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—H. Armstrong Roberts.

“He that ploweth should plow in hope.”

★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

A condensed summary of trends and events taken from publications and original sources each week by Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Facts of Interest

According to the latest U. S. Census Bureau estimate, there is now an excess of 470,000 females over males in the 141,228,693 population. In 1940, there was an excess of 424,188 males.

The population under five years of age increased from 10,542,000 in 1940 to 13,417,000 in July, 1946, a 27.3 per cent gain, compared with a 7.3 per cent total population gain. The 5-9 age group gained from 10,685,000 in 1940 to 11,633,000 in 1946.

Latest population estimates show a loss in the 10 to 14 age group and the 15 to 19 age group, but a gain in the 20 to 55 section. Between 1940 and 1946, the number in the age group above 55 grew 3,200,000, or 16.3 per cent.

Despite the increasing birth rate, the median age has climbed from 29.0 in 1940 to 29.9 in 1946.

The number of marriage licenses issued in major cities during February was 27.5 per cent below the number issued during February, 1945.

At the end of 1945, there were 517,989 persons in mental hospitals, a new high. There were 10,200,367 men drafted during the six years Selective Service operated.

American Indians of Southern California have organized to fight intensified racial discrimination against their group.

A recent study of the \$10,000,000,000 earned by the 14,000,000 Negroes shows that \$700,000,000 goes for tobacco and beverages. The

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survey showed that the average Negro woman spends 150 per cent more of her income for toiletries and personal care than does the average white woman.

U. S. food store sales reached \$23,365,000,000 in 1946, 24 per cent above 1945.

In February, 1946, there were 5,070,000 families with both husband and wife in the labor force, a 2,000,000 increase over 1940. Of the 37,900,000 families reported in February, 1946, 28,800,000 were "normal families," 2,500,000 families with head widowed, divorced, or wife absent, and 6,600,000 families with female head.

In the World of Religion

President Truman said Myron Taylor would return to the Vatican only if necessary.

Church World Service will undertake to provide warm clothing for 100,000 war-orphaned Russian children. A complete outfit for a boy or girl costs \$21.50.

Of the 9,454 ministers reported by the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., only 6,826 are active. There are now 2,186 vacant pulpits. A major Presbyterian seminary reported that it had 806 graduates during the past 15 years. Of these 68 had joined other denominations, 45 were in schools or administrative work, 71 were foreign missionaries, 28 had died, 86 were in secular work and 501 were active ministers.

Mohandas K. Gandhi told 25,000 attending the Inter-Asian Relations Conference in New Delhi, India, that Christianity, "an Asiatic religion, had become disfigured" when it was taken to the Western world. He said Asia must win the West with love and truth.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church has received a certificate of appreciation from the Navy for his services in World War II. Bishop Oxnam made several visits to war areas and was a member of the Secretary of Navy's Civilian Advisory Committee.

The fifth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held in Omaha, Neb., April 14-17.

Edward J. Flanagan, Catholic priest and founder of Boys Town in Nebraska has gone to Japan as a representative of the War Department to advise the Japanese Government on child welfare programs.

Frank Sinatra will play the role of Father Paul, a Roman Catholic priest, in the screen version of "The Miracle of the Bells."

Baptist Highlights

Dr. O. P. Gilbert, editor of the Georgia Christian Index, died Sunday, April 6.

Rev. Ellis B. Evans is the new Sunday School secretary in California.

Dr. J. D. Franks has resigned as pastor of the First Church, Columbus, Miss., to join the staff of Church World Service in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Sunday School department reports 19,140 training awards in February as compared with 11,970 in February, 1946.

The 1947 Maritime Convention of Baptists in Canada will be held at Wolfville, August 28-29.

MEETING PERSECUTION

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan

"And now, Lord, behold their threatenings."

There are powerful forces abroad in the world, forces which would drive us out of the business of carrying out our Lord's commissions. Our secular work would consume our time and exhaust our energies so that we would have neither time nor energy to serve our Lord. The social whirl would distract our attention and interest away from Christian service. Temptation and sin would stifle our impulses to serve our Lord.

These forces threaten us with economic disaster, social ostracism, and a life void of the thrill of adventure. These threats are intended to intimidate and confuse and unman the Christian forces so that they shall be unable to render effective Christian service. The success of these threats has robbed the churches and the kingdom of the service of many a timid or careless Christian.

The early Christians formulated a policy by which they successfully met the opposition and dulled the edge of their threats. They first asked the Lord to "behold their threatening." The knowledge that our Lord sees the forces which oppose us, and hears their threats, is our strongest support.

The second request of these early Christians was "and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word." The only way for the Christian to keep up his courage in the face of the opposing forces of the world is to keep on testifying and serving the Lord.

"And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, by stretching forth thy hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of the thy holy child Jesus" Acts 4:29, 30.

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Religion is a conservative force; it suggests the distant past and the infinite future. It creates and constantly enriches traditions which embody the finest aspirations of the human spirit and the profoundest assurance of divine kinship. . . . The church finds it crucially important to embody in its very structure and design, suggestions of, and confidence in the agelessness of man's dependence upon God. — Harold M. Fisher, Detroit, Mich., church architect.

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Across the Editor's Desk

Personally

This is the last issue of the paper under the present editorship. It is a sad reflection, for during the past four years the Editor has come to think of all the paper's readers as members of his congregation. Personal contacts with individuals have been few, but in these contacts we have come to envisage the whole readership as personal friends devoted to a great common purpose. The fellowship and the cooperative spirit of all of you has been superb.

A new man has been selected to edit your paper. He is eminently qualified for the job, and we hope he will be able to ride without difficulty through many of the spots that have caused us to stumble and wonder. We'll be praying for him and we ask your prayers for him too, for the task is difficult and the opportunities tremendous. Work with him as understandingly and as prayerfully as you have worked with us, and Arkansas Baptist progress surely will continue triumphantly.

As your retiring editor goes to new tasks, please let us beg that you pray for him. The job there also is tremendous and only with divine help and the full cooperation of every Southern Baptist can the job be accomplished in its greatest possibilities of kingdom service.

This is not good-bye. We are not leaving Arkansas except in the sense of changing places of residence. Our heart will always be with all you good people and this great work, and our efforts on a Southwide scale will undoubtedly be turned in a particular way to the needs of you with whom we feel such a comradeship.

1946 Miracle

When the Navy Testaments, supplied by the American Bible Society during the war for installation in life-boats, life rafts and on airplanes operating over water, were sealed in their water-tight envelopes, a sentence on the front of the envelope read, "If you ever have occasion to use this book, please let us know."

The Bible Society has just received a letter from a young Filipino, Claudio Ablat, who tells the following story. About September, 1945, while walking along the shore of Mabatao, Batanes, in the Philippines, he found a can, which he took home to open when he might be alone. He feared being discovered by the Japanese, who were then occupying the Island.

In the can he found the sealed envelope and other goods, the latter undoubtedly being supplied by the Red Cross. He hid all

the articles, afraid someone would see them and tell the enemy. However, some days later, the Japanese came to search his home and found the carefully hidden things. He was taken prisoner and accused of being a spy, for in the package had been a signaling mirror and a signal light, which Claudio had been using to try to tell the American planes that help was needed.

He was taken to the capitol, Basco, under military guard and tied to keep from escaping. He continued to ask the God he had come to know in the Testament for help. One night he found his hands free and managed to escape to the forest. Although a search was made for him, the coming of the Americans forced the Japanese to leave the island before they had found him.

Claudio stayed in the forest seven months, "having Testament as a partner. That's all I can tell you. I could not write to you before because I have no money to buy stamp. Please tell me if there are some other helpful Books."

The Rev. Harry Fonger, secretary of the Society's agency in the Philippine Islands, thinks there is no doubt that this is a record of an actual experience.

