BREAD OF LIFE

By KENNETH I. MORSE

Bread of Life, whose body broken,
Feeds the hunger of my heart,
May the thanks that Thou hast spoken
Bless each loaf I cut apart.

Thou who, breaking bread with brothers,
Bared Thy body, gave Thy blood,
Help me share my loaf with others
Hungering for brotherhood.

Let these hands now calmly folding
Speak my gratitude for grace,
Lest the treasure I am holding
Disappear before my face.

Lord, I welcome Thee to table;
Grace my supper, Host Divine;
With Thy feast of love enable
Every guest to live as Thine.

MAY 21, 1962

Witnessing Is Wonderful

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again rejoicing, bearing his sheaves with him" (Psalm 126: 6).

The gates open out to the West and to the East and many go out from and come into this wonderful land of ours. Are we as individual Christians, as churches, as denominations with power given by the Holy Spirit spreading the Gospel message to these millions who know not the Christ? Are we really in earnest when we say, "I want to be a witness for Him"? Are we willing to spend the time in prayer, in study, in sacrifice of personal desires to be true witnesses?

As has been said, "The witness of the church is only as strong as the individual." Likewise, the witness of Seventh Day Baptists is only as strong as the churches. All comes back to you and me in our own personal dedication and consecration.

If our lives are emptied of wrong and filled with the Spirit, and if that greatest of all miracles, the transformation of a life has been performed within us, those about us will not only hear what we say, but they will see the fruit of the Spirit manifest in us.

When this happens and we are filled to overflowing then, and only then, can we give out to those about us of the bounty of which we have received and be true witnesses for Him.

Witnessing is wonderful when we live for Christ.

Witnessing is wonderful when we speak for Him.

Witnessing is wonderful when we win to Him.

Will you answer the call to be His ambassador?

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me" (Isaiah 6: 8).

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Nature's New Face

Spring means many things to many people. It is a season of three months with its beginning accurately marked on our calendars. The change of seasons is being veiled by the scented blossoming of spring but in a country large enough to almost span the temperate zone the signs of spring come at such different times that it seems like spring in midwinter in the South and the season continues well into summer in the North. When is spring? To most of us it is when nature puts on its new, many-colored blossoming face fringed so beautifully with its shading, verdant eye-brows and when all the trees around our homes are wreathed with the homespun white carpet woven for them by the same divine hand that brings the water of life coursing beneath their rough and weather-beaten bark.

Amending Constitutions

There is a great deal of activity throughout the Seventh Day Baptist denomination at the present time in regard to constitutions. New churches are drawing them up in order to get started properly; older churches are reviving them up to date. Boards and agencies and General Conference are in the process of a self-evaluation of administrative procedure which may result in suggesting changes in the constitutions, or at least in the by-laws. Let us always be ready at every level of church organization to make changes for the better, but let us be sure that the changes are well considered and not hastily made.

An interesting item of information comes from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Baptist body in the United States. It would appear that they too have been making or contemplating constitutional changes. The Executive Committee recommends that the Convention adopt a procedure for amending its constitution so that subsequent amendments must be approved at two successive conventions. Not a new idea, but an old one, by any religious body. If the changes proposed are good, the leaders and voters at the second annual meeting of the body should be as enthusiastic as at the first. If they are not, perhaps a valuable little extra time may reveal this.
meets but told her that previous court decisions indicated that the union had a right to impose the fine.

Two or three interesting observations might be made on this news item. Here was a judge who praised the motives of a religious woman, one who had a greater loyalty to her day of worship than to the labor union which in theory at least protects her right to a day of worship. On the contrary, her union did not praise her motive but insisted on bringing her into court to fine her for choosing church attendance over union hall attendance.

By what reasoning does a union usurp the generally accepted hours of divine worship and deny its members the opportunity to attend church on a Sunday? This is a labor school which probably serves the children of the union members and officials? Can it be that these same officials are convinced that what the union can do for its members is more important than what the church can do? Is it another evidence of warped thinking by which temporal gain is made to outweigh eternal gain? More probably the officials who set the time for the rally were simply worried that they might run up against the generally convenient time which does not take religious convictions into consideration. Have they written off Christianity as an unimportant influence in life — as has been done in Moscow? Are the commandments of the union more binding than the commandments of God or the dictates of conscience?

