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Today's Challenge to Home Missions

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Much has been given to America. Victory was given. God sheltered our centers of population from the ravages and destruction of war. We enjoy unprecedented prosperity. Our lands have brought forth bountifully. Hunger, want, disease, and famine have found few abiding places in the American home. We enjoy longevity of life and plenty of material blessings.

The secrets of the atom bomb were entrusted to us. We may appreciate even more the mercy of God in committing this mighty power to us when we realize that many of those who contributed to the development of this marvelous weapon were peoples of other lands who had found asylum in America. With it we won victory much more quickly than we had dared expect. And our boys returned to their homes and to their loved ones.

Much has been given to encourage spiritual growth and development. During the war our churches were centers of praying groups. We were asking God to protect our youth and to send them home again. Parents who had formerly ignored God and the church found themselves seeking comfort in the Bible and wending their way with others to God's house for prayer. God has been good to us. There seems to be a general spiritual awakening and a revival or interest in evangelism.

The Tasks Before Us

Truly much has been given, and Jesus said, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required" (Luke 12:48).

Much is required of us.

We must help feed and clothe the hungry and destitute world. We must help establish confidence and banish fear. We must help protect the weak and restore self-confidence and hope where despair and destitution now reign supreme. Material resources alone will not suffice for this task. Faith in God and a surrender to His will are today's supreme needs.

America now has the greatest opportunity in her history to carry the gospel to a destitute and needy world. But we cannot give to others what we ourselves do not have. The limitations of our ability to meet the world's need are largely spiritual limitations.

Would anyone doubt that a nation which could spend \$335,000,000,000 in five years for war lacks the material resources to send an army of missionaries to other lands? Would one question that a people who spend sixteen times as much for the unrighteous causes—crime, liquor, and gambling—as for all of

their church work is too poverty stricken to send forth a host of gospel messengers to meet the world's need? Would anyone question the ability of America's youth to furnish leadership for a worldwide missionary crusade?

Resources Are Available

We have the necessary material resources. We have the personnel needed. We have the necessary organization in our churches to administer such a program, but we are short on spiritual resources.

Spiritual resources are available if we will but appropriate them to our own lives. The same spiritual force that will make us send missionaries abroad will make us strong at home; the same compassion that will send missionaries to Africa will furnish aid to the Negroes in our own community.

The same interest that drives us to win the Chinese in China, the Japanese in Japan, the Italians in Italy, or the Mexicans in Mexico will impel us to win these peoples in our own midst. Any concern that sees the need of these folks in other lands and is blind to the six million foreign-speaking people in our own midst is based on limited knowledge or tainted with hypocrisy. Genuine concern will make us evangelistic and missionary at home as well as abroad.

God has blessed Southern Baptists. One of every five people in our Convention territory is a Baptist. Much has been given to us and of us much will be required.

A Job For Every Christian

We must become enthusiastic, personal witnesses. There is a danger that we shall professionalize religion and depend entirely upon our preachers and paid workers to carry the gospel story. Every Christian should be an evangelist.

We must extend our witnessing by our gifts. The territory that we can reach with our personal testimonies is limited. Where we cannot go in person, we must send missionaries. We must send workers to the isolated rural sections, the unchurched communities in our cities, the underprivileged in centers of population, the pioneer areas in the West, to the Indians to whom we owe a peculiar obligation, to the six million foreign-speaking people ninety-five per cent of whom are unevangel-

ized, and to every group of every color and race who knows not Christ.

Effect Around the World

We must reach these people here or face the charge of hypocrisy abroad. The forger, returning to his own land from America, will carry some conception of Christianity. If we have won him to the Lord while he is here, he will be the best ally our missionary can have. If we have failed to win him while he is here, he will be the most dangerous critic that Christianity can have abroad.

Truly, foreign missions waits on home missions. We must strengthen the home base. We must awaken our indifferent church members. We must bear a vital witness to the unevangelized in our own midst. We must give more largely to the Cooperative Program and to the special offerings for missionary work. We must lay our lives upon the altar to be used as God would use us.

The Home Mission Board stands beside every individual Baptist and every Baptist church to help them to give a good account of their stewardship in this day of unusual missionary challenge.

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Truman Expected To Attend Convention

(By Religious News Service)

President Truman tentatively has accepted an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 7-11, at St. Louis, Mo., Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Convention said on merging from White House with the Chief Executive.

Accompanied by Senator Walter F. George and Representative Fritz G. Lanham, Dr. Newton spent a "pleasant" half hour with the President, during which they discussed a variety of matters.

Dr. Newton said the President told him that if he can attend the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention he will try to bring his 94-year-old mother, Mrs. Martha E. Truman, of Grand View, Mo. The President will attend on Mothers' Day, May 11, if possible.

The President also promised to send a message of greeting to the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen, July 29-August 3, Dr. Newton said. Some 2,000 Americans are expected to attend this world meeting.

★ 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

United States tobacco companies sold 365 billion cigarettes in 1946, enough for seven each day for each man, woman, and child.

Effective April 7, Life Magazine will receive \$15,225 for each page of advertising, \$22,000 for four-color pages.

It is estimated that 200,000,000 people in the world attend movies each week, 90,000,000 in the U. S. each week. These customers paid more than \$1,500,000,000 for admissions in the U. S. last year.

A recent poll taken among boys and girls aged eight to 14 in New York showed that about 60 per cent read books, while 95 per cent read magazines or listened to radio stories. Comic books were the favorites. Less than one per cent had read of Horatio Alger Jr.

Accidents killed 100,000 in 1946, a four per cent increase over 1945. There were 10,400,000 injured in accidents. Cost to the nation: \$5,500,000,000. There were 34,000 killed in home accidents, 33,500 in motor vehicles.

Wholesalers sold \$100 billion in non-durable goods and \$32 billion in durable goods in 1936, according to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

There were 769,225 marriage licenses issued in cities of 100,000 population or more in 1946, a 35.1 per cent increase over 1945.

At the end of eleven months, U. S. births were 16 per cent above the comparable 1945 months. There were 2,922,000 in the eleven months.

In the World of Religion

The moral sense of missionaries is making Christian work difficult in Japan. The official exchange rate is fifteen yen to one dollar. Methodists planning to rebuild a mission school found that the structure would cost \$1,000,000 at the official rate, but only \$150,000 on the black market rate. The missionaries cannot deal in the black market.

Thomas W. Lamont has given \$500,000 to the fund for restoring the centuries-old Canterbury Cathedral which was damaged by bombs. The building was begun in 1070 and completed in 1503. It is located at Canterbury, England.

The National Catholic Welfare Council will seek to raise \$5,000,000 in one week, beginning March 16. The money will be used for war relief.

Hundreds of new Shinto sects are springing up in Japan. Renshindo, one of the newest sects, worships the "presiding" god of the universe and urges followers to "carry out your mission with joyfulness, which is the divine will to be merciful to all creation and bring peace and happiness to the world."

Hundreds of thousands of Roman Catholics will be asked to renew their nuptial vows on March 12 as a demonstration against the increase in divorce.

A united Protestant missionary project will be launched on Okinawa under the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

One of the books to be most widely dis-

cussed during the next few months will be released February 21. It is "The Rediscovery of Morals" by Dr. Henry C. Link, author of "Return to Religion" and "The Rediscovery of Man."

In a 5 to 4 decision, the Supreme Court has ruled constitutional a New Jersey statute providing tax funds to furnish transportation to parochial schools.

Baptist Highlights

Mrs. Lawson Cooke died in Memphis, Friday, February 7.

Baptist state secretaries and editors met in Long Beach, Calif., last week.

Dr. A. F. Crittendon, California state secretary, was recently injured in an automobile accident. Dr. A. L. Goodrich, Mississippi Baptist editor, has also been injured in an automobile accident. Dr. W. H. Knight, state mission secretary in Louisiana, has been ordered to rest for two months before resuming his work.

A North Carolina Baptist layman, O. Max Gardner, died in New York a few hours before he was to sail for England as the new ambassador.

The Conservative Fellowship of Northern Baptists has voted to "withhold funds from organizations within the Northern Baptist Convention which do not affirm faith in the Bible as the inspired word of God."

Dr. Earl Riley has resigned as president of Bacone College, Northern Baptist Indian school, located at Muskogee, Okla.

Cooperative Program gifts for Southwide causes were \$507,369.75 as compared with \$489,884.36 in January, 1946.

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Mission Effort Wins 21; New Church Will Result

Twenty-one people of the Riverside Community of Woodruff County Association have been won to Christ through the efforts of a young ministerial student and a few other Baptists of the vicinity.

Calvin H. Garner, student in Ouachita College, began preaching in the Negro Methodist Church in this pioneer section of Woodruff County last September. These were the first religious services for the white people of the vicinity in 15 years.

Worship services are held once or twice a month; Sunday School is held every Sunday. Mrs. W. H. Lacey, grandmother of Pastor Garner, is superintendent of the Sunday School. She believes that the new church, which will be organized in the near future, is the answer to her prayers through the years.

Plans are already underway for the construction of a nice modern church building. More than half of the new Christians who will make up the church are already tithing their income.

Pastor Garner says to the Baptists of Arkansas: "Help us; pray for us that we might help ourselves and others to know the joy of walking with Christ."

Anyone who would like to contribute to the building fund may send money to Mrs. W. H. Lacey, Box 102, Patterson, Ark.

SAVED BY LONG SUFFERING

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan

"The longsuffering of the Lord is salvation."

Doubtless Peter had in mind his own checkered past when he wrote the above statement. His life was a series of ups and downs. His whole life seems to be one long series of alternative experiences, one on the mountain top and the other in the valley. Now he is declaring Jesus to be the "Christ," and almost immediately he becomes a stumbling block to Jesus. In one breath he is proclaiming his loyalty to Jesus, in the next he is denying his Lord.

After many years have past and Peter has attained a high degree of stability, we are not surprised that he attributes his salvation to "the longsuffering of the Lord."

