Carol, and John; Albany, Mrs. Fred Draper; Berkeley, Mrs. Ida McCoon; El Cerrito, Rev. and Mrs. Ida McCoon; El Cerrito, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Burdick, John, Ruth, and Richard.

The fellowship is also sponsoring regular monthly services at San Jose. The meetings are held at the YWCA, 210 South Second St., at 2 p.m. on the first Sabbath of the month. The meetings will be continued through June and this effort to extend the Bay Area Fellowship will then be evaluated.

Pastor Alton Wheeler of the Riverside church is making the semiannual pastoral visit to the Bay Area in May. There will be a fellowship dinner on the eve of the Sabbath, May 4, at the home of Mrs. Alta Leonard at 1682 Fourth St., Livermore. On Sabbath day, May 5, Pastor Wheeler will conduct the regular services at the Arlington Community Church, Kensington, at 9:30 a.m. (one hour earlier than usual) and then go to San Jose for the 2 p.m. service.

We ask that all will remember our fellowship in their prayers as our leaders work to extend the message of the church to this area in California.

PLAINFIELD, N. J. - At our Sabbath School annual meeting March 25, William Armstrong was re-elected superintendent, and Lloyd Coon and Everett Harris, Jr., were elected assistant superintendents. The other officers were re-elected. It was decided to pay half the fees of those who attend summer camps and the Pre-Con Retreat, as usual.

Our church annual meeting was held on Sunday, April 2, from 4:00 to 8:30 p.m. Charles H. North was elected moderator for the year, and George M. Clarke, Miss Evalois Ryn of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Clara Garrett of Fort Knox, Ky., and Mrs. Myrle Graham of Battle Creek, with whom she made her home; four sons; four sisters: Mrs. Frank (Ruth) Walker of Richmond, Calif., Mrs. Kathryn Ryn of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Clara Garrett of Fort Knox, Ky., and Mrs. Myrle Graham of Battle Creek; and two brothers: Mahlon of Battle Creek and Willis of Albion, Wis.

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Whitford. - Caroline Ambuehl, daughter of Nicholas and Mary Wicke Ambuehl, was born Feb. 26, 1882 in Lone Grove Township, Ill., and died March 2, 1962 in St. Elmo.

She was baptized and confirmed in St. John's Evangelical Church. On Feb. 6, 1901 she was united in marriage to Charles Soldner, who passed away in 1929. She is survived by the Seventh Day Baptist Church of Farina April 19, 1919. In 1921 she was united in marriage with Orlo Whitford. She was preceded in death by her husband, her father, mother, two brothers, two sisters, an infant son and a step-son.

She leaves two brothers: Dr. George Ambuehl, Evanston, Ill., and Will Ambuehl, Farina, Ill.; one sister, Margaret Jarred of Farina, and two step-sisters, Mable Kincade of Mission Farms, Minnesota, site of our 1962 General Conference. A feeling of unity and encouragement pervaded the annual meeting. - Correspondent.

Obituaries

Crockett. - Minerva Stillman, daughter of Horace and Clara (Beeler) Stillman, was born July 20, 1884, in Rock County, Wis., and died in a nursing home in Battle Creek, Mich., March 26, 1962, where she had been a patient since October 1960. Her marriage to Henry C. Crockett ended in a divorce in 1938. Surviving are two daughters: Mrs. Harry (Marion) Shaffer of Pompano Beach, Fla., Mrs. Ruth C. Rose of 26 Keith Drive, Battle Creek, with whom she made her home; two; grandsons; four sisters: Mrs. Frank (Ruth) Walker of Richmond, Calif., Mrs. Kathryn Ryn of Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Clara Garrett of Fort Knox, Ky., and Mrs. Myrle Graham of Battle Creek; and two brothers: Mahlon of Battle Creek and Willis of Albion, Wis.

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Pilgrimage to Plainfield

Seventh Day Baptist youth do not make pilgrimages to denominational shrines, for there are none in the generally accepted meaning of the term. It is, however, a valuable part of one's preparation for adult responsibilities to visit if possible during the intermediate age the brick headquarters building prominently located in the city of Plainfield, N. J., which provides space for rare historical exhibits and offices for boards and agencies. Then, too, there is in the city a church building of unique architecture, where the young folks can worship on the Sabbath. Pictured after church on April 14 are thirteen teenagers from Alfred, N. Y., their adult advisor, Wayne Maxson (right), and eight local intermediates.
Fear of Fallout

A state commissioner of health recently sent out a letter to all of the local health officials in his state. This commissioner says that health officials throughout the nation are concerned that "fear" of fallout can seriously affect public health. This fear, which is nurtured by scare headlines in newsy, hungry papers, expresses itself in avoiding some of nature's best foods that are needed for a high level of public health.

