlarge their ministry or balance their budgets before the end of the month. Perhaps our reaction is that of the man with the little skiff who happened to be where he could be of help, "O God, for a bigger boat!"

Manifestly we cannot respond to every appeal; we must evaluate not only the cause represented but also the calls that might be more worthy but may reach us just as we have given substantially to something that pulled at our heartstrings.

We like to give to the unusual, to the thing that is new and perhaps far away. It sometimes happens that the constant needs and the more prosaic appeals are overlooked of us at a time when they ought to be remembered.

Among the many calls are those from religious or semireligious magazines. We are told that it would be nice if we could give to our friends subscriptions to these interdenominational periodicals. All well and good. But how about giving your own denominational paper to some who have not quite enough interest to order for themselves? It is not too late to let someone know that you are starting a subscription. A printed Christmas message or a letter to the visitor in the home, but testimonials of blessings received from it seem to be abundant.

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tion of the world appears to be from the reference point of human evolution, not from the point of view of Christian faith or conscience.

Your editor has previously commented on the over-population problem in India. It is something serious and it has already been the United Nations Assembly. The well-known Roman Catholic position on planned parenthood is not the answer. Neither is the desire of biologists to vindicate the theory of evolution. The real answer must come from evangelical Christianity. Perhaps the Christian solution has not yet been formulated, but when it is, it will be based on a love patterned after the love of Christ. The motivation will not be the defense of an outworn creed or a doubtful theory of certain biologists.

Bible in Brazil

Bigger by far than the United States, Brazil presents one of the greatest challenges to Protestant missionary work to follow in the wake of one of the most extensive Bible distribution programs in all time. It is estimated that through Scripture portions have been distributed in that vast territory to provide one portion for every three people. As that people are on Protestant churches springing into being and grow rapidly.

Not only is Brazil a land of great opportunity but also one of great need. Literacy is higher than the world average, 44% as compared with 44%. There is industrial expansion but with it has come considerable Communist infiltration of trade unions. The poor people are easy prey to the Communists who contrast the future joys promised by the Evangelicals with the present blessings promised by their party.

Brazil and I am faithful co-operators and missionaries need our prayers. Perhaps, in the providence of God we may lend encouragement to the Sabbathkeepers who always have a place in their hearts to help to break away from traditional forms and days of worship.

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MEMORY TEXT

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins.

Matthew 1:21.

No Disappointment in Haven

Merle Hudson and David Appel have collaborated in writing a little book called Raphael, the Herald Angel which provides an hour's delight as a pastime reading. The promoters of its sale (Minister's Dollar Book Club) perhaps have some basis for saying that not since Van Dyke's The Other Wise Man has there been a more charming or original Christmas story. It is more fanciful and imaginative and probably will not live as long, but it does take one's mind off the temporary but acute disappointments that may beset us in our Christian work.

The book deals with heaven but tries to carry a lesson for earth. Raphael, the Herald Angel, was the angelic choir director who was told to rehearse all the angelic and cherubic choirs for the great announcement of the birth of Christ. He had anticiated a wonderful response from the people on earth. When he saw that none but a few shepherds even listened, and they without real appreciation, he returned with such a sense of failure that he resigned as choir director and sat in silent meditation for over 1900 years. Then he was summoned to visit earth again invisibly. He was made to see that all over the world people were singing his song, "Glory to God in the highest." His first announcement of the birth of Christ had not been a failure.

This whimsical tale on the children's level may remind us that on earth as well as in heaven God has His ways of overruling our disappointments. If we are faithful to the responsibilities laid upon us, we shall find our Heavenly Father in His wise providence will not allow His cause to fail. He sees farther than we, for which we can be thankful.

In the providence of God the world had been made ready for the coming of Christ. All the world was at peace under the Roman emperors, ruled then by Caesar Augustus. Alexander the Great, through the spread of Greek culture, had made the Greek language the vernacular of the day. It was the superior language of all time in which to write the New Testament, while English, I believe (in the providence of God), is the superlative language for the propagation of the Gospel.

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button to push for what. Recently down home a young fellow told of driving a new wagon which was made and sold, he learned what was familiar. On reaching a high speed, which still wasn’t fast enough for him, he just pushed the button "R", which he thought was racing gear, and of course stripped the gears.