None of us could survive our own faults and failures and sins but for the longsuffering of the Lord. We react as impulsively and as irrationally to our environment as Peter did.

Jesus knows that we have fallen into sin, that we have acted disgracefully and have dishonored Him. But He wants us to know that the way is open for our return. He does not want us to lose faith, for He has faith in us, that we will yet conquer, through His grace, these wayward and vagrant impulses.

So Jesus nourishes our love for Himself, He stimulates our faith, He strengthens our courage and prompts our holiest impulses. "I have prayed for thee," He says, when He sees us entering some dark hour, facing some severe temptation, or undergoing some severe trial.

Jesus is longsuffering with us, He never gives up hope for us so long there is the least movement in our hearts toward Him.

"And accounting that the longsuffering of the Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom unto him hath written unto you" (II Peter 3:15).

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A new Christian Day School will be opened in September by the Calvary Baptist Church of Whittier, Calif. Classes for pre-school ages and the first eight grades will be held in the present educational plant, which will be enlarged in time for the fall term.

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Across the Editor's Desk

Supreme Court Decision Seen as Threat To America's Historic Religious Liberty

The five-to-four decision of the U. S. Supreme Court on February 10, declaring constitutional a New Jersey law permitting use of public funds to pay the bus fare of children going to parochial schools has set loose a bomb shell in American church circles. Religious News Service says it "hit protestantism and Baptists in particular with all the force of a judicial atomic bomb."

Objection to the ruling comes in that government aid to church schools definitely threatens the separation of church and state—a tenet for which our Colonial Forefathers died and which they wrote as the first item of the Constitution's Bill of Rights. The particular case in question greatly favors in a financial way the Catholic Church, with its widespread system of schools for children of all ages.

Baptists Issue Statement

The Associated Press flashed the news of the court's divided opinion from coast to coast. News analysts on the radio and in newspaper columns across America viewed the decision pro and con. There is no doubt but that all these experts sensed immediately the threat hung over one of America's most historic freedoms.

Baptists' Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, in session in Washington the day of the decision, immediately resolved that the majority opinion must be acknowledged as turning back the hands of the clock as far as religious liberty and the separation of church and state are concerned in the United States."

The Baptist statement continued:

"We deplore this opinion and are convinced that it will divide the people of the nation at a time when unity is greatly needed. In view of the religious heritage of America, which Associate Justice Black so eloquently reviewed, the decision is all the more to be deplored.

"As Baptists of the United States we are resolved that the struggle for religious liberty, in terms of the separation of church and state, must be continued.

"Having lost a battle, we have not lost the war. We feel that the decision will, in many ways, help to clarify the whole church-state issue if reviewed in light of the Constitution and our religious heritage. This will be particularly true when similar bills are brought before the Supreme Court.

"We have the conviction that the cause of

religious freedom is an invincible one, and we stand unalterably opposed to the use of public funds for the support of private and church schools now, and at any time in the future."

Dr. Newton's Comment

And Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who heard the decision in the court room, issued to the press a statement:

"I listened to the majority opinion of the Supreme Court's decision in the New Jersey case, this afternoon, as read and argued by Mr. Justice Black, and I could not disassociate the name of the eloquent jurist with a shadow, now no larger, it may appear, than a man's hand, but portending a great and terrible cloud that may be drifting out over every hamlet and dale from Plymouth Rock to the Golden Gate to darken the torch of religious liberty in our beloved land.

"I also listened to Mr. Justice Jackson as he rendered the minority opinion and referred to the Court as turning back the hands of the clock to those dark days of ecclesiastical dominance and tyranny which prompted Jefferson and Madison to finally write the First Amendment into our Constitution. I watched the face of Mr. Justice Black grow pale as the unanswerable arguments of the minority opinion were cogently and courageously marshalled.

"While acknowledging the frightening implications of the majority opinion, as it will be seized to further hammer down the wall that separates church and state in our country, I do take courage in the fact that the minority opinion restates the case in the full light of history and in terms of invincible logic.

"I hope and pray that this ominous decision may serve to arouse the freedom-loving people of this nation to prompt and uncompromising action by which the pressure of political ecclesiasticism shall be finally lifted from the administrative, legislative and judicial branches of government, local, state and national.

"The next battle in this war on the time-honored citadel of religious liberty in the United States will take place in the Congress, when pending bills to provide federal funds for education, with loop-holes for use of such funds in parochial schools, are argued. Remembering that public opinion is the final court of appeal in a democracy, it is still our privilege to let our lawmakers and public ser-

vants know how we believe and feel on this vital issue."

A Constitutional Amendment

Religious News Service, seeking out possible future effects of the decision, reports that Protestant spokesmen in Washington declare the decision will stiffen their opposition to any federal aid-to-education measure, even the watered-down Taft bill that would allow the states to use the funds as state laws provide. The Protestant churchmen, RNS continued, have determined to fight every piece of legislation even remotely relating to cooperation between church and state more vigorously.

Baptists, with representatives of some other Protestant groups, already have prepared a bill providing for a Constitutional Amendment to the first provision of the famous "Bill of Rights," historic separator of church and state. The new legislation will be introduced soon, it can be predicted now, and will include a clear provision against any use of federal or state money by churches or church-owned institutions.

It is conceded in advance by spokesmen for the Protestants that such a Constitutional amendment could not be passed in this session of Congress, but they fully expect to start it off immediately in the hope that it can be put through in 1948, when elections will be coming up.

"Every Family"

Editors of 21 Southern Baptist state denominational papers have set a goal of 1,500,000 circulation by 1950.

Holding their annual mid-winter meeting at Long Beach, Calif., the editors adopted a slogan "The state Baptist paper in every Baptist home by 1950." A survey revealed that the papers now circulate to 696,072 homes. It is estimated that the approximately 6,000,000 Southern Baptist membership represents 1,500,000 homes.

Dr. O. W. Taylor, editor of the Baptist and Reflector of Nashville, Tenn., was elected president of the editor's group, succeeding the editor of the Arkansas Baptist. Dr. Lewis A. Myers, editor of the Word and Way of Kansas City, Mo., is vice-president, and Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor of the Western Recorder of Louisville, Ky., is secretary-treasurer.

Meeting concurrently with the editors, state secretaries of the Southern Baptist state conventions, named Dr. James Bryant of Richmond, Va., president, succeeding Dr. W. H. Knight of Shreveport, La. Dr. M. A. Huggins of Raleigh, N. C., is vice-president, and Dr. John McGuire of Jacksonville, Fla., secretary-treasurer. The secretaries will hold their next meeting in Florida.

Whatever makes good Christians makes good citizens.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Missionary Ottis Denney, Hope Association, writes that Albert Grigson, student in Ouachita College, is available for leading singing in revival meetings.

First Church, Mena, celebrated its fiftieth anniversary February 19-23. Pastor James A. Overton spoke at the Wednesday evening service on "The Contribution of Prayer;" Orville D. Behm and the choir presented a program on "The Contribution on Music" on Thursday; "The Contribution of the WMU" was the theme of a Friday afternoon service and Pastor J. G. Cothran, First Church, Arkadelphia, spoke on "A New Testament Church and the Missionary Outreach of the Gospel;" the anniversary sermon was preached on Friday evening by Pastor Cothran; Sunday's services featured "The Contribution of the Sunday School" and "The Contribution of the Training Union," and Pastor Overton preached on "Fifty Glorious Years" and "And Now—To the Future."

President Ellis A. Fuller, Southern Seminary, Louisville, has accepted the invitation of the American Bible Society to write the brochure for University Bible Sunday, December 14, of this year. Several millions of copies will be printed for world-wide distribution in the Society's campaign to promote Bible reading.

Mrs. George C. Marshall, wife of the newly-appointed Secretary of State, is a granddaughter of the late Henry Allen Tupper, who was a brother-in-law of Dr. James P. Boyce, first president of Southern Seminary. Her father, Rev. Henry Allen Tupper, Jr., was pastor of Broadway Church, Louisville, from 1884 to 1891.

Dr. Chester E. Swor, Jackson, Miss., recently closed a Spiritual Emphasis Week at Beech Street Church, Texarkana, Bruce H. Price, pastor. The membership reports it to be the greatest week of its kind in the history of the church.

Mrs. K. P. Davis, mother of Rev. Ralph W. Davis, state Training Union director, died on January 31, in a Texarkana hospital.

Forty-four additions, 33 for baptism, were received by Park Place Church, Hot Springs, in a one-week revival with Pastor William D. Wyatt, First Church, Muskogee, Okla., doing the preaching and Earl Gaither of the Park Place Church leading the singing. Pastor Jesse Reed reports: "Bro. Wyatt is a great gospel preacher and a master of the art of soul-winning. Our church was greatly revived. On February 9, the closing day of the meeting, there were 583 in Sunday School. The Lord is blessing our church in a great way."

Dr. M. E. Dodd announces the twelfth annual pre-convention pastors' Conference to be held Tuesday, May 6, 1947, beginning at 9 a. m. in the sanctuary of the Second Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

Arkansan Will Edd Langford, pastor of the Bay View Baptist Church, San Francisco, Calif., writes concerning his work: "It is the

Francisco-Marin Baptist Association, composed of Southern Baptist churches of these two counties. Mrs. Langford was elected associational WMU president; J. T. Summers, another Arkansan, pastor of Immanuel Church, San Francisco, was elected vice-moderator; and I was chosen moderator. We now have 12 associations in the state. God continues to bless our work. In spite of the fact that we have been unable to rent a building in which to meet, we carry on our work in the home of one of our members. There are just no buildings that can be rented." Mrs. Langford is teaching music and piano in the Golden Gate Seminary. I am teaching New Testament."

Rev. and Mrs. Hugo H. Culpepper, Little Rock, who were Southern Baptist missionaries to China and who were interned in the Philippines for some time during the war, have been reassigned to Chile.

Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, Tex., honored Dr. and Mrs. Marshall Craig at a Twentieth Anniversary Testimonial Banquet February 14. A clever program booklet features through pictures the entire life of Pastor Craig, beginning with a picture taken during his babyhood and ending with a late picture of him and Mrs. Craig. A 20 years' summary reveals that the membership of the church has increased from 1,843 when Dr. Craig accepted the pastorate in 1927 to a present membership of 6,023. Gifts during the 20 years total \$1,810,871.18. The Sunday School has been Standard for 26 years and now has an enrolment of 2,634, 22 departments, and 126 classes. The Training Union enrolment is 895 with 14 departments and 32 unions. Other organizations have shown a like growth.

First Church, Lawton, Okla., had 198 additions, 139 for baptism and 26 other professions in revival services in which Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism for the Home Mission Board, did the preaching and Gayle Holcomb, Oklahoma City, led the music. Of those uniting with the church 100 were adults and 34 were men, heads of families. One boy surrendered to preach and another announced his call to be a missionary. Pastor H. Tom Wiles writes: "There were literally hundreds of rededications. A typical one was a church member who came to the pastor and said, 'I have rededicated my life to the service of Christ. I destroyed my playing cards, went home last night and poured out the whiskey we had in our home. Here is \$125 of tithe money. I want you to pray with me for my lost husband.'"

Malcolm Hatfield, probate judge, of St. Joseph, Mich., described his procedure of assisting confused and distressed people in solving their personal problems in an article published in Reader's Digest. Because of many requests for additional information, he has compiled a small booklet which explains the self analysis technique that is used in the Probate Court to aid all emotionally ill persons who feel insecure, fearful, lonesome, and the like. All requests have been accidentally destroyed; but a free copy of the booklet may be obtained by writing Judge Malcolm Hatfield, Court House, St. Joseph, Mich.

Fordyce Baptists Commend Dr. Caldwell

First Church, Fordyce, has adopted a resolution expressing love and appreciation for Dr. C. W. Caldwell, who resigned the pastorate of the church recently to accept the position of superintendent of missions in Arkansas. Dr. Caldwell has served the church almost five years.

The resolution follows:

"The members of First Church, Fordyce and the congregation have profited by the ministrations and Christian leadership of Dr.



Dr. Caldwell

Caldwell, and he and his family have greatly endeared themselves to us by their amiable character, their earnest devotion to duty, and the hearty interest they have manifested in our welfare as a people.

"In the pulpit Dr. Caldwell has faithfully presented the precepts of our Lord Jesus Christ, has emphasized the teachings and doctrines of the Baptist faith, has warned us against the evils that continually beset us and has earnestly pleaded with us to seek our truest happiness in the paths of rectitude and peace.

"He has at all times led this church to uphold and increase our goals of advancement along various lines of endeavor in the departments of our church, both in spiritual and financial matters.

"He has served ably as moderator of Care Association and on various important committees of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and has reflected credit on his home congregation by his participation in religious and civic affairs of this community.

"In our homes Dr. Caldwell has been our sincere and sympathizing counselor and friend; in our hours of pain and sorrow he has spoken gentle and soothing words to our troubled hearts. Our children have profited by his instruction and example. He has united our sons and daughters in holy wedlock. His benediction has rested upon us in our domestic and business affairs, and in all things he has proven himself our competent and loving pastor.

"We express to Dr. Caldwell and his family our deep regret of their departure, our mutual esteem and love, and our gratitude for their labors in our behalf. We assure them of our earnest prayers that God will richly bless them as they follow His guidance, crown their efforts with success and give them an abundant life with Christian friends always."

Southern Baptist College Moves to Walnut Ridge Following Loss by Fire

By W. K. WHEARTON
Southern Baptist College

With the vigor of youth Southern Baptist College is recuperating from the lamentable loss of her main building by fire last December 26. That conflagration destroyed the main building, which, from the beginning of the institution at Pocahontas in 1941, housed the administration offices, the library, class rooms, all departments, the press room, book store, dining hall and kitchen, and the personal effects of some of the teachers and students. The monetary loss has been estimated at \$70,000, with \$15,250 insurance, according to Rev. H. E. Williams, president of the college.

Moved to Walnut Ridge

Whatever may have been the designs of the suspected arsonists in destroying the building, Southern did not sustain a knockout in the calamity. The college already had the control of adequate buildings for the institution at the Walnut Ridge Air Base, and in less than a week the classes were meeting and all departments were functioning again in comfortable buildings.

However, it must not be inferred that the fortunate housing facilities also contained the requisite facilities for the orderly and efficient progress of the college. Far from it. Thousands of dollars worth of materials and supplies had to be procured at once.

Money Solicited

The college board met on December 31 and authorized a campaign for \$10,000. This sum, together with the insurance, would enable the college to purchase surplus materials for the institution up to the amount of \$100,000.

While the solicitation has proceeded quietly the response is gratifying to the college officials. Among the larger contributions noted are \$1000 from Fred Carter, Lake City, \$500 each from Ed Teaford, Osceola, and Dr. W. H. Foreland, Tyronza, and many gifts from churches. One small rural church has sent \$252; one Missouri church with 39 members sent \$42. Many of the Womens' Missionary Societies are sending cash showers for the library. Other churches and organizations as well as individuals, are lending help now, and are planning additional regular support for the future.

Government Sympathetic

Not only have church groups and other friends of Christian education shown definite interest, but various government activities have evinced hearty and cordial cooperation. The Federal Works Agency, the Federal Public Housing Authority and the Arkansas State Department of Education are helping to establish the needed priorities and other means helpful to the institution in the purchase of surplus materials.

Many thousands of dollars worth of furniture, office supplies, equipment for the dining room and kitchen, and other needed materials have been received. The largest cost item is the transportation, which has to be cash. A gift of \$100 now, according to President Williams, means the purchase of \$2000 worth of needed supplies for the college.

Through arrangements with the government the college has 41 buildings at the Air Base including 160 apartments, made of tile and some of the men's dormitories, the

officers' club, the service center, and the chapel. The officers club is being utilized for the college building, at present. It is 125 by 250 feet in size, has hardwood floors, modern scientific heating and lighting facilities, is insulated and air conditioned. The barracks buildings provide comfortable quarters for the students and faculty members. Excellent apartments are provided at low cost for married students.

The future program of the college contemplates the acquisition of 39 more of the buildings, including practically all structures on the base that are suitable for institutional use. Of the buildings now operated and in prospect 57 are brick structures. All others, except two, have sides of asbestos shingles. The plant will provide all needed facilities for 800 students. An enrolment of 300 is expected for next year.

A Unique School

Southern Baptist College has received an abundance of favorable publicity over the nation because of unique plan of the institution. It came into being in 1941 as the fruition of the concept of Rev. H. E. Williams that rural and small town ministers should have training that would prepare them for the immediate demands of their work. In-training courses are provided by means of which the ministers, and other religious workers, are developed educationally, spiritually, and in practical problems of community leadership. The preacher not only learns his Bible and how to preach, but his educational background is strengthened and made broad. And he leaves the school with equipment for entering fully into the life of his people. As the religious worker develops, he may enter the College of Liberal Arts, where standard courses are provided for all students in the humanities, English, music, speech, commerce, business, journalism, and education.

The college courses include vocational courses in carpentry, automobile and aviation mechanics, sheet metal work, printing, linotype operation, and photography. The college also provides flight training, with courses for private and commercial pilots. Many GI's have enrolled with the view of getting more education and of taking training in some of the vocations.

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Freedom to Drink

Passengers on a Greyhound bus arriving at Portsmouth, Ohio, one day last month, told a tale of terror with few parallels even in the bloody repeal history of the past few years. Two brothers, crazed with drink, beat the driver, fired 14 shots among the 23 passengers and compelled the driver to send the vehicle roaring through the rain and mist while one drunk maniac held a jagged whiskey bottle to his throat and struck him over the head with a pistol. As the bus arrived in the Portsmouth suburb at 1 a. m., the passengers rushed and overpowered the two brothers. The pair had boarded the bus over the objection of the driver, who had observed their condition.

There is an old saying that "if you will let whiskey alone, it will let you alone," but it will be hard to convince anyone on that bus that the statement is true.



The College Chapel. Full time services will be led by a student pastor.



Prospective home for the president.



The new Main Building.



An Apartment Building. There are 160 apartments similar to this.



A Boys' Dormitory.

Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

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Editor, The Commission

Opportunities in the Orient

Because of increased inflation and continued conflict between the Nationalists and Communists it is difficult to forecast developments in China. In spite of these difficulties, Chinese pastors and teachers, reinforced by Christian missionaries, are reaping rich spiritual harvests in evangelistic meetings, particularly among students in high schools and colleges. Our Southern Baptist missionary force, either in China or enroute, now numbers 112.

While many Chinese who fled west when the Japanese occupied eastern provinces in China are returning to their homes, there is a large and significant movement from the coast areas to West China. The economic value of West China was one of the discoveries of the recent war. This constitutes an unusual missionary opportunity.

One of the questions frequently asked is, "When will our missionaries be able to get back into Japan?" When transportation and housing facilities are more adequate and the problems coincident with military occupation clear up we may expect permits for additional missionaries. General MacArthur's recent message to President Newton of the Southern Baptist Convention reveals a sympathetic attitude. "We have one missionary in Japan, Edwin Dozier, and two other missionaries have applied for passports. Quite significant was the decision of Lutherans a few days ago to withdraw from the Kyodan or United Church of Japan, a policy already adopted by some of the evangelical denominations, and maintain its own distinctive missionary work."

The Mission Budget

The appropriations of the Foreign Mission Board for current missionary work in 1947 amount to \$2,276,000, which is an increase of approximately \$600,000 over 1946. Such a large increase was caused by the inflationary costs in most areas of the Board's work. It was made possible only by the fact that the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a budget of \$5,000,000 for operating expenses of all southwide agencies in 1947. The Foreign Mission Board will receive 46 per cent of this, which amounts to \$2,300,000.

