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Exploring The Contents Of A Package

By the Editor

I find an interesting package on my desk, left here by Lucien Coleman. It is from the Executive Board of The Arkansas Baptist State Convention. This package is in the form of a large envelope. A hint as to what it contains may be found on the outside of the envelope. I read: "Here they are . . . Samples of your 1952 Promotional Materials. Available Now! Study Carefully and Mail Your Orders at Once!" Then in the lower corner is a box with the heading, "A Five Point Program for building a stewardship church." To the left in the box are the figures, one, two, three, four, and a large five. To the right of these figures are listed the five points: **Have a Church Budget; Conduct an Every Member Canvass; Use Tithers Enlistment Visitation; Receive Cooperative Program Weekly, Transmit at Least Monthly; Increase Cooperative Program Proportion Each Year.**

This attractive package has aroused my curiosity, so let's explore the inside of this envelope. It is an interesting contrivance, a sort of pocket affair. "Arkansas Baptists-1952" is printed on the front of this pocket, and "Christ Centered Giving through the Cooperative Program." Below that is a picture of the world in the form of a globe with the Cooperative Program encircling the world with the statement, "The Baptists Encircling the Earth for Christ."

Getting on to the material inside the pocket, I find a letter signed by Dr. B. L. Bridges and Lucien Coleman, explaining the contents of the package. Of course, you will want to read this letter, because to understand the purpose of it all, it is necessary. I understand this package is being sent to all pastors, and in churches where there is no pastor it is being sent to some other member of the church.

A Picture Of Baptist Progress

The next thing that strikes the eye is a small streamer. The background is deep blue with white letters reading, "The Tithe Is The Lord's, Lev. 27:30." I understand that a larger streamer is being provided for display in auditoriums, halls, and assembly rooms. Here is something that looks interesting; it is an attractive poster: "Arkansas Baptist Cooperative Program, 1952," then is listed the proposed distribution of your 1952 Cooperative Mission Program dollar. In the center a dollar bill is represented; then above the dollar bill are lines reaching out to the right and to the left, showing exactly what per cent of that Cooperative Program dollar goes to each cause of our denomination. Below the dollar bill is listed the proposed budget for 1952, \$876,283.33. That is a worthy goal for Arkansas Baptists in 1952, not an impossible goal, nor should it be a discouraging goal. It should challenge Arkansas Baptists to do their best in 1952.

We come now to a number of interesting pamphlets, for example: "Arkansas Baptists, 1952." It has a picture of the Baptist Headquarters building, again the world encircled by the Cooperative Program. Here the proposed budget for 1952 is itemized, both the state and the Southern Baptist Convention budgets. There are illustrations showing where the money goes: State Missions, Ministerial Education, Baptist Schools, Children's Homes, Seminaries, and other agencies. It also diagrams "Steps of Victory by Arkansas Baptists, 1941-1950," illustrating

how the contributions of the Cooperative Program have grown since 1941, and also the growth of church membership. Continuing, we find a lot of pictures; one of Dr. Bridges, telling his position in the state organization; and Lucien Coleman, W. Dawson King, C. W. Caldwell, Edgar Williamson, George H. Hink, Ralph W. Davis, Dale Cowling, Mrs. B. W. Nininger, Miss Nancy Cooper, Miss Doris DeVault, Nelson Tull, H. C. Seefeldt, J. A. Gilbreath, and B. H. Duncan. Accompanying each picture is a statement about the particular department in which each of these persons is engaged.

"The Church Budget" is the title of another pamphlet. Every church ought to have a budget, and every church ought to know how to plan and build a church budget. Well, the next pamphlet says, "How to Plan a Church Budget." The brethren who have gotten out this package haven't overlooked anything. Here's another, "Promoting Your 1952 Church Budget." These three pamphlets certainly should enable a pastor and church to set up a church budget and promote it effectively.

Every Baptist in the state should have this next pamphlet, it contains a personal message, "God's Message to Me on Stewardship," by Frank E. Burkhalter, great man, and one who loves the Lord.

Bible Answers to Every Question

Now we come to tithing. Yet there are many questions raised about the tithe. Some have said, "I don't know how to figure my tithe." If you were in business with another man, you would probably know how to figure your part of the business returns. If there is any question in your mind about how to figure your tithe, you should have this pamphlet, "Computing the Tithe." Here are some excuses answered, "Tithing Excuses, Bible Answers." If you have been excusing yourself for failing to tithe, let the Bible answer your excuses.

"How a Farmer Can Tithe." It has been frequently said of farmers that they do not know how to figure their tithe. This pamphlet has some timely suggestions. "Why Should A Farmer Tithe?" is another pamphlet. Why should anybody tithe? This pamphlet tells you why. And here is another, "Every Baptist A Tither." Certainly, every Baptist should be a tither. We have the same Bible. We worship the same Lord. We use the same medium of exchange. But here is another pamphlet, "Too Poor to Tithe." Who is too poor to tithe? Obviously, the person who has no income at all.

"Why I Tithe" is a personal message by Dr. L. M. Sipes. Dr. M. E. Dodd discusses taxes and tithes. Another personal message, "My Creed as a Tither" by the late Dr. Ellis A. Fuller. Here is another, "Mine and Thine." Do we claim all as "mine," or is a portion of it "Thine," the Lord's? Dr. L. G. Frey tells how it pays to tithe and what the payment is in the leaflet, "It Pays to Tithe." Here is a pamphlet that could answer a lot of questions for some people, "Where Shall I Give my Tithe?"

Here is a little folder, "Arkansas Baptists." If you want to know what Baptists are doing, read this folder, and its companion, "A Worthy Financial Program." This is followed by a discussion of the Cooperative Program, "The Cooperative Program is Scriptural." Compare this program

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The All-Seeing Jesus

A Devotion By the Editor

"... but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."

In the presence of Jesus our beings become transparent. Face to face with Jesus we know ourselves to be stripped, literally unclothed, and in the focus of a divine light that penetrates the darkest secrets of the life. He knows us through and through, because He sees human hearts and lives revealed in the light of the divine.

This was the discovery of those who were nearest Him during His ministry, and this discovery grew into a knowledge of His authority and recognition of His rights to command all human life. Read through the gospels and you will be impressed with the frequent repetition of a simple but startling statement: "He, knowing their thoughts, said to them." The Pharisees mumbled their criticism under their breath, and Jesus answered their unspoken complaints. His enemies came to Him with clever questions couched in pious words and expressed with assumed sincerity. And Jesus hung them on the horns of the dilemma which they had prepared for Him. The disciples questioned among themselves, out of earshot of Jesus; but He turned about and exposed their secret thoughts.

He also saw the secret hopes of the human heart, and the unexpressed and unfulfilled longings; He saw the latent abilities and the undeveloped powers resident in and peculiar to each individual. He knew the heart of Nathaniel, who sat under the fig tree, though never a word passed between them. He saw the solid strength Simon beneath an impulsive and impetuous surface. He knew the deep love of John underneath a violent temper.

It is no wonder that men and women knew intuitively, when in the presence of Jesus, that their whole beings were transparent and that their most carefully guarded secrets lay exposed before Him. Try as they might, nothing could be hidden from Him; and the greater their efforts to conceal their inner selves, the more exposed they became.

We stand exposed before Him with every secret of life clearly visible, with every thought analyzed, every motive scrutinized, and every deed visualized in its entirety.

"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." Hebrew 4:13.

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From The Editor's Desk

Government Spending, Budgeting, And Taxing

The order followed rather persistently by government is spending, budgeting, and taxing. Spending is rampant in each department and bureau of the government, with each trying to outspend every other department and to break its own past record of spending. Then a budget is made up to cover the spending propensities of government bureaus and departments. Finally the budgets are passed on to the Congress whose responsibility it is to levy taxes sufficient to pay the bill.

National Budget

For instance the national budget so far for the current fiscal year adds up to 95 billion dollars. Broken down into separate items it includes a 56 billion dollar military budget, 5 billion for the Korean campaign, 4½ billion for military construction, 7½ billion military aid to allies, and 22 billion for other government operating expenses. If the one hundred sixty-three-group Air Force plan is adopted, that will add ten more billion to the budget which will bring the total to 105 billion for the year. Then there will likely be "deficiency" bills to add to this astronomical figure.

There have been several attempts to analyze this huge government budget in terms that would enable the taxpayer to comprehend something of the enormity of the amount of money involved.

Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas, in his weekly newsletter of August 18, discusses the 56 billion dollar arms budget and quotes Congressman Camp of Georgia, as follows:

"This amounts to \$367 for each man, woman, and child in this country. It is hard to conceive of this vast amount of money. If it were coined into gold dollars, there would be 66,670 tons of these gold coins. If loaded into freight cars, each car carrying 40,000 pounds of gold or \$16,800,000 there would be 3,334 carloads of it. If these cars were made up into trains of 40 cars each, there would be more than 83 train loads. If these trains were traveling over the same railroad at 15 minute intervals, it would take 48 hours, or two days and two nights for them to pass through your town. As one member said, 'This is a lot of dough.' It requires this sum to arm, equip, and maintain our Armed Forces of three and one-half million men. When this huge sum is expended, we hope that we will have an Army, Navy, and Air Force equal or better than that of any country in the world and sufficient to protect us."

Deficit Spending

Mr. J. C. Penney of the Penney Stores, in his column in the September issue of the *Christian Herald*, discusses government spending in general, under the heading, "The Cost of Our Government."

Mr. Penney, referring to the national deficits, states that "these are not temporary deficits." In confirmation of the statement that the deficits are not temporary, Mr.

Penney states that with the exception of '29, '30, '47, '48, the government has operated in the red for the past twenty years. The startling revelation is made that "from the inauguration of George Washington through the end of Franklin D. Roosevelt's second term, government expenditures totaled 179 billion dollars; while from President Truman's inauguration up to the end of September '49, government expenditures totaled 191 billion. That means simply that in less than five years under the administration of President Truman, the government of the United States spent more than the country spent in all its previous history."

We quote the following from Mr. Penney's article:

"Between 1913 and 1947 the population of the United States went from 96 million to 144 million—an increase of 50 per cent. During that same period of time the number of federal employees (exclusive of the Armed Forces) went from 400,000 to 2,000,000. An increase of 500 per cent. During the same period of time the federal revenue went from \$724 million in 1913 to \$43,000 million in 1947. An increase of 5,940 per cent. During this same time the federal debt increased from a little more than \$1 billion to \$223 billion—up 19,317 per cent."

Inflation and Confiscation

Efforts have been made to analyze the complicated tax system so that the layman could understand something of the tax burden that he is bearing. It has been pointed out that the tax program is about as foggy and confusing to the tax experts and the law-makers as to the average citizen. President Truman asked for an additional ten billion dollars in taxes. The House passed a bill supposed to produce about 7½ billion dollars. The Senate undertook to revise the House bill and when the changes which the Senate made were figured out it was discovered that the heaviest increase was inflicted on the people earning around \$10,000 to \$15,000 per year. The members of Congress quickly realized that they would come within this group and just as quickly revised their own tax bill. It has been stated that to add ten billion in taxes it would be necessary to confiscate all taxable income over \$4,000 a year by every one in the country. We cannot vouch for that statement and we have not tried to figure it out. The present income tax rate begins at 20 per cent and reaches a high of 91 per cent of personal income.

Last year the government took 29 per cent of the national income. Economists who have studied the tax situation not only in our country but in other countries, especially in Europe and Britain, state that "whenever the government taxes more than a quarter of the total national earnings in taxes the process inevitably breeds inflation." We think it might be added that the process also inevitably leads to socialism.

