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April, May, June . . .

Southwide Evangelistic Crusade

Southern Baptist agencies will pool all their efforts in April, May and June for a Southwide evangelistic campaign, Dr. C. E. Matthews, newly elected Director of Evangelism for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has announced.

Under close cooperation of the Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Radio Commission, an attempt will be made "to bind our six million Baptists in more than 26,000 churches into one mighty army witnessing to the lost by radio, from the pulpit and via personal testimony," Dr. Matthews declared.

Dr. Sam F. Lowe, director of the denomination's radio work, said that all "Baptist Hour" broadcasts during the period will support the crusade.

In a call sent out to all pastors and denominational leaders, Dr. Matthews explained: "This movement does not call for extra organization or for special

meetings not already planned. It simply calls for every church, under the militant leadership of its pastor, to use all its spiritual resources and to concentrate its major efforts during April, May and June in a special crusade to win the lost.

"Eternity alone can evaluate results of a hearty response in all our churches. The world is ready to receive the gospel. The hour has struck for Southern Baptists to do something about it in a concerted way. We believe they will."

Every pastor, every church organization leader, every born-again Baptist should begin praying and planning now for this sane, sustained soul-winning crusade during the months of April, May and June. Inform the people, commit the church and all its activities to the undertaking, and bring the list of prospects up to date. Let us all become a part of the mighty army of the Lord for this venture.

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

The population of the Union of South Africa contains 2,335,000 whites of European origin, 7,735,800 native Negroes, and 282,500 Asiatic Indians. Only persons of "European descent" may be members of the Senate and House of Assembly.

There are 73,000,000 life insurance policy holders in the United States, holding insurance valued at \$174 billion. Eighteen billion dollars worth of life insurance was sold in 1946.

A study of 524 divorced persons by Dr. Harvey J. Locke of the University of Southern California showed one out of each four divorced persons was married by a Justice of the Peace while only one in eight married persons was married by a Justice. Forty-one percent of the divorced men and 28.6 per cent of the divorced women were not church members, as compared with 23.8 per cent of the men and 14.9 per cent of the married individuals who were not church members. The study covered a five year period.

Americans invested about \$7,400,000 in Government savings bonds during 1946, a billion more than they cashed.

There were an estimated 34,000 traffic deaths in 1946, according to the National Safety Council. According to the National Conservation Bureau, one out of six drivers involved in fatal accidents during the year and one out of four adult pedestrians killed during the year had been drinking. Deaths from all types of accidents totaled about 99,000 in the United States for 1946.

Americans spent \$127,000,000,000 for goods and services in 1946, an increase of \$21,000,000,000 over 1945. An average outlay of \$125 was spent for clothing. Prices were about 40 per cent above the average for 1941.

The report of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization shows that famine conditions still exist over large areas of China. The report also pointed out that most Europeans are living on a diet of 1,500 calories or less, compared with nearly 3,300 calories per capita in the United States.

In the World of Religion

Plans are under consideration to build a \$12,000,000 "temple of good will" in Columbus, Ohio, to house all Protestant administrative and promotional units. This would make Columbus the Protestant capital of the world. The officers are scattered in New York City, Washington, Philadelphia, and Chicago at the present time.

An Italian editor has been sentenced to two years in prison for "having offended the religion of the state" by publishing two cartoons considered slanderous against priests.

Protestant Episcopalians have voted to give \$1,000,000 in 1946 for World Relief. Plans are underway to spend \$3,544,000 for reconstruction and rehabilitation of church properties in the Orient.

Nine institutions with an enrolment of nearly 15,000 are maintained for Negroes by the Episcopal Church.

Six ministers, a rabbi, and a priest, now devote full time to the spiritual welfare of the 8,500 students enrolled in Yale.

A special prayer service for the new Congress was sponsored by the Washington Federation of Churches.

For the first time since 1939, Episcopal church schools showed an increase in 1946. There are now 404,253 enrolled in the 7,648 parishes and missions. Episcopalians reported 1,583,338 communicants and total offerings of \$53,011,393.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones has returned to India.

Baptist Highlights

Southern Baptist Sunday school secretaries meeting in Nashville adopted a 9-point program for 1947 calling for a 300,000 net increase in Sunday schools, 50,000 additional officers and teachers, 1,000 new Sunday schools, training in 10,000 churches, complete associational Sunday school organizations, 15,000 Vacation Bible schools, 20 statewide clinics, association-wide training schools, and an intensive campaign to promote an additional week of Bible study in each church.

Northern Baptists have already raised more than \$10,000,000 toward their \$14,000,000 goal for postwar missions. Dr. G. Pitt Beers has been elected director of the Northern Baptist "Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism."

Dr. B. C. Land of Florida has been elected as director of Stewardship Promotion in Alabama.

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Feeble Testimony

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, in a New Year's message said:

"As I have gone through the cities, towns, and villages of many states this past year, I have not been able to escape the feeling that in most places our Protestant testimony is pretty feeble. A great many people are doing faithful and conscientious work. But there is not the gaiety, joy, enthusiasm, and power that should mark the lives of people who feel 'that the universe is on their side.'

"We certainly need a new appeal to God in prayer, a new understanding of the energies of the Spirit, so that there will not be so many broken homes, broken churches, drunken and profane church members, unshepherded multitudes of people without hope or God in the world. Saving our denomination is one thing. But saving our nation is a much bigger thing."

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John Collier, who recently was pastor of Central Church, North Little Rock, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Harrisburg. The church is in the midst of a building program. More than \$6000 has been raised in the last month.

THE INNER MAN

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan

"When thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee."

There are moments in every life when the secret soul comes to light. Yet few people, if any, wear their souls on their sleeves, exposed to the curious gaze of an unsympathetic public. When you meet a person on the street, there is another person whom you do not see. This second person is concealed behind an exterior that meets the world. He is shy, timid, delicate and easily hurt. He is like the marrow of the bone which must be protected from the hard abrasive contacts with the external world.

This inner man, however, is the dominant power of life. He may be of the nature of a demon or an angel. Suppose you meet two men on the street. Each greets you with a smile, a friendly hand-clasp and a pleasant word. Back of the smile of the one may be a designing intrigue to swindle or betray you. While the smile of the other may express genuine good will.

It is in some unguarded moment of spontaneity that this inner man comes to light. Some word or situation or circumstance may suddenly tear away the veil and reveal a person whom you did not know before.

There is one small moment, one little opening like a knot-hole in a fence, that permits us to see the inner man of Nathaniel. And in that moment Jesus saw the soul of Nathaniel, which was clearly revealed—"When thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee."

Just what transpired under the fig tree, we do not know. But this much we do know, that there the real Nathaniel was revealed, and Jesus was there to see him. And Jesus liked what he saw.

"Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! . . . Whence knowest thou me? . . . Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee . . . Rabbi, thou art the Son of God, thou art the King of Israel." John 1:47-49.

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First Church, Haynesville, La., where W. T. Holland is pastor, had 224 additions, 122 for baptism, in 1946. Sunday School attendance averaged 357; Training Union, 139. Contributions totaled \$28,024.19.

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Across the Editor's Desk

The Legislature

The Arkansas General Assembly has convened for its 1947 legislative session. Its discussions and decisions are of vital interest to every citizen of Arkansas, for upon the laws enacted depend to large measure the future safety, peace and happiness of all the state's residents.

As churchmen, we cannot divorce ourselves from the doings of the legislature. As a church we would not dare to dictate to the state, anymore than we would want the state to dictate to the church. But as Christian citizens, we all must be interested in good government, and each of us should use our influence in leading the legislators to enact laws to the best interest of the state.

As individuals or as groups, we are at perfect liberty—more than that, we find it our Christian duty—to do several things during this law-making session. We need to pray that the Lord will guide the law-makers and that the men themselves will accept the divine leadership. We need to closely follow legislative progress day by day, noting the bills that are introduced and evaluating them in their moral and spiritual aspects. We need, following this study of events, to express our opinions to the representative and senator from our district so that they will feel the support of the Christian citizenship.

Elsewhere in the paper, each week of the legislative session, the Editor will prepare a commentary of legislative news of the preceding week. We trust our readers will find this offering of interest, and that the information contained will be of value in leading Arkansas Baptists to a full understanding of legislative events.

Found Wanting

Dr. Bridges' announcement last week that Cooperative Program receipts during the calendar year 1946 fell only two per cent short of the high goal set is heartening. It smacks of success on a budget which some had said was far out of reach, and it also means that undesignated gifts are up despite the heavy contributions designated to the world relief campaign and the Ouachita campaign during the year.

But reference must be made to the table published in the January 2 issue, recording gains shown by Arkansas Baptists in all phases of their endeavor during the associational year ending last September 30.

It was good to note, on the surface, that total gifts made through the churches for the 12 month period gained three-quarters of a million dollars to a high of \$4,058,590. But it is disheartening to consider that this is

only \$21.92 per member. A tithe would have been \$60.

And our total gifts to all missions reached \$823,417, including the special world relief campaign. This breaks down to \$4.45 per member. Can we say that we are missionary when we give so little toward carrying out the Great Commission?

We can be happy about these things. There are reasons for rejoicing. But let us never be satisfied with this level of giving. Let us not stop until we reach the Bible standard of tithes and offerings. There is still a long long way to go.

Taking Stock

By J. E. DILLARD

This is stock-taking time. We need to know how we stand, what we aim to do, and to shape plans accordingly. It is better to face facts and make adjustments now than to shut our eyes, go ahead, and have heartaches later.

Where We Are

We Southern Baptists have had the best financial year in our history. We have raised more than a hundred million dollars, about \$25,000,000 was for our cooperative work, over \$10,000,000 was for our Southwide causes, nearly \$4,000,000 was for World Relief and Rehabilitation.

What We Need

Nevertheless a careful survey reveals that our boards and institutions are in need of buildings, equipment, and endowments. We never faced such dire need for enlargement or such challenging opportunities as now. Not less than \$30,000,000 would be required to enable us to adequately meet these needs.

What We Seek

The Southern Baptist Convention last May adopted two goals: (1) Ten million dollars to provide for the current and immediate capital needs of the Southwide causes. (2) A million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ. It is hoped to raise the \$10,000,000 through the regular program (designated and undesignated). It is hoped a million tithers may be enrolled for their own sakes and in order to provide a permanent, dependable, systematic support for our work.

How We Stand

In order to receive \$10,000,000 for the Southwide causes it will be necessary to raise approximately \$25,000,000 for state and Southwide causes. The Cooperative Program goals adopted by the state organizations show that only about \$6,000,000 will be received from this source for the Southwide causes, and if an additional \$2,000,000 is designated for Southwide causes we shall still be short \$2,-

000,000. If so, what a pity, what a disappointment, and how our causes would suffer.

What Can We Do?

We can increase our contemplated receipts and avert disaster if all or half of us will do our best.

1. We can complete and follow up the every-member canvass, urging all to help, all to contribute more, all to give a tithe as a minimum.

2. We can see that a larger part of the receipts go to the Cooperative Program causes. Most small churches could give 25 per cent, larger churches 50 per cent, and exceptional churches more.

