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A Visit To The Orphanage

By the Editor

We had a delightful visit with Superintendent and Mrs. Harold C. Seefeldt and the children of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage recently. After the Sunday evening service, August 5, at the First Church, Warren, where we supplied the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, D. Blake Westmoreland, we drove over to Monticello and was guest of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage and Superintendent and Mrs. Seefeldt for the night.

The next morning we had breakfast with the children and the administrative staff in the dining hall and were delighted with the splendid behavior, manners, and orderliness which obtained in the dining hall and during the breakfast hour. It was our privilege to lead the brief devotional services following the morning meal.

After breakfast we were conducted on a tour of the buildings and the farm by Superintendent Seefeldt. There was an atmosphere of cheerfulness everywhere. This cheerfulness was manifested on the part of the members of the administrative staff and the faces of the boys and girls radiated cheerfulness. There was no where evident any strained attitudes or relationships. The children were at perfect ease in the presence of the superintendent and other staff members. There was no indication that their expressions were in any way inhibited. At the same time there was no evidence of rebellion or stubbornness or defiance of authority.

A wonderful transformation has been wrought in the physical facilities of the Orphanage. Evidently those in charge believe that "cleanliness is next to godliness." The dormitories have had a face lifting with paint and brush which has added to the cheerful appearance of the whole institution.

There were curtains at the windows and spreads on the beds to give a touch of home likeness to each bedroom, which accommodates four children. In the girls' dormitory the feminine touch was obvious, especially in the rooms of the older girls. It was interesting to see the older girls assisting in the dining room and kitchen and the older boys going to their assignments on the farm with the dairy herd. The smaller children were at play.

We drove over the farm, saw the herd of 90 dairy cows, the pasture lands, and the hay fields. It was evident that the farm manager knows what he is doing and is doing a good job.

It is impossible to mention all the interesting details of the conduct of the Bottoms Orphanage. It will be necessary for you, our readers, to visit the Orphanage to appreciate fully its ministry to these boys and girls. You will not get the impression that the boys and girls are institutionalized but that they are being integrated into the life of the community through the school and the church and that they are getting an impression of real home life in the Orphanage. You have already read the announcement of Superintendent Seefeldt concerning the barbecue on Labor Day, September 3, and his invitation to the Baptists of the state to visit the Home on this occasion and learn what Arkansas Baptists have in this institution. We would suggest that you accept this invitation and take advantage of this opportunity to visit the Home on September 3, and see for yourself just what we have in this Home and also get an idea of what we might do for many more children if we should expand the program of the Orphanage.

Where Your Tax Money Goes

By the Editor

There is an interesting little item on bureaucracy in the August 6 issue of *Time* magazine, page 10. The sub-head of this brief article suggests that bureaucracy is ready for anything and cites as an example of this readiness that "the General Services Administration, which is Government's housekeeping bureau, set out energetically a year ago to provide quarters, paper clips, and wastebaskets for the army of war expeditors, reorganizers, and mobilizers it expected to descend on the nation's capital."

It seems that certain figures have come to light recently, whether by a report by the agency or an investigation of the agency's expenditures is not made clear by *Time*; figures which indicate the extravagance of this bureau and which may give the tax payers some idea of the prodigality of government bureaus.

It seems that this bureau has spent about three times as much as it usually spends, running up a total of two million dollars. As a result of this enthusiastic spending, the agency has on hand "2,000 walnut desks stacked high in an old mill, and several acres of filing cabinets gathering dust in three cow barns, an abandoned slaughterhouse, and a mental hospital that happens to have some extra space."

And to give a touch of femininity to the whole scene it is stated that "10,000 pink and blue dustcloths" were purchased and stored by this agency and "12,000 cakes of 'slightly scented' soap."

It seems that the agency in question, general services administration, anticipates everything, even the leisure with which government employees perform at these walnut desks, and so it provided "818 cans of salted and unsalted nuts" for the leisurely working government employes to munch on while they're performing their indifferent tasks.

It is no wonder that the administration and the congress are continually calling for higher taxes for an increased budget and are continuously promoting a scare campaign to keep the tax payers and voters from rebelling against such irresponsibility in such responsible positions of government.

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Churches May Employ Social Security Beneficiaries

A new administrative decision by the Federal Security Agency will make it easier for some churches and non-profit institutions to employ workers over 65 or widows with dependent children who are receiving social security benefits.

