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Marriages
Cott - Spaine. - At the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Alfred, N. Y., on Sabbath afternoon, December 19, 1959, Richard L. Cott, Almond, N. Y., son of Worth L. and Margaret Morel Cott, and Mary C. Spaine, Alfred Station, N. Y., daughter of Thomas and Evie Jacobs Spaine, were united in marriage, the groom's pastor, Rev. Arthur C. Guild, and the bride's pastor, Rev. Harley S. Warren, officiating.

Hendrick - Roberts. - George Harrison Hendrick and Mrs. Lola Roberts, both of Denver, Colo., were married the evening of December 30, 1959, in the Boulder, Colo., Seventh Day Baptist Church, by Pastor Emeritus Erlo E. Sutton, D.D., in the presence of members of both families, children, grandchildren, and brothers and sisters.

Nagel - Hilbard. - John Bert Nagel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emile Nagel of Angie, La., and Beatrice Pearl Hilbard, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore J. Hilbard of Walker, La., were united in marriage in the First Presbyterian Church in Hammond on November 12, 1959, the bride's father officiating.

Deaths
Brown. - A daughter, Deborah Kay, to Kenneth and Ethel Bee Brown of Salem, W. Va., on October 30, 1959.
Burdick. - A son, Jeffery Wilson, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Burdick of De Ruiter, N. Y., on December 5, 1959.
Meldrim. - A daughter, Julia Esther, to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Meldrim of De Ruiter, N. Y., on December 5, 1959.
Ross. - A daughter, Edith Jane, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ross of Pomona, Calif., on December 3, 1959.
Williams. - A daughter, Lesa Falene, to John and Bluela Davis Williams of Follansbee, W. Va., on November 28, 1959.
Anti-Semitism Unchristian

The current, or recurrent, wave of anti-Semitism that has rolled across the ocean from Europe is probably organized and not particularly vicious, compared with previous crests of such waves. Jewish leaders in this country indicate that getting those who are oppresssed and depressed against feeling that permeates so much of Jewish writing and makes the work of evangelism much more difficult. The least we can do is to try our best to cope with these annoying acts of vandalism and ill will to ignore them.

That may do for the attitude of the victimized group, but certainly satisfy the Christian conscience. We must face the fact that anti-Semitism parades (or slinks by night) under the name of Christianity.

No greater contradiction of terms can be imagined than anti-Semitism and Christianity. How can the same person hate the Jews and love Him who was born as a Jew and came to save His own? How can one call himself a Christian and hate those whom Jesus loves? It may be answered that some Jews do things that are irritating and not quite in accord with what some of us think of as the American way of life. We do not have to approve of such acts or to make such people our enemies. Some denominations are not anti-Semitic, and we should welcome efforts to reduce acts. All American children are bad and we should burn down every building in which youth are housed.

We are only saying the obvious. Nearly everyone will agree in principle. Let us go a step further. The real Christian is not one who utters platitudes about brotherhood of man and love of neighbor. He must so love Christ that he wants to evangelize those of other faiths whom he has spoken of as his brothers. Evangelization is not preaching at masses of people like an attorneyman secure behind a hill. Our aim should be to reach the Jews for Christ. The converted Jew is a little happier than the converted Gentile. His desire to know no bounds. Christians cannot win Jews to the new life in Christ without an outgoing love for them — which is the opposite of anti-Semitism.

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An Appeal to Youth

Judging from reports of previous years there is almost no church in our denomination which does not in some way recognize Youth Week or C.E. Week which embraces the last weekend of January and the first weekend of February. Wherever possible, pastors arrange to have the young people give talks during the Sabbath morning service or take entire charge of the worship period. Plans have doubtless been made to do so again this year. It is in this regard that the Sabbath Recorder makes an appeal to youth.