3. We can solicit special gifts from interested persons for all or any of our agencies. The Southern Baptist Foundation is now prepared to advise, receive, administer and distribute funds for all or any of our agencies.

4. We can stress continuously our doctrines and inform our people about the Cooperative Program, the what, why, and how of it.

5. We can promote stewardship and tithing all the year.

6. We can observe Stewardship Day, February 9, or nearest convenient day, seeking to discover, count, and record those who will help us realize. "A Million Southern Baptist Tithers For Christ."

Our Part

If you read the story on the Palmer Golden Rule Foundation in the January 2 issue, you found this statement:

"I sincerely believe that if all professing Christians throughout the world would work through united prayer and concerted efforts, we could have peace."

The speaker was not a preacher but a veteran newspaperman. Prof. Frank E. Burkhalter of Baylor University. You and I can readily agree with him. But as we agree, let us remind ourselves that the job begins with individuals such as you and me. Are we doing our part?

There is more folding money put in collection plates these days, and the Northwestern National Life Insurance Company has just figured that religious contributions during 1945 for the first time topped a billion dollars. But during the same period, the gluttonous U. S. population spent three billion for tobacco and almost eight billion for alcoholic drinks.

A goal of 300,000 new enrollees in the denomination's Sunday schools during the next year was set by the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board. Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the board, said the denomination also will seek 50,000 more Sunday school officers and teachers, and 1,000 new schools.

Pray for your State Legislature and your National Congress.

Dr. Campbell, Southern Baptist Leader, Accepts First, Little Rock, Pastorate

(From the Arkansas Gazette)

Recognized as one of the outstanding ministers of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. R. C. Campbell of Columbia, S. C., has announced his acceptance of a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church here. He will assume his duties February 16.

Chairman A. N. McAninch of the Pulpit Committee announced Dr. Campbell's acceptance at the morning services Sunday, January 19, and it created a sensation among the church's 3,700 members.

"We feel that Dr. Campbell's decision to come here is a great victory, not only for our church and Little Rock, but for the entire state," Mr. McAninch said. "His selection was approved unanimously by every organization and member of the church."

The call was extended to Dr. Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbia since April 20, 1941, after he preached at services here December 29. His telegram of acceptance follows:

"I accept call to your church. We turn our faces toward the First Baptist church with assurance of Lord's leadership and high confidence of His blessings. We shall join prayers, hearts, plans and hands in faith with you for a great pastorate. Begin work with you February 16."

Strong Effort Made To Keep Pastor at Columbia

Since the call was extended, members of Dr. Campbell's church at Columbia and numerous church and civic organizations have attempted to influence him to remain at Columbia. Even the South Carolina Baptist State Convention was reluctant to release him.

A resolution adopted by the Columbia church said: "We believe that since coming to South Carolina he has contributed immensely to the upbuilding of Baptist work in the state and we would, at this time, regret to lose his wise counsel and leadership." The resolution also pointed out that "He and Mrs. Campbell have endeared themselves to our hearts."

Under Dr. Campbell the historic First Baptist Church at Columbia has grown to 2,500 members. The church's budget in 1941 was \$36,000. In 1947, the budget is \$107,000 and the church raised more than \$210,000 for all purposes last year.

The church edifice there was constructed in 1858, and the first general secession congress was held in the church. During the War Between the States and Union forces arrived in Columbia, they wanted to burn the church, but they were directed to another building and the church still stands.

The First Baptist Church at Twelfth and Louisiana Streets, has 3,700 members, and raised \$114,120 for all purposes last year. The church also had 573 additions during the year, although it was without a pastor half of the year.

Vice President of Southern Baptist Convention

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Campbell is the author of 12 books on religious subjects. He is vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, a member of the Convention's Executive Committee, and retiring

president of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention.

Before going to Columbia, he served five years as executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and six years as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Lubbock, Tex. He is a graduate of Wake Forest University, North Carolina, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex. He obtained his DD degree at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., his LL D from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Lit. D. from Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Tex.

Pastor Bruce H. Price, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, is one of the speakers on the Southern Baptist Radio Hour during the Southwide Evangelistic Emphasis in April, May, and June. The special evangelistic crusade is a joint effort of the Home Mission Board, the Radio Commission, and the Sunday School Board spearheaded with the Baptist Hour. Subjects and dates for the individual speakers will be announced later.

Rep. Gordon L. McDonough has introduced a concurrent resolution in Congress which would have the members of the U. S. delegations to all future peace conferences urge the adoption of freedom of religion, speech, and press by the delegates from all assembled nations.

Charles Holland, recent graduate of Ouachita College and now a member of the faculty, is available for part-time pastorate or supply work. He may be contacted at Ouachita College, Arkadelphia.

Al Feltz and Louis Bohlen were ordained to the ministry by First Church, Fayetteville, January 5. The ordination council was composed of the pastors of Washington-Madison Association. Pastor C. E. Wilbanks, First Church, Springdale, led the questionnaire; Associate Pastor Allen Brickey, Springdale, presented the Bibles, and Pastor O. L. Gibson, Fayetteville, brought the closing message. Missionary J. S. Blystone led the ordination prayer. Pastor Gibson says: "These brethren passed a good examination and we predict for them a bright future in the Lord's work." Mr. Feltz is pastor at West Fork; Mr. Bohlen is pastor at Sulphur City. Mr. Bohlen is a student in the University of Arkansas.

The annual report of Second Church, Little Rock, reveals that contributions for 1946 totaled \$105,720.76, an increase of \$31,200.39 over 1945. Total gifts to missions were \$18,172.63, an increase of \$3,433.22 over 1945. Progress was also indicated in a growing Sunday School attendance and in accessions to the church. The building committee reported more than \$100,000 in cash in the building fund and architects' plans are nearing completion for a total new plant which ultimately would include a new auditorium with two educational wings. M. Ray McKay is pastor, and Roy Paslay, Jr., is educational director.

Dr. R. L. Whipple, president of Central College, Conway, delivered three addresses last week to the Regional Parent-Teacher Association meeting in Marshall, Tex. Dr. Whipple's subjects were "Family Adjustments,"

"A Christian Approach to the Parent-Child Psychological Adjustment," and "Home-School Adjustment of the Child and Parent." These were return engagements for Dr. Whipple, who was in great demand as lecture and preacher while serving as vice-president of East Texas Baptist College.

"Baptists are people from whom, if you have two of which, there may be expected three opinions on whatever," said Rev. John W. Taber, assistant pastor of Scott Memorial Church, San Diego, Calif.

College Hill Church, Texarkana, celebrated the first anniversary of the pastorate of Roger M. Baxter January 19. During the past year there have been 148 additions to the church, 58 for baptism. Just after coming on the field Pastor Baxter and Ottis Denney, associational missionary, organized a mission which became Arbella Heights Church four months later and now has approximately 100 members. Twenty-eight of the additions to the church were in the mission. College Hill Church leaders have earned about 75 Sunday School awards and 113 Training Union awards. Both Sunday School and Training Union have experienced great growth. A Vacation Bible School was conducted with 93 average attendance. One minister and three deacons have been ordained by the church.

Marion Church Begins Reconstruction Plans

First Church, Marion, is already making plans to rebuild following the Sunday morning fire on January 5 which left only the walls of the 24 year old building standing. The congregation met in the Marion School Gymnasium on January 12 to formulate plans for reconstruction. The entire community of Marion is said to be supporting the endeavor.

Flames from an overheated furnace are blamed for the fire which was discovered by Pastor Basil Martin shortly before Sunday School time.

Two pianos and a new carpet, laid only last month, were listed among the losses. Inside the auditorium several pews which had not burned stood amid rubbish from the fire. Only a few timbers remained of the roof. Loss is estimated at approximately \$60,000, one-third of which was covered by insurance.

PASTORAL CHANGES

John Collier to First Church, Harrisburg.
Frank Eaton from Pisgah Church to Troy Church, Hope Association.

Sid White to Guernsey Church, Hope Association.

G. William Smith from Bradley Church to First Church, Monette.

Doyle Cheech to Ruddell Hill Church, Batesville.

Lawrence Ferriell from Piney Grove Church to Bigelow Church.

R. C. Campbell from First Church, Columbia, S. C., to First Church, Little Rock.

C. W. Caldwell from First Church, Fordyce, to become superintendent of missions in Arkansas.

James Olive to Mandeville Church, Hope Association.

Arthur G. New from First Church, Strong, to Phoenix, Ariz.

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.

The 56th biennial session of the Arkansas General Assembly got off to a busy start last week, and into the hopper the first few days went a large number of bills of interest to church people.

Many of these bills will never come to a vote; many of them will. Some of the bills that may be worthy as introduced will be amended so drastically that their final results are reversed; and other bills now appearing harmful may be amended so that the sting is removed. A day by day check is vital in keeping exactly up to date on legislative news. All bills bear careful study.

ELECTIONS: First bill (SB 1) passed by the Senate was a repeal act voiding the 1945 law (Act 107) which set up separate primary elections for federal and state officers so that Negroes could be prevented from voting in the state elections. The Arkansas Baptist denounced this separated election law at the time of its passage two years ago, crying that it was not democratic in denial of the ballot to colored citizens. The repealer, introduced by Senator L. Weems Trussell, came because the four primary elections necessitated every election year were too cumbersome and expensive. A similar bill (HB 2) has been introduced by Representative Claude Lee Coffelt in the House.

PROTESTS: Pre-session talk that the legislature would consider bills to put the state

in the liquor business has prompted the adopting of resolutions by many congregations over the state. It would be well if all our people would express themselves on this issue. The Gazette has published several such resolutions in its "From the People" column. Baptist groups among these include the churches at Prescott and Gould.

LIQUOR TAX: A bill (HB 12) by Representative Carroll Hoillingsworth to place a 33 per cent privilege tax on gross profits of all liquor transactions in viewed by many as an alternative to the proposed state-owned liquor stores. The tax, if the bill be enacted, would be levied "for privilege of storing, transporting and selling spiritous liquors, in addition to all other taxes and is not to be passed on to the purchaser." The act would provide much of the additional revenue that could be realized by state operation of the stores, and at the same time would so tax the liquor industry that profits would be nominal and many agents perhaps put out of business. Revenue realized from the tax would go to the State Hospital for Nervous Diseases, state highways, and public welfare.

HOW DRY IS DRY? Another House bill (HB 16) intended to better control the liquor traffic was introduced by Representatives P. P. Alexander, Christian minister, and J. R. Steel. The act would define "possession of more than one pint of intoxicating liquor in

any county, municipality, ward, or precinct, where the sale of intoxicating liquor is prohibited, as prima facie evidence of illegal possession of liquors for sale." Representatives Russell C. Roberts and Dan Stephens have offered a similar proposal (HB 35) one gallon of liquor as the maximum that one may legally possess in a dry county. Either of these acts, when adopted, should strengthen the present initiated local option law.

CLEAN POLITICS: Cleaner political campaigns appear the aim of (HB 4) offered by Representative Claude Lee Coffelt, which would make it a felony, punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment, "to publicize untruth or falsehood about candidates for elective or appointive offices during the year in which election is held or during campaigns." Anyone found guilty of this code would be barred forever from public office in the state.