The FSA has determined that employment in jobs not covered by social security need not be counted as "gainful employment" by those who are receiving social security benefits. Under the new social security law passed by Congress in 1950, recipients must give up their social security benefits if they earn \$50.00 a month or more in "gainful employment."

—Religious News Service

Prayer: Co-Operation With God

A Devotion by the Editor

"And the Lord spoke unto Moses . . . and Moses said unto the Lord . . ."

The conversations between Moses and God are compiled in the three books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers. It is one of the most remarkable records of all time.

God and Moses, in the closest possible co-operation, were making plans for the new nation which was being constituted. They were working out a national constitution for the little nation, they were codifying the laws which should govern the conduct of the people, they were systematizing the religious practices to be observed, they were establishing a system of worship for the nation, they were planning the future of the nation and preparing the people for the realization of the fulfillment of God's promises to their forefathers.

This story is the record of a man and God working in the interest of those whom God has chosen, and in whom God has purposed to demonstrate His redeeming power, and through whom He has purposed to bring His redeeming grace to all the world.

In this story we find the essence of prayer: "The Lord said unto Moses . . . and Moses spoke unto the Lord." And all that follows is the answer to this prayer.

Prayer has been defined as a "dynamic co-operation with God." That is what we have here. Prayer is further defined as "reaching out for God's plan with a burning desire to work it out." That is what we have here. Moses "stood in the councils of the Most High God," that is prayer. Through these councils the Most High God reveals His wisdom to man and enters actively and personally upon the stage of human affairs; that is prayer.

By prayer we enter into and become participants in the infinite and eternal plans of God. And when we discover God's plans it is not difficult to give up the little plans of our own devising. To lose oneself in the larger plans and purposes of God is to find the greatest opportunities of life. Here one finds the royal highway to the greatest achievements of life.

"And the Lord spoke unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto a friend . . . and Moses said unto the Lord, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people . . . Now therefore, I pray thee, if have found grace in thy sight, show me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this Nation is thy people." Exodus 33:11-23.

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From The Editor's Desk

Financial Status Of The Arkansas Baptist

The Arkansas Baptist carries regularly one and a half pages of promotional material for the Executive Board and its departments here in Baptist Headquarters. Several years ago the departments paid production cost for the space they used in the Arkansas Baptist for this promotional material. It seemed more practical however, and would accomplish the same result to make a direct allocation to the Arkansas Baptist, in lieu of the payments on a cost of production basis by the departments themselves for the space used for their promotional material. Therefore this practice has obtained for several years.

For the past four years, the Arkansas Baptist has operated on the basis of an \$8,000 allocation from the Cooperative Program budget. However, it has cost much more than that to produce the space used by the Executive Board and its departments for their promotional material. Since the Arkansas Baptist had a few thousand dollars in reserve, and since other agencies and institutions needed an increase in their allocations, the Arkansas Baptist in 1949 was reduced to a \$5,000 allocation and was authorized to draw upon its reserve to make up any deficit in operating expenses. This policy has been followed also in 1950, and in current year. Though the allocation for 1951 was increased to \$6,580, the actual cost of producing the space used by the Executive Board and its departments in 1951 will total \$14,000. This means a contribution in free space of \$7,820.

You will note that the proposed budget for

1952 lists an allocation of \$8,000 for the Arkansas Baptist. However, costs of paper and printing alone have increased this year more than \$4,000. There is also an increase in the telephone rate and in the cost of engraving and other slight increases. This means that the reserve which was built up when costs were low and when the circulation was rapidly increasing will be almost exhausted by the end of the current year.

In order to meet the increased cost of printing, and paper, and other increases in the expense of publishing the paper, the Executive Board is proposing that the budget subscription rate be increased one cent per month, from 11 cents to 12 cents per month per subscription. It is hoped that our churches will realize that the cost of producing the Arkansas Baptist has increased along with the increase in the cost of almost everything. These increases are fixed charges which must be met. There is no possible way of maintaining our standard of publication and at the same time reduce the cost of publication. We believe that the one cent per month increase on the budget subscriptions will be adequate to meet the increased cost and we believe that our churches will accept this increase and will co-operate with the business management without reducing their budget lists of subscribers.

This recommendation for an increase of one cent per month on budget subscriptions will be presented to the State Convention in November. If passed by the Convention, it will go into effect January 1, 1952.

