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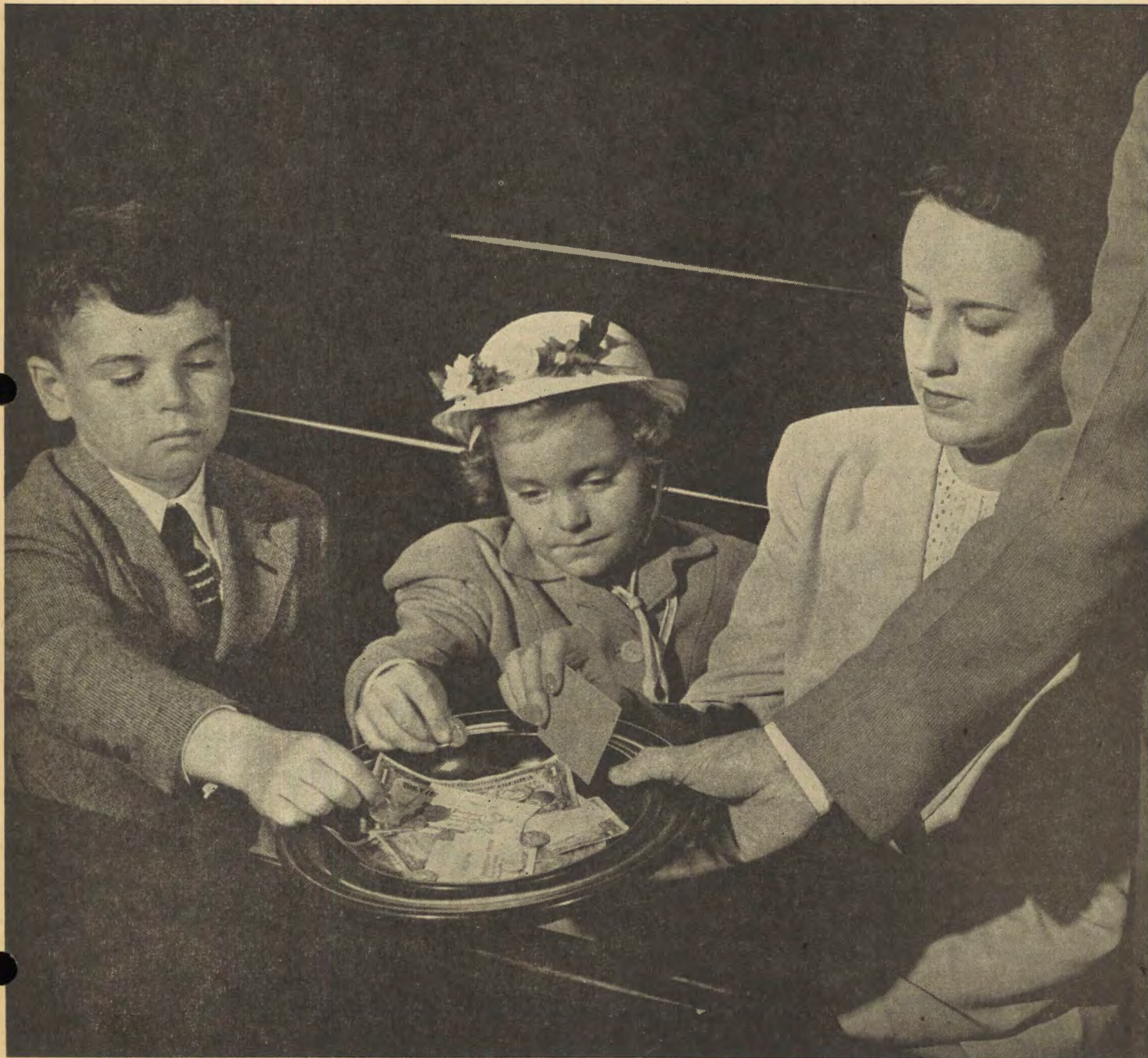
# ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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## Cutting Up The Timber

By DR. F. W. BOREHAM

Success in life depends very largely upon proficiency in two fine arts; the art of acquiring and the art of administering our acquisitions.

In the early stages of a man's career he takes it for granted that the great thing is to acquire. Later on, a still more baffling problem presents itself. He has acquired; to what practical use shall he put his gains?

He has earned his leisure; how shall he spend it? The wealth is amassed: What shall he do with the money?

One of those ancient sages to whom we so often turn amid our modern perplexities tells how he once came upon a Syrian backwoodsman who had just felled a tall cedar. It lies prostrate before him. And, now that it is down, he stands puzzling as to what he shall do with the timber.

There is no sense in blood and tears, toil and sweat, unless we see clearly the end to which they are directed. There is no sense in obtaining academic distinctions unless we have some purpose to serve by our education. There is no sense in heaping up wealth unless we have some project for its ultimate use.

The axeman whom the prophet encountered in the woods had a programme—of a kind. He decided to divide the fallen tree into three parts. With the first he will roast his meat; a man must eat. He thus pays tribute to the Necessities of life. Then, thinking of the chilly evenings, he sets the second part aside for fire wood. He will sit beside his blazing camp fire, rub his hands and feel that life is good. He thus makes his concession to the Luxuries of life. And then, from the remnant of his log, he will carve for himself a god and will fall down and worship it. He thus does homage to the Sanctities of life. This earmarking of his booty is most fascinating and suggestive.

For, obviously, he is conscious of three great hungers. His stomach, his senses and his soul are like three hungry dogs fighting for a bone. He feels the hunger of the body for food, the hunger of the senses for comfort and the hunger of the soul for worship. And he so divides his log as to gratify, or partly gratify, each of these cravings.

And thus—and this is the most striking thing about him—he makes the log a concrete expression of his life. The devotion of part of the timber to the physical necessities of his being, part of it to sensuous indulgence and part of it to life's real sublimities, reveals the exact place which each of these elements occupies in his secret soul. And the place and proportion that he allots to each demonstrates the authority that each exercises in his own character and experience.

For the wonder of our humanity is so intricate and so pervasive that it infects inanimate objects with its own virtues and vices, its own merits and defects. A log of wood is, in itself, neither moral nor immoral. Yet, as soon as it becomes somebody's property, it stands transfused by all the ethical forces that mark the personality and character of its owner.

Our money becomes good money or bad money in exact proportion to our own goodness or badness. The purposes to which we devote our wealth mirror precisely the authority that certain regal forces hold upon our secret selves.

In this charming idyll of the Syrian for-

est there is only one factor to be deplored. We admire the deliberate way in which this man divided his treasure among the necessities and luxuries and the sanctities of life. It is specially pleasing that he found room for the sanctities. It is not everybody who does. Our only regret must be that he put the sanctities last. He regarded the cooking of his food as of primary importance. He accorded second place to the crackling fire, beside which he laughed and rubbed his hands in cheerful glee. And the residue of his log—the lump left over after the demands of life's necessities and life's luxuries had been met—he made into an idol. He gave his god his leavings! Religion finished a bad last. For when, like hungry dogs fighting for a bone, his Stomach, his Senses and his Soul struggle for his treasure, his Soul has to be content with the scraps that the others leave. The dignity of the faith should preserve it from so humiliating and melancholy a fate.

Yet we must not be too severe upon this oriental axeman. For, after all, he was only an eastern idolater. No clear and concise revelation had illumined his mind. He was merely following some blind instinct. We, however, are very differently situated. Upon us the light of the ages has shone. Into our minds the knowledge of the Highest has been poured. We have listened to the prophets and apostles and seers: we have heard the angels sing: we have gazed upon the wonders of Bethlehem and Calvary: we have listened to the deathless story of redeeming love: we have been initiated into the mysteries into which, of olden time, the wisest and holiest and best of men longed in vain to peer. The Stygian darkness of this old Syrian's mind may excuse his behaviour in relegating his religion to the attic or the basement of his soul: it is altogether to his credit that he found house room for it at all: but the same mitigating and extenuating circumstances can never be pleaded on behalf of those upon whose path has blazed the light that never was on sea or shore.

Many a man stands, puzzling over the disposition of his life, as this old axeman stood puzzling over the disposition of his log. Our backwoodsman imparted to that log a certain splendour by bringing to it even such moderate devotion. But, surely, knowing all that we know, seeing all that we see, and feeling all that we feel, we shall manifest a greater spiritual discernment than he was able to display! Instead of giving God our leavings, we shall rather sing with Miss Havergal:

"Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

"Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet, its treasure-store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee!"

And, just as money or anything else, whilst capable of the most pitiful degradation, can be made sublime by its dedication to some noble end, so by its consecration to God and its devotion to a splendid purpose, any life may be made a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

## Do You Know Jesus?

A Devotion by the Editor

"That I may know him."

To know Jesus will melt one's heart. To know His presence, to feel His power, to experience His love, to be lifted by His grace, to look into His face and see the depths of His heart, will melt your eyes to tears.

Have you ever sat at the feet of Jesus to be defended and protected by Him, to be comforted by Him, to be forgiven by Him, to be cleansed by Him, and to be lifted by Him into a new life? If you have had such an experience with Jesus, if your life has been flooded with His light, filled with His love and canopied with His grace, then you could not contain yourself or control your emotions or hold back your tears.

We will preach our best when our preaching is an act of personal devotion to Him; we will sing our best when our singing is an act of personal devotion to Him; we will teach our best when our teaching is an act of personal devotion to Him; we will witness our best when our witnessing is an act of personal devotion to Him; we will live our best when our whole lives are lived as an act of personal devotion to Him.