Twenty-Nine Baptists Are Listed on Roster

There are 46 Methodists as compared with 29 Baptists in the two houses of the General Assembly. Twenty Methodists and three Baptists are included in the Senate roster of 34, while there are 26 Methodists and 26 Baptists among the 100 members of the House of Representatives. One in the Senate and 17 in the House list themselves simply as "Protestant," and two in the House indicate no church affiliation.

The breakdown follows:
Senate: Methodist, 20; Presbyterian, 5; Baptist, 3; Episcopalian, 2; Church of Christ, 2; Catholic, 1, and Protestant, 1.
House: Methodist, 26; Baptist, 26; Protestant, 17; Presbyterian, 12; Church of Christ, 5; Episcopalian, 5; Christian, 4; Catholic, 1; Lutheran, 1.

Lawmakers indicating Baptist affiliation include:

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| | Senate |
| | Ezra Garner, Magnolia. |
| | J. Ed Thompson, Paragould. |
| | Bert S. Smith, Jonesboro. |
| | House of Representatives |
| | R. C. Willis, Stuttgart. |
| | Chester F. Ross (Baptist Preference), Montrose. |
| | Richard Lewis, Arkadelphia. |
| | Laud Payne, Piggott. |
| | J. L. Bittle, Heber Springs. |
| | Harry B. Colay, Magnolia. |
| | DeWitt Poe, McGehee. |
| | Russell C. Roberts, Conway. |
| | Dave Schaufler, Sturkie. |
| | Jess B. Carpenter, Salado. |
| | John R. Hamilton, (Minister), Melborune. |
| | W. L. (Bill) Ward, Marianna. |
| | J. T. Wimberly, Star City. |
| | John C. Finley, Ashdown. |
| | (Miss) Alene Word, Osceola. |
| | L. H. Autry, Burdette. |
| | Hilman H. May, Bluff City. |
| | A. L. Brumelow, Camden. |
| | Bob Riley, Little Rock. |
| | Walter W. Jackson, Pochontas. |
| | Fred C. Harrelson, Forrest City. |
| | James R. Tudor, Marshall. |
| | Carl E. Hendrix, Horatio. |
| | Lonnie L. Ackerman, Mt. View. |
| | Sam D. Crawford, El Dorado. |
| | Lynn Wilson, Danville. |

And in Washington . . .

Congress Also Makes Religious News

By LARSTON D. FARRAR
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Religious News Service

Enough bills impinging directly on religion, or of great interest to religious people, were introduced during the first week of the 80th Congress to indicate that its deliberations will be followed more closely by churchmen than any previous Congress.

It can be said definitely that all building restrictions will be out by next June 30, perhaps sooner. This Congress is of a mind to take off all controls possible, and those favoring this action have the votes to do it.

Second, it can be predicted that there will be no universal compulsory military training legislation and that the draft law which expires March 31 will not be renewed.

Third, it is clear by now that few significant changes will be made in the immigration laws. It's possible that the Congress and the Executive may lend their joint influence in efforts to get refugees from Europe into Latin American nations which presumably have plenty of unsettled territory. But it's highly unlikely that the House will pass any significant legislation along this line, or, if so, that the Senate would accede.

Fourth, it seems unlikely that any fair employment practice legislation will be passed in 1947, although several bills providing for

a new Fair Employment Practices Committee have been introduced in both houses of Congress. There's some possibility for this legislation in 1948, depending upon how the political tide seems to be running.

There is a 50-50 chance for the bill providing for representatives of religious organizations to serve as advisers to the American delegation to the UN. This bill, sponsored by Rep. James T. Patterson (R.-Conn.), was introduced in the 79th Congress shortly before that body adjourned last summer. If enough support is mustered for it, there's little doubt but that the Republicans would act on it quickly.

It is possible to predict that the Republicans will make a strong drive to get through a resolution calling on the American delegates to the UN to work to outlaw peacetime conscription throughout the world. Speaker of the House Joseph Martin, Jr., told reporters that he is going to re-introduce his proposal to outlaw military training everywhere, including the U. S. If so, it will no doubt pass the House and the Senate.

Any new housing legislation just isn't in sight for 1947, although Senator Robert A. Taft (R.-O.), who supported the so-called Wagner-Ellenger-Taft bill in the 79th Congress, undoubtedly is going to try to get essentially the same bill through the Senate. He

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Clarksville Layman Gives Automobile To Central College for Use of Quartet

Central College has just received from a Clarksville layman a gift for the purchase of a new automobile for President R. L. Whipple for making his contact journeys over the state. He will use the car in conveying the College quartet to the various churches that desire to use them in their program. They will sing at the First Baptist Church of Clarksville Sunday morning February 2.

Mr. Lawrence Bradley, formerly of Little Rock but now engaged in business in Clarksville, saw the need for this gift when Brother Bradley's pastor asked Dr. Whipple to present the program and needs of Central to his church. This fine layman is president of one of the men's Bible classes in the church and knows how to deal with men. The pastor is S. Richard Wallis, a native of Arkansas and a graduate of both Ouachita College and the Southern Seminary at Louisville.

Immediately upon graduation from the Seminary in 1944, Brother Wallis came to the Clarksville pastorate. Many signs of growth mark the two years of his work there. The church purchased and redecored an adequate pastorium and added four new Sunday School rooms to the church plant. The Sunday School enrolment has doubled, and the church has had more additions during this time than in many previous years. The church has also installed a new Hammond electric organ and increased the building fund from \$2,000 to \$18,600. Tentative plans are now in the making for the erection of a new auditorium and educational building.

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Kentucky Baptists Plan High School

Kentucky's first Baptist high school, to accommodate 200 students, is planned by the 18th Street Baptist Church in the southwestern section of Louisville. The school will be the second of its kind in the United States, according to Pastor Oscar Gibson.

Courses in the Bible and religion will be included in the curriculum, but the co-educational school will be primarily academic, not religious. Construction of the building, at a cost of \$100,000, will be started next summer on a three-acre site purchased by the congregation for a new church building and educational structure.

The high school building also will be used for the church Sunday School.

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Northern Baptists Raise Mission Funds

Contributions to the \$14,000,000 World Mission Crusade drive of the Northern Baptist Convention have passed the \$10,000,000 mark, it was announced at the denomination's headquarters in New York.

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president of the Convention, said "the fact that we have reached the figure of \$10,232,305.43 would indicate that the World Mission Crusade is a month ahead of schedule. It may even suggest the possibility that we shall reach a total of \$15,000,000 instead of \$14,000,000 by the time of our 40th anniversary Convention at Atlantic City in May."



Pastor Wallis

Southern Baptists Grow in California

A crusade to rechurch Southern Baptists who have gone to California from 20 Southern states will be started this year, according to a decision reached at the sixth annual convention of the Southern Baptist churches of California.

The convention, meeting in Oakland, voted to invite the 1948 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to California. The slogan, "Golden Gate in '48," was adopted and will be presented at next year's national meeting of the denomination in St. Louis.

Admittance of Southern Baptist churches in California to the national convention of the denomination in 1942 was viewed as an infringement on Northern Baptist territory, and since there have been meetings of representatives of both groups in attempts to create a working agreement. Northern Baptists in California now number 138,724, while there are 15,000 Southern Baptists in 130 churches. The latter figure is almost double that of last year.

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Paragould on the Air

First Church, Paragould, began broadcasting the morning services January 5 on a one-year contract with Station KDRS of Paragould's new Progressive Broadcasting Company. The time is 10:45 to 12 each Sunday morning, at 1490 kilocycles.

Pastor Irving M. Prince states that many cards, letters, phone calls, and personal comments have already been received regarding the services, and he asks that Arkansas Baptists join with the church at Paragould in prayer that each life contacted may be enriched.

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In our Southern Baptist territory it is estimated that there are now 3,352,223 babies (white) three years old and younger. Of this number approximately 1,361,000 are not being reached by any Sunday School.—Mrs. Harold R. Jones in the Sunday School Builder.

Baptists Run Boys' Town in Louisville

A one-man Boys' Town run in his own home on his own salary by the Rev. Edward J. Lee, Jr., Baptist minister of Louisville, Ky., is growing up into a full-fledged institution patterned after Father Flanagan's famed community in Nebraska.

Mr. Lee, former Juvenile Court probation officer and now chaplain at the Children's Center (detention home) of Louisville, began his work by offering a home to one boy who appeared in Juvenile Court. He gradually raised his "flock" to five.

The new project will be a \$70,000 institution on 12 acres near St. Matthews, a suburb on the eastern outskirts of Louisville, to house dependent children in that area.

Known as Louisville Boys' Town, the home will be operated on a nonsectarian basis by the Long Run Association of Baptists, parent body of 73 Baptist congregations in the Louisville area. The property includes an 11-room house, two cottages, a barn, tennis and basketball courts, and a swimming pool. Mr. Lee will be superintendent.

J. C. Iler, Sr., a wholesale grocer, became interested in Mr. Lee's work and raised \$65,000 to help establish the Louisville Boys' Town, with the cooperation of the Rev. J. Perry Carter, Long Run superintendent of missions and evangelism.

First residents of the new Boys' Town will be the five boys now living with Superintendent Lee. He expects to raise the total to 20, with a majority of the boys to come from Juvenile Court and Children's Center. He stressed that the boys would be dependents, not delinquents.

Louisville Boys' Town will be maintained by voluntary contributions through the Long Run Association of Baptists.

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RADIO

Pastor A. B. Pierce, First Church, Pine Bluff, will bring the last in a series of four messages now being broadcast on 11 Arkansas stations next Sunday, January 26. Pastor Pierce is speaking on the second chapter of Ephesians, "the alpha and omega of God's redemptive plan," and his last message is on "Gods Purpose in Redemption."

The weekly broadcast is 15 minutes in length. Music is furnished by the Arkansas Baptist Quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McMeans and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Buice. Mrs. Henry C. Harris is organist.

The program may be heard next Sunday over the following stations:

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

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To minister to the cultural and spiritual needs of Negroes, Japanese, and white residents of the community, a \$250,000 church, Trinity Baptist, is to be built in Los Angeles. According to plans of the pastor, Dr. Jonathon Gaston, one aim of the church will be "to fight disease, crime and delinquency."

God's Redemptive Plan: **SAVED**

By A. B. PIERCE, *Pastor*
First Church, Pine Bluff

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The second in a series of four radio messages on the Second Chapter of Ephesians, "the alpha and omega of God's redemptive plan."

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means "deliverance"—of the Gospel. Men are delivered from the danger incurred by the guilt of sin. Healing is given to those whose lives are diseased by sin.

Salvation will not be sought by any person who does not have a Scriptural conception of the sinfulness of sin. Violation of God's law is sin, and a penalty is attached. "The wages of sin is death." "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Sin breaks the fellowship between man and God. There can be no peace between persons out of harmony. The thought of not being reconciled to God is awful.

We know what feelings of bitterness can arise between father and son when something comes between them here on earth. We know also what it means for a reconciliation to come and bring sweet fellowship again. Reconciliation must take place if we are to live in peace with our Creator. We cannot die in triumph without a consciousness of Divine presence. We cannot reign with Him on high if we are not reconciled to Him here.