You may be a young person of high school or college age or perhaps a little older. If you have been asked to give a talk on Sabbath morning or at some other time during Christian Endeavor Week, you may feel that you are not qualified for such a responsibility. We hope you do feel that way, for not many would want to listen to you if you didn’t. But we have known young folks to be so discouraged by their lack of ability in public speaking that they did not do their best. Others have tried hard to put into words something that would seem to the audience to be an acceptable talk. According to our observations over many years, audiences are not critical, they do not expect too much of their young people. We appeal to you to make your message, whatever the topic, a message from your heart, for nothing is more acceptable in a message than the ring of sincerity.

There is another appeal we would make. It is the appeal of the larger audience. Prepare your message to fit the local situation but try to think in terms of young people everywhere, of churches in other places, and of those who might be benefited by reading your thoughts in the Sabbath Recorder. We are preparing an extensive section. Not every talk given on Christian Endeavor Day can be printed, but we would like to see several of them appear on our pages. Your hopes and aspirations, if well expressed, should go beyond your local church. Why not ask your pastor to pick out one or two of the best talks and send them to the editor? If you are speaking, make yours good.

Free Time for Religion

A survey conducted in November by the National Council of Churches shows that free air time for religious programs of all faiths amounts to 3.1% of all program time. Radio, Radio, and television 3.35% of its time and television 1.7%. The amount of free time varies from city to city for the 141 commercial stations surveyed.

MEMORY TEXT

For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law. Romans 2: 12.

February Special Issue

The second week of February is the time that regular subscribers to the Sabbath Recorder will receive an enlarged special issue in two colors. It will be a truly outstanding copy full of interesting articles by a wide variety of our best writers.

To suggest that this material will be treasured by our readers is to put the envelope plan to shame. It is not designed to be treasured like a light under a bushel but to be distributed in quantity to give light to many homes.

Subscribers are urged to make arrangements immediately for extra copies. The price is 15 cents each, 10 for $1, 100 for $8.50. Those who are situated so they cannot do this should write through their home church to take advantage of the lower rate, but there may not be time enough for that. The Sabbath Recorder is willing to handle orders for as few as 10 extra copies but would like to see more folks ordering 100 or even 1000 — as one person the last time.

The Rev. C. Rex Burdick, who edits this new issue, has put great care into his editorial material, his selection of subjects and writers, and his use of color and illustrations. He states his purpose as follows:

"It has been the editor's purpose in the preparation of this issue of the Sabbath Recorder to bring to our thought and attention some of the basic factors which relate to the life and work of the church. It is presented the hope that readers may find a richer and more meaningful church life through its study and that the church may increasingly become the force in the world that God intended it should be."

Some of the articles are as follows:

"Concerning the Meaning of the Church" Dr. S. O. Bond
"The Holy Spirit's Work in the Church's Life" Dr. S. O. Bond
"Why I Go to Church" "A Meaningful Prayer Life" "Blessing Through Sabbath Observance"

Among the writers are: Earl Cruzan, Alton Wheeler, Ralph Coon, Robert Lippincott, and David Pearson.

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A communication from the midyear meeting of Commission has been received which requests that word be sent to the churches that "any money which has recently been sent either to the Mauches directly or for them through our World Mission budget or Missionary Board channels is needed to help to fill up the incarnation of history's foremost mummies, Valdimir "The Body" Lenin and 'good Ol' Joe' Stalin, their carcasses presented at the British Guiana, expressed the concern of our British Guiana brethren. He writes:

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Encourage One Another

By Edgar F. Wheeler

And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works.

— Hebrews 10: 24

If the word "provoke" be understood too literally, the advice given in this text would seem quite unnecessary. It would be an unusual church indeed, if provocation among its members were not an occasional occurrence. I am speaking of the kind of provocation which does not tend to deepen affection nor to produce good works.

It should be obvious that in this passage of Scripture the word "provoke" carries a higher connotation. Without consulting a dictionary we can see the propriety of the word in this instance. To be provoked is to be aroused, to be stirred to deep affection nor to produce good deeds.

