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Herald of Spring

—H. Armstrong Roberts.

★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

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

Facts of Interest

There are 18,277,000 war veterans in the United States, according to the Veterans Administration. This includes several wars.

The Public Health Service reports 3,-260,000 births in 1946, an all-time record. The death rate in 1946 was 10.1 per 1,000, compared to 10.6 in 1945.

The State Department issued 188,938 passports in 1946—in addition to armed service personnel. It is believed that 70,000 travelers may go abroad this travel season if all passenger ships expected to return to passenger travel are placed in service and airlines maintain their program.

Fifty thousand men have left the teaching profession since 1940. Only 20,000 of the 1,000,000 veterans in American colleges and universities are in teachers' colleges. There are 70,000 unfilled teaching positions today.

And in case you are interested, American hens produced 4,574,000,000 dozens of eggs in 1946 . . . and there were an estimated 300,000,000 Valentines sent this year.

The National Distillers reported sales of \$450,279,941 in 1946, a profit of \$39,-996,827.

More than \$1,000,000 has been paid into the U. S. "Conscience Fund" from individuals bothered by their conscience. Recently, a former sailor sent \$50 to cover a case of whiskey he had stolen in Samoa. He has entered the ministry since returning to the U. S.

There are 33,000 members of Alcoholics Anonymous in the U. S. Half have quit drinking without "a slip."

In the World of Religion

Methodists report 567,213 children enrolled in 10,596 Methodist vacation church schools during 1946. Of those who attended, 20,905 were not enrolled in any Sunday school.

For enlargement of its Negro work in the South, the Episcopal Church has allocated \$600,000 from its Reconstruction and Advance Fund. There are an estimated 250,000 members of the Episcopal Church in the South and Southwest.

Justice Jackson of the United States Supreme Court made the following statement in his dissent in the decision made by the Supreme Court that public funds could be used to pay for bus service to Catholic schools: "Catholic education is the rock on which the whole structure rests, and to render tax aid to its church school is indistinguishable to me from rendering the same aid to the church itself. The State cannot maintain a church and it can no more tax its citizens to furnish carriage to those who attend a church."

Of the top United Nation delegates, 40 per cent are Roman Catholic, 20 per cent Protestant, 15 per cent Moslem, and 25 per cent Orthodox Catholic, Buddhist, Brahman, non-believers and miscellaneous.

Circulation of The Christian Advocate, national Methodist publication, has reached the \$75,000 mark.

Baptist Highlights

Dr. Issac J. Van Ness, secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board from 1917 to 1935, died last week in Nashville at the age of 86.

There are 36 Danish Baptist churches with a membership of 7,000. They have 7,500 in Sunday school.

Northern Baptists report gains in membership, baptisms, and Sunday school enrolment for 1946. The 1,592,349 members reported 52,859 baptisms, and 906,287 in Sunday school.

The Sunday School Board will promote a moral and spiritual revival in April by asking Sunday school teachers over the South to study "The Ten Commandments" by Carroll A. V. Washburn is directing the training program.

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has purchased 75 acres on Gentilly Boulevard in New Orleans for the building of a new plant. Dr. Roland Q. Leavell is the president.

President Truman has accepted a tentative engagement to speak on May 11 at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis.

Fires destroyed the dormitory at Acadia Academy in Louisiana and Abilene Hall at Hardin-Simmons University in Texas last week.

Southern Baptist state papers have reported a combined weekly circulation of 696,072.

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Dr. Campbell Lauded

W. M. Whiteside of Columbia, S. C., superintendent and treasurer of the South Carolina Baptist Hospital, writes his personal testimony concerning the usefulness of Dr. R. C. Campbell, new pastor of First Church, Little Rock:

"As a preacher Dr. Campbell is never uncertain. When one listens to him he feels definitely committed to do or live the thing about which the preacher has spoken. Dr. Campbell leads without leading. His church unconsciously follows his leadership. He dignifies each of the ordinances; he is resourceful enough to fit each marriage ceremony to the occasion.

"He is an evangelist; our church had a net gain of about 800 members during his pastorate. He knows all classes of people. He is at ease in the home of the working man, the doctor, the lawyer, the banker, the governor and the college president. He has a wealth of constructive incidences taken from his own life and from his constant reading. Mrs. Campbell is an ideal preacher's wife.

"Because we believe Dr. Campbell has a message for the people of Arkansas we accepted his resignation at First Church, Columbia, with regrets and at the same time with a deep and abiding feeling that we were making it possible for him to render a greater service in the extension of God's Kingdom on earth."

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan

"He is a new creature."

If we should line up for review all those whose lives were touched and cleansed and made new by Jesus, it would be a motley throng of bruised and broken and deformed humanity. This unpromising mass was made over, reclaimed into radiant, joyous and useful Christian men and women.

Darkened eyes looked upon Him and saw new light. Deafened ears felt His touch and heard the melodies of nature and of God. The discouraged accepted His challenge and regained their hope and faith. The soiled and sinful responded to His appeal and found a new heart.

What have we to show for our experience with Jesus? Any new triumphs and victories and virtues like the Christ whom we claim as Lord? Do we draw daily upon His resources for the renewing of our lives. Are the "old things" passed away? Are all things "become new?"

Can we look upon the Christ of Calvary and be quite satisfied with what we are? Can we look at Christ, consider all that He suffered for us, visualize all that He offers to us, imagine the wealth of grace He provides for us—can we look at Christ against this background and feel no hurt, no jibe of our conscience because we have failed so miserably to achieve a character like His own? Can we be satisfied to be so woefully unlike Him?

I am not surprised that people, whose lives are cluttered up with the "old things," refuse responsibilities in Christian service. But I am startled, even frightened, that they can be content, satisfied and feel no hurt at possessing so little of Christ and His spirit.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" II Cor. 5:17.

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Evangelist W. J. Morris, 1415 W. 16th, Pine Bluff, is now making engagements for 1947. Brother Morris is an experienced singer as well as preacher. He held revivals in four states in 1946. Write or wire him at the above address.

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Across the Editor's Desk

Conscription

Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, has urged Baptists of the nation to emphasize their opposition to universal military training legislation in letters to Congressmen.

His appeal, carried in the latest issue of Report from the Capital, which he edits monthly as a report on his work, points out to Baptists that the following four points "should be emphasized" in letters to Congress:

"1—We have had enough of compulsion by the government. We want less rather than more compulsion and we certainly don't want compulsory military training in peacetime. Since when did instruction in democratic government devolve upon the Army and Navy? What are the schools for? And the homes? And the churches?"

"2—The United Nations is considering world-wide disarmament and since Russia has asked for disarmament within three months, any attempt to pass peacetime conscription in this country would undermine our chances of getting world disarmament and would sabotage the United Nations.

"3—Now is the time for economy in government. Military expenditures should be reduced—not increased. Compulsory military training of a million boys each year in addition to a regular military establishment is too much. One-third of the national budget already goes to the military establishment.

"4—Compulsory military training will increase immorality and disease if present and past records of the Army mean anything. Are military men the best qualified persons to teach our boys how to care for God's temple, the body?"

Courageous Prophet

Down in Georgia, the Rev. Joseph A. Raburn has offered his resignation as pastor of the McRae Baptist Church. His resignation made news because it happens he is pastor of the church where Herman Talmadge, one of Georgia's two "governors," is a member.

We make note of the occasion because we like the way this man stood for what he believes to be right. The issue forcing his resignation arose when he opposed a "white supremacy" law being sponsored by Talmadge, designed to keep Negroes from voting in Georgia elections.

The pastor, fresh from the chaplaincy where he served in the Marine Corps and participated in the bloody Solomon Islands campaign, had appeared before the State Senate

committee in Atlanta to oppose the bill as undemocratic. He declares he did not enter into partisan politics or discuss personalities: "I discussed issues, and did not mention the name of Talmadge." He had explained to the committee he spoke as an individual.

But, 11 of his 13 deacons wired Talmadge that his pastor's testimony did not represent the sentiments of their group.

"It is a deplorable state when the minister is met by so much deliberate misunderstanding," the former chaplain told his congregation. He said it seemed odd that some persons would permit in state affairs moral lawlessness which they would not approve locally.

Then defending his right to hit at wrong doing wherever he finds it, Pastor Raburn declared that "some would have the pastor submit in writing his every sermon before he delivers it." And concluding: "Some want a pastor to preach for them instead of to them."

We like this man's courage and his determination to be a prophet from God.

Racial Harmony

Confronting the possibility of postwar inter-racial friction such as followed World War I, North Carolina Baptists, in their 1945 state convention, laid upon the church, and more specifically upon the ministry, the primary responsibility for keeping the peace.

"The chief hope that we have of preventing such misunderstanding," said the convention, "is an aggressive leadership on the part of the Christian Church at this moment. Such aggressive leadership should have its initiative among the ministers of both races, who ought now, with frequency and with a sense of divine imperative, to come together to canvass local problems and to seek, humbly in the spirit of God, the solution which would prevent the deplorable violence which occurred after the last war."

To that end, the convention went on record as endorsing "a closer working relationship between Negro and white ministers of our denomination in the various communities of our state."

At a subsequent meeting the North Carolina Council of Churches went on record to the effect that it would "seek to encourage ministers in communities to meet together regularly in inter-racial fellowship." The Council recommended further that "in the formation of new ministerial associations due recognition be given to making them interracial," and that local councils of churches be encouraged to "provide opportunities for interracial fellowship and cooperation."

Hope of World

Henry R. Luce, the son of Presbyterian missionaries to China and now publisher of Time, Life and Fortune magazines, has told a group of China-bound missionaries that their departure can bring a broad measure of peace to the troubled Orient.

"The Christianity of the missionary does not make sense to the modern world," declared the world-renowned publisher. "But," he added hastily, "the works of Christian missionaries do make sense. Here, if there ever was one, is a sign of the times. It points to an urgent and challenging situation."

Reviewing the achievements of pioneer Christian missionaries to China, Mr. Luce said millions of Americans "want the beneficent works and spirit of Christianity but not the faith. But a faithless Christianity serves neither man nor nation."