A New Creature

Our hearts all thrill when we cogitate on the fact that we are saved. When I think upon the fact that I am a Christian, I feel like exclaiming. "What a transformation." "What glorious changes have been wrought in my life by the power of God! I am a new creation

in Christ Jesus. I have been lifted from the depths of despair to the heights of hope, I have been delivered from darkness to light, from death to life, from rebellion to grace. I am a child of the King. I am no longer a servant of Satan, the prince of the power of the air, but a servant to Him who set me free from the law of sin and death. All of this and far more is the condition of those who are saved through Jesus Christ."

The first stanza of the song, "Amazing Grace," expresses this thought in the following words—

Amazing Grace how sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me
 I once was lost, but now I'm found
 Was blind, but now I see.

Oh how good is our God to provide at so great a price this salvation which means everything good for all who will accept it!

If you are lost, do you not desire to be saved? Would you not like to be redeemed from everlasting destruction to everlasting joy and peace with the Heavenly Father? You can have this salvation if only you can see that you are lost and undone, and will repent of your sins and turn by faith to Christ who will save you now. Will you accept Him and His gift of salvation now; and sing with the poet—

I once was an outcast stranger on earth,
 A sinner by choice, and an alien by birth;
 But I've been adopted, my name's written down,
 An heir to a mansion, a robe and a crown.
 I'm a child of the King,
 A child of the King;
 With Jesus my Saviour,
 I'm a child of the King.

No subject can rival in importance that of salvation. That which has to do with the welfare of man's immortal soul transcends every problem man is called to confront, and demands the most serious consideration. The composite value of all other things to us cannot equal that of salvation, and gaining of the whole world at the expense of the loss of the soul is a bad bargain. The question asked by the writer to the Hebrews (2:3) "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" can be understood only by those who realize what they have been saved from, and what they have been saved to.

Saved From Sin

The lost man is not saved in his sins, but out of his sins. This contrast of conditions is vividly portrayed in the second chapter of Ephesians. In the previous message of this series I sought to emphasize the desperate condition of a man that is lost in sin. These Ephesian saints needed no stretch of the imagination to understand what they had been saved from.

Where formerly they were dead in trespasses and sins—now they are alive; they were lost—now they are saved; they walked according to the course of this world, now they walk in Spirit; they were separated from Christ by a wall of hostility, now they are reconciled and brought near through Christ; where they once served Satan, now they are the servants of the Lord Jesus Christ; once they were aliens and foreigners, now they are fellow citizens with the saints where they have hope and God; where they were the children of wrath, they are now the children of God, fellow heirs with Christ Himself.

Paul knew what it was to have a form of godliness, and the power thereof. He was found before the law blameless, yet he persecuted the church of God, and not until God struck him down on the Damascus road did he know what salvation was. When he remembered his zeal in persecuting the Christians, and particularly the clothes laid at his feet when Stephen was stoned to death, he thought of himself as being the chief of sinners.

In the third chapter of Philippians, Paul tells us how he stood according to law, but states that he suffered the loss of all his attainments and possessions for the faith of Christ Jesus the Lord. He compared all these things he formerly counted as gain to him, loss, and as dung compared to the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus the Lord. He desired not a righteousness of his own according to the law, but the righteousness which is through the faith of Christ.

The difference between being lost and being saved was so great to Paul that his heart's desire and prayer to God for his people Israel was that they might be saved. After declaring his conversion experience before Festus and Agrippa, Paul preached Christ with such power that Agrippa said, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian," and Paul said, "I would to God that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost and altogether as I am, except these bonds." One of the positive evidences of salvation is that every man desires the salvation of every other person.

Deliverance

The word salvation in the original language

A Million for Ouachita

Pastor W. O. Vaught, Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock, reports on Ouachita College Day at Immanuel:

Ouachita College Day was observed at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, January 12. President J. R. Grant, Drs. S. W. (Bill) Eubanks, Albert L. Myers, Otto Whittington, and the Ouachita College Choir were guests for the day and brought great inspiration to the entire church.

Students and faculty members spoke in all the Sunday School and Training Union departments, and representatives from the choir brought special music in all these various groups. The Ouachita College Choir joined with Immanuel's choir in the special music of the morning service, and in the evening the Ouachita Choir, under the direction of Miss Maxie Cleere, gave a sacred musical concert. Dr. Whittington brought a ringing challenge at the evening service on the progress of the Ouachita Campaign.

To date, approximately \$75,000 has been paid and pledged on Immanuel's quota of \$125,000. The Berean Bible Class of Immanuel, taught by Hamilton Moses, president of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College, gave \$1,000 cash toward the campaign. Many hundreds of individuals in Immanuel Church have accepted the challenge of this glorious task and will be paying their pledges during the coming months.

The outcome of the Ouachita Campaign is no longer an open question. Victory is already

in sight. Ouachita College will have more than 1000 students at the beginning of the second semester.

Let us link hands across Arkansas, back Dr. Whittington with our prayers and our pledges, and see this campaign over the top before our Centennial Convention in 1948.

Pastor L. C. Tedford, First Church, Corning, reports that his church has already exceeded its three-year quota:

Our church was asked for \$500 per year for three years. We decided to raise it all now and we already have \$1845 in hand. I wish the churches and pastors all would take up the watchword: "Let's do it now!" or some such slogan, and that we'd finish the job before it begins to drag out on us.

Pastor Harold C. Seefeldt, First Church, Paris, reports on progress there:

First Church, Paris, responded to the appeal made to Southern Baptists for the Relief and Rehabilitation Offering. This was followed by a revival meeting which called for another offering. These two offerings delayed our getting into the Ouachita Campaign earlier, so our church voted to make the Ouachita Campaign a Thanksgiving offering with cash and pledges to be paid by January 1. Paris is located in the coal mining district, and the labor situation became more and more acute with the mines shutting down

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She Purposed in Her Heart

By V. E. BOSTON, Pastor

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis

Her application for entrance in the school of Nursing of Baptist Memorial Hospital was complete. All of the records were adequate, health was good, letters of reference were supplied.

Six words on that application blank claimed the attention of the Hospital Student Secretary. "I'd like to be a Baptist" was written where church affiliation was called for on the blank. What a plea! What a condemnation for the unconcern that causes us to let so many go on waiting to know Him! A post script was added to the letter being mailed to this prospective student along with others, asking an opportunity to talk with her about being a Christian, then a Baptist.

Immediately and persistently upon her arrival, our new student sought the office of the Student Secretary. Several trips were made before she was able to find an opportunity for that awaited discussion. Here was an eagerness to accept the simple plan of salvation presented from the scriptures. Then amid her exclamations of joy in her new found Christ, she turned again to ask of the duties and details of church membership.

On an early Sunday evening she went down

into the water and came up out of the water as she desired to follow Him further. Church membership and activity gave a new radiance to her life. Each new experience in Sunday School thrilled her. At the State B. S. U. Convention, her faith was strengthened and her ambition for Christian service heightened. The Convention theme "To Live Is Christ" seemed to come alive in her soul.

December came with the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. In the closing program a pageant was presented emphasizing the hunger of many nations for the message that Christian nurses can give. Her heart throbbed as she pictured herself as the keeper of the keys that locked their Bibles. "Yes, I'll go—wherever God wills" she determined. A conference with the Hospital Pastor followed.

Following a message from the Hospital Pastor on "The Call of The Master," this lovely girl made her declaration to her fellow students. "They must know!"

January came with its first Sunday. Down the aisle in her own church walked a new Christian, already a mission volunteer, rededicating her life to a deeper service in His name.

Life has a purpose as she lives today.

Congress

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may be successful there, but it seems doubtful that the House of Representatives will go along, unless there is a big change in sentiment.

Congressman Hays

Reviews Opening Session

By BROOKS HAYS

History is repeating itself. In 1920, from the side lines (I was a clerk in the Treasury Department) I saw the Republicans take over the Government following World War I.

This time I have a front seat and after four years on the majority side it is a novel experience to be with "the opposition." The contrast with 1920 is impressive. Then there was a gleeful destruction of many things Woodrow Wilson stood for and the determination that America should renounce its hard-won place of world leadership was persistent. Now there is almost unanimous accord on the bipartisan peace program and there is a more sober attitude generally regarding Republican possibility for progress and stability.

The Democrats too are trying to be conciliatory. We like our new Speaker, Joe Martin of Massachusetts. In an interesting session, revealing the House at its best, Sam Rayburn introduced Speaker Martin as a man of "unquestioned character and of proven ability." It was a good start. He is the 44th Speaker in our history.

There are 106 new members, most of whom are from the North and East. Arkansas is one of three States having no change in the delegation (not including the small delegations). Committee assignments for our State are the same as in the previous session. My Committee (Banking and Currency) has absorbed the Committee on Coinage, Weights, and Measures.

Mr. Truman was conciliatory in his first message but the Republicans did not like all of it. The chief difference will center around tax reduction. The President wants our mon-

umental debt reduced and would postpone tax relief during the high income period so the burdens will be proportionately lighter in the future. Luxury taxes should be continued, he believes. My view is that we should retain some of the wartime luxury taxes, such as those on whiskey and then provide some relief for dealers in jevelry similar trade items.

Mr. Knutsen, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, favors "across the board" 20 per cent reduction. This would defeat sound plans for debt reduction and impair governmental services including perhaps some necessary flood control projects. Furthermore, it would reduce taxes for those with a million dollar income below the pre-Pearl Harbor rate, while leaving families with less than \$5,000 a year paying ten times as much as before the war.

A good alternative proposal is to raise exemptions for families to give relief for those most urgently needing it. This could be accomplished without violently disturbing the fiscal situation. In any event, the budget must be balanced.

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Mission to Hawaii

Returning from Hawaii where he led a group of six Texas young people in an evangelistic crusade, the Rev. Woodson Armes reported 300 professions of faith and rededications in the week long series or revival services on the Pacific islands.

Mr. Armes, who is pastor of the Seventh and James Streets Baptist Church of Waco, Tex., just across the street from Baylor University campus, said that a second Hawaiian crusade probably will be undertaken by the Texans next summer.

The group went by air from Dallas to Hawaii in 18 hours. Services were held in Honolulu, with attendance climbing from 800 on the opening night to more than 2000.

"As Hawaii is a crucial point in the United States' defense chain, so is Hawaii a crucial point in the spread of Christianity in the Orient," Armes said.

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just before the time set for the offering to be taken.

We secured the services of Rev. J. F. Queen, our Hospital pastor, who is also active in the Ouachita Campaign, to preach Sunday morning previous to the Sunday the Campaign was to be launched. We had set a goal of \$1500 to be raised. Bro. Queen suggested the idea of placing a square made up of 30 smaller squares representing \$50 each, on a blackboard in front of the auditorium. The white lines against the black background impressed us of a window frame, so we called it a "Window of Light." The squares were made light as pledges and cash came in. Goals were set by departments in the Sunday School, several of which were reached. Although we did not raise the full \$1500 before the year closed, we did raise around \$1100 which has gone into our state office. We plan to continue to cooperate in the completion of this worthy Campaign.

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Independent Baptist Publication Launched

An incorporated independent Southern Baptist group of ministers has released from Nashville, Tenn., the first copy of "Southwide Baptist Digest," a monthly 16-page symposium of Southern Baptist news, editorials, articles and opinions."

Edited by the Rev. Livingston Mays of Nashville and the Rev. Russell Bradley Jones of Chattanooga, the publication also boasts of a contributing staff of 12 ministers from as many states. Each member of the staff holds voting stock in the publication. Included is Rev. O. L. Gibson, Fayetteville.

Most material in the first issue is lifted from the various state publications of the Southern Baptist Convention. In an editorial statement, Editor Mays, who also is president of the corporation, explains:

"In the charter this publication pledges itself to 'always stand for the policies, plans, boards and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention. It shall stand for and propagate the doctrine held by the constituents of said convention; especially that repentance, faith and regeneration accompany salvation; that Christ, God's only begotten Son, was born of the Virgin Mary; that the atonement for sinners who believe on Him was accomplished through His sacrifice and shed blood on the cross; that He arose from the dead in visible bodily form; and that a similar resurrection awaits all His people when He returns for them. This publication shall also stand for the Divine inspiration of the Bible and shall emphasize its missionary teachings."

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By IONE GRAY

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Peloubet's Select Notes by Wilbur M. Smith is a well known volume published annually since 1875. It gives the Sunday School teacher of any age group an excellent general background for the study and presentation of the lesson.

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The beautifully bound volume contains numerous pictures, full-page reproductions in colors, maps, etc., which will be helpful in presenting the lesson. Thought provoking questions appear at the end of each lesson discussion. The book is published by W. A. Wilde Company and sells for \$2.25.

Broadman

Broadman Comments by W. R. White, one of our Southern Baptists and published by Broadman Press has certain obvious adaptations which have been made for the Southern Baptist constituency.

The volume is not written to be used as a substitute for the quarterly or other helps on the Sunday School lessons. It is different and supplemental to all other helps.

A general pattern is followed in each lesson: The "Digest of Scripture" is a statement of the basic contents of the whole Scripture reference from which the lesson is taken. "Special Notes" deal with difficult words or interesting sidelights. "Lesson Interpretation" is an effort to state the fundamental meaning of the Scripture passage. The "Practical Application" seeks to apply that meaning to the problems of the day.

The price is \$1.50.

Tarbell's

For the teacher who wishes a gold mine of ideas and illustrations there is Tarbell's Teachers' Guide by Martha Tarbell.

Among its many helps are the memory selection, the printed Scripture lesson, outline of the entire text, a verse by verse interpretation of the text, light from Oriental life, the historical background, the geographical background, illustrations and helps for all age groups and assignments for the next lesson.

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Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, it sells for \$2.25.

Higley's

Higley's Sunday School Lesson Commentary, published by The Higley Press is very valuable in lesson preparation with its condensed thoughts, suggestions for teaching, and questions and answers for class discussions. It is prepared from the standpoint of the busy teacher and special helps are given for each age group.

Higley's Commentary presents each lesson so that either of the methods of teaching may be used. Every lesson is completely keyed and cross indexed so that every question may be correctly answered, according to the Commentary. Special features, including the Lesson Illustrated, the Object Lesson, and

Seed Thoughts, make every lesson a thrill.

In washable cover and attractive jacket the book sells for \$1.25.

Snowden-Douglass

For those teachers who do not have time to do extensive reading and study but who wish to make very practical application of the Bible teachings, Earl L. Douglass has produced an excellent volume in the Snowden-Douglass Sunday School Lessons.

The author is a genius for condensation. Baptists may not agree with every statement in the book, but they will gain immeasurably by a study of it. The style in which the material is outlined and arranged is such that it enables one to commit the lesson plan, ideas, and Scripture to memory.

The volume is published by The MacMillan Company and sells for \$2.00.

Arnold's

A spiritual and intellectual treatment of the Sunday School lessons may be found in Arnold's Practical Commentary, edited by Dr. B. L. Olmstead and published by Light and Life Press, Winona Lake, Ind.

The editor has been a member of the Uniform Lesson Committee of the International Council of Religious Education for 15 years. The book contains ample explanatory notes, a clear, comprehensive discussion of each lesson, applications and illustrations, teaching plans for all classes from the primary up, questions, introductions to each quarter, extended editorials, and a Bible Dictionary. Essential points of each lesson are presented in

a graphic and condensed form so that the busy teacher can easily grasp the main ideas to be emphasized.

The price is \$1.25.

Gist of Lesson

Published in convenient vest pocket size The Gist of the Lesson, by R. A. Torrey, has two purposes: First, to furnish busy men and women, teachers, or scholars with the text of the International Lessons and suggestive comments in such a form that they may always have them with them and thus improve spare moments on the train, busses, or elsewhere. Second, to help others than Sunday School teachers and scholars to improve spare moments in their individual devotional study of the Bible.

This condensed exposition of the Sunday School lessons now appears for the 48th year. Dr. Torrey has died, but he left such expository notes as to make this compilation possible. The price is 50c.

Points for Emphasis

No Baptist Sunday School teacher would want to be without the 30th annual volume of the vest pocket commentary, Points For Emphasis, by Hight C. Moore.

The little volume contains for each week an introduction, the lesson text and outline, analytical and expository notes, and outline called "the Lesson of the Lesson," "Gold in the Golden Text," a list of the daily Bible readings for family altar use, and department titles.

Published by The Broadman Press, it sells for 50c.

Indispensable in the teaching of the first quarter's lessons are the little paper-bound Gospels of John for two cents each which should be in the hands of every pupil, and the Revised Standard Version of the New Testament, the price of which is \$2.00.

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February Calendar

- Denominational Emphases**
1. Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 2.
 2. Stewardship Sunday, February 9.
 3. Student Evangelistic Week, February 9-15.

Associational Work
 Training Union—Hold the associational officers' and leaders' council, and let the program center around the crusade to enlist all church members in daily Bible reading.

Sunday School—Educational activity: Visitation to every church to help the leaders make plans for the year.

In the Churches
 Training Union—Make plans in February for Bible Emphasis Week, the all-church membership study course, promoted by the Training Union in March. Use the Bible books in all departments.

Sunday School — Have church planning meeting in cooperation with the association.

Assembly Reservations
 Reservations for the 1947 Arkansas Baptist Assembly, July 1-9, are now being received. Be sure to send name with \$2 reservation fee for each reservation. Address requests for reservations to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

A Christian job is any worthwhile lifework through which a person expresses his Christian faith.—John Oliver Nelson, The Baptist Student.

Hymn-Playing Contest for 1947

In response to many requests, the following information is made public for all who are interested in entering or promoting a hymn-playing contest. It is not too soon to begin preliminary announcements to boys and girls of Junior and Intermediate age.

Young music students in these departments are the potential church musicians of the near future and it behooves their leaders to stimulate interest in the study of hymns before they should be called upon to serve actively in this field.

No church has a full quota of qualified and prepared pianists for the expanded departmental program now in use. A general dearth of musicians is reported steadily. The splendid training program sponsored by Baptists in all branches of religious education includes church music. Hymn-playing is one of the vital elements of such instruction.

The statewide contest serves as an incentive to many who otherwise might not become interested. This year it will be conducted at the State Church Music Convention to be held in Little Rock, June 9, 10. Awards are issued each year to a winner in both Junior and Intermediate departments. Associational run-offs will be conducted prior to the date of the state contest.

Since the objective of the contest is to stimulate larger groups of boys and girls to explore the field of hymn-playing, each church is urged to enlist as many as possible to prepare for this event. The preliminary contest should be held in the individual church not later than the first of May so that the successful candidates can enter the associational run-off about May 15. These run-offs will be conducted by the associational music chairman. Each association will enter a contestant in both Junior and Intermediate division in the state contest.

Increasingly parents are manifesting an eagerness to see that hymn-playing is included in the course taught children by the private music teacher who is usually very glad to cooperate in this matter.

Two changes in the rules are being made for this, the third annual hymn-playing contest: (1)

Instead of playing all six hymns on the list, the contestant will be asked to play any one of the six which the judges call for; (2) The contestant must play at sight any additional hymn to be chosen by the judges.

Here is a detailed outline of the requirements for the 1947 contest:

- Hymns for 1947 Contest**
 For the Beauty of the Earth—Dix.
 In the Cross of Christ—Rathbun.
 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy—Wellesley.
 Love Divine—Wesley-Zundel.
 Sun of My Soul—Hursley.
 Take My Life and Let It Be—Hendon.

- Contest Rules**
 Tell facts of interest about composer and author.
 Play a suitable introduction.
 Name key and measure signatures.
 Play from memory any hymn called for from the list.
 Play at sight a hymn to be selected by the judges.

- The Introduction**
 Long enough to give the people time to find the place.
 Acquaint the people with the tune.
 Establish the mood.
 Set the tempo.
 End on the tonic chord.
 May not be ritarded.

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Memory	20
Sight-reading	10
Key and time	10
Interpretation	60
Mood	20
Tempo	10
Stress	10
Pedal	10
Introduction	10

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By ANNIE MAY TURNER
Texarkana

How will your church influence the life of a convert?

The spiritual development of the Baptist convert places enormous responsibility in the hands of the church. Though heredity limits the mental assimilation capacity, at the same time, erudite, consecrated leaders should guide, lead, and counsel; so that the beginner may, in time, reach the fullest extent of his capabilities.

Whether heredity has endowed the convert with far-reaching intellectual potentialities for gasping and understanding to the fullest, or with a pitably low I. Q., it is up to the church to see that he gets proper instruction as to the value of laying the foundation for a new life.

Help Needed

Transplanted to a new world, confronted with the need for mapping a new philosophy and code of ethics, the neophyte humbly, and perhaps unconsciously, pleads for a helping hand of one who knows the road—to steady him until he is strong enough to navigate spiritually and denominationally under his own steam. He needs to be shown what he can expect of God, and what God expects of him.

This assistance is often overlooked, or stinted. Perhaps through lack of interest, or negligence. Possibly the guiding is left to some unqualified person who is bewildered by the charge. And far too often is the novice shunted to some obscure corner, where, using the trial and error system, he flounders around until he gets his bearings.

Immediately following conversion, the plastic period is a critical point; for here, in the beginning, groundwork for the future should be cemented. The understanding and acceptance of Baptist principles, the vision for an enlightened approach to life and its problems, discernment for differentiating between the real and the pseudo, the formation of a habit pattern for Bible study and worship, the re-evaluating and the adjusting—this is the time for teaching these important factors, the elements that make for successful dedication, understanding, and happiness.

The church that fails to strengthen and edify the weak, or definitely point out the way to spiritual gianthood, fails miserable in its purpose. It ceases to be a church—it becomes a club.

Solidly Planted

If at the door of Christian experience the tyro's feet are solidly planted, he can rationally dismiss the problems and questionings that Satan will unquestionably set before him. He sees clay feet, he sees heart-rending disagreements

and feuds, he sees church esprit de corps trampled—yet he is so properly grounded in faith and understanding, that unshaken and confident, he carries on, serene in the realization that human frailties being what they are there are some whose lack of spiritual stamina cause them to stumble.

He knows that perfunctory church attendance is not enough—the attending must include worship. He is aware that worship is communion with God, through Christ; and without audience with God, services, except for entertainment value, are worthless.

He sees how one may be a religionist and yet be unsaved. He knows that theoretical and applied Christianity are not the same thing. He is conscious that personal piety and negative goodness are insufficient—there must be positive action if his life is to be meritorious; and realizing that action without divine guidance is doomed to failure, he seeks God's help, knowing that he has but to ask to receive.

Neither time or money are given to a church or cause. He gives to God through the church or cause. He deals honestly with God and his fellow man. To use an old Southern expression, "he totes fair."

At the present time he sees how the unsaved are fearful for the future, oppressed by anxiety as to what an atomic futurity may bring—but he knows that God is still on his throne, and will be with his own. And he is unafraid for he knows in whom he trusts.

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Alabama Baptists Score Common Evils

Denunciation of the liquor traffic and the increasing divorce rate, and condemnation of President Truman's policy of maintaining Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to the Vatican featured the 125th annual meeting of the Alabama Baptist Convention in Birmingham.

The resolution scoring liquor and divorce was contained in a report of the group's social service committee which also lashed "legalized murder," gambling, Sunday amusements, cocktail parties, drunkenness, and profanity.

The messengers approved a \$100,000 fund-raising drive for Judson College, Marion, Ala., and a program to raise \$250,000 in 1947 for Birmingham - Southern and Howard colleges at Birmingham. The latter campaign will be carried on in conjunction with the Alabama Methodist Conference, which had already approved the plan.

Baptists in Three States Make Plans For Denominational Radio Stations

At least three of the Southern Baptist Convention states have made definite plans for sending the Gospel message over Baptist owned and controlled radio stations. At their recent state conventions, North Carolina, Georgia, and Texas Baptists took definite steps in planning to establish frequency modulation radio stations for religious broadcasts.

In adopting a resolution to this effect the North Carolina Baptist State Convention recommended that the convention utilize talent in all Baptist institutions to build varied programs of religious value, for the state-wide broadcasts.

The Georgia Baptist Convention plans to establish a frequency modulation station in Atlanta and set up six other stations throughout

the state. As outlined in the plan, the Atlanta station would cost \$75,000, and would be owned jointly by the Southern Baptist Convention, the Atlanta Baptist churches, and the state convention. It would serve as the key station in a proposed state network.

Other Georgia stations would be owned by laymen who would finance them on a non-profit basis. All stations, it is planned, will carry enough commercial programs to pay for the initial cost and maintenance. In time, commercial programs would be decreased and church broadcasts increased.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas also made plans for a state-wide network of frequency (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIFTEEN)

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Reminder to YWA Girls

Many offices are already asking employees to sign up for their vacations. This is to remind YWA girls to ask for their vacations for June 19-25, that they may be able to attend "more-wonderful-than-ever" YWA Week at Ridgecrest.

Associational Young People's Organizations Meet

Quarterly meetings for the Pulaski County Associational young people's organizations were held last week.

On Monday evening the YWA Council met at the Baptist Hospital. The Installation Service for the new officers carried out the theme of the 40th anniversary. Miss Marion Tipton, Second Baptist Church, is the newly installed president.

The RA Conclave met Tuesday night at Pulaski Heights Church with 51 present. Mr. Francis Rowe, Immanuel, was elected associational counselor and Marvin Stiles, Immanuel, associational Ambassador-in-chief.

One hundred twenty Junior GA's and their counselors met at First Church, Little Rock, on Thursday evening for their quarterly meeting. Their new associational counselor is Mrs. Evelyn Miller.

Central Church, North Little Rock, was hostess to the Intermediate GA Council on Friday night.

Excellent start has been made in this association for the new year. Our goal is for many more associational organizations all over the state this year.

Intermediate GA girls who are planning to be recognized in the Coronation Service at the GA Conference at Conway, March 14-16 please note: All Queen-with-Scepter and Queen Regent material must be sent to the State WMU Office by February 8 in order for the Young People's Secretary to have time for grading and correcting before the Conference.

Interesting News!

Mrs. H. B. Tillman is the author of stewardship devotionals which will appear monthly in Royal Service during 1947. The February issue of this magazine will contain the devotionals for January and February. These devotionals would be very helpful if used monthly for the worship period at each business meeting of your society. Mrs. Tillman is State Stew-

ardship chairman for Arkansas WMU.

Shining Like the Stars

"Shining Like The Stars" is the name of the book recommended for study previous to the Home Mission Season of Prayer by Missionary Society and Young Woman's Auxiliary. The author is Harold E. Dye. The price is 50c. The name of this book was inadvertently omitted from the list of books published last week. Order all books from the Baptist Book Store.

Independence Association

Independence Associational WMU met recently. Mrs. S. M. Cooper was elected superintendent to succeed Mrs. S. A. Wiles who is moving to another section of the state. Mrs. J. R. Jennings of West Batesville church was elected associational young people's counselor.

Delta Association

Mrs. C. N. Bannister is the new superintendent of Delta Association, succeeding Mrs. Carroll D. Wood, who is moving to Monticello. A splendid report of the first quarterly rally was received from this Association.

Observe Day of Prayer For Community Missions

Suggested program material has been mailed to each missionary society president with the request that the local community missions chairman and her committee plan for the observance of a Day of Prayer during January. Its observance should lead to more devoted efforts to help make our communities better places in which to live and to the winning of the lost about us.

Presidents of Missionary Societies

Your gifts to your Hospital in 1946 have meant much to suffering humanity and we thank you. I am sure you will continue faithful through 1947 and the years to come, for you never fail us.

When you send the names of officers to our Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. H. Ray, please send name of Hospital Chairman.

I am praying God's richest blessings upon you and your members. (Signed) Mrs. Chas. H. Brough, State Hospital Chairman.

Hospitals . . .

A Christian Ministry

Convention Report on Hospitals
By W. A. JACKSON, Benton
Southern Baptists, and Arkansas Baptists, are in the hospital business. What has led us to embark on this expensive enterprise of establishing and operating hospitals? It seems that the answer lies in our desire to be obedient in carrying out the full commission of preaching, teaching and healing committed to us as Baptists.

The Scriptures teem with commands and examples to do these things. The accounts of Jesus say over and over that He went about preaching, teaching and healing, and if we would follow His example, we, too, along with our preaching, and teaching must be engaged in ministering to the needs of sick and suffering humanity.

A Christian Service

As we in our mission program try to carry the Gospel to the lost that they may have the opportunity of hearing of and accepting the Savior, so in the hospital program it is ours to provide modern hospital facilities to which sick and afflicted people may come for the best in medical treatment and service. So we feel that we are being obedient Christians when we do this and that as cooperating Baptists we are doing our Lord's work when in His name we build and operate hospitals.

We are fully conscious of the fact that we are not doing anything like as much in this field of service as needs to be done, but as in other of our Christian enterprises we are limited by the funds made available for this phase of our denominational program.

Two Types of Service

Our hospital program calls for two distinct types of service. The first is that of furnishing hospital buildings, equipment and facilities to which people may come and receive the very best in medical and hospital service, and receive these things under favorable Christian surroundings and influences.

Those who need hospital services should be able to go to an institution owned and operated and dedicated both in theory and in practice to Christian service. In the Baptist hospitals of the South, we feel that we have that kind of institutions, especially in the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis and more particularly our

own Baptist State Hospital. Certainly the doors of our hospitals should not be closed to those who themselves are unable to pay the expensive costs of hospital service. So the other service we as Baptists are rendering in our hospitals is of the free and charitable type, the service to the poor and needy and those whom we should and do invite to come "without money and without price."

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Figures to Inspire

Church	Adms.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia, First	4	481	227
Benton, First	7	574	147
Camden, First	—	547	116
Conway, First	—	413	113
Cullendale, First	—	295	101
Dyess, Central	3	115	61
El Dorado Churches:			
First	—	770	189
Second	—	437	122
Fordyce, First	—	332	113
Hamburg, First	1	279	156
Harrison, First	—	322	149
Hot Springs Churches:			
Walnut Valley	5	83	60
Park Place	—	431	126
Second	2	451	125
Including Mission	—	512	—
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle	4	482	113
Bellvue	—	36	—
Bethel	2	52	30
Calvary	—	151	65
Central	1	187	50
Gaines Street	4	340	226
Grace	3	91	32
Immanuel	7	1133	366
Including Mission	—	1526	607
Park Place	—	113	82
Reynolds Memorial	—	154	74
Second	6	657	98
South Highland	5	280	92
Trinity	2	83	50
Woodlawn	—	113	60
Magnolia, Central	—	400	123
Malvern, First	1	287	52
Mena, First	1	295	94
Mount Ida, First	3	120	88
Norphlet, First	—	217	118
Paragould, First	2	524	227
Paris, First	—	338	170
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	1	727	184
Including Mission	—	798	230
Matthews Memorial	—	120	89
Second	—	227	58
North Little Rock, Levy	—	157	68
Rogers, First	3	301	83
Springdale, First	—	313	143
Including Mission	—	381	—
Stuttgart, First	—	288	129
Warren, Churches:			
First	—	396	80
Immanuel	—	72	51
West Memphis, First	6	308	154

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A FEARFUL QUESTION

"How shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me?" (Gen. 44:34A). This question was asked of Joseph by his brother Judah when it appeared that Benjamin was going to be held in Egypt as Joseph's bond-servant.

The same question may well be asked by every boy's older brother, by every boy's father, by every boy's Sunday School teacher, by every person who has a boy in his care. How shall I face my Heavenly Father and not bring with me the boy that has been intrusted to me?

The current Regional Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador tours are helping to set before our men and boys not only the work of the Brotherhood and the work of the Royal Ambassadors, but also the sacred responsibilities of our men in regard to boys. Boys are growing up to be men; and they are going to become like the men who exercise the greater influence over them.

May God burn into the hearts of His men these words of Judah; into the heart of every father of a boy; into the heart of every man who teaches a boy's Sunday School class; into the heart of every Christian. "How shall I go up to my Father, and the lad be not with he?"


Direct People to Church

Frequently the State Brotherhood Secretary arrives in a town or city and makes inquiry about the location of the First Baptist Church or some other Baptist Church. More often than not, the person asked cannot give the information desired.

We wonder if there are people in YOUR home town or community who do not know where YOUR church is located.

A good project for your church Brotherhood is to inform everybody in your community about the exact location of your church building, and to invite everybody in your community to attend the services of your church. This should be done by a personal visit to every home; and may be followed by putting at certain street intersections pointers which will serve not only to direct people to the church but also to keep the whole community reminded that the work of your church goes on! Some Brotherhoods are erecting welcome signs on every highway

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entering town, inviting people to church.

If we have anything worthwhile going on at our church we are not being fair if we don't let people know about it, and how to get there!

Survey Your Community

Accurate information is the proper basis for effective action. And another worthwhile project for your church Brotherhood is a survey of your community to get the following facts:

1. The spiritual history of everybody in the community. This information will provide the basis for continuing soul-winning efforts, as well as enlistment efforts.
2. The religious status of every family. With this information a comprehensive program of cottage prayer-meetings can be carried through.
3. The areas within your community where mission Sunday Schools should be opened.
4. The institutions of the community where the Gospel should be preached: jails, hospitals, etc.
5. Other opportunities for rounding out a full Brotherhood program.

A Brotherhood activity program should fit the needs of the church and the opportunities offered within the community. "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white already unto harvest." (Jno. 4:35 (b)).

The God-given task of teaching and winning a lost world demands the best workers and the best prepared workers that can be had.—A. V. Washburn, The Sunday School Builder.

BOYS NEED MEN

By ALVIN HAYTON
State RA Secretary

What the boys of our generation need is the friendship and guidance of the right kind of men. Most men today are too busy to pay any attention to boys. They have their minds on something more important, so they think. If they show any interest at all in boys it is only superficial. When a boy sees that a man is sincerely interested in him and his affairs, he will give that man his whole hearted devotion and loyalty.

We've "got" something in the Order of Royal Ambassadors. It is exactly what a Baptist church needs to reach boys. It differs from all other church organizations in that it is a week-day meeting and it is exclusively for boys. This gives opportunity for plenty of activity along with spiritual things. There is one big drawback to the Royal Ambassador program and that is the lack of men as Counselors.

In Preparation

Boys need men to guide them in their PREPARATION. A boy is preparing for a future that is unknown to him. A man who is a consecrated Christian can do much as a Royal Ambassador Counselor to help a boy prepare for the future by helping him grow day by day in Christian character. Royal Ambassadors is more than a civic organization, it is distinctively Christian. It is built around the watchword "We are Ambassadors for Christ."

A boy cannot be prepared for the future unless he is a Christian and unless he realizes his responsibility to rightly represent Christ to others.

In Education

Boys need men to guide them in EDUCATION. Much of what a boy knows is learned from the books and magazines he reads. However, he learns more from what he reads in the lives of others. The most important qualifications of a Royal Ambassador Counselor is that he be a true Christian. Perhaps the next important qualification would be for him to have a genuine love for boys—the kind of love that would cause him to give sacrificially and regularly of his time to work and play with boys. Anyone can

learn about Royal Ambassador work if he wants to. The main thing is that he have these other qualifications.

Royal Ambassadors is a missionary organization for boys. The Counselor should be missionary-minded. He should see that the study of missions is interesting and challenging to the boys. He should lead his boys in promoting missionary activities in the community. Boys learn about missions not only by studying, but also by doing.

In Recreation

Boys need men to guide them in their recreation. It is only normal that a boy wants to play. There is the right kind and the wrong kind of recreation. There is the kind that tears down muscles, morals, and minds; there is another kind that builds a boy physically, mentally and spiritually. If a boy does not get the right kind of recreation, he will get the wrong kind. That is why it is so important to have a man that is competent to guide him in his choice and pursuit of recreation.

Much of the juvenile delinquency in our country has come about because men have been delinquent in providing wholesome recreation for boys. The average boy likes sports and the out-of-doors. A regular and well-rounded church recreational program can be provided for Juniors and Intermediate boys through wide awake Royal Ambassador Chapters. Recreation can be missionary, too. Many who would not go to Sunday School or church have come to a Royal Ambassador meeting to play and have stayed to find Jesus as their Savior.

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Baptists Stand Firm as Opponents of Liquor Traffic; Legislature Requested to Oppose State-Owned Stores

*Convention Report on Prohibition
By FRITZ E. GOODBAR, Russellville*

The battle lines are as clearly marked today in our fight against the manufacture and sale and use of intoxicating liquors as they have ever been.

Meeting as we do today in a city which gave to our nation a statesman who devoted much of his time, talent, energy and prayer to a fight against this great evil, we as Baptists in Convention assembled, should again declare our position and take our places in the foremost ranks of those who fight against this curse to the human race, this enemy of persons, homes and nations.

When the vote was to be taken which was to permit the licensed and legalized sale of liquors again, the nation was told and solemnly promised that it was for the promotion and purpose of temperance; that it would stop bootlegging, gangsterism and decrease taxes.

U. S. Has Not Kept Faith

Time has demonstrated to everyone that these promises were but vote catchers and more and more the sham and hypocrisy of the liquor interests and those who profit by its sale is being unmasked, and in our own state the people are again declaring that they will not be a party to this great crime and are voting it out. At this time (Nov. 20) 31 of the 75 counties in our state have banned the manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors, and many other towns, cities and precincts in other counties have done likewise. This is a gain of 11 counties voting dry since last we met.

Our Federal government has not kept faith with its promises in the liquor business. Our attention has been called to the fact that while Arkansas has granted 504 State permits for the sale of liquor, our Federal government has issued 787. Thus our Federal government is encouraging "bootlegging" or the unlawful sale of liquors within our state.

Our State Revenue Commissioner is reported to have stated recently that something should be done to stop counties from voting dry and suggesting as a means the withholding of all liquor tax money from use in dry counties. Our governor declares that this is the personal opinion of his commissioner, but it reflects the attitude of many who put revenue above righteousness, and who would barter for dollars the souls of men and the happiness and welfare of women and children.

There have been frequent suggestions in recent months that an effort will be made to put the state

into the liquor business by legislative enactment. Such a suggestion is indicative of the fear that the evils of the business may result in its further rejection by the citizenship of our state and the hope to clothe it with state-sponsored respectability.

The Growing Evil

One of our Baptist periodicals calls our attention to the growing liquor evil in our nation. It states:

1. The Federal revenue collected from the sale of liquor in 1945 was \$2,400,000,000, a 16 per cent increase over 1944 and six times the figure for 1934, the first year after repeal.

2. The per capita consumption of liquor in America increased from 10.53 gallons in 1934 to 14 gallons in 1940, and to 20.25 gallons in 1945.

3. Liquor sales reached a new high in 1945, totaling \$7,800,000,000 in 1934; a per capita expenditure of \$58.

This compares with \$5,000,000,000 in 1942; \$6,000,000,000 in 1943; \$7,100,000,000 in 1944. Estimating a billion dollars for bootleg liquor last year, the daily expenditure for liquor was \$24,10,000, or over a million dollars an hour. Dr. Haven Emerson says, "Society pays two dollars for alcoholic drinks for every one it pays for education, from kindergarten to university graduate professional schools."

4. The problem of alcoholism is becoming more serious. It is estimated that there are 750,000 alcoholics in the nation, and 2,500,000 potential alcoholics. Few of these are receiving competent medical care.

5. There is a relationship between the growing crime rate and the increased consumption of liquor. The Yale School of Alcohol Studies estimates that "25 to 28 per cent of all crime may be attributed to alcohol." The economic loss involved in the costs of arrests, jailing, absenteeism, etc., is estimated to be at least a billion dollars a year.

6. Liquor advertising is becoming more extensive, more bold and more obnoxious. The distilling and brewing industries are spending about \$75,000,000 a year to advertise their products.

7. Many church members are drinking, causing leaders to sidestep the liquor issue. Many Sunday School teachers confess their dislike of the "temperance lessons," and other lessons are substituted. Sermons on the liquor evil are infrequent.

8. In thousands of American homes liquor is standard equipment. It is served at the table and at social gatherings. Children are often taught to drink by

their parents, who are oblivious to the warning of Dr. Hornell Hart, Duke University sociologist: "Sociological studies show that drinking is a prime cause of grief, of conflict, and of disaster in family life!"

Can a fair-minded person reach any conclusion except that the liquor evil is becoming worse in America? Our churches had better wake us. Too long have church people been misled by liquor's lying propaganda.

"I Hate the Liquor Traffic"

Our reasons for opposing the liquor traffic are many. Mr. J. Frank Hanly, in the Civic Bulletin, speaks for us when he says:

"I bear no malice toward those engaged in the liquor business, but I hate the traffic.

"I hate it for its arrogance. I hate it for its intolerance.

"I hate it for its hypocrisy; for its cant and craft and false pretense.

"I hate it for its commercialism; for its greed and avarice; for its sordid love of gain at any price.

"I hate it for its domination of politics; for its corrupting influence in civic affairs; for its incessant effort to debauch the suffrage of the country; for the cowardards it makes of public men.

"I hate it for its utter disregard of laws; for its ruthless trampling of the solemn compacts of state constitutions.

"I hate it for the load it straps to labor's back; for the palsied hands it gives to toil; for its wounds to genius; for the tragedies of its might-have-beens.

"I hate it for the human wrecks it has caused.

"I hate it for the almshouses it peoples; for the prisons it fills; for

the insanity it begets; for its countless graves in potters' fields.

"I hate it for the mental ruin it imposes upon its victims; for its spiritual blight; for its moral degradation.

"I hate it for the crimes it commits; for the homes it destroys; for the hearts it breaks.

"I hate it for the malice it plants in the hearts of men; for its poison, for its bitterness, for the dead sea fruit with which it starves their souls.

"I hate it for its heartless cruelty to the aged, the infirm and the helpless; for the shadow it throws upon the lives of children; for its monstrous injustices to blameless little ones.

"I hate it for the grief it causes womanhood—the scalding tears, the houses deferred, the strangled aspirations, its burden of want and care.

"I hate it as virtue hates vice, as truth hates error, as righteousness hates sin, as justice hates wrong, as liberty hates tyranny, as freedom hates oppression."

Recommendations

1. We urge Baptist people to be total abstainers and to consistently oppose the liquor traffic.

2. We request our Federal government to refuse a license for the sale of liquors in dry territory and a closer cooperation with our State government in granting licenses anywhere, and that we request our Southern Baptist Convention representatives in Washington to present our request to the proper authorities.

3. That we place ourselves on record as opposed to state owned controlled liquor stores, and that we request our state administration and our legislators to oppose such a proposal.

4. That we commend the work of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas and its superintendent, Mr. Clyde C. Coulter, and we ask our people to support them with their prayers, money, and efforts.

Your Mail Is a Testimony

What kind of mail does Uncle Sam bring to your home?

Does that mail testify that your interests are on worldly things? Or does it say that Christ is a member of your home?



The ARKANSAS BAPTIST Should Be in Every
Baptist Home in Arkansas

Jesus Crosses Racial Lines To Leave Pattern for All Time

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Here is a lesson that deserves the careful consideration of every follower of Christ throughout the world. It is of supreme importance because it has to do with a matter that is ever before us. It matters not which way one turns he is confronted with a race problem.

Jesus, in His interview with the Samaritan woman, furnishes us a pattern which strikes at the very heart of all racial ills.

Racial Problems

Racial problems are not new. They were prominent in the days of our Lord, as prominent in some respects as they are now.

This fact is seen in the experience of Jesus in His relationship with the Samaritan woman.

John tells us that when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that He, Jesus, was making and baptizing more disciples than John "He left Judea, and departed again into Galilee" (John 4:1f.). Already there had been enough of conflict with the Pharisees who had turned violently against John (John had called them brutes or pipers). Consequently Jesus seeks in the main to avoid Jerusalem and Judea until the end.

The origin of the hostility of the two peoples, a hostility which extends to the present day, stems from the Assyrian colonization of the land of Israel: "And the King of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath and Seharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof" (II Kings 17:24).

Naturally there would spring up an antagonism between the Samaritans and the Jews at their return from Babylon (see Ezra 4 and Jeremiah 6). This rivalry led to the erections, by the Samaritans, of a rival temple on Mount Gerizim. Racial antipathy became all the more pronounced, of course, because the Samaritans were but half Jews. The breach of understanding became wider and wider until the Samaritans and the Jews ceased to have "dealings" with one another on a friendly basis. Hence the problem that confronted Jesus as he dealt with the Samaritan woman.

Transportation and communication of the modern world have brought racial problems to the door of every living soul. With or against our will we must deal with our fellowman irrespective of his race or creed. The street cars, trains and aeroplanes of life are laden with racial problems. The difficulty must be faced at every point of one's journey.

Crossing the Boundaries

In order to deal effectively with

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John 4:4-10, 27-30, 39-42*

our racial problems there are certain boundaries that must be crossed. We must at least come within talking distance of each other. Moreover, we must be frank enough to deal with the problem—whatever it may be—realistically. There is no place in our modern world for the ostrich attitude. We cannot deal with the problem of racial antipathies on the basis of self-delusion.

Jesus surprised His disciples. In fact, they were openly astonished at His decorum for we read, "And upon this came his disciples; and they marvelled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why speakest thou with her?" (John 4:27). The disciples marvelled because he was speaking with a woman not merely with the woman.

According to the existing customs a man was not supposed even to salute his own wife in a public place much less carry on a conversation with a total stranger. But this custom did not deter Jesus from His mission. He had the courage to face public censure in order that He might help a sinful woman plant her feet on the rock of faith.

One of the thanksgivings in the daily service of the Synagogue was as follows: "Blessed art Thou, O Lord, . . . who hast not made me a woman" (Westcott). The implication is obvious.

The disciples need not be taken to task too much because "they marvelled that He was speaking with a woman." In fact, many of us today are slaves to convention and bound by tradition which holds the reins of human conduct in willy nilly fashion. The disciples did not stop to reason. They merely "marvelled."

Those who wrestled with racial problems today will find themselves constantly the target of censure. Often they will be met, however noble their motive may be, by abject criticism. Occasionally they will be the subject of open ridicule. Unless one is prepared to suffer he had better not undertake the solution of racial problems however minor they may be.

Common Ground

The first and the last step that one must take in any attempt to deal with racial antipathy has to do with the matter of common ground on which to stand. Jesus knew this and consequently shifted the conversation with the woman from material to spiritual things. They began talking about water

that quenches physical thirst; in the end they spake of "a well of water springing up into eternal life."

At first the conversation had to do with the relation of Jews and Samaritans; in the end the topic of conversation was the relation of the individual to the heavenly Father.

At first their thoughts related to material aids of worship; before the interview was over the ideal of true spiritual worship had been presented by Jews.

So completely was the impure woman lost in the will of God that she "left her water pot, and went away into the city, and saith to the people, Come, see a man, who told me all things that ever I did: can this be the Christ?" (John 4:28).

Our problem today in dealing with racial matters lies in our failure to make the right approach. The foundation for right relations among the races is forever spiritual. Let us not forget this fact. When men gather about the foot of the cross they find common ground, ground that is level, ground that makes it possible for them to deal with one another as men in holy fellowship.

The Ultimate Objectives

The motive for better race relations should ever be faith in Jesus Christ. The object of Jesus was to lead the Samaritan woman to know Him as Saviour and Lord. Likewise, the object of the woman upon her return to the city was to bear witness concerning the transforming Christ.

Notice her word, "Come, see a man, who told me all things that ever I did: can this be the Christ?" The woman did not say, "Come, see a Jew who had the audacity to speak in a public place to me, a Samaritan woman." She was not particularly impressed by the fact that He had manifested attributes of the Holy One, the looked for Messiah. He had put His finger on the sin of her life and had led her into a new way of thinking and living.

Even so, our basic objectives in race relations must be the leading of men of all races to know Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Only as this motive is uppermost in our minds will we be in position to succeed. The faith that is in Christ is the only worthy motive and dynamic in race relations.

CIVILIANS AGAIN

The following chaplains from the Southwest have been discharged from military service and are available for pastorates, according to the Chaplains Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention. Complete information may be obtained from the paper office.

Claude W. White, 1106 E. Main Street, Gatesville, Tex.

Kenneth E. Hiner, Box 6323, Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth, Tex.

Dwight L. Baker, 4904 E. Lancaster St., Fort Worth 3, Tex.

James E. Thompson, 1813 S. 7th St., Waco, Tex.

James H. Dickinson, 1610 Comanche St., Corpus Christi, Tex.

Foster D. Lott, 2006 N. Franklin St., Marshall, Tex.

James O. Todd, Box 536, Grand Saline, Tex.

Carrol T. Holtzclaw, 1007 Raleigh St., Plainview, Tex.

Weldon R. Drake, Route 1, Greenville, Tex.

Claude Henry Harris, Caddo, Tex.

Emery I. Moshier, Box 145, Crossett, Ark.

Ivan L. Paulk, 2035 Bonham St., Paris, Tex.

Granville F. Stinebaugh, P. O. Box 193, Nevada, Tex.

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modulation stations. The messengers approved the program after its presentation by R. Alton Reed, chairman of the Texas Baptist Radio Commission. Reed proposed that the key station be situated in Dallas with Baptists there owning the station and the Baptists of the state owning the network. Programs would include religion, agriculture, education, sports, news, and entertainment.

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Jesus was the greatest internationalist that the world has known. Everything that he touched he lifted from its provincialism to international significance.—Frank H. Leavell, The Baptist Student.

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Executive Board — STATE CONVENTION

B. L. Bridges, General Secretary, 200 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Pastor at Fordyce, Is Elected Superintendent of Missions

The Administrative and Finance Committee of the Executive Board elected Dr. C. W. Caldwell of Fordyce to be the Superintendent of Missions in Arkansas. We have not had a Superintendent of Missions since Dr. Whittington resigned nearly a year ago to work with Ouachita College in its Million Dollar Campaign.

Dr. Caldwell came to Fordyce several years ago from a Louisiana pastorate. His work as pastor in Fordyce has been outstanding indeed. His interest in missions in his association has also been noteworthy. He is loved and followed by the Baptist people in Fordyce, and is respected by the people of the town. He comes to this position with a deep interest in missions and evangelism. He has visited our offices frequently and has obtained from us much information, both in general and in detail, about the conditions in Arkansas and the progress of the missionary activities in the state.

Dr. Caldwell loves lost souls and has proven his interest in missions by his own evangelistic spirit and accomplishments. He has baptized many people into the fellowship of the For-

dyce First Baptist Church since coming to Arkansas. We welcome him into the fellowship of the missionary enterprise and promise him the most whole-hearted cooperation and assistance.

Our Mission Work Was Glorious Last Year

There were more than 2,000 professions of faith in our state and associational mission work last year. It was one of the best years we have ever had in our mission work. There were 2,234 additions to the churches under the work of the missionaries. The year before there were 1,641 professions of faith, with 1,099 additions to the churches. We had nearly a 25 per cent increase during the past year. The five state missionaries reported 249 of these professions of faith. The balance were reported by 38 associational missionaries and five special missionaries. We are giving herewith a tabulated summary showing the total results of mission work for the year.

SUMMARY OF STATE MISSION WORK DURING 1946 January 1 to December 31, Inclusive

	Total Association Missionaries Whose Salaries Were Supplemented By State Board	Total State Missionaries	Missionary Pastors	Missionary To Soldiers	Grand Total For All Mission Work
Revivals Held	271	44	12	8	335
Professions Witnessed	1,584	249	60	174	2,067
Total Additions	1,689	342	82	122	2,234
Churches Organized	15	1	1	0	17
Sunday Schools Organized	60	1	0	0	61
Training Unions Organized	46	2	1	0	49
Subscriptions to Arkansas Baptist	634	75	33	0	742
TOTAL SERVICES HELD	7,542	1,256	601	355	9,754

When Baptists Compromise

By E. P. ALLDREGE

Baptists are a peculiar people—they thrive and make great progress only where they follow a strict New Testament program and steer clear of all compromises. Conversely, Baptists always and everywhere get on the tobaggan slide and go down, down, down to nothing, when they join up with other denominations and compromise their convictions. If there is a single exception to this in history, I can not find it.

Southern Baptists, in a population of 46,-800,000 approximately, for example, have one Baptist to every 8.2 persons in the population. And counting our colored brethren, there is one Baptist to every 4.8 persons in the South

and Southwest today. In Northern Baptist Convention territory, where there is widespread compromise, there are 88,500,000 persons, but only one Baptist to every 57.5 persons. That is the way that compromise always operates among Baptists. In Canada, for example, where there are 11,420,000 persons, there is but one Baptist to every 81.9 persons in the population. And, in England, where compromise has been tried longer and more thoroughly, there is but one Baptist to every 123.7 persons in the 47,755,000 population of Great Britain. The Federal Council and all such movements is a tobaggan slide! Wise Southern Baptists will not get on it.

Some of our brethren do not believe it, but

I can study the statistics of almost any group of our Southern Baptist Churches over a period of five to ten years, and I can point out the churches whose pastors have gotten "broad" and led the churches to adopt "open communion and alien immersion"—baptism and membership gains in particular, and young people's work in such churches, have gone down, down with the years. One of the most renowned churches in the South, some years ago, called one of these "broad" pastors who believed in and inaugurated open communion and alien immersion. This church had formerly led the South in baptisms and membership gains and, for two years, it actually led the whole nation. How has it gotten along under the "broad" pastor? Its baptisms are not bad at all—about one-third of what they used to be—and it has lost membership at the rate of about 100 a year!

Another and still larger Southern Baptist church in another state decided it wanted a change from our Southern type of pastors and secured a "broad" man. How has this church progressed with their "broad" pastor? The record is not bad—a little more than half the baptisms formerly reported and a net membership loss of about 200 per year!

The way of compromise is the way of defeat, division and ultimate death. The pastor who surrenders his convictions in order to cooperate with others may have the body left, but he will find that the heart and soul are gone out of it.

Last Call For

THE WIDOW'S PLAN

Our preacher brethren seem not to want the Widow's Supplemental Plan to go through in Arkansas. To date we have received only 66 applications signed up, and we need 163. We need 97 signed applications that we do not have. Twenty-two of these 97 have in the past signified that they wanted to join the Widow's Supplemental Plan but they have not sent in applications, and applications are necessary.

Brethren, it is not too late but this is the last call. If you want this Annuity Plan started in Arkansas you must send your application to us at once with one month's dues. Please act at once. If we do not receive enough applications to make the Plan valid we, of course, will notify you and return your payment to you.

Less than one-half of the adults in Texas attend church regularly and at least seven per cent do not go at all, a survey released by the Texas Poll reveals. Continuing a study of the church-going habits of Texans made before the war, the poll found the end of the war had no great effect on church attendance in the state. A majority of the adults, 68 per cent, are continuing their wartime church habits; 15 per cent go more often now, and 17 per cent less often.