Now, the writer of the text just quoted was saying, "... we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." Since we have "holiness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus" (v. 19) he adds: "Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness, for after that he had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days . . . . I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities will I remember no more" (vs. 15-17). Therefore, he continues, "Let us draw near with a true (sincere) heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience . . . Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering — for he is utterly dependable — and let us think of one another and how we can encourage one another to love and do good deeds." (vs. 22-24, KJV and Phillips Translations)

This is for the Church

The Gospel of Jesus Christ was the promise upon which he gave the advice in Hebrews 10: 24. He recognized that the advice given to individuals would not be workable. But he speaks to believers, those in whom a work of grace has been performed, who have committed their lives to God through Christ and have received the germ and possibility of new and holy life. This advice recognizes the weakness of men, but it is nevertheless practical because those who are in Christ can love as they ought to love and they can live holy lives in power.

Thus we see in this verse the nature and purpose of the Church. It has come into being by the will of Jesus Christ, a fellowship of believers joined together for mutual help, for service and worship. It is designed to bring together the devotion, talent, and personalities of believers to promote the Gospel of Christ in the world, and to nurture the development of the new-born spiritual lives of individual believers. The Scriptures express it this way: "... for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4: 12-13).

So this is the goal! To bring individual believers and the fellowship of believers to the "stature of the fulness of Christ." His holiness, His love, His purity, His strength! This germ of new life given through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus can reach this marvelous stature! Small wonder, then, that the author says in effect: "Don't let it die. Hold on to faith and do everything that you can to encourage the development of the image of Christ in every believer.

Encourage More Love

So, he says that most of all we seek ways to encourage the thing which is the very spirit of this new life — love. Our Lord declared that love was the fountain of all wisdom and service to fellow man. He declared it was the identifying mark of those who are His disciples: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples: in that ye have love one for another." (John 15: 17)

The fellowship of believers with its roots and hope in the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, is active and practical that love and declare its possibility and power to the world. Its practicability as a way of life should here be proved in this Society with all its weakness.

It is to be feared that the church has in a great measure failed as an agent promoting this love. It has been torn by division, discord, and friction. It was so in the Early Church. We see the Apostle Paul wrestling with the problem in the fourth chapter of Philippians. Two godly and faithful workers had "gotten into it," as we would say, and the apostle begs: "Be of the same mind in the Lord," and then he appeals to the other members of that fellowship: "I entreat thee also . . . help those women which laboured with me in the gospel."

Ah yes! A church fight! How some enjoy a good fight! Each combatant has sympathizers who have no special interest except to take sides — and the battle is on, while the world looks on in amusement at how people who love each other act.

But the apostle says that it is not only a matter of those who love each other and making peace. Every faithful member has a duty to promote love, to help create an environment in which hard feelings cannot survive. How we need to learn that! For love is the essential in the close companionship of the church. It alone makes us as co­ordinated as we ought to be, enabling us to bear with each other's various temperaments, be the source of healing and forgiveness.

Let us seek how we may encourage one another in love, remembering that love itself can produce love, and only that. The secret of Christ's winsomeness is revealed by John when he says, "We love him because he first loved us.

To encourage love in others, cultivate it in 'yourself. Practice loving thoughts of others, develop a deep concern over the fate of others. Keeping the brotherhood without partiality, be helpful to others in their needs. When the individuals of a fellowship, the church, practice this, they are creating an environment for Christian love. "Be kindly affectioned toward one another. Ye are members one of another. The fellowship of believers with its roots and hope in the love of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, is active and practical that love and declare its possibility and power to the world. Its practicability as a way of life should here be proved in this Society with all its weakness.

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Encourage Good Works

Then we are told to investigate ways in which we can encourage one to active good works, that is, to godly living in every aspect of life. We were saved "unto good works," says the Apostle Paul. Holiness and obedience to God are those attributes of character and life that God pro-
poses to re-establish in men through His redemptive work.

There is something terribly wrong in a church where individuals can feel conscience-free and comfortable while pursuing worldly and careless habits and living, without any compulsion to strive for higher ways. If this be so, the church has failed. It is not doing the work the Lord intended that it should. Its members are not living as they should. The fellowship of believers should be of such Christlike atmosphere that it condemns sin even without a word. The word and example of believers individually ought to be such as to challenge every member to reach for the very highest. The spiritual tone of the church should be such that anyone who has anything to do with it will resolve to be more faithful to the Lord, to be purer in life habits, to be more diligent in service to the Lord, to give Christ His rightful place, or to be a better witness for Him.