The spiritual significance of the above statement is apparent to anyone who is familiar with the Bible. "Fear is torment," we read. "Perfect love drives out fear." This is another statement. Time and again Jesus calmed the fears of His disciples. The Christian church was born into an even more hostile world than its founder. Its members had reason to be filled with fear, but unreasonable fear was held in check by the inspired preaching of the New Testament writers. The church would have died of spiritual starvation if fear of persecution had been allowed to keep the believers from assembling together. Let us meditate on these things and apply them to the sixth decade of the Twentieth Century.

Shall we avoid the use of milk because there has been atmospheric testing of atomic weapons of high potency? To do so would endanger our health far more than to continue drinking it, as scientific studies have shown. The present decline in milk consumption, dangerous to health as it may be, does not compare with the danger we are in the land of their residence. They also have a supreme loyalty to their Lord and Master Jesus Christ who has given them Christian liberty under law. We affirm a loyalty to Christ, to the law of God, and to the Decalogue that many have neglected. We, too, have one or more loyalty days that need not show up in denominational giving, as the amounts given for world missions. The picture some very substantial giving for local and world mission giving. The picture of rest and worship. It is a time for private or public testimony of the joy of obedience to the will of God. It is an occasion to make or carry out plans for helping others to share this joy. Most of us need a special day to be a yearly reminder of a weekly blessing.

The Sabbath is God's; it needs no defense from the biblical point of view. It is not God who needs another loyalty day, but His people. Any celebration that increases our loyalty to Him and to His Word is worth the effort required to make it meaningful.

How They Give

The reading of church bulletins from numerous churches over a period of time enables one to catch at least a partial glimpse of the giving of the mem­ bers and the relationship between local and world mission giving. The picture is not altogether as it should be. One could easily point out how the giving fails to keep the believers from assembling together.

The President issued the proclamation in keeping with Congressional action of 1958 designating May 1 of each year as Loyalty Day. Seventh Day Baptists are loyal citizens, conscious of the general benefits they enjoy from a rich past or from an orderly government. Some notable books were written before the days of man-made nuclear fission and flight along the lower edge of space. The books had titles such as "The Christian View of God and His World". Many of them are not out of date. Nothing can do more in this day of psychological up­ set through runaway fears than a Christian view of God and His world. The Christian has stabilizing equipment on board the craft that he is steering in this chaotic world.

He has the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, the love of Christ, and the fellowship of Christians in his church. Through time and eternity he has the promise of Christ given to those who are true to His commission, "Lo, I am with you always."
President’s Message

Sabbath School at General Conference

Because so many have expressed interest in and questions about Sabbath School at General Conference it would seem advisable to write a little more about it.

As each person registers, he will be assigned a number which represents a Sabbath School group. Each of these groups, probably 20 in number, will be assigned a teacher and a place to meet. Before Sabbath day, the meeting place of each of the Sabbath School groups will be posted on the bulletin boards. We expect that sufficient teachers will be available so that the groups will be kept small enough in size to allow free discussion. Children will meet in their own groups, the young people will meet in their age groups, and the adults will be assigned to their groups.

A special Helping Hand lesson has been prepared in line with the theme for the day, which is “Draw Near to God in Being Seventh Day Baptists.” The distinctive theme for the lesson with the title “God’s Love Proclaimed Through Seventh Day Baptists” and fits in admirably with the International Uniform Lesson for that day. The assigned International Lesson Scripture is from Ezekiel 33:1-20, and topic assigned by the International Uniform Lesson Committee is: “God’s Love Proclaimed Through Seventh Day Baptists.”

Our Readers Say

Typical of the bulk of remarks coming to the subscription desk of the Sabbath Recorder is the following. “Please renew my subscription. I thoroughly enjoy the Sabbath Recorder. God give you strength to do His will.” The editor is particularly appreciative of those that are praying for his editorial ministry.

Less heartening but just as heart-stirring are the occasional notes that tell a story of failing eyesight or financial inability to continue the Recorder. There are more of the latter throughout the whole nation than most of us would think possible in this time of general prosperity. Contributions to the Recorder Fund to help such people are seldom mentioned, but they can make possible continuing the subscriptions of some of these appreciative people.