To know Jesus means a transformed life. The melting of the heart by the warmth of the love of Jesus plus the heart's devotion to Him equals a transformed life. The thing has already happened. This conversion, regeneration, the new birth.

A stone lay for years in a road way and the wheels of passing vehicles had scarred and scratched it. One day an unusually heavy wheel had struck it a severe blow and broken it in half. Then the beauty was revealed. Lining the entire inside, for it was hollow, was a layer of limpid quartz crystal as sparkling as diamonds, that caught the rays of sunlight and broke them into ten thousand rainbows that dazzled the eyes.

Is not every human heart like that? Ground under the wheels of life's traffic and trodden under the feet of sin, the heart may seem coarse and ugly and unattractive. But broken and warmed and melted until it is lain bare to the divine touch, it catches up the light of heaven itself and dazzles the eyes of the world with its sparkling beauty.

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death." Philippians 3:10.

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## From The Editor's Desk

### Train Up A Child

Children love to give. Most children are naturally inclined to generosity. It gives them a distinct appreciation of his own individuality when he is able to make his own personal contribution in Sunday School and church. We have known children who refused to go to Sunday School without an offering.

When the child is denied the privilege of making an offering in church, an injury is done the child by the stifling of the responses of his heart to give. If the injury is repeated week after week and the child is not provided the means to give expression to his own individuality in making an offering, a scar may be left upon his consciousness which hardens into a permanent attitude of resistance to all appeals.

It is beautiful and inspiring to see the members of an entire family, the father and mother and children, placing their own individual envelopes in the collection plate. The child who forms the habit of systematic and proportionate giving is not likely to become delinquent in his stewardship obligations when he reaches adulthood.

Sometimes a father does not want to be bothered with the details of providing each member of his family with an opportunity to make an individual contribution to the church; and to make such provision for every Sunday becomes a chore instead of a privilege. He wants to write a check once a month for the entire family. Such a father

receives no satisfying joy from his giving, it is purely a perfunctory service. He is not interested in developing the members of his family in the grace of giving, nor does he realize the value to each member of his family in making it possible for each to express his own individuality in making an offering to the Lord. He is stultifying the natural impulses of the hearts of the Christian members of his family. He is actually sinning against God and against his family.

The every member canvass has done much to enlist every member of every family in the support of the financial program of our churches, and to overcome the tendency on the part of heads of families to make a monthly contribution for the entire family. Those who are responsible for making the every member canvass would do well to try to enlist every member of each church family in the financial program of the church.

It has been the policy of the promoters of the every member canvass and of the Cooperative Program to emphasize the value, both to the church and to the family, of every member of the family giving to the church budget. This emphasis has had much to do with the ever growing budgets of local churches and enlarged financial programs of our churches and our denomination. We shall reap even greater results in the future as this emphasis is continued year after year.

### Vatican Appointment Vigorously Protested

Present indications are that a literal flood of protests descended upon President Truman immediately following his appointment of General Mark Clark as Ambassador to the Vatican.

#### Baptists Protest

We have received in the **Arkansas Baptist** office several copies of these protests from churches and individuals over the state of Arkansas. These copies that we have received are only samples of what obviously has been a real avalanche from the country at large and from the Southern Baptist Convention territory in particular.

Pastor Dale McCoy and the Beech Street Church, Gurdon, wired their protest on Sunday, October 21. The church interrupted its morning service to vote unanimously to send such a protest to the President.

Wesley A. Lindsey and the members of First Church, Prescott, sent 100 or more letters of protest to the President. Pastor O. Vaught of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, wired the President on Saturday, October 20, protesting his appointment to the Vatican. Pastor Don Hook of First Church, Malvern, wrote a vigorous letter of protest.

In last week's **Arkansas Baptist** we paid

our respects to Mr. Truman's appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican, and also wrote the President a letter of protest. Other Baptist papers of the South also dealt with this issue editorially.

We expect this issue to remain quite alive in the months that immediately follow and throughout the next year. This issue should and in all probability will enter into next year's political campaign, because it is a political issue and the Christians of the United States cannot afford to let the issue go by default.

The Senate must confirm an appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican, and we should make sure that our Senators know our attitude toward this issue and the non-Catholic voting public should next year make every Senator and every Representative declare his stand on this issue. For unless the political tie-up, both with the Vatican in Rome and with the Roman hierarchy in this country, is broken up, the Roman Catholic influence in politics and government in the United States will grow to such proportions that the Vatican can practically dictate the policies and conduct of the American Government. Only an aroused voting public can

### Send Pastor To Convention

Every church in the state should make it possible for its pastor to attend the State Convention in Little Rock, November 20-22. Churches should pay the expenses of their pastors attending the Convention.

There are two great values to the pastor who attends the State Convention: The inspiration of the Convention sessions and the information concerning the Convention program are values that no pastor can afford to miss; and the contacts with the other pastors of the state are of inestimable value to the pastor. These values keep the pastor alive and alert to the denominational programs and also give him a sense of belonging, of being a part of these programs. Consequently the pastor is better prepared to keep his church informed and to lead his church in a continuously expanding program of Christian service.

Churches, see that your pastor attends the State Convention; make it possible for him to avail himself of all the values in this great meeting of Arkansas Baptists.

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We Americans are the most heavily armed people in the world, and the most frightened; the most favored in material goods and the most fearful of insecurity. Foreign visitors to this country go away puzzled at our behavior in these respects. What our pilgrim fathers had, which we lack, was a great faith. They knew they didn't have much, so they depended upon God and became unconquerable. With our dependence upon things, and our neglect of God, we may be the strongest, richest nation and yet fail because we are spiritually weak and morally impoverished.

—Charles A. Wells

prevent such an eventuality.

#### Catholics Force Issue

You will hear cries against the introduction of religion into politics. As a matter of fact, the non-Catholic population of the United States does not want to oppose political candidates, the administration, or government officials on the grounds of their religion. But the Roman Catholic hierarchy, headed by the Vatican in Rome, has injected the controversy of religion into American politics. It is up to the non-Catholic voters of the nation to recognize the threat of Roman Catholicism to the free institutions of our country and to use the ballot to free these institutions of the stifling totalitarianism of Rome or wake up some day to discover that the Roman Catholic Church is dictator to the United States Government and that the United States Government is the financial supporter of the Roman Catholic Church.

Perhaps you think this is strong language. You may think this can never happen in America. And while you and others are complacently indifferent to the issues involved between the United States Government and the Vatican in Rome, the Vatican is making inroads into American life and government and is subtly changing the philosophy of the American Government.



# Kingdom Progress

## Assistant Pastor Fort Smith, First



Bob Post

The First Church, Fort Smith, has called Bob Post as associate pastor and minister of music. He arrived on the field to begin his duties November 1.

He comes to the Fort Smith Church from Lancaster, South Carolina, where he was minister of music and education for two and one-half years. Recently he has been traveling with Charles Wellborn, Baptist Hour speaker.

Mr. Post was born in Patterson, New Jersey, and is 26 years of age. He is married and has two children, Robert 16 months, and Ruth 11 weeks. He attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and the Julliard School of Music in New York. Before coming South he played the piano with the coast to coast round the world broadcast, "Word of Life Hour," with Jack Wyrzten.

First Church is looking forward to even greater progress with the addition of this young consecrated, dynamic personality. Already this year great things have been accomplished for the Lord under the leadership of J. Harold Smith. Since January 1, over 900 members have been received into the First Church, over half of these for baptism. Financially the church has known its greatest year, with an increase in offerings of 120 per cent, and a budget of \$182,000 has been adopted for 1952.

Recently the church purchased property across the street from the new educational building, two houses and three lots, at a cost of \$22,500 to meet the increased needs for Sunday School class rooms, and to provide a home for Mr. Post. The church is now confronted with the problem of finding more space for the overflowing crowds attending the worship services each Sunday.

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A boy can find as many reasons for harboring a stray dog as his father can find for keeping up his membership in some useless organization.

—Right Hand

## Mission Revival at Rogers



Pastor Rel Gray of the First Church, Rogers, conducted a mission revival in Rogers beginning August 28 and lasting more than two weeks. There were 28 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and 21 by letter.

The accompanying picture shows a baptismal scene in White River, following the revival.

The mission was started in the spring of the current year by the First Church of Rogers. A committee composed of J. W. Cady, chairman, Ralph Brooks, Jim Holyfield, Leslie Scott, and R. L. Vogt, all of First Church, Rogers, was charged with the responsibility of promoting the mission. A lot was purchased on which there was an old dwelling. This building was remodeled to provide an auditorium with a seating capacity of 150 and five Sunday School rooms in addition. The purchase of the lot and the remodeling of the building represented a total investment of \$6,000.

Missionary A. L. Hart, of the Benton County Association, is supplying for this mission until a regular mission pastor is secured.

The mission Sunday School has reached an enrolment of 102, and the Training Union, organized only three weeks ago, has an enrolment of 50. Also a W. M. S. circle has been organized.

## Pangburn Church Worships In New Building

While the Pangburn Church building is not completed, it is to be rock veneered a little later, the church is using the new building for services. Former pastor, W. B. O'Neal baptized three candidates at First Church, Searcy, October 28, and says, "Great is the prospect at Pangburn."

## Minister Ordained

K. J. Pennington was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Gum Springs Church of Benton at the request of the Lakeview Church of Arkadelphia on October 14. The examination was conducted by Pastor F. W. Kate. Glen Motley led the ordination prayer; P. D. Sullivan preached the ordination sermon; and F. W. Pannell presented the Bible.