One of our young ministers in his statement of Christian experience told of the influence of an old deacon in the church of his boyhood which was instrumental in leading him to enter the ministry. I would imagine that this young man was by the example and faith of the deacon "provoked" or compelled to give himself to the high calling of God. But the job of deacons alone. It is the God-given influence of an old deacon in the church to challenge every member to reach for the very highest. The spiritual tone of the church should be such that anyone who has anything to do with it will resolve to be more faithful to the Lord, to be purer in life habits, to be more diligent in service to the Lord, to give Christ His rightful place, or to be a better witness for Him.

Provide a Climate for Growth

What kind of example do you set? What direction does your influence take? Several years ago some wheat and some poppy seeds several thousand years of age were found in a Pharaoh's tomb in Egypt. Having been kept in an extremely dry climate and shielded from moisture and sunlight, they had not rotted. Out of curiosity, the farmers planted the seeds. Imagine their amazement when these seeds, planted in a growing environment, sprang to life and grew to produce fruits. The germ of life had been there, just waiting for favorable circumstances.

In the life of every believer there is placed a germ of new life with unlimited possibilities through the grace of God. That life is thrown into a world that is hostile to its growth. But the fellowship of the church should provide the environment which will cause that new life to abound in believers. Let us provoke one another to love and good works.

The Grace of Giving

What a wonder it is that the Lord over all, Whose wealth is unbounded, unknown, Takes notice of everything done, large or small, And so values the gifts from His own.

The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,
All the land, and the silver, and gold;
The cattle and sheep upon thousands of hills,
All the wealth, and the riches untold.

"God giveth us richly all things to enjoy"
From out of His bountiful store,
For "Every good gift cometh down from above,
And daily He blesses us more.

He gave unto us the "unspreakable gift."
Of Jesus, the Son of His love;
To ransom our souls from the bondage of sin,
And bring us to Glory above.

Such wonderful love! 'tis the least we can do,
And a very small thing on our part,
To render the worship and praise due to Him,
And grant Him first place in the heart.

'Tis our privilege then to return unto Him, A portion of what we possess:
The steward who's willing and faithful in this, The Lord will assuredly bless.

Think not He's unmindful of anything given
No matter how small an amount;
He desires not the gift, but the blessing for you,
That fruit may abound on account.

And Jesus beholds how we give unto Him,
The widow's two mites may seem small,
But she gave with a heart full of love to her Lord,
And to Him — "She gave more than they all."

A cup of cold water, He'll not overlook,
If given as unto the Lord;
How little it takes for the Savior to note,
And in glory to richly reward.

Who cheerfully, willingly gives to the Lord,
His promise of blessing is sure;
That He will provide an abundant reward,
Through Eternity, it will endure.

— Selected.

Filmstrips Available

Stewardship

The filmstrip library of the American Sabbath Tract Society at Plainfield, N. J., announces the acquisition of another stewardship filmstrip, entitled, "Why Do We Live?" In its 39 black-and-white pictures with captions, this program tells how a person committed to Christ utilizes all of his resources not for himself but in service to God. Why do we live? Not for ourselves but for God.

The Bible and the Presidents

How did the Bible influence the life of Abraham Lincoln and undergird his service to the nation? The story is now told in filmstrip form with colored drawings and an accompanying voice on a long-play record. It is suitable for a wide age range. Write to the American Sabbath Tract Society for free use of this program.

South India: — "I am very glad to inform you that I have been receiving your most esteemed paper, namely, the Sabbath Recorder . . . for the last so many years. I am very glad to inform you that I am going through it and am understanding all the articles you have been publishing in it. . . . So I request you, my dear pastor in Mesilla, to please forward me our Sabbath Recorder to the address given above." (No funds to cover. Ed.)

JANUARY 18, 1960

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — See Rev. E. Zwicky

Christian Education Meeting

In St. Louis February 12 - 18

Religious education and the American public schools, the impact of today's culture on youth, and the responsibility of the Christian educator to the family will be two major topics of the annual meeting of the National Council of Churches' Division of Christian Education February 12-18.