Of course, we find no commandment of God, of Christ, of the angels of the sixth day, of the Sabbath, of the commandment of the union. The biblical day of rest is the seventh day of the week. But the principle, for those reared in the Sunday tradition, is much the same. A labor union ought not to break down the voice of conscience by imposing a fine on those whose conviction and habit is church attendance. Many thoughtful citizens, already disturbed by the heavy-handed but consistent labor unions in business and government, have reason to fear a power that seeks to bend religion also to its will.

**Financial Optimism**

The present moment, funds for the carrying on of our World Mission are not coming in at as good a rate as was received in the Sabbath Recorder for publication in April, and our readers are therefore asked to look over the April figures very carefully when they are available. The Program for Advance News sent out about the 4th of May for insertion in church bulletins, showed that giving at the end of March (6 months) was more than 10% behind. If we allow that rate to continue, our work would be very seriously handicapped with a 20% decrease at the end of the year. This need not be.

It is hoped that the "30 pieces of silver" offering which was scheduled for completion on April 21 and the "little church" project scheduled to begin on Sabbath Rally Day, May 19, will be shown to considerably increase the total giving. We can be optimistic and can hope that more of our people will catch a vision of the work to which we have been called. We are not so far behind as we have casually reckoned a generally convenient time which does not take religious convictions into consideration. Have they written off Christianity as an unimportant influence in life — has it been done in Moscow? Are the commandments of the union more binding than the commandments of God or the dictates of conscience?

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**President's Message**

**Special Activities at General Conference, II**

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David C. Woolley, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, will be the keynote speaker for the next meeting of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committee in Washington, D.C. Oct. 5.

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**THE SABBATH RECORDER**
The Bible
Our Final Authority
By Lester G. Osborn

"We believe that the Bible is the inspired record of God's will for man, of which Jesus Christ is the supreme interpreter; and that it is the final authority in matters of faith and conduct."

So reads Article IV of our Seventh Day Baptist Statement of Belief. With other Protestants we take "the Bible and the Bible only" as authority, and reject the claim of Romanism that God gives another source of revelation and on a par with the Bible.

Church of the Reformation" reaffirmed the Bible as the inspired record of God along with much that is not. For centuries the Bible has been the only source of revelation of which the Bible alone is authoritative, and not as a part of the Church. The Vatican dogma of the inspiration of Scripture recognizes that the Bible is the inspired record of God, has robbed it of its authority. So did the Roman Church when it supplanted the Bible as the only source and rule, and not just a negative approach.

Evangelical Christianity holds that the Bible is the inspired record of God's will for man, of which Jesus Christ is the supreme interpreter, and rejecting the claim of Romanism that God gives another source of revelation and on a par with the Bible.

Historic Christianity has always believed in the inspiration of the Bible. The "Church of the Reformation" reaffirmed this, and countered the claims of the Church of Rome with the statement of the Protestant Confessions. "All Scripture is the Word of God, the divine authority and the only authority to which all must submit."

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Christian Baptism

Some of the tracts published by the American Sabbath Tract Society have interesting life stories, which can be told only in part. Probably the most interesting episodes cannot be exactly brought to light. The story of distribution can be traced in broad outline. Some interesting correspondences arise in connection with one of them, "Christian Baptism," because its life has not been as exciting as most of our tracts.

"Christian Baptism" is a well-written, 6-page piece of literature on a subject that is vitally important. It is one of the relatively few tracts that have been copyrighted by the American Sabbath Tract Society — one of an informational series sponsored by the Committee on Denominational Literature that was very active some years ago.

Here, in brief, is the distribution story on this one tract. The first printing was 5,000 copies in 1942. Less than three years later in 1945 another 5,000 copies were printed. Is the Assumption of Mary a biblical belief? What are the implications of the Assumption, and how is it understood in the Church?

In all fairness it should be stated that, for thirteen years, the tract was not reprinted. Those who did not accept the message of the tract continued their efforts to promote it. Some have taken the tract, but others have not.

May 21, 1962
Sec. Everett T. Harris

Miss Barbara Bivins

Expected Home on Furlough

As previously announced (see Recorder issue of March 26) plans have been made for Miss Barbara Bivins to return to this country on furlough at an early date. It is now expected that she will arrive at Idlewild Airport, New York, on Thursday evening, May 24, 1962. Plans and preparations have been made on Thursday, May 17, 1962.

