

LITTLETON — The United Baptist Church will hold a Missionary Conference November 6-7-8 with the theme, "Lord, Give A Vision". Guest speakers will be Miss Abbie G. Sanderson, and Ralph E. Dailey.

Miss Sanderson was born in Greenville, N. H., the daughter of a Baptist Minister. She received her A. B. Degree from Colby College in Waterville, and has also studied at Andover Newton and Hartford Seminaries, at Cornell, Yale, and Columbia University's Teacher's College. She taught one year at Charleston, Mass., High School, and two years at Ricker Classical Institute, Houlton.

She was appointed to Missionary Service in China by the Women's American Baptist Foreign Missions Society and sailed in 1918. She served for

Baptist Women Set Party Dates

Ocean Park, Sept. 5 — The Maine Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of the United Baptist Convention of Maine will hold its annual house party Sept. 9, 10 and 11, at Ocean Park.

The Foreign Missions speaker will be Mrs. Paul W. Lewis, who has been an evangelistic missionary with her husband in Burma since 1947.

The Rev. and Mrs. Lewis had both received degrees from Baylor University and Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary before entering the missionary field.

Miss Abbie Sanderson, recently returned from Chinese detention, will be a guest at the meetings. Miss Sanderson is not scheduling speaking engagements but will be able to meet Maine friends.

The Home Mission speaker will be Mrs. T. Marshall Thompson, wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fitchburg, Mass. She has recently visited the Mexican mission fields.

The remainder of the program will include a movie, chalk talks by the Rev. and Mrs. Allan Brough of Dexter, devotional messages by Mrs. H. Christy Schjeveland of Jay and special musical selections.

Missionary To Speak Sunday

Miss Abbie Sanderson, retired missionary to China and Japan, will be guest speaker Sunday at a school of missions meeting in Winter Street Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

Miss Sanderson is a native of New Hampshire, but obtained most of her education in Maine receiving her A.B. degree from Colby College. Fifty years ago March 14, 1918, she first sailed for China. She served in that nation from 1918-1937 and 1946-1952. During these years she served in the missions school of the denomination and played an important part in the extra-curricular activities of the youth as well as teaching.

In 1951 she was imprisoned by the Communist. After her release in December, 1952, she went out for one final term of six years, this time to Japan.

Since 1952, Miss Sanderson has lived with a brother in South Berwick and has traveled considerably.

More than 130 persons attended the first session of the school of missions in its initial meeting last Sunday.

MISS ABBIE G. SANDERSON

DOVER, N.H.—Miss Abbie G. Sanderson, 77, of South Berwick Me., a member of the Colby class of 1914, and a retired missionary who spent 25 years in China, died here Sunday.

A graduate of Coburn Classical Institute in Waterville, she had taught in Massachusetts and Maine before further study at Newton Theological Seminary and eventual assignment to Swatow in south China under the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

She was one of several missionaries teaching in that area in 1951 who were imprisoned by the Communists after their invasion of the Chinese mainland.

Following her release she taught in Japan before retiring in November 1959 and becoming a resident of South Berwick, Me.

Services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, South Berwick.

In Memoriam



Our beloved missionary, Miss Abbie Sanderson, died on November 1, 1970. She was 77 years old. Abbie fell and broke her hip in October. Following this complications set in which resulted in her death.

Abbie was born in Greenville, N.H. but obtained most of her education in Maine. Her lifelong desire to become a missionary came to fruition in 1918, when she sailed for South China, as an appointee of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. She began her work as a teacher in the Abigail Hart Memorial School at Swatow. In 1927 this girl's school united with the boy's school and became known as the Kak Kuang Academy.

In 1951 Abbie was imprisoned by the Communists and was released in 1952. She returned home for rest and furlough, following which she went to Japan where she taught at the Shokei School (now Shokei College) in Sendai.

In 1960 she retired and made her home with her brother Arthur, and his wife, in South Berwick, Maine. Hers was a very active retirement. As a member of the First Baptist Church of South Berwick, she served as a Deaconess, as a teacher of the Young Adults and took an active part in the Mission Circle, which was named for her. In addition to this she was always ready and willing to speak in our churches across the state. She also served her Community through the Women's Club and Senior Citizen groups.