## Arkansan to New Orleans



W. W. Grafton

Walter Weldon Grafton, Booneville, recently became the pastor's assistant at St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and is in his fourth year at the New Orleans Seminary where he is a fellow in the Religious Education Department.

He was pastor of the West Poplarville Church, in Mississippi, for three years. This church, organized in 1947, grew from 33 to 68 during his ministry, and about \$4,000 worth of work was done on the building.

## Minister Ordained

Raymond Harvey was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs, on August 19, as pastor of the New Buckville Church.

Pastor John Martin conducted the examination; Pastor Hugh Cooper preached the ordination sermon; and Missionary Delbert Garrett led the ordination prayer.

Others composing the ordination council included Boyd Vawter, Sherman Sword, Otis Jackson, Fay Harrison, S. H. McMahon, Fud Price, and Dick Thornton.

## New Friendship, Paragould Has Excellent Year

New Friendship Church, Route 2, Paragould, reports a year of progress from October '50 to '51. The church went from part time to full time services; built a parsonage; and called Jesse Holcomb to lead them in the work. The Sunday School enrolment grew to 135; average attendance in Training Union is 80. The birthday offering alone netted \$65 for the orphanage, and the church now has 30 thirthers.

## News From Baylor

Negro preachers of the Waco area are offered free education in religion classes given under direction of the Texas Baptist Convention, the Southwestern Seminary, and Baylor University, according to Dr. C. P. Sansom of Baylor.

Tuition to the classes is free, with credit being given by the Southwestern Theological Seminary. Books may be purchased for half price, the other half being paid by the Missions to Minorities department of the Texas Baptist Convention. The teachers, Dr. E. L. Dwyer and Dr. Sansom, are members of the religion department at Baylor.



**T. D. McCulloch  
In Fort Worth**



T. D. McCulloch, former state B. S. U. secretary and graduate of Ouachita College, has served as education director of the North Fort Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, for the past two and one-half years. Dr. J. N. Morgan is pastor of the North Fort Worth Church.

During the past year 200 persons have been received into the church by baptism, 60 are now awaiting baptism, and 325 have been received by letter and statement.

**Workers Available**

Paul E. Grimes has resigned the pastorate of Greenlee Memorial, Pine Bluff, and is available for pulpit supply. He may be contacted at 2105 Poplar, Apt. 8, Pine Bluff; telephone 4321R.

W. B. O'Neal, formerly the pastor at Pangburn, announces his retirement from the active ministry, but he is available for supply work and revival meetings. He may be contacted at Pangburn.

**Fort Smith Broadcasts  
Evening Services**



*Pastor W. Lloyd Cloud*

On Sunday night, November 4, the Grand Avenue Church began a regular broadcast of the evening services. The broadcast entitled, "The Good News Hour," may be heard each Sunday evening from 8:00 to 9:00 on radio station KWHN, 1320 kc.

Music for each service will be rendered by a 50 voice choir under the direction of James E. Humphrey, music director of the church. Pastor W. Lloyd Cloud recently came to the pastorate of the Grand Avenue Church from Kentucky.

**Remember Convention Date**

Arkansas Baptist State Convention meets November 20-22, in Little Rock, at First Baptist Church.

Pastors' Conference November 19.

Pastors' Wives' Conference, November 19.

Brotherhood night, November 19.

**Dr. J. R. Grant  
Claimed by Death**



Dr. J. R. Grant, aged 71, of 1512 South Pierce Street, Little Rock, died Sunday night at the Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

Dr. Grant was brought to the hospital on Friday, November 2, with a heart attack. When Dr. J. F. Queen, hospital chaplain, visited him in his hospital room, he remarked to the chaplain, "This is the worst attack I have had. I may go out with this attack. If so, I am ready."

Dr. Grant spent his life in the field of education. He was graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1908. He also attended DeKalb (Ill.) State Normal School, University of Chicago, and Teachers College of Columbia University, from which he also received degrees.

From 1900 to 1912 he taught in public schools in Arkansas and Missouri. Among other positions he held in the field of education included professor of education and director of teacher-training at the University of Arkansas, state supervisor of rural schools, president of Arkansas Tech at Russellville, and a member of the faculty of the General Extension Service of Arkansas State Teachers College at Conway.

In 1932 he came to Ouachita College as vice president and professor of education. In 1933 he became president of Ouachita where he remained until 1949 when he became president emeritus.

In 1910 he was married to Gracey Sowers who survives him. He is also survived by two daughters, Mrs. Leland Stanford, Memphis, and Mrs. Andrew Hall, Lake Wales, Florida; two sons, J. Richard Grant Jr., Arlington, Virginia, and David R. Grant, Nashville, Tennessee.

**New Church Dedicated at Sulphur Springs**



The New Hopewell Church, Sulphur Springs community, near Leslie, was first organized in 1880. Charter members were: A. R. Stephenson, a minister Galloway, Calvin Cotton, Bob Ragland, Peggy Ragland, Betty Horn, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Boyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cypert.

In the years that followed the church site was moved several times and served by

several pastors, namely: Thomas Thompson, Calvin Cotton, J. G. Mabrey, Thomas Harness, a Mr. Hammock, and W. R. Jefferies.

The church was re-organized July 11, 1948, and their new auditorium was finished and dedicated on October 7, 1951, at a cost of \$5,000. The present pastor is E. F. Smith, Leslie.

**Bison Glee Club, OBU  
On National Radio Hookup**

One network broadcast has earned a series of 13 weekly radio programs over the national hookup of the Liberty Broadcasting system for the widely-known Bison Glee Club of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Performing on the dedication program of a new building recently, the glee club attracted the attention of the network's officials and was offered the series of broadcasts. This marks the first time that the network has aired such a program over its national system of 430 stations.

The series began Sunday, October 21 from 9 to 9:30 p. m. The group is under the direction of Dr. Warren M. Angell.





# Christian Horizons



By Religious News Service

## Laymen Get Call For Moral Re-Awakening

The United States must put its own house in order to meet the challenge of Communism, Senator James H. Duff of Pennsylvania told 3,000 North Carolina and Virginia Presbyterians at a regional laymen's conference, sponsored by the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern), meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Similar regional laymen's conferences were scheduled on successive week-ends at Jacksonville, Florida; Nashville, Tennessee; and Dallas, Texas.

Senator Duff said that while Communism assaults "the very rock upon which our religious and patriotic beliefs are founded," we are being threatened from within by a loss of confidence in the government by the people which is "more dangerous than anything the Communists can possibly do."

## Baptist Leaders Ask Freedom Crusade

Baptist leaders issued a joint call for a "crusade for peace and freedom" to combat encroachments on freedom of press, religion, speech and action.

The statement was signed by Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. Kenneth Scott Latourette, New Haven, Connecticut, president of the American Baptist Convention; Dr. J. M. Dawson, Washington, D. C., executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, chairman of the Commission on Religious Freedom of the Baptist World Alliance.

The Baptist officials said they view "with alarm" restrictions on freedom of press and religion "which now exist in many sections of the world" and look "with anxiety upon the growing tendency, even in this country, to curtail freedom of speech and action."

## Pakistan Christians Get Equal Rights Pledge

Christians and Moslems enjoy equal rights as citizens of Pakistan, Sheikh Fazl-i-Ilahi, Punjab Rehabilitation Minister declared at a convention held at Gujranwala under the auspices of the All-Pakistan Christian League.

"The government is doing everything in its power to bring comfort and prosperity to the Christians who have chosen to live in Pakistan after the partition of the Indian sub-continent," the minister said.

## Church Council Asks Prayers by UN Delegates

A resolution calling for elimination of the bar in the new United Nations building and establishment of a special room for meditation and prayer by UN delegates was adopted by the executive committee of the Greater Paterson Council of Churches.

In the same resolution, the church council deplored the absence of prayer—audible or silent—in opening UN sessions and urged that immediate provisions be made for such prayer.

## Liquor Purchases Exceed Church Contributions, 8-1

Americans are spending more than eight times as much on liquor as on churches, according to figures compiled from government sources by the Methodist Board of Temperance.

Expenditures on alcoholic beverages amount to nearly 2½ times the amount spent on all private welfare activities, education, and scientific research, the temperance group reported.

Based on estimates by the Office of Business Economics of the U. S. Department of Commerce as to how Americans spend their \$225,000,000,000 yearly income, the Temperance Board said that expenditures for liquor total nearly \$9,000,000,000 a year, or \$58 per year for every man, woman, and child in the United States.

On the other hand, Americans contribute only a little more than one billion dollars annually to religious bodies, about \$7 per capita. Total expenditures for privately-financed welfare activities, education, and research total \$3,000,000,000, or \$24 per capita.

Food is the largest item on the family budget, amounting to \$345 per capita, followed by housing which costs an average of \$306 per year per person, the Temperance Board said.

## Protestants-United Oppose Public Grants to Church Hospitals

A resolution opposing public grants to church hospitals and medical colleges was adopted by the national executive committee of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State at its semi-annual meeting in Washington, D. C.

Sponsored by Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, former editor of the Christian Century, the resolution declared that "church hospitals are agents of the churches which establish and operate them, and inevitably and intentionally promote the faith of said churches."

"Government grants of tax funds to church institutions," it added, "involves an interlocking of government and churches in a manner which the U. S. Supreme Court has condemned in the McCollum decision."

## Ministers Laud Sheriff For Law Enforcement Record

Ministers of Welsh, Louisiana, congratulated the sheriff of Jefferson Davis parish for his law enforcement record.