Turn to pages 8 and 9.

obligation of every member of the local church to co-operate in the program of the church in Christian service. That is Christ's plan for the promulgation of His gospel and the promotion of His cause in the world. Those who fail or refuse to co-operate in the local church program are denying their Lord.

Broader Base

However, there is a broader base of co-operation than is provided in the program of the local church. That broader base of co-operation includes the banding together of churches in order to promote a program of service beyond the immediate community of the local church. This gives rise to the denomination. When a group of churches band together to promote a program of Christian service beyond the limits of the local church community, we have called that group of churches a denomination.

The denominational organization has become quite complex and extensive. Southern Baptists, for instance, number more than seven million individual Baptist church members. They number more than 27,000 local churches. For greater efficiency Southern Baptists are organized into associations, state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

This denominational or corporate program of Southern Baptists include evangelism, missions, Christian education, and benevolences. Within this framework of organization and through these channels of Christian service, each individual Baptist may join with more than seven million other Southern Baptists in promoting a program that is world wide in scope and purpose.

While there is no authority outside the commands of Jesus and the New Testament teaching to force any individual Baptist to co-operate with other Baptists, yet their very profession of faith in Christ is a commitment to join forces with other Christians in obeying the commands of Christ to preach the gospel to all the world and to make disciples of all the nations. Every one of us must face our Lord and answer to His demands for ourselves in this matter of our corporate Christian responsibility as well as our private and personal Christian responsibility.

Glorious Privileges

We should feel the force of this obligation and responsibility to co-operate with our brethren and fellow Christians in a program of Christian service and Christian testimony that reaches out from the home base to the far corners of the world. But beyond the sense of obligation and responsibility, we should thrill to the challenges and opportunities which are afforded us in this corporate responsibility. It should thrill our hearts beyond measure that we are associated with more than seven million other Southern Baptists. It should thrill our churches to be associated in a world wide program with more than 27,000 other Baptist churches. The challenge of missions through our Home and Foreign Mission Boards should give us a thrill and stimulate us to greater efforts in this co-operative endeavor. We should thrill to the opportunity to educate our young people.

Christian Responsibilities: Individual And Corporate

Every Christian has a two-fold responsibility, or his Christian responsibilities may be classified into two categories, individual and corporate.

One's Own "Burden"

The personal or individual responsibilities of the Christian are those which do not involve other Christians in a co-operative effort. There is a realm of Christian living which cannot be penetrated or invaded by others, a realm in which every person must "bear his own burden."

There are times when the Christian must bear his testimony alone, when he must meet temptation alone, when he must stand on Christian principles alone, when he must pray alone, when he must worship alone. Jesus admonished the disciples to enter into the closet and shut the door and pray.

It is impossible to grow to any great stature in Christian character or to mature in the Christian experience and Christian thinking if this area of individual and personal Christian responsibility and opportunity is neglected. The person who cannot be genuinely Christian in his private life is not

likely to make any great contribution to the corporate body of Christianity.

Co-Operation

But ones Christian responsibility does not end with what one can do alone and independent of his fellow Christians. There is a corporate responsibility which requires and demands co-operation on a broad scale with other Christians. The same Jesus, who admonished His disciples to enter into their closets and shut the door and there pray to God in secret, also established His church which is a corporate body and in which His disciples might work together in their effort to preach the gospel and make disciples and thus carry out the commissions of Jesus.

So each individual church is a co-operating group of Christian people who have banded together and pledged themselves to work together to carry out the commissions of Jesus. They thus pool their testimony, their resources, their efforts, in the common cause of their Lord. It is the inescapable responsibility of every Christian to become identified with a local church and it is the inescapable

Kingdom Progress

Minister Ordained



Claude E. McGarrity

Claude E. McGarrity was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Second Church, Pine Bluff, D. C. McAtee, pastor.

Mr. McGarrity is 25 years old and was born in Arlington, Texas, and reared in Pine Bluff. He spent three and one-half years in the armed forces during World War II. Much of this time was spent in England, where he met his wife, Miss Sylvia Banks, who is a native of Cleethorpes, Lincolnshire, England.

Mr. McGarrity is a student in Ouachita College, and is now the pastor of the Baptist Church in Ben Lomond, Arkansas, Little River Association.

Gurdon Church Moves Forward

Pastor Thomas D. Hill and South Fork Church, Gurdon, had the services of Pastor Edward Anderson of the Amity Church as evangelist and John Babcock of Strong, who led the singing in revival services, July 22-August 2. There were two additions to the church by baptism and six by letter.