Sabbath Rally Day Materials

A large packet of Sabbath Rally Day materials has been sent to pastors and superintendents of all Seventh Day Baptist churches and fellowships in this country. The materials have been prepared by Mrs. H. C. Van Horn; and (4) “What it means to proclaim God’s love — to all the world as Seventh Day Baptists,” by the Rev. Everett T. Harris.

This lesson has not been written only for General Conference. It will be just as usable for those who cannot attend General Conference as for those who are at “Mission Farms,” Minneapolis, Minn., on Sabbath, June 2. It was written so that we all might draw nearer to God in recognizing that He has called us as Seventh Day Baptists with an unusual message for an unusual day. We must proclaim God’s love,

As Seventh Day Baptists, Melvin G. Nida.

Association Meetings

Our churches in the continental U. S. A. are continuously grouped together into nine geographical areas or Associations. Most of these have their annual weekend meetings in the spring and shorter weekend meetings in the fall.

The Pacific Coast Association has already been held at Riverside, Calif., April 20-22.

The Northern Association also has an early meeting — at Battle Creek, Mich., this year — May 4, 5, and 6.

Eastern Association, which has traditionally been the second weekend of June, voted because of school-closing complications — to meet this year the last of May. Sessions will be held with the Marlboro, N. J., church May 25, 26, and 27.

Notice has come that North Central Association will be held in New Auburn, Wis., on June 22, 23, and 24. The theme is called to be Witnesses” in accordance with this year’s Program for Advance emphasis.

The Central New York Association meets the first weekend in June at De Ruyter, N. Y. The secretary of the Missionary Society is expected to be one of the guest speakers.

Western Association, meeting at Alfred, N. Y., June 26-27, has chosen the theme “Our Community Witness.” Harley D. Bond, executive secretary, is scheduled as the Sabbath afternoon speaker.

Details of time and program of two other Associations, Southeastern at Salemville, Pa., and Southwestern at Metairie, La., are not at hand.

People within driving distance of any of these meeting places are urged to take advantage of the opportunity to worship and work with people of the same faith. All association mission projects of various kinds, some of which are very ambitious and forward-looking.

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Items from Nyasaland
Executive Committee Report

Note: The minutes of this report were taken and sent to us by Pastor O. B. Manan, secretary, and Pastor P. T. Thoon, assistant secretary of the Executive Committee. The meeting was held at Makapwa Mission, January 3-4, 1962, with the Rev. David Pearson presiding. — E. T. H.

Miss Barbara Bivins reported to the committee about our School held in November. Daily average attendance in 1960 was 16, but in 1961 jumped to 26. Some of the children accepted Christ at this time.

Regarding Pastoral (or Ministerial) Training School, it was agreed to have the students sign a form of agreement before they start this school. They will also be required to come with their advocates (relatives responsible) to the school before they start this school. They will also be required to come with their advocates (relatives responsible) to the school before they are baptized. A full time mission work before they are baptized. A full time mission work should start any time, because that will really be followed. It was thought that the middle of 1962 closed on April 24 following the Easter holidays. Crandall is in the process of changing its school year so that in 1963 the academic year will begin in September and end with graduation in July of 1964. This is in line with a decision of the organization of secondary school headmasters and headmistresses of the entire island to make our academic year match that of the schools in the temperate zones. It will mean that our last December graduation will be held in 1963. Readjustment of the various courses is now in process.

Crandall Notes from Jamaica
By Headmaster Courtland V. Davis
The first term of 1962 closed on April 12. School will resume on April 24 following the Easter holidays. Crandall is in the process of changing its school year to begin in September and end with graduation in July of 1964. This is in line with the decision of the organization of secondary school headmasters and headmistresses of the entire island to make our academic year match that of the schools in the temperate zones. It will mean that our last December graduation will be held in 1963. Readjustment of the various courses is now in process. Three which will be the first class to be graduated in July will be expected to have an additional six-week term during the summer holidays of 1962 and 1963; this making up the twelve-week term which will be lost by graduation in July instead of the following December. Effort will be made to make up the lost term in the lower forms without the necessity of summer sessions.

With this change in calendar Crandall graduates will be able to attend advanced institutions in America and England as well as to our own University of the West Indies and teacher training colleges without losing six months' time between the schools.