Consistency Asked

The Christian Century has called upon the nation's Protestant churches to begin a campaign to end present tax exemptions on property used for religious purposes.

Churches should pay taxes on houses of worship, parsonages, and parochial schools, the national Protestant weekly said, because "it is bad public policy" for the government to exempt religious groups from their share of property taxation. It charged taxpayers are becoming increasingly discontented with the accumulation of tax-exempt property by churches.

The Century advocated, however, that church hospitals and similar institutions which have secular counterparts should remain exempt because "the humanitarian ends served by these institutions are the same, and their exemption from tax does not violate the principle of separation of church and state."

The editorial warned Protestants they cannot "make a genuine protest" against demands by Roman Catholics for public funds to support parochial schools, "while they accept for their churches the compulsory support of unwilling tax-payers."

To live in the presence of great truths and eternal laws, to be led by permanent ideals—that is what keeps a man patient when the world ignores him, and calm and unspoiled when the world praises him.—Dr. A. Peabody.

Italian Minorities

It hasn't been reported in the general press—but Religious News Service says Baptists in Washington are putting all the pressure possible on the Department of State to assure minority religious groups in Italy more "rights," instead of just privileges.

Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, has composed a strong letter on the subject of religious freedom and America's responsibility for helping nurture it in other lands. Having sent it to Acting Secretary of State Dean Acheson, he will follow it up with calls for help from Baptists throughout the nation, as well as other denominations.

The Baptist leader asked the State Department to exert its influence toward "upholding the United Nations' stipulation in respect to the rights of religious minorities."

Disclaiming any efforts to "induce the Italian government to disestablish the Catholic Church," Dawson said:

"We are not interested in fighting the Catholics. We are tremendously interested in upholding the full religious rights of minorities, which according to reliable reports are suffering restrictions, even persecutions.

"We call upon our government not to interfere with the internal affairs of Italy but to maintain its consistent championship of rights which it has helped to promulgate in the United Nations for the welfare of mankind the world around."

Dr. Dawson was a religious representative at the San Francisco Conference which drafted the UN Charter and he had a hand in writing the religious freedom section of the so-called Bill of Rights.

Lost Sense of Sin

Juvenile delinquency results not only from the indifference of adults but from the fact that "the world has lost its sense of sin," Assistant Director Edward A. Tamm of the Federal Bureau of Investigation declared at a meeting in Boston.

"Is it any wonder that so many millions of Americans, bewildered by the situation with which we are confronted abroad and at home, look back with a feeling of desperate longing to their own school days when the teaching of love of God went hand in hand with teaching of love of country?" he asked.

"That was the day before the arrival of the debunkers, the distorters of truth, the God haters, the debasers of values and the neopagans. They have had their day, and mankind, in following them, has been through the Gethsemane and experienced the Golgotha of two world wars.

"We have developed an immunity of indifference. Crime is committed in the overwhelming number of cases because the offender does not possess a sufficiently strong sense of moral responsibility."



OUACHITA Million Dollar Campaign

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OUACHITA: *It's Worth That Million!*

By CHESTER E. SWOR

Outstanding Lay Leader of Baptist Youth

Etched forever in my memory is the week of February 17-21, 1947, for during those days I had the happy privilege of speaking in the annual Religious Emphasis Week of Ouachita College. Though I had known Ouachita by name for many years, I had not come to know the college intimately until that week. To know Ouachita in the full sense of the word is to love Ouachita with devotion; and I came away from those days in February with a genuine devotion to this gem of Arkansas Baptists!

From students and faculty members I heard much of the current campaign for the addition of a million dollars to the building and endowment funds of the college. During that week, as I came to see and understand some of the vital needs of the college and as I discovered more fully than ever before the genuine merit of the college, I found a little sentiment growing up in my heart. Through the ensuing weeks that little sentiment has kept repeating itself in my heart. Here it is: Ouachita is worth that million . . . and ever so much more!

Ouachita Deserves A Million

In the first place, Ouachita deserves the million dollars. Throughout all these years of her life she has been loyal to the highest conceptions of Christian education; she has never compromised her integrity; she has always been intensely loyal to the denomination which controls her destiny. Therefore, Ouachita has been faithful to her mission regardless of the difficulties of the days and years. And it can be truly said that for the majority of her life this beloved institution has been called upon to do a big and difficult job with the minimum of money and facilities.

Now having been so faithful in a few



things, this devoted institution of Arkansas Baptists richly deserves to be permitted to enter upon better days—days in which her endowment and facilities will be more nearly in keeping with the tremendous task she is being asked to perform. Ouachita deserves that million dollars!

Ouachita Needs a Million

In the second place, Ouachita needs so urgently the money which is being sought. Though she has enough money in the endowment fund to meet the entrance requirements of the North Central Association (of which Ouachita is a fully accredited member), she has little more than the minimum requirements of that body. It is manifestly obvious that if Ouachita is to continue to minister to an increased student enrollment, she needs and must have an increased endowment.

Library facilities have long been needing

more adequate space; scientific activities of the college long ago outgrew the floor space available; dormitory capacities are unprecedentedly taxed. If your growing boy had as completely outgrown his present wardrobe as Ouachita has outgrown her present plant, you would be ashamed for him to make a public appearance! Ouachita is very really the child of Arkansas Baptists—and desperately needs some additions to its building wardrobe! Remember: Ouachita is asking only for necessities in both building and endowment; there is not a luxury included in the list of needs.

Competition Is Keen

Time was in which a good school could consist of Mark Hopkins and a student at opposite ends of a log; but that day has definitely passed away. Ouachita lives now in a day in which she must compete with colleges and universities whose sources of income are large and growing, whose faculty salary scales can compensate the best teachers adequately, whose building facilities are beautiful, comfortable, commodious. Arkansas Baptists cannot expect Ouachita to continue to appeal to their most excellent Baptist boys and girls successfully unless she is at least keeping in a good state of comparison with other schools which bid for Arkansas boys and girls so spiritedly.

Ouachita has wrought so well in the past under surpassing difficulties. She is meeting courage and sacrifice. If she is to be permitted to march forward through the years in the manner she richly deserves, it will be necessary for those who love her well to unshackle her from the limitation which would retard, and to facilitate her progress in every way possible.

And so I say, "Ouachita is worth that million . . . and ever so much more!"



APPROXIMATELY 300 YOUNG PEOPLE, age 13 to 18, participated in the Youth Choir Festival held at Ouachita College April 4. It was the first event of this kind sponsored by Arkansas Baptists.

The beautiful concert of church music was directed by Dr. Warren Angell, dean of the School of Fine Arts, Oklahoma Baptist University. Groups comprised girls' ensemble, mixed three-part groups and four-part choirs of soprano, alto, tenor, and bass.

Dr. Angell, Miss Maxie Cleere, director of the Ouachita Choir, and Hatcher Hoyt, music director of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, were adjudicators. Written comment on the work of each group will be mailed to its director.

Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state director of church music, working with the support of the Religious Education Department and its director, Dr. Edgar Williamson, planned and directed the Festival.

Novel SS Class Sets Record of Spiritual Influence on Homes

Nine months ago four young women got together at Second Church, Little Rock, with the idea of starting a new Sunday School class. The two younger women were brides, and the other two were "naturals" for teacher and assistant teacher.

It was on June 30, 1946, that the class first met—with two members. A month later it was organized, choosing Mrs. J. H. Cox as class president and "Brides Class" as a name. Blue and white were named as class colors, with the white rose as class flower. And for a motto, the brides chose, "I would be like Jesus, altogether lovely going about doing good."

When the accompanying photo was made on March 30—nine months later—the class registered 16 present, two new members, one visitor and two teachers. And on that same Sunday, the class attained the Standard of Excellence.

Mrs. Vernon Hall, the class's teacher, points to other accomplishments of the class which are even more noteworthy than the gain in number. During the nine months, the class has won one girl to Christ and also the husband of one of its members, seven members have placed their membership with the church and three husbands have brought their membership.