Attending the 53rd meeting will be more than 1,500 top professional workers, laymen, and ministers in this field from 49 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox denominations and from virtually all states and Canada.

More than 70 talks and addresses will be given as experts in family life, camping, higher education, Vacation Church Schools, audio-visuals, children's and youth work, and missionary education discuss their specialties. There will be religious plays and discussions of controversial subjects like sex education and religion and public education.

Christian teaching needs will be examined from many standpoints, among them communicating with children; the influence of modern culture on youth; training the laity for leadership; and problems in Christian education around the world, with contributions by nationals from several foreign countries.

The Rev. Dr. Gerald E. Knoff, New York, executive secretary of the Division of Christian Education, declared, "The Division comes together in Saint Louis to consider the theme 'Believe and Beyond,' two sharp imperatives which express some underlying characteristics of the Christian movement.'

For the first time in the long history of these annual meetings a full section will be devoted to Christian education and family life. According to Mr. William Genne, NCC staff adviser to the section, this arises from increasing concern on the part of the Division and the denominations to develop a more adequate ministry to families.
Some of the headline speakers include Dr. Harold Ehrensperger of Boston University; Dr. Paul B. Mave of Drew University; Dr. Daniel A. Prescott of the University of Maryland; Dr. Bernhard E. Olson of Yale; Mildred S. Fenner, editor of the National Education Association Journal; D. L. Hardy, DeWolfe of Boston School of Theology; and Dr. Harry H. Kalas, president of Westmar College.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for January 30, 1960
Responses to the Gospel Lesson Scripture: Acts 17: 10-12, 22-23, 29-34.

Christian Education
Summary Statistics
The following statistics come from the Bureau of Research and Survey of the National Council of Churches. They include the figures which are sent in by Seventh Day Baptist Sabbath Schools throughout our Board of Christian Education. This is one reason why we ask for accurate reports from our Sabbath Schools, Vacation Church Schools, and camps.

The figures listed for the year 1958 and are accurate through reports received as of November 30, 1959.

The total number of Sabbath or Sunday Schools in the United States is 278,857; pupils in these schools is 39,564,925; officers and teachers is 3,674,730; Vacation Church Schools in the United States is 108,124; pupils participating in these schools is 7,598,290; camps and conferences is 7,100; people participating in the camps and conferences is 610,338.

Seventh Day Baptist Christian Education
Summary Statistics
The statistics that follow are summaries of reports sent in to the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education in 1958 and 1959. They are not totally accurate as some Sabbath Schools do not cooperate with us. Seventh Day Baptist, therefore, those willing to invest our money and live in the teaching program, and that percentage of cooperation in sending in reports is about the same.

By the grace of God, we can do a greater work for Him in our teaching program.

The Clothes Line
By Christina H. Jones, Jerusalem
It is a long line, the Clothes Line of the American Churches. It crisscrosses the countryside from East to West, from North to South, and stretches across the oceans to touch down in the great cities of the world.

Hung with garments of every size and shape, use and quality, it represents the loving concern of Christian folk for their companions in other parts of the world.

Let us bring this Clothes Line to earth in the historic cities of the Near East where the Near East Christian Council Committee for Refugee Work undertakes the task of taking the clothes off the line for a tremendously large number of Arab refugees.

The line now stretches north to Gaza — which we shall commemorate imminently on the 28th of January — and south to the Bedouin of the East and the traders of the West.

A NECCCCRW center in Gaza ministers to many of the 220,000 refugees who live in large, crowded camps. CWS sends clothing for at least half of the refugees and this is distributed by UNRWA. The committee keeps a percentage of all clothing for the same number; and even with inflation we raise much more money.

This comparison shows that we are holding our own in number of Sabbath Schools, doing a much better job of evangelism according to the number of students enrolled, that we must do a greater work in enrolling new students, that it costs us a lot more money to enroll a student, and that we are willing to invest our money and live in the teaching program, and that the percentage of cooperation in sending in reports is about the same.