Pastor Davis of Georgetown, British Guiana, writes that the children were on vacation from their schools and the family had been doing "extra" with them for recreation and fun. The day after Easter, the sky was cluttered with kites. Being a holiday, many families had picnics. The seawall walkway was crowded.

Plays have been made on the Tacoma City Pier, during the coming months are encouraged to attend the next Conference of Seventh Day Baptists Churches of Jamaica to be held at Wakefield, July 17-22, meeting with the Wakefield Seventh Day Baptists Church of Jamaica. Wakefield is situated about 28 miles from Montego Bay or about 120 miles from the capital city of Kingston, during the coming months they have been made on the BOAC Airline, Flight No. 909, which is scheduled to arrive at the New York Airport at 5:40 p.m. Friends and relatives who want to join the welcoming party for Miss Bivins, who has been serving as missionary nurse and evangelist at Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, since October 1959.

News Items from British Guiana

In a letter recently received from Pastor Leland Davis of Georgetown, British Guiana, we read of the continual growth of interest in the work there. Pastor Davis writes: "Being Easter, and using Bible stories, we had our best attendance yet at our evening services in Georgetown. We had 34 here (their homes covered in fog), 25 in Sake Village; even 15 in the town were unable to get to all our footlockers for seats. On Sunday night we packed the little kindergarten room, some had to stand in the doors and look through the door, while others stood outside and peered through the windows. . . . In all I estimate the attendance at 60 — counting those who had outside." Pastor Davis also writes that the many good responses have been made on the BOAC Airline, Flight No. 909, which is scheduled to arrive at the New York Airport at 5:40 p.m. Friends and relatives who want to join the welcoming party for Miss Bivins, who has been serving as missionary nurse and evangelist at Makapwa Mission, Nyasaland, since October 1959.

WOMEN'S WORK — Mrs. Lawrence W. Marsden

Prayer Groups and Prayer Calendar in the Daytona Beach Church

When our Missionary Committee met in the second year of our Program for Advance in the Daytona Beach Seventh Day Baptist Church we felt there was a great need for further fellowship in prayer. We all realized the value of prayer in the church, and in our lives, how our Savior spent so much time in prayer when He lived here upon earth, and the pattern for prayer He gave to His disciples.

As we read the different portions of Scripture given to prayer, and the many precious promises God has given us, we more deeply appreciate the privilege of communion with our heavenly Father in His throne of grace.

Prayer is not only a means of bringing our petitions to God, but a time of silent meditation when we can feel His presence, and hear Him speak to us. Prayer changes things — it changes us.

Through prayer we can find His will and guidance for His church and the work of His kingdom here upon earth. A day or three are not made available in our church bulletin so that those who wish may send them birthday greetings.

Eighteen prayer groups have been organized to increase the effectiveness of our corporate prayer life.

Pastor Davis has made a daily prayer list including the work of our denomination, the needs of the world, and our personal needs. The members of each group are able to all attending services, and members of the different prayer groups.

In Matthew 18:19, and 20 Jesus promises that if two or three are gathered together in His name, there am I in the midst of them. We know that God hears and answers prayer.*

*Contributed by Miss Abbie Hakes, Orlando, Fla.

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Colombian Aid Program
Faces Freedom Problem

By W. Barry Garrett,
Washington, D. C. regional editor
of Baptist Press

United States aid to Colombian educa-
tion is filled with church-state problems. But in an opinion based on a careful
study of the self-approval and the per-
tinent correspondence, C. Emanuel Carl-
sen, executive director of the Baptist Joint
Committee on Public Affairs, says the
situation has some encouraging aspects.

Carlson was directed by the committee
to find out the facts about the new educa-
tion aid program and to give publicity to
them. His findings and interpretations
were released in a 12-page "staff report"
to the Baptist denominations that main-
tain the joint committee.

Fear has been expressed, both in
Colombia and in the United States, that
American tax dollars were to be used to
build up the power of the Roman Catholic
schools. The educational system in
Colombia is under the control of the
Roman Catholic Church, according to a
Vatican Concil. This has resulted in seri-
sous reports against against Protestant
pupils.

Carlson's findings as revealed by govern-
ment documents, by talks with high
government officials, and by information
from Colombia sustain a number of previ-
ously published accounts. But several
inaccurate reports were also uncovered.