Something New --- In Church Records

Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, is introducing something new and unique in his church records—at least it is new so far as our observation goes.

Pastor Vaught is asking for a picture of each member of his church. This picture will go on the file record of each member of the church. We quote from the *Immanuel Record*, the weekly bulletin of the Immanuel Church, in which Dr. Vaught makes his appeal to the members of the church for a picture of each member:

"Yes, I want a picture of every member of the church. We are setting up a new file record in our offices of every member of the church. On this file record we want your picture. All the members of the church staff will use this file. It will help us to know every member of the church and will make it possible for us to call you by name. Each Sunday pictures will be made of all new members who join the church and in this way the file will be kept up to date. Please get this picture to us within the next ten days. You can help by doing your part. I will appreciate your co-operation in this important matter."

This method of using a picture to identify the members of the church appeals to us as the most practical method of becoming acquainted with and knowing personally each member of the church. When the church membership is small it is not very difficult to know each member personally; but when the membership reaches into the thousands, it becomes almost impossible for the pastor and his staff to know each member personally and recognize them on sight and call their names. Yet it is a distinct disappointment to any member of the church when the pastor or the members of his staff cannot call their names on sight.

When the membership of a church is growing, and new members are being received week by week, it is easy to lose sight of many of the new members, and possibly lose them entirely from active participation in the church life. This plan of making a picture of each new member and keeping that picture on file with the record of the church membership would seem to be a great help in avoiding the loss of new members.

It is quite probable that in 1952 the government will siphon off in taxes 31 per cent or more of the national income.

Yet it has been conclusively proven, not only by the Hoover Commission but by members of Congress itself, that seven or more billion dollars could be lopped from the national budget without injury to any service which the government renders or without crippling any department or bureau. It is very likely that between ten and twenty billions could be taken from the national budget without crippling anything.

P.S.—Since the above was written, another 5 billion has been added to the military budget.

Kingdom Progress

Formal Opening Of Education Building By First Church, Warren, September 9

The opening took the form of a reception and open house for the people of the community and adjacent territory. D. Blake Westmoreland Jr. is the pastor of the Warren Church.

The receiving line was composed of the members of the Building Committee. The junior deacons of the church escorted the people about the building and explained details of the plans. The wives of the junior deacons served refreshments. Department superintendents and many of the teachers of classes were in their assigned departments.

Fireproof Construction

The building is constructed of solid masonry, concrete floors covered by asphalt tile on both levels, suspended on structural steel. With the exception of the roof structure, the building has been constructed as nearly fireproof as modern construction can make it.

The building was planned by Trapp and Clippard, architects of Little Rock. The general contractor was the M. O. Branton Company, Little Rock.

Including furnishings purchased to date, the building represents an investment on the part of the congregation of First Church of approximately \$150,000. It contains 84 rooms, planned for the various educational phases of the work of the church, including Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., and Brotherhood. A kitchen for serving and a dining hall of adequate proportions,

which will also serve as an assembly room, are provided.

The administrative section of the building is composed of the general secretary's office, library, educational director's office, conference room, and pastor's study. Various departments are cared for but the principal emphasis is upon the younger age groups.

The nursery division of the building is composed of four rooms, storage room, clothing closet, and children's rest room and reception desk. Though joined directly to the rest of the building, it is divided from it for privacy and for better care of the youngest age children.

The Beginner's department is divided into two units; the Primary with dual departments, and the Junior and Intermediate. The Young People's Department and the Adult department are each cared for on a unit basis.

Future Plans

It is recognized by the church that this is only the first step in an overall program of construction that will require a period of time to execute. An additional Adult department on the north wing is projected for the future that will ultimately balance the wings of the building.

In addition to these classrooms, spaces for expansion and enrolment of the Adult department and a new sanctuary are planned for the immediate future.

—The Eagle Democrat.

Arkansan Assists Kentucky Church In Revival Meeting

Robards Church, Robards, Kentucky, and Pastor R. Trevis Otey, had the services of Dr. Barney R. Freasier, pastor of Bainbridge Street Church, Richmond, Virginia, in a revival meeting August 19-31, which resulted in 31 additions to the church, 21 of whom were for baptism.

Doctor Freasier and Pastor Otey are both natives of Little Rock. Doctor Freasier is the former pastor of Reynolds Memorial, Little Rock, and First Church, Siloam Springs.

Caledonia Has Good Meeting

Caledonia Church, Liberty Association, and Pastor M. H. McManus, had the services of R. J. Taylor, pastor of First Church, Charleston, in a revival meeting August 12-19. There were seven additions to the church, six for baptism and one by letter.

Caney Creek Revival Caroline Association

T. S. Cowden, pastor of Caney Creek Church, was assisted in a ten day revival by Pastor Luther Dorsey, First Church, England, which resulted in 13 additions to the church, 12 of whom were for baptism. Two others made profession of faith.

Toltec Church, Scott Has Revival and Bible School

Toltec Church combined the summer revival and Vacation Bible School, August 13-22, with W. M. Pratt, Tyronza, conducting a successful revival, and the Vacation Bible School reaching an enrolment of 137 pupils. The Bible School offering of \$10 was sent to the Cooperative Program.

"Toltec completed their baptistry and used it first when the new building was dedicated, May 27; five baptisings have followed in rapid succession with two to four persons being baptized each time. The church membership is convinced that a baptistry is a good investment," says Pastor Homer D. Myers.

Among the Missionaries

Mr. and Mrs. Donald LeRoy Orr, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Colombia, are now in language school in San Jose, Costa Rica, and may be addressed at Box 1883. Mr. Orr is a native of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Rev. and Mrs. Heyward Adams, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, are now in the States on regular furlough. They are living at 818 West 7th Avenue, Corsicana, Texas. Mrs. Adams, formerly Dorothy Jean Anderson, is a native of Camden, Arkansas.

Dishongh Goes To Illinois



W. W. Dishongh has resigned the pastorate of Park Place, Hot Springs, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Effingham, Illinois.

Mr. Dishongh served Park Place Church as associate pastor four months, prior to becoming the pastor on September 11, 1949. During the two years ministry of Mr. Dishongh, there were 246 additions to the church, 114 for baptism. Sunday School attendance has averaged above 400 per Sunday, and Training Union averaged 155 for the past year. The church is progressing financially, and plans are being made to enter a building program in the near future.

Activities in Mt. Zion Association

By CARL BUNCH, Missionary

Revival Reports

Hickory Ridge, Milliard Jones, evangelist, received 24 for baptism. The church is without a pastor. Needham Mission, sponsored by First Church, Jonesboro, received 55 new members, 40 for baptism. Mount Pisgah baptized 40 new members. Buffalo Chapel baptized 18; Rowe's Chapel had received 16 for baptism, meeting still in progress.

New Buildings

The new church at Bonò is under construction; Buffalo Chapel, Black Oak, Hickory Ridge, Friendly Hope, and Needham Mission are either building or planning to build in the immediate future. Caraway and New Hope, Jonesboro, have plans for pastors' homes.

Pastoral Changes

Tom Knight resigned the pastorate at Mt. Zion, and accepted the work at Caraway; Parker Hay has resigned the work at Cash; Henry Applegate has accepted the pastorate of Fisher Street, Jonesboro. Six churches in this association are pastorless.

Calvary Church, Texarkana Receives 36 Additions

Pastor C. C. Ussery of the Calvary Church, Texarkana, did his own preaching in a revival meeting recently and Mark Short Sr. was the song leader. There were 36 additions to the church membership. All previous records in Sunday School attendance were broken.

Joe Shaver Enters Field of Evangelism

The resignation of Pastor Joe Shaver, First Church, Batesville, became effective August 31. Mr. Shaver has been with the Batesville Church two years.

During his ministry there, 310 persons united with the church, six young men rendered to the gospel ministry, 20 others surrendered their lives to special Christian service.

Mr. Shaver is entering the field of evangelism and his address for the present will be, General Delivery, Fort Worth, Texas.

A Fruitful Ministry

By E. P. J. GARROTT

Joe Shaver, for nearly two years pastor of First Church, Batesville, has resigned to enter the field of evangelism. His resignation came without warning, but was hardly a surprise to those who know him best. His first love is evangelism, for which he is peculiarly gifted and to which he has given the most of his ministry. His sojourn here has been a continuous period of revival and soul-winning. Few Sundays passed without a response to invitations to accept Christ, unite with the church, rededicate life or volunteer for special service. Several young men entered the ministry during these months, much of which has been due to the pastor's personal contacts.

In material ways the church has prospered to the same extent. A beautiful and commodious modern home for the pastor has been built, the auditorium and basement have been air-conditioned, and many improvements to the church building and furnishings have been made. The financial program was greatly enlarged, and gifts through the Cooperative Program materially increased. Attendance upon the preaching services has been most gratifying.

Brother Shaver is a conservative in theology, believes the Bible, and preaches it earnestly. He loves the Lord and lost souls. God has blessed his evangelistic work in the past, and it is probable that invitations for revivals will continue and increase as his opportunities to accept them are now enhanced.

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Brotherhood's Phenomenal Growth, 1936-1951

By LAWSON H. COOKE

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| Church Brotherhoods | 250 | 5,076 |
| Enrolment | 10,000 | 167,744 |
| Associational Brotherhoods | 50 | 450 |
| State Brotherhood Secretaries | 2 | 16 |
| Journal (Quarterly Circulation) | 3,000 | 60,000 |
| Bulletin (Bimonthly Circulation) | none | \$23,000 |
| Miscellaneous Tracts | 10,000 | 750,000 |
| Budget | \$12,000 | \$50,000 |
| New Office Building | none | \$45,000 |

* The 1936 figures are estimates as no records are available for that year. We believe however that these estimates are very liberal.

Pastoral Changes

E. O. Martindale has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Hazen, and moved on the field in August.

W. R. Gifford, Little Rock, is now the pastor of Pleasant Valley Church, Caroline Association. The church is engaged in remodeling the building.

First, Paragould, Observes Anniversary of Pastor Applegate

The First Church, Paragould, observed the third anniversary of the pastorate of D. C. Applegate on September 2.

A survey of the accomplishments of the past three years under the leadership of Pastor Applegate reveals some impressive figures. There have been 643 additions to the church fellowship upon a profession of faith and baptism. This increase in the church membership is reflected in the attendance of the services of the church. The average Sunday School attendance, including the missions supported by the church, has grown from 543 to 690. The Training Union has had a corresponding increase in attendance from 375 to 490.

Last November a three floor, fire proof educational building was completed at a cost of \$140,000.

One of the three missions sponsored by the church was recently organized into a full time church with a charter membership of 112. The two remaining missions have full time pastors. Four young men have been ordained to the gospel ministry during Mr. Applegate's pastorate at Paragould. The percentage of gifts to missions has been raised to 35 per cent. Last year the church gave \$8,218 through the Cooperative Program. The average attendance at mid-week prayer service is 150.

Mr. N. W. Kelley, chairman of the Board of Deacons comments, "We have enjoyed unusual and phenomenal growth during his (Pastor Applegate's) ministry. We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the work of our pastor and his wife."

Clifford Lyon, New Pastor Mineral Springs Church

Clifford R. Lyon has assumed the duties of the pastorate of Central Church, Mineral Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Lyon were formerly members of First Church, Fort Smith, where the former pastor, Dr. B. V. Ferguson baptized both, performed their marriage ceremony, and helped to ordain Mr. Lyon to the ministry.

Mr. Lyon is a graduate of Ouachita College and received his B. D. degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, last May.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyon have one daughter, age four years.