A new picture of Dr. Ben R. Crandall, after whom our school was named, was presented at the school at the assembly on Monday, April 9. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. Mavis A. Stirling, senior member of the Crandall staff. Acceptance of the gift of John V. Davis, principal of the school. The picture is the gift of Dr. Crandall, presented to the school at the request of Mr. Davis. The suggestion of members of the staff that there be an addition to, rather than a replacement for the picture of Dr. Crandall now hanging in the school office, showing him in academic robes at the time of his graduation from Alfred, will be followed.

Entrance examinations for the new term were held on April 5 and 12, with a third sitting scheduled on April 19. There seems to be more than the usual amount of interest this year, possibly due to the approach of political independence from Britain, scheduled to be completed on August 6, 1962.

British Guiana Notes
Pastor Leland Davis was written on April 2, 1962. "We are all keeping well, trying to get proper rest and food. Occasionally we take a siesta during the heat of the day. One thing nice — although it is hot out on the street and when working outside, still when inside, our upper flat always has a breeze, as we are quite close to the sea. While our windows are usually open, occasionally we close the ones in our sitting room in the evening, as it is too cool.

Pastor Davis reports progress being made at Uitvlugt on preparations to build a house of worship. They have made over 1,000 building blocks and are securing the necessary corrugated metal roofing.

Pastor Davis writes, "Not only has Uitvlugt been making their own blocks, but the Bonaventura Church for some time has been sawing logs by hand to make boards for their addition."

Pastor Davis had previously written, "The Bonaventura Church would like to apply for $200 to match the $200 they have for two additions: a vestry, also to be used for Sabbath School room; and an extension for the music department."

It is hoped that our World Mission project will make it possible for the Missionary Board to grant this request.

Dr. Plafair, editor of the African Challenge, says the influence of Gospel literature is greater than 5,555 new missionaries going into the field."

Pictorial, Large-Size Testament Published by Bible Society
Publication of "The New Testament With Pictures," a new, precise, and illus-
Thoughts on Distinctive Seventh Day Baptist Beliefs
By Thelma Tarbox
(Continued from last week)

What Does History Show?

History sheds considerable light on the origin of Sunday observance. About a hundred years after the Ascension, Justin Martyr, the first advocate of the Sunday Sabbath, was found idle or with the hostile rabble of the day and the church. We can be sure that keepers hundred years after Christ, or it wouldn't be properly applied.

The Lord's Day . . . because it is more significant then, because of feeling against the Jews, Sunday was made the substitute Sabbath.

It seems clear that the primitive Christian church was wholly Sabbathkeeping. Gradually Sunday was celebrated as a holiday. Eventually both Saturday and Sunday became days of religious observance.

Letter and Spirit

A few years ago, I wrote to Dr. Daniel Poling and asked his opinion on the Sabbath-Sunday issue. He upheld Sunday by referring me to the third chapter of Corinthians. In this chapter Paul speaks of ministers of the new Testament, "not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life."

Doesn't "spirit and letter" refer to our attitude towards a law, and our manner of keeping it? Maybe you've heard the story of the man who ran out of gas while taking his sick child to the hospital. It was Sunday and he begged the owner of the filling station for gas. "No," said the owner, "I can give you no gas. It's Sunday, and I don't work on Sunday!"

Isn't that a case of keeping Sunday to the letter, but overlooking the spirit? When I was little, a neighbor's baby was born dead. My uncle helped to dig the grave — on Saturday. I complained that my uncle shouldn't work on Sabbath day. My grandmother explained that when he died we should help them, whether it's Sabbath or not.

It's Sunday, and I don't work on Sunday! It doesn't seem to me that Sabbathkeeping Jewish Christians should be forced upon us. Baptists, especially, should help them, whether it's the letter or the spirit.

Can the Majority Rule in Matters of Conscience?

About four years ago, a Baptist minister was discussing the Sabbath-Sunday problem with me. I asked him what day he would choose if he lived in a community equally divided between Saturday and Sunday Christians. He replied that he would keep Sunday because it is the law of the land. If he had thought this over carefully, he would have realized that the laws of the land are made by the majority of the people. As soon as Christians acknowledge that the majority has the right to determine religious doctrine, we are in danger of having an undesirable religion forced upon us. Baptists, especially, stand strong on the Bible — and it should be the Bible, not the state, from which we derive our religion.