Everywhere we are in a mad race, keeping up with the Joneses — new models of cars, washing machines, cook stoves, heating systems, houses, clothes, and all that makes for comfort and better living. Shouldn’t we give more time to building better lives?

When confronted with the contrast with American and African civilizations, a native of Africa challenged the missionary, Dan Crawford, with the searching question, "Is to be better off to be better?"

The answer to that question was given nearly two thousand years ago by the Son of man who had "nowhere to lay his head." In practice and preaching He taught the virtues of "lowly living and lofty thinking." He declared, "A man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." And again, "What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world, and lose his soul?"

II. Conquest of Christian Culture

You and I are heirs of a sturdy stock of pioneers. They had more in their hearts than they had in their homes. They invaded this wild country. They had the qualities of culture in their stout hearts and strong wills, but they had to carve their civilization out of the wilderness with their broadaxes. They came to these shores with so much love of God in their hearts, that they would have paid the price of privation and hardship for the freedom to worship God as they chose. You and I feast on the fruits of their labors, but do we follow in their train of sacrificial devotion?

We are the proud children of the covered-wagon migrants. My mother came from the coastal plans of South Carolina to the foothills in a covered wagon, while caravans of covered wagons streamed on across the plains to the Far West. Somebody said that the covered wagon carried the family, the Bible, the back spellers, and the Bible. From the family they built homes, from the blue-back speller they built schools, and from the Bible they built churches.

These hardy ancestors bequeathed to us true riches, if we only knew how to use them. They gave us a place in which to live and a pattern to live by. On which are we putting the emphasis, to win a better life, to give the world a better way of living or a better way of life? Are we putting the emphasis on the Gospel or on the culture of this world? Are we taught to worship God as they chose. Their civilization was laid out of the wilderness.

Jesus said to the fishermen, in effect, "Come with Me and I will make you fishers of men; and I will go with you as you go into all the world, and unto the end of the ages, to make disciples of all men." Shall we go with Him in a quest for souls? Shall we, with Him, make conquest of all peoples with eternal qualities: truth that will make men free; love that will never fail; and a brotherhood of all mankind under one Father and God?

III. Commitment to Christ

If so, our commitment to Christ should be prompt and complete. The Gospel records that Simon and Andrew, at once, immediately left their nets and followed Him. Also, James and John and the other disciples responded in like manner. They committed themselves completely to Him. The urgency of the Gospel is ever imperative. Full devotion, full consecration, is required. Listen to His words, "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me."

The worldly man never has until this day understood a man who denies himself, and yet it is a prerequisite for following Christ. The worldly man gets while the Christ man gives. The worldly man grasps life to lose it in the end while the Christian loses his life to find it. The Christian, friends, the hope of the world is in Christ and Him alone. We can bequeath to our children our civilization, our possessions, but how shall we give them Christ, whom they must know through personal experience? Surely we shall not neglect to teach them how we can, and as we hope to teach the students in Salem College. We teach our children to pray, to read the Bible, to attend worship services, and to live by the golden rule. To love God and to love one’s fellow man is the fulfillment of the law.

To whom shall we our children and our students. If you and me? My fifteen-year-old son recently brought to me a problem I knew he would inevitably face. I tried so much to help him. All around our Christian service is urgently needed. The old as well as the young have their problems. Hearts are aching while souls are crying out in desperation.

While I was a transport chaplain during World War II, a young lieutenant came to me as we sailed on the mid-Pacific one night. He listened at the door of the cabin while I taught a Bible class. Seeing the deck was austerely empty, I suggested we go to the open deck above where the tropical air was cooler. There he declared his unbelief in God and His faith in science and philosophy. He had gotten his college education, but it had not saved him from letting his religion fall into the breach. I replied, "Of course not, or you wouldn’t be here."

I was a recent graduate of Berkeley, who had tried so much to help him. All his students go if not to you and me? My problem could have a solution as the companionship and aid of the Holy Spirit, who will be our guide and comforter. Then we should wholeheartedly commit ourselves to the task of delivering humanity from the chaos of civilization and to the culture of Christ.
Dedication of New Church at Texarkana

The Texarkana Seventh Day Baptist Church dedicated its new church building on Sabbath day, November 14. Services were held both in the morning and afternoon. In spite of a very cold, windy day friends came from Little Rock and Fouke share in the activities. A carload of people did start from Metairie, La., on Friday, but the car broke down and they telephoned their plight and had to return home.