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JANUARY 18, 1960

They search eagerly for men’s suits — but, alas, they are all too few.

It is altogether fitting that the Clothes Line end in the Holy City, where even the dust in the streets has sacred significance for every Christian.

Here, in a shell-torn building on the line that divides these two cities, the International Christian Committee carries on its clothing operations, ministering to 100,000 of the 220,000 refugees in Jerusalem alone, clothing distributions to the 6,853 families on the UNRWA rolls (approximately 55,000 persons) requires eight or nine hundred bales.

Overlooking the center is the Mount of Olives, a constant reminder of Jesus’ sorrowing over Jerusalem in His day, and of His words, “I was nailed and ye clothed me.”

Yes — the Clothes Line is long, and infinitely human.

South Jersey Camp Progress
You remember seeing pictures on two occasions of the Shiloh camp work. Probably you have been wondering how much progress has now been made. After the success achieved by the men building the main lodge of concrete blocks, it was decided to construct the two barracks buildings of the same material. Note in the Shiloh bulletin for January 9 brings the story as nearly up to date as a weekly publication can be.

“We have been blessed with 15 good Sundays in a row and we trust these good workdays will continue. However, we can now work rain, snow, or shine as the main lodge is under roof and the work to be done there — leveling floor and painting.

“All blocks have been laid for the Girls’ Barracks and the plate is on ready for the roof. All the windows and doors have been set in the Boys’ Barracks and the wall are halfway up. This Sunday, with a good crew, may find all the blocks in place. There was no work last Sunday because of Annual Meeting. Ten men worked on New Year’s Day.”
If you were in lower Manhattan in the area of Wall Street and looked up you would not see sheep peacefully grazing on hillsides. Probably you would not be inspired to write a poem expressing your feeling of nearness to God. By faith you could believe that the heavens were arching somewhere above you, but the picture taken by the writer shows that you could not see much of heaven's dome. In fact you would not see law offices of major corporations, towering buildings, or the four walls of a little room viewed from a bed, we can still look up and trust our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Are you looking up?

Catholic Ecumenical Council Postponed

The Ecumenical Council of the Roman Catholic Church announced by Pope John XXIII will not be held before another three years, Vatican Secretary of State, Domenico Cardinal Tardini, has announced in Rome.

When convened, it will be an "internal affair" of the Roman Catholic Church and will not permit any "giving and taking" with Protestant representatives.

The primary task of the council, he said, will be "to promote the development of the Catholic faith." - EPS.

Early Birds — "Back seats reserved for those who come early." Los Angeles Church bulletin.

ATTENDS CHURCH IN MOSCOW

(Continued from page 7)

Cynical newspaper correspondents who had gripped about a "command performance" in church with Benson, stood there crying openly.

The Last Believers

These people have what has been described by some bubble-heads as "freedom of religion." It is freedom to live out their last few years without being shot in the back of the neck; freedom to go on existing in a living hell under a forced choice between laboring in their own families.

The Communist plan is that when these "last believers" die off, religion will die with them. What the atheists don't know is that God can't be stamped out either by legislated atheism or firing squad. This Methodist backslider who occasionally grumbles about having to go to church, stood crying unashamedly, throat lumped, and chills running from spine to toes. It was the most heart-rendering and most inspiring scene I've ever witnessed.

As we filed out they sang with all their hearts, "God Bless You! 'Til We Meet Again." And all knew we never would — on this earth. We also knew that some day God in heaven, the greatest force in the world, love of God, will destroy this organized religion of hate.

With heavy hearts we left to rejoiice the services; atheist guides who took us to the church but refused to go in.

This trip with Secretary Benson was unforgettable. I was able to reach many conclusions, including the inscription I want for my tombstone: "I'd rather be here than in Russia."

— Editorial in Farm and Ranch.

THE SABBATH RECORDER

Looking Up

From where is it that you see when you look up? The Psalmist David, recalling the days when he tended his father's sheep in the open country near Bethlehem, composed a poem containing the words, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." But David saw beyond the hills when he looked up; he saw the Lord, for the next line of his poem runs, "My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."
children of the Sabbath School and Junior Choir gave a Christmas program. Distribution of gifts followed.