The Home Glorified

The Roman Catholic Church is planning ceremonies in its churches throughout the United States March 10-12 at which all married couples will renew the vows of matrimony.

Sponsored by the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, the nation-wide renewal of wedding vows is termed a Catholic demonstration against the mounting tide of divorce in this country as well as a means of reasserting that the family is the basic unit of society.

"Among a large segment of our citizens the trend is now against the unity and permanence of the marriage bond. In the midst of so much nauseating infidelity, a public salute to the sacred character of marriage by tens of thousands of faithful spouses will be both wholesome and refreshing," a statement explained.

Tax on Divorce

While the state legislature of colonial South Carolina went "modern" by considering a bill to legalize divorce—which has always been prohibited in that state, the lawmakers of pioneer Arizona face a bill that would heavily tax the breaking up of homes.

The Arizona bill would levy a basic \$1,000 tax on any divorce action. If the applicant had obtained a previous divorce, the tax would be upped \$500 for each prior decree. If children are involved, there would be a levy of \$1000 for each child under one year of age, ranging down to \$1000 for a nine year old.

Peace

The realm
Of peace must wait,
We cannot walk its streets
Until we have removed the shoes
Of hate.

—Elberta Leisure.

Fort Smith Pastor Asks Members to Stay Away From Places Selling Beer, Liquor

Dr. B. V. Ferguson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fort Smith, has asked the 4,200 members of his congregation to refuse to trade with any place of business which sells alcoholic beverages.

Devoting several pages in the Church Herald, weekly bulletin, the last two weeks to listing all Fort Smith business holding liquor or beer permits, Pastor Ferguson expressed hope that "these lists will serve as guide sheets to enable our people to shun these places . . . Many of the places that handle necessities are also handling liquor and beer—grocery stores, drug stores, cafes, and others. There are other places where the necessities can be had where no beer or intoxicating liquors are sold.

"What justifiable reason," the pastor asked, "could a Christian give for spending money with those who are engaged in the worst business known to mankind? We call upon our people to refrain from spending money in those places engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors. We believe this to be the only consistent thing a Christian can do."

He continued: "Conscience, consistency and righteousness should be stronger with Christian people than convenience, business, politics or friendship ties. Will not the Lord's people cease encouraging, aiding and abetting the devil's business?"

When the national prohibition law was repealed, the church—largest Baptist congregation in Arkansas—passed a resolution that no one selling intoxicating liquors could retain membership in the church. "That resolution holds good and will be carried out," Dr. Ferguson told his readers.

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All worship services of First Church, El Dorado, are following a definite theme the first quarter of 1947. "Unpurchasable Men" is the theme of the morning sermons which feature men of the Bible who refused to sell out. The evening sermons follow the theme, "Stop, Look, and Listen," and are based on the Scripture: "Zacchaeus . . . tried to see what Jesus was like." "Standing in the Need of Prayer" is the theme of the prayer service. Sam C. Reeves is pastor.

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R. M. Chambers, 542 W. 26, Oklahoma City, Okla., is available for services as director of meetings, director of enlargement campaigns for Sunday School and Training Union, or director of city-wide church censuses.

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Rev. C. M. Renno, who has been missionary of Centennial Association the past year, has resigned to resume his studies at Central Seminary, Kansas City, Kans. He has accepted a pastorate near Kansas City.

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First Church, McGehee, enrolled 120 in a Training Union study course. Pastor Charles W. Finch, Lee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, spoke each night at the devotional hour on "The Bible in the Heart." Theo T. James is pastor.

PASTORAL CHANGES

A. G. Wilson to Macedonia Church No. 2, Hope Association.

C. M. Renno from Centennial Association as missionary to enter Central Seminary, Kansas City, Kans.



Pastor Ferguson

Rev. John Stratton, missionary pastor in Newton County, who has been in Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock, is improved and has returned to Jasper. He wishes to express gratitude for hosts of Baptists who have called or expressed interest through flowers, cards, and visits. Missionary Stratton has received treatment at the Baptist Hospital every month since August, 1946, and he praises very highly the entire staff of the institution.

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The American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn., has issued Volume I, Number 1 of "The Seminarian," a four-page quarterly newspaper. Dr. Ralph W. Riley, president of the seminary, is editor, and Victor T. Glass, a member of the faculty, is managing editor. Dr. W. M. Freeman, of the faculty, is circulation manager.

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Rye Hill Church, Ft. Smith, ordained Eugene Coleman, Earl Roberts, and Dean Puckett as deacons February 23. The presbytery consisted of Pastor G. H. Hink, Greenwood Church, and Milo Bryant and C. W. Bell, also of Greenwood.

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Gerald O. Travis, Ouachita student, was ordained to the ministry and F. C. Hartung was ordained to the deaconship by Mountain Home Church February 16. Rev. Curtis W. West, Ouachita College, was the moderator; Missionary T. F. Cooper, Caddo River Association, preached the ordination sermon; Pastor C. C. Ussery, Glenwood, delivered the charge to the candidates; and Rev. Leonard D. Dove, Ouachita College, delivered the charge to the church. Rev. William H. Travis, Ouachita College reports that the service was preceded by dinner on the ground and one of the most Spirit-filled song and testimonial services he ever witnessed.

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First Church, Walnut Ridge, is making plans for the early erection of a three-story educational building. The building, which will accommodate classes for 400 persons, will be located on the lots immediately behind the present building. Construction of the main sanctuary will follow completion of the educational building. D. Blake Westmoreland Jr., is pastor.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS Of Religious Interest

The 56th biennial session of the Arkansas General Assembly moves toward its close on March 13, and there is evidence that the sessions will be quite busy the last few days bringing to a vote many bills which have laid dormant throughout the session.

There was a considerable spurt of activity near the close of last week, possibly to make up for delays occasioned by the visit of several law-makers to the opening of the horse race season at Hot Springs. And when the week ended, the picture on bills of religious interest looked like this:

The House defeated a proposal by Representative Payne to repeal the Buchanan three-day marriage law passed by the 1945 legislature.

The House passed a bill by Representative Caldwell permitting the mayor of any city of first or second class to perform marriage ceremonies. Present law extends the privilege to the governor, judges, justices of the peace and ordained ministers and priests.

Senator Fagan introduced SB 349, requiring simultaneous local option elections on the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages at each biennial general election beginning in November 1948. This would repeal present local option laws.

Church people are much concerned over both SB 349 and SB 188 (Goodson), the latter of which is now awaiting House Action. They would nullify the Initiated Act No. 1 of 1942.

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First Church, Fayetteville, O. L. Gibson, pastor, continues to grow. The auditorium has been redecorated throughout. Nearly \$6,000 has been subscribed on the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign. Total gifts last year were \$45,322.54. Sunday morning services are broadcast over KGRH.

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Pastor Russell Duffer, Peach Orchard, who attends Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, read in the February 13 issue of the Arkansas Baptist the record of Rev. E. V. Johnson, former Army chaplain who travels 954 miles every week-end to preach to his congregation. He writes: "I almost challenge Rev. Johnson's record on traveling. I go back to Peach Orchard every week from Ft. Worth, about 500 miles. I leave on Monday night from Knobel and leave Ft. Worth on Friday afternoon."

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Ninety new students who have entered at the beginning of the second semester have sent the enrolment of Ouachita College past 900, and President J. R. Grant reports that the summer school enrolments will put the school year's total far beyond the 1,000 mark.

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WHEN IN DALLAS

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HOMER B. REYNOLDS, Pastor

New Superintendent of Missions Tells Of Plans for Evangelizing All Arkansas

By C. W. CALDWELL
Superintendent of Missions

In accepting the Superintendency of Missions, I did so fully conscious of the tremendous responsibility that goes with the office, and also of my limitations in coping with the great opportunities we now face.

But this mission task is not mine alone. The Convention in session at Texarkana adopted a far-reaching missionary program for Arkansas. By vote of both the Convention and the Executive Board, a Department of Missions has been set up on the same basis as Religious Education, Brotherhood and the other departments. A committee of six, appointed by the Executive Board, will work with the Superintendent in directing the mission activities.

Then, too, the associational missionaries, pastors, and individual members in churches, large and small, are linked up in this great cause. So, what measure of success may be made this year, will not be due to the leadership of any one individual or group of individuals, but to all our Baptist Constituency lined up in this forward-looking program.

No Radical Change

I do not suppose it is necessary to review the type of work this department is authorized to promote. Suffice it to say that no radical change will be made from the work of former years. Supplementary financial aid will be given for associational missionaries, pastor missionaries, and church building funds—where such aid seems necessary to save the churches. Surveys will be made to determine the destitute and needy areas. Three evangelists will be employed to give most of their time in holding revivals in rural churches,

and, under the heat of the revival, lead the churches to adopt an aggressive program for the future. The details of this program may be carried out through many avenues.

Week-End in IZARD County

The first week-end after taking up my work as Superintendent of Missions was spent in IZARD County with Brethren Hugh Cooper and O. C. Hicks. These two and State Representative J. R. Hamilton, who pastors one rural church, are the only Baptist ministers in the county. Brother Cooper is association missionary and is serving as pastor of five churches. There are many mission points and weak churches where he is badly needed, but how would these five churches survive without a pastor? Brother Hicks is doing a marvelous work in Melbourne where he serves half time. A large parsonage is under construction and a fine spirit prevails in the church. I predict that this church will go to full time in the near future.

It was also my privilege to go to Calico Rock and preach to the noble saints there. Brother Hicks has recently begun serving this church half time. Now, Calico Rock is a real challenging field. There are between 1200 and 1400 people in town, and I was told that the schols were running over with pupils. The Baptist church has only 27 members. In spite of many discouragements they have kept the church alive and now under the leadership of Brother Hicks, the church is facing the future with hope and courage. We must help them.

Little Rock's Mission Field

My second week-end (don't get uneasy, I am not going to give a resume of my journeys every week) was spent in Little Rock, and

with Brother Fred Perkins, who is chairman of the mission work of Immanuel Church, I visited many of the missions and took motion pictures. I was inspired to hear Brother Perkins relate how these missions were begun and how many of them are well-established and some have become self-supporting churches.

Talk about the romance of missions, you can see it in operation in our own cities. It is remarkable how missions established with such a small beginning can grow into great spiritual lighthouses in a few years.

It is my plan to make up several movie films of our city mission work and also our rural missions. If you could see these mission stations and the progress they are making, it would give you the same thrill I have received. All the churches of Little Rock are constantly on the alert to establish missions in the neglected areas. I hope to visit the missions of the other churches as opportunities afford.

Bible Conferences

The next important thing facing our missionaries and pastors will be the Bible Conferences in March. There will be six of them throughout the state. The places and dates are as follows: Fordyce, March 18-19; Hope, March 19-20; Booneville, March 20-21; Rogers, March 25-26, and Jonesboro, March 27-28. (See back page for these programs in detail.)

Let me urge now that every pastor try to arrange to attend the entire conference. I would also suggest that the churches urge their pastors to attend. There will be some expense in attendance of course, and it would be well for the churches to inform the pastor that they would like for him to go and would take care of any expense he may incur. Bed and breakfast will be furnished by the local churches where the conferences are held.

Conviction or Compromise?

By JAMES P. WESBERRY
In *Christian Index*

A surprising and shocking statement comes from a recent press report: "Some voted for the bill although they said they were voting against their own convictions—they explained they were favoring something the people wanted."

We can readily understand how some representatives can feel that unless they vote as the people want them to vote they may not be re-elected. The fear of failing to be re-elected causes some politicians to compromise their convictions in favor of the people's position. This is an unfortunate situation. It presents an undesirable dilemma. While we have many good men in public office, this very fact, no doubt, keeps other good men from running for office.

But in our way of thinking, no man is worthy of public office who does not have convictions, and is even less worthy if he does not have the courage to back them up. This is true in every respect, but especially so in regard to moral issues. It appears that even one's constituency admires and appreciates a person who has convictions, and stands for them regardless of what they think.

One of the leading newspaper colum-

nists pays high tribute to the pastors of the Atlanta Baptist Ministers' Conference for a stand they recently took, which he says will cause some of them to be made uncomfortable and efforts made to dismiss them as pastors. In contrast to the quotation above, his statement stands out, "It was a brave thing these preachers did and a very Christian thing they did."

We raise the question, that whether right or wrong, concerning the issue involved, it is a beautiful, brave, and admirable thing for men to have convictions and not be afraid to take a stand for them at any cost. If men of God will not compromise with what they honestly believe to be right, we have much to be thankful for. Thank God the pulpit is still free! God's men will take their stand for truth regardless of the consequences. We cannot help but wish that representatives and all politicians were as fearless.

Yes, it costs something to have convictions! It is a brave thing to stand by them regardless of what people think or say.

It was having convictions that sent Joseph to prison, Daniel to the lion's den, and the three Hebrew children to the fiery furnace. It was having convictions that caused John the Baptist to be beheaded, Stephen to be stoned, Paul and Silas to be imprisoned, Peter to be crucified head downwards, John to be sent to Patmos, and Jesus Christ to be crucified.

Yes, convictions are costly! Polycarp had convictions and was burned to death. Tyn-dale had convictions and had to die in flames. John Huss had convictions and he, too, had to go to death in flames for conscience's sake.

Convictions caused Martin Luther unknown suffering. Convictions made Jeremiah very unpopular. John Knox was a man of convictions. How fitting that Regent Morton should have said at his funeral, "Here lies one who never feared the face of man." All the world admires Martin Niemoeller today. His convictions caused him to spend eight years in terrible Nazi concentration camps.

Conviction or Compromise? Which shall it be? As for us, God give us men with convictions.

God's Will, Not Financial Return, Is Driving Force in Ministry of R. L. Loyd

By BRUCE H. PRICE
Texarkana

An income of only \$18 for a year's ministry to a half-time rural church would cause most pastors to resign. But not Rev. Richard Leon Loyd who spent 40 years as country pastor in Pope and three adjoining counties of Northwest Arkansas.

"There were years when I did not receive over \$50 from all my church field," R. L. Loyd reluctantly told me when I asked him about the annual salary given him for his services. No note of complaining or regret was in his voice for having spent most of his life in destitute places.

Farmed During Week

I did not hesitate to press him with personal questions about his income for one can be personal without embarrassment in the presence of one whom he has known and appreciated all of life.

"I spent all of my ministerial life on meager salaries, always working with my hands during the week to support my family," he added. "For many years I rented a two-horse farm. At noon on Saturday I would leave the field, walk, ride a horse, or go in a wagon 10 or 15 miles for my Saturday night and Sunday appointments, returning to the plow at noon Monday. I never owned a car, but in later years I often travelled by bus when possible. In the middle of the week it was not unusual during the busiest farming season to be called to other communities to preach funerals."

Born at Buford

Brother Loyd, as he is affectionately known to hundreds of people, was born at Buford, Ark., seven miles from Mountain Home in 1878. His parents moved several times during the next few years; first to Mountain Home, then consecutively to Mammoth Springs; Oxford, Miss.; Oklahoma, and finally in 1894 to Gum Log near Russellville, which remained his post office (with the exception of two years near Magazine) until he moved to nearby Dover where he finished his ministry and retired in 1940 because of bad health.

Two years ago he and his faithful companion moved to Texarkana in order to be near their only son, Raymond, a successful young man and a deacon in Highland Park Baptist Church.

In the Hatley community on a rural route from Gum Log he met Etta Hatley a member of a well known family in the community, and they were married in 1907. A neighbor farm boy was J. R. Grant, today president of Ouachita College.

Converted at 16

At the age of 16 young Loyd was converted. Let him tell you about it: "When I was converted my parents thought I would join a church of a denomination where I attended Sunday School near our home. My uncle was an elder in this church. But I didn't do it. I began reading the Scripture and found I was a Baptist."

At age 19 he was made a deacon and was licensed to preach at 22, being ordained a little later.

The two greatest needs of our present day churches, he believes, are church discipline



Married 40 Years

and study of New Testament doctrine. The three texts he has used most often are: John 3:16, Psalm 50:1, and Ephesians 4:30. His favorite chapter is Romans 8.

Inspired By Many

The formal education of Brother Loyd was limited to the eighth grade country school, but he has been learning ever since. He helped all four of his children, Raymond, Elsie, Sue Iva, and Gerlene, with their home study through high school. In response to my question about books which had been helpful to him he listed some used in college and seminary: Dr. Connor's "Christian Doctrine," Dr. Carroll's "Exposition of the Scripture," and Dr. Strong's "Systematic Theology."

The minister who helped and inspired him most in early life was Rev. E. D. Landers. Others who influenced him from time to time across the years were: Dr. J. S. Compere, Dr. E. J. A. McKinney, Dr. Sam Campbell, Rev. S. B. Barnett, and Dr. Clyde V. Hickerson.

R. L. Loyd is a believer in the state Baptist paper. He related, "I read the Arkansas Baptist at the turn of the century until it became the Baptist Advance. Then I read it until the name was changed back to Arkansas Baptist and I expect to read it the remainder of my life."

Still Loves to Preach

He served East Point Church near London for half-time over a period of 26 years. He organized Long Ridge Church near Magazine and was its first pastor. Other part-time churches served by this faithful man of God include: Fairview, Dover, London, Scottsville (where he was my childhood pastor), New Hope, Knoxville, Pittsburg, Cagelsville, Moreland, Ross, Hagerville, and Scranton.

After spending two of the past six years in bed he is able to be out again and often supplies churches in and near Texarkana. A full-time church offered to call him recently but at age 68 he did not feel equal to its duties.

"I enjoy preaching more now than any time in my life," he remarked as I was leaving his modern six room home at 604 Kirby Street. His parting word which followed me to my car was: "The Lord has been good to me and blessed me."

I know he meant it.

Christ Initiated Christian Education

By PAUL AIKEN, Pastor
First Church, Warren

Christian education has been vastly significant in all the succeeding generations since the coming of Jesus. The Man of Galilee launched His Kingdom, which was to be world wide in scope, with a great program of Christian education. His was a moving college. The Apostles composed the student body and Christ himself was the master teacher. His final examination came when he asked them: "Whom do you say that I am?" Peter scored par excellent when he answered: "Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God."

I fear that the Ouachita Million Dollar Campaign has not been properly viewed by some of our Baptist people. We are not to think of this Campaign simply in terms of a local situation, a present faculty and student body or our own particular generation. We are to take the long look and get the broad perspective of the influence of Christian education upon the ages, the nations of the earth, the isles of the sea and upon unborn generations.

It was never discussed in our church whether we would accept our quota and raise it. We used our time discussing the best method of doing it. Christian education is the best preventive against an atomic war. It is civilization's best life insurance.

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The traditional bells of hundreds of French churches were casualties of the war. Many were melted for the making of ammunition. And others were destroyed with the invasion of the Nazi armies. It will be a long time before new bells can be made . . . and in the meantime, maybe permanently, French churches are using an automatic electric carillon to sound the call to worship from their bellfries.

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The Feast of the Lord...

Table of God's Demands

By MINOR E. COLE, Pastor
First Church, Forrest City

"The Feast of the Lord" is the general theme of the four messages I shall present on these broadcasts. The text is John 2:10 "Thou hast kept the good wine until now."

In the 2nd Chapter of John we have the account of Jesus attending a marriage in Cana of Galilee. At the marriage feast the governor called the bridegroom, and said unto him, "Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk then that which is worse; but thou hast kept the good wine until now" (until the last).

The Devil gives the best that he has first and then that which is worse. The feast of the Devil will become more bitter until his victim is in the tortures of Hell, while the feast of the Lord increaseth in sweetness. I prefer to attend the feast where the best comes last. That is what Moses was thinking about when he chose to suffer afflictions with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.

The subject of this message is "The Table of God's Demands." At this table there are six courses:

The first course is Conviction for Sin. Some times it is a very bitter course; when Paul fasted it he was blinded for three days. When David tasted it he said the "sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of Hell got hold upon me." But no man can get rid of his sins until he tastes the bitter cup of conviction for sin. Many run away from the bitterness of his cup only to continue his downward way toward the bitterness of Hell.

The second course is Repentance. This means giving up and turning away from your sins, pet sins and all. Acts 17:30 says, "God commandeth all men everywhere to repent." Luke 13:3 says, "But except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Many wish to feast at the Lord's table but are not willing to drink the bitter wine of repentance.

The third course at the table of God's demands is Confession. About the hardest thing for us to do is to confess our sins, whether they are against God or each other, and yet there can be no forgiveness without confession. I John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." Prov. 28:13 says, "He that covereth his sins, shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." The prodigal son drank it to its bitter dregs and was the honored one at the feast.

The fourth course at the table of God's demands is Restitution. We should, as far as possible, make right the things we have made wrong. The thief that confesses should give up the goods. I led a man to Christ one night and the next day he paid a man for a cow he had stolen. Zaccheus said, "I will repay four fold. That is the kind of restitution that real conviction for sin, repentance for sin, and confession of sin will produce.

The fifth course at the table of God's demands is Obedience to the absolute Lordship of Jesus. If He is to be our Saviour He must also be our Lord. Jesus said, "He that would come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." And again he said "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple."

This is the first in a series of four messages on "The Feast of the Lord," being heard this month on eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The sixth and last course at the table of God's demands is the wine cup of Consciousness of sins forgiven. Thrice sweet is this wine. When the woman that had been sick for 12 years touched His garment and He said "Thy faith hath made thee whole, go in peace" it was sweet wine. When Jesus said to the paralytic, "Thy sins are forgiven thee," and he took up his bed and walked, it was sweet wine. It is like a pardon to a condemned prisoner.

I shall never forget how the joy bells rang in my heart that night when I became conscious that Christ was my Saviour and that my sins were forgiven. Since that hour I have loved those words, "O happy day that fixed my choice on thee, my Saviour and my God! Well may this glowing heart rejoice, and tell its raptures all abroad. Happy day, happy day, when Jesus washed my sins away!"

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Hartford Church recently had a stewardship revival with Rev. C. C. Roberts, of Bentonville, doing the preaching. Pastor L. P. Thomas writes: "We had two sermons daily—just good old hard-corn preaching on Christian stewardship. I've a serious conviction that this kind of meeting is far better than our usual study courses. I have decided that the Bible is a mighty good text book for teachers and preachers. It even makes a good study course textbook. And Bro. Roberts can do the job. We heartily recommend him to any church and pastor who feel the need of a stewardship revival."

State Could Cripple Liquor Advertising

Dr. Edward B. Dunford, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, suggests that every state where dry sentiment is dominant, should suppress the sale within its borders of any brand of liquor which is advertised within the state by "promotive" advertising.

The states have the power to do this under the Second Section of the Twenty-First Amendment to the Federal Constitution which provides:

"The transportation or importation into any State, territory or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquor, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited."

A state, under this provision, has absolute authority to determine whether liquor shall be sold within the state; if so, what kind, and the method and conditions under which it may be dispensed. It can certainly prohibit the sale of any brand of liquor which stimulates consumption by advertising, no matter whether such advertising originates within or without the state. This policy can be a part of the general licensing policy and dealers can be required to withdraw from sale any brand of liquor so advertised. No regulation of the radio, press, or any publicity medium is involved since action is directed entirely at the liquor itself.

In the regulation proposed by Mr. Dunford, "promotive advertising" is defined as any type of advertising publicity making use of words other than those necessary to inform the public of the name of the producer or dispenser, the trade name or brand of the product, the price, and the place where the beverage is sold.

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Hope Association will hold its Sunday School Conference at College Hill Church, Texarkana, at 6:30, March 7. Supper will be served by the host church.

Baptist State Paper Circulation in South Booms Toward "Every Baptist Home" Goal

This chart was prepared by Editor G. Ward Finley of the Baptist New Mexican at the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association. The group set a goal of "the state Baptist paper in every Baptist home by 1950."

States	Southern Baptists	Baptist Families	Subscribers to Baptist Papers	Ratio of Families to Subs.
Alabama	434,844	108,711	35,000	1 to 3
Arizona	6,900	2,013	2,750	1 to .7
Arkansas	185,128	46,282	29,300	1 to 1.5
California	12,000	6,000	3,250	1 to 1.8
District of Columbia*	21,000	5,250	2,500	1 to 2
Florida	200,000	50,000	24,000	1 to 2
Georgia	528,000	132,000	38,410	1 to 3.5
Illinois	92,270	23,018	10,278	1 to 2.2
Kansas	2,940	980	752	1 to 1.2
Kentucky	463,310	115,852	48,200	1 to 2.4
Louisiana	245,000	61,250	28,500	1 to 2.2
Maryland*	25,000	5,800	2,200	1 to 2.5
Mississippi	306,000	76,500	56,265	1 to 1.3
Missouri	315,000	78,000	32,500	1 to 2.4
New Mexico	33,000	8,250	9,850	1 to .8
North Carolina	596,991	125,000	42,216	1 to 3
Oklahoma*	280,000	70,000	40,000	1 to 1.7
South Carolina	331,593	82,898	50,429	1 to 1.6
Tennessee	497,164	124,291	41,756	1 to 2.9
Texas	950,000	237,989	185,916	1 to 1.3
Virginia*	315,000	67,000	12,000	1 to 5.6
TOTALS	5,840,140	1,427,084	696,072	1 to 2.05

*Estimated.

Horatio Pastor Answers "What, When and How?" of the Ouachita College Campaign

By RUSSELL ARMER
Pastor, Horatio

One of the most important things that Arkansas Baptists are facing today is the Ouachita College Million Dollar Campaign.

The Heart of Arkansas Baptists

When we say Ouachita College we use a synonym for the heart of Arkansas Baptists. We believe this because Ouachita is so dear to the hearts of the people of this state. Not only is this true of those who have had the privilege of attending Ouachita and having their sons filled with a burning zeal for Christ's work but it is dear to those who appreciate the leadership that Ouachita has produced.

What has been said can be agreed with wholeheartedly and very easily. But there is another way in which Ouachita College is the heart of Arkansas Baptists. Whether or not anyone has taken inventory of it, the great majority of Baptist leadership in the state is a product of our college at Arkadelphia. Because of that fact and because of the young men and women in Ouachita today who will take their places in carrying forward our work as Baptists tomorrow, we can rightfully say that Ouachita College is the heart of Arkansas Baptists.

The Time Is Now

An important question to answer is: When shall we do our part to maintain and enlarge this worthy institution? This question can only be answered in one way by churches and



Pastor Armer

individuals who really have the cause of Christ at heart. That one way is with an emphatic "now."

There are several reasons why "now" is the answer. One is because loyal hearts cry out for an opportunity to show their appreciation to the college and to God for its services. Another one is because "now" is the time

Ouachita needs the money and is the time when other churches and individuals are contributing to meet her needs. "Now" is the time we have a man of God at the head of this great cause putting his very soul into it and challenging us to hear the pleas of God to prepare for an enlargement of our work here and abroad. "Now" is the time when the Baptists of Arkansas have enough money to make the entire three years' contribution.

How Raise the Money?

We agree that Ouachita is the institution that keeps our denominational leadership adequate, that now is the time to build her for more efficient service; but another question is: How shall we do it?

In my opinion Baptists should remain as strict here about financial means as in any other phase of church life. We have no place at any time for unscriptural means of getting money.

Here is how we did it at Horatio. After our annual associational meeting in October 1946, we started working on the quota for Ouachita. As pastor I talked to members personally about the importance of the cause. Then I asked the deacons with some others of the men to serve as a committee, and they in turn did some personal work with our people. Each Sunday, in the form of an announcement from the pulpit, the congregation was reminded of the offering to be made for Ouachita the third Sunday in November. At that Sunday morning service, we received the free will offering and found we had the three years' quota.

And after the Ouachita offering was made, our regular church contributions were as great or greater than before.

PROGRAMS FOR BIBLE CONFERENCES

(Continued From Back Page)

Batesville—March 26-27

Dean—Hugh Cooper

Morning

- 10:00 Devotional—"Power Through Prayer" _____
10:15 The Vital Needs of the Churches Today _____ W. R. Vestal
10:40 How This Conference Can Answer These Needs _____ Stanley Cooper
11:10 Round Table on These Subjects, led by _____ Lonnie Lasater
11:35 Song and Announcements _____
11:40 Message _____ W. J. Hinsley

Afternoon

- 1:30 Devotional—"Power Through Faith" _____ W. L. Leach
1:45 Homiletics (Sermon Outlining) _____ H. E. Williams
2:15 Bible Exposition _____ E. P. J. Garrett
3:10 Song and Announcements _____
3:15 Address _____ B. L. Bridges

Evening

- 7:00 Devotional—"Power Through Worship" _____ Gus Poole
7:15 Laying a Foundation for the Future _____ E. E. Griever
7:45 Magnifying Our Mission Task _____ C. W. Caldwell

SECOND DAY

Morning

- 9:00 Devotional—"Power Through Consecration" _____ Claude Jenkins
9:15 Pastoral Visitation _____ E. E. Griever
9:45 Using the Laymen _____ Nelson E. Tull
10:15 How to Indoctrinate the Churches _____ Charles Wilkins
10:45 Old Fashion Prayer Meeting, led by _____ L. C. Tedford
11:15 Song and Announcements _____
11:30 Address _____ R. C. Campbell

Afternoon

- 1:30 Devotional—"Power Through the Word" _____ W. H. Hunt
1:45 Bible Exposition _____ E. P. J. Garrett
2:30 Pastor and Church Organizations _____ Harold Tillman
3:00 Miscellaneous _____
3:10 Message _____ W. O. Vaught

Jonesboro—March 27-28

Dean—Reese S. Howard

Morning

- 10:00 Devotional—"Power Through Prayer" _____ E. C. Polk
10:15 The Vital Needs of the Churches Today _____ H. A. Zimmerman
10:45 How This Conference Can Answer These Needs _____ E. T. Smith
11:10 Round Table on These Subjects _____ J. I. Cossey
11:35 Song and Announcements _____
11:40 Message _____ W. J. Hinsley

Afternoon

- 1:30 Devotional—"Power Through Faith" _____ L. G. Miller
1:45 Homiletics (Sermon Outlining) _____ I. M. Prince
2:15 Bible Exposition _____ D. A. Ellis
3:10 Song and Announcements _____
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- 7:00 Devotional—"Power Through Worship" _____ Boyd Eldridge
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- 9:00 Devotional—"Power Through Consecration" _____ Jeff Rousseau
9:15 Pastoral Visitation _____ D. D. Smothers
9:45 Using the Laymen _____ Nelson F. Tull
10:15 How to Indoctrinate the Churches _____ Blake Westmoreland
10:45 Old Fashion Prayer Meeting, led by _____ C. Z. Holland
11:15 Song and Announcements _____
11:30 Address _____ R. C. Campbell

Afternoon

- 1:30 Devotional—"Power Through the Word" _____ James Fitzgerald
1:45 Bible Exposition _____ D. A. Ellis
2:30 Pastor and Church Organizations _____ W. F. Couch
3:00 Miscellaneous _____
3:15 Address _____ Slates Murphy

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For college students: six semester hours.
For high school students: 3/4 to 1 unit.

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\$60.00 will pay room, board, tuition and matriculation fee. Private lessons in art, music, speech, etc., will be extra. Some students work to help pay expenses.

WHAT SHOULD STUDENTS BRING?

High school transcript, pillow, towels, sheets, blanket for single bed.

WILL THERE BE ROOM?

Yes. Not more than half of Ouachita's 900 students will remain for summer term. \$5.00 deposit will reserve a room.

To Whom Should One Write for Further Information?

Dr. J. R. Grant, President, Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas.



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Church Music Director



Pulaski County Training School Has Record Attendance Averaging 750

There was a record attendance and enrollment during the week of February 16-21 in the Simultaneous Sunday School Training School sponsored by the Pulaski County Baptist Association. The school was held in the Immanuel Baptist Church.

Average attendance was around 750, with close to 700 enrolled in the school. At the time of this writing it looks as though there will be around 600 completing the courses for awards.

Thirty different study course books were offered by 30 faculty members. The largest class was taught by Mrs. B. W. Nininger, State Music Director, with an enrollment of 94. This was a class in Church Music. The class had an average attendance of 75 and this group prepared a special choral number for the inspirational hour on Friday night.

Dr. J. O. Williams, director of the Division of Education and Promotion of the Sunday School Board, was the inspirational speaker. Rev. Guy Wilson, pastor of Reynolds Memorial Church of Little Rock and the associational Sunday School superintendent, was director of the school.

Other inspirational speakers for the school were, Dr. R. C. Campbell, Dr. Ben L. Bridges and Dr. Edgar Williamson. The faculty was composed of the pastors and various Sunday School leaders within the association.

Evangelistic Singers, Please Write Us

The Church Music Director is constantly receiving requests for names of available song leaders for revival meetings. It has occurred to us that we might render an invaluable service to both pastors and singers by maintaining an Evangelistic Singers' Calendar. This calendar is one more service feature of the Religious Education Department and it is designed to be mutually helpful.

In order to make it serve the maximum purpose, we should have the available dates of every evangelistic singer who is working in Arkansas. Will you be good enough to write immediately listing the open dates on your calen-

dar? As soon as all have reported to this office, a schedule will be published in this column. In this manner, every church needing a singer for forth-coming revival meetings can refer to the published list or write to the office of the director of church music.

Names and open dates will be kept constantly current, if each individual singer will co-operate in this move. Write to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, if you can do song leading for revival meetings this Summer, or if you are a pastor and wish to secure the services of such a singer. It will be a pleasure to use the facilities of this office for additional assistance to the churches of Arkansas in maintaining a full ministry of music.

How About a Vacation Music School?

Again it is time to begin making the schedule for summer schools of church music. A Vacation Music school will strengthen the whole church in understanding and appreciation of the ministry of music. In addition it will aid in finding and developing all potential leadership ability in the field of music.

There will be available several well-trained and efficient associate workers whose service may be had only during the vacation months. They will lead the church in a fully departmentalized school of church music at a time when people of all ages may take advantage of such instruction.

It is suggested that a suitable time be chosen for this school between the Vacation Bible School and the summer Revival, thus making it possible for the largest number of both young people and adults to attend.

Churches that have had summer
(CONTINUED ON PAGE FOURTEEN)

Increase in Training Union Study Course Awards

Fourteen thousand three hundred forty-one Training Union Study Course awards were issued during 1946 to members of 345 churches compared with 10,821 awards for 1945 to members of 298 churches. During 1946 the associations in Arkansas requesting 1000 or more awards were Pulaski County with 1,671, Liberty with 1,314, and Concord with 1,129. The 1946 goal of 15,000 is also the goal for 1947.

Association	Goal for 1946	Awards Issued
Arkansas Valley	500	394
Bartholomew	500	379
Benton County	500	503
Big Creek	75	38
Black River	65	113
Boone-Carroll	350	414
Buckville	50	
Buckner	300	478
Caddo River	125	123
Carey	200	125
Caroline	250	122
Centennial	200	166
Central	600	326
Clear Creek	350	480
Concord	1,100	1,129
Current River	500	215
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Russellville	500	428
Delta	250	157
Faulkner County	125	546
Gainesville	160	29
Greene County	300	328
Harmony	1,100	795
Hope	500	825
Independence	200	155
Liberty	1,000	1,314
Little Red River	50	29
Little River	260	124
Mississippi County	400	689
Mount Zion	500	443
Ouachita	225	309
Newton County	50	
Perry County	120	
Pulaski County	1,200	1,671
Red River	500	390
Rocky Bayou	200	
Stone-Van Buren	300	126
Tri-County	530	212

Bible Emphasis Week

March is Southwide study course month. Very likely your church has set aside one week in March for this purpose. We suggest that you make it a week of Bible study.

Listed below are the books about the Bible which you can use.

ADULTS:

"Our Doctrines"

Adults also may study and receive credit for the Bible books listed in the young people's age group.

YOUNG PEOPLE:

1. "The Books of the Bible"
2. "Our Bible"
3. "The Eternal King"

INTERMEDIATES:

"Growing in Bible Knowledge"

JUNIORS:

1. "This Is My Bible"
2. "Bible Heroes"

For our complete list of books, refer to the Graded Training Union Study Course tract which can be ordered free of charge from your state Training Union Department. It lists all the study course books, contains information concerning their study, and suggests plans for conducting a training school. Also order the list of approved elective mission books. Choose your course from these two lists.

Trinity	125	248
Washington-		
Madison	750	400
White County	140	87
White River	190	15
Woodruff County	230	16

Total awards issued 14,341
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Congressman Brooks Hays, Little Rock, delivered the Tharp Lectures during Home Coming Week at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary February 25-28.

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CATALOG ON REQUEST

ORIGIN OF THE KINDERGARTEN

By D. D. SMOTHERS
Pastor, West Helena

(The West Helena Church is sponsoring, quite successfully, a kindergarten for children of that community. —Editor.)

An interesting and significant fact in the early history of the kindergarten movement is that Froebel's original idea was to train mothers to teach their own young children in the home. Attracted to the writings of Comenius, the description of the School of the Mother's Knee confirmed him in his belief that the earliest years of childhood were the most important in education.

Kindergarten Beginnings

Friedrich Froebel was born in 1782, in Southern Germany. His father was a rural clergyman. His childhood and youthful years seemed to have been very unhappy ones due no doubt to an unsympathetic stepmother. From 10 to 14, Froebel spent the only normal and happy years of his youth living with a kindly uncle and attending the parish school.

After this he was apprenticed to a forester without his consent which seemed to upset him very much. At the age of 23, Froebel decided to become a teacher and visited Pestalozzi in Switzerland. Three years later he became the tutor of three boys. But he returned to Pestalozzi's school where he became both teacher and student.

During his two years in Pestalozzi's school, he was deeply impressed with the value of music and play in the education of children. After floundering for several years, he opened a private school in 1816, which he conducted for several years along the Pestalozzian lines. In this, the play idea, music, self-activity of the pupils were uppermost. The school was a failure, financially, but the teacher gained valuable knowledge from the experience which enabled him to write his greatest work on pedagogy.

Because of his inability to impress the educators of his day, Froebel turned to the women, who he said understood him better than the men. In this move he was very wise, because it was a woman disciple, Baroness Bertha von Marenholtz, who really put the idea over to Europe. The Baroness went to London and organized kindergartens in the English "ragged schools." She went to Italy, Switzerland, Holland, and Belgium organizing kindergartens. In 1870 she founded a kindergarten training college in Dresden.

It Comes to America

When the kindergarten was introduced into America, it met with

great success. It came at a time when it would be most favorably received. As a nation we were gradually awakening to the new social problems resulting from the enormous increases in our foreign-born population. Slums were in the process of formation, which soon became sources of disease, crime delinquency, etc.

The first kindergarten in the United States was a German school at Watertown, Wis., in 1855 started by Mrs. Carl Schurtz, a pupil of Froebel. The first English speaking school was opened privately in Boston, in 1860, by Miss Elizabeth Peabody, a sister-in-law to Hawthorne and Horace Mann. In 1863 a private kindergarten training school was opened in Boston by Madame Matilde Kriege and her daughter, who had recently come from Germany. In 1873 Miss Susan Blow accepted the invitation of Superintendent William Harris of St. Louis to go there and open the first public school kindergarten in the United States.

Needs Are Seen

The workers and supporters of the kindergarten soon saw the need of the services of the physician, the nurse, and the visiting teacher. The idea grew rapidly. A school was opened in Chicago in 1874, in Cincinnati in 1879, and by 1880 some three hundred kindergartens and training schools, mostly private, had been opened in the cities of the 30 states of the Union.

As an example of the confidence aroused by the kindergarten in both mother and child, the following incident is frequently told by Prof. Patty S. Hill. A supervisor in the pioneer days was approaching the kindergarten, which had been installed in an old building discarded as a saloon. She was the only clean and decently dressed person in the streets, and soon found that she was being closely observed by a little ragged specimen of humanity who was struggling with a huge safety pin in an unsuccessful effort to make his rags hold together until he arrived at the kindergarten. When failure stared him in the face and disaster of losing what by courtesy might be called trousers was imminent, his eyes had fallen upon a person too well-dressed to be going anywhere but to the kindergarten. Help was

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at hand and shouting at the top of his voice, he called "Lady, Lady! Are you going to the kindergarten?" "Yes," she answered. Whereupon came the confident request, "Please, Miss, pin me breeches on," which she proceeded to do with great difficulty but with a willing hand.

Stages of Development

The kindergarten in the United States has passed through three distinct stages of development. At first it was a philanthropic agency, relieving impoverished conditions under which the children of immigrants and of the poor in the cities lived. Later the parents of children in the upper stages of economic and social life saw the value and urged its adoption by the public school. Finally it was adopted into the public school system and made available to all.

There are approximately one million children enrolled in kindergartens in the United States. Very few of these are under religious direction except those attending the Catholic schools.

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Okla. Churchmen Fight Repeal Move

A strong, state-wide resistance is being built up by members of the United Drys of Oklahoma to a proposed repeal of state liquor prohibition, according to the Rev. Willis E. Howard, president, and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Oklahoma City.

Introduction of a bill in the state legislature, calling for a repeal election, brought swift denunciation by the anti-liquor forces in a

N. C. Baptists Plan State-Wide Network

The General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention discussed plans for a proposed state-wide network of radio stations which would be operated under church control of a non-commercial basis, and referred the matter to an executive committee which will continue investigation of the plan along with a special radio committee. The executive committee was given power to act on the matter.

The board's special radio committee recommended that the convention apply for a license for a frequency modulation station to be located in Raleigh which would serve as the key station for a network extending throughout the state.

Under the plan, the Raleigh station and others to be established in connection with the network would be affiliated with Baptist colleges, no advertising would be accepted and operation of the stations would be supported by the convention.

state meeting of the United Oklahoma Drys. More than 2,000 persons from all over the state attended the sessions.

Dr. G. Lemuel Fenn, superintendent of the Enid district of The Methodist Church and vice chairman of the United Oklahoma Drys resolutions committee, said the anti-liquor people of the state are better organized now than at any time in the past and intend to carry on a door-to-door campaign to defeat any repeal move.

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A Correction

We call your attention to a necessary correction in the price of a Stewardship book listed on page 50 of the 1947 Year Book "Stewardship in the Life of Women" by Wallace, the price being 75 cents instead of 35 cents.

Plan Now For Ridgecrest WMU Week

Members of missionary societies and business woman's circles should begin making their plans to attend the WMU Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C., August 7-13.

Concerning reservations for this conference, we advise that you make these at once by writing Mr. Robert Guy, Manager, Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C., and sending \$1 registration fee with your request; in case of a cancellation, the fee will be returned provided the Ridgecrest manager is advised to that effect 10 days in advance of the time for the opening of the conference.

If sufficient number attend this Conference from Arkansas we hope to secure private bus transportation. Further information will be given later but write us now if you plan to go.

First State-Wide BWC Meeting

We are taking this opportunity to announce the plan to hold a meeting for the members of Business Women's Circles in connection with the State WMU Annual Meeting, Jonesboro, on Wednesday evening, April 9. This will be a supper meeting and we hope for a large attendance. An interesting program is being arranged and plans are being worked out to perfect a State-wide organization. Each BWC should see that a representative is present. The Mt. Zion Association has a BWC Federation and we are looking forward to having fine fellowship with this group and others from over the state.

State YWA Banquet

On Tuesday evening, April 8, the Fortieth Anniversary Banquet for Young Women's Auxiliary members will be held at the First Church, Jonesboro. Every YWA in the state is urged to send representatives to this state-wide cele-

High Ranking Ambassador



Benny Johnson of Blytheville is the first Royal Ambassador in Arkansas to receive his Counselor's degree. The Counselor's degree can be earned only by those boys who have passed the requirements for Ambassador Plenipotentiary, highest rank in the Order of Royal Ambassadors. Benny was recognized as Plenipotentiary at the State Recognition service held at Texarkana, November 19, 1946.

During the State Royal Ambassador Congress held in Little Rock, January 17-19, 1947, Benny was elected State Ambassador-in-Chief.

Sixteen years old and a Junior in the Blytheville High School, Benny plays a bass horn and is secretary of the band. He is Ambassador-in-Chief of the Maxfield Garrott Chapter of the First Baptist Church and is also active in the Sunday School and the Train-in Union of the church. He plans to spend part of the coming summer attending State Royal Ambassador Camps and also the Young Men's Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, N. C.

bration of the fortieth anniversary. A program is being planned in keeping with the theme of the year and announcements will be made at this banquet regarding other special YWA plans for the year. Help us celebrate the Ruby Anniversary by being present at the State WMU annual meeting and the YWA banquet.

Brazilian Baptist Convention, With 100,000 Members, Has Mission Work

By A. E. BLANKENSHIP
Fortaleza, Brazil

The Brazilian National Baptist Convention convened in January. The session opened with Dr. John Soren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Rio, presiding. He is a great man and has the ability to lead his people into a great program. With men such as Dr. Soren in places of responsibility we feel that the work will move forward.

The messengers had a mind to work. Each felt his responsibility. Each wanted to know more about the work in this great country, and then to seek the Lord's will in carrying out the work.

Seven Baptist Schools

There are three large Baptist colleges that are under boards of the National Convention, two seminaries, and two training schools. These institutions are filled to capacity. This is a great day in the history of Baptists, for the greatest need in Brazil is trained workers. We haven't enough preachers, and those we have are not trained as they should be. Brazil has no public school system, and the average Baptist can't afford a private school.

Brazilian Baptists, even though a mission field, maintain mission work, both home and foreign. For some years they have been doing work in the mother country, Portugal. Only last year work was opened by a fine young couple in Bolivia. This country is so steeped in ignorance and superstition that the condition is as bad as that of the Congo in Africa. Yes, they have heard the Macedonian Call and answered it.

"The Homeland for Christ"

The home mission project is much more advanced. There are 60 workers under this board scattered all the way from the northern shores of the wide expanse of

the Amazon River to the Southern pine-covered hills of the rolling Rio Grande do Sul. These workers preach, teach, organize schools, hold institutes, and travel from one point to another to organize preaching points. Often they are endangering their lives while traveling through forest and mountains where wild animals range and into the interior where the Indians live. These people feel called of God and are willing to go anywhere. They have the message of love. The last offering for home missions was over \$10,000, the most that has ever been given. The people are proud.

There was no theme given at the Convention, but in the mind and heart of every person present were these words: The Homeland for Christ. Oh, how these people long to win Brazil for the Master! It was revealed that there are over 900 churches with a membership of near 100,000. This shows they will work.

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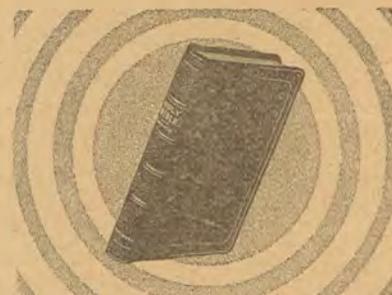
Dr. Homer P. Rainey, recently liberal candidate for election as Governor of Texas, becomes president of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., on January 1, succeeding Dr. James M. Wood, who has reached retirement age.

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Figures to Inspire

February 23, 1947

Church	Adms.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia, First	3	530	206
Camden, First		516	109
Conway, First		457	125
Cullendale, First		290	110
Elaine, First	1	143	
Eldorado Churches:			
First		869	198
Immanuel	2	256	100
Including Mission:		284	
Second	2	417	84
West Side	3	249	98
Fordyce, First		310	107
Fort Smith, First	6	960	310
Hamburg, First		302	168
Hot Springs Churches:			
Park Place	2	448	125
Walnut Valley	1	77	58
Jacksonville, First	1	200	85
Little Rock Churches:			
Baptist Tabernacle		475	122
Bellevue		145	
Calvary	2	146	46
Capitol Hill		114	
First	4	942	363
Immanuel	10	1031	357
Including Mission:		1403	576
Pike Ave.		141	
Plainview		123	53
Reynolds Mem.		139	60
Second	3	682	75
S. Highland	1	256	75
Malvern, First	1	313	54
McGehee, First	2	403	128
Including Mission:		427	
Mena, First	3	428	121
Monticello Churches:			
First		230	55
North Side		90	
Second		115	48
Mount Ida, First	1	98	59
Norphlet, First	1	233	100
N. Little Rock, Central		182	32
Paris, First		370	137
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	15	711	190
Including Mission:		776	232
Matthews Mem.		95	64
Rogers, First	2	286	84
Springdale, First	10	289	127
Including Mission:		370	
Stuttgart, First		305	135
Warren, Immanuel	1	106	65



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Letters to the Editor

"Refund to Tithers"

Dear Editor:

Let me congratulate you on your editorial February 13 on "Refund to Tithers." I agree with you. I see no harm in individuals giving their own experiences when they honestly feel that they have been blessed financially as a result of their decision to tithe; however, for our leaders to capitalize on these for promotional purposes is unwise, and even dangerous. The right motive for tithing is vital, and that should not be for personal gain. When the motive is right I am certain great blessings will follow. These may include material blessings, but sometimes they may not. The caution in your article is very timely. Shorewood Hills, S. A. WILES. Malvern.

Appreciation to Friends

Dear Editor:

While I was in Texarkana for the State Baptist Convention last November I was placed in one of the Texarkana hospitals as a result of a very serious heart attack. I would like to thank the people of the state who came to my aid at that time. The Arkansas Baptist is the only means I have of thanking the people because I do not know who all of them are.