Services in the morning included the Sabbath School and Sabbath worship. One of the features of the worship was the Junior Choir, which sang two pieces, in charge of Mrs. Laura FitzRandolph, and a Seventh Day Baptist Fellowship was organized. Almost exactly three years ago lots were purchased and a small dwelling was moved on and remodeled for a worship center.

The Seventh Day Baptist Church of Texarkana was organized March 31, 1957. The new church building was begun last May. Some funds were borrowed from the Memorial Fund and a bond issue was floated using the Broadway Plan of Church Finance. Bonds were purchased by members of the congregation, by some friends near at hand, and by several friends among Seventh Day Baptist churches over the country. We have had also some very generous donations from good friends.

We praise God that His blessing has come to us so bounteously. We pray that our service to Him may be as faithful.

MISSIONS — Sce. Everett T. Harris

Nurses Welcomed in Holland

Secretary G. Zijlstra, clerk of the Holland Seventh Day Baptist Conference, has written concerning the welcome extended to Nurses Sarah Becker and Barbara Bivins by our Dutch brethren. Several paragraphs from her letter follow:

"On the Sabbath evening the nurses were welcomed in the church, when we had a prayer meeting. On the Sabbath Brother H. Visser preached a sermon, using his text Matthew 9: 37-38. It was one of the best in the States, one of the sisters told me. After the morning service we took lunch at the church. During the pause one of the brethren offered the nurses a tour in the surroundings and along the seaside. In the afternoon meeting both of the sisters told us how they came to offer themselves to the mission and work, and answered several questions.

"We think it a great privilege that the Missionary Board made it possible to make acquaintance of these missionaries, notwithstanding the fact that their presence is so urgently wanted at Makapwa. By their visit the ties that bind us to Makapwa have become stronger.

"Our best wishes for a fruitful labour at the mission in Nyasaland and the greetings for our friends there accompanied them. God bless them."

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New Missionaries

Arrive Safely at Makapwa

A letter received November 25 carried the good news that our newest mission workers have arrived safely at Makapwa Mission in Nyasaland. Miss Sarah Becker writes that she and Miss Barbara Bivins had a pleasant trip from Hamburg, Germany, to Blantyre, Nyasaland, where they were met by the whole European staff of the Mission."

One unexpected change in the flight plans occurred, making it necessary for the nurses to spend two days at Nairobi, Kenya, arriving in Blantyre on November 12 instead of the 10th as expected. Miss Becker writes as to the reason for this change, "In relaying our booking via BOAC from Nairobi to Blantyre some poor clerk had put us down for the 8th instead of the 10th. On our ticket it said the 10th. So when we were landing in Nairobi the plane on which we were supposed to be was just leaving the ground. Yes, we were all very sad and disappointed but it all worked out for the best. The airlines gave us first class hospitality for the two days in their newest and finest hotel. We were very much in need of rest by then and made good use of our time."

The letter concludes, "Everyone here is very busy and we are so glad to be here to help out. We started language study and have our first lesson yesterday and the Lord was gracious and loving in His care for us on the long journey, and we praise Him."

Personal Growth Covenant

Sign the Card

As a part of the Lay Development Program we are all encouraged to check and sign a personal growth covenant card. This is an individual matter, a promise made to God that we will try with His help to grow in grace, knowledge, and usefulness in His Kingdom work.

There are eight suggested items for growth which we may check. They begin with deepening and enriching our own spiritual lives through Bible study and
prayer. This we need and must have or we can go no further. This responsibility to sign and carry out is number 6, in which the promise is to "seek to win at least one person to Christ and my church." But this is the very heart of the whole matter. Can we fail to sign this one and still be witnesses for Christ?

And what about those three blank spaces? What are they for? Is this just a waste of space? We hope and pray that these three blank spaces will be the greatest challenge of all to each of us. At this point we must look deeply into our own hearts and ask God to help us grow in our greatest need.

Is it our greatest personal need to be rid of some compromising habit? Is it to be more loving and thoughtful of others? Is it to curb a nasty temper? What stands in the way of complete commitment on our part? We know in our inner hearts what it is and God knows, too. Have you the courage and faith to believe that God can and will help you? Then sign the personal growth covenant card and give Him a chance to help you keep your promise.