The booklets, "My Spiritual Inventory," were distributed after the fellowship dinner December 26.

At the close of the year Mrs. Victor Skaggs went to Florida to help celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Coon, and Pastor Skaggs attended the Commission meeting at Battle Creek, Mich.

— Correspondent.

YONAH MOUNTAIN, GA. — The Yonah Mountain Church is taking a forward step this winter in securing the use of the Union Grove Chapel (now practically unused) for services, thus hoping to be of larger service to the community. Pastor and Mrs. Beebe and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beebe spent the last week in December in meetings and personal work with the Little Prairie, Ark., Church. — C.A.B.

CHICAGO, Ill. — On December 19 the Women's Society of the Chicago Church was in charge of the worship service. The first part of the program followed largely the Christmas Worship Service sent out by the Women's Board and prepared by Miss R. Marion Carpenter representing the Alfred Evangelical Society. Christmas hymns were sung. The Second Chapter of Luke, verses 1-20, was read by Mrs. Louise Dominguez. There was a duet by Mrs. Anne Post Bergh and Miss Myrtle Lewis. "The Story of the Manger," taken from Dr. William Allen Knight's book, brought out the true meaning of the words "... laid him in a manger," The Christmas hymn, "Away in a Manger," was sung by Mrs. Dominguez and daughter Margaret, the latter presiding at the organ for the service.

The second part of the program was the presentation of the film "The Littlest Angel."

Luncheon was served by the women of the society with twenty-two present, including some not members of the church or society.

We were happy to have with us the George Bottoms' family of Wheaton, III., and Mrs. Carl Meritt of Tonawanda, N. Y. — Correspondent.

Accessions

By Baptism: Washington, D. C.

By John Nagel Baptism: 

By Letter: 

Mrs. John Nagel (Pearl Hibbard)

Marriages

Avery - Miller. — David E. Avery, son of Mrs. Evelyn Avery of Adams Center, and Margaret L. Miller, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Harry E. Miller of Adams, were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist parsonage, in Adams Center, N. Y., December 31, 1959, by the Rev. Delmer E. Van Horn.

Beebe - Kimbrough. — Paul Victor Beebe, son of Pastor and Mrs. C. A. Beebe of Hayesville, N. C., and Mary Clementine Kimbrough, daughter of William Kimbrough of New Hope, Ala., were united in marriage at the Paint Rock Seventh Day Baptist Church on Sabbath afternoon, Dec. 26, 1959, by the father of the groom, assisted by the bride's pastor, Leroy Bass, and Elder A. T. Bottoms.

Alfredson - Johnson. — On December 26, 1959, James Alfredson of East Lansing, Mich., and Joan Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Elma Mills Matson, were united in marriage at the Seventh Day Baptist Church in White Cloud, Mich., by the bride's pastor, the Rev. Don A. Sanford.

Births


Obituary

Fassbender. — Ernest, son of August and Ernestine Sauter. Fassbender, was born July 17, 1899, at Jersey City, N. J., and died September 15, 1959, in a New York City hospital.

He married Marie Hertz on May 30, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Fassbender were both baptized in the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Christ, Plainfield, N. J., June 4, 1939, and afterward becoming members of the Irvington Seventh Day Baptist Church. Ernest was a faithful and willing worker, always ready to give of his time, his car, and tape recorder for use in the church. He was an effective witness for the Sabbath and his church. His passing has been a loss to the church and many friends.

Surviving are his wife, a son Robert, a brother Frederick, and two sisters.

At the invitation of the family and Pastor John Schmid, the memorial service was conducted by the Rev. C. Harmon Dillinson at Irvington, with the burial at the Hollywood Memorial Park. — C.H.D.

FOUR, ARKANSAS, CHURCH CELEBRATES

Older Seventh Day Baptist churches in the South, proud of their history, show new vigor. New churches spring into being with amazing strength.

Read the Fouke story this week and the Metairie story in the next issue.