Roman Catholics chide Protestants for keeping Sunday because, say the Catholics, Protestants are making the tradition of the Catholic church and stand for the Bible only. Catholics consider Protestants inconsistent, and Catholic churches claim a tradition of their church and it cannot be found in the Bible.

Study the Scriptures

What is the truth of the matter? We know, for example, that the seventh day of the Old Testament, Christ kept the seventh day and since His time there has been a fair share of Sabbath keeping who could not accept Sunday. The Bible calls the seventh day God's Holy Day. Who made the first day the Lord's Day? Was it God, or was it a Roman emperor and the fourth-century church?

I think Christians can find the truth. But we have to be willing to work for it. God says we have to seek before we find and we have to open our mouths and ask before we receive. A controversial issue of this type requires Bible study and much prayer. When we pray and search the Bible, surely God will guide us. What is God's answer to the question: "Does He want us to keep Saturday or is Sunday His day?"

Church Success Story from California

A young man from New York City visited the Seventh Day Baptist Building recently. It was his second visit to Plainfield and his interest in the things for which we stand is keen. His identity does not matter. Suffice it to say that he is a Sabbathkeeping Jewish Christian who hardly dares reveal his Christian faith at home. He had read enough of printed statistics to make a remark that he immediately apologized for. It was to the effect that it is the law of the land that Seventh Day Baptists are dying out. The trouble with Yearbook statistics is that they are lifeless and cold; they do not tell an adequate story of the real interest evident in a congregation or a Conference. It takes something more than a two- or three-year comparison of membership figures to reveal the encouraging side of the picture — assuming that there is really such a Church on the spot. The signs of growth are apparent to those who are intimately acquainted with the people in the church.

Let us take an interesting illustration. The Los Angeles church showed no significant change in membership according to the 1961 Yearbook. In fact, there was a drop from 156 to 152. As a matter of fact, the Los Angeles church lost one in total membership in Seventh Day Baptist churches in the United States last year. But there are signs of growth in other congregations which we stand and much prayer. When we pray and search the Bible, surely God will guide us.

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enough so that the editor of the church bulletin writes enthusiastically about reaching the goal of 100 on March 31 and the need of setting new goals after going to 107 the next Sabbath. With a membership scattered all over the state and the world, such an attendance is a strong indication of the direction the church is going notwithstanding.

Suppose we look back ten years. The congregation had relocated from one side of the city to another and was housed in its new building. The 1951 Yearbook gives the membership at that time as 75. Accurate attendance figures are not at hand but, if memory can be relied upon, the average congregation was below 50 in spite of the strong efforts of pastor and people. If one looks back another ten years the growing path is more significant for the membership of the then pastorless church was given as 33. For a number of years Los Angeles had been getting help from the Missionary Board. A new spirit came in one who has lived in California and knows that it is not quite a Salisbury utopia. Souls are not more easily converted there than in other places, and the migration of eastern church members makes the contact to the coast does not automatically swell the attendance in our churches. The problems are many. One of these is the secret of maintaining a changing interest or prospect list almost three times as large as the membership and keeping it up weekly contact with that many people. It is to be noted that the church is now in the middle of its second major building program that support of missions is running high.

Conditions for immediate growth are not as favorable in every place as in Los Angeles but perhaps a few could be cited where the rate of growth is even greater. Committees and new church members all the working members of a church is sure to increase attendance and interest. These are more important than a favorable balance of offerings and losses at the end of a given year. God honors His promise that faithful sowing and tending will eventually bring a harvest.

— Editor.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zwibel

Christian Education Board Meeting

The Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education met in its quarterly meeting, Sunday, April 15. A report by the Youth Work Committee told of plans that are developing nicely for the Pre-Con Retreats, and the set-up for the new Youth field worker, Miss Linda Bingham. (Miss Bingham conferred with the Youth Work Committee, Dr. Melvin Nida, Sec. Rex Zwibel, and Chairman Victor S. Skaggs, April 13-19.) The Camper Exchange Program has been held up for lack of response of one correspondent.

After a report by the Publications Committee, it was voted that the committee send out a questionnaire to our Sabbath Schools regarding their use of the Junior Quarterly and asking for information and advice in regard to future publishing.

The Higher Education Committee reported that some progress is being made on Ministers' Conference for 1963. Resolutions of respect and sympathy were voted to be sent to the families of Gerald Burdock, who was a faithful member of the board, and Rev. Lincoln Archer, late member of the Advisory Committee of the Alfred University School of Theology.