Daily Strength
Elizabeth Fisher Davis

From the noise and tumult of the world We need a safe retreat. O Praise the Lord, He made it — The blood-bought mercy seat.

We pray and read the precious Book — Its promises are sure; Our souls are lifted, hearts are eased; We find strength to endure.

"In quietness and confidence Thy strength shall ever be. Help us, O Lord, to realize Our strength must come from Thee.

"Be still and know that I am God."

Yes — Lord, we need to pray That nothing keeps us from the trust We have with Thee each day.

(Written Dec. 1, 1959, in the night.)

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NEW EVANGELISM CHART AVAILABLE

A new evangelism turnover chart is available for loan to the churches. It is entitled "You and Christian Witnessing," and is designed to train church members to do one-by-one evangelistic work. It explains in graphic terms the "why" and "how" of personal witnessing in everyday life. We encourage the churches to make use of this chart as a part of the Lay Development Program.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - See, Do, Be, Witnessed

Youth Work Encouraged


1. We recommend that letters be sent to the pastor and one young person in each church urging them to publicize the work of the SDBYF and informing them of the printed breakdown of the Youth Committee budget which will appear in the Beacon. We further recommend that the young person if possible be one who has attended Pre-Con and worked with the Committee on Young People's Work this year.

2. We recommend that each youth group appoint a Beacon correspondent if it has not already done so and send the name of that individual to the chairman of the Youth Committee.

3. We urge every youth fellowship and young person to join the SDBYF, sending the name of each individual with the dues to the chairman of the Youth Committee.

4. We recommend that the funds allocated to the Youth Committee in the Board of Christian Education budget be listed as national SDBYF budget.

5. We commend the Youth Committee for selecting Administration Young Adult Retreat and recommend that it be continued.

6. We wish to express our appreciation to the directors (Rex Zwiebel and Elmo Randolph) and the staffs of both Board and Young Adult Retreat for setting up the Young Adult Retreat and recommend that it be continued.

7. We recommend that each Association clear its dates for camp with the Youth Committee if the Association wishes the services of the summer field worker.

8. We commend the Youth Committee for arranging for the summer field worker, and Miss Helena Knox for her dedicated service in behalf of this program. We recommend that this program be continued until such time as a full-time worker can be secured.

9. We recommend that each Association hold membership in the nearest church of its own young people.

10. We commend the Youth Committee for promoting the Camper Exchange Program and recommend its continuation.

Christian Endeavor

The 46th International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held in Chicago, July 5-8, 1961. The fee is $4.00, and the leaders are anxious that those planning to go send in their registration now. The address is 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus.

"The inspiration of the convention will change lives, give spiritual enrichment, and provide wonderful Christian fellowship."

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for December 26, 1959

God Is Our Help


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Hannah May Dixon Trainer, A Respected Deaconess

"Miss May" as she was affectionately called even after her marriage late in life with George H. Trainer, was born in Ros­ enhayn, N. J. Much of her life centered around Shiloh, N. J., where her parents moved when she was three years of age. Her father, John Tuft Dixon, embraced the seventh-day Sabbath and took his place as a worker in the church until his decease.

Hannah May, the eldest of five girls, was graduated from Shiloh Union Aca­ demy (a church school) and from Trenton Normal. After years of teaching in New Jersey, Alfred, N. Y., and the Teachers' Training School at Salem, W. Va., she retired in 1932 and returned to Shiloh.

Early in life she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized by the Rev. Theodore L. Gardiner, and developed a great long­ ing to be a foreign missionary. Through the years she kept in touch with several missionaries on the various fields, and her files have preserved wonderful letters from them, even to the present time. She did become a home missionary and was connected with the Shiloh Seventh Day Baptist Church, Sabbath School, Christian Endeavor, Loyal Temperance Legion, and WCTU. She practiced and advocated tithing. She felt strongly that one should hold membership in the nearest church of her faith and, although a deaconess in the Shiloh Church, she transferred her membership to Alfred and Salem when living in those communities. There, too, she served as a deaconess.