Baker J. Cauthen Returns to Tokyo

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient for Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia, left Friday morning, September 7, for Tokyo, where he will maintain Orient headquarters. He has been in the States for two months working toward redeployment of the China missionary staff.

Dr. Cauthen will direct the Japan Preaching Mission which begins September 15 with seven other Southern Baptist pastors and leaders. When it is over at the end of October, he plans a brief visit with Southern Baptist missionaries in Korea.

Orient headquarters have been in Hong Kong since communist rule made it necessary to leave Shanghai, China. Dr. Cauthen's new address is: 11 Kamiyama-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Revival at Kelso

Pastor E. H. Acuff and the Kelso Church held a combination revival and Vacation Bible School August 15 to 25. The pastor did the preaching in the revival and Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Johnson of Trenton, Missouri, were in charge of the Bible school and the musical program.

There were seven additions to the church by baptism and six by letter. An offering amounting to \$3.46 was given to the Cooperative Program.

Religious Educational Workers Meet

More than three hundred registered and more than five hundred Religious Educational workers attended one session or more of the annual meeting of the Southwestern Religious Educational Worker's Association held in J. M. Price Hall, Fort Worth, Texas, August 28-30.

Dr. John M. Price Jr., New Orleans Seminary, served as president. The program personnel included Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University; Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Sunday School Board; Dr. Roland Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, Dr. J. M. Price, Dr. Wm. L. Howse, and others.

R. Hooper Dilday, Minister of Religious Education, First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, was elected president, and Miss Grace Knowlton, Southwestern Seminary, Secretary. The 1952 meeting will be held in J. M. Price Hall, Fort Worth, August 26-28.

South Highland, Little Rock Receives 62 Additions

South Highland Church, Little Rock, and Pastor Ray Branscum, had the services of Lay-evangelist Fred Cherry, Oklahoma City, in a revival meeting August 29 to September 9, which resulted in 62 additions to South Highland, 40 of whom were on profession of faith. Others were converted but desired to unite with other churches in the city. Twenty members were received by letter, and two others by restoration.

E. B. Hester of South Highland Church directed the music.

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"There are no tricks in personal soul-winning. There are some sane methods which should be undergirded with power and led by the Holy Spirit. It has been said that the most difficult part of personal soul-winning is the beginning of it."

—The Baptist Student.



Listen to The

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: September 23

SPEAKER: Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT: "Narrow Is the Road"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

- KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
- KENA, Mena
- KDES, Paragould, 7:30 p. m.
- KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

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Methodists Publishing New Bible Commentary

A million dollar publication venture designed "to make the Bible more useful in Christian living today" was announced by Abingdon-Cokesbury Press, a division of the Methodist Publishing House.

The first book of a 12-volume commentary known as "The Interpreter's Bible" will be ready for the public on October 8. The series will feature the work of 146 editors and contributors, outstanding Bible scholars and preachers from many major evangelical denominations and from various countries.

Seven years have been spent in preparing the commentary, and the last volume is expected to be ready in 1957. Intended to enlighten Christian preaching and teaching with the fruits of recent Biblical research, the work has been compiled by an editorial board headed by Dr. George A. Buttrick, pastor of Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York.

Commentary pages are characterized by a format which consists of the King James and Revised Standard Versions of the Bible in parallel columns, followed by the exegesis (text clarification) and exposition of the Scriptural passage. The total number of words in the commentary has been estimated at 8,000,000.

Name Methodist Family of Year

Dr. and Mrs. Glen W. Burton and their five children, Tifton, Georgia, were chosen "Methodist family of the year" after a nationwide search conducted by *The Christian Advocate*, official denominational weekly paper published in Chicago.

They were selected unanimously by a panel of lay judges from 384 entries sent in by local church boards of 252 Methodist districts in 44 states. Dr. Burton, a geneticist at the Coastal Plains farm experiment station, is a lay leader of the Valdosta, Georgia, district, Sunday School teacher at Tifton's First Methodist Church, and president of the inter-church council.

He serves on the membership and evangelism, finance and pastoral relations committees and on the board of stewards of First Church and is secretary of the South Georgia Conference board of lay activities. Mrs. Burton has held many posts in the church and Sunday School and is an active member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Three of the children—Betsy, 15, Bobby, 12, and Tommy, 10—are members of the church and active in youth work. Betsy has expressed her intention to become a foreign missionary. Joe, five, and Richard, three, are active members of the Sunday School.

The Burtons will be guests of the *Advocate* at the National Methodist Conference on Family Life to be held in Chicago, October 12-14. They were nominated by their home congregation, whose board described them as "a happy Christian family in the very real and highest sense of those terms."

40,000 House Calls Planned By Billy Graham Group

More than 1,000 workers for the Billy Graham evangelistic campaign called on 40,000 Los Angeles homes in the interest of a revival program which opened in Hollywood Bowl on September 16.

H. L. Thatcher, pastor of First Evangelical Methodist Church, Hollywood, and visitation chairman for the campaign, said "our job is to tell people that Billy Graham is holding a revival service and to encourage everyone to attend."

The minister said that more than 2,000 churches of the area had expressed interest in the revival, and that it was expected to exceed any previous Billy Graham campaign in attendance and scope.

The revival is scheduled to last three weeks, with meetings in Hollywood Bowl and Hollywood Legion Stadium.

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Jamaica Gets Hurricane Relief For Third Time

For the third time in recent years Southern Baptists have given hurricane relief to Baptists of Jamaica. The Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention met September 8, to discuss tragic results of the recent devastating hurricane which hit the island. Ten thousand dollars were appropriated for relief to be administered immediately by the Jamaica Baptist Union.

A delegation from Jamaica, meeting with the committee, reported that 81 Baptist churches were destroyed or seriously damaged, and basic crops were wiped out, with the result that all citizens are facing economic crisis. It is estimated that church building losses approximate \$500,000 (U. S. currency).

Two basic problems face the Jamaica Baptist Union: (1) Immediate relief to assist in the support of ministers whose memberships in some instances have been reduced to economic destitution, and (2) future rehabilitation of the churches, involving a long range building program.

The Baptist churches of Jamaica are self-supporting and self-directed. Aid from Southern Baptists is simply a gesture of friendship. Baptist work on the island was begun by British Baptists, but the churches became independent many years ago. Inhabitants are the descendants of slaves.

—Foreign Mission Board.

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Husband-Wife Mother-Daughter Team

Two families profited doubly from Baylor University Summer commencement, Waco, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Stovall received Master of Science and Master of Arts degrees respectively. They each took the Bachelor of Arts degree from Baylor in 1926 and 1927.

Mrs. A. P. Cagle and her daughter, Marie Louise, also received Graduate School degrees, both winning the Master of Arts diploma.

—Baylor University Press News.

A Smile or Two

Our portly neighbor, who hasn't gone shopping with his wife for ten years, demanded to know where all the grocery money was going to.

She told him to stand sideways in front of a mirror.

Widow, writing to an insurance company: "You have asked me to fill out so many proofs of claims and I have had so much trouble in getting my money that I sometimes wish my husband hadn't died."

—Exchange.

"You mustn't be discouraged. In this world there's a man for every girl and a girl for every man. You can't improve on an arrangement like that."

"I don't want to improve on it, I just want to get in on it."

A big oil man, in a generous mood, decided to do a good deed. As he walked down the street, he spied three ragged youngsters. Shepherding them into a clothing store, he ordered new suits all around.

Soon he had them clothed. Then the youngest began to bawl. This upset the benefactor, for he was a bachelor and knew nothing about children.

"What's the matter?" he demanded, but there was no response from the crying child. Turning to the oldest, the rich man asked, "What's his name?"

"Please, sir," was the response, "his name is Alice."

Jones: "I think a sharp nose indicates curiosity."

Smith: "Yes; and a flattened one indicates too much."

—The Watchman-Examiner.

A high school girl seated next to a famous astronomer at a dinner party asked him, "What do you do in life?"

He replied: "I study astronomy."

"Dear me!" said the young miss, "I finished that last year."

—Exchange.

"Why don't you live with her parents?" suggested the other.

"That's no good," said the prospective husband. "You see, they are living with their parents still."

—Exchange.

Brown: How many coats do you give a door?

Painter: Three.

Brown: So if you gave it four, the fourth would be an over-coat.

Painter: No, a waste-coat.

—Exchange.

Little Betty, like most other children, never wanted to go to bed. One evening she was naughty, and as a punishment her mother placed her on a chair in one corner of the room.

"And don't you dare get down till you are good," said the vexed parent.

After a while mother said:

"Betty, it is time for you to go to bed."

The child shook her head.

"Oh, no, mummy!" she said. "I'm not good enough yet."

—Exchange.

News From Baptist Press

Thief Takes Recorder and Sermons From Mississippi Preacher's Study

Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor of the First Church, Brookhaven, Mississippi, could understand why a thief would steal a wire recorder but taking a large file of completely written-out sermons is almost unbelievable.

But it's not impossible. For those were the only two things taken when someone broke into Dr. Miller's study recently. He has offered a reward for the return of the sermons, an accumulation of ten years of research, study and work, but to no avail as yet.

At the time of the theft, Dr. Miller was preparing to leave for a revival in Paris, Texas. He has recently resigned the Brookhaven pastorate after four years of service to accept a call to the First Church, Sherman, Texas.

Dr. Miller would like to have his sermons back; in fact, he needs them—badly.

Cooperative Program Boosted In North Carolina Proposals

A committee appointed for the purpose of studying and evaluating the work of the agencies of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina proposes that the Baptist Orphanage be included in the Cooperative Program and recommends the eventual merger of the Orphanage's weekly paper, *Charity and Children*, and the *Biblical Recorder*, weekly publication of the entire Convention.

Through the present plan of financing the orphanage, that of special gifts, Sunday School offerings and the Thanksgiving offering, the home has received more than \$4,000,000 during the last twelve years. Last year's receipts were \$497,811. The Cooperative Program allocation for the home would be \$240,000 next year, with the amount rising to \$300,000 by 1960 according to the committee's recommended nine-year program. The Thanksgiving offering would be continued.

Also recommended is a possible merger of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College because of the close relationship of the two institutions. This would possibly mean that the Hospital would be recognized as a part of Wake Forest College, the report says.

The Committee's report will be considered at the state convention in Asheville in November. No part of it is effective until acted upon by that group.

Michigan Church Affiliates With Missouri Baptists

A Baptist church organized early in the year in Flint, Michigan, is affiliated with the Black River Association of Missouri Baptists. The Mount Pleasant Church, with 36 members, called C. R. Cole from the Black River Association as pastor after he led their first revival. Since then, H. L. McClanahan, missionary of the Black River Association has conducted another revival for the church. The Michigan congregation uses Southern Baptist organization and literature. Membership is now past 100.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above. (James 1:17).

Arizona Baptists Build New Campus In Phoenix

Students at Grand Canyon College, Arizona Baptists' fast-growing college, will meet classes in new buildings on a new campus in Phoenix this fall, according to Dr. Leroy Smith, president of the school. The campus has been located at Prescott since the school opened in September, 1948.

Dr. Smith reports that the building program, being financed partially by a Building Bonds campaign, is progressing toward the completion of buildings sufficient to open school on time.

The new campus includes eight buildings under construction now. These are two dormitories, two classroom buildings, an administration building, a library building, a dining hall and music building.

Applications for the fall session have been received from California, Oregon, New Mexico, Utah, Alabama and Arizona, Dr. Smith says. Others are still being received.