It was voted to authorize the executive secretary to purchase a filmstrip-slide projector.

Church Offering Boxes

"Little Church Offering Boxes" have been mailed to all of our churches and fellowships from our office. The suggested plan is for a church to be given to each member of the Sabbath School on Sabbath, May 19, urging extra giving through them to the General Fund. They should be returned to the Sabbath School on Sabbath, June 30, 1962.

Conference Banquet

The annual Men and Boys' Banquet (herefore called the Battle Creek Banquet) will be held Thursday evening of General Conference.

Dr. K. Duane Hurley, president of Salem College, will be the speaker. Dr. Hurley, out of his tremendous amount of contacts throughout the country while working as chairman of the Committee for Advancement of Small Colleges, along with his interest in the education of our Seventh Day Baptist Youth, will be sure to direct and inspire the thinking of each one in attendance.

This is one more reason for every man and boy to plan to attend General Conference, August 12-18, 1962.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

WORSHIP SERVICE

"Therefore I bid you put away anxious thoughts about food and drink to keep you alive, and clothes to cover your body. Surely life is more than food, the body more than clothes. Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow and reap and store in barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. You are worth more than the birds! Is there a man among you who by anxious thought can add to the number of his days? And why be anxious about the clothes you wear? How about the lilies of the field? Consider how the lilies grow. They do not toil or spin; and yet, I tell you, Solomon in all his splendor was not attired like one of these. But if that is how God clothes the grass in the fields, which is there today and tomorrow is thrown on the stove, what He not all the more clothe you? How little faith you have! No, do not be anxious, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?" All these are things for the heathen to run after, not for you, because your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your mind on God's kingdom and His justice before everything else, and all the rest will come to you as well. So do not worry, saying, 'What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?' Each day has troubles enough of its own" (Matt. 6: 5-34, The New English Bible).

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Our Father, help us to set our minds on God's Kingdom and His justice. Feed us with the bread of life and open our hearts and minds to receive it. Amen.

Church Honors Aged Widow of Former Pastor

Mrs. Alice White Fifield of Battle Creek, who reached the age of 92 on April 16, is still active and was given birthday honors at a church luncheon Sabbath day, April 21. The church presented Mrs. Fifield a clear mind and for her many friends. The newspaper clipping from the "Breakfast Food City" notes that Mrs. Fifield has been a resident for over 50 years. Her husband, Elder George E. Fifield, though he died in 1926 while pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, is still remembered through his books, especially The Water of Life. He was considered a powerful preacher. Mrs. Fifield has typed more than 200 of his sermons and presented copies to the Historical Society at Plainfield, N. J., and to the Alfred University School of Theology.

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SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON

for May 12, 1962

Suffering for Christ's Sake

Lesson Scripture: 1 Peter 4: 12-19; 5: 6-11.
Strange Trees
A Teen Talk

Did you ever see a tall palm tree kneeling like a desert camel? Have you had opportunity to travel in the swamps of the South and observe the knees of giant cypress trees? They have knees but they kneel not—like some people—who are too busy keeping their heads above water or enjoying life and forgetting to give thanks and pray. Did you ever see walking trees, or have you driven for hours on end in vast areas where almost all of the bushes and little trees are “trees that walk”—mangroves? Such are some of the sights of Florida and other states of the deep South. Let’s think about these strange trees for a moment.

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National Support Urged of New Immigration Bill

Two U. S. Senators have urged the nation's religious organizations to rally support of the new immigration bill now before Congress. At a meeting of the American Immigration and Citizenship Conference, of which Church World Service is a member, Sen. Kenneth B. Keating (R.-N.Y.) and Sen. Philip A. Hart (D.-Mich.) urged members to get support for the bill, S. 3043, co-sponsored by them and 23 other Senators. The AICC lists over 30 religious agencies among its 60 active members.

Stating that "we now have a bill which proposes objectives long sought," Sen. Hart pointed out that it curbs the discrimination of the national origins quota system, is responsive to immigration requirements and "is in keeping with our national goals." He is chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Refugees and Escapes.

Sen. Keating explained that the new bill would affect about 650,000 immigrants each year of 250,000 immigrants. Of the total visas, he said, 50,000 would be available to refugees and escapees "without regard to quota areas." The remaining 200,000 would be divided among nations on the basis of the proportion each country's populations bears to that of the world, with a limit of 3,000 visas per country.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

LOST CREEK, W. VA.—Due to a great deal of sickness among our members, church attendance during March was rather poor. No church activities were held during this time and the Sunday School was shut down. Being the month of Easter, we are hoping for better attendance.