In the summer of 1927 she accompanied Mr. and Mrs. George H. Trainer of Salem, W. Va., on a two-months' cruise abroad. They were very congenial and beloved by all. From November 8, 1947, some time after the death of Mrs. Trainer, Miss Dixon was married to Mr. Trainer. After his death in 1954 she spent several winters in Florida with her sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Main. Mrs. Trainer and Mr. Main found mutual enjoyment in discussing a wide variety of subjects, secular and religious, until his decease January 31, 1958. She suffered a severe stroke January 31, 1958, from which she never recovered. Fortunately, as was her desire, she stayed at home and had every capable and loving nurse to the end.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. An­ nabel D. Austin of Westerly, R. I., and Mrs. George A. Main (Mabel) of Pomona Park, FL., several nieces, nephews, and greatnieces and greatnephews. L.M.M.

Vocational Interests

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From 50 to 75 new teachers are em­ ployed in the public schools of Plainfield, N. J., each year to fill vacancies caused by resignations and retirements. Both begin­ ning and experienced teachers are hired at annual salaries for the bachelor's degree ranging from $4,300 for beginners to $5,000 for teachers of ten or more years of experience. Salaries are somewhat higher for holders of the master's degree. Applica­ tions should be directed to Dr. Clay­ ton A. Brower, assistant superintendent, School Administrative Building, Madison Avenue at 5th Street, Plainfield, N. J., not later than February 15.

Any young Seventh Day Baptists wish­ ing to get located in a well-established Seventh Day Baptist community and in a progressive school system, should give prompt attention to the possibility of employment in Plainfield, N. J.
An Unusual Opportunity

(Related by the Rev. Trevor R. Sutton of El Paso, Texas, pastor of the 2nd Street Church, who is not at present employed as a pastor.)

On our return trip following summer school at East Texas State College, Commerce, Texas, we spent a weekend at Hermann, New Mexico, with friends (the former Methodist pastor’s family at Fäbren, Texas). After being asked to preach at the Sunday school service, I was surprised and honored at being asked to tell about Seventh Day Baptists before beginning the sermon. A brief outline was given of our history, beliefs, polity, and interdenominational activity.

The people were interested and pleased to learn about Baptists, and likewise Sabbath observers, who were cooperative in coming to our Sunday school service. It is a frequent occasion to give a personal witness to friends, but it is more unusual to do so before a congregation of another denomination by invitation.

Sabbath Testimonies

God leads in mysterious ways to convince people of His will in regard to the Sabbath of the Bible. Two consecutive testimonies were heard in a meeting of Seventh Day Baptists recently.

A young lady was reared in a deeply religious Sundaykeeping home. Later she came to live in a community where the number of Sabbathkeepers brough the question of her satnding more and more. She went to the Bible, she says, to study it carefully and bolster her faith that Sunday was the day a Christian should keep. Her unaided Bible studies brought her to a realization that the fourth commandment was made for everyone.

As a former Sabbathkeeper he wanted to find in the Bible an excuse for not keeping it. He wanted to keep the commandment which had led him into his deeper Christian experience. What did he find? According to his testimony, the more he studied with this aim in view the more the seventh-day Sabbath kept cropping up. Bible study brought him back to the Sabbath.

Mid-Continent Camp Development

The Rocky Mountain Camp which has provided unusual facilities for deep Christian experiences is one of the older camps of the denomination. Its buildings and equipment are being improved each year. There is now, however, a new camp site being developed in the North Loup, Neb., area, of the Association which will make it possible for more children to have the advantages of a summer Bible camp program.

The newsletter of the North Loup Church tells the following story of the development of their permanent camp:

“Our camping program has made considerable progress this year. The site on the North Loup River on Eley King’s farm that was used last year has been leased for a period of years for the purpose. Madge Fuller donated her barn and the Brotherhood tore it down and moved the material out to the site. From this material plus more purchased with some of the accumulated camp funds it was possible to build a kitchen with extended roof large enough to protect the dining area. A building 10x10 was constructed. A number of folks worked several nights by car lights until midnight to have it completed for camp.

“Many loads of cobs were hauled out to make the road passable and several concrete culverts, donated by a concrete company in Grand Island, were laid in the low places. So our camp is taking on an air of permanence. It is already being used for group and family picnics as well as for regular camp gatherings.”

Modern living: Where everything in the home is controlled by switches except the children.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — A retreat, in accordance with the Lay Development Program adopted by the General Conference for Camp Holston late in September. Because of unreasonably cold weather the group "retreated" to the church for Friday evening, representatives of the many groups that go to make our church a working body spoke on "What I As A Layman Can Do." Fellowships were handed out and the group divided into "buzz-sessions" and their discussions were summarized for the entire group. The Sabbath morning worship service followed the theme, and a fellowship meal was served at noon by the committee to about 70. The afternoon service was concerned with the plans for the Brotherhood's temporary camp being set up in preparation of future events made up. After another fellowship meal in the evening the sessions included in the sanctuary with a very inspiring film. Sunday morning found a smaller group, but still the enthusiasm ran high as all the loose ends were caught up and more definite plans made. At the final meal at noon Sunday the feeling of real accomplishment seemed to prevail among those who had helped to plan the program for their church for the coming year.

One of the suggestions made at the retreat was carried out October 31 when Laymen’s Sabbath was observed. The entire morning worship was carried on by the laymen of the church and Pastor Davis had the rare privilege of sitting with his family and enjoying the service. Much was to be gained from the messages by Ward Maxson and Mrs. Charles Parrott as they brought their responsibility for church work as laymen.

Our second follow-up of our retreat was observed the weekend of November 14 when the Stewardship Committee of the church took over the services. The Sabbath morning messages were brought to us by two young adults, Miss Ruth Johansen and Owen Davis, both senior students at Calvin College. Miss Johansen spoke for the young people’s division of the Brotherhood on the subject, “Sharing and Stewardship.” She was given to Church World Service. Our first workshop, one of several, we hope, was held the afternoon of November 14. "The Lord has been making His presence known here to the complete amazement of everyone.”

Last Sabbath (Nov. 28) Pastor Hibbard baptized 13. There were two families, both brought into the church by their children, and four other teenagers. It is expected that before this report gets into print there will be six or eight more. These conversions and baptisms are not the result of a high-pressure evangelistic campaign, for we do not even have a minister. God is using this to bring His Word before men.

The young people volunteered to take charge of the Sabbath morning services every other week and the Sunday evening services. Pastor Hibbard has become from Walker every other Sunday to preach after the young people have presented a program to which anyone should be proud to invite his friends.

The writer feels chill running up and down his back to hear those young people singing at the top of their voices. "We are the Church that is alive out of the crowd — youth who three years ago had never even heard of Seventh Day Baptists. Crowded into a laundry truck equipped..."
Our Creek Church in Virginia Churches convened with the Lost Creek Conference. The supper has not been served every year, but it is one of the traditions of the church. It pays well both as a money raising and every one works, not just the Ladies' Aid. The Lost Creek Church served the first oyster supper twenty-five years ago, the same year that the Woman’s Board was organized at the Lost Creek Conference. The supper has not been served every year, but it is one of the traditions of the church. It pays well both in fellowship and finance.

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the West Virginia Churches convened with the Lost Creek Church in October as usual.

On November 14 the church observed the annual Homecoming service which was well attended. Seventeen persons were honored with a rosebud for having been members of the church fifty years or more. Mrs. Arden Bond and Mrs. Charles A. F. Randolph have members for eighty years. Both of them were present.

Following a covered-dish dinner in the social rooms of the church the annual Lord’s Acre program was presented. Families and individuals spoke briefly of their projects and presented their gifts. The money had previously been dedicated to new doors for the front entrance of the church.

For some years there has been a growing need for more room for Sabbath School classes and other church activities. Tentative plans for an addition to the church are now being studied. A building committee has been empowered to work out details. We hope and pray that actual construction is in the near future.

Correspondent.


Hansen. — A son, Kerry Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hansen, Denver, Colo., Aug. 21, 1959. (The maternal great-grandfathers are the Rev. John Fitz Randolph, Milton, Wis., and the Rev. Erlo E. Sutton, Boulder, Colo.)

Obituary

Trainor. — Hannah May Dixon, eldest daughter of John and Mary Loper Davis Dixon, was born in Rosenhayn, N. J., Aug. 29, 1869, and died at the home of her sister, Mabel Main, at Pomona Park, Fla., Nov. 20, 1959. The only public memorial service for Mrs. Trainor was held at the Shiloh, N. J. Church on Sabbath afternoon, December 5, with Pastor Charles H. Bond in charge (assisted by a former pastor, Leon M. Malby). Burial was in the family plot in the church cemetery. A more extended obituary of this deaconess appears elsewhere.

— L.M.M.

Obituarists

For Christ the King

Sages, leave your contemplations;
Brighten visions睡眠ater;
Seek the great desire of nations;
Ye have seen His royal star:
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the new-born King.

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