In a resolution the clergymen lauded Sheriff Azenor Buller who is unopposed for his fourth term in the January Democratic primary. The resolution stated:

"We note with pride that while other parishes in our state are disturbed with charges of malfeasance in office, illegal gambling, defamation charges and the like, no such condition exists in Jefferson Davis parish.

"There are no slot machines to entice our children, no gambling clubs to draw the racketeer here and no open violation of the liquor laws. The crime of Jefferson Davis is very low."

# A Smile or Two

## Not So Dumb!

In a small town in the South there was a lad who had the reputation of not being very bright. People had fun with him several times a day by placing a dime and a nickel on the open palm of his hand and telling him to take his pick of the two.

In each case the lad would pick the nickel, and the crowd would laugh and guffaw.

A kind-hearted woman asked him one day: "Don't you know the difference between a dime and a nickel? Don't you know that the dime, though smaller, is worth more?"

"Sure, I know it," he answered, "but they wouldn't try me out on it any more if I took the dime."

A minister who was very fond of pure, hot horseradish offered some to a dinner guest who took a big bite. When the guest was finally able to talk, he turned reproachfully to the minister. "I've heard many preach 'Hell Fire,'" he choked out, "But you're the first one I've met who served it."

A physician and a lawyer were discussing the disparity in the ethics of their professions. After much discussion, the lawyer contended that his work was just as honorable as that of the physician. From the man of medicine came this retort, "Nonsense, whoever saw two doctors beating their chests, pounding their fists on the table and shouting to the high heavens in hot argumentation, whether to kill the patient or save his life?"

A woman who had always lived in moderate circumstances before she came in unexpected inheritance attended a horse show at Madison Square Garden wearing a smart tweed outfit with a diamond brooch about the size of an English walnut.

"My dear," cooed a friend, "if you don't mind my saying so, you shouldn't wear such a large jewel with tweeds."

"Yeah," snapped the newly rich gal. "That's what I always said—before I owned one."

Junior—"Our ancestors made geography unnecessarily difficult."

Father—"How so?"

Junior—"Well, just what was the idea of putting the Canadian River in Texas and Oklahoma?"

—K. S. Collegian

Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes once mistook an insane asylum for a college. Realizing his mistake, he explained to the gatekeeper, and commented humorously, "I suppose, after all, there is not a great deal of difference."

"Oh, yes, there is," replied the guard. "In this place you must show some improvement before you get out."

A young doctor, who hung up his shingle in a small town, waited for his first patient. Some days later one arrived—covered from head to foot with an angry dangerous-looking rash. The puzzled young medic hastily consulted his textbook but could find no help there. Finally he said to the patient, "Did you ever have this affliction before?"

"Oh, sure, Doc," the patient replied, "I've had it twice before."

"Well," diagnosed the doctor, "you've got it again."



## News From Baptist Press

### Cooperative Program Gifts to Enter Foreign Mission Advance Program

Cooperative Program receipts are expected to pass the \$7,200,000 current and capital needs budget sometime in November and to enter into the Foreign Mission Advance program by December 1, according to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

On October 26, total receipts to date had reached \$6,492,640, leaving \$707,360 yet needed to meet the operating budget needs. All receipts for the rest of the year exceeding the \$7,200,000 will go directly to the Foreign Mission Board for its Advance Program.

Through October of last year, Southern Baptists had given \$6,026,187 through the Cooperative Program. The 1950 disbursements passed into the Foreign Mission Advance on November 30.

The October receipts thus far total \$648,877 as compared with \$676,662 for the entire month last year.

In addition to the Cooperative Program receipts, Southern Baptists have given to date \$3,865,411 through the Executive Committee offices to designated causes.

### New Mexico Baptists First to Vote Support of '53 Stewardship Crusade

New Mexico Baptists were the first to vote their support of the 1953 Simultaneous Stewardship Crusade as being planned by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee when the New Mexico Baptist Convention met in Clovis, October 16-18.

Several large-scale financial projects were promoted during the meeting including the adoption of a 1952 budget of \$200,000 for the state Cooperative Program in addition to \$156,000 for other purposes.

Dedication services were held recently for the newly completed \$267,000 State Baptist Headquarters in Albuquerque, and a \$100,000 fund raising campaign is in progress looking toward the erection of New Mexico Hall, administration building on the grounds of the Glorieta Assembly near Santa Fe.

W. D. Wyatt, pastor of First Church, Albuquerque, preached the annual sermon. Re-elected president of the Convention was T. J. Gamble Jr., pastor of First Church, Alamogordo. Harry P. Stagg continues to serve as executive secretary.

### Maryland Convention Votes Cooperative Program Increase

A \$25,000 increase in their Cooperative Program budget for next year raises to \$175,000 the amount Maryland Baptists voted to give in 1952 to state and worldwide causes. Adoption of the increased budget was among actions taken at the annual meeting of the Maryland Baptist Union Association, October 17-19, in Baltimore.

### Schroeder Named Brotherhood Secretary

Elected recently to succeed Dr. Lawson H. Cooke as executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood was George W. Schroeder who is now serving as associate secretary. Schroeder's election was announced following the annual meeting in Memphis of the Brotherhood Commission. Dr. Cooke's resignation will be effective January 1.

### Kansas Baptists Object To "Released Time" Plan

A group of Kansas Southern Baptists recently passed a resolution protesting the "released time" program of week-day religious education classes sponsored by the Wichita Council of Churches.

Introduced by the editor of **Kansas Southern Baptist Beams**, state denominational paper, the unanimously adopted resolution referred to the educational program as "a violation of the Constitutional principle of separation of Church and State, and favoritism toward an inter-denominational system of religion to the discredit of individual denominations."

The Wichita public schools co-operate with the Council in the program.

### Texas Convention Approves Church Loan Association

Establishment of The Church Building and Loan Association of the Baptist General Convention of Texas was the major action taken by Texas Baptists at the annual meeting of the Convention in Houston, October 23-25, according to Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary.

The new agency, serving to assist small Texas churches in building programs, was created upon the recommendation of the executive board with a capital of \$250,000.

A \$10,000,000 budget for 1952 was adopted with half of it designated for Cooperative Program causes, both state and Convention-wide.

Meeting in the Sam Houston Coliseum, a crowd of 20,000 gathered for the closing session to hear the evangelistic message by Billy Graham. The annual convention sermon was preached by A. B. Rutledge, Marshall.

Dr. Forrest Feezor, pastor of First Church, Waco, will serve as president of the Convention during the coming year. Fort Worth has been chosen host for the 1952 Convention, scheduled for October 21-23.

Messengers to the annual meeting voted to go on record as being "against sending an ambassador to the Vatican or any other religious entity in the world" in response to the President's recent appointment of General Mark Clark. The resolution was part of the report of the Committee on World Order, Dr. W. R. White, Baylor University, chairman.

### For Your Information

40,124 students were enrolled in Southern Baptist colleges during the 1950-51 nine month sessions. Virginia, Texas, and North Carolina had more than half of the total enrolment.

537 Nigerians accepted Christ during simultaneous revivals in the 22 churches and 20 schools of the Bethel Baptist Association of Nigeria, Africa.

The United States Treasury reports a gross public debt of \$257,012,437,775 as of October 10.

The average family of four with an income of \$5,004 gave \$89.69 or about 2 per cent of its income last year to charity, and spent \$110 for tobacco, \$218 for liquor, and paid \$376 in taxes.

The government tally sheets show the mobilization program somewhat behind schedule. It is a \$100 billion undertaking. Arms costing \$14 billion already have been manufactured. The score is \$14 billion down, \$86 billion to go.

—Porter Routh

### Senate Approves Tax on Gambling

The Senate, overriding strong protests from church groups, approved a tax on gambling and bookmakers which Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) charged would have the effect of legalizing gambling in the United States.

Speaking on behalf of the special crime investigating committee which he headed, Senator Kefauver charged that "we are attempting to tax an illegal way of life."

"If we do that, are we going to start placing a special tax on burglary tools?" he asked the Senate. "Would we want to share the tax that could be collected from prostitutes in the operation of prostitution? Where is the stopping point going to be?"

The measure which the Senate approved will place an "occupational tax" on bookmakers and numbers operators, and will levy a special ten per cent tax on their profits, over and above other taxes that might be assessed.

Senator Kefauver emphasized the concern of moral leaders in America over organized gambling and racketeering and proposed instead to substitute a special section dealing with illegal business. That section would have disallowed business expenses in connection with operation of an illegal enterprise, required the filing of special returns, and provided stiff penalties for failure to comply with the statute.

Senator Kefauver said that often bribes to public officials and police officers are placed under the heading of "business expenses" by racketeers.

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### Washington Catholic Institutions Will Not Receive Federal Funds

A Roman Catholic move to get \$14,000,000 in federal funds for hospital and school use in the District of Columbia has been soundly defeated, according to Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington.

The bill, written by the house majority leader, John W. McCormick, Democrat from Massachusetts, narrowly passed the house. It was also passed by a senate committee with the provision under the rule of "consent" that if a single senator objected on the floor it would be thrown out. Senator Olin D. Johnston, Democrat of South Carolina, entered a formal objection.

A local Washington paper, the *Post*, taking up the Roman Catholic line called it "a blow to health." The paper later printed an answer to their statement by Dr. Dawson.

Following the defeat and subsequent newspaper play, the whole matter was reviewed by a Democratic committee on policy and abandoned.

Dr. Dawson says, "I personally believe it will not be revived."