Pastor M. Ray McKay and Minister of Education Roy Paslay, Jr., believe the class has set some sort of record in its spiritual influence.

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Matthews to Broadcast

The Southwide Baptist Hour will present Dr. C. E. Matthews of Dallas, Texas, in the broadcast next Sunday morning, April 27. He will speak on "Man's Greatest Need," as announced by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The service of the Baptist hour is being greatly extended by beautiful printed copies of the messages, which are being mailed out to churches, pastors and other listeners who request them for use in evangelizing throughout the territory. Every such printed message also carries one or more membership cards through which a league of One Million is being formed who will pray every day for the spiritual awakening of America and the world.

The Baptist Hour may be heard in Arkansas over radio stations KUOA, Siloam Springs, 7:30 Sunday morning, and also over WFAA, Dallas, KSD, St. Louis, and KWTO, Springfield at 7:30 Sunday morning.

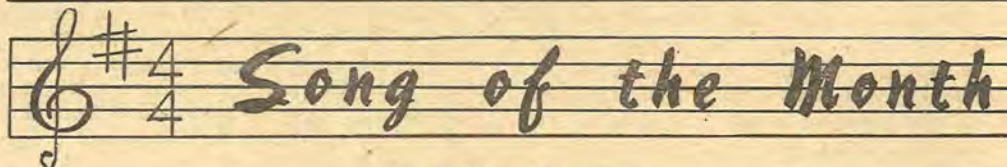
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Moderator E. Pitt Woodroof, Jr., of Shelby County Association, Tennessee, states that by unanimous vote of the pastors' conference and the Executive Board of the association, they are going to St. Louis in May with complete plans of bringing the Convention to Memphis in 1948. Their slogan is: "Come thou to Dixie with us and we will do thee good."

The Building Committee of Nutts Chapel Church, Gainesville Association, extend thanks to all who helped in the remodeling of the church building, financially or otherwise. They also extend an invitation to all who wish to worship with them.



The Brides' Class, Second Church, Little Rock



By RUTH NINNINGER

"Take My Life"

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL
C. H. A. MALAN

*Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.*

*Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.*

*Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

*Take my will, and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.*

Selected for the Song of the Month for May, this great work from the pen of the consecrated Frances Havergal strikes a responsive chord in the heart of all those who find joy in complete surrender of life and talent to the will of God.

Of all the splendid devotional books Miss Havergal wrote out of a wholly dedicated life, this lovely hymn of consecration best tells the secret of her short but happy life in the service of her Lord. It is universally loved. The story is told of the inspiration for the song:

"On the first of February, 1874, Miss Havergal was visiting in a home where there were ten persons, some of them not converted, some of them Christians but not very happy ones. A great longing seized upon Miss Havergal that all of these might, before she left, come to know her Savior as joyfully as she had come to know Him. That prayer was granted. On the last night of her stay, February 4, she was too happy to sleep, and spent the night writing this hymn, closing with the triumphant line, 'Ever, only, all for Thee!'"

(A Treasure of Hymns; Amos R. Wells; W. A. Wilde Co. publishers).

Hendon Tune

Although Miss Havergal always used her hymn to the tune Patmos which her father wrote, it is generally set today either to Yarbrough or Hendon, the latter of which is much more fitting to the poem. The words should be sung with vigor and enthusiasm at a moderately brisk tempo.

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Rev. Homer H. Bridges terminated his services as pastor of Second Church, Pine Bluff, April 2. During the 21 months of his pastorate the church experienced gradual growth. A new Hammond organ was installed, a new piano and choir seats purchased, and the interior of the auditorium was redecorated, including a beautiful painting in the baptistry. Under the leadership of Pastor Bridges more than 160 members were added to the church. For the year ending September 30, 1946, the church led Harmony Association in the number of Sunday School study course awards. With the exception of one month the Sunday School attendance showed an increase each month over the year before. Mr. Bridges does not have definite plans for the future. He may be contacted at 1405 E. 6th, Pine Bluff.

Training Union of New Providence Church, Leachville, is striving to attain the Standard of Excellence and made a grade of 64 for the past six months. The five sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Galyean have made outstanding records: Wayne and Gene, in the young people's department, averaged 86 per cent; Paul, an intermediate, 99; Clifton, a junior, 97; and Donald, also a junior, 90. Mrs. Galyean is a counselor for the juniors. J. O. Young is Training Union director.

WHEN IN DALLAS

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Its Perfect Consummation . . .

Glories of the Resurrection

By DOUGLAS M. WHITE
First Church, DeWitt

This is the last in a series of four messages on "The Glories of the Resurrection," being heard on eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The resurrection and return of Christ are definitely and indissolubly linked together. Paul's great dissertation to Corinthian church begins with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ and closes with His return. In the middle of this magnificent discourse he declares, "For as in Adam all die; even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the first fruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming."

In the beginning of the historical account of the apostolic church, Luke speaks of Jesus showing "himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs," and immediately after His ascension the heavenly witnesses said, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Their business was not to "gaze" but to "go" with the gospel message to "the uttermost part of the earth" that men might believe and be made ready for His return.

Glorifying God in Mortal Bodies

The apostle challenges the saints at Philippi to live daily a life of constancy in the light of the fact that "Our citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of His glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself."

If this poor, sin-cursed body is finally going to be made into the likeness of His glorious body, at His return, then the very least that I can do now is to glorify God in this body. The Christ whose likeness we shall bear through all eternity longs to reflect that glory through these mortal bodies of ours, in the person of the Holy Spirit.

A similar appeal is extended to the Colossian Christians. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." If we are to be revealed in final glory with Him at His return, love of carnal things (though perhaps not injurious in themselves) is utterly inconsistent with our profession, to say nothing of our position.

Because erroneous teaching was being introduced into the church at Thessalonica, Paul assures them they need have no fears concerning those who have departed from this life. The bodies of all those who are trusting in Christ shall be raised and glorified, along with the Christians who are still living when Christ returns.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the triumph of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught

up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

There is nothing which can comfort bereaved hearts and soothe the distracted minds of suffering human beings like the certainty of the final home-coming of the great family of God, when Christ shall come again. "Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory."

Walking In Fellowship With Christ

The apostle John likewise exhorts us to a walk of fellowship with Christ. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

Though the full extent of the glory which is ours (as the sons of God) is not yet revealed, just to know that we shall be like Him at His coming is enough to make every man, in whose breast that hope in Christ is a living reality, purify himself in every thought, word, and deed. The prospect of momentarily entering into the fulness of His perfection then, creates a longing to have His purity imparted to us now, as a result of our vital and permanent union with Him.

In Romans eight, that rich chapter of victory, promise, and glory, the apostle says, "For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the manifestation (the unveiling) of the children of God. For the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. And not only they, but we ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the

Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, that is, the redemption of our body."

Longing For Christ's Second Coming

In this we see that the whole creation of God, which has been groaning under the curse of sin for centuries, longs for the day when the curse shall be forever lifted. The day when the One who died for us and rose again will come to claim and to glorify those whom He has redeemed with His own precious blood, and forever dispel the curse and blight of sin. It is by His resurrection from the dead that we have been delivered from the penalty of sin, when He comes to take us into His presence forevermore.

*Living He loved me; Dying He saved me;
Buried He carried my sins far away;
Rising He justified freely forever;
One day He's coming - O glorious day!*

It is any wonder that the closing words of divine revelation are vibrant with this hope? "He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly." Shall not we have, by faith in Christ, discovered this great salvation, join the apostle in his closing prayer? "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

*One day the trumpet will sound for His coming,
One day the skies with His glories will shine;
Wonderful day, my beloved ones bringing;
Glorious Saviour, this Jesus is mine.*

Does the prospect of this glorious consummation fill your soul with gladness? Is your heart thrilled over it? It may be sooner than we think. It might be today. "Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Are you ready for His coming? Regardless of whether it be soon or late—are you ready? If not, will you open your heart's door to Him now? Will you not ask Him to save you and cleanse you from your sins in His own blood? Will you offer this prayer in simplicity and sincerity?