The South Fork Church ordained Ardis Baumgardner and Leonard Powell to the deaconship on August 5. Pastor Hill served as moderator of the ordaining Council, Pastor Thomas Bennett served as clerk of the council, Pastor R. C. McCollum conducted the examination of the candidates, Associational Missionary H. A. Zimmerman delivered the ordination sermon, Pastor Joe Burnett delivered the charge, and Pastor Maurice Hargis led the ordination prayer.

The South Fork Church is planning to construct additional Sunday School rooms to accommodate the increased attendance.

Minister Available

O. T. Bolton, 2041 West 8th, Texarkana, Texas, and a member of Beech Street Church, is available for the pastorate and revival meetings or supply work. Mr. Bolton is a native of Arkansas, though much of his ministry has been spent in Texas and Oklahoma.

Baptist Educator-Pastor Goes to New Zealand

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Prince of Effingham, Illinois, left Monday, August 6, by plane for Auckland, New Zealand, where Dr. Prince will serve as interim pastor of the Auckland Baptist Tabernacle for an indefinite time.

Auckland is a city of 300,000 and the Baptist Tabernacle is the largest Baptist church in New Zealand. The building is a replica of Spurgeon's Tabernacle in London and is the largest building of its type south of the equator.

Dr. Prince has just closed a one year interim pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Effingham, Illinois. Before going to Effingham, he was president of Hannible La-Grange College in Missouri.

New Church Dedicated

First Church, Green Forest, dedicated their new building Sunday afternoon, July 29.

Dr. B. L. Bridges, General Secretary, was present for the occasion and delivered the sermon for the morning worship service.

Following a basket dinner served by the ladies of the church, the dedication service was held at 1:30 p. m. with Dr. Bridges delivering the dedicatory sermon. Other features of the service included the reading of a historical sketch by one of the deacons. The Green Forest Church was organized in 1854 before there was a town located there by that name. The present First Church of Green Forest is a re-organization and a continuation of the church which was organized 97 years ago.

A prayer of thanksgiving was offered by another deacon of the church and this was followed by Dr. Bridges' dedicatory message. Following the message there was a call for a rededication on the part of the church membership and the dedicatory prayer by the pastor, Millard Evans.

Revival at Lewisville

Missionary Clyde Hankins of Mount Ida recently assisted Pastor J. W. Royal and First Church, Lewisville, in a revival meeting. Mark Short, music and education director of Central Church, Magnolia, had charge of the music.

There were 14 additions to the church by baptism and eight by letter.

Missionary Hankins has served as foreign missionary to Brazil. He is temporarily serving as associational missionary in the Caddo River Association and is available for revivals and supply work.

Pastor Royal comments: "He (Missionary Hankins) has some marvelous movies of the work in Brazil and his missionary messages will be an inspiration to any church."

Arkansans Vacationing in Virginia

Pastor Lloyd A. Sparkman and family of Southside Church, Pine Bluff, are vacationing in Virginia. Pastor Sparkman supplied the pulpit of First Baptist Church, Newport News, the morning of July 29, and the Hilton Baptist Church the evening of the same day.

Dr. Bruce H. Price is pastor of First Church, Newport News, and Loyal Prior is the pastor of Hilton Church. Both are former Arkansans.

Arkansas Graduates



CHARLES CORNELL



WOODROW PHELPS

Among the summer graduates of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, two Arkansans were included. They were Charles G. Cornell, Little Rock, with the degree M. R. E., and Woodrow W. Phelps, Midland, with the Th.D. degree.

Educator Visits Arkansas Baptist

Dr. Lemuel Hall of Mary Hardin Baylor College, Belton, Texas, paid a visit to the Arkansas Baptist last week. Dr. Hall was in Arkansas signing up students for Mary Hardin Baylor, the only Baptist school for girls in an area of seven states in the Southwest.

Dr. Hall supplied the pulpit at the Grand Avenue Church, Fort Smith, on August 5.

He reported the following young women of Arkansas who would attend Mary Hardin Baylor the next session: Jo Ann Crouch, Fort Smith; Marguerite Dollar, Fort Smith; Edna Moorman, Fort Smith; Virginia Jones, Fort Smith; Thalia Chism, Hope; Bobbie Stewart, Nashville; Janette Coleman, Nashville; Mary Sue Smith, Paris; Mary Ann Epps, Rogers; Betty Haga, Rogers.