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### Quakers Unhappy With 82nd Congress

"In the first eight months, through August 31, out of 8,619 bills and resolutions introduced in both Houses, only 138 public bills had been enacted into law; 239 private bills gave redress to some individual; and 277 simple resolutions, many of a routine, procedural character, were adopted. There were 228 time-consuming, if not time killing, quorum calls in the Senate and 84 in the House.

—Washington Religious Review



# A MILLION MEN

## BROTHERHOOD IS

### HISTORY OF BROTHERHOOD

The Brotherhood Movement had its beginning about 45 years ago in the old Laymen's Missionary Movement of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During the years that followed there came the growing realization that the preachers must share in any effective program of work involving Laymen. So, in 1927, the Laymen's Missionary Movement became the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

Thus Brotherhood is NOT a laymen's movement. Rather it is a movement of Baptist men; of preachers and laymen banded together to promote the work of the Kingdom of God through their churches and denomination.

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### PROPER CONCEPTS OF BROTHERHOOD

A Brotherhood in its simplest form is, "Two men going about at the tasks of their church."

Some other proper concepts of Brotherhood are:

"God's men doing God's work together through their church and denomination."

"The willing men of a church banded together and organized to promote all the work of their church and denomination."

"The consecrated manpower of a church focussed on all the work of the church and denomination."

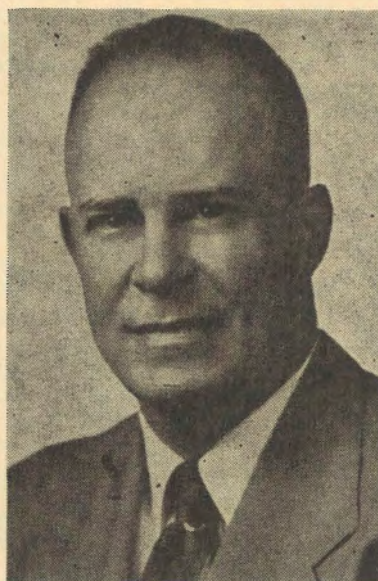
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### BROTHERHOOD PURPOSES, AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The *main purpose* of Brotherhood is to enlist the men of our churches in the service of the Master; to inform them; to inspire them; and to provide them opportunities for service within the work program of their church.

The *general aim* of Brotherhood is to utilize Baptist men in a continuing program of work designed to build their church in every phase of its life and work.

The *prime objective* of Brotherhood is: More efficient churches, and a more fruitful and effective denomination. The Brotherhood proposes to reach this objective by utilizing the enormous manpower of our churches.



NELSON F. TULL  
Secretary, Brotherhood Dept.

### FOUNDATION STONES OF BROTHERHOOD WORK

The superstructure of Brotherhood work is builded upon the triple foundation of

DEDICATION  
STEWARDSHIP  
EVANGELISM

These are generally set forth as  
PERSONAL CONSECRATION  
PERSONAL STEWARDSHIP  
PERSONAL SOUL-WINNING

They add up to, "Better men, Giving all of themselves to the Lord, In the greatest work in all the world."

From these ideals stems the whole program of Brotherhood work.

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### DEVELOPED MEN

The Brotherhood works to develop men, so that they shall be

PHYSICALLY EFFICIENT  
MENTALLY ALERT  
MORALLY SENSITIVE  
SPIRITUALLY ACTIVE

### A Nucleus of Able Men

The nucleus of Brotherhood work in a church is that "Gideon's Remnant" of God's men (Judges 7:1-22),

Who are NOT AFRAID

Who are ALERT

Who have the faith TO FIGHT GOD'S BATTLES WITH GOD'S WEAPONS

### THE BROTHERHOOD PROGRAM OF WORK

When we study the responsibilities of men toward their church, we see that there are six major areas of service in which God's men ought to be busy. These are:

The area of WORSHIP

The area of EDUCATION

The area of EVANGELISM

The area of STEWARDSHIP

The area of BENEVOLENCE

The area of WORK WITH BOYS

### Area Committees

A church Brotherhood does its work through area committees. In setting up and maintaining the Brotherhood organization, qualified men are selected to serve on (and do the work of) the various area committees.

### Small Brotherhoods

If a church is too small to supply enough men to staff the suggested area committees, the Brotherhood operates simply as a committee-of-the-whole, and works within all the six major areas.

### Items of Work

The various items of work which make up the balanced work program of the Brotherhood are carefully selected to meet felt needs of the church, that the activities of the Brotherhood shall help the church succeed in all its work.

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### THREE KEYS TO BROTHERHOOD SUCCESS:

I. COMPLETE ORGANIZATION

II. WORTHY PROGRAM OF WORK

III. GOOD BROTHERHOOD MEETINGS

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## ON THE MARCH

### YOUR BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

The Brotherhood Department is a regular department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, with offices at Baptist Headquarters.

The address of the Brotherhood Department is 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

Mr. Nelson F. Tull is Brotherhood Secretary. Miss Lera Abbott is Office Secretary.

The Brotherhood Department is supported entirely through the Cooperative Program of Arkansas Baptists.

The Department was opened on April 1, 1946. At that time there were approximately 23 church Brotherhoods in the state.

There are now 305 church Brotherhoods in Arkansas; which means an average of one new Brotherhood each week since the opening of the Department. There are also 33 functioning associational Brotherhoods in the state.

The work of the Brotherhood Department is entirely church and denominationally centered. The Department endeavors to promote Brotherhood organization, and to maintain a high level of Brotherhood work. We believe that *every church needs a Brotherhood*. We believe, too, that the Baptist manpower of our associations must be organized for greater denominational work within the associations; also, that the Baptist men of Arkansas must be enlisted and organized fully, to put the united powers of Baptist manhood into God's work everywhere in the state.

The services of the Brotherhood Department are *free* to every church and association in the state.



The famous emblem pictured above is familiar around the world. Many men wear the "B" in their coat lapel. The slogan, "A Million Men for Christ," is the prime goal of the whole Brotherhood Movement.

If you will take a pencil and do some calculating, you will be astounded as you discover the potentialities of a million men.

Think of A MILLION MEN GOING for the Lord and their church! What would they accomplish?

Think of A MILLION MEN WITNESSING—opening their mouths for Christ!

Think of A MILLION MEN WINNING!  
Think of A MILLION MEN INFORMED! Information is a prime necessity before men can be enlisted.

Think of A MILLION MEN WORKING! God's work is work. If anything is accomplished for God, somebody is going to have to work. Think of the work a million men can do!

Think of a MILLION MEN GIVING! All the financial problems of our churches and our denomination will be solved; and Southern Baptists can carry out the Great Commission to the last detail.

### THE BROTHERHOOD GUIDEBOOK

The Brotherhood Guidebook, published by the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the official manual of Brotherhood organization and methods. Written by George Schroeder, Associate Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, in collaboration with a special committee of state Brotherhood secretaries, the Guidebook is the very latest word in Brotherhood work.

The Guidebook sets out methods for organizing and maintaining Brotherhood work.

On the CHURCH level

On the ASSOCIATION level

On the DISTRICT (Regional) level

On the STATE level

A study of the Guidebook will help any individual to develop proper concepts concerning Brotherhood, and to learn how Brotherhood work is done. Many pastors are teaching the Guidebook to their men as a preparatory step in organizing the church Brotherhood. Other pastors and Brotherhood leaders are using the Guidebook to help their Brotherhoods to get on the right track and to operate at greater efficiency.

The Brotherhood Guidebook is available through the Baptist Book Store in Little Rock.

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### THE BROTHERHOOD JOURNAL

The Brotherhood Journal is the quarterly publication of the Brotherhood Commission.

The Journal is the most widely read publication for Christian men in all the world. The circulation has reached 60,000, and is still growing.

Men who read the Journal become informed about Baptist work everywhere.

The Journal is used by many Brotherhoods for program material for Brotherhood meetings.

The Journal is available through The Brotherhood Commission, Commerce Title Building, Memphis, Tennessee. The cost is ten cents per copy.

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DS A BROTHERHOOD



# Woman's Missionary Union

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Free teaching helps are available on all books except **Keys to Brazil**. For Juniors a special workbook and manual are available for pupil and teacher as listed above.

### District Budget Apportionment

Apportionments of the 1951-52 District Budget as adopted at the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas were accepted as follows during recent District Meetings:

Central District	\$ 880
West Central District	550
East Central District	590
North Central District	150
Southwest District	810
Southeast District	1,020
Northeast District	750
Northwest District	450
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,200</b>

The District Budget is a fund through which Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas is able to provide funds for some objects for which no other provision is made. They are: W. M. U. Training School, \$750; Southern W. M. U. Building, \$500; Burney Gifts for Margaret Fund Students, \$50; Arkansas Baptist College (Negro), \$200; Scholarship to National Baptist Missionary Training School (Negro), \$260; District expense fund, \$800; Supplement expenses of Young People's work, \$250; Supplement Operating Expenses of W. M. U. Office, \$2,140.

Participation in the District Budget by every W. M. U. organization is necessary for the organization to be Standard. Suggested apportionments for Societies will be sent out at an early date by the District Presidents. Young people's organizations are asked for \$1 per year, except for Y. W. A.'s whose apportionment is \$2. Those for the W. M. S. vary according to size and strength of society.

Apportionments cover period of October 1, 1951, through September 30, 1952, and they are payable at any time convenient to the organization. Remittance should be sent to State W. M. U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

### Order Periodicals Today

Arkansas has not reached the goal for W. M. U. periodicals this year! (Last year we surpassed the goal.) The magazines are needed for the program material; for the missionary information they contain; for the organizational suggestions given each month. Order today.