The agreement between the United
States and Colombia was not a "treaty" as
reported from other sources. It is a
"Project Agreement between the Agency
for International Development (AID), an
agency of the Government of the United
States of America, and the Ministry
of Education, an agency of the
Government of Colombia." According to
the agreement an initial four-year pro-
gram will provide about $40 million from
the United States to match approximately the same amount from
Colombia to develop the school system there. This will build 22,000 class-
rooms and four normal schools. A
training program for 9,500 teachers,
2,500 school administrators and 400 super-
intendents is included.

This is not an entirely new program,
Carlson said, but it is an extension of a
project begun in 1958. The "Education Servicio" has been a part of the U. S.
Operations Mission to Colombia for aid-
ing elementary education.

The agreement for the new program
was signed December 12, 1961, and negotia-
tions and its implementation have
been in progress since.

Following contacts by Protestants in
Colombia, U. S. Ambassador Posada
made inquiries on January 17, 1962,
about school plans in "mission territories"
(where the schools are exclusively Roman
Catholic) and about Protestant rights in
the normal schools. The reply came in
a letter on March 30, 1962, from Jaime
Posada, Colombian minister of education.
He has been a source for sources that
these are only "verbal assurances," but Carlson's information is that
the later commitments in the correspon-
dence bind the same parties as those making the
original agreement.

Posada cited the Colombian Constitu-
tion which has the approval of
Colombian Protestants, and which guaran-
tees extensive religious liberty to all
persons and cults. He accepted responsi-
bility for the government to see to it that
the Constitution is observed in the new
educational development involving U. S.
orders.

No schools will be built by U. S. aid in
"mission territories." Likewise, non-
Catholics may attend the new schools, and they are assured freedom from molas-
tation and from educational coercion.

Even though these findings are encour-
gaging, Carlson pointed out that serious
religious liberty problems may be difficult to enforce on the local level
the freedom ordered by the central govern-
ment.

"At this distance," he said, "it would
appear that the Colombian government
now finds itself with conflicting inter-
national agreements (i. e., concordat with
the Vatican and agreement with the
United States). Which direction will the
government go?"

Carlson agreed that Protestant appre-
hension in Colombia is well-founded be-
cause of their sufferings the past 15 years.

But he speculated, "It is possible that
the situation has now developed in which
the government of Colombia might decide to
revive the Church's dominance of
public education."

He pointed out the vicious circle in
which Colombia finds itself; ignorance
that causes church domination, and church
domination that generates ignorance.

"How can it be broken?" he asked.

Carlson said that "the Alliance for
Progress is based on the need for
reform," Carlson expressed the hope that
educational reform and not only expan-
sion might be one of the major objectives of
the program.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION — Sec. Rex E. Zweibel

Planned Bible Reading

It is important to be consistent in our
reading of the Bible. It can have a unify-
ing effect upon our families if we hit
upon a plan to read together as well as
individually. The following suggestions
are presented in a tract published by the
American Baptist Convention's Division
of Christian Education, called "When We
Read the Bible and Pray Together.
Families vary widely in size, ages, and
interests; therefore, all cannot follow one
set pattern. Any plan, however, must
meet these two needs:

1. Individual religious satisfaction and
growth for each child and for each adult.

2. All-family worship experiences that
draw the family members closer to another
and closer to God.

AS INDIVIDUALS —

1. Each person may choose to follow a
regular daily period of Bible reading and
prayer in a quiet place, apart from other
members of the family.

2. Each may set aside a regular time of
study and preparation in preparation
for church school or other group Bible
study.

3. Older children may read the Bible
and Bible storybooks and prayers. They
may also compose their own prayers.

4. Younger children may listen to Bible
stories and prayers read by an adult; may
compose prayers under guidance.

AS A FAMILY —

1. Join in a table grace at mealtime.

2. Participate in a regular time of group
Bible reading, meditation, and prayer.

3. Use church school home reading
and worship materials daily or weekly.
(We suggest the Daily Bible Study in the
Helping Hand as one source. R. E. Z.)

4. Center family worship on special
seasons, religious festivals, and family
events.

To find time for Bible reading and
worship, Carlson suggested:

1. Set the morning alarm clock to ring
twenty minutes earlier than usual, to allow
time for individual or family devotions
either before or after breakfast.

2. Take time for devotions before or
after dinner together.

3. Apportion part of one evening each
week to the study of church school or
other religious material. (How about
Sabbath eve? R. E. Z.)

4. Designate one hour Sabbath after-
noon, or some evening during the week,
as "family time" with planned Bible
reading and worship. On other days,
supplement this "family time" with brief
breakfast or dinner periods including
short Bible passages, individual prayers,
and guided group meditation.

5. Make each evening bedtime a religi-
ous experience for younger children, a
ritual-it-over time, with father or mother
reading Bible stories and directing prayers.

May we suggest that if your pastor has
not already done so, you urge him to
order for your church an ample supply
of this tract? It is much more

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CAMP MILES

Camp MILES, youth camp for the
Southwestern Association of Seventh Day
Baptists, will be held at Chemin-a-Haut
La., June 10-17, 1962.

SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON
for June 2, 1962

The Fellowship of Love

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 4: 7-21.
How Great Thou Art
Story of a Best-Loved Hymn

A hymn of adoration that has been heard literally around the world will resound through McCormick Place during the Billy Graham Greater Chicago Crusade, May 30 through June 17.

The song has become so much a part of our worship that it’s hard to conceive of them now without it,” says Cliff Barrows, music and platform director for the Crusade. “We used it with Bev. Shea and the choir for the first time at the Toronto Crusade in 1955.”

The lyrics of “How Great Thou Art” were written in 1888 by a 25-year-old Estonian-American, Mrs. Grace W. Dodge, the wife of the Rev. Carl Boberg, pastor in Varmland Province singing it to friends in his church there in 1885. The words were first published in a church meeting two miles distant.

Meanwhile, in 1907, it had been translated into German by Manfred von Glehn and had been published as “Wie Gross bist Du” (How Great Art Thou). Von Glehn evidently lived in Estonia, which had a mixed population — Swedish, German, and Slavic. In 1921, the Rev. I. S. Prokhanoff published in Moscow a Russian translation called on Von Glehn’s Estonian-German version.

Soon after publication of the Russian translation, the Rev. Stuart K. Hine, an English missionary, found a copy of it in the Ukraine and he and his wife began singing it as a duet in their evangelistic meetings. Some time later, in the insipiring mountain scenery of Sub-Carpathian Russia, Mr. Hine was moved to translate the first three verses from Russian to English.

After Mr. Hine’s return to England, he sang the three verses at Gospel meetings during World War II, and added the fourth verse in 1948.

The four verses were first published in “Grace and Peace,” a Swedish hymnal in 1894 and apparently soon circulated in English missionary, found a Swedish hymnal in 1894 and apparently among Russian refugees in 15 countries, including some in North and South America.

Mr. Hine soon was compelled to re-print the hymn in response to thousands of requests. “All New Zealand is asking for the hymn,” a choir leader wrote in 1951. In the same year the hymn was introduced in the United States by James Caldwell at the Stony Brook (L. I.) Bible Conference.

The hymn, as used today, was introduced by George Beverly (Bev.) Shea on an RCA Victor recording in 1955, the year it was first used in a Crusade in Toronto. In the great New York Crusade in Madison Square Garden in 1957, it was sung more than 100 times by Bev. Shea.

It placed second in the 1961 National Newspaper Hymn Poll conducted for the Christian Herald Magazine by Rene Gnam and Associates. Editor and publisher reported that more than 1,000 daily and weekly newspapers participated in the poll and that 61,447 readers voted. "The Old Rugged Cross," with 4,010 votes, "How Great Thou Art" received 8,449.

Cliff Barrows attributes the popularity and effectiveness of the song, in the main, to the fact that "it is a hymn of worship and praise to God. "The attention is immediately focused upon the Lord," he says. We love it and expect to continue using it for a long time. We may sing it with the saints in eternity.

The Baptist World, Alliance magazine, has circulated to Baptists in 91 countries of the world, editor C. E. Bryant reported. There has been substantial circulation increase in recent months as the magazine’s editorial content has been revitalized, he said. — BWA

THE SABBATH RECORDER

LET’S THINK IT OVER

College Aid Bills

The religious issue still looms as an obstacle in House and Senate agreement on the aid-to-education bill that was passed earlier this year. Whether or not this obstacle can be resolved by the means now being used remains to be seen.

The House bill calls for $1.5 billion in both loans and grants for the construction of classrooms, libraries, science laboratories, dormitories, in private, public, and church-controlled colleges. The Senate version provides $1.5 billion in loans only to four-year colleges, plus $250 million in matching grants for junior colleges.

The Senate bill calls for 212,500 scholar­ships totaling nearly $600 million during the five-year period. This provision is bitterly opposed by the House.

Both measures contain provisions that would prohibit loans for academic facilities that are used for activities for which admission is charged to the general public, for sectarian instruction, or as a place of worship, or a facility that is used primarily in connection with a school or department of divinity.

With these limitations that are sup­posed to "take care" of the religious issue in aid to higher education, there are still some problems. Opposition to federal aid to church colleges has come from the administrative heads of some of those schools. Presidents of 29 church-operated colleges expressed their opposition to federal aid to private, and church-owned universities.

Should the Senate conference agree to omit the scholarship provisions, the measure could win final House and Senate approval.

Should the conference deadlock, the House conference could take the bill back to the floor for a separate vote on this sharply divided issue.

Senior Jennings Randolph in response to an inquiry reports in a letter to the Sabbath Recorder under date of May 2 as follows:

"It is difficult to make a judgment as to the prospects of passing a meaningful education bill in this session. As you know, the Rules Committee has been called upon to determine whether or not the Conference Committee is to be given the aid-to-higher-education bill will be permitted to meet. As yet, no ruling has been made, whether or not this legislation will be passed this year. If this problem can be resolved in the near future.

(Later news indicates that the Rules Committee has allowed the Conference Committee to work on resolving our differences.

Senator Randolph has been keenly inter­ested and deeply involved in Federal aid­to-education legislation, and has been frequently quoted in relation to his efforts to preserve the separation of church and state.

Association Meetings

Attention is again called to the weekend meetings of Associations which have not yet been held.

Eastern Association is at the Marlboro, N. J., church May 25-27.

Central New York Association is at D.M. Rayter June 1-3.

Western Association, June 16 and 17, will be at Alfred, N. Y.

Southeastern Association meets with its northernmost member church (Salemville, Pa.) June 27-28.

Southwestern Association begins on Thursday, June 21, and continues to Sunday, June 24.

Meetings are to be held this year at the Minnewaska Retreat in the suburbs of New Orleans (520 Carrollton Ave.), the local church has been looking forward to this occasion for a long time. Camp Milford immediately precedes the Association at Chemin-a-Haut, La., June 10-17.

The theme of the Association is Christ, the Rock. Several new names are on the full program including F. Kirtland, pastor at Hammond, La.

North Central Association at New Auburn, Wis., is also held on the third weekend of June.

Seventh Day Baptists and their friends find real valued in meeting together for inspiration and planning in these numerous geographical groups. Evangelistic outreach on the Association level is a growing concern.
ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Mother's Day Church**

The Methodist Church in Grafton, W. Va., where the first official Mother's Day service was held in 1908, is envisioned as an interdenominational shrine in a movement launched by the Grafton Kiwanis Club. It would be called "The Mother of Mother's Day." The first Mother's Day service was held there May 10, 1908, at the suggestion of Miss Anna M. Jarvis, honoring her mother, a long-time church schoolteacher. The mother, shortly after the Civil War, organized "Mother's Friend Day" for Taylor County, W. Va., where family ties had been badly broken by the conflict.

Tract Publisher Dies in California

Clyde H. Dennis, founder and president of Good News Publishers located in a Chicago suburb, died February 14 in Los Angeles. His death—other than a short illness following surgery—was due to complications following a long illness with hepatitis.

As a young printer, Mr. Dennis was deeply concerned about doing something to meet the need for well-written Gospel tracts which were attractively produced. As a result he started Good News Press with very limited funds in his own home and began publishing many tracts which he wrote himself. The demand for this colorfully-produced literature grew until its use became world-wide.

Good News literature is now printed in 50 languages and in over 100 countries. The firm also has printing plants in Switzerland and Nigeria.

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**NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES**

**RIVERSIDE, CALIF.** — This writing finds our pastor, Alton L. Wheeler, on his spring itinerary for the Pacific Coast Area. He is attending the Bay Area Fellowship, in Oakland, on May 5.

The youth departments of the Sabbath School are in the second week of studies and is well under way. The lessons prepared by Dr. and Mrs. Victor Burdick, missionaries now on furlough. It is a challenging study.

As the summer camp season approaches Work Days become more frequent. April 29 was scheduled as an all-day out, but there will be more to follow. Association this year was especially enjoyable. It began with Sabbath School classes with the traditional Candlelight Communion Service. "Draw nigh unto God and he will draw nigh unto you." (Jas. 4:8) was the chosen theme. This was meaningfully developed in the Rev. Francis D. Sanders' Sabbath morning worship address, "Submit therefore to God," delivered to a packed church. Meals were planned and nicely served by the Mary Martha Society of the church. Effective use of the tablet was beautifully accomplished by Mrs. James Stillman.

Music furnished by the Men's Chorus, directed by Miss Lois Wells, pointed the soul to the "land of fadeless day." Allyn Mackintosh served as chairman of a panel composed of members of the association, whose discussion was both thoughtful and inspiring. And all the session was led by the youth, consisting of a file of SDBYFchorus. Quite a number participated in the Sunrise Service on Mt. Rubidoux, after which the business meeting convened at the church with the president, Dr. Victor Skaggs conducting a special song service led by Mrs. Orvis Chapman, and Bible study techniques were given by Pastor Wheeler. Special music was furnished by the Girl's Ensemble. Another Association passed into history with the breaking of bread at 1:30 when a covered dish luncheon was served.

Pastor Wheeler's recent sermons have been centered around perseverance, loyalty, and faithfulness to Christ, "If the cloud of fear shall envelop us if we faint not." The new electric sign in front of the church has recently been set off with Arizona sandstone, a project undertaken by the SDBYF Class with the skillful aid of Orson Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Orson Davis have returned to Colorado, where they have made their home in the state. The Grand Pallads have already left on their summer trip.

**ALFRED, N.Y.** — Thirteen of our young people spent the weekend of April 14 in Plattsburg, where they visited the Seventh Day Baptist Church and enjoyed the fellowship of the Plainfield young people. They greatly appreciated the hospitality, and the wonderful service of the church. This trip was made with money earned almost entirely by the teenagers themselves. A family dinner after church on April 28 was held, at which time the boys and girls told of their trip.

The entire Sabbath service on April 14 was given over to special music for the Easter season when our adult choir joined with the choir of the Union University Church in presenting the sacred oratorio, "The Holy City" under the direction of Mr. Melvin Nida, director of the University Music Department. It was also presented at the Sunday service the following day.

Our Easter solo part was taken by a member of our choir, Eugene Van Horn.

Early in April the Women's Evangelical Society held their annual Spring Sale and Tea. A large crowd attended and a nice profit was realized from the sale of hand-made gift items, baked goods, candy, etc. Most of this money was contributed, as it is every year, to the American Missionary Association.

On April 29 a special service was held in the Miriam Shaw Room of the church for the dedication of a new piano given in memory of the Rev. and Mrs. George Shaw, by their family. The Miriam Shaw Room is where the Intermediate Sabbath School meets for worship. Taking part in the service along with members of the Intermediate Sabbath School were three of Mr. and Mrs. Shaw's great-grandchildren, Peggy, Amy, and Timothy Burdick, children of Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Burdick of Cleveland, Ohio.

**SALEMVILLE, PA.** — The first four months of this year have been busy ones for our people.

Executive Secretary Harley D. Bond gave the morning message January 13 and after a fellowship luncheon conducted a planning session for the church with Pastor Hurley's aid.

Two weeks later, after a simple luncheon in the social room, Pastor Hurley started a study of the various aspects of lay visitation. This study continued every Sabbath until March 17.

On February 3 the Youth Fellowship conducted the worship service in observance of Women's Day. It was the leadership of Ruthanna Kagarise, program chairman.

The Women's Society meets the first Wednesday evening of each month. "Latin America" and "Churches for New Times" are the topics we have discussed.

Depth Bible study is held each Friday evening and a large number of people from the other community churches attending these studies.

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On April 1, he gave five messages during his stay, and after a fellowship luncheon Sabbath day spoke with the group in informal conversation, answering questions. It was a very inspiring weekend for all who heard the messages.

The Youth Fellowship is studying "You and Your Church under Pastor Hurley's leadership. They also sponsored a bake sale recently to help purchase folding chairs for the church social room.

Conference plans and denominational problems were Dr. Melvin Nida's themes during his visit Easter weekend. Friday evening he showed slides of this year's Conference site. Sabbath day he brought the morning message and after lunch at the church held a question and answer session.

The Salem church choir presented a program of sacred music April 26 in our church. It was an inspiring and beautiful program. The choir members spent the
night in our homes before leaving for Plainfield and other engagements.

The men of the church have been busy with repairs to the church property. The ground under the parsonage porch was dug out and a block wall put in to make a better coal bin and a better support. The church was repainted and some work has been done on the lawn.

Plans are progressing also for entertaining Association June 22 to 24.

--- Correspondent.

Great people, noble people, wonderful people don't poke fun at God's servants, regardless of how poorly they may be educated, and how many mistakes they make in preaching and testifying. Great people know these little servants are in touch with and worshiping a great and powerful God. — Rev. Walter E. Isenhour.

Obituaries

Bee.—E. Hayes, son of Azariah and Melvina Law Bee, was born Feb. 2, 1878, at Berea, W. Va., and died at Harrisville, W. Va., Feb. 27, 1962. He lived in the Berea area most of his life, retiring from farming and moving to Harrisville only a few years past.

He was married to Florence Oldsaker, who survives. All surviving are: E. Ray of Reform, Ala., a licensed layman of the Salem Seventh Day Baptist Church and father of Ernest Bee, student pastor of Richburg, N. Y.; and Ural G. of Eldridge, Md.; also three sisters and two brothers — Mrs. Martha Bilton of Weirton, W. Va., Mrs. Alice Goff of Boulder, Colo., and Mrs. Nancy Rymer, Clarksburg, W. Va., Zed Bee of Elvira, O., and Roy Bee of Pullman, W. Va.

Funeral services were conducted from the Pine Grove Methodist Church with Pastor Leslie Welch, Berea, in charge, assisted by the Rev. C. R. Bright, Harrisville Methodist Church. Interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

--- L. A. W.

Randolph.—Jennie May Sutton, daughter of Martin and Mary Stalnaker Sutton, was born at Berea, W. Va., Sept. 18, 1878, and died suddenly at home of her daughter at Cleveland, Tenn., April 24, 1962.

On March 28, 1894, she was married to Aloe Preston Randolph, who died Nov. 10, 1953. Preston and Jennie Randolph made their home in Berea until 1913, when they moved to Salem to educate their children. After their youngest son graduated from Salem College in 1936, they moved to a farm near Sutton, W. Va. From 1945 to 1949 they lived with their son, Elmo and family, in Milton, W. Va. From that time they had made their home with Mrs. Swiger. Mrs. Randolph joined the Ritchie County Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea as a young girl, later moving her membership to the Salem church, where she remained a member until her death.

She is survived by three sons: Brady O. of Sutton; Ashby, of Bristol, W. Va.; and the Rev. Elmo F. Randolph, pastor of the Seventh Day Baptist Church, Milton, W. Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Archie (Avis) Swiger, missionary evangelist and dean of women at Lee College, Cleveland, Tenn.; three half-sisters, Mrs. Emma Cartwright of Jane Lew, Mrs. Leona Whitehair of Berea, and Mrs. Ruth Garner of Williamsville, Ohio; 22 grandchildren, and 51 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services at the Ritchie County Seventh Day Baptist Church at Berea were conducted by Pastor Leslie Welch. Interment was in the Pine Grove Cemetery.

--- L. A. W.

Accessions

Shiloh, N. J.

By Baptism:
Barbara Ann Dickinson
Robert Ralph Fogg
Stephen Bert Moncrief

By Letter:
Mr. and Mrs. John Williams

Marriages

Mitchell-Tollison.—Charles Edward Mitchell and Dianne Tollison were united in marriage, March 17, 1902. Their new home is at 1004 Grape, Texarkana, Ark.

Births

Boatman.—A son, Raymond Lee, to Clarence and Kathy Boatman of Peteluma, Calif., on April 2, 1962.

Curtis.—A daughter, Kathleen Dawn, to Lloyd and Donna Curtis of Whittier, Calif., on April 18, 1962.

Davis.—A daughter, Lois Suzanne, to Mr. and Mrs. Olin C. Davis of Oneida, N. Y., on May 10, 1962.

Harris.—A son, Matthew Burdet, to Mr. and Mrs. (Leah Camille Cutright) Lawrence S. Harris, 1646 Coventry Road, Cleveland 18, Ohio, on April 3, 1962.


For Sale — Frame house 5 years old, good condition; 2 bedrooms, bath, living room, and kitchen; hot and cold running water; 2 lots of land 50 x 150 each, high and dry; located 10 miles west of Palatka on highway #100 in Carraway, one block from the Seventh Day Baptist Church. Good land for vegetable or flower garden. $5,000 — cash. Contact James A. Price, Route 1, Box 203, Palatka, Fla.

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