At the March 15 meeting of the Board of Elders, the following actions were taken: To adopt an annual budget in May; to begin this year's building plan for next April; to accept the report of the pastor; and to accept Mr. John L. Goodnow as the new lay president.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society

The Annual Meeting of the Seventh Day Baptist Historical Society will be held on Sunday, May 27, 1962, at 7:30 p.m. in the church. The place — Seventh Day Baptist Building, 510 Watchung Ave., Ed Palladino, N. J.

Frederik J. Bakker, Secretary

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During the past year the ladies of our church have organized into a Mary-Martha Society for the purpose of studying and working for the betterment of our church. The Mary-Martha Society meets once a month in the homes of the members. At the present time we are studying the Book of Jeremiah. The current project of this society is sponsoring a Vacation Bible School, which will be held in our church June 4-15. Mrs. Doris Lewis is the director for Bible School.

To raise money for Vacation Bible School, the Mary-Martha Society served a chicken and dumpling dinner in the church basement on March 25. The dinner was a huge success, and more than enough money was earned to finance Bible School.

Another active group in our church which has been organized in the past year is the Youth Fellowship. The youth meet each Sabbath afternoon and are at present studying the book, You and Your Church. Co-leaders of the Youth Fellowship are Mrs. Carolyn Brown, Mrs. Doris Lewis, and Mrs. Mae Lewis.

The Stonefort church members at the time of writing are looking forward to helping them commemorate their 96th Anniversary on April 14. Carlos McSparin, pastor of the Stonefort church, will bring the Sabbath morning message at Farina on this occasion.

Mason.—Earl Lee, son of Roy and Vera Mae (Flynn) Mason, was born at Gould, Ark., December 2, 1921, and died suddenly of a heart attack at Dallas, Texas, November 9, 1961. A logger by trade, he was seriously crippled in a logging accident in 1948, and has been nearly helpless much of the time since. He was a friend and adherent of the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church, although not a member. In 1941 he was married to Miss Irene McKay of Nady, Ark., who survives him, with three daughters: Earlene, Ruth, and Tami, all of Irving, Texas, as well as his mother, grandmother, two half-sisters and three half-brothers. Funeral services were held at Tichnor, Ark., with burial in the Coose Cemetery at Nady.

Williams.—Blanche Newey, daughter of the late Arthur and Lois Husted Newey, was born near Verona, N. Y., January 24, 1878, and died March 6, 1962, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Sholtz, Oneida, N. Y.

On August 12, 1896, she was married to Irving J. Williams by the Rev. Martin Sindall, then pastor of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church. The marriage was graced by a daughter, Jennie (Mrs. Floyd Sholtz) and a son, Orville A., both of whom survive. Mr. Williams was to follow her in death only a few weeks later. Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Chester Stone, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mrs. Williams was a lifelong and active member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church which she served in various capacities, especially as a Sabbath School teacher for many years.

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Mr. Williams was a lifelong and active member of the Verona Seventh Day Baptist Church which he had served in various capacities, especially as a trustee.

The memorial service was conducted from the home of his daughter on April 12 by his pastor, C. Rex Burdick. Burial was in the New Union Cemetery at Verona Mills.

Obituaries

Mason.—Robert Franklin, son of Earl and Irene (McKay) Mason, was born at DeWitt, Ark., March 29, 1946, and accidentally killed by the overturning of a tractor near Gillett, Ark., July 13, 1961.

Funeral services in charge of a minister of the Assembly of God were held at the Little Prairie Seventh Day Baptist Church, with burial in the Coose Cemetery at Nady. He is survived by his parents and three sisters: Earlene, Ruth, and Tami. — C. A. B.

The Cowboy Prayer

When the Master of the prairie
Rides the roundup of life
And cuts out all who wear His brand
In dust and dirt and strife,
I don't want to be a maverick
Or wear the brand of sin,
But I want the marking of the Cross
And so be counted in.

To be herded to the Home Ranch
Where pastures all are green
And water comes gurgling
The flowery banks between.

So may I live, so may I do
Wherever I may be
That all the promises so sure
May always be for me.

By Paul H. Hummel,
Boulder, Colorado.