On Sunday night before the State Convention assembled, I was attending church services at Highland Park Church, Texarkana, when I was struck with a heart attack which proved to be almost fatal, and only through the grace of God am I alive today.

During the Convention many of the messengers visited me at the hospital, and their visits were greatly appreciated. More than that, when I was discharged from the hospital, all of my expenses had been taken care of and there was money left over. I want to express my deep appreciation to all of the people who aided in that respect.

Especially do I want to extend my thanks to the pastor and people of the Highland Park Church. The Lord has promised to supply our every need and he supplied mine at that time through the Baptists of Arkansas.

Route 2, F. C. HARTUNG. Bonnerdale, Ark.

More Dipsy Doodles

Dear Editor:

Thanks for your advice as to what a Dipsy Doodle is, and in reply I will say we Baptists in Jonesboro have many Dipsy Doodles. You advised that yours was a fish lure; the ones we have are lures for suckers. I am told they are filled every night. I speak of the Sunday picture show, dance halls, drinking parlors, and gam-

bling parties. I'm made to believe that many Baptist Sunday School teachers and deacons are suckers enough to think there is nothing wrong in their attending places of this kind. I'm sure if Baptists were to quit there would not be nearly as many suckers caught in these lures.

W. B. LANGFORD. Jonesboro.

Scriptures and Baptism

Dear Editor:

Isn't it misleading to say baptism has nothing to do with the plan of salvation when the Word is clear that it is "by grace that we are saved"? (See Ephesians 2:5.) Jesus says go teach, or make disciples, baptize them. Then He, Himself, was baptized of John, saying: "thus it becomes us to fulfill all righteousness." Then God put His stamp of approval on it in the appearance of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove and a voice, saying: "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:13, 17).

Jesus made disciples and baptized them. (See John 4:12.) Sure, Jesus was not baptized in order to become the Son of God, but was He not illustrating His burial and resurrection to follow and without which there would be no salvation? Then if I profess faith in Christ as my Saviour, and am baptized, I am declaring to the world my faith in Him as my Saviour. Thus I witness for Him. But instead, if I neglect, or refuse, to be baptized, I am denying Him and thereby proving to the world that I haven't got saving faith. If we deny Him, He will also deny us. (II Timothy 2:12.)

"Be baptized" is the first commandment to the believer. (See Acts 2:38, 39.) Now here are some instances where baptism is mentioned as of more or less importance. I Peter 3:21 says: "The like figure where unto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Verse 22 says: "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."

Now John came preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins. See Mark 1:4, Luke 3:3 and Acts 19:4. Then Galatians, 3:27 says: "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Then Romans 6:3, "Know ye not, that as many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" Verse 4, "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that

like as Christ, was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Concerning Paul's baptism see in Acts: 9:18, "And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been sealed and he received sight forthwith, and arose and was baptized." Then Acts 22:16, "And now why tarriest there? Arise and be baptized, and wash away thy sins calling on the name of the Lord." Then in Hebrews 10:22, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

Now in the light of these Scripture readings, it seems clear to me that baptism is typical of the burial and resurrection of Christ and the cleansing power of the blood of Christ. When we have made profession of our faith; have been baptized in the watery grave, symbolizing being buried with Him, and arisen even as He arose and ascended to the Father in Heaven, we should arise to walk in newness of life. I conclude that to say that baptism has nothing to do with our salvation and leave it there, with no further explanation, may create in the minds of hearers an indifference to a thing that seems to me very important in carrying out the Great Commission.

Keep the ordinances, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo; I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (or ages)."

Please tell me what is wrong with this? J. H. HIETT. 820 Walnut Street, Jonesboro, Ark.

Dr. Van Ness, Baptist

Pioneer, Dies at 87

By WILLIAM P. PHILLIPS

Today, February 13, is the first birthday in Heaven of our former great leader and friend, Dr. I. J. Van Ness.

I would best characterize Dr. Van Ness as an understanding leader. The prayer I have heard him say he most often made after he became executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board was: "Lord, make me big enough to work with other people and let them get the credit."

He served as pastor of Immanuel Church, Nashville, Tenn., as editor of the Georgia Christian Index, as editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board for 17 years, and executive secretary-treasurer for 18 years.

Dr. Van Ness was a master executive, but never demanding. Only a suggestion was necessary to one of his department executives, so great was their confidence in their gentle and gracious leader. He knew how to lodge responsibility, challenge initiative, and inspire confidence. Never was he referred to as the "Boss." He was more like a father and friend.

It was during Dr. Van Ness' administration that the department organization of the Board was effected. He inaugurated the annual conference of State Sunday School and Training Union secretaries. He also inaugurated our present great book store chain which now includes 30 stores in 20 states.

With the psalmist David, I am constrained to say today: "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel."

"The State Baptist Paper In Every Baptist Home"

The Southern Baptist Convention meeting at St. Louis in May will be asked to join in an effort to place the state Baptist papers in every Baptist home by 1950.

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Barnhill Named Seal Chairman

John Barnhill, head football coach and director of athletics at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, has been named chairman of the 1947 Easter Seal Sales campaign for the Arkansas Association for the Crippled by Mrs. Jack Carnes, Camden, state president. Mrs. Carnes said the goal for this year's campaign is \$76,000.

The campaign opens March 6 and closes Easter Sunday, April 6. The Lily Parade phase of the campaign will be held April 4 and 5.

"It is an honor to be chosen to head the Easter Seal Sale drive," Coach Barnhill said. "As a coach, I realize the importance of the prevention of crippling conditions which might lead to a handicap in later life. I am particularly interested in the Arkansas Association for the Crippled program of locating and assisting in early diagnosis of crippled cases and in aiding crippled children to obtain immediate medical attention.

"As an educator, it is impossible for me to overlook the value of the association's education program for crippled children. The instruction of crippled children in hospitals and of homebound children is one of the main features of the association's educational program. This work is financed solely by the Easter Seal drive and the Lily Parade."

Coach Barnhill has long been interested in the physical development of youth. Besides his coaching activities he has maintained a boys' camp for the past nine years at Elkmont, Tenn., and has tentative plans for the inaugurating of a camp in Arkansas to assist in the healthy development of young boys.

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The annual mid-winter conference of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, which is built around the Holland Foundation Lectures, was observed February 3-7. The lectures were delivered by Dr. Kenneth S. Latourette of Yale University. Dr. Rupert N. Richardson of Hardin Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., brought the Founder's Day address on February 5. The program was rounded out with two vigorous messages on evangelistic missions through the churches. Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor, First Church, Charlotte, N. C., was the preacher.

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John Barnhill, successful University of Arkansas football coach who will be chairman of the Arkansas Association for the Crippled 1947 Easter Seal Sales campaign, is shown above with his six-year-old daughter, Nancy.

Security for Veterans and Families Depends on Insurance Continuation

"What will happen to those I leave behind?"

Fourteen million men and women in war service faced that question. To protect fathers and mothers, wives and children, brothers and sisters — they took out, on the average, between \$9,000 and \$10,000 of National Service Life Insurance.

Now—with the end of the war—many of these veterans face personal reconversion problems—problems that are, in many cases, financial. They still have dependents. Many of them have more dependents than before.

A report by the National Safety Council released these figures: "Total death casualties in service from Pearl Harbor to V-J Day were 261,000 * * * during the same period there were 355,000 people in the United States killed in accidents." And these figures do not include those who died from natural causes.

From the hazards of war to the hazards of peace, each veteran still faces the important question—

"What will happen to those I leave behind?"

Fortunately, veterans have the right to continue their low-cost National Service Life Insurance protection even though they have removed their uniforms. Most of them now have the right to apply for additional Government insurance, until they have reached the maximum of \$10,000. This fact is especially important since NSLI policies are now so flexible that they meet the peacetime needs of veterans.

NSLI has no strings attached to it as to insured's sex, choice of occupation, travel, residence, military or naval service. No restriction is placed on the choice of beneficiaries. Four optional settlements offer a choice between lump sum payment and liberal monthly instalment plans.

For those who fear the "economic death" of total disability, there are two particularly valuable provisions. Waiver of premiums during total disability "insures the

insurance" and payment of a small additional premium will assure a regular monthly income during total disability.

Following their hurried "good-byes" to their separation centers, may veterans allowed their insurance to lapse. But reinstatement requirements are now extremely liberal. As veterans learn the value of their NSLI, many are already reinstating and additional thousands undoubtedly will reinstate for their own and their families' protection.

Complete information and necessary assistance in completing the details of reinstatement or conversion may be obtained at any Veterans Administration Office. Veterans should consult the telephone book or ask their local postmasters for the address of the nearest office.

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Music School

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE TEN)

schools of church music should write early for repeat engagements.

Morning classes for Primaries, Juniors and Intermediates are held for sight reading, hymn-playing and chorus singing, resulting in the establishment of age-group choirs and accompanists for all departments in the Sunday School and Training Union. Evening classes for adults emphasize hymn appreciation, the learning of new hymns, training for song leading and special choir work. The schools are usually of two weeks duration and a sacred concert is presented as the closing feature.

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Central Church, Jacksonville, Tex., James T. Draper, pastor, is following the theme, "What the Bible Teaches," in the Sunday morning worship services . . . "Great Men of the Bible," in the evening services, and "Searching the Scriptures," in the prayer meeting services.

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Jesus Demonstrates First Condition of Discipleship

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Sunday School Lesson

For March 9

John 13:3-15, 34-35

In John 13 through 17, we have set forth in great fulness the love of Christ for His disciples. The coming crisis gave added meaning to the words. He faced "his hour," dark as it was, in the full consciousness of all that was to take place. See John 18:4 and 19:28.

Knowing, therefore, the true nature of impending events Jesus sought to prepare His disciples for them.

Already (at the beginning of the meal) He had rebuked the apostles for their strife for precedence (Luke 22:24-30). Therefore, He gives them a fuller lesson in self-denial and service to others.

First Condition of Discipleship

After rising from the Supper and laying aside His garments, Jesus took a towel and girded Himself "and poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples feet and to wipe them with the towel with which he was girded."

Some used to think that Jesus began by washing first the feet of Judas, but there is nothing in the Scriptures to support such an idea. Westcott holds that it "is more natural to suppose that the Lord began with Peter. In that case His refusal to accept the service is more intelligible than it would be if others had already accepted it." But again the Scriptures do not tell us. We merely know that when He came to Simon Peter, Peter confronted Him with the words, "Lord, dost thou wash my feet?", and again with these: "Thou shalt never wash my feet."

Dr. A. T. Robertson in commenting on the words of Simon Peter had this to say, "Jesus picks up the challenge of Peter whose act amounted to irreverence and want of confidence."

However right and however honorable Peter's impulse may have been this fact remains: "Self surrender is the first condition of discipleship" (Westcott). "The first requisite in a disciple or follower is absolute trust in the wisdom of his Master" (Nicoll). Jesus' reply to Simon Peter, nevertheless, is marked by a note of tenderness. "What I am doing thou dost not at present comprehend, but thou shalt learn as soon as I am finished."

A fuller interpretation of our Lord's acts would come to Peter when He began to understand better His Person and His Work. "The meaning of the act could not be understood until the Lord was glorified" (Westcott).

An Object Lesson

Peter finally yielded to the Master and said, "Lord, not my feet

only, but also my hands and my head" (v. 9).

"Peter, with characteristic impulsiveness, still answers in the same spirit as before. Just as he had wished to define what the Lord should not do, so now he wishes to define the manner in which that should be done which he admitted to be necessary. He would extend in detail to every part the action which Christ designed to fulfill in one way according to His Own Will" (Westcott).

What is the significance of Jesus' action? Dr. A. T. Robertson says, "Jesus does not make footwashing essential to spiritual fellowship, but simply tests Peter's real pride and marked-humility by this symbol of fellowship." In other words, Jesus is giving His disciples an object lesson by which they are to profit in their relation with one another.

There is a duty of mutual subjection and service of which the disciples of Christ must ever be mindful. No matter how high in station one may become in the eyes of his fellowman he must ever be willing to render menial acts of service and love for others. This obligation is constant and inescapable.

"Jesus has given the disciples an object lesson in humility to rebuke their jealousy, pride and strife exhibited at this very meal. The lesson of the 'example' applies to all the relations of believers with each other. It is one that is continually needed" (Robertson).

"By washing their feet he had washed their heart. By stooping to this menial service He had made them all ashamed of declining it. By this simple action He had turned a company of wrangling, angry, jealous men into a company of humble and united disciples" (Nicoll).

Both Teacher and Lord

Notwithstanding the fact that He has just rendered a menial service to His disciples, Jesus reminds them that He is both Teacher and Lord in every sense of the word. He does not hesitate to recognize His own dignity and to assert that dignity. He will not permit His disciples to lose their awareness of His own consciousness of His Lordship.

There are many today who are willing to accept Jesus as Teacher but who will in no wise acknowledge Him as Lord yet He makes it

clear He will be both Teacher and Lord, and in the real sense of the word, for His followers.

The Lordship of Christ, if fully realized by men of all nations, would immediately solve every baffling problem that confronts man. Without His Lordship and guidance there can be no basis for lasting peace—no grounds for brotherhood and understanding.

The Test of Discipleship

"A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:34, 35).

If His disciples are to appropriate the lessons of His life, if they are to realize the true character of all His deeds—and follow Him—they must learn to love one another.

In the season of bereavement which was soon to be experienced the disciples stand in need of spir-

itual growth, and this growth could spring only from a heart of love that stems from the relationship with the Master.

The story is told of how the Apostle John was asked, in his old age, why he so often repeated the words, "Little children, love one another" when he was carried into their assembly. "Because," he replied, "it is the Lord's commandment; and if it only be fulfilled it is enough."

Christian love is sufficient evidence of the individual's Christianity: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

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Jimmy T. Williams, evangelistic singer, 915 W. Cannon, Ft. Worth 4, Tex., has open dates for revivals beginning March 31. He gives as references Rev. L. R. Simmons, Evans Avenue Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Tex., and Dr. W. Morris Ford, First Baptist Church, Longview, Tex.

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10:40	How This Conference Can Answer These Needs	Ralph Douglas
11:10	Round Table on These Subjects, led by	Lloyd Sparkman
11:35	Song and Announcements	
11:40	Message	W. J. Hinsley

Afternoon

1:30	Devotional—"Power Through Faith"	H. S. Coleman
1:45	Homiletics (Sermon Outlining)	A. B. Pierce
2:15	Bible Exposition	Carl Clark
3:10	Song and Announcements	
3:15	Address	B. L. Bridges

Evening

7:00	Devotional—"Power Through Worship"	Luther Dorsey
7:15	Laying a Foundation for the Future	Otto Whittington
7:45	Magnifying Our Mission Task	C. W. Caldwell

SECOND DAY

Morning

9:00	Devotional—"Power Through Consecration"	Hugh Cantrell
9:15	Pastoral Visitation	Sam Reeves
9:45	Using the Laymen	Nelson F. Tull
10:15	How to Indoctrinate the Churches	Lloyd Hunnicutt
10:45	Old Fashion Prayer Meeting, led by	Theo James
11:15	Song and Announcements	
11:30	Address	R. C. Campbell

Afternoon

1:30	Devotional—"Power Through the Word"	J. T. Ellif
1:45	Bible Exposition	M. Ray McKay
2:30	Pastor and Church Organizations	Wilford Lee
3:00	Miscellaneous	
3:10	Message	Paul Fox

Hope—March 19-20

Dean—Ottis Denney

Morning

10:00	Devotional—"Power Through Prayer"	J. W. Royal
10:15	The Vital Needs of the Churches Today	Bruce Price
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Afternoon

1:30	Devotional—"Power Through Faith"	Ottis Denney
1:45	Homiletics (Sermon Outlining)	B. H. Duncan
2:15	Bible Exposition	S. W. Eubanks
3:10	Song and Announcements	
3:15	Address	B. L. Bridges

Evening

7:00	Devotional—"Power Through Worship"	Waif Hamilton
7:15	Laying a Foundation for the Future	Otto Whittington
7:45	Magnifying Our Mission Task	C. W. Caldwell

SECOND DAY

Morning

9:00	Devotional—"Power Through Consecration"	W. B. Pittard
9:15	Pastoral Visitation	S. A. Whitlow
9:45	Using the Laymen	Nelson F. Tull
10:15	How to Indoctrinate the churches	J. G. Cothran
10:45	Old Fashion Prayer Meeting, led by	W. E. Perry
11:15	Song and Announcements	
11:30	Address	M. E. Dodd

Afternoon

1:30	Devotional—"Power Through the Word"	Boyd Baker
1:45	Bible Exposition	S. W. Eubanks
2:30	Pastor and Church Organizations	Clyde Hart
3:00	Miscellaneous	
3:10	Message	T. K. Rucker

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Dean—James A. Overton

Morning

10:00	Devotional—"Power Through Prayer"	H. G. McNutt
10:15	The Vital Needs of the Churches Today	Fritz Goodbar
10:40	How This Conference Can Answer These Needs	Don Hook
11:10	Round Table on These Subjects.	
11:35	Song and Announcements	
11:40	Message	W. J. Hinsley

Afternoon

1:30	Devotional—"Power Through Faith"	W. W. Grafton
1:45	Homiletics (Sermon Outlining)	B. V. Ferguson
2:15	Bible Exposition	L. T. Wallace
3:10	Song and Announcements	
3:15	Address	B. L. Bridges

Evening

7:00	Devotional—"Power Through Worship"	Silby Wallis
7:15	Laying a Foundation for the Future	Otto Whittington
7:45	Magnifying Our Mission Task	C. W. Caldwell

SECOND DAY

Morning

9:00	Devotional—"Power Through Consecration"	Cecil Archer
9:15	Pastoral Visitation	H. C. Seefeldt
9:45	Using the Laymen	Nelson F. Tull
10:15	How to Indoctrinate the Churches	L. H. Davis
10:45	Old Fashion Prayer Meeting, led by	J. E. Bryant
11:15	Song and Announcements	
11:30	Address	R. C. Campbell

Afternoon

1:30	Devotional—"Power Through the Word"	Arthur Hart
1:45	Bible Exposition	L. T. Wallace
2:30	Pastor and Church Organizations	Victor Coffman
3:00	Miscellaneous	
3:10	Message	Harvey Elledge

Rogers—March 25-26

Dean—A. A. Brady

Morning

10:00	Devotional—"Power Through Prayer"	C. R. McCollum
10:15	The Vital Needs of the Churches Today	B. N. Simmons
10:40	How This Conference Can Answer These Needs	J. B. Maxwell
11:10	Round Table on These Subjects, led by	W. T. Coston
11:35	Song and Announcements	
11:40	Message	W. J. Hinsley

Afternoon

1:30	Devotional—"Power Through Faith"	A. A. Brady
1:45	Homiletics (Sermon Outlining)	J. G. Cothran
2:15	Bible Exposition	L. M. Sipes
3:10	Song and Announcements	
3:15	Address	B. L. Bridges

Evening

7:00	Devotional—"Power Through Worship"	John B. Stephen
7:15	Laying a Foundation for the Future	J. G. Cothran
7:45	Magnifying Our Mission Task	C. W. Caldwell

SECOND DAY

Morning

9:00	Devotional—"Power Through Consecration"	
9:15	Pastoral Visitation	Carl Nelson
9:45	Using the Laymen	Nelson F. Tull
10:15	How to Indoctrinate the Churches	C. E. Wilbanks
10:45	Old Fashion Prayer Meeting, led by	W. O. Taylor
11:15	Song and Announcements	
11:30	Address	R. C. Campbell

Afternoon

1:30	Devotional—"Power Through the Word"	
1:45	Bible Exposition	L. M. Sipes
2:30	Pastor and Church Organizations	Rel Gray
3:00	Miscellaneous	
3:10	Message	O. L. Gibson