Swilley on Church of The Air August 19

Dr. Monroe F. Swilley, pastor of the Second Ponce De Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, formerly pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, will be featured as speaker on the August 19 broadcast of the CBS Church of the Air program.

The subject of Dr. Swilley's message will be "Transacting the World's Greatest Business." Music will be supplied by the choir of Second Ponce De Leon Church; Mrs. Charles Chalmers is director and organist. The program will originate in the studios of Baptist Radio Center in Atlanta.



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DATE: August 19

SPEAKER:
Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:
"Where Is God?"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
KENA, Mena
KXLR, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.
KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.
KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

Dr. Land At England



Dr. B. C. Land

Pastor Luther F. Dorsey and First Church, England, will have Dr. B. C. Land of Jackson, Mississippi, known far and wide as "the Southern Baptist Stewardship Evangelist," in a stewardship and tithing revival, August 12-19.

In a letter to the membership of the church Pastor Dorsey urges that all other meetings and organizational activities be suspended for the week and that full co-operation be concentrated in this stewardship effort.

For a number of years Dr. Land has devoted his time, talents, and training almost exclusively to the field of stewardship, tithing, and church finance. Dr. Land is widely used throughout the South in this type of service and has received the highest commendation from pastors and denominational leaders who have had the opportunity to observe his work.

Great Revival At Paragould

Pastor D. C. Applegate and First Church, Paragould, had Eddie Martin and his evangelistic team in a three week revival campaign recently. The revival was conducted under a tent which seated 2,000 people. There were 100 additions to the church with 80 of these coming for baptism.

First Church, Benton In Successful Revival

Pastor Fred Cherry, Oklahoma City, evangelist, and W. C. Burnett, Little Rock, song leader, assisted Pastor Bernes K. Selph and First Church, Benton, in revival services, July 15-25. There were 14 additions to the church by baptism and 16 by letter.

Historical Data Desired For Forrest City Church

First Church, Forrest City, is undertaking to compile a history of the church and has appointed a committee to collect material for this undertaking. The committee is asking for help in collecting historical data prior to 1900. Anyone who can furnish authentic historical data prior to 1900, contact Miss Corinne Hodges, Chairman of the History Committee, Forrest City.

Early pictures relating to the history of the Forrest City church are needed.

New Evangelistic Height Reached

In Closing Session of Convention

By RAMSEY POLLARD

Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

I was there, thank God, and my fears did not materialize. Yes, I knew Dr. W. A. Criswell would preach and all of us recognized him as one of the greatest in the world—but I was fearful, fearful that the service would be an anti-climax. Evangelism had reached new heights in the Southern Baptist Convention. Every session was permeated with compassion for the lost. Frankly, I was afraid the attendance would be low.

However, the huge auditorium was packed and Dr. Criswell was at his best. The Holy Spirit was there and all of us sensed His presence and power as the song service began. Prayer prevailed as thousands kneeled and asked for divine help. The preacher pled for souls and we witnessed a remarkable demonstration as scores of people yielded in simple trusting faith to Jesus Christ.

May I tell you the effect it had on me?

First, I resolved in my heart to be a better preacher. My soul was stirred to its depths. I felt a sense of holy discontent concerning my preaching. There was the pastor of the largest, and perhaps the most influential, church in the Southern Baptist Convention preaching with the zeal and fervor of an old time evangelist. He was not trying to impress folk with his knowledge or eloquence—he was preaching for the souls of men and God rewarded him with a great harvest. I believe that closing service caused hundreds of

preachers to turn their faces toward home with a prayer for fervor, for zeal, for compassion, and deep resolutions to become more effective soul winners. It was good to see a "renowned preacher" worked up. He even raised his voice and, unless I am badly mistaken, perspired a little. He was not a "calm expositor," but a flaming evangelist. Such preaching is good for preachers. It helped me.

Second, it re-emphasized the fact that the Gospel of Christ has not lost its attractiveness. The folk were there—we were expecting to hear about Jesus and His power to save souls. We would not have stayed over for a report on any agency we have. The Gospel, when preached with sincerity and Holy Spirit power, will fill the pews. It has an attractiveness lacking in all other subjects.

Third, the final service of the Convention revealed the wisdom of our Southern Baptist program of evangelism. This program is the most significant thing we have done in many years. We have stressed "the advanced program," and God is wonderfully blessing in this Christ-honoring endeavor. However, the advanced program in evangelism is the one thing that will make possible every other advance. Christ's people will respond to Foreign and Home Missions, Christian Education, Orphan homes, and every other worthy appeal when a spirit of intelligent, compassionate and co-operative evangelism prevails.

Practical Ministry of Pastor New Department at Seminary

Dr. Franklin M. Segler is the head of the new Department of Pastoral Ministry at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Segler is a native of Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and holds the Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from Southwestern Seminary. He comes to his new position qualified by many years of experience. He has served as assistant pastor of First Church, Duncan, Oklahoma, and Polytechnic Church, Fort Worth. He has served as pastor at Carlisle and Garland, Texas, and Emmanuel Church, of Alexandria, Louisiana. From this last church he now moves into his new responsibilities.

The Department of Pastoral Ministry is newly created and grows out of several years of study by the faculty of the Seminary and many suggestions made by former and present students and other friends. It is a department distinct from the department of preaching. It is practical in aim and comprehensive in scope as it points to the preparation of the pastor for his leadership in a New Testament church of the twentieth century.

Dr. Segler will give part of his time to teaching and part to actual counselling with students relative to problems on their church fields.

Courses now ready to be offered will be supplemented by others as the needs of the department become clear. The courses will cover all phases of the duties in leadership. Specific problems will be studied, such as: the ordinances with practical demonstrations, weddings, funerals, the mechanics of the pastor's office, filing, personal library, personal schedule.

The Christian College

By C. E. BRYANT

The democratic traditions and the greatness which is America's can be traced largely to Christian education. The nation's colonial communities were formed around two institutions—the church and the school. The church gave Christian inspiration and guidance to all. The church school educated the young for leadership in their church, the community, and the nation, and indoctrinated each student with a rich religious interpretation of the cultural and scientific knowledge.

Harvard (founded 1636), William and Mary (1693), and Yale (1701)—the first colleges in America—were founded by religious groups for the training of ministers and other professional people in the new world. Their religious instruction of young people who became the leaders of America had much to do with charting the country's course as a Christian nation.

Christian education was dominant in America until the last century when state universities began to flourish. But now, financed by seemingly endless tax revenue, state education has placed the church college in a precarious position financially.

Free tuition in state schools has attracted thousands of students unable or unwilling to pay the tuition charges in church institutions. America's current program for military mobilization of college-age men is dealing another mighty blow at church colleges which expended their plants to accommodate large post-war enrolments in the 1940's, and which now find their enrolment and consequent tuition income seriously threatened.

Christian colleges remain natal for the presentation of American idealism. Baptists must remain loyal to their schools.

—Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal

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By Religious News Service

NPA Liberal in Granting Church Building Permits

The National Production Authority has thus far approved all applications for permission to build new churches since controls were placed on that type of construction this spring.

A spokesman for the Building and Materials Section of the NPA said that it has been "more or less the policy" not to reject applications for construction permits from churches, hospitals, and social welfare organizations.

He said NPA's liberal attitude is based on the belief that religious and charitable organizations are essential to the national health, safety, and welfare.

Meanwhile, construction of new churches has continued to increase. The latest statistical report on construction compiled by government agencies shows that new starts on church buildings for the first seven months of 1951 were 26 per cent ahead of the same period a year ago.

In a new order, the NPA has removed from its field offices the authority to approve applications for new construction. From now on all such applications must be handled by the central office in Washington, so that uniform standards will be applied.

Investigation of the requests will still be in the hands of the field offices, but approval will be up to Washington.

Huge Choir to Sing At Revival Meetings

Hollywood—More than 1,000 singers from 82 churches in Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley have been organized into a huge choir to sing for the Billy Graham revival meetings, opening here on September 16.

Dr. Graham will conduct a two-week crusade here this fall, alternating between meetings in the Hollywood Bowl and the Hollywood Legion Stadium. Cliff Barrows, his song leader, will direct the 1,000-voice choir during the campaign.

3,000 Louisiana Church Youths Pledge Abstinence

Baton Rouge, La.—More than 3,000 Louisiana church youth have signed pledges since March promising not to indulge in any strong drink, Dr. W. Earl Hotalen, director of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation, announced here.

The Foundation is sponsored by Protestant churches of the state.

Dr. Hotalen, who is a veteran dry leader, described as highly significant the results of a recent rally at Shreveport, La., where 2,500 pledge cards were signed by townspeople and servicemen from the nearby Barksdