How Many Sod-House SDB's?

The Sabbath Recorder is glad to help our people to recall their pioneer days or those of their parents by printing the following notice. The sod-house heritage of Seventh Day Baptists is closely bound up with their religious convictions, which were strong.

Did you ever live in a sod house, a dugout, or an adobe-block building; or were you born in one? Did you ever teach school, attend school or church services in a sod building, or help build one? Or are you a child or perhaps a grandchild of a former pioneer sod-house dweller or builder?

If you can answer "yes" to any of these questions, the Sod House Society of America, Colby, Kans., would like to hear from you. The unique society is making an effort to compile a census of people who have had any kind of personal experience with sod houses, dugouts, or adobe-block buildings, which were once common in the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Their census will also include the descendants of such persons.

If you are a former sod-house dweller or a direct descendant of a family that can claim a part of the sod-house heritage of the prairie-settlement era of North America from 1870 to 1930, the society wishes to have the information to include in a permanent historical record of sod-house dwellers and their families.

To make this survey a success, information is needed from folks in all parts of North America. If you have any information concerning former sod-house dwellers, your report of this will be most welcome. Please tell where the sod buildings were located and give the family names. Kindly send your report to Sod House Survey, Colby, Kans. 67701.

The Sabbath Recorder followed many of our pioneers to their adobe and sod-house dwellings. It would be interesting to print the names of those who are able to report to the Sod House Survey, Colby, Kans. Why not send a copy to Plainfield? An article might be written for our 125th anniversary number the second week of June.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

RICHBURG, N. Y. — A special offering was received on March 15 for One Great Hour of Sharing.

On Missionary Sabbath, March 29, a fellowship dinner in the church parlors followed the morning worship service.

In the afternoon slides were shown of our mission work in Guyana.

The quarterly church business meeting was held at the church Sabbath night, April 5. Plans were made for the coming of Miss Connie Coon who will be with our church from April 15 to the end of May.

—Correspondent

Accessions

By Baptism:
ALBION, WIS.
Rosemary Kathryn Geske

By Testimony:
Mrs. Marion Onsgard

MILTON, WIS.

By Baptism:
Teresa Shaw
Linda Burdick
Glen Johnson
LeRoy Loofboro
Rodney Loofboro

Crusade of the Americas in Brazil

These Brazilians were among 22 who made public professions of faith in Christ during a week of evangelistic services in March, in Aracaju, Sergipe, in northeast Brazil. Pastor José Guedes dos Santos, of Maceio, Alagoas, preacher for the Aracaju meetings, is in the background. Four weeks of Crusade of the Americas services throughout Sergipe resulted in more than 110 decisions being registered publicly. (Photo by Roberta E. Hampton)
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Obituary

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention sponsored a soul-saving seminar in Chicago March 31 - April 2 with the theme: "The Challenge of the Church's Missions Crisis." This particular denomination, the one which has more segregationists in it than any other (since it is the biggest church in the deep south) gathered together for some criticism during the seminar that caused some soul-searching.

The keynote speaker, the Rev. John Nichol, pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga., (an integrated church), startled the 250 leaders assembled with the statement that the little racial crisis in the churches is due to prove to be "God's gift to His church." The general thought appears to have been that this crisis will make the church revitalize its criteria for success. Churches must stop thinking about the culture they uphold and start serving with real love.

His church, he said, bought its newest building and moved back into its older facilities, and to use the money to minister to the people in the largely black community. He pointed up the theological basis by saying, "Jesus would rather love men than be loved by most men." He went on to suggest that while the church may need a theology of failure, what it really needs is to adopt biblical standards by which it can measure success. With probable reference primarily to churches of his own denomination he noted that in some churches "truth is constantly being sacrificed on the altar of progress. The result is not peace at all, but an uneasy armistice."

The racial crisis will bring out the worst in some people and the best in others. "The task of making the goodness of that race in a given community. Lawlessness must be dealt with in absolute fairness and Christians must seek to develop the qualities mentioned in such Scriptures as, "Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good". (Rom. 12:21). This verse, it will be recalled, follows that hard one about how to treat those who do you harm: "Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head."

Those who have been following the suggested denominational Bible reading for the week of March 25-31 may have noted that this will be their last week of reading about David. The exploits of David are not all edifying reading, but some of them are. Impressive indeed are the numerous ways in which David showed tenderness to his enemies and melted them by "heaping coals of fire," so to speak, on their heads. When Saul, who was seeking his life, was in his power he spared him, and when Saul was killed David mourned for him for he had many other enemies and traitors. David almost had mutiny in his army because he loved Absalom his son who had raised an army against him.

When the usurper died, King David, who all but lost his throne in the uprising, again showed forgiving love and '"as I have done for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son'" (2 Sam. 18:33).

Was David foolish? Are we foolish when we forgive? In racial crisis we could try a little more love.

Loving the Communists

Would we have to get a new definition of love to advocate and practice love for the Communists? New perhaps to us but not new to the New Testament, which is already nineteen centuries old. There is not so much difference between loving the Communists and following the example of John 3:16. We do not get much indication that when "God so loved the world..." He had in mind a race or people in the world. Rather, it was a love the purpose of which was to make the world become something that it was not when it received Jesus, and that Jesus is the Son of God to the cross. It is possible to love and pray for the Communists and to see some of them transformed by God's redeeming love.

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Can we hate "with a perfect hatred," with absolute hatred, with a perfect love? Not very easily. If we really love the good we must hate the evil. It is so popular to think of evil as though it were a kind of bad luck, an occasional snare which is to be broken or evaded in order to reach the goal. Evil's effect to us is that of a snares which is to be broken or evaded to reach the goal. Evil's effect is really hate unrighteousness. To hate evil is the essence of Christian life. If we are Christians we should be against evil -- hate evil and not love evil. The price we must pay is Christ's death on the cross. The question is whether we are willing to pay the price.
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big dream. We united with other dreamers
whom God brought in our way. We were un
prepared to see the suffering of our fellow Americans. Then we
must love them and give them the Gospel. The Communist
Chinese torturing Christians. Then we
must love them and give them the Gospel. Rioting students in America are destroying
university buildings. Let us then love them and
preach to them the Gospel. Russian Communists
take the children away from their Christian
parents. Let us love them and give them the
Gospel. Like that Pharaoh of old, we see no
difference between men. We love both the
tyrants and his victims, as well as the Communist
terrorists' accomplishes in the church. The condi
tions for great spiritual plenty have been fulfilled,
as they were fulfilled in Egypt in
Joseph's time.

After two years, we have a rapid growing
mission in America; a mission which was con
fined at first but has now become a worldwide
organization.

It is not our purpose to promote the
organization that this man has started. It is our purpose to call our people to
that kind of high purpose which includes
those who seek to do harm to us and to
the cause of Christ. This is a call to the
missionaries, to the impossible.

I received a letter recently from a per
son who has experienced in less than fatal
form some stoning like that of
Stephen. The warm, tender letter says that it was
possible to persuade those who cast the
stones might receive pardon: "The most
wonderful and beautiful thing has been the
conversion of some of those who have thrown some of the
heaviest stones and to show them a
'more excellent way'. It is no wonder that
the Apostle Paul speaks of the
Christian way as "the high calling of
God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). It is
much higher than where most of us find ourselves living.

For the oppression of the poor, for the
sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord. Psalm 12:5a.

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Ministering to Spanish-Speaking Workers

It is not a new thing for the rural church organization known as the West District of Cumberland County, N. J., to try to provide a Christian ministry to the Spanish-speaking agricultural workers who are permitted by the farmers of the area each season and live mostly in small camps provided by the employers. For several years this church organization has provided facilities and funds for a full or part-time chaplain who could speak the language. The West District includes the Shiloh and Marlboro Seventh Day Baptist churches and the Baptist and Presbyterian churches of the villages of Greenwich and Roadstown, also the new Methodist Church of Hopeville.

As another planting and harvesting season begins these churches have plans to again help their seasonal neighbors as much as possible. This is accepting the challenge of foreign-language missions at the door as well as sending missionaries to the countries from which the people come. In our cities there are large foreign language elements but ministering to them is the primary task of the large churches of various denominations in those cities. In South Jersey the rural churches have an opportunity to minister to the people who come to them. This local organization, with limited resources, grasps the opportunity.

A mimeographed flier distributed in the West District churches outlines the kind of service to be rendered this year with the help of a minister recently come from Cuba. He will spend Wednesday evening calling, will hold services Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday, and will call for the churches of the state to give missions aid.

The Rev. Roberto Hernandez is 29 years old and was born in Cuba. He arrived in the United States with his family on November 6, 1967, under the sponsorship of the Shiloh Methodist Church of Salem, N. J.

Mr. Hernandez and his family are now living in Vineland, N. J. He is employed by the Welfare Board of Cumberland County who also has an office in Bridgeton. His wife, Mary, was a teacher in Cuba, and is presently employed by the Housing Authority, Department of Urban Renewal in Vineland. Their only child is a son, Bobbie, who is six and is in the first grade.

Mr. Hernandez was graduated from "La Progresiva" School (Presbyterian) in Cardenas, Cuba, with a Bachelor in Arts degree. He then studied four years for his Theological Degree in "The Union Theological Seminary," Matanzas, Cuba.

After his graduation from seminary, he became pastor of the Methodist Church in Mayari, Oriente, and served it for one year. He was then called to the pastorate of the Central Methodist Church in Havana. He came to the United States and was called to the Methodist church in Cuba. After serving this congregation for four years, he decided to leave Cuba.

He and his family are very happy in their new homeland. He is pleased to be able to work with Christ through our churches as we minister to those workers in our area.

May God bless our work together!

Our Prayer Corner

Suggestions for Prayer This Week

Pray for:
1) Those young people giving dedicated service and those who for health or other reasons have not been able to continue with their service or plans for summer service.
2) The Host Committee of General Conference as it holds frequent meetings to lay plans for the delegates who will be coming to Nyack, N. Y., in August.
3) The projected Seventh Day Baptist evangelistic work in large tent under the direction of Jin Sung Kim.

The Coming of Spring

By Paul V. Beebe, Mt. Berry, Ga.

March 27

Torrents of rain shower down and then freeze. But just as surely as it rains and is cold we know that the sun will come to drive out the chill and warm the good earth.

Oh! for showers of blessings in torrents to flood our souls; and the warmth of His love to shine down and drive out the cold of hate, prejudice and indifference coming from Satan, replacing it with the almighty love of God.

"There shall be showers of blessing."

April 11

The cool refreshing showers come down again.

The nourishing rains come down.

The showers come down to quench the thirsty soil.

The heaven-sent drink comes down to bring life-refRESHING to both earth and soul in promise of the forthcoming crop.

The trees throw off their coats of gray to don their robes of green.

Red maple keys, red bud and dogwood burst forth in white, red, and scarlet to cover the hillsides in a blanket of rich color.

God is so gracious to bestow upon us the gift of spring.

Truly "tis, "Grace, Grace, marvelous Grace."

Honolulu Chief of Police

If a Baptist tourist in Honolulu got a parking ticket, could he expect special consideration from the chief of police? Probably not. The chief, Daniel Liu, would possibly assume that Baptists ought to be exemplary citizens who would avoid running afoul of traffic regulations. But Baptists in Hawaii may be justly proud that the chief of police has shown such an interest in Christian work that he was elected president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention at its twenty-fifth annual session. Chief Liu has also recently been honored by the American Bible Society.
Change of Leadership at Crandall High

After two years and eight months of service at Crandall High School, Kingston, Jamaica, the Rev. and Mrs. Neal D. Mills returned to this country on Friday, April 4. Since arrival they have been visiting and resting at De Ruyter, N. Y., at the home of Mrs. Coon, sister of Mrs. Mills. The Millses began this second period of missionary service at Kingston on August 1, 1966, leaving the pastorate of the Rockville and Second Hopkinton Seventh Day Baptist Churches in order to do so.

It will be recalled that former Crandall High School Principal Courtland V. Davis had requested assistance in carrying on the multiple duties of principal of Crandall High and the Missionary Board's representative to the Jamaica Conference. When the Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills were approached to assist at Crandall High School offering "dedicated service" (without salary), they consented to do so. However, when Mr. Davis learned that the former principal of Crandall was to be his assistant, he requested that he and Mrs. Davis be the dedicated workers couple and that Pastor Mills take over the principalship, assisted by Mrs. Mills. After much hesitancy and prayerful consideration, Pastor and Mrs. Mills consented to take over the plans changed to the church with the understanding that the Davises would stay on and help with the work. This plan was followed until the death of Mr. Davis in October 1968. Mrs. Davis has continued her valuable help both at Crandall High School and as assistant to the Rev. Joe Samuels, secretary of the Jamaican Conference.

The Rev. and Mrs. Neal Mills have now been succeeded by the Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brissey who arrived to take up the work a few days before the departure of the Millses. It will be recalled that Mr. and Mrs. Brissey had provided a five year term of outstanding service at Crandall High just before Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Davis began service (1955-1960). It is expected that the Brisseys will serve until the summer of 1970, when Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Crandall of Arkport, N. Y., have agreed to take over the work. (A picture of Grover and Alma Brissey appeared in the April 7 issue.)

An expression of appreciation to the Rev. and Mrs. Mills was given at the April 20 meeting of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society. The Millses and the Wayne Crandalls were scheduled to attend a meeting of the American Tropics Committee of the board during the weekend of April 26-27, thus providing an opportunity to review the work and needs at Crandall High School and lay long-range plans for the future. The prayer support of all Seventh Day Baptists is requested for the Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brissey and our continuing need at Crandall High School and lay long-range plans for the future. The prayer support of all Seventh Day Baptists is requested for the Rev. and Mrs. Grover Brissey and our continuing need at Crandall High School and lay long-range plans for the future.

A welcoming and farewell service for the outgoing and incoming missionaries was held at Crandall High School on Sunday, March 23, 1969. This was combined with a program of observance of the 20th anniversary of Crandall High School. The program included a "Recital of Sacred Harmonies" by the school choir and the all male voices of "The Gospelaires."

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My teaching for the next seven years was in Ohio. Again doors opened to pursue religious work. I taught a group of women in a Sunday School, sang in the choir and worked with girls. It was understood that I was a Seventh Day Baptist and that I kept the seventh-day Sabbath.

In 1938 I purchased a house in Milton, as a home for my parents and me. I came here to teach in 1944. My parents enjoyed ten years of retirement here before Father passed away. It was good to be together, to work and to worship in a Seventh Day Baptist church. Yes, other doors began to open.

I retired from teaching in 1962 and have been able to devote more time to church work. Teaching in Sabbath School and working in the organizations of the church continue to bring much satisfaction. I gave up singing in the church choir to assume the task of recording the church service to share with shut-ins. This is a very rewarding experience for those of us who participate.

In 1950 I was chosen by the church to be a deaconess, and I have found joy in this service and the work on the Advisory Board. The church formed a historical committee in 1960, and I have had the privilege of being chairman of this group. Not only are we trying to secure all things of historical worth, but are working on a church history.

Our denomination has given opportunity to serve through the Committee on Obituaries. After working a few years on the committee, I suddenly found myself chairman. I gladly served in this capacity from 1953 to 1966. For several years my home has been the headquarters for the Women's Board, with one room used for our well-equipped office, and other rooms for the monthly meetings of the executive board. These "doors," too, have brought rich experience through service with consecrated workers in the denomination.

I have a deep feeling of gratitude to all with whom I have worked through these many years. It was never just "I," but rather "we" working together to bring Christ's love to others through our efforts. I hope to continue, always with the realization that never will I "drift beyond His love and care."

Dedicated Service News

By Doris Coon Rood

The Christian Social Relations Commission of the Women's Board has been busy going over the list of volunteers for dedicated service in the Summer Christian Service Corps and the Vacation Church School and Camp workers to make tentative assignments to the churches that have asked for their services. There are nineteen SCSC volunteers, seven VCSC volunteers and thirteen requests for workers. We praise the Lord for this fine response which is nearly double what it was last year.

The large increase also doubles the amount of money needed to finance the projects. Last year the expenses were $2,900, so this year an amount between $5,000 and $6,000 will be needed. Travel expenses are likely to be higher this year since many airlines are discontinuing their stand-by student rates.

We are grateful to the individuals and groups who have already sent contributions. Keep them coming! Consider the increase in dedication among our young people and the additional calls for service. Consider also the blessings realized in previous summers by workers and churches alike. May these considerations be reflected in additional giving.

The committee has accepted the invitation of the Dodge Center, Minn., church to hold the training session there, since many of the volunteers are from the Midwest. The dates for training session are June 12 - 18. This leaves six weeks for service before the evaluation session on August 5.

Send any contributions to the Women's Board treasurer, Mrs. Harold Baum, Rt. 1, Box 13, Edgerton, Wis. 53534.

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What Is a Fellowship?

The term "fellowship" has come to be used among Seventh Day Baptists and perhaps in some denominations in a somewhat technical sense. We have to say "somewhat" technical, for there is no fully accepted definition of how well organized a group should be before it can be referred to in a semiofficial way as a fellowship. Sometimes the group is a nucleus of mostly new people who may be in the initial stages of forming a church. Again it may be a loose grouping of non-resident members of one or more Seventh Day Baptist churches living near enough together so that they can meet with some regularity for Sabbath School or lay-led church services. Some fellowships have existed for years; some are new and temporary. It appears that almost any group that meets may call itself a fellowship and feel a sense of unity by so doing.

An interesting reference to an unpublicized and relatively new group comes in a letter recently received from Richard D. Shepard of 152 Sands Ave., Monroe, Ohio.

"I would like to enter a subscription for eight yearly subscriptions to the 'Helping Hand' starting with the April issue. These are for the Ohio Fellowship of the families of Ernest Bond, Richard Shepard and James Wells."

This is a commendable way of giving a group permanence — ordering Sabbath School quarterlies and conducting classes. Sometimes there is not much distinction between a fellowship and a Sabbath School that is not connected with a church. Wherever there is a possibility of a group there ought to be one. It only takes two or three families with Sabbath loyalty to start a purposeful fellowship.

— L. M. M.

AN ANCHOR OF THE SOUL

Youth craves security and really wants an anchor. But what if his elders are dragging their anchors and heading for shipwreck?
The Higher Education Committee of the Seventh Day Baptist Board of Christian Education has recently completed the listing of high school juniors and seniors as sent in by our churches. The lists will be sent to our church related colleges with a request that material advertise the colleges be mailed to each individual. We are grateful to the church-10s who cooperated in this endeavor.

Another project of the Higher Education Committee, Burton B. Crandall, chairman, is the biennial Seventh Day Baptist Ministers Conference to be in session in Salem, Va., April 30 to May 6.

Lectures on the proclamation of the gospel will be delivered by the Rev. Victor W. Skaggs, dean of our Seventh Day Baptist study center; lectures on present and historic church trends by the Rev. Herbert E. Saunders, pastor of the Plainfield Seventh Day Baptist Church. Small group discussions will follow each presentation.


Reports will be presented by the boards and agencies of our denomination.

Delmer Van Horn will be music leader, and he urges all men to bring their “Towners.”

J. Paul Green is the host pastor. Rex Zwiebel is the program coordinator.

The meeting will be open to the public on Sabbath Eve, May 5.

On May 5, the conference will convene in the Lost Creek, W. Va., church, then come back to Salem for May 6.

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possibility of Catholic membership in the NCC.

The 14 members of the joint group, which included six Protestants, seven Catholics and one Eastern Orthodox, spent a long working day at the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church at the United Nations. While they explored the structures of the church and organizations, program interests and certain "churchly assumptions," they emphasized that they were limited to making a study of the proposal and not to presenting a specific plan for membership.

The Rev. Robert C. Dodds, who headed the NCC group, commented that "bishops and denominational leaders tend to be cautious about changes in their institutions until they see that changes are beneficial." However, he saw in the creation of the study committee an indication that "we have reached a new and important stage."

—Religious NewswEEKLY

ITEMS OF INTEREST

American Baptists Show Region Gains

In figures recently released for 1967 American Baptists announce a net gain of a little over one percent. Numerically in 6,000 churches (5,402 pastors) the net gain was 17,656. To achieve this net gain the churches had to take in 95,733 new members, of which 45,552 were added by baptism. This increase is more than usual, it is understood.

Financially, the American Baptist Convention reports that total income was up in 1968 was less by $1.3 million than in 1967. Cutbacks in personnel and program are already underway because of the financial crisis. The serving of the Paul Beebe children of Mt. Berry, Ga., and the Kirtland children on Keel Mountain. John Bevis, formerly of Birmingham, (now of Salem Creek) last year and was licensed, expects to be in the Presbyterian Church in the latter part of the General Assembly, stated that substantial losses in membership and increased expenditures for local missions projects may have been contributing causes of the decline in giving.

Central Africa Conference

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Further limited was the committee's report on restrictions on number of passengers and qualifications of drivers. Rather, we decided, the money be diverted from the plan for buildings in Blantyre for the expanding Christian education and evangelistic work.

New Car for Conference Secretary

The Planning Committee proposal was accepted, to set aside £65 monthly towards the purchase of a new car for the Conference Secretary. The car is expected to have a life of ten years, and the money will not be replaced.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

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preaches regularly for the United Methodist Church of Bloomer. Lenten services in New Auburn were hosted alternately by our church and the local United Methodist Church. Pastor Sutton did the preaching at all of these weekly services from February 23 through April 4, Good Friday. The sermons were much appreciated by the members of both churches, according to reports. Some of the New Auburn people attended the joint Lenten services in Bloomer also.

—Correspondent

PAINT ROCK, ALA.—Since the Passover night came on Wednesday this year we decided to have the Lord’s Supper on Sabbath morning, April 5. This change was made in order to accommodate several of our distant members who could not otherwise attend. The ordinance of “foot washing” was foregone this year because of the absence of several of our members who believe this to be an essential part of the observance. (Foot washing and annual communion services are observed in a few S.D.B. churches.—ed.)

The quarterly business meeting of the church was April 6. Several important matters came up, including summer pastorate of the church. Pastor C. A. Beebe and wife expect to go to the Mountain Mission in West Virginia soon after association. Tim Looney of Salem College was called to serve as summer student pastor but was unable to accept since he will be in summer school.

The 78th session of the Seventh Day Baptist Southwestern Association will convene with the Paint Rock church June 12-15 (Thursday night through Sunday noon). Pastor Clifford Beebe is president. The theme is “Go to the South” from Acts 8:26.

We expect visitors from Arkansas, Louisiana and Florida, as well as a delegate from New York. It has been ten years since Paint Rock has entertained the association.

We have applied for two workers to help with Bible School in July. We had 71 children last year.

Brother Mynor Soper and family will be coming for special meeting the latter part of July. He is a son of former Pastor Ralph Soper.

The Bible Clubs organized by Miss Connie Coon in December, are keeping up with good interest. Thirty or more children attend regularly. Several of the children in the Paint Rock club (meeting at the parsonage) have moved but new members have come in. The club which met at Dan M. Butler’s outgrew their home and moved to the home of R. L. Butler, Sr. Outgrowing this, they now meet at the Cedar Point Community Building.

—Field Missionary Correspondent

Obituaries

BIRD.—Ernest C., was born in Sioux County, Iowa, Nov. 13, 1867, and died at the home of his son at Boulder, Colo., March 23, 1969.

Mr. Bird was a bee keeper. He moved from Nebraska to Boulder in 1906 where he lived until going to live with his son in 1965. He joined the Boulder Seventh Day Baptist Church in March 1937. He was married to Frances Har risburg who died in 1939. Several years later he married Elle Hurzeler who died in 1957.

Surviving are two sons: W. S., of Anguin, Calif.; and H. L. of Boulder; a brother, Myron of St. Petersburg, Fla.; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Ahlberg Funeral Chapel in Longmont, with interment in Green Mountain Cemetery in Boulder.

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