Cooperative Program Gifts On The Increase

Gifts from all the states for Convention-wide causes during the first eight months of 1951 totaled \$8,849,293, a 14.76 per cent gain over the \$7,710,994 for the same period in 1950.

Of this total amount, Cooperative Program receipts gained 8.91 per cent to total \$5,169,960 as compared to the \$4,746,753 last year. Gifts to designated causes rose from \$2,964,240 last year to \$3,679,332 at the end of this August, a 24.12 per cent increase.

Total Southern Baptist Convention receipts for August, both Cooperative Program and designated, were \$672,984.

Of the total gifts to date this year, \$4,998,963 has been allocated to the Foreign Mission Board and \$1,653,601 to the Home Mission Board. In August \$170,896 went to foreign missions and \$88,197 went to home missions.

Twelve states have given more than \$350,000, with Texas the only one passing the two-million mark. North Carolina is second with more than \$800,000. Others among the top twelve, in order, include Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Kentucky, Alabama, Missouri, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Florida.

Two of the newest states in Baptist work, Arizona and Kansas, have almost doubled their 1950 gifts this year. Oregon shows a more than 20 per cent gain.

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Dr. J. G. Lile

By DR. J. S. ROGERS SR.

The passing of Dr. J. G. Lile recently took from us a monumental character. If you knew him, you could not think of him without remembering Baptist foundations in Arkansas.

He was an early professor in Ouachita, and the second president of Central College. He was a colossal character. He made history. He was a Christian pre-eminent. His soul was as tender almost as the mercies of God, and his strength stood up like the mountains. He was an unbending friend to God and men. He was a Baptist without pretense. He was a father like John prescribes in his first epistle. The writer of this word knew him well, as far as I could reach up; traveled with him, worked with him, loved him. God bless his family and may the Lord give us more such men.

Porter Routh Elected New Executive Secretary

Dr. Porter Routh, forty-year-old Baptist layman in denominational work since 1934, was elected executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention in the semi-annual meeting of the executive committee of the Convention in Nashville, September 11.

Elected to succeed Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Dr. Routh has been secretary, Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville since 1945.

He was awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, June 4, 1951. He received the A. B. degree "cum laude," from OBU in 1934.

Elected as interim executive secretary-treasurer was Dr. Austin Crouch, for more than twenty years executive secretary preceding Dr. McCall. Dr. Crouch is retired and living in Nashville.

Dr. Routh, a native Texan, began his service to the Baptist denomination in 1934 when he became director of publicity and instructor in political science, debate and journalism at Oklahoma Baptist University after his graduation there. After graduating from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, in 1938, he returned for a year to the same position at OBU. He was publicity director for the Seminary while attending there.

Before coming to the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information in Nashville, he was editor for two years of the *Baptist Messenger*, state denominational paper of Oklahoma. Previous to his editorship, he served as secretary for both the Sunday School and Training Union Department and the Brotherhood and Promotion Department of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

He has been senior secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention and a member of the executive committee of the Convention since 1946. He is a former member of the board of trustees of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary and the commission on the American Baptist Seminary (Negro) in Nashville.

As an outstanding statistician, he holds membership in the American Statistical Association and is vice-president of the American Association of Church-related Statisticians. He is listed in the 1950-51 volume of *Who's Who in America*.

He is now editor of the *Quarterly Review*, Southern Baptist statistical publication; the *Survey Bulletin*, weekly news release; the *Southern Baptist Handbook*; the *Southern Baptist Book of Reports*; and the *Southern Baptist Annual*.

He is the author of a mission book, *My World Too*, published by the Foreign Mission Board.

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Many Thanks To Friends

By DR. J. S. ROGERS SR.

A thousand thanks to friends who sent me words of comfort about the passing of my precious wife to heaven. No better companion ever lived. Even with the comfort of your good words and prayers, and the strength that comes from the blessed grace of God, it is still hard to give her up.

The rest of the family join me in most kindly thanks.

We are unable to reply to all the gracious communications.

Will We Heed . . . These Keepers Of The Gate?

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

I have long cherished the ideal that there are men and women amongst us who stand sentinel on the ramparts of civilization—keepers of the gates. They are not courting cheap and vulgar favor by saying and writing merely agreeable words, but they are ever trying to tell the truth—persuasively, to be sure, but nonetheless positively.

One thinks of Abraham's admonition and warning to Sodom and Gomorrah, of Jonah's call to Nineveh to repent, of Amos and Jeremiah in their appeals to Judah and Israel, and the crowning example of all in the compassionate words of the Son of God to Jerusalem. And in after years, we go back again and again to examine the words, spoken and written, of such Watchers on the Towers and such Keepers of the Gates as the beloved Henry W. Grady and other mighty voices in the treasured saga of our own American way of life. An example of such timely words, stemming from an understanding of history and a deep awareness of God is now before us in two current editorials.

Timely Editorials By Lansing Ray—Louis Seltzer

Editor E. Lansing Ray of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, writing under the title, "Low Estate of Public Morals," jerks us up to quick and full attention with words like these:

"The discharge of 90 West Point cadets for cheating at examinations is only one fact of the many-sided problem of moral disintegration nationally that is causing many persons to wonder whether America is going down the path of decay that caused the Roman Empire to fall. It is a sobering thought. But the facts must be faced.

"But fundamentally what happened at West Point reflects a present distorted attitude toward old-fashioned honesty and integrity that pertains not only in our schools, but in America's social and political life.

"It is seen in the high places in government, which after World War II practiced plain deception on the people. We were told no secret agreements had been made with anybody. Later, we discovered pacts that made possible the Korean war . . . During that era was born the fiction that cities and states as well as individuals need not look to their own resources or ingenuity to survive—let Washington do it. Out of the mating of depression and political trickery came the insidious thinking by millions of Americans that hard work is positively silly; that if one does work, do the least possible . . .

"So, when 90 West Pointers stray from paths of honesty, when nauseous revelations are made of the bribing of college basketball teams, when youths charged with robbery stand up in court and brazenly admit their guilt, but excuse it by saying that 'everybody's doing it,' when teen-agers become delinquent via the narcotics road, when too many adults and youths of both sexes flout the sanctities of chastity and decency—when these derelictions of old and young alike are totalled up, there comes a time for sober questioning.

"Where does the fault lie? In the home? Perhaps. In the schools? In part. In the

churches? In part. But in the main the fault lies in that nebulous field of public morals and spirituality which was so highly cultivated by the founding fathers and which of late has been so scantily tilled. Among too many of us the accepted premise is that anything is fair unless we are caught; that each of us is entitled to something for nothing; that the world owes us a living; that an honest day's work for an honest day's pay is almost unethical; that gyping the other fellow before he gyps you is the only policy that pays off.

"The time is here for moral regeneration. West Point is just one item in the sad chronology. The Roman Empire fell, not because it was overwhelmed from without, but because it decayed from within. If this is an appeal for a return to the day-by-day practice of old time religion, and respect for God's moral law, so be it . . ."

Individual Redemption

The only amendment I would offer to Mr. Ray's incisive analysis would be the suggestion that you cannot have general or public moral regeneration except by individual redemption. The Son of God speaks the first and last word, always; and He came preaching: "Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand . . . Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish . . . For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost . . . For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him might not perish, but have everlasting life . . . Whosoever will, let him come and take the water of life freely . . ."

Society can be redeemed, but only through the process of individual redemption, and: "There is none other Name under Heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved."

"Can't We Tell Right From Wrong?"

Then came the editorial in the Cleveland Press by Editor Louis B. Seltzer on the above subject, an editorial which immediately elicited the greatest response of anything Mr. Seltzer has ever published in his widely read paper in the Ohio metropolis. His intriguing style captures one's attention, even in this confused hour:

"Some people think it dates back to the First World War . . . There are those who think science and the assembly line started it as we turned into the Twentieth Century . . . Some blame the philosophy of sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof, induced by depression and wars.

"The analysts whose job it is to examine our national behavior do not agree among themselves. About this, though, they do agree—something has happened to us as a people, something serious. We have gained much in the last half-century. We have lost something, also. Has what we gained been more important than what we lost?

"What is wrong with us? Is it the air we breathe? The things we do? The things we say? Our books? Our papers? Our theaters? Our radio and television? The way we behave? The interests we have? The values we fix? We have everything. We abound with all the things that make us

comfortable. We are, on the average, rich beyond the dreams of kings of old . . .

"Yet, something is not there that should be—something we once had. Stalin, like Hitler, thinks we're soft, preoccupied with material things.

"So, are we our own worst enemies? Should we fear what is happening among us more than what is happening elsewhere? Why has a moral deterioration set in among us that brings corruption, loose behaviors, dulled principles, subverted morals, easy expediencies, sharp practices?

"What corrupts our top people? What has taken away the capacity for indignation that used to rise like a mighty wave and engulf the corruptors—the corruptors of public office, of business, of youth, of sports?

"What is it? No one seems to know. But everybody seems to believe it is upon us. No one seems to know what to do to meet it. But everybody worries, as the father of a ten-year-old boy, who this morning said to me: 'I am concerned about my son. We try to teach him right from wrong. But the air is filled with today's easy interpretations of what is right and wrong.'

"Maybe the farmer of years ago, looking with troubled eye at the skies upon which he depended so much for Providential kindness, had a greater faith than we who rise vertically many miles into the air to find out what really goes on Up There."

What Is It?

Will Mr. Seltzer permit me to offer one suggestion by way of answer to his searching question, "What is it?" The answer to the question, How to set things right? found where all the other final answers must be found—in God's Holy Book. Listen to these words of God:

"Come, let us reason together saith the Lord; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool . . . If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land . . . He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God . . . Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

Keepers of the Gates

Thank God for the editorials by Mr. Ray and Mr. Seltzer. Thank God for the editorials by our own local editors. Thank God for every Watcher on the Tower, for every Keeper of the Gates.

We know that Christ Is the Answer—that He, and He alone, is the Voice of Hope in our Valley of Achor—that He waits to save and deliver all who put their trust in Him. Let us, therefore, look with eyes wide open at every enemy, within and without, standing firm in the faith, taught us by our fathers and mothers about the family altar, with an open Bible and upon bended knees, watching and praying, and living each day as unto the Lord. That is the way from these lowlands to the uplands of God—the everlasting Plains of Peace.

Acceptance Speech of Dr. Porter Routh Executive Secretary For Southern Baptists

"Today, September 13, is an anniversary date in my life. It was on September 13, 1945, I arrived in Nashville to start work with the Department of Survey and Statistics of the Baptist Sunday School Board. It was on September 13, 1931, on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University, I first met a pretty freshman girl who is now Mrs. Routh.

"Yesterday shall long be remembered as an eventful day by me. I was sincerely humbled by your expressions of confidence. But the warmth of your handclasp and the spirit of your action was more meaningful to me than the action you took in electing me as executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

"When I measure myself as a layman against the problems and the opportunities, against Austin Crouch and Duke K. McCall, I find cause for concern—until I remember I am more than myself. I cannot forget a devout and wise mother and father. I remember helpful Sunday school teachers, like Ramsey Pollard, who overlooked the pranks of a mischievous Junior boy back in Cliff Temple Church in Dallas. I think of the pastors of churches where I have lived through the years: Wallace Bassett, T. V. Neal, Marshall Craig, J. W. Gillon, Rupert Naney, Chesterfield Turner, Finley Gibson, W. R. White, J. Howard Williams and W. F. Powell. Their preaching and friendship have meant much to me. I owe a debt of gratitude to many Oklahoma friends who encouraged me as a young editor. I think especially now of John Wesley Raley, Andrew Potter, and J. W. Storer. My life has been enriched by my association with Dr. Holcomb and other colleagues at the Sunday School Board.

"These reflections give me confidence, but I want to say simply that I find my greatest help in turning to the letter of James: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God who gives to all men generously and without reproaching, and it will be given him."

"Let me say frankly that I have no illusions about being elected to a 'high' office. I was elected to the only 'high' office



Baptists have some thirty years ago. I do consider this an opportunity for service.

"Decisions are always hard to make. Ties are hard to cut. I did not know whether I could make a decision today or not, but the unanimous recommendation of the committee, and the unanimous election by the Executive Committee has made it much easier to see what I believe is the revealed will of God for my life. This conviction has been strengthened by the expressions of confidence by state secretaries, editors, secretaries of agencies, seminary presidents, representatives of the W. M. U., layman, and a host of others.

"With the assurance of your continued prayers and co-operation, and looking forward to working with Merrill Moore and Albert McClellan, I want to assure you of my acceptance today. With the gracious agreement of Dr. Holcomb, and at the request of Dr. Crouch that he be relieved as soon as possible, I will date my acceptance as of September 24, with the understanding that I will continue to assist for two or three weeks in the Department of Survey and Statistics while the transition is being made there."

A Letter To My Son

By BRUCE H. PRICE

Newport News, Virginia

Dear Son,

Your leaving home this morning to enter the University of Richmond as a freshman brings to my mind the memory of almost eighteen years ago when I saw you for the first time. I had spent the night in the waiting room and halls of the hospital at Aiken, South Carolina. About dawn word came to me that you had arrived and mother was fine. Then the nurse appeared with you wrapped in a little blanket, saying "It's a boy."

In these brief years your mother and I have watched you grow to over six feet tall, but you are, and ever will be, a little boy to us.

Standing in your room a little while ago I realized it will continue to be yours though you will not be in it much more. Your pennants, pictures, and high school trophies are as you left them. But the room is so vacant. A lump came in my throat and moisture in my eyes as I turned away. You

are now on your own in the world.

I am glad you have selected a Baptist college in which to continue your education. This kind of institution is interested in developing your spiritual life as well as giving you higher education.

However, even in our best Christian colleges there are some among the students who think it is "smart" to drink. You found a few of these in high school and will find more through life. I do not think it necessary but I remind you that I believe Gladstone spoke the truth when he said, "The ravages of drink are greater than those of war, pestilence, and famine combined." He who does not take the first drink will not be tempted by the second. A wise man of old gives this advice: "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

You made me happy when you said you will find a Baptist church, and will ask to be received under watch-care. Through

Exploring A Package

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with the teachings of Jesus and you will find the Cooperative Program is according to His commission to His disciples.

Next is a pamphlet that explains the Every Member Canvass, "What, Why, How, When."

Here is a title that intrigues me, "Tale of a Happy Dollar," by Dr. Austin Crouch. I am going to enjoy reading this little story. You ought to read it too.

I see a large manila envelope from the Baptist Book Store, 303 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, containing prices on enclosed samples of supplies. And an order blank from Baptist Headquarters; this may be used for ordering the pamphlets, from the executive offices for distribution in the churches, that have been named in this discussion.

The pastors have received this supply of suggested material and it is expected that each will call the attention of the deacons, finance committee, Sunday School workers, and others to the contents of this package, and will doubtless order a supply for distribution among the people. However, pastors are busy people. It may be this package came to the church in the pastor's absence, and hasn't been called to his attention yet. So it would be well for the membership to inquire about this interesting package of supplies, which will be most helpful in promoting the church program this fall and the church budget for next year.

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Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase. (Proverbs 3:9).

your church you will meet many people who have the highest ideals. In a strange city you will need the fellowship of the Christian church more than when at home. May you continue to increase in favor with God.

The extra-curricula activities on the campus are worthy of part of your time, but your course of study must not be neglected. Many a star in college who lives for athletics, social life, and campus politics goes down after school days never to rise again. It is true, "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," though just as true all play and no work makes Jack a worthless boy.

Your first year in college is very important, for many of your professors and school mates will remember you by first impressions. Promptness, industry, honesty, courtesy, politeness, and kindness will pay large dividends.

When decisions are to be made or trouble comes, "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy paths." Remember your mother and I will rejoice with you when you rejoice, and weep with you when you mourn. Always, we shall be understanding and helpful regardless of what may happen.

And now, my dear boy, I commend you to God and to the power of His grace, which will always be sufficient for you as you face the future seeking to be useful to God and your fellowmen.

With deep and abiding affection,

Daddy.

Everley Hayes Gives Complete Report of Imprisonment and Death of Dr. Wallace

By BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN

Southern Baptists have been anxiously awaiting a full report of the arrest, imprisonment, and death of Dr. William L. Wallace, who served so heroically at the Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow, China. That story is now available because Miss Everley Hayes, who was associated with Dr. Wallace as a missionary nurse of our Board, has just come out of China. From Miss Hayes' statement, together with other information available to us, we are able to construct a rather complete account of this experience.

At 5:30 a. m. on December 19, 1950, a group of communist soldiers entered the compound of the Hospital in connection with a city-wide search. Dr. Wallace was aroused from sleep and ordered to assemble the staff on the fifth floor of the hospital building. He was not permitted to lock the door of his residence during the time he had to be in the staff meeting.

Another group of soldiers went to the house occupied by Miss Everley Hayes and made a complete search but failed to find anything to give them occasion for arresting her. They confiscated her electric extension cords and seemed disappointed not to be able to find an illegal wireless sending set. They spent about one hour searching her house. They were especially concerned about her army uniforms which she wore when she was a nurse, but when she produced her identification card, which was marked "inactive," they did not press this matter.

After Dr. Wallace had been away from his house for a long period, they brought him back to search his quarters. A superficial search had been made of the hospital but the soldiers concentrated on searching foreign residences.

During the search of Dr. Wallace's house, the soldiers demanded explanation of his outboard motorboat and electrical equipment. While these explanations were being made, another soldier went alone into the doctor's bedroom and reappeared with a pistol in his hand, announcing that he had found it under the mattress. Only the one soldier was in the room; and nobody saw him find the gun which he claimed to have taken from Dr. Wallace's bed. By an outside door leading from the house, which Dr. Wallace never used, they also "found" bullets to fit the gun. Dr. Wallace explained to them that the gun was not his and he had never seen it; but no explanation was accepted. He was taken away to prison.

His first imprisonment was reported to be very severe with coolie work being required of the doctor. After several weeks of this imprisonment, he was transferred to the main prison across the river. Coolie work was not required of him in his second imprisonment. The hospital was able to send food to him day by day, but it was uncertain how much of the food actually reached him. One day, about a week after his arrest, all the food was returned untouched to the hospital. Soon after this occurrence, it was announced that Dr. Wallace had confessed to being a spy in the pay of the United States government.

From sources other than Miss Hayes' report, we were able to learn that this "confession" had been obtained by trickery. A statement was secured from Dr. Wallace concerning his name, age, length of service in China, and other factual matters to which his signature was attached. Then the communists are reported to have written in the blank part of the paper the statement that he had been sent to China as a secret service man by the United States government.

Armed with this "confession" and with the gun which had been "found" under the mattress, the communist authorities called meetings in Wuchow of large groups of people. They asked for those who had any accusation against Dr. Wallace to come forward with their charges. No accusations were made.

In place of charges against the doctor, the people said that he had been their friend and had brought healing and blessing to them. To these testimonies of appreciation of the imprisoned missionary, the communists replied, "How do you explain this gun? How do you explain this statement?" The people, obviously, could not reply, "You planted the gun. You forged the statement."

On the morning of February 11, a note was sent to the hospital from the police department, informing Miss Hayes that Dr. Wallace had hanged himself on February 10 and requiring her to come to the prison to confirm the fact. She was shown the body and the marks on his neck; but before she was allowed to move the body, they demanded that she sign a statement that he had hanged himself.

It was obvious the communists were desiring to make it appear that Dr. Wallace had died by his own hand. Miss Hayes says that the color of the face, the

Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

M. THERON RANKIN, *Executive Secretary*

PERCENTAGES OF OPERATING COSTS
For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1950

| | Amount | Percentage Of Total Operating Costs |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Administrative Expenses: | | |
| Expenses of Richmond (home) office, including salaries, traveling expenses, stationery, postage, and other miscellaneous expenses | \$ 160,791.66 | 2.64 |
| 2. Promotion Expenses (Home Cultivation): | | |
| Including salaries of regional secretaries (pro-rated), deputation work of missionaries on furlough, publicity through denominational papers, The Commission , audio-visual education, etc.; also the amount recalled by the Woman's Missionary Union, (\$46,000) from its contribution to the Foreign Mission Board through the Cooperative Program | 148,143.30 | 2.43 |
| 3. General Expenses: | | |
| Cost of board meetings, investment expenses—agents' fees, etc., and other miscellaneous expenses | 36,232.54 | .60 |
| 4. Miscellaneous Expenses: | | |
| Representing sundry special expenses incurred which do not properly belong under any of the above classifications | 5,813.21 | .10 |
| 5. Foreign Fields: | | |
| Including salaries of regional secretaries (pro-rated), salaries of missionaries, cost of language study of new missionaries, furlough travel, underwriting pensions and allowances to emeritus missionaries, support of native work, maintenance of schools and hospitals, operation of publishing houses, and other miscellaneous expenses | 5,732,743.03 | 94.23 |
| | \$6,083,723.74 | 100.00 |

scar on his neck, the appearance of his eyes, and the expression on his face all gave evidence that he had not died by hanging.

On the following day they permitted Miss Hayes to return to the prison with a Chinese coffin and a new suit of clothes in which to bury him. The guards seemed to make a deliberate effort to keep Miss Hayes from getting a clear view of the body while the clothing was being changed; but she was able to see enough to ascertain that from the neck to the waist the body was bruised and had turned black.

We are unable to determine exactly what methods were used to bring about the death of Dr. Wallace. The evidence is clear enough, however, for us to say he didn't die by hanging himself, but due to the bitter treatment of his imprisonment.

A military guard of four soldiers accompanied Miss Hayes to the grave. Only eight or ten other people dared come to the grave. There was no burial service because of the soldiers who were present. The friends walked by and, according to Chinese custom, cast a little dirt into the grave as it was being filled.

Dr. Wallace was buried in the old Christian cemetery about two miles east of Wuchow. A tall cement shaft was erected on the

grave, on which was engraved his name in English and Chinese with the dates of his birth and death and the inscription "For me to live is Christ."

Miss Hayes was never arrested by the communists. There were indications that plans had been laid for Miss Hayes' arrest several months following that of Dr. Wallace, but these plans were dropped. We can attribute this only to the fact that so much prayer was being offered by throngs of people concerned for the welfare of Miss Hayes.

About two weeks after Dr. Wallace's arrest, the government sent supervisors to have oversight of the work of the hospital. Two or three days before Miss Hayes left Wuchow, a notice was given that the hospital would be officially taken over and run by the government.

The death of Dr. Wallace was an outgrowth of the fact that his Christ-like life of loving service was a direct contradiction to all the claims of the communist movement concerning themselves and a refutation of their accusations concerning others. Because they could not refute such a life, the communists concluded they had to destroy it.

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Books are the ever-burning lamps of accumulated wisdom.

WHAT TO DO IN '52

Sunday School

"B" Night in the Association—Planning for 1952. September 18, 1951, Associational Sunday School Planning Meetings in 44 associations in Arkansas and every association in all the states in the Southern Baptist Convention. A stated Sunday school night for the third Tuesday in September each year.



Edgar Williamson

Sunday School Convention for Arkansas, looking toward 1952, October 15,16, 1951, meeting with First Church, Jonesboro. A power packed program.

January Bible Study Week—January 7-11, in every church in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Vacation Bible School Clinic to be held early in February to plan for Vacation Bible schools for 1952.

Christian Home Week, May 4-11—climax with Family Day on May 11.

Vacation Bible Schools in June, July, and August—Provide opportunity for every child in Vacation Bible School.

Arkansas Baptist Assembly, Siloam Springs, July 1-9.

Summer Field Workers emphasizing Sunday School work July 12 to August 22. Sixteen teams of thirty-two workers in nine or ten associations.

Sunday School Leadership Conference—September 2, for associational leaders, to be held in Little Rock.



George Hink

Baptist Student Union

I. Southwide—

1. The **Baptist Student** magazine will be improved. The size will be cut so that the magazine will fit into the purse or pocket. The space will not be cut but will be added to. More campus news will be featured in picture stories. The articles will pack more student appeal.
2. **Better training** will be offered to student secretaries. Beginning in August of 1951 a program will be offered each summer where all of the Baptist secretaries will meet at one of our seminaries for an intensive course of study. This group meets on a different seminary campus each summer.
3. **Dr. Keegan**, the Southwide Student Secretary, is making a renewed emphasis upon the importance of the local church in B.S.U. work. This emphasis is welcomed by the Arkansas B.S.U.



Dale Cowling

II. Statewide—

1. We will renew our effort to contact high school graduates who will be enrolling in college in the summer or fall of '52. This spring we will seek the information directly from the high schools.
2. One of our big needs in our B.S.U. work is for a better training program for our students who are leaders in this work. We will seek to meet this need through a **Student Week at Siloam**, during the last week of August. Every high school senior and college student will be welcomed to this Student Week where we will seek both information and inspiration.
3. We rejoice that we will have a new student center at Arkansas Tech this year. The First Church of Russellville has made this building possible. We will also have a Student secretary working on that campus as soon as one can be secured.

Training Union

1. **Training Union standards are new in '52.** A few changes will be made beginning January 1, 1952. These changes will be for the improvement of Training Union work.

II. **Training Union records are new in '52.** These new records are available now and are a big improvement over the old records. In ordering your supplies from the Baptist Book Store be sure to state whether your Training Union is departmentized or not and give the enrolment of your Training Union, with the number of units of organization.

These records and standards will be thoroughly explained at the leadership conferences in February.

III. **The State Training Union Convention is new in '52.** It will be new in that it will be bigger and better. It will be better planned and more helpful than ever. We will meet at the First Church, Little Rock, March 14-15, 1952, with the Friday night session at the Robinson Auditorium.

IV. **Training Union Summer Field Work is new in '52.** Since the summer field workers will be doing Sunday School work during July and August, the State Training Union director will select eight college students and form them into four teams and these four teams will work in four churches a week during the last two weeks in June and during July and August, doing Training Union work as usual.



Ralph W. Davis

Church Music

Two new interests have been planned for the music education program in 1952.

First—the introduction of **Solo Competition** at the Youth Choir Festival. Up to the present, all music chosen for the festival has been exclusively for group singing. This year's selections include three with beautiful solo passages—one soprano, one tenor, and one baritone. Auditions for these solos will be conducted at the time of the festival (March 28, at Ouachita College) and winners will appear in the final concert that evening.

Second—a **Youth Music Camp** is being planned for Juniors and Intermediates. This camp will be held for five days, Monday through Friday during the summer months (dates to be announced later). Both instrumental and choral music will be taught and a fine daily schedule of activities, musical and recreational is being prepared. A camp pastor will lead in the devotional emphasis. Make plans early to send your Juniors and Intermediates to the Youth Music Camp.

Junior Choir Festival—takes place on March 29, at Ouachita College.

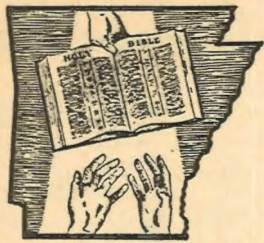
Leadership School—during the Assembly, July 1-9, at Siloam Springs. **Hymn Playing Tournament**—July 5, 3:00 p. m., Siloam Springs.

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Mrs. B. W. Nininger



Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

The Challenge of the City

The cities and fast growing towns have become a missionary challenge to the Baptist denomination. No longer can a mission program be primarily for the people at the forks of the creek; it must focus special interest on the multitudes who are moving to the cities. If the gospel is needed any place it is needed in these fast growing centers. The larger the city, the more deep seated wickedness becomes.

There may be a measure of truth in the old adage, "God made the country; man made the city." So far as we know God has never built a city, but He will. He started man off in a garden and will end with him in a city. But the present day cities are the result of the deep seated desire in man from time immemorial. The first city was built by Cain who murdered his brother and fled abroad to seek refuge and release. Later, the ungodly line of Cain undertook to build another city, but God intervened. The impulse to build a city has persisted in the race through the centuries. The sad thing about it is that the impetus in city building has come largely from ungodly men. That is why there is so much sin. There may be many great churches and fine people, but it is very evident that the multitudes are following the broad way that leads to destruction, while the minority walk the narrow way that leads to life everlasting.

There is a natural gravitation to the larger towns and cities. Sometime ago, there appeared an article in one of the Little Rock papers with the following caption: "Arkansas goes to town." It was a discussion of the population trends—from the country to the town. According to the 1950 census, Arkansas has lost 47,756 of its people in the last ten years. But during the same period, nineteen of the state's towns and cities had an increase of 50 per cent or more. The rural population is decreasing and the urban increasing. People are leaving the farms and going to town.

Many towns have had an increase greater than the entire country. Washington County had an increase of 8,869. But Fayetteville, the county seat, had an increase of 8,812 by itself, and Springdale gained 2,517 for a total of 11,329 in the two towns. Baxter County had an increase of

1,359 people. But Cotter and Mountain Home, the two towns in the county, had a combined increase of 1,456. So, throughout Arkansas it is the same story. During the past ten years, West Memphis had an increase of 169.7 per cent; Benton, 78.8 per cent; Pine Bluff, 74.5 per cent; Eudora, 69.4 per cent; Hughes, 66.8 per cent; Searcy, 63.5 per cent; Magnolia, 59.7 per cent; Osceola, 55.1; Walnut Ridge, 54.1 per cent; Blytheville 52.3 per cent and Malvern, 51.5 per cent. The census reveals that 127 of the 130 incorporated towns in Arkansas showed increases.

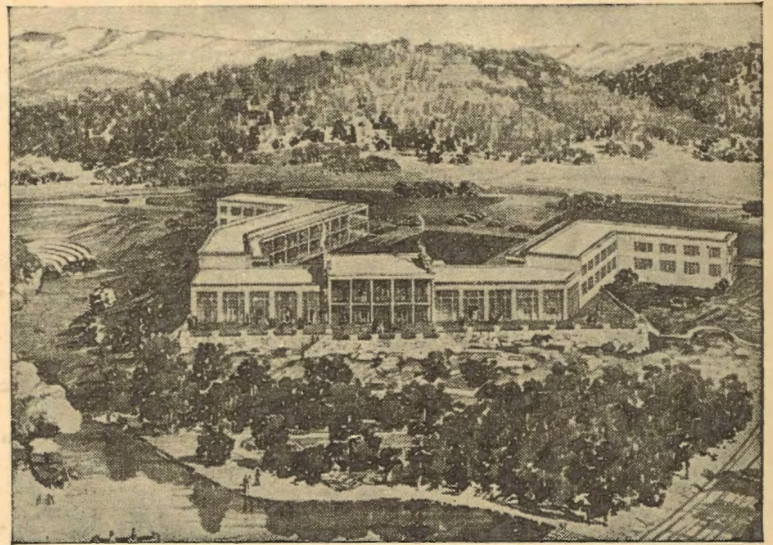
How does this trend effect our mission program? Does it not mean that a mission program should go where the people are? This to be done, of course, not at the exclusion of rural missions but as a supplement. We must evangelize the rural areas and keep the country churches strong, but we must also have a mission program that reaches the people as they move into the towns and cities. Paul was a great missionary, and his major interest was in going to the towns and cities. He was not satisfied until he carried the gospel to the great city of Rome. Neither should we be satisfied until our mission program reaches the masses in our towns and cities.

What can be done? There are three ways of getting the job done. Through a church-centered mission program, an associational mission program, and a state mission program. All three may supplement each other.

The town and city churches must be awakened to their mission responsibility. During the past ten years, several towns in Arkansas have increased tremendously from 1,000 to 20,000. Are the Baptist churches enlisting the newcomers? One town mentioned above had an increase of 5,500, while the Baptist membership increased only 500. Where did the other 5,000 go? Another town had an increase of over 1,000 and the Baptist church, during the same period, increased only 20. Who got the others? During those years have any other churches of different denomination been organized? Have they grown?

If the Baptist churches are to reach this influx of population, they must do it with a mission

Progress At Glorieta



New Mexico Hall, the proposed administration building unit at Glorieta Assembly, is pictured above as it will appear when completed. New Mexico Baptists have proposed to raise the funds for this unit. Two other units, the auditorium and the dining hall, will also be started within the next 60 days.

By H. E. INGRAHAM

Another Ridgecrest! Another Convention-wide summer assembly. That is the aim. And the hope is to open in 1952—at Glorieta, New Mexico!

It's no small undertaking to transform a bare mountaintop into a small city, and yet the process is in progress—at Glorieta! That reference to a bare mountaintop might be misleading. The thought is that it is bare of improvements and conveniences for living and for holding an assembly. It is not really bare. It is covered with beautiful grass and trees and contours that range from small grades to real mountains. And it is over six thousand feet high at the lowest point. The more than 1,200 acres of it are glorious indeed.

Immediate Necessity

A tremendous need now is that the half million dollars which has already been allocated to Glorieta shall be matched by volunteer gifts to provide living quarters for the hundreds who will want to come next year and every

program that goes beyond its own walls. It must carry services to the people. Many of them have come from the country. They want a church on their own level. The town church can and must help them. Every church should have a mission committee to survey the field and help launch a new work.

The associational mission work should not be thought of as altogether rural. The missionary should feel as much responsible for helping a town church establish a mission station as in strengthening a country church. The unreached in town are as important as those in the country. Hence, the associational mission

year. Write to Dr. John L. Hill, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, and tell him the size of the donation you want to make, or give him the name of someone who can and should make a donation to Glorieta. Any amount will help. Any amount from \$1,500 to \$2,500 will provide a guest room to be used all summer each year. From \$10,000 to \$15,000 will provide small guest cottages of from six to ten rooms. Fifty thousand dollars will provide a hotel unit of twenty rooms, each with private bath.

Or if you want your church or association to provide a house there, write Mr. E. A. Herron, Glorieta, New Mexico, and ask for a copy of the lease which is offered for this purpose. Such lease is now ready and certain lots have been indicated for this use.

Let's all talk Glorieta and see if we can find these gifts that will enable us to open that Assembly in 1952, and then by the following year to be able to take care of at least 1,000 people, every week for ten weeks.

program should include the mission needs in town as well as in the country.

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W. M. U. President Visits Europe

Mrs. George R. Martin, president of Southern Woman's Missionary Union, has shared some experiences and impressions of her recent visit to Europe. Her primary mission was to attend a meeting of the Women's Administrative Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, where there were representatives from Australia, Africa, Europe, Latin America, and North America. Asia was the only continent not represented. We quote Mrs. Martin's letter in part:

"To see our Baptist work in Spain was an unspeakable joy. To be sure it is difficult to live and work in a land where you have to get a permit to hold religious services, and where you are sometimes "called in" because your singing and speaking and praying disturbs those passing by outside. Church doors must not remain open during the services.

"In Rome the lovely Armstrong Memorial Training School is a monument to the devotion of Southern Baptist women . . . No Southern Baptist would dare go to Europe and fail to visit our Baptist Seminary at Zurich. We were there as the European Baptist youth assembled for their conference . . . a strange contrast to the one we were to behold the next week in the Russian Zone in Berlin. Strange, weird, and fantastic plans were being made for the meeting of the Youth for Peace Conference to be held in Berlin.

"Our visit to Germany meant much to the Baptist women there. In Berlin over 600 women met us, 30 coming from the East Zone.

I saw dresses that some of you sent over there three years ago. They have worn them ever since. In Hamburg we met with the European Baptist Women's Executive Committee, 28 women from eleven countries. No Baptist church in Hamburg was large enough, so we met in a tent where a thousand attended. Again and again the conviction was expressed that through woman to woman contacts, understanding between nations would be achieved. Progress toward physical recovery in Germany is amazing, but one still sees the ruins of war in almost every city. Problems are many. Horizons are very narrow. Motivation of a strong religious faith has been a tremendous factor in German recovery, and Baptist women are playing an important role in the rehabilitation of their country.

"Several convictions grip me. First, we must continue and strengthen our lines of contact with Baptist women in all the nations of the world. If firmly established, these lines will hold, even though we are separated by iron curtains. Second, We must exercise our rights and assume our responsibilities as Christian citizens. We, the people, can demand a right foreign policy. Third, we owe the European Christians—yes, European Baptists—a debt because from their shores the gospel came to North America. Shall we withhold from them now anything in their need. God is calling us to share with them until out of the shadows of their night their lands roll into light—and it is daybreak everywhere."

Talent Search

Have all the offices of your W. M. U. been filled? Perhaps a talent search will reveal potential leaders. Copies of the following distributed among the membership, checked and returned to the president will be revealing:

"Because Christ has saved me, I am willing to serve Him as I am needed. I will check where I feel I can render some service.

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead in prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> Serve as counselor or assistant for |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead singing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Play the piano | Y. W. A. _____; Int. G. A. _____; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with special music | Jr. G. A. _____; Int. R. A. _____; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lead a devotional | Jr. R. A. _____; S. B. B. _____; |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teach a mission study class | Sunbeam Baby Visitor _____ |
| "Realizing each member must serve on a committee, I will check the one I prefer, giving first and second choices: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Enlistment | <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Young People | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I will be willing to use my car for the W.M.S. | <input type="checkbox"/> I will Tithe |

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Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

Suggestions For Layman's Day

Brotherhood Bulletin

1. Meet with the pastor and prayerfully lay the promotional plans for the special day.

2. Make plans and promote special drives to reach all the men of the church for all the services of the church during the day.

3. With the co-operation of the Sunday School leadership plan to have men conduct the devotionals in all the departments of the Sunday School, also teach all the classes from the junior through the adult departments. The same thing in Training Union.

4. Plan an early morning prayer service. Urge all the men of the church to come, especially those who will have a place to fill in the various services of the church during the day.

5. If at all possible plan a special meeting of the men of the church and church community to listen to the Baptist Hour. Such a meeting may be held in the church auditorium. Both saved and lost men should be urged to attend. The Baptist Hour speaker, Charles Wellborn, will direct his message toward men on this special day in our denominational life.

6. Work with the choir director that the men may furnish special music for the worship services of the day. Solos, duets, quartets, and even a large male chorus or choir may be in order.

7. Plan with the pastor to have men read the Scriptures and give brief personal testimonies at both the morning and evening worship hours.

8. Plan to give the day wide publicity. Use telephones, church bulletins, and personal visitation that everyone in the church and church community may be made conscious of the purpose and significance of Layman's Day.

9. Prepare a special letter, signed by the pastor and Brotherhood president (or chairman of the special committee appointed by the pastor), send it to every man who is a member of the church. Letter should contain information relative to the special day and its significance to the life of the church. It should be closed with a strong appeal for the recipient to make an all-out effort to attend all the services in the church during the day.

10. If possible, plan for and sponsor a special radio broadcast during the day, either the morning or evening worship hour, an early morning devotional period, or a late evening "back home"

hour.

11. Plan and work to the end that the pews of the church will be filled with men when the pastor preaches at both the morning and evening services. Pastor will bring messages that will have a manly emphasis and challenge.

12. Pray that God will bless each and every effort put forth during the day, that Christ may be glorified and the church magnified in the minds of all the men who will participate in the services.

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The Ministry Of State Papers

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

Baptists usually undertake whatever they believe essential in the furtherance of the kingdom of God, but before they can believe in any interest of the kingdom, they must know about it; and the vital ministry of our state Baptist papers in their weekly message to our people about the missionary, educational and benevolent work of our denomination, local district associations, state, convention-wide and unto the uttermost.

They inform, enlist, indoctrinate and inspire our people. Happily, pastors and laymen alike are more and more awaking to the ministry of our denominational papers. The circulation of the state Baptist papers in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention has risen from approximately 200,000 in 1940 to approximately 900,000 at the beginning of 1951. We hope to see this figure reach a million by the end of this year.

The most practical and effective method of putting this essential ministry into the homes of our people is the church budget plan. If your church does not have your state paper in its budget, please consider this as the next most important and rewarding step your church can take in advancing all the interests of our beloved denomination.

—Baptist Bulletin.

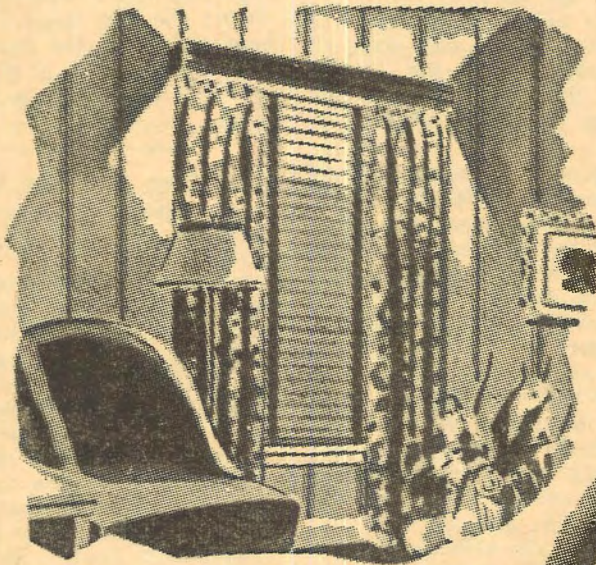
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This is the blessed life: Not anxious to see far in front; not careful about the next step; not eager to choose the path; not weighted with the heavy responsibilities of the future; but quietly following behind the Shepherd, one step at a time.

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| Little Rock, First | 1001 | 373 | 4 |
| El Dorado, First | 894 | 212 | 7 |
| Including Mission | 969 | 268 | |
| Little Rock, Second | 799 | 139 | 1 |
| Hot Springs, Second | 752 | 179 | |
| Pine Bluff, South Side | 666 | 201 | 8 |
| Including Mission | 746 | 241 | |
| Pine Bluff, Immanuel | 525 | 254 | |
| El Dorado, Immanuel | 601 | 280 | |
| Including Mission | 665 | 322 | 3 |
| Little Rock, Pulaski Hts. | 568 | 124 | 2 |
| Camden, First | 566 | 128 | 19 |
| Including Missions | 868 | 259 | |
| Magnolia, Central | 557 | 194 | 9 |
| Including Mission | 631 | | |
| Fayetteville, First | 540 | 148 | 4 |
| Little Rock, Gaines St. | 527 | 275 | |
| Fordyce, First | 526 | 126 | |
| Benton, First | 516 | 116 | |
| Including Mission | 590 | 159 | |
| Paragould, First | 511 | 216 | 4 |
| Including Missions | 670 | 344 | |
| Crossett, First | 511 | 189 | 5 |
| El Dorado, Second | 501 | 204 | 4 |
| McGehee, First | 491 | 167 | 5 |
| Including Missions | 593 | | |
| Little Rock, So. Highland | 483 | 228 | 42 |
| Hot Springs, Park Place | 463 | 195 | |
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| Paris, First | 425 | 105 | |
| Malvern, First | 419 | 119 | 1 |
| Fort Smith, Calvary | 417 | 133 | 1 |
| Cullendale, First | 417 | 133 | |
| El Dorado, West Side | 413 | 164 | 3 |
| Texarkana, Calvary | 410 | 132 | 36 |
| Siloam Springs, First | 399 | 231 | 4 |
| Conway, First | 397 | 139 | 22 |
| Stuttgart, First | 389 | 189 | 1 |
| Including Mission | 441 | 208 | |
| Springdale, First | 385 | 217 | 5 |
| Including Mission | 485 | | |
| Rogers, First | 349 | 146 | 33 |
| Including Mission | 422 | | |
| Searcy, First | 346 | 84 | |
| Hot Springs, First | 344 | 105 | |
| Fort Smith, South Side | 318 | 92 | 8 |
| No. Little Rock, Central | 304 | 90 | 10 |
| Monticello, First | 299 | 85 | |
| Mena, First | 292 | 105 | 16 |
| Fort Smith, Temple | 291 | 191 | 1 |
| Bentonville, First | 278 | 39 | 2 |
| Jacksonville, First | 286 | 114 | 4 |
| No. Little Rock, Park Hill | 285 | 63 | |
| Levy | 269 | 129 | |
| Wilson, First | 264 | 112 | 2 |
| Including Missions | 342 | | |
| Pine Bluff, Second | 259 | 86 | |
| Little Rock, Calvary | 239 | 47 | 2 |
| Gentry, First | 223 | 104 | |
| No. Little Rock, First | 219 | 72 | |
| Fort Smith, Balley Hill | 206 | 88 | |
| Including Mission | 244 | | |
| Gurdon, Beech St. | 206 | 98 | |
| Little Rock, Tyler St. | 186 | 88 | 8 |
| Rt. Little Rock, Ironton | 184 | 135 | 2 |
| Star City, First | 181 | 42 | 4 |
| Springdale, Caudle Ave. | 172 | 112 | 4 |
| Augusta, First | 168 | 62 | 7 |
| Including Mission | 215 | | |
| Nettleton, First | 155 | 96 | |
| Sweet Home, Pine Grove | 147 | 77 | |
| Warren, Immanuel | 134 | 80 | 3 |
| Pine Bluff, Bethel | 132 | 80 | |
| Strong, First | 118 | 59 | |
| Little Rock, Woodlawn | 97 | 56 | |
| Hot Springs, Grand Ave. | 94 | 59 | 2 |
| Little Rock, Capitol Hill | 94 | 39 | |
| Little Rock, Bethel | 86 | 50 | |
| Little Rock, Pleasant Grove | 69 | 90 | 4 |
| Hot Springs, Emmanuel | 57 | 43 | |
| No. Little Rock, Cedar Hts. | 52 | 55 | 2 |
| Little Rock, Markham St. | 40 | 30 | |
| No. Little Rock, Oak Wood | 30 | 20 | |
| Little Rock, Pilgrim's Rest | 27 | 26 | |

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PRAYER ANSWERED

He asked for strength that he might achieve; he was made weak that he might obey.

He asked for riches that he might be happy; he was given poverty that he might be wise.

He asked for power that he might have the praise of men; he was given weakness that he might feel the need of God.

He asked for all things that he might enjoy life; he was given life that he might enjoy all things.

He received nothing he asked for, but all things that he hoped for. His prayer is answered. He is most blessed.

Living Together In The World

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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An English poet of another generation has said: "This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget; That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet."

God created man a social creature. It was His desire that people "live together in the world." But from the day Cain killed Abel, it has been increasingly difficult for human beings to live together congenially. It is a keen disappointment that the title of this lesson cannot be considered on a current basis with any degree of optimism; that we have no hopeful solution to present world problems so far as the ability of men is concerned; but such WOULD be gross insincerity in this writer. We do find a ray of light in this study; that is that all our talk and our hope for "living together in the world" must be based upon God's plan, must be accomplished by principles of righteousness, and more than that—by Him personally.

May we paraphrase the King James and Moffat's translation of Acts 17:24-28 and this is what we get: "God made the world and all things therein. It is He that giveth life and breath to all men. He hath made of one blood all nations, fixed the period of time for each, and determined their boundaries, meaning that each should seek the Lord. For in Him we live, and move, and have our being. We are His offspring." Herein lies the very essentials of life on this earth. God owns the world; He created the earth upon which we tread; He gave life to the human race, and breath to sustain. He created the nations and set them apart; many nations have come and gone since Noah's day, our own America being one of the youngest of His national children.

One Purpose For 'One World'

According to the scriptures, God had one supreme purpose in giving the nations their existence: "That they should seek the Lord . . ." How miserably the nations have failed. Isn't it a fact that nations have collapsed successively as they have rejected God? Has any nation in history fallen except for sin or idolatry? It is evident, then, that the only basis for national longevity and prosperity is to serve God. That principle is fundamental in the lives of people if they are to "live together" in God's world.

Sunday School Lesson for September 23, 1951

Acts 17:24-28; Isa. 65:17-25

Just what fellowship can Christians have with atheists? What common grounds have the two to meet upon? Sin is the reason for the world's ills today; Satan has developed the mass confusion that exists all around us; and God is the only remedy—Christ is the only answer.

Isaiah pictures the time when the ills of the world shall be healed, but a careful study of the personal pronouns reveal that God will have to take personal control of the world ere that new order of government is ushered in. Human ingenuity has not and shall not accomplish good.

"Behold I create . . ." "I create in Jerusalem a rejoicing and her people a joy . . ." "I will rejoice in Jerusalem . . ." It seems a little pathetic that men try so hard to establish peace on the earth, but in vain. The reason for their failure is obvious: the peace-makers have not given peace to the world because the Prince of peace has not been invited, consulted, nor included in the peace conferences. There is no peace outside of Christ; the Bible plainly teaches that all that is not of Christ is evil; so all that is out of Christ is of Satan and he only gives trouble.

God was left out of the initial meeting of the United Nations because atheistic Russia must not be offended by our recognition of God. How much greater offense could mankind commit! What could we do to offer God a greater insult? Just what does the U. N. have left to base its hope of success upon! Since when did the atheists of this world become more important or more powerful than the Creator of the world. God determined the time of Russia, and its boundaries, and when He is through with Russia that nation shall go down into the scrap heap, just another example of what happens to the godless.

This writer believes, and we commit nobody but self, that when the race has proved itself to be an utter failure, when the issues of the world become so confused as to be beyond human redemption, then God will fulfill His word in Isaiah to renew the face of the world politically, economically, and religiously.

Peace At Last Isaiah 65:17-19

1. The first gift and greatest blessing in that new order shall be joy and happiness, which is

the result of peace. Weeping shall be replaced with joy and rejoicing. There will be nothing to hurt, harm, nor to fear, Isaiah 11:9. The Lord shall be King over all the earth, and there will be no more destruction. Zech. 14:9, 11.

2. The span of life shall be lengthened as it once was; remember Methusaleh lived nearly a thousand years. In this age we only learn how to live till it is time to lie down and die. Babies will not die any more. Isaiah 65:20.

Economic Blessings

In that day people shall build houses and live in them. Many people today have no home; one might build a house now and lose it in foreclosure. The Lord will see that every man has a homestead then, even as the Israelites had when they entered the promised land long ago. They will not plant orchards nor crops for others to reap but will enjoy them personally.

5. "They shall not labor in vain . . ." (65:22) There will be no weeds nor briars to choke the vegetation and to hinder production.

Spiritual Blessings

6. And it shall come to pass that before they call I will ans-

wer. (Isa. 65:24) Jerusalem will be the center of worship, Zechariah 14:16. The horses' bells and the pots and pans in the home will be engraved, "Holiness unto the Lord." Everything, whether in the home or in the field of labor, shall be dedicated unto the Lord. The theme song and motto of the age shall be, "Holiness unto the Lord," and righteousness shall reign supreme.

Nature Restored To Fellowship

All animosity shall be removed from nature; the wolf and lamb shall feed together; the lion's diet will be hay instead of the flesh of another animal; dust shall be the serpents' meat, replacing its cannibalistic nature. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all of God's domain, saith the Lord. (Isa. 65:24).

"This IS my Father's world; the battle is not done. Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one." One day the usurper shall be removed and for the first time since the nations have been born, all God's creatures shall live together in peace and harmony; in plenty and in full fellowship with God and with each other.

Surely that is the time God's children look forward to; surely that is the longing of every heart.



Trust From God

Christian stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities and material possessions based on the conviction that these are a trust from God to be used in his service for the benefit of all mankind, in grateful acknowledgement of Christ's redeeming love.

—Baptist Service Bulletin

There are few voices in the world but many echoes.

Most people are perfectly willing to suffer in silence if they are sure that everyone knows they are doing it.

No one grows old by living—only by losing interest in living.
—Marie Ray

The indifference of her friends hurts the Church more than the criticism of her enemies.
—Robert G. Lee

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Your Part in the 1952 Cooperative Program

We are gratified over reports we hear from such churches and pastors regarding the Cooperative Program. Pastors and deacons are making their recommendations regarding the church budget for 1952. One good church will increase its Cooperative Program allocation from \$9,000 to \$12,000 for next year as a minimum, and it may go as high as \$15,000. Another church, which is a county seat town, will lift its allocation to \$6,000. It has been paying about \$3,100. The leaders in some other churches are proposing to double their mission contributions for next year.

What we need in Arkansas is that some of the larger churches will come on up to a contribution that amounts to 40 per cent of the church budget receipts. After all, the percentage basis of division seems to be the fairest for all concerned. You would be surprised, perhaps, when you determine what a small percentage your church is giving to missions when you figure it on the basis of all the receipts of your church. Some very strong churches are giving only 10 to 15 per cent of the money that they handle for the great mission program. Thank the Lord for those that are giving 35 and 40 per cent and some even a larger percentage. The need is great. Let's recognize it and do our best.

Another Large Contribution For Ouachita

Mr. R. W. Butler, a beloved deacon in the First Baptist Church in Harrisburg, gave \$975 through his church to Ouachita College. Brother Butler had loaned to Central College a thousand dollars. We had made one payment on the note, but the balance on the principal and the interest was outstanding. Brother Butler felt that his church had not done enough for Ouachita College, and he gave the balance due on the note, principal and interest, to Ouachita. Pastor Northrip and the church were happy for their church to have credit for this additional contribution for the Ouachita College Campaign. Thank you Brother Butler and the First Church in Harrisburg.

A Beloved Deacon At Rest

Mr. J. W. Hall was a deacon in the First Baptist Church, Little Rock. For a long time he and his family have been active and valuable members of the church. A few days ago Brother Hall passed to his reward. We have known very few men who have been so well loved and appreciated as was Brother Hall. He and his good wife saw things in very much the same light, and walked closely together in their religious life. Brother and Mrs. Hall reared a fine family. Among their children are two excellent preachers, Dr. Andrew Hall of Florida, and Leland Hall, who is now pastor in Rector, Arkansas.

Oklahoma Secretary Passes Away

Dr. Andrew Potter the Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention passed to his reward on August 29. He had served his denomination as secretary about 18 years. He was 65 years old.

Dr. Potter took the helm in Oklahoma when the state convention had a large debt upon it. He was made business manager of the Board of Directors which gave him business authority with the institutions of the convention as well as the other agencies. He saw where he could make some institutions yield a surplus of funds while others could not do so. Having business management authority largely under his direction he could use any available funds to apply upon its debts. He led the convention out of its indebtedness, and his board graciously following his wise leadership, the denomination in Oklahoma enjoyed a marvelous progress during his administration.

Is the Ministers Retirement Plan Appreciated?

"Dear Brother Bridges:

"I have your letter of the fourth relative to my reference to my retirement under the Annuity Plan. Maybe I should have never made any inquiry about it as I am not intending to retire next January or another January as long as I am able to go on as I am now, but just wondered what my annuity would be, whether it would be best to get a little acreage somewhere where I could keep the cow, the chickens and the garden—come over.

"I have advised all our preachers, young and old, to join the plan for it is all that is offered and surely every young preacher should join it because of the better salary that he gets now, that those of us who laid the foundation of our denomination did not get. There is no insurance that offers the protection this plan does and no preacher should stay out of the plan."

Best wishes always,

M. L. Wallis.

"Dr. B. L. Bridges
Little Rock, Arkansas
Dear Brother Bridges:

"I have meant to write you for a long time, but in this section we have had such very hot weather that an oldster like me has felt that he had to be as easy as possible.

"We had our check the other day, and we are very thankful for this. We thank you, all the brethren, and God. Even though, since prices have gone so high, that amount of money will not go far, we are very thankful for it, and it is a very great help to us. We are very glad to get it from month to month. I get some supply work all along, and that helps us."

Sincerely,

J. N. Vandiver.

Central College

While the Central College Liquidating Agency is being vilified by some people, even a few Baptists, there are some roses among the thorns. Here we give a "sample" of the thorns and some samples of the roses.

Scores of Letters Like This One

Central College
North Little Rock, Arkansas
Atten: Mrs. D. Morgan
Dear Mrs. Morgan:

When we received your order for the cafeteria of the College we did not hesitate to approve the same for credit and make shipment, billing at \$9.50 on the regular terms of thirty days. That makes the account now eight months past due. We are unable to understand why we have been overlooked as statements have been going out each month and we have also written asking for payment.

We now appeal to your sense of fairness and good business to promptly favor us with a check for this small account.

With kindest regards, we are

Yours very truly,

The Selig Company.

Mr. B. L. Bridges, Sec.-Treas.
Arkansas Baptist State Convention
Baptist Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
Dear Sir:

We acknowledge receipt of your check made payable to us in the amount of \$144.98 which pays the account of Central Baptist College in full.

We certainly thank you for handling this in such an efficient, business-like manner and assure you we were glad to work with you in clearing up these old debts.

With kind regards, we remain,

Yours very truly,

Read, Stevenson & Dick.

Arkansas Baptist State Convention
200 Baptist Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
Attention: Mr. B. L. Bridges, Sec.-Treas.
Gentlemen:

We note that on August 10 you forwarded us a check in the amount of \$276.76 to liquidate the balance due on the Central College account with us.

Needless to say, we appreciate this check very much and believe that you are entitled to a genuine thank-you for liquidating their affairs and paying off their bills.

Thank you again, and if we can be of any further service to you, please do not hesitate to call upon us.

Very truly yours,

Wm. T. Stover Co., Inc.

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Don't mind criticism! If it is untrue disregard it; if it is unfair, keep from irritation; if it is ignorant, smile; if it is justified, learn from it.

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