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## Government Spending

By J. C. PENNEY

As we discuss inefficiency in our government, let us consider a few examples: the Veterans Administration takes five times as long to settle a claim as does a private insurance company—and uses four times the manpower.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has one employe for every 32 Indians.

Some government bureaus are stocked with supplies for fifty years in advance. All together the Government has \$27 billion worth of supplies on hand — and has no central inventory of this vast stock. The Federal Government today owns 3½ typewriters for every employe using a typewriter.

A year ago the Army dismantled a \$16 million camp in Alaska and shipped the lumber to Seattle. Here the Department of the Interior took over, and returned the lumber to a point in Alaska within ten miles of where it originated. In the recently submitted budget we find the Army asking for 838,000 tropical worsted uniforms to cost \$129 each—more than enough uniforms for every enlisted man in the Army. In the same budget

the Air Force asked for an appropriation to cover the building of 910 homes in Alaska at a cost of \$58,350 each.

The Hoover Commission dealt only with operating the present government more efficiently. It made no recommendations, said nothing about government services. Consider the cost of some of these services. At the present time the Federal Government has \$4 billion tied up in a variety of price-support programs. In six months an additional billion will probably be committed. New crops are coming in and we still have with us: 200 million bushels of surplus wheat, 70 million pounds of surplus powdered eggs, 4 million bales of surplus cotton.

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—Christian Herald

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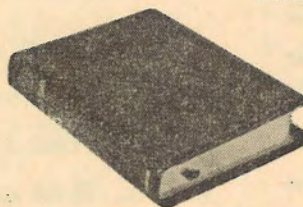


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- In Thee, O Lord, Have I Trusted 45
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#### Installation Service for Young People's Class Officers

Sunday School workers who are interested in obtaining an Installation Service for Young People's Class Officers may refer to the September issue, page 47, of the *Sunday School Builder*, and page 49 of the October issue. The page referred to in the September *Builder* is devoted to a suggested assembly program for class officers entitled "Ye Are the Body of Christ." Young People's assembly programs are published on page 49 of the October *Builder*.

Secure sufficient copies. Rehearse regularly. Sing numbers in your own church.

Anthems need not be memorized.

Prepare one other number of your own choice for adjudication.

Auditions commence promptly at 9 a. m.

Soloists will be chosen by auditions.

Registration fee of \$1.50 for each person attending the Youth Festival includes two meals.

Registration fee of \$1 for each person attending the Junior Festival includes one meal.

Make out one check payable to the Religious Education Department to cover your entire group.

Bring check to registration desk.

Notify Mrs. B. W. Nininger, without fail, not later than March 15, **HOW MANY WILL BE IN YOUR GROUP.**

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#### Order Now!

Order your Junior Memory Drill verses, Intermediate Sword Drill tracts, and Young People's Speakers' Tournament tracts NOW. Begin to plan now for your church elimination tournaments to be held during the middle of February or the first part of March. The associational elimination tournament should be held not later than the first part of March. The associational winners will represent the association at the State Training Union Convention, March 14-15 at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock.

## State Training Union Convention

March 14-15

The State Training Union Convention will meet with the First Church, Little Rock, on March 14-15, 1952. The convention will begin Friday morning at ten o'clock and will close at noon Saturday. This is the regular date and for the past five years the convention has been meeting on these two days. The Friday night meeting will be held at the Robinson Auditorium, which seats 3,000 people. The Baptists of every section of Arkansas will make their way to Little Rock on Friday morning, March 14 for the big Training Union Convention.

#### Coming Events

December 10—Training Union "M" Night

December 30—Student Night at Christmas.

## Pulaski County Hymn-Sing

The Pulaski County Hymn-Sing was held Sunday, October 28, at Geyer Springs Church, with Ed Stewart as the director and George Fox leading the devotional. The theme of the program was "Blessed Assurance," and a special number was brought by Ironton Church.

There were a total present of seventy-three representing seven churches. The next Hymn-Sing will be held the fourth Sunday in November at Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock.

## State Planning Meeting Training Union

The State Planning Meeting for associational Training Union officers met with the Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Monday morning and afternoon, October 29. Thirty associations were represented and definite plans were made for "M" Night which will be held in all associations on December 10. Plans were also made for the State Training Union Director to go to fifteen associations during January and February for one-night associational officers clinics. Invitations were received during the meeting from different associations for summer field workers to work during the summer of 1952. Plans are being made to assist a number of associations with central leadership schools, simultaneous study courses during 1952. This was a very profitable meeting. Mr. Leonard Wedel of the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee was present for conferences during the day.

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## Alaska . . .

### A Rich Prize For Christ

Alaska is a great country, and it will grow in importance as the people in the States become aware of its richness and develop its resources.

It has untold wealth in gold, coal, oil, and timber. Its forests of spruce and hemlock are vast in extent. Its farm lands—millions of acres—are fertile. Its climate ranges from medium-temperate in the southern and coastal sections to frigid in the arctic circle. It is a rich land to be possessed by an enterprising race of sturdy men.

And it is being possessed. Thousands of people are going into this land of promise. They are homesteading its rich acres and planting themselves firmly in its soil. There is room for a vast population and ere long that population will people this territory and develop it into a great, rich state.

We Baptists need to recognize the importance of Alaska and capture its rich resources for Christ. The field is wide open and needy, but also rich in possibilities. In the territory between Anchorage and Fairbanks there are millions of acres of the finest timber. These acres are rich and well adapted to dairy and farming. Roads are being planned and in the near future a prosperous population will be

housed in this great section.

All around Anchorage and south to Juneau much of the land has already been homesteaded and will be developed. Out from Anchorage to Palmer is the richest valley in the world. I dare not tell you what I saw in the fields on the way to Palmer—you might think I was looking through magnifying glasses. It is a rich valley.

Juneau is a great mining center. The largest gold mine in the world is at Juneau. There are also fishing interests of large proportions. One of the greatest cold storage plants for fish in Alaska is at Juneau. I saw salmon stacked like cordwood, piled to the ceiling. The guide told us that there were seven million pounds of fish in this cold storage plant at the time of our visit.

Ketchikan is the salmon-canning capital of the world. Millions of dollars are made every year in the fish industry here. It is also surrounded by magnificent forests of spruce. We were told that a twenty-million-dollar pulp mill is soon to be built there.

All of these things, taken together, make Alaska a rich as well as a needy field for the gospel. Money spent now in establishing missions will, in the near future, become rich assets in the kingdom.

The work we have is prosper-

## Brotherhood Night Program

First Baptist Church, Little Rock

November 19, 1951

- 7:15 "Shall We Gather," and Sing Together \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ James E. Birkhead and Bill Pratt
- 7:25 "I will Hear What God the Lord Shall Speak"—Dale Cowling
- 7:30 Four Laymen Make a Quartet \_\_\_\_\_ Men from Benton
- 7:35 We Recognize Some Men to Be \_\_\_\_\_ Royal Ambassadors
- 7:35 Achievement Brings Its Awards \_\_\_\_\_ J. D. Wagnon
- 7:50 Just PLAYING \_\_\_\_\_ Edward Harris
- 7:55 Coming Events Cast Their Shadows \_\_\_\_\_ Harold Anderson
- 8:00 A Layman Says It in Song \_\_\_\_\_ J. F. Moreland
- 8:05 "God's Boys Today—God's Men Tomorrow"—J. D. Wagnon
- 8:30 We Pay the TOLL \_\_\_\_\_ Everybody  
 Four Preachers in Magnificent Co-operation \_\_\_\_\_ Quartet  
 "Lets All Stand and Sing" \_\_\_\_\_ Everybody
- 8:35 Introducing the MAN from North Carolina \_\_\_\_\_ K. Owen White  
 "The Choices That Make the Man" \_\_\_\_\_ Ralph A. Herring
- 9:15 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" \_\_\_\_\_ Everybody

ing. The missions are growing rapidly. Ketchikan, started from scratch three years ago, now has one hundred and twenty-six members. They are completing their church building. It is the best church house in the city—one of the two brick buildings.

At Anchorage the First Church is a going institution of over six hundred members. This church last year gave, for all purposes, over fifty-two thousand dollars, and the pastor estimates that it will give in 1952 over sixty thousand. It has established four missions which are developing rapidly into functioning churches. One of these is a mission for the Negroes which was organized into a church two months before we were there in September. It had grown to one hundred and eighty members.

What we need in this important field can be summed up in three words—"men and money." Give the Home Mission Board the

money and we will get the men. Do this and we will develop this rich territory for Christ.

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### Baptist Sunday School Board Reports Gains

By Religious News Service

Sales of books, periodicals and supplies by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board during the first six months of 1951 were 18 per cent higher than in the same period last year, the Board learned at its annual meeting.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary-treasurer of the Board, said in his annual report that the net income for the first half of this year was \$835,958, as compared with \$696,415 in the first six months of 1950.

The Board re-elected Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of First Baptist church here, to his 30th term as president, and Dr. Holcomb to his 18th as executive secretary-treasurer.

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### WHOSE BLUNDERS?

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Anonymous



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# Qualifications of Associational Missionary

By DR. C. W. CALDWELL

Superintendent of Missions

In a recent southwide meeting of Superintendents of State Missions held in Atlanta, Georgia, a round table discussion was held in regard to the qualifications of associational missionaries. We give, below, several of the suggested qualifications offered in that Conference:

1. He must feel a definite call from the Lord to mission work. The mission field should not be entered by any one who simply wants to escape the problems in his church or feels the need of larger income than that paid by the church or churches.

2. He should be a man who has had successful experience in the pastorate. Unless a man knows pastoral work, he will be unable to be a successful missionary who must work with pastors and churches.

3. He must know the entire program of both church and denomination. His record of promoting same in his church may determine whether or not he is qualified to promote it on an associational-wide basis.

4. He must have some executive and promotional ability. He should know how to set up an associational-wide program for every phase of church work such as associational-wide training courses, schools of missions, simultaneous crusades, and vacation Bible schools.

5. He must like to do mission work. Unless he enjoys making a survey of a destitute area, laying the foundation for a new work, reviving a dead church, assisting and making out church budgets, launching building campaigns for a new church organization, and traveling night and day in the interest of the cause of missions, he had better not consider associational mission work or be considered for it.

6. He must be a man of deep spirituality with a compassion for the lost and who can preach the gospel with fervor.

7. He must not be too talkative, that is, he must not express himself too freely in regard to the problems which pastors may be facing, or declaring himself on some side that is an issue in a church or association.

8. He must have perseverance. Mission work is often discouraging. In beginning a new work, some people show no interest. The attendance at a service may be small. But a missionary must not give up in the fact of seeming failure.

9. He must know how to take suggestions and criticism. A missionary should welcome suggestions and appreciate constructive criticism.

10. He must have a good educational background. A man who "butchers the king's English" is handicapped as a leader. He should be able to write letters and publish associational bulletins with good grammar.

11. He should be capable of preaching in the largest church as well as the smallest and rendering help to all churches in any type of program.

12. He should be strong physically so that he can give his full time to the many demands made upon him.

It was generally agreed that the above suggestions should be considered in the election of associational missionaries. Some people still seem to have the idea that a missionary's work is simply at the "forks of the creek." This may have been true in years past. But today an associational missionary must not only be able to hold a revival meeting in a country church, he must also be able to project an associational program that will challenge all churches and help to strengthen the entire denominational program. Hence, the missionary should be one of the strongest and most capable preachers and leaders of the entire association. Arkansas Baptists are indeed fortunate in the fine men we have as associational missionaries. They are doing a great work and it is our hope that as associations employ new missionaries they will consider the qualifications as listed above, before electing anyone. Of course, it may be that the standard is too high and is unable to be reached in every case, but it would be a fine thing if the missionary could meet the above qualifications.



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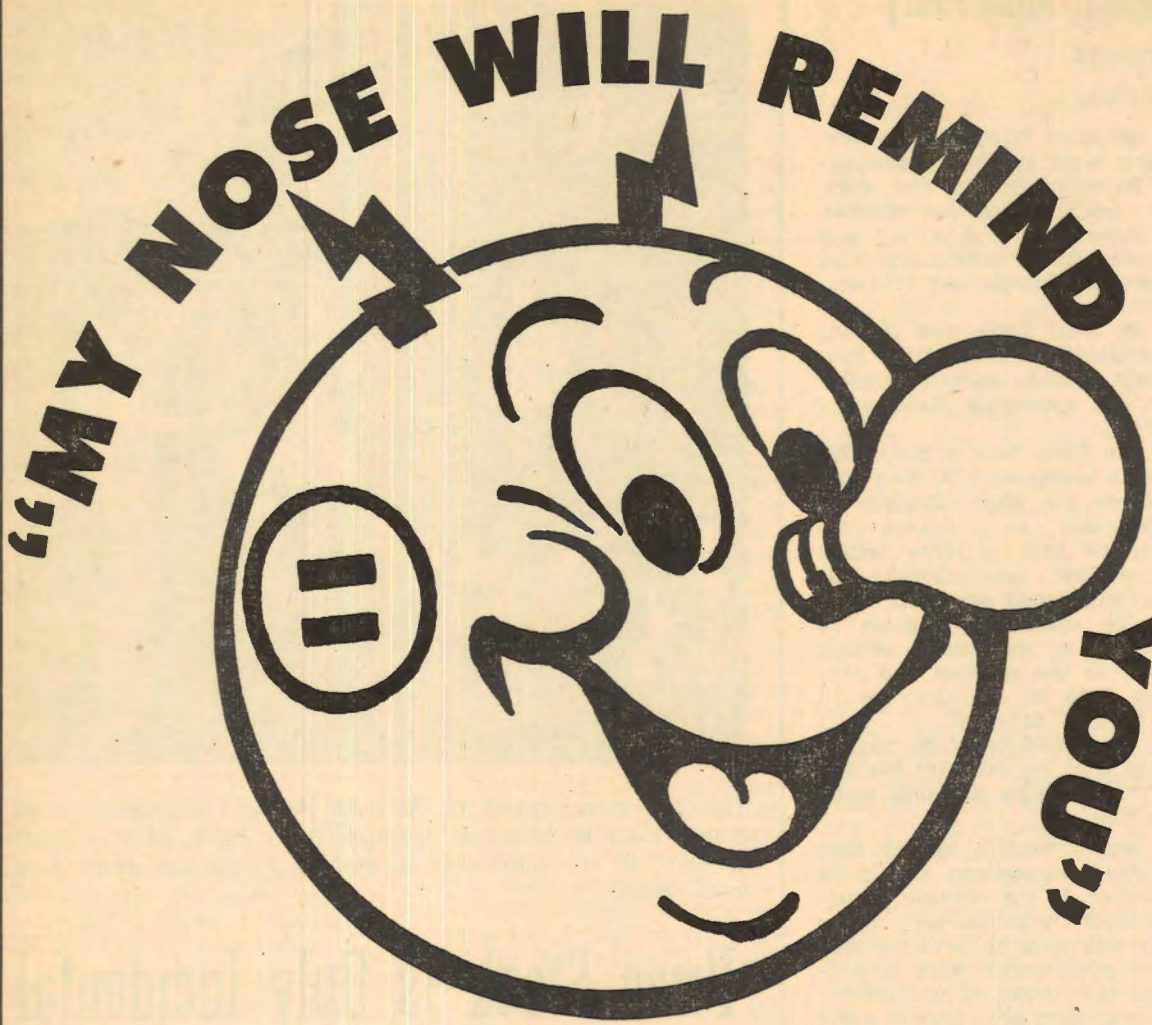
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Including Missions	1453	597	2
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El Dorado, First	971	273	2
Including Missions	1056	715	
No. Little Rock, aring Cross	927	369	16
Including Mission	969	404	
Little Rock, Second	859	168	5
Hot Springs, Second	748	195	4
El Dorado, Immanuel	630	290	
Including Mission	689	335	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	594	236	6
Txarkana, Beech St.	589	229	1
Caanden, First	580	155	
Including Missions	863	313	
Magnolia, Central	557	216	3
Including Missions	557	216	3
Benton, First	548	108	
Including Mission	613	168	
Warren, First	525	101	
El Dorado, Second	520	244	1
Siloam Springs, First	513	358	9
Fordyce, First	507	236	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	505	211	
Crossett, First	495	225	
Paragould, First	493	239	1
Including Missions	645	368	
Malvern, First	471	128	4
Little Rock, Gaines St.	460	280	4
Hot Springs, Park Place	458	168	
Cullendale, First	450	204	
Forrest City, First	449	202	
Including Mission	492	233	
Booneville, First	446	67	
El Dorado, West Side	427	170	1
Little Rock, So. Highland	422	186	
Conway, First	401	140	
Fort Smith, Calvary	391	191	
Springdale, First	389	247	2
Including Mission	481		
Paris, First	386	145	4
Smackover, First	379	148	2
Van Buren, First	371	137	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	371	93	2
Hot Springs, First	369	134	
Bauxite, First	364	164	
Rogers, First	361	162	4
Including Mission	438	201	
Stuttgart, First	355	227	
Including Mission	392	245	
Hamburg, First	342	206	3
Gentry, First	249	231	2
Fort Smith, South Side	341	125	1
Osceola, First	339	172	
Greenwood, First	337	119	5
Monticello, First	337	118	
Fort Smith, Temple	330	220	
Wilson, First	312	162	
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(including Mission)	342	77	4
Norphet, First	289	204	
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Bentonville, First	286	81	2
North Little Rock, First	272	99	
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Fort Smith, Immanuel	260	114	4
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Levy	254	139	2
Gentry, First	249	231	2
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No. Little Rock, Park Hill	243	76	
Alma, First	239	111	
Fort Smith, Trinity	235	123	4
Batesville, First	235	106	
DeQueen, First	233	113	
Gurdon, Beech St.	226	118	
Fort Smith, Bailey Hill	221	88	
No. Little Rock, 47th St.	220	111	
Lavaca	217	120	1
Jacksonville, First	214	101	1
Including Missions	254		
Star City, First	205	73	
No. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	192	82	
Carlisle, First	186	92	3
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	171	134	
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Pine Bluff, Bethel	150	90	
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Nettleton, First	148	125	
Hot Springs, Lk. Hamilton	141	114	6
Amity	237	116	
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	135	98	3
Hot Springs, Harvey's Chapel	124	105	2
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	117	92	2
Curtis	114	99	
Warren, Immanuel	104	84	
Little Rock, Woodlawn	103	39	
Little Rock, Capitol Hill	93	51	
No. Little Rock, Amboy	85	65	
Woodson	83	64	4
Fort Smith, No. Side	81	50	
No. Little Rock, Davis Chapel	79	83	
Little Rock, Bethel	73	49	
El Paso	71	56	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	68	56	2
No. Little Rock, Cedar Heights	62	52	1
Douglasville, Second	62	58	
Fort Smith, Rye Hill	61	58	
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# Deliverance From Bondage

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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## Sunday School Lesson for

November 11, 1951

Exodus 12:30-31; 14:15-22, 31

Ten plagues were poured out upon the Egyptians ere Pharaoh was willing to free the Israelites from bondage. The last plague was the death of the first born in every Egyptian home. These plagues were the direct results of Pharaoh's greed and stubbornness. His better judgment warned him not to defy God, and he promised several times to free Israel—only to change his mind each time and reverse the order.

Stubbornness has been an outstanding sin down through the ages. The Lord reproached the Jews over and over for being stubborn, hard hearted, and stiff-necked. Many have asked "What does the Bible mean when it says that God hardened Pharaoh's heart?" Is God the Author of wickedness? No. When people defy God, set their stubborn wills against His righteous will, He simply gives them His full co-operation in the matter. That is the way Pharaoh chose. And "God gave him over to a reprobate mind . . ."

On the other hand when people seek God, He may always be found. The Israelites were delivered when they sought God, not before. Once they decided what they wanted the Lord gave His full assistance; **BUT HE WILL NOT MAKE OUR DECISIONS FOR US.** That is our task. Once a righteous decision is made, He will bless one in it and help him along life's pathway.

### "Be Ye Doers"— Not Talkers Only

Israel sought Jehovah and found Him; and immediately they began complaining **ABOUT HIS WAY.** Isn't that typical of people! Their exodus was scarcely begun, they had not left Egyptian borders till they were fretting. They were approaching the Red Sea, great mountains surrounded them, and the soldiers of Pharaoh were pressing from the rear; instead of trusting, they were seized with fear. Then they started murmuring and even Moses got confused and knew not what to do with them. Moses cried out to God, and the Lord rebuked him: "Why cry out to me? Speak to the people that they go forward." It was time for them to move on, the time had come for action, not for crying, complaining, nor even praying.

Let's pause right here and make a practical application in our own lives. If we spent as

much time in action as we do in talking about acting, would we not accomplish a great deal more in soul-winning and kingdom work? Over a period of years we have heard Baptists pray hundreds of times, "Lord help us to do better, or **BE** better, or Lord bless our mission work." **LORD, YOU DO IT ALL.** We'll do the **BOOSTING**, you do the work. Those prayers are offered over and over, and are forgotten as soon as they are said, for visible effort is seldom seen on the part of most pray-ers to really do better, or to be better, or to do more for the Lord. Prayer is a 50-50 proposition—God will do His part when we do ours. When we **REALLY** decide to do better the Lord will help us, but it must be an **ACTIVE** decision. When we decide to be better and start practicing **BEING** better Christians, the Lord will be delighted to help us. When we become actively anxious about missions, He will help us to do missions. The Lord delivered Israel when they acted; when they went forward. His blessing was in front of them all the while, waiting to be claimed. The same Lord rules and leads today.

### Well Meaning People In Bondage

God's own people are in the grips of bondage and are held so firmly that only God can deliver them. Some are slaves of jealousy. Jealousy is an enemy of the church; jealous people want to be the center of attention, to be constantly praised and lauded and exalted before others. That tribe usually leaves the work to others, and the bills for others to pay, but they want all the praise. They are good people, badly in need of "deliverance from bondage."

Paul had some church members who were malicious, spiteful, full of ill will toward others. Whose tongues were "full of cursing," not profanity—but unkind words, blistering accusations, wholly uncharitable in thought and words. Some spend their time criticizing others and denouncing every effort others make when they could use their words, their time, and efforts to do the good that needs so badly to be done in the world! Enslaved by selfishness — nobody knows how to do it but I—Me—Myself—and they won't let me run the church!

Others are in bondage to laziness.

Enslaved by self-indulgence and indolence, where spiritual matters are concerned. A certain tribe of church members are so unpredictable one never knows whether to expect them at church or not: they **MAY** be there, but if the slightest excuse or provocation can be found, they **WILL NOT** be present. Just whom do people think they are fooling? People don't deceive their pastors. They don't deceive their neighbors. Do they **ACTUALLY THINK** they are deceiving God! That day they stand before the Lord to give an account of their stewardship, they will realize He hasn't been deceived.

There are still other church members who are enslaved and enamored by the world. Charmed and captivated by the devil's wares. And Satan has confiscated everything that could be used for good. Many Christians who would not think of patronizing a honky tonk, think nothing of wasting hours every day listening to radio serials that glorify wife stealing and husband grabbing; some have the movie craze, just any movie at all to see a movie, where home-breakers are the heroes and heroines; or where boozehounds have the lime light. And we had best not mention televis-

ion at all! Just whom do we think we are kidding?

The Lord tells us to "**REDEEM** the time, because the days are evil." Redeem means to "recover," "to free from bondage," yet Christians go on and on stealing God's time, squandering God's time, serving the world and evil instead of going all out for Christ—and then wonder why the world is in the condition it is!

We can accuse Communism, greed, selfishness in sinners, sin by and large, or anything else and everything else, for the condition we are in; but some of us are thoroughly convinced and convicted of the fact that the whole trouble lies in the hearts and lives of professing Christians. Sin is in power, sin controls the world, because God's people have compromised, Christians are too anxious to co-operate with evil to ever overcome sin.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then—then—then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." We are in bondage to our own evil and lusts—The Lord will deliver us when we really want to be freed.

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-Walter N. Hill,  
First Church, Stuttgart

Second Corinthians 10:13, "But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us."

### I. GOD'S DISTRIBUTION TO ME

- (a) More Things
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- (d) More Grace

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  - (b) Missionaries, Teachers, Etc.
  - (c) Prayer
  - (d) Self Sacrifice
  - (e) The Gospel which is the Power of God unto Salvation.

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-Lloyd A. Sparkman, pastor  
South Side Church, Pine Bluff

I am in full accord with the ever enlarging program of Arkansas Baptists. Co-operation of pastors and churches in support of our work is the determining factor between failure and success. We believe that the Lord will bless in a special way the work of a pastor and church that does not neglect missions.

You can count on Forrest City increasing her support through the Cooperative Program for 1952 in spite of our obligations for the completion of our new church plant.

-T. K. Rucker,  
First Church, Forrest City

Among Baptists the Cooperative Program is the instrument used by our people to support their Mission Program in the state and round the world. Our Convention in November will consider a somewhat enlarged budget. We feel that this budget is timely and though it calls upon all Arkansas Baptists to enlarge their Mission gifts, yet this is a challenge which when seen will be gladly met.

Conditions about us call with pathetic and heart-rending voice upon us as God's people, to preach and apply the gospel of Christ. That liberty might be preserved; that the putrifying civilization of sin-cursed, diseased-laden, aimlessly wandering groups of the earth shall have a chance to be saved. Oh, what a challenge faces Baptists of our day.

Our Cooperative Program, supporting our Institutions, Boards, Missionaries, and their work, is our Baptist way of attempting to meet these needs. May we be encouraged and set ourselves anew to meet the challenge of the hour.

-W. R. Vestal, president  
Executive Board

The needs to be met by Arkansas Baptists and Southern Baptists are urgent and increasing. The open doors of opportunity for service are multiplying. It is imperative, if Arkansas Baptists meet the present day challenge, that the 1952 Cooperative Program be greatly increased. Time is running out. What is done must be done quickly. If the needs are met and God's Kingdom enlarged, it is imperative that our churches increase the gifts to the Cooperative Program. Arkansas Baptists are able to go beyond the enlarged 1952 program. We can do it! And with the help of the Lord, we will do it for His glory.

-John L. Dodge,  
First Church, Hot Springs

Dear Dr. Bridges:

The Cooperative Program Gifts should increase as the Church Finances increase. We at First Church, Helena, have built a magnificent church building. Although we owe a large debt, we have increased our gifts to the Cooperative Program every year since beginning the new building.

As pastor I am praying that our 1952 gifts through the Cooperative Program can be increased again.

-Ralph Douglas,  
First Church, Helena

## All At It, All the Time

The twenty-six years in which the Cooperative Program has been in operation have been glorious years of mighty achievements. There is no doubt in my mind that God's Holy Spirit led Southern Baptists and Arkansas Baptists to adopt this plan of church and denominational finance. It has worked and is working even better each passing year. The desire and hope of my own heart is that we as Baptists shall really use the Cooperative Program plan to the fullest extent to the end that we shall raise not only sufficient money for the current operations of our agencies, institutions and various causes, but shall keep them supplied with adequate funds for capital expansion. Our own Southern Baptist Convention is now demonstrating that this is possible. Our Seminaries, our Southern Baptist Mission Boards and Agencies are expanding because they are receiving large sums of money from the Cooperative Program for capital needs.

The key to the success of the Cooperative Program is to be found first of all at the point of the individual Baptist who must bring the Lord's tithe along with love offerings and place them in the Lord's Treasury—His Church—on each Lord's Day. Secondly, the local church must in turn allocate from the tithes and love offerings of its membership the largest possible percentage through the Cooperative Program to the various causes supported by the denomination.

The task, therefore, is to get all our people to bring God's tithe and liberal love offerings to God's own Church and then get our churches to respond liberally and even sacrificially to the challenge of the various causes represented in the Cooperative Program.

-E. C. Brown, pastor  
First Church, Blytheville

Why our churches should increase their gifts to the Cooperative Program:

1. The causes we support need it.
2. Our Savior will be pleased if we do, but grieved if we don't.
3. Our churches will receive a blessing from it.
4. The kingdom of God will be extended by it.
5. Our people will be rewarded for it.

-T. H. Jordan, president,  
Arkansas Baptist State Convention

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