It is not probable that this increase can be maintained in 1948. The southwide budget for next year may be reduced to \$4,000,000, in which case the Foreign Mission Board's share will be \$1,840,000.

Although we may receive some additional income from capital funds, the Board must base its appropriations for current operations largely on the southwide budget for operating funds. This is a note of caution to all missions of our Board to project their 1947 expenditures with the probability in mind that reductions must be made in the 1948 budgets.—M. T. R.

Hospital Work

In addition to his duties as superintendent of the Baptist Hospital in Chengchow, Dr. S. E. Ayers, on his return to China, will serve as medical advisor with Dr. B. J. Cauthen in a program of medical missions. By this

arrangement the Board hopes to provide a channel through which the medical staffs of Baptist hospitals in China can do joint planning.

We have long felt the need for more coordination in the planning for our medical undertaking. All Southern Baptist medical workers, both missionaries and Chinese, should help to shape the over-all program of medical missions. Joint planning is needed in relation to the locations for medical work, the types and cost of buildings to be erected, new kinds of service to be undertaken, personnel needs, procurement of supplies, and many other matters. Dr. Ayers will serve with Dr. Cauthen and the medical staffs of all the hospitals to make this kind of coordination possible.—M. T. R.

Christian Service Flags

On recommendation of the Visual Aids Committee, Missionary Education Council of Southern Baptist Agencies, a Christian service flag has been produced to replace the military service flag in the church, and is now available from Baptist Book Stores. This flag is a banner with a royal blue border on a white field, dominated by a large red cross. For each missionary inducted into lifetime service by the Home Mission Board or the Foreign Mission Board, a church is entitled to place a small cross on the flag—a gold one in the upper white fields for each missionary who died in service, a red one in the lower fields for each missionary still in service. The flag is a constant call to prayer for all Christian missionaries and for the enlistment of new missionaries. It is being promoted as a recruiting agent and a reminder to pray for the members of the church called forth to mission service. The flag is for sale at \$3.75 in size 18x24 inches. Larger flags for church auditoriums may be made to order.

Mission Briefs

Budget receipts of \$301,057 for January, 1947, exclusive of Lottie Moon Funds, set a new record for any given month. Of this amount \$231,056 represented Cooperative Program receipts, which is likewise an all-time high for any one month. Receipts in the Richmond office from the 1946 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering have already reached \$1,000,000 (plus).

Dr. George W. Sadler reported to the Board in monthly session February 13 that missionaries are to leave immediately for Spain and next month for Italy, two mission fields evacuated by Southern Baptists. He also reported that three Baptist seminaries in the Balkan area are to resume their work this year: Budapest, Arad, and Zagreb.

The March issue of THE COMMISSION carries the semi-annual directory of the Southern Baptist Convention's foreign mission personnel, with addresses which were accurate as of January 30. This list includes a total of 570 foreign missionaries and 97 missionaries emeritus.

DEPARTURES: Miss Neale Young, February 4, for Lagos; Dr. and Mrs. S. E. Ayers,

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Culpepper, Jr., Mrs. Wilson Fielder, Elizabeth Gray, Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, Harriette King, Katie Murray, Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Sears, G. W. Strother, and Josephine Ward—all for China, February 14; also Helen McCullough, January 31, for China; Rev. and Mrs. T. L. Neely, January 16, for Colombia; Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Woods and Ruby Howse, January 17, for Chile.

BEREAVEMENTS: Mrs. L. M. Reno of Brazil, who retired in 1938, died January 6 at Warren, Pennsylvania . . . Missionary Agnes Graham of Chile died at Concepcion January 15 . . . Missionary Ruth Walden of Nigeria lost her father at Norfolk, Virginia, January . . . Missionary Fannie George Hurtt of Nigeria, now en route home on sick leave, lost her father January 7 . . . Missionary John L. Hughey, Jr., soon to go to Spain, lost his father January 17 . . . Missionary Marion F. Moorehead, appointee for Japan, lost his mother February 1.

The Baptist missionaries who were victims of the Chinese airliner crash near Hanko January 28 were recent appointees of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and fellow passengers on the MARINE LYNX with Southern Baptist missionaries who sailed December 15 from San Francisco. The Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Vick and the three-year-old son were killed; Paul, the 18-months-old child, survived the wreck.

The Missionary Map of the World, a standard teaching aid for all missionary education in Southern Baptist churches, has been revised this year. It is still available at \$3.75 for the cloth map mounted; \$3.25 for cloth unmounted; and \$2.75 for paper unmounted. To get the most recent map, specify the January, 1947, revision when ordering from the Baptist book stores.

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Seminary Plans 1947 Pastor's Conference

Three different nations are represented in the birthplaces of the speakers for the annual Pastors' Conference at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, March 10-14. Dr. Nels F. S. Ferre, Gay lecturer for the series, was born in Sweden; Dr. Edwin Lewis, the Norton lecturer, in England and Dr. Charles L. Graham, Conference preacher, in Louisville.

Doctor Ferre, Abbot professor of Christian theology at Andover Newton Theological School since 1939, and author of several theological works, will use for his theme: "Pillar of Faith." His lecture topics will be: "Christ and Our Problems," "The Age of the Spirit," "The Church and the Christian," "The Open Book," and "The Christian Life."

"Philosophy and the Fourth Gospel," will be the theme of the lectures by Doctor Lewis who has been professor of Systematic Theology at Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J., for more than a quarter of a century and is the author of a number of outstanding books. Individual topics will be: "The Philosophic Mind," "A Universe of Gradations," "The Word Became Flesh," "The Johannine Analogies," and "The Timeliness of the Timeliness."

Doctor Graham, who was for 22 years pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, will preach on the topics: "Despising the Shame," "God's Interpreters," "A Good and "Belshazzar's Feast."

Christ . . .

Our Victory Over Death

By S. A. WHITLOW, Pastor
First Church, Hope

This is the last of a series of four messages on "Christ—Our All," being heard this month on eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Our faith is an historical faith. It is not a bid to a blind following. The very heart of our faith is found in two experiences that appeared upon the plane of history, "Christ died for our sins . . . he hath been raised."

If Christ was man, we would expect Him to die. This is easy to believe for we accept death as the common lot of man. That His death was vicarious, this is a blessed mystery that we accept by faith.

I know not how that Calvary's cross
A world from sin could free;
I only know its matchless love
Has brought God's love to me.

If Christ was the God-man, it seems but natural that death should not hold Him. That "he hath raised" is a fact of history, but we are not able to fully understand it. There were those in Paul's day who could not understand it, and their conclusion was "Christ hath not been raised." They, like their brothers in succeeding generations, have confused the fact with their inability to understand the fact, and then concluded that it could not be true.

Resurrection A Reality

However, Paul fully recognized the basic importance of the resurrection to the faith, and he set out to offer evidence of its historic reality. The miracle of the resurrection is the very citadel of our faith. If this is disproved the foundation will have been blasted from Christianity, and the superstructure of our faith must soon topple and fall.

Paul begins to present his evidence by painting the indescribable picture of gloom that must result if there were no resurrection. If there is no resurrection of the dead, it follows that Christ hath not been raised: and if Christ was not raised, the faith we preach is meaningless. It was buried with Him in Joseph's tomb. If there is no resurrection, faith becomes fancy; our witness but foolishness; we are still prisoners of sin: and our loved ones fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ is but for this life, Christians are then but a deceived and pitiable people. The Epicurean would be right—why not eat, drink and be merry? for tomorrow we die.

But then comes forth from the great Apostle the bold affirmation, "Christ hath been raised from the dead." This was not an afterthought of His disciples conceived to cover up. It came as the fulfillment of a long standing prophecy. "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures."

He continues to mount His evidence. After His passion, Christ "appeared to Cephas; then to the twelve; then to above five hundred brethren at once." The miracle of the resurrection might have been dismissed with the idea that it was an hallucination, if it had been reported by one here, and another there, or even by a small group. But Paul declares there are more than 250 brethren then

living that can testify to the fact that they saw the Lord alive after His death. He continues, "He appeared to James; then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to the child untimely born, he appeared to me also." Here is the voice of an eye witness. Paul was speaking out of a first hand experience. What an array of testimony! The inspired scripture, others, many others, and Himself as an eye witness.

How Are The Dead Raised

But someone will say, "How are the dead raised? And with what manner of body do they come?" Here again much is veiled in mystery, but Paul brings forth various analogies in his attempt to shed some light on the problem of the resurrection body.

First, he emphatically declares that the body we sow will not be the identical body that shall be in the resurrection. It will be much like the grain we plant. The grain that is placed within the earth is not the identical grain that later appears upon the ear, but there is a vital relation between the two.

Approaching the question from another angle he declares, "One star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead." In this he calls our attention to the distinguishing difference between the many stars and avows the same shall hold true in the resurrection. That is, notwithstanding all the mystery and change incurred in what we call death, we shall not lose our personal identity.

Another ray is shed that streams forth into

a great flood of light. Here he points out the fact that God has given to men and other creatures of earth, and to the heavenly bodies, a body through which they can best express themselves and fulfill their highest purpose. To each, he says, God has given a body that pleases Him. For me, rather than be disturbed about the details of the body which I cannot understand, I rest the matter right here. For if the resurrection body pleases Him, I am confident it will be fully acceptable to me.

Victory Through Christ

This body which we shall one day turn back to mother earth is marred by sin; it is subject to the ravages of disease and decay; it is a natural body. But the eternal habitation which shall be ours will be free from stains of sin; free from corruption and shame; free from the limitations of time and space; it will be a spiritual body. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

But a halt is called here, lest we conclude this is all the result of a natural process. ". . . flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption" but our "victory is through our Lord Jesus Christ."

We shall not all taste of death, but we shall all be changed. A change that will satisfy the groanings of creation. "When this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? The sting of death of sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Revised Version a Best Seller; Pastor Niemoeller Receives Millionth Copy

The millionth copy of the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament has been presented to the Rev. Martin Niemoeller, famed German clergyman, as a token of friendship by American Protestantism.

Pastor Niemoeller spoke before 5,000 people at the opening session of the 25th annual meeting of the International Council of Religious Education. The audience, representing more than 40 Protestant denominations, heard the German clergyman declare that in the "unity of world Christians lies a beginning and a pattern for true peace among nations."

Dr. Luther A. Weigle, dean of Yale University divinity school and chairman of the committee of scholars which made the revision, presented Niemoeller with the red morocco bound volume. Exactly one year ago the first copy of the Revised Standard version was given to Harold E. Stassen, ex-governor of Minnesota and Council president.

In presenting the volume, Dean Weigle said: "We recall the great debt which Biblical students of the world owe to German scholars. We are glad to remember the many ties of Christian fellowship that have linked us with Germany in the past and we look with hope to the renewal of this fellowship now and in the years to come. We send through you a message of friendship to the German people."

Since December Dr. Niemoeller has been on an American speaking tour under interde-



Dr. Weigle (right) presents the Testament to Pastor Niemoeller.

nominal auspices. He is vice-president of the new Evangelical Church in Germany, an interdenominational union of all the country's Protestant territorial churches. His adherence, in the 1930's, to Bible teachings against race hatred and enslavement of individual conscience cost him eight years in Hitler's concentration camps.

DEATH TAKES PASTOR J. T. McNEW



Sunday, February 16, was a grand day for the Ouachita College Million Dollar Campaign in Northwest Arkansas. Dr. Otto Whittington, Campaign Director, spent the morning worship hour with Dr. O. L. Gibson and the First Church, Fayetteville, and the evening hour with the church at Springdale.

Chairs had to be placed in the aisles of the Fayetteville church to accommodate the crowds. Offering for the Ouachita Campaign went to about \$6,000, a wonderful response.

Just before Dr. Whittington spoke at the Springdale church, Pastor C. E. Wilbanks presented him with a check for \$1000 from the church. This makes \$2,300 that the Springdale church has paid on the Campaign.

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Dr. Whittington's first year with the Ouachita Campaign will close with this month. He is anxious for as many churches as possible to get in an offering of some kind before this first year is out. Be sure to get your offering in by March 1.

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"Realizing the importance of getting money to Ouachita immediately so she can build at once, we borrowed \$1,000 from our building fund which is not being used right now and sent it on in. We plan to pay the remainder of our pledge as soon as possible."—Stanley Jordan, pastor First Church, Hamburg.

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Pastor L. C. Tedford and the church at Corning accepted a quota of \$500 per year for three years for the Ouachita Campaign. This was to be a total of \$1500 for the three years. "We decided it was not too much to raise by January 1, 1947, and we set that as our goal in December. Without any special effort we have exceeded our goal by one-third (a total of \$2,000 already sent in).

"It is my opinion that this campaign should be intensified and completed this year. Ouachita needs it this year, and most of our churches could pay their quotas in full now if they would earnestly try to do it. One pastor told me that while they have it in their budget and are making regular monthly payments, they have enough surplus funds to pay it all now. I wonder if this is not true of most of our churches."

Dr. James T. McNew, 65, pastor of First Church, Helena, for the past three years, died of a heart attack at his home February 15. He had been in ill health for several months and had announced his intention to resign the pastorate and retire at services February 9.

Born near Mena, Dr. McNew attended Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Before coming to Helena he held pastorates at Texarkana, Tyler, Tex., St.

Petersburg, Fla., Birmingham, Ala., and Lexington, Ky.

Dr. McNew was serving his third term on the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. W. C. Stone of Stillwater, Okla., and two sisters. Services were conducted from the Helena Church by Pastor D. D. Smothers, West Helena Church. All members of the Board of Deacons served as honorary pallbearers.

Carolínians Coming To Capitol Commended

By B. V. FERGUSON, Pastor First Church, Fort Smith

All Arkansas will welcome two fine men who have recently come from the Carolinas to important pastorates in Little Rock. Major Owen W. Moran has now been serving for a few weeks in the important pulpit of First Church, North Little Rock. He has gotten an unusually good start. Chaplain Moran rated at the top of the list in the service of the army during the whole period of the war. He also served in war No. 1. While at Camp Chaffee he endeared himself to First Church Fort Smith, where he and his wife held membership and worshiped while they were stationed here. When he went overseas he baptized over a hundred people into our church (as our missionary at large) because he was stationed in places where there were no Baptist churches. He is an intensive worker, a great soul, a warm hearted brother. We are thankful that God sent him to Arkansas.

And now comes Dr. R. C. Campbell to the important post of First Church, Little Rock. Arkansas Baptists are most fortunate indeed that this good church has secured the services of this strong preacher and denomina-

tional leader. Dr. Campbell is remembered for his outstanding leadership in Texas as a pastor and for years as the general secretary. He is recognized as one of our outstanding leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention. He comes from the old historic First Church of Columbia, S. C. He will add wisdom and sound stable leadership to the ranks of our denominational work in Arkansas. His life will be felt in all the channels of our work throughout the state. We thank God for his coming, a brother with a noble heart, fervent spirit, great brain, and true to the best that Baptists are fostering.

We salute these and other fine men who have recently come to Arkansas, and give them our hand in fellowship, and bid them God speed.

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Nineteen additions, nine for baptism, resulted from evangelistic services at Jolner Church, Missionary S. M. Cooper, Independence Association, did the preaching. Pastor M. E. Wiles writes: "We can heartily recommend Bro. Cooper as a sound gospel preacher. The Lord used him in a wonderful way in lifting our people closer to the Lord, and in drawing our people closer together. We feel that we have a much stronger church because of the results accomplished during the meeting."

Baptist World Alliance

The following radiogram comes from Dr. W. O. Lewis, secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, who is now in Copenhagen.

"Preparations for Baptist World Alliance Congress in Copenhagen well advanced. Three thousand attending from Scandinavia. Over 400 registered from Britain. Three hundred expected from the Continent. Eastern Asia and Africa will be represented."

Exposed . . .

**CATHOLIC DESIGNS
IN MIXED MARRIAGES**

By JOE BURTON
Editor, Home Life

The designs of the Catholic Church to proselyte Protestants through mixed marriages were exposed again at the recent Full Synod of the Convocation of New York.

A Signed Pledge

Britain's second-ranking Anglican churchman condemned the Roman Catholic requirement that both parties sign a document in which they promise that "all the children, of both sexes, who may be born of our marriage, shall be baptized in the Catholic Church, and shall be carefully brought up in the knowledge and practice of the Catholic religion."

The bishop warned Anglicans against signing this document, pointing out that it means that those who marry Catholics thus are deprived of the right to influence the spiritual and religious upbringing of their children.

Underhanded Effort

All will recognize the practice of Romanism with reference to mixed marriage for what it is, a deliberate effort to capitalize on the tender emotions of the heart to make roads upon Protestantism. In its characteristic patience, the Catholic Church, if unable to win the first generation, has adopted a policy which renders it impossible to lose the second generation.

Catholic Philosophy

Typical of the Catholic attitude is a letter from one Michael P. Breen of Reading, Penn., published in Time, stating that he had seen "the disgraceful remarks of the Anglican Archbishop of York," and asking why "Protestant sects make it so difficult for us Catholics to win them to the one true Church of Christ on earth?" He adds that "there can be no freedom for error" and wonders why "they expect that they have any right to religious freedom?"

Baptists should understand that Catholics are deliberately seeking to use the holy relation of matrimony to win evangelical Christians from their simple faith in Christ to a trust in the Roman ecclesiasticism, and that Catholics have no sympathy with the idea of freedom of worship but practice toleration only when they have not the power to do otherwise.

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Chicot Church Organized

The Chicot Baptist Church of Delta Association was organized February 2 with 24 charter members. It is located between Lake Village and Eudora and will serve a large farming community. The new church has grown out of the missionary efforts of Pastor J. T. Elliff, First Church, Lake Village, and Rev. L. J. Ready, its pastor.

The business of organization was under the direction of Associational Missionary J. V. Chandler. Missionary Chandler was elected moderator, and Pastor Clarence Cutrell, Eudora, was made clerk. The Church Covenant and the Articles of Faith, as found in Pendleton's Manual, carried unanimously.

The new church has a building fully equipped with pews, piano, and other furniture, and an extra lot.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS Of Religious Interest

The Christian people of Arkansas, courageous and united, can make one of the most effective lobbies ever known in legislative history.

Christian citizens of Arkansas last week won several victories in actions of the Arkansas General Assembly. There were other actions of the groups, however, which demand a response from all citizenship interested in better government.

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LIQUOR: The power of a united Christian conscience—expressed through hosts of letters and telegrams to the State Senate—was demonstrated in the Senate's defeat, 1-32, of Senator Butler's proposal to put the state in the liquor business. Though the bill had been recommended for passage by the Senate Committee, there was only one vote for it when it was called in the crucial hour last week.

There is urgent need now for immediate protest from churchmen to Senator Goodson's bill (SB 188) which would provide for local option election vote in first or second class city to determine legality of liquor sales therein, without regard for the vote of any township, district, or county which includes the municipality. This bill, if made into law, would critically weaken the present local option law. It has already passed the Senate and may be up for a vote in the House sometime this week. Any protests on the matter should be addressed to members of the House of Representatives and to the Governor.

The state tax on liquor was increased 56 cents in adoption by House and Senate of a proposal endorsed by Governor Laney. It will increase the state tax on whiskey from \$1.94 to \$2.50 per gallon, making a total of \$11.50 federal and state tax on the product. Senator Maner's SB 47 levying a 25 per cent tax on net profits in addition to other license fees and taxes, has been passed by the Senate and awaits House action.

ELECTIONS: In the field of elections the House has reconsidered and passed House Bill 161 by Representative Wilson repealing all laws for assessment of poll tax. It provides that any one otherwise qualified who pays the poll tax within the prescribed time shall be eligible to vote in any election; compliance with party rules are, of course, required in primaries.

Though Representative Coffelt introduced during the first week of the Assembly an election bill (HB 4) which would prevent publication of untruth or falsehood about candidates or prospective candidates during an election year, it still has not been acted upon.

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Victory at Lewisville

By J. W. ROYAL, Pastor
First Church, Lewisville

We have just closed one of the most successful meetings that First Church, Lewisville, has ever experienced. We had Rev. Clyde Hankins with us for eight days and he lifted this church to the highest spiritual plane it has ever known. We had 12 additions and three young people surrendered for special service.

The entire community felt the impact of the meeting and we had the largest crowds consistently that anyone can remember in a revival meeting. Family altars were established and there were great numbers of rededications publicly made.

Bro. Hankins brought some of the greatest messages I have ever heard and his simplicity and humility coupled with his deep sincerity and powerful prayer life made an indelible impression not only on all who heard him but upon all those with whom he came in contact.

**Pastor Minor E. Cole Is Radio Speaker
For Baptist Series on March Sundays**

The Arkansas Baptist Radio Commission will begin its third series of four messages March 2. "The Feast of the Lord" is the general theme of the messages which will be presented by Pastor Minor E. Cole, First Church, Forrest City. The text of the series is John 2:10: "Thou has kept the good wine until now." The subject of the first message is "The Table of God's Demands."

The 15-minute program of Gospel message and song is carried over 11 stations. Music is by the Arkansas Baptist Quartet, under direction of C. E. McMeans, music professor of North Little Rock schools, and choir director at Second Church, Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. McMeans and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Buice are the quartet's personnel, and Mrs. Henry C. Harris is organist.

The program may be heard every Sunday over:

- KFFA, Helena—7:45 a. m.
- KLCN, Blytheville—8:00 a. m.
- KLCA, 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.



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The Training Union, In Evangelistic Crusade

Southern Baptists will unite in a Southwide Evangelistic effort, April, May, and June of this year, under the cooperative leadership of Secretary C. E. Matthews, Department of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, and Director F. F. Lowe of the Radio Commission.

The Baptist Training Union can make a definite contribution toward the success of an evangelistic effort on the part of a local church. Three suggestions are made:

1. The Training Union should have a definite program of soul-winning. From the religious census the associate director should receive complete information about unsaved people and unaffiliated Baptists. This list should be handed to the vice presidents of the unions. Each union should then assist in the Soul-winning effort. Training Union members could go two by two and visit these people and win them to Christ. Reports should be made at the weekly meeting, and at the monthly officers' council. Any program of Christian training that fails to include definite attempts to win others to Christ cannot be considered adequate. The Training Union should be evangelistic throughout the year.

2. During revival meetings the spirit of evangelism will be intensified. Training Union members may serve on revival committees. For example, during one revival 75 Training Union members visited the community to inform the people about the revival.

3. The Training Union should follow up every evangelistic service whether it be the regular service of the church, or a revival meeting, and every person who unites with the church by letter or by baptism should be enlisted in the Training Union immediately.

Correct date for the Youth Choir Festival at Ouachita College is April 4.

Introducing . . .

Additional Church Music Workers for Summer

In addition to those who have been teaching in the Vacation Schools of Church Music for the past four years, two charming and consecrated young women from the Training School at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, are joining the staff.

Their services will be available to the Baptist churches of Arkansas on exactly the same basis as always, and it is hoped that they will be kept busy all summer, serving in the ministry of music. Both of them are students of exceptional ability and achievement, attested by the fact that they are members of the Touring Choir of Southern Singers.

Miss Jean Prince, daughter of the late Brother G. C. Prince, former pastor in Arkansas, and Mrs. Prince of Camden, is a graduate of Ouachita College where she majored in piano. Next came three years of teaching public school music at Camden and Morrilton. She is completing her second year as a student at the school of Church Music at Southern Baptist Seminary, where her major is organ and her minor is voice.

Miss Dorothy Weaver, also a second year student, is from Tulsa, Okla. She attended Oklahoma Baptist University as a music ma-



Miss Jean Prince



Miss Dorothy Weaver

major and was a member of the Woman's Glee Club. She is an organ major at Southern and is also studying piano and voice.

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John Edward Steely, Mountain View, has been elected treasurer of the 1947 graduating class of Southern Seminary.

Senator Arthur Capper has introduced a joint resolution in Congress to provide for use of the words, "observe Sunday," in the cancellation of U. S. mail by the Postoffice Department. The bill, referred to the Senate committee on Civil Service, is similar to one introduced by Capper in the 79th Congress. If the bill were passed, the words "observe Sunday" would appear on every letter mailed in the nation.

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Baptist students from colleges and other institutions of higher learning will be available to work in every phase of our denominational work this summer.

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What Is a Dipsy Doodle?

By the Editor

What is a Dipsy Doodle?

Is it a candy bar? Is it a crocheted doily? Is it a new book? Is it a shaving lotion? Is it some new post war invention? Just what is a Dipsy Doodle?

The Arkansas Baptist started a weekly advertisement in early November, the complete text of which was the question "Do you have a Dipsy Doodle?" And since that first issue, the Editor's mail has included almost daily requests for an explanation. And not only through the mail, but by telephone and by office calls, people wanted to know "What is a Dipsy Doodle?"

Today's mail brings the question. "What is a Dipsy Doodle? I don't know whether I have one or not."

And a few days ago, Poetess Floy Anna Hicks Gilbert wrote us:

"The Arkansas Baptist is a paper I cherish, I hasten to read it as though it would perish.
"The front page, the back page, and all in between, I read every line and pick the bones clean.
"But one thing I wonder, its driving me buggy, What, oh what, is a Dipsy Doodle?"

Advertisers: Note!

If any person ever wonders if subscribers read the Arkansas Baptist, we submit our file of Dipsy Doodle correspondence as evidence that the paper is read. At least the advertisements are read. And we trust prospective advertisers will take note. (We might stir up some customers for your product top.)

The Arkansas Baptist is only one of several medias being used by this advertiser to sell his product. Certain other papers are carrying it. Some big highway signs ask the aggravating question. One friend of ours was boating on Lake Hamilton near Hot Springs and noted a sign board on a distant apparently uninhabited island. His

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curiosity was such that despite the task of rowing he paddled his canoe to that lonely clump of land. And when he got there, the sign board asked in big black letters: "Do you have a Dipsy Doodle?"

Well, the other day after we felt we had answered enough questions to win a doctorate from Cambridge, Harvard and the University of Shanghai, we took pen in hand and asked Mr. J. B. Wood of El Dorado: "Please, please, can we please tell our readers what a Dipsy Doodle is?"

Mr. Wood first replied that it would be best for us to just forward on to him the letters and cards and memos that came to us, and that he would write all the curious (that is what he wanted you to do!) a full description of a Dipsy Doodle. But a few days later, he wrote back that we may use the columns of our paper to "let the cat out of the bag."

How We Found Out

So, here, reader friends, is the way we learned the secret. Mr. Wood's advertisement copy came to us last October. In great big black letters, he said, he wanted us to ask the question "Do You Have a Dipsy Doodle?" Well, frankly, we didn't know what a Dipsy Doodle was, so we wrote Mr.

Wood that it is the policy of the Arkansas Baptist never to advertise anything we can't endorse and would he please explain to us the nature of the Dipsy Doodle.

Mr. Woods replied by return mail, and implied that we were slightly uninformed on the art of fishing. He said also that he was sending us a Dipsy Doodle under separate cover, and that if we couldn't use it to please pass it on to some fisherman friend.

Well, when we opened the little

package that came in the next mail—well, then we knew what a Dipsy Doodle is. We wrote Mr. Wood right back that though we had always fished with worms we'd take a day off early next spring to try our luck with his Dipsy Doodle. And in the mean time, we said, we'd keep that Dipsy Doodle on our desk to show to every body who asked us that oft repeated question: "What is a Dipsy Doodle?"

And here it is:

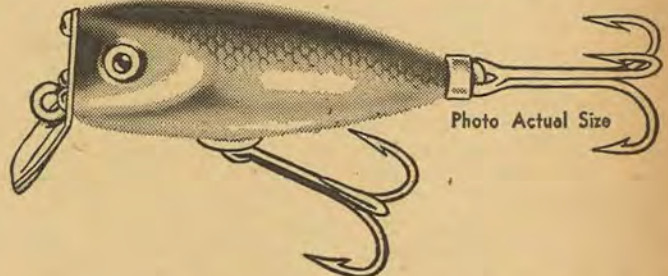


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Agging Missionary Recounts Years of Victory and Sorrow on Mexican Fields

Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney presents an interesting letter: Dear WMU Friends:

I want you to share with me a good letter from one of our earliest missionaries in my recollection, Brother G. W. Lacy, Ave. 8, Oriente 712, Puebla, Mexico, which I received recently:

"Your interesting letter of January 15th has been received. You married me back some 50 years ago. I note we are of the same age. My wife and I had 10 children, six are dead to this world; five were taken in the space of two weeks, another, a young man taking a civil engineer course, was killed in an automobile wreck, four are living.

"For the last few years I have been directing and teaching in a Bible School for the training of workers, in other words a seminary. We work with the Mexican National Convention Baptist, but our principle support comes from the United States, mostly from individuals, Woman's Missionary Societies, Sunday School classes. The method is that each one takes a man to support while in school. We are thus able with the Lord's

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blessings to pay rents, salaries of teachers, board, etc. While there was no Seminary in Mexico we were the only training school for workers in the Republic for Baptists. I often remember Bro. McKinney. He helped me a great deal with my doctrinal struggles."

Mrs. McKinney states that when she recalls the early sacrifices of this missionary when he came from another faith, paid back the money they had spent on his education, answered a call to go to Mexico as a missionary, and the passing of five children in two weeks, and with all the sorrow they had to bear on that field, that she would like to make a love offering to this brave sol-

dier of the Cross in His work of love.

There may be many others in Arkansas who share this same feeling and would like to contact Brother Lacy. His address is given above.

GA Conference Speakers

March 14-16 at the Intermediate GA Conference at Central College, 200 Intermediate girls from all over Arkansas will be privileged to meet together. Mrs. Hugo Culpepper, missionary to China, will bring the devotionals daily. Miss Jandira de Sousa, a Brazilian girl, student at Southwestern Seminary, will tell of the work in her country. Many other interesting activities are planned for this meeting, for which registrations are coming in daily. Five representatives from each Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary may come, until the 200 limit is reached.

Attention! Program Chairmen

Beginning with 1947 the WMU Literature Department, 1111 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Ala., is offering supplemental helps for WMS missionary program topics in quarterly packets. This is a change from the time-honored monthly list published in Royal Service. Each quarter's

packet, costing 25c, will contain a play or pageant, and at least five leaflets. Send remittance with order direct to Birmingham.

Mission Study Promotional Aids

We have good news for those who desire the new folders for keeping individual record of books completed in mission study. These are given members of any class using an approved book, the individual thus keeping her own record.

The mission study leaflets are not yet available. Please study the approved list of books on pages 50 and 51 of the Year Book and order the folders needed by Series I World Missions; Series II Missionary Fundamentals; Series III Kingdom Builders. The folder for record of members of the Missionary Round Tables is not in hand at this time. We are hoping to receive this folder, the new mission study leaflets and "The World in Books," our WMU book list for the year 1947, in the near future. We certainly regret the delay in filling your orders for these materials and the inconvenience it may have caused you. All orders are on file and will be filled just as soon as shipment is received. Thanks for your patience.

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"The men feel that Brotherhood has a real contribution to make to our Baptist Student Union effort on the campus, and I am thrilled to see them so determined to put the organization over." These are the words of Miss Mary Jane Redwine, Baptist Student Union Secretary at the University of Arkansas, in reporting the completion of the Brotherhood organization at the university.

We feel that every Baptist Student Union on every college or university campus needs a Brotherhood to round out and complete its program of work.

Materials Available

"We are planning to begin a Brotherhood in our church. Will you send us the necessary materials . . . we will need the Brotherhood manual for organization and quarterly for program materials." So writes Brother W. E. Speed, pastor of the Lake City Church.

The above request is indicative of the growing interest in Brotherhood work all over Arkansas.

There is at present no Brotherhood manual, but the little booklet, "Organizing and Operating a Brotherhood" by Lawson Cooke, is available. So is the Southwide Brotherhood Journal, a quarterly publication prepared by the Baptist Brotherhood of the South. Sample copies of both can be obtained free from the Baptist Brotherhood of Ark., 212 Radio Center Building, Little Rock; and they can be ordered in any number from the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Commerce Title Building, Memphis 3, Tenn. The organizational booklets are five cents each, the journals 10 cents per copy per quarter.

Ashdown Men Work

"The enclosed bulletin will explain to you that we have organized a Brotherhood. . . . Pray for us as we begin to give lots of time and effort to the activities program of the Men's Brotherhood." These are the words of a consecrated and able young preacher, Brother Lawson Hat-

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field, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ashdown. Brother Hatfield wrote that he and four of his men recently visited a community where there is no Baptist Church and arranged for a Sunday afternoon preaching service.

Putting men to work at the main things—that is the work of a Brotherhood. Men have much to give to the labor of love which we call the Lord's Work; and when men give themselves, great things begin to take place.

At Union In Liberty

The recent Brotherhood Revival at the Union Church of Liberty Association was a heart-stirring experience for every member of the church who got into the revival effort. Brother W. O. Miller, pastor, led his men in a fine way, and the response of the men was excellent.

During the revival the Lord poured out His Blessings upon the church and the community. There were 13 or 14 additions by baptism with more yet to come, several additions by letter, and a goodly number of rededications. Bro. Miller, who has only recently gone to the pastorate at Union, states that the revival helped to set forward his work as pastor by a good six months.

Union Baptist Church is a fine exhibit of the possibilities of a full-time rural church. The opportunities of this particular church are staggering! The problems which this church and others like it must meet and solve in

order to be faithful to their responsibilities, are as acute and as difficult as the problems of any city church.

We are sincere when we state that strong rural churches will find the answer to many of our denominational problems.

New Providence

Brother R. F. Liddell, pastor of the New Providence Baptist Church of Mississippi County Association, writes that during the past four weeks his church has received 30 new members by baptism and three by letter. He writes also, "The Lord surely has poured out a blessing that there is not room to contain. This is revolutionary in the thinking of many of our people. . . . We will finish the organization of our Brotherhood soon."

Much of the above outpour of blessings was due to the praying of the men of the church who have been going afield with Christ after the lost.

Religion in Russia Viewed as Key Factor

Future relations of the United States with Russia will depend to a considerable degree upon the status of religion in the Soviet Union, Harold E. Stassen, avowed Republican candidate for the presidency in 1948, has told newsmen.

"Religion in Russia directly bears on future peace and relations with that country," the former governor of Minnesota declared.

Revival of interest in religion, particularly Christianity, will be a potent force for international peace, Stassen asserted.

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ABOUT CHURCH BUILDINGS

By L. E. HOLT, Pastor
Highland Park Church
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Sometime ago two pastors came to me with blue prints of proposed buildings for their churches. These blue prints had been prepared by two well known architects. One of the buildings would cost not less than \$85,000 and the other not less than \$100,000. Both pastors requested me to look the plans over and tell them my findings. I could tell there was a note of disappointment and dissatisfaction in the words of both of these pastors over the blue prints. In a careful check and study of the plans, I found the following:

1. In neither case can the churches have a department Sunday School.

2. One plan calls for an auditorium, which, though very expensive to construct, will not seat any more people than the present old auditorium.

3. In the case of the building costing at least \$100,000, there are two large rooms 21' x 24' and 17' x 19' respectively, completely surrounded by other rooms and corridors, without any light from the outside, and with but two doors into each for passage, and that through other rooms. A very bad arrangement.

4. In both buildings the classrooms were so arranged that the classes would disturb each other, and in several of them, entrance can only be gained through other classrooms.

5. One of these building plans calls for the expenditure of more than fifty percent of the total cost of the entire building in outside decorations and trim in the wall construction.

Having had experience in both the architectural and construction fields, I very naturally did some thinking from these points of view. As a pastor, being a pastor of several churches standing, I also did some thinking from the point of view of the average pastor, knowing full well the needs of the average Baptist church as to building. At the risk of being misunderstood, though I trust I will not be, I am making

the following suggestions to pastors and churches who have the problem of building new church houses:

1. Before consulting an architect, do some first-hand and sensible thinking yourself. Try to determine what you think and feel your physical needs are.

2. In no case let the architect do your thinking and tell you what you need. The truth is, the average architect does NOT KNOW the needs of churches and church programs.

3. Be sure you find an architect who knows the mechanics of construction. Most of them know how to make "catchy" marks on paper, but FEW of them are engineers enough to know the structural side. I know whereof I speak.

4. A good policy for pastors and building committees is to visit various communities where buildings have been erected and look them over. It is possible to bring together in your proposed building parts and ideas from a half dozen buildings.

5. Avoid the waste of money in useless projections, wasted space, trim, etc., which is always needed for seating space in both the auditorium and class rooms.

6. Finally, it will pay to take time and consider every angle of your needs, and reach a final decision only after a period of thorough investigation.

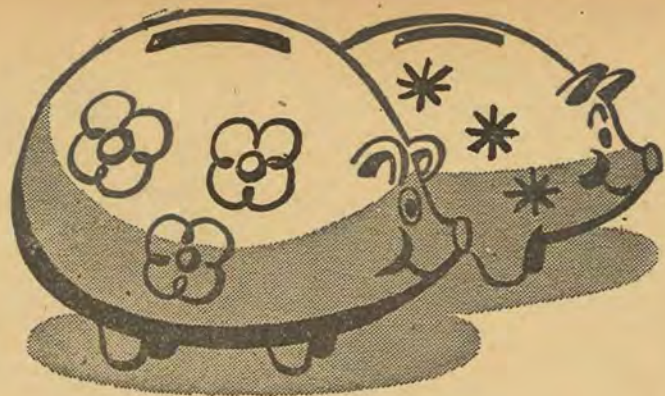
Follow these simple and practical suggestions, and you will be saved a lot of grief and regrets.

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Whiskey No Longer A Legal Medicine

It hasn't been generally advertised, but John Barleycorn has lost his job as a doctor. Officially, that is, Whiskey is no longer listed in the United States Pharmacopoeia.

This means that the standard book of authority on drugs and medicines, which is the guide and counselor of the man behind the prescription counter, will hereafter omit mention of spiritus frumenti as a remedy. — Christian Science Monitor.



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Jesus Declares Himself King But Ruling By Spiritual Force

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

This lesson takes us back to the last public ministry of our Lord in Jerusalem.

John tells us that Jesus arrived at Bethany near Jerusalem when the Passover of the Jews was at hand and when many were going up to Jerusalem out of the country so as to purify themselves before the Passover (John 11:55).

The arrival in Bethany created no little stir among the common people who came "not for Jesus' sake only but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he raised from the dead" (John 12:9). The chief priests and pharisees had spread their net for Jesus in the hope that they might "take him" and had also taken counsel that they might put Lazarus also to death for the simple reason that his resurrection had led many Jews to believe on Jesus.

Realizing that His hour had come, Jesus begins to interpret for His disciples His claims as Saviour, Redeemer, and Cleanser from sin.

His Messiahship

Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem can only be interpreted as His public claim to Messiahship. He now makes a formal challenge to the Jerusalem leaders who have for so long opposed His claims.

It was indeed a Day of Triumph. The excited crowds seemed to interpret the events as the prelude to the establishment of a political Messianic Kingdom. (Robertson). Let us note John's description of the account of the event: "On the morrow a great multitude that had come to the Feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried out, Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel. And Jesus, having found a young ass, sat thereon" (John 12:12-14).

The whole setting is that which would logically mark the triumphal homage to a victor or a king (Bernard). Jesus accepted the homage and, adopting the prediction of Zachariah (9.9), thereby declared himself King. "By riding into Jerusalem as King but on an ass, not on a war horse, He continued to claim to be Messiah but ruling by spiritual force for spiritual end" (Nicol)."

Sunday School Lesson

For March 2

John 12:12-15, 19-24, 42-47

Westcott adds, "The action is a distinct symbol of humility. The Lord was separated indeed from the crowd, but yet in the humblest way. The stress must be laid not on the literal coincidence, but upon the fulfillment of the idea which the sign conveyed."

One cannot read John's account of the triumphal entry without sensing something of the thrill that must have filled the hearts of the people. Jesus is here hailed by the multitudes as the long-looked for Messiah of Jewish Hope and He allows them so to greet Him (Luke 19:38-40), a thing that He prevented a year before in Galilee (John 6:14f.).

In the public acclamation of Jesus as King of Israel or King of the Jews which took place at this time is to be found the basis for the charge made against Him before Pilate (Bernard). Openly and publicly He had dared to proclaim Himself as the Messiah, the long awaited Hope of Israel.

His Death

In Jerusalem certain Greeks among those who went up to worship at the Feast came to Philip and asked him saying, "Sir, we would see Jesus." Evidently this desire on the part of the Greeks puzzled the disciples somewhat for we read that "Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: Andrew cometh, and Philip, and they tell Jesus" (John 12:20f.).

It is at this point that Jesus in agitation of soul turns to His disciples with the interpretation of His life and death. He declares that His life and death are to be regarded as a sacrifice and claims that how by being "lifted up" He will draw all men unto Himself: "the time has come, that the Son of Man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by self alone; if it die, it bareth much fruit . . . And I, if I be lifted up from the

earth, will draw all men unto myself" (John 12:23ff.).

Jesus knew that He would die and He wanted His disciples to know that He knew it and thereby be prepared for the dark days that were ahead. Moreover, He wanted them to understand the significance of His death. Jesus shows here the paradox that life comes through death.

By means of the cross Jesus would make it possible not only for Greeks, but also for all men to come unto Him with understanding. His victory over death would be the complete antithesis to the Greek view of life. In Christ it is shown that fuller life comes through death, glory through sacrifice.

The Scriptures do not tell us as to whether the Greeks heard Him or not. If they did hear Him, they heard namely, the Christian ideal of sacrifice and this was foreign to the philosophy of Greece.

His Person

In verses 44 through 46 Jesus discusses His Person: "And Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that beholdeth me beholdeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in the darkness."

In these incisive words Jesus identifies Himself with the Father. He declares that His teaching is simply the expression of His Father's command. In essence Christ is saying: "If you want to behold God, behold me for he it was that sent me. Moreover, in believing on me you likewise believe on him that sent me."

"The thought here is of the intent, patient, progressive contemplation of Christ leading to the fuller of Him from Whom He came" (Westcott). "His Person, when seen in its fulness, illuminates the mysteries of life. There is darkness over the world and without Him it must remain. Faith in Him brings clearer vision."

His Sayings

In verse 47 Christ passes from the consideration of His Person to that of His sayings—from Me to My Sayings.

"And if any man hear my sayings, and keep them not, I judge

them not: for I come not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejected me, and the word that I spake, that shall judge him in the last day" (v. 47, 48). "Its work is even now begun as it shall hereafter be fully revealed" (Westcott).

The primary mission of Jesus is, of course, to save the world (John 3:16), but the world cannot be saved without giving heed to His sayings. His words bring to us the hope of our salvation. (Matt. 7:24ff.).

Men by nature reside in darkness, but that darkness can be dispelled. Jesus is the light of life, and in Him is no darkness at all. He alone can dispel the darkness from our lives.

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Texas Baptists Still Protest Truman Degree

President Truman's planned visit to the Baylor University campus at Waco, Tex., is still disturbing many Texas Baptists, Religious News Service reports.

Two districts of the Baptist General Convention of Texas have passed resolutions reaffirming their stand taken last year when they voted against the conferring of an honorary degree on the President at the Baptist institution because Truman "is reputed to drink Bourbon and play poker."

The President is scheduled to visit Texas in March to receive the degree.

The latest resolutions were passed at district conventions in San Antonio and Victoria. The San Antonio resolution said in part: "It is evidently the intention of the administration of Baylor University to deliberately flaunt the express wishes of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and to embarrass that body . . ."

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We are making some progress now on the Widows' Supplementary Annuity Plan for Arkansas Baptists, however we are still considerably below the minimum in applications. Everyone therefore is urged to send in his application at once. The Widows' Plan is a good thing for any preacher, and it is an excellent thing for the average preacher. In no other way can a preacher provide an annuity for his widow with so small an outlay of payments on his part. Notice a comparison as follows:

The Widows' Plan

A member has an average salary basis of \$200.00 per month over a period of ten years, the period of age being from ages 40 through 50. His companion is two years his junior.

This member at the age of 40 years begins participation. He pays:

Monthly dues ----- \$3.00
Annual dues ----- \$36.00

Total dues for
the ten year period ----- \$360.00

If the member dies and leaves his widow aged 48, she will receive \$40.00 per month or \$480.00 per year. Over a period of ten years she shall have received \$4,800.00.

A Regular Insurance Plan

If the same man takes out a policy with an average Life Insurance Company, the amount of the policy will have to be \$9,500.00. He pays:

Annual premium ----- \$145.73
Approximate dividend ----- 4.00

Cash payment ----- \$141.73

Over a period of ten years he shall have paid at least \$1,417.30. If he dies at the age of 50 years, his widow will receive \$40.00 per month or \$480.00 per year as an annuity.

You can see that a man's payments would be approximately \$12.00 per month instead of \$3.00 per month.

Some Suggestions

Please note the following suggestions:

1. We have not crossed the deadline. We can still inaugurate the Widows' Supplementary Annuity Plan in Arkansas as of January 1, if we get enough applications in within a reasonable time. We did say recently that we are making a final effort, and we meant that. We are in the midst of that final effort, but we have ample time allotted to us if we get busy and submit our applications.

2. It does mean, however, that dues will have to be paid for each month of this calendar year in every case if we have the benefits of the plan for 1947.

3. If the plan does begin as of January 1, 1947, and you do not come into the plan until 1948, you will lose one twenty-fifth of the benefits of the annuity.

Now is the time, brethren, to act. Please let us have your application at once.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE MOVIES?

Seventy-seven million people in U. S. attend the movies each week: 28 million are adolescent young people; 11 million are under 14 years old.

The emotional reaction of children to moving pictures is from two to eight times greater than that of adults. Minds repeatedly shocked, thrilled, horrified, and excited by scenes of murder, war, rape, crime, monsters, nudity, are not normal minds.

Movies impair health, produce nervousness, fear, hysterics, insomnia, suicide, insanity, miscarriage, high blood pressure, heart failure, inability to concentrate constructively, susceptibility to disease, and disinterest and deficiency in work. Perhaps this explains why the present generation is so restless, hasty, nervous, dissatisfied, uncontrollable, and changeable.

Movies destroy self-control, thus producing drunkards, dope fiends, spend-thrifts, adulterers, fornicators, murderers, thieves, liars, and what not. In an analysis of 40 films, in which 57 criminals committed 62 crimes, only seven of the criminals were punished by the law. On the average, less than one-fifth of criminals in the movies receive legal punishment. Part are punished by extra-legal methods and many go scott-free.

About 50 per cent of the boys and girls, men and women in jails, reformatories, and penitentiaries hold the movies partly responsible for their criminal and immoral conduct.

Moving pictures deal principally with sex, crime, and impure love themes; rape, adultery,

fornication, divorce, promiscuous flirting and love-making, nudity, murder, robbery, war, gambling, fighting, drinking, smoking, lying, stealing, vile witticisms, etc.

The overwhelming majority of "movie stars" are immoral and lascivious. Film-producing cities are communities full of grossest vice and degeneracy—modern Sodoms. Hell couldn't concoct more degeneracy than is prevalent in these places: men lying with men, and women with women or both sexes clinging together in every conceivable arrangement of nude bodily contact.

The movie teaches revolt against all constituted authority and neglect of responsibility: would destroy the home by teaching children disrespect for parents, parents, neglect of children, wives, disobedience to husbands, and husbands' unfaithfulness to wives; it would destroy the government, by teaching disrespect for law, and for officers of the law, and by encouraging crime, riot, violence and anarchy. Its philosophy is 100 per cent anti-American and anti-Christian. It would dethrone God and right, and enthroned Satan and evil. Hate should reign, love should be exterminated; "Self" should be the supreme motive, "others" should be the least. It magnifies sin, minimizes its punishment, robs death of its seriousness, and forgets that the resurrection shall place all men before the judgment bar of God Almighty, where they shall be rewarded according to their works.

According to the movies, the Bible is all wrong, sinners are all right—they don't need

saving; Christ's death for all men was in vain—but, be not deceived, God is not mocked.

"The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord." (Rom. 6:23). — Clipped.

New Church Buildings

The State Board is helping rural churches again this year to build houses of worship. (Not including dwelling houses.) If your rural church needs a church building why not launch out now before "hard times" come. We do not have much money to be used in helping churches to build, but what we do have is given cheerfully wherever the conditions demand and justify our assistance.

We have a large state to cover. There are 42 Associations. If we should help one small church in each Association as much as \$250 it would not take more than \$10,000 to go around. So you can see that our help will not be a large amount, but it will be cheerfully given. Write us about your situation.

South Side, Pine Bluff, and The Cooperative Program

Rev. Lloyd Sparkman is in his tenth year as pastor of the South Side Baptist Church in Pine Bluff. This year the church increases its Cooperative Program contributions \$50 per month. That is a good step forward and helps the Cooperative Program to reach further and further.