*Lord Jesus, take this heart of mine;
Make it pure and wholly Thine.
Thou hast bled and died for me,
I will henceforth live for Thee.*

Wilford Lee Will Discuss "New Men in Christ" in Radio Series Starting Sunday

"New Men in Christ" will be the theme of the next series of broadcasts by the Arkansas Baptist Radio Commission. The four messages by Pastor Wilford Lee, First Church, Crossett, begin April 27 and will be heard every Sunday on the 11 Arkansas stations carrying the message of Arkansas Baptists.

The first message of the series is on the theme and serves as an introduction to the others which will be on "The Christ-Made Life," "Marred Men Made Again," and "Every Pilgrim's Progress." The talks give promise of spiritual nourishment for the Christian and at the same time make an evangelistic appeal to the unsaved.

Music will be by the Ouachita College Choir, directed by Miss Maxie Cleere.

The program may be heard every Sunday over:

KFFA, Helena, 7:45 a. m.
KLCN, Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
KCLA, Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
KHOZ, Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
KTFS, Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
KARK, Little Rock, 10:30 a. m.
KELD, El Dorado, 12:15 p. m.
KFPW, Fort Smith, 1:15 p. m.
KWFC, Hot Springs, 1:30 p. m.
KGHI, Little Rock, 2:00 p. m.
KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.



Pastor Lee

Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN
Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH
Editor, The Commission

Fifty-Six New Foreign Missionaries

The Foreign Mission Board in semiannual session April 8-9 appointed 56 missionaries, the largest number ever appointed at any one time in the history of the Board. These appointments make a total of 62 for the year thus far. Prior to this meeting, the largest number appointed at one time was 48 in 1923.

Of the 56 missionaries, 12 are going to Nigeria, 14 to China, one to Mexico, 18 to South America, two to Japan, five to Hawaii, two to Italy, and two to Spain.

While a goal of 100 new missionaries had been set for 1947, eighty was voted as the maximum number of appointments by the September meeting, at which time the Board will consider the advisability of naming additional missionaries at the October semiannual meeting.

It is anticipated that all missionaries now under appointment will be on their respective fields early next fall.

Mr. Buxton, treasurer of the Board, reported total receipts of \$2,253,704.74, for the first quarter of this year, an increase of \$215,759.37 over the corresponding period last year. In the first quarter of the year we have received through the Cooperative Program a total of \$801,374 which represents an increase of approximately \$50,000 over the same period of last year. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has reached \$1,362,000 which represents an increase of \$160,000 over the offering of the previous year.

Among the new missionaries appointed are four doctors and five nurses.

Blue Mountain College; Mississippi, led with the largest number, six of the new missionaries having come from that institution. Next in order were Mississippi College, Baylor University, Carson-Newman College, Howard Payne College, with five each; and Oklahoma Baptist University, Hardin-Simmons University, William Jewell College, Howard College, with two each.

Southern Seminary and the WMU Training School were represented by 22; Southwestern Seminary, 21; and New Orleans Seminary, five.

Four of the new recruits are children of missionaries: Franklin Fowler (Argentina), Theresa Anderson (China), Patsy Patterson Lawton (Nigeria), and Juanita Jo Wilcox Dickson (Brazil). Two of these new missionaries will return to their native countries: Mrs. Lawton goes with her husband to Italy, and Dr. Fowler to Paraguay.

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Missionaries Return to Wartorn Countries

In resuming work in wartorn countries, we are glad to report that 120 missionaries have already returned to China, two to Spain, two to Italy, and one to Japan. There are indications that restriction in Japan will be lifted this summer and we are hoping that by fall we shall be able to have in Japan most of the 17 missionaries of our Board who are under appointment for that country.

Arrangements are being made for Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, to

visit Japan this spring. He will spend some weeks in making a careful survey with Mr. Dozier and Japanese Baptist leaders. Because of the personal convictions of the secretarial staff and members of the Foreign Mission Board, and in line with the policies of the Southern Baptist Convention, our Board and missionaries are not prepared to conduct missionary work in Japan through the Church of Christ in Japan or any kind of overhead interdenominational committee or organization.

It is our purpose to continue to sponsor missionary undertakings in Japan as well as in other countries in direct relation with the Baptist churches, associations, and conventions with which our Board is associated. The survey which Dr. Cauthen will make with Japanese Baptists and the recommendations which he will present to the Foreign Mission Board for a future program in Japan will be based upon these policies.

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Funds Limited

Of \$98,000,000 contributed by local churches through the Cooperative Program for 1946, only \$5,700,000 went to the Executive Committee for all Southwide agencies. This is the total provision for both operating and capital needs for the Southwide agencies. We are, therefore, compelled to face the recommendation by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention that, at a time when the world is tragically calling on us to expand our foreign missionary undertaking, we must place a limit on the funds that can be used for this purpose.

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Latin American Work Progressing

From Everett Gill in Buenos Aires, Argentina, came an exceedingly interesting report of developments in Latin America. Of the 2,700 evangelical missionaries in Latin America Southern Baptists have 214. A Roman Catholic missionary leader, after a tour of Latin America, reports that they need 40,000 additional missionaries or priests in Latin America!

The Seminary and Training School at Torreon, Mexico, closed the first year with gratifying attendance. The new work in Guatemala and Honduras, transferred from the Home Board, reports seven pastors serving 11 churches, 10 of them in Guatemala. In Mexico, 18 missionaries serve in four centers.

The Home Board of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, led by Dr. L. M. Bratcher, supports more than 60 of its own Brazilian missionaries, a Bible institute, and several small schools. One of the Brazilian girls in whom Miss Blanche Simpson, WMU worker and teacher, is especially interested is the great granddaughter of Southerners who went to Brazil after the War Between the States. Our Bible Press has printed over 100,000 Bibles, which were sold almost as fast as printed.

One of the most vital services in Brazil is the Extension Seminary conducted by Dr. John L. Riffey, a sacrificial work requiring

his absence from home almost six months during the year. Next year, with their daughter in school at home, Mrs. Riffey will travel and teach with him. Each course lasts a full month.

In five consecutive years students and pastors in centers far from Rio can receive seminary credit. Some 214 students are enrolled; 33 graduated; with 119 still studying annually. It is a magnificent record, supplementing the work of the Seminary in Rio. Brazilian churches are calling for pastors faster than we can supply them, and have salaries waiting for them without Board assistance. But more than that, they have a great opportunity waiting for them to preach the glorious Gospel of the Son of God.

The River Platte Convention, including Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay reports 140 churches. Argentina is larger than all the states east of the Mississippi, including also the first tier west of the Mississippi; Uruguay is the size of Oklahoma; and Paraguay is as large as Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana. In all this territory there are only 43 missionaries working among 18,000,000 people. In one of the churches included in the territory of this convention, Dr. Gill's message in English was interpreted in German by the pastor's wife who said that 20 years ago she interpreted for Dr. Gill's father while he was in Poland.

In May, Dr. Gill and his family will cross the Andes into Chile, then leave the first week in July on their return to the United States.

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Needs of Europe, Africa, and Near East

Dr. Sadler brought us a challenging and informing message concerning needs and opportunities in Europe, Africa, and the Near East. As already indicated, we are beginning to get missionaries back into Europe to reinforce the faithful Christians in war-stricken areas. The outlook in Spain is quite encouraging. Missionary John D. Hughey, the day of his arrival in Madrid, attended a Baptist church service at six o'clock in the afternoon; 500 people were present although the church has only 200 members. At Villafranca several people are awaiting baptism, one of them a soldier who walks two hours every Saturday and Sunday to attend church services.

In Jerusalem the church, which became practically inactive during the war years, has been reorganized. In its membership are Assyrians, Arabs, Jews, Russians, Poles, Slavs, and Americans.

Before the newly appointed missionaries had left Richmond, four missionaries arrived from Nigeria: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Howell, Miss Ethel Harmon, and Miss Ada Jackson. They were able to give helpful counsel to the 12 appointees who will be going to Nigeria later in the year.

The Board approved the building of the secondary school for boys at Benin in the Niger Delta, also a hospital at Joinkrama, in addition to the hospital already authorized for Eku. In a meeting held recently in the leper colony at Ogbomosh, where 133 are Mohammedan and 53 are pagan—460 lepers altogether—there were 76 professions of faith. In a Bible school held in a village not far away, there were 94 professions of faith.

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We must undergird Christian family life and recapture the home as the primary agency of religious nurture.—Dr. Nevin C. Harner, president of Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio.

M. E. Wiles, Joiner, and R. A. Hill, La., Named Rural Evangelists for State

Two men have been elected by the Mission Committee as rural evangelists. They are, Rev. M. E. Wiles, Joiner, and Rev. R. A. Hill, Gueydon, La. Both of these men have accepted and are making engagements with pastors and associational missionaries already.

Missionary Wiles

Rev. M. E. Wiles is a native of IZARD county. He has served both as pastor and associational missionary in various sections of the state and is perhaps one of the best known and best beloved men among Arkansas preachers. He is a missionary at heart and a tireless worker. Everywhere he goes people are made conscious of his enthusiasm for the Lord and the great mission work.

He is so well known that he needs no further introduction than to say that he is ready to give his best in strengthening the rural churches. Any pastor desiring his services may write him at the following address: Rev. M. E. Wiles, 2215 S. "T" Street, Fort Smith, Ark.

Missionary Hill

Rev. R. A. Hill, a Louisiana pastor, formerly a pastor and native of Arkansas, has accepted the post as rural evangelist and will return to Arkansas the first of May to take up his work here. Bro. Hill left Arkansas in 1940 to enter (B. B. I.) New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and served on the administrative staff of the seminary as superintendent of printing. He held this position until his seminary work was completed and in 1943 became pastor of Melville Church, Melville, La. This church advanced from a half-time church to a strong full-time church under his ministry.

For the past two years Bro. Hill has been pastor of Truman Memorial Church, Gueydon, La., a town in the extreme southwestern part of Louisiana. Although the population is approximately 1650 and 97 per cent Roman Catholic, he has succeeded in erecting a \$34,000 brick church building, one of the most beautiful buildings in the state. He has also succeeded in making Christ known to a great many, as the additions to his church have amounted to well over 100 people during his ministry there, the majority of them coming upon profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

If your church is in need of his service you may contact him until the first of May at Gueydon, La. He would like to begin his schedule as quickly as possible so that he may enter into his work here without delay. You can help greatly if you know of an empty house in the southern part of Arkansas that Bro. Hill may rent. He has a wife and two children, both girls, one three and one seven. His address is: Rev. R. A. Hill, Box 367, Gueydon, La.

Missionaries' Conference

By the time you read this article the associational missionaries will be in conference with the superintendent of missions at Lake Hamilton, near Hot Springs. This meeting is to be of twofold nature. First, it is to give an opportunity for all missionaries to meet together to discuss their work and to set up some objectives to be reached during the year.

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The second purpose of such a gathering will be an "outing" which will offer recreation of various sorts.

This meeting out at the lake is made possible through the courtesy of two Baptist deacons and their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Benton, Fordyce, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester

Sturgis, Arkadelphia. They are giving the use of their summer homes to these missionaries for two days, Thursday and Friday, April 24-25.

The missionaries expect to arrive Wednesday afternoon and have services in Lake Hamilton Church with Rev. Stanley Cooper, missionary of Independence County, as preacher for the evening. Splendid conferences are anticipated.

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Arkansas gave a total of \$21,529.70 to Southwide causes in February, according to the monthly report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Of this amount, \$12,375.00 went to the Co-operative Program and \$9,154.70 to designated causes. Southwide total was \$805,381.76.

First Church, Monticello, held open house February 7 for Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pugh, introducing Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Snider, and honoring Rev. and Mrs. Carrol D. Wood.

Statewide . . .

Church Library Conference

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April 28-29

EVERYBODY interested in church libraries is INVITED to attend . . . CHURCH LIBRARIANS and PASTORS are URGED to be present.

The Conference will open with registration at 5:45 p. m. Monday, April 28, and continue through Tuesday afternoon. Meals and lodging will be furnished free of charge to all conferees, leaving transportation to and from Little Rock the only cost to be borne by individuals.

The WELL ROUNDED PROGRAM will feature experts in church library work. Discussions will be both general and specific. Emphasis will be placed on the value of a library in reinforcing every organization of the church, and technical instruction will be given on the setting up of a library, section of books and general operation.

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Outlining the Plan of . . .

Associational Simultaneous Sunday School, Training Union Study Courses

Your state Training Union director and Sunday school superintendent are spending much time in the interest of Associational work. One of the best ways of reaching the largest number of churches is through the associational organization. A number of associational simultaneous study courses are being planned for this fall, and for the spring of 1948.

The following Eight Point Plan of work will be followed:

1. The associational Training Union director or state Sunday school superintendent, and the associational missionary will enlist as many churches as possible that will agree to conduct a study course on a given date. If it is to be a Training Union study course the state Training Union director will direct the work. If it is to be a Sunday School study course the state Sunday School superintendent will have charge.
2. Workers from the various churches will meet together for instruction and teams will be formed to assist the churches that will co-operate.
3. A minimum of one worker for each church will be provided. As many as three workers will be sent to the church desiring them. Workers will drive back and forth each night.
4. The simultaneous study course will begin with a rally on Sunday afternoon led by the Training Union director or the Sunday school superintendent. At this time goals for the week will be set up, books distributed to team leaders, request for award blanks handed out, free literature distributed, and the week's work explained.
5. Monday through Thursday

Assembly Staff Wanted

In return for serving on Assembly staff the Assembly will provide bed and all meals during Assembly period. Only expense to those who serve will be transportation to and from the Assembly and \$1.00 registration fee that all who attend Assembly pay.

Send all applications to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, as soon as possible.

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- 4 Gatemen
- 1 Boy's Supervisor
- 8 Girl's Dormitory Supervisors
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night the teams will teach the courses in the churches.

6. A closing rally will be held on Friday night for a report of the work done. All loose ends will be gathered up at that time. Some associations will not have this closing rally, but instead, the study course will continue through Friday night in each church.

7. The state Training Union director or the state Sunday School superintendent, with the missionary and the associational director, will visit as many churches as possible during the week, speaking to about two churches each night.

8. Free-will offerings will be taken in each church for the car expense of the workers.

Associations desiring to arrange

IMPORTANT DATES AHEAD

- Christian Home Week—May 4-11
- Hospital Day, Mother's Day—May 11
- Southern Baptist Convention, St. Louis, Mo.—May 7-11
- State Assembly, Siloam Springs—July 1-9
- State Sunday School Convention, Little Rock—October 20-21

Figures to Inspire

April 13, 1947

Church	Adms.	S.S.	T.U.
Alma, First	6	215	106
Arkadelphia Churches:			
First	2	553	231
Second	7	269	107
Bauxite, First	17	343	142
Benton, First	4	523	126
Including Mission		601	
Camden, First		478	119
Conway, First		422	110
Cullendale, First	3	341	127
Dumas, First		312	73
Including Mission		386	
Elaine, First	7	208	
El Dorado Churches:			
First	37	897	222
Second	1	401	87
West Side	1	253	79
Fordyce, First		330	128
Fort Smith, First	2	1038	403
Hamburg, First		331	169
Hot Springs Churches:			
Park Place		470	118
Second	2	603	
Including Mission		663	
Jacksonville, First	1	265	73
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	21	540	131
Gaines Street	19	431	243
South Highland	9	343	118
Magnolia, Central	9	503	123
Malvern, First		376	
Mena, First		277	87
Monette, Rowes Chapel		69	71
Monticello, First	2	252	56
Mount Ida, First	2	170	107
Norplett, First	1	248	124
Paragould, First		571	252
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	14	864	216
Including Mission		957	253
Matthews Memorial		101	68
Second		218	49
South Side		479	115
Including Mission		548	
Rogers, First	2	317	86
Siloam Springs, First		333	178
Springdale, First	5	325	154
Including Mission		437	
Stuttgart, First		123	328
Warren, Immanuel		117	61
West Memphis, First	20	586	265

for a simultaneous Training Union study course should write the state Training Union director, Ralph W. Davis. Associations desiring to arrange for a simultaneous Sunday school course should write the state Sunday School superintendent, R. O. Barker.

Calling All Intermediates!

Start Intermediate day, April 27, with an Intermediate Radio Breakfast for the Baptist Hour. Dr. C. E. Matthews of Dallas, is the speaker.

Bible Reading Crusade

Sufficient materials are now on hand for the Bible Reading Crusade. Write the State Training Union director for Bible Reading pamphlets for the second quarter, and for as many commitment cards as needed. The Bible Reading pamphlets contain the Scripture references for the second quarter.

How many Bible readers have been enlisted? It is not too late to enter the crusade. Enlist the Bible readers, and ask the people to sign the cards committing themselves to the reading of the Bible daily. If the crusade has already started, then seek to enlist additional Bible readers during the second quarter. Send the state Training Union director the total number of crusade Bible readers.

Make Assembly Reservations Now

Assembly reservations are being taken up rapidly. As of April 9 all but 150 places were reserved. Individuals, and churches planning to send groups should make reservations now before it is too late. This year many more can be cared for, but evidently more are planning to attend.

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Large Attendance Predicted For Convention in St. Louis

By Religious News Service

The largest attendance in the history of a Southern Baptist Convention is predicted by entertainment committees at St. Louis as all available housing facilities — both hotels and homes — have been reserved.

The annual conference of Baptists from 21 Southern states extending entirely across the continent will be held at the St. Louis Municipal Auditorium May 7 to 11. Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church of Atlanta and convention president, will call the meeting to order.

Laymen to Speak

Addresses by two Baptist laymen prominent in national political circles are being heralded as headline attractions of the convention. Former Governor Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma will speak Friday afternoon on "The Book We Teach," following a report by the American Bible Society. Former Governor Harold S. Stassen, bidder for the Republican presi-

dential nomination, will speak Saturday night on 'Baptists and World Peace.' The press of international matters forced President Truman to cancel a scheduled Mother's Day Address.

Leaders were unable to point to any reports which might arouse controversy or turn convention policy, except possibly for two special committees named at last year's meeting in Miami. These are committees to investigate reported overlapping of organizational work in the churches and for betterment of race relations.

Committee on Correlation

Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, professor of religious education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, is chairman of a committee of 15 named last year to bring recommendations for remedying of what the convention called "duplications, overlapping and in some respects too much organization in our churches wherein the same groups belong to different organizations which do the same work." The committee was asked "to find a way

whereby every good thing we have shall be conserved and such changes made that will enable our churches to evangelize, teach, train, instruct, enlist, and make more effective our entire stewardship of life and substance in the service of Christ."

Race Relations

A committee of nine, headed by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, also of the Seminary at Louisville, was asked last year to "review the service now being rendered by Southern Baptists to the Negro race, to study the whole race situation, especially in its moral and religious aspects and meaning, to consider the responsibility of Baptists in the problems of adjustment of inter-racial relations, and make recommendation of procedure to the convention, looking toward a larger fulfillment of our responsibility in the total situation and particularly with reference to

helpful cooperation with our fellow Baptists in the Negro race."

Local leaders pointed out that the denomination has been firmly opposed through the years to any threat against religious liberty, and it might be expected that the coming meeting will witness further protests of the president's envoy to the Vatican and the Supreme Court's recent decision on the New Jersey case involving tax-supported transportation of Catholic students to parochial schools.

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God's characters are always like people of action. — Porter Routh in the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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The main mission of the Bible concerning man is not the message concerning his depravity and degradation, but the message concerning his redemption. — W. T. Conner in the Baptist Training

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Ar. Little Rock....	5:45 PM	10:00 PM	12:45 AM	7:50 AM	10:05 AM

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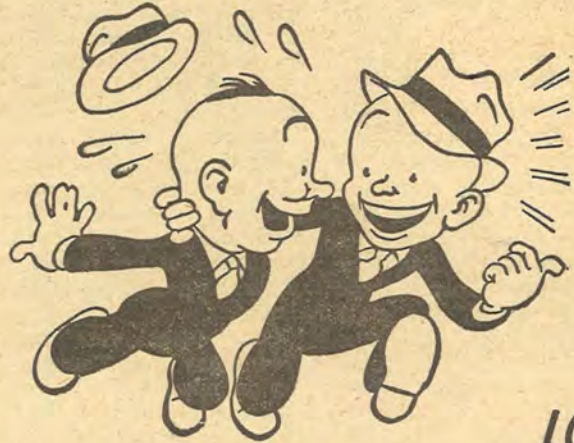
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700 Attend 58th Annual Meeting Of WMU at First Church, Jonesboro

By Mrs. H. M. KESK

Almost 700 people attended the fifty-eighth annual meeting of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union held in Jonesboro at the First Baptist Church on April 8-10. "Here Am I... Send Me" was the theme for the program and it was constantly in mind.

Mrs. J. E. Short, state president, called the meeting to order at 1:30 on Tuesday afternoon. A very cordial welcome was extended by the pastor of the hostess church, Rev. C. Z. Holland, and by the president of the WMU, Mrs. Frank Barton. Mrs. J. C. Fuller of Little Rock gave a very fitting response.

The devotional periods were led by Mrs. Eugene Porter, Helena; Mrs. J. A. Edwards, Paragould; Mrs. Carroll D. Wood, Monticello; Mrs. Hugo Culpepper, Little Rock, and Mrs. Edgar Godbold, Louisiana; the themes being the five chief aims of the WMU. The inspiring music throughout the program was under the direction of Mrs. H. H. Little, Jr., with Mrs. Ivie C. Spencer as song leader.

The president's message, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Calling," mentioned the gains in the work during the past year and closed with the words: "The Master has come and calleth for thee." Inspirational speakers from out of the state were Miss Hannah Plowden, who had served as missionary in China 12 years and in Hawaii six years; Mrs. Edgar Godbold, community missions chairman for Southern WMU; and Dr. Solomon F. Dowis, superintendent of cooperative missions of the Home Mission Board.

Mrs. Hugo Culpepper spoke several times, telling of experiences during two years internment in the Philippines, and of the work in Chile to which she and her husband will go in May.

Other speakers were Dr. B. L. Bridges, general secretary, Arkansas Baptist Convention, who told of "The Ministry of Christian Women in History." Mrs. May C. Crouse of Little Rock, who spoke of alcohol education; Rev. C. Z. Holland, telling of Christian Education; and Mr. L. B. Snider, superintendent of Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, telling of plans for "The Broader Field of Child Care in Arkansas."

"Serve With Willing Might" was the theme for the reports of the district president. The presidents are Mrs. E. Rawlings, England; Mrs. W. B. O'Neal, Batesville; Mrs. R. E. Low, Brinkley; Mrs. Walter Jackson, Fort Smith; Mrs. H. L. Robinson, Jonesboro; Mrs. J. E. Reed, Fayetteville; Mrs. L. R. Prickett, El Dorado, and Mrs. W. H. House, Texarkana. Mrs. C. H. Ray, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, discussed her report. "Fields are White and Harvest



Waiting" was the theme of the reports given by Mrs. F. E. Goodbar, community missions chairman; Mrs. Harold B. Tillman, stewardship chairman; Mrs. Charles H. Brough, hospital supplies; and T. C. Deal, Orphans' Home supplies. "Mission Land Explore" provided the theme for the reports on mission study by Mrs. Keck, Fort Smith; Christian education, Mrs. E. P. J. Garrot, Batesville; Margaret Fund, Mrs. Charles A. Gordon, Pine Bluff; WMU Training School, Miss Cobb; and Southwestern Seminary, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar.

Tuesday evening was young people's night, presided over by Miss LaVerne Ashby, state young people's secretary. "Take the Task He Gives you Gladly" was the theme of her report and that of Mr. Alvin Hatton, state RA secretary.

Conferences were held early Wednesday and Thursday morning on mission study, community missions, stewardship, district, associational and local officers and young people's counselors and directors.

At intervals throughout the program demonstrations were given by the various Auxiliaries. A pageant, "The Call of the Cross," was given by YWA's. Sunbeams of Walnut Street Church gave scripture verses and sang their songs. Girls' Auxiliary members demonstrated the work of Forward Steps. Under the direction of Mr. Alvin Hatton, state RA secretary, a recognition service for RA members was given.

Among the memorable moments of the Convention were the luncheon for Board members, the tea for all visitors, the 40th anniversary YWA Banquet, and the history-making BWC Banquet.

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MAY 6, 1947

MORNING SESSION

"My Church and the Community"

9:45	Worship Period	M. E. Dodd, Chairman
10:30	My Church, Week-Day Education and the Public Schools	H. Leo Eddleman
11:15	My Church, Marriage and the Home	W. F. Powell
12:00	General Discussion.	
12:30	Adjourn.	

AFTERNOON SESSION

"My Church and the Nation"

2:15	Worship Period	Franklin Segler
2:30	The Pastor and Race Relationship	Edward H. Pruden
3:00	My Church and Public Morals	W. R. White
3:30	General Discussion.	
4:00	My Church and International Relationships.	
	Reports:	
1.	On South America	R. Paul Caudill
2.	On Australia and New Zealand	M. E. Dodd
3.	On Japan	C. Oscar Johnson
4.	On Russia	Louie D. Newton

EVENING SESSION

"The Pastor and His Church"

7:15	A Worship Period	C. C. Warren
7:30	Growing a Spiritual Church	H. H. Hobbs
8:00	Growing an Evangelistic Church	R. G. Lee
8:30	Growing a Missionary Church	Edwin T. Dahlberg



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NOTES of ADVANCE

More than 200 persons attended services which dedicated the newly completed Webb City Church building April 11. Assistant Pastor R. Allen Brickley, First Church, Springdale, former pastor of the Webb City Church, delivered the dedication sermon. The building, constructed of native stone, has a seating capacity of approximately 200 in the main auditorium and has seven class rooms and a basement.

Jim G. Ferguson, native of Searcy County and former commissioner of mines, manufactures and agriculture in Arkansas, who has contributed much to Christian education of the state, has written Searcy County school officials offering to donate \$500 toward a circulating library for the schools of the county, if the school directors will support the project. Mr. Ferguson's donation will be matched for the initial fund. Mr. Ferguson is now an official of an insurance company at Evanston, Ill.

Mrs. Edna Davis publicly presented First Church, Stephens, with a set of chimes and a public address system Easter Sunday. She dedicated her gift to the memory of the men of the church who gave their lives in the service of their country and to those who have returned from service. The chimes are played three times a day, early morning, noon, and late afternoon.

First Church, Shreveport, La., had 83 additions, 33 for baptism, in evangelistic services in which Bron Clifford, Philadelphia, was preacher and Ira Prosser, of Oklahoma, was music director. Dr. M. E. Dodd is pastor.

Thirty-one churches of San Antonio Baptist Association, Texas, cooperated in a simultaneous evangelistic campaign which resulted in 712 additions, 398 by baptism. McKinley Norman, evangelist of Dallas, Tex., led the campaign.

The Southern Baptist Historical Society will meet in the New Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., May 7, at 9 a. m. This is an important meeting at which the Executive

Committee will submit changes proposed for the constitution to comply with the Convention history agency of the Convention as provided in the revised Convention constitution. Besides life members every person contributing one dollar will be entitled to voting membership for this meeting.

Thirteen churches of Harmony Association were represented by the 134 persons who registered at the WMU Rally held at Star City April 15. Oak Grove Church won the attendance banner with only one member absent. An offering of \$49.04 was taken for the Honor Club.

Florida Baptist Institute at Lakeland, Fla., offers special courses in Bible, English, speech, homiletics, church administration, gospel music, and other practical phases of Baptist leadership to rural preachers who have not had advantages of high school or seminary education. A diploma is given upon completion of the work. Seventy-two have enrolled this year. Those desiring information may write President Leon M. Gambrell, P. O. Box 552, Lakeland, Fla.

First Church, West Memphis, celebrated the first anniversary of the pastorate of Aubrey C. Halsell April 6. During the year there have been 367 additions to the church, 209 for baptism. Offerings totaled \$62,000. Five lots and a house have been purchased; three missions have been started with one building paid for and another is under construction. During the year the church has licensed four young men to preach and seven other young people have dedicated their lives to special Christian service. Big plans are being made for the future.

Letters to missionaries should be encouraged now that the Post Office Department has announced a new 10-cent "air letter service"

to all parts of the world, effective April 29 in the form of thin sheets, 12x8 1-2 inches, including a gummed flap which may be folded and sealed after the letter is written into the form of a small envelope. The folded missive will bear a red-printed 10-cent air-mail stamp of the same DC-4 design as the new five-cent air mail stamp. The price is 10 cents for the stamped letter sheets compared with the present minimum charge of 25 cents for letters mailed abroad.

Five of the 56 missionaries recently appointed by the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., are graduates of Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Dr. J. O. Williams, secretary of the Department of Education and Promotion of the Sunday School Board, will speak to the graduating class of the School of Religious Education of Southwestern Seminary at 8 p. m., May 1. Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., pastor of First Church, Amarillo, Tex., will give the commencement address at 10 a. m., Friday, May 2. Registrar S. A. Newman announced that 195 degrees and diplomas will be granted. The group includes 190 persons, five of whom are to receive two degrees.

Young Church Moves Into New Building

More than 800 members and visitors attended the opening services of the seven-months old Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, in the education building of its new church plant April 6. A record-breaking attendance of 505 was recorded in Sunday School and 264 in Training Union. Twenty-one new members were added during the day.

In the afternoon a large group from the church went on a goodwill visitation tour on behalf of the revival which began on Sunday night. The church participated with 37 other churches of Pulaski County Association in a simultaneous revival April 6-20.

Gaines Street Church was organized August 30, 1946, and held its first services in the Robinson Memorial Auditorium. Recently services had been held in the East Side Junior High School building. There have been additions to the church every Sunday except one. Offerings totalled over \$35,000 for the first seven months. The church is operating under a \$35,000 budget for this year.

Sunday morning services are broadcast over Radio Station KXLR, North Little Rock. Charles E. Lawrence is pastor.

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National Decay Always Follows Moral Degradation of Leaders

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

When David was old and burdened with years it became evident to all that the kingdom would soon have need of a new king.

Adonijah the son of Haggith, therefore, seeking to become David's successor, attempted usurpation. Calling together his brethren, the king's sons, and all the men of Judah Adonijah made a supreme effort to ingratiate himself in the affections of the people and to seize the throne. He made no overtures, however, to Nathan the prophet, nor to Benaiah, and the mighty men, nor to Solomon his brother.

When Bathsheba, Solomon's mother, learned of the attempted usurpation she went before David and reminded him of his promise that Solomon was to be his rightful successor, and made known to him the designs of Adonijah.

David, therefore, immediately arranged for Solomon to be anointed as king. He caused him to ride upon his own mule and "brought him to Gihon" where the priest Zadok took the horn of oil out of the Tent and anointed him. "And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, Long live King Solomon. And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of them" (1 Kings 1:39ff.-40).

Basis of Solomon's Greatness

As the days drew nigh that David should die, he called for his son Solomon and charged him saying, "I am going the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man; and keep the charge of Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself; that Jehovah may establish his word which he spake concerning me" (1 Kings 2:1-4).

In these incisive words of David we find the foundation for much

Sunday School Lesson

For April 27

1 Kings 3:5-9; 4:29, 30, 34;
5:15-17; 11:6-8, 11

of the greatness that was later to be manifested in the life of Solomon. In his charge to Solomon he helped him focus his attention upon the real secret of spiritual victory in any undertaking.

The results of his charge are clearly reflected in the prayer of Solomon at Gibeon.

Solomon's Prayer at Gibeon

At Gibeon where Solomon went to sacrifice (for that was the great high place) Jehovah appeared to Solomon in a dream by night and said to him, "Ask what I shall give thee."

In Solomon's petition that follows one catches a glimpse of the real purpose of the man. Said he, "Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great lovingkindness, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great lovingkindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. And now, O Jehovah my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in. And thy servant is in the midst of thy people, which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give thy servant therefore an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this thy great people?" (1 Kings 3:6-9).

The supreme desire of Solomon's heart was that he might have understanding so that he might discern between good and evil and judge his people accordingly.

Solomon might have asked for a great army with which to over-

come all his adversaries. He might have asked for long life, or for a tranquil reign. Instead, he asked for wisdom, for understanding!

The Source of True Wisdom

Solomon's wisdom was from above. It was God-given. "And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea-shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt for he was wiser than all men" (1 Kings 4:29-31).

Here is a lesson that men of state need to learn today. Yea, verily, it is a lesson they must learn if we are to move far in the direction of international good will. Men have tried long enough to promote better relations between nations and individuals through avenues of mere worldly wisdom. What is needed today is wisdom from above. And wisdom from above can be had only as rulers and world leaders humble their hearts and look to God by faith.

Solomon, at least in the beginning, had a humble and contrite heart. He considered himself as a little child that needed divine guidance in all his ways as king. And God honored him with exceeding great wisdom, and there came of all peoples to hear his wisdom—even from all kings of the earth!

Solomon's Apostasy

With the assistance of Hiram of Tyre the work of the building of the Temple proceeded with dispatch. The account of the building is recorded in chapters 6, 7, 8 of 1 Kings and should be read in connection with this lesson. It was a glorious achievement in the life of Israel and Solomon's address to the people and his prayer of dedication constitute a memorable chapter in the life of the nation.

Solomon's wealth and splendor, however, were too much for him. For we read in 1 Kings 11:6ff. of how Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and

went not fully after Jehovah, as did David his father."

Solomon loved "many foreign women" (together with the daughter of Pharaoh)—women of the Moabites, the Ammonites, the Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites. In going in unto them, Solomon disobeyed the injunction of Jehovah who said unto the children of Israel, "Ye shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you, for surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods." Solomon nevertheless "clave unto these in love" and eventually his heart was turned away from Jehovah unto their "gods."

With the turning away of Solomon's heart after his many wives of other nations, we find the erstwhile glory of Israel sinking in decay, and God in his anger raising up adversaries, adversaries who will be unto Solomon the biting sting of retribution.

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Texas Baptists to Open New College

Preparing to open in September at the former Chase Field, naval establishment at Beeville, Tex., a new four-year Baptist school has been named the Selected Arts and Technological College.

President of the college will be Dr. E. S. Hutcherson, for years pastor of Trinity Baptist church, Houston. Dr. R. M. Cavness, former president of San Marcos Academy, will be dean.

The Beeville institution is said to be the first college established by Texas Baptists since the early years of the century. The denomination secured Chase Field properties on lease from the Navy through the city of Beeville but expects to obtain full possession later.

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Two Arkansans to Appear on Convention Program



Pastor Couch

Two Arkansas men will have part on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention. They are Pastor R. C. Campbell, First Church, Little Rock, and Pastor W. F. Couch, First Church, Marianna. At this moment we do not remember who the men are on the program committee. The Convention opens Wednesday morning May 7 and runs through the following Sunday night.

Dr. Campbell is pastor of the great First Church in Little Rock. He is an outstanding preacher, and a wise leader. His suggestions are sought by the leaders of the Southland. He is missionary from his heart to his pocketbook.

Pastor W. F. Couch, of Marianna, has led his church to give 60 per cent of its gross receipts to missions through the Cooperative Program. This is an outstanding record. A few churches support the Cooperative Program with 50 per cent of the gross receipts, but a 60 per cent division is unusual. Couch and his church not only carry through on their proposal week by week, but they also have a great program in all church activities. Last year was a great year with the Marianna church.



Pastor Campbell

Some Questions and Answers

Recently we received an inquiry as to the "data on practices of churches of the various Conventions 'comprising' the Southern Baptist Convention." Let us say in the first place that Conventions do not "comprise" the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention is made up of messengers from Missionary Baptist Churches cooperating with the Convention. No organization has any right to elect a messenger to the Convention except a regular Baptist Church. Here are the questions with our brief answers.

1. To what extent is alien immersion (accepting into membership persons immersed without the authority of a Baptist church) practiced among the churches comprising the Baptist Convention of your state?

The Baptist churches of Arkansas have never made a practice of accepting alien immersion. We believe that authority to baptize was committed to the New Testament churches only, and that no church except a properly constituted New Testament church has authority to baptize.

2. Do the churches of your Convention have fellowship (particularly exchange letters of membership) with churches other than Baptist churches but which may be very similar to Baptist churches?

Our Baptist churches do not grant or receive letters of membership to or from any

organization other than regular Baptist churches.

3. To what extent do the churches of your Convention practice "Open Communion?"

We do not believe in "Open Communion." Our churches do not propose the mission stations and churches supported by the Southern Baptist Convention should practice alien immersion or enter into fellowship with non-Baptist churches?

Our Baptist churches in Arkansas do not approve of any other Baptist church practicing alien immersion. Each Baptist church, however, is autonomous, and no one on earth can forbid its doing as it pleases. We understand that Catholic churches had their beginning because some Baptist churches disregarded the New Testament teachings along these lines, and drifted into the practice of setting up their own doctrines and practices which are contrary to the New Testament teachings.

Official figures released this week show a total of 6,079,305 Southern Baptists, a 213,751 gain over 1945. Final returns show 253,361 baptisms for 1946, a loss of 3,338 from the 1945 figure.

World Relief offering received by Southern Baptists in 1946 was \$3,743,300.75.

Mother's Day And the Hospital

May 12 is Mother's Day. It is customary for the churches to make an offering for hospital work on that day. Year by year our Baptist State Hospital is helped by this Mother's Day offering. Send your offering to us designated for the hospital if you want our office to give you credit for it.

The Convention

The Southern Baptist Convention will open May 7 at the Municipal Auditorium in St. Louis, and will run through May 11. The WMU Convention opens May 4.

Your church must elect its messengers. No one will be entitled to participate in the Convention unless such a one is elected by his church. We will send you a card upon which your church clerk may certify that you have been elected as a messenger. Write us for the card.

How Many Messengers Should Your Church Send?

No church is allowed more than ten messengers. Any cooperating church may have a messenger, and if it has more than two hundred and fifty members, it may have two messengers, and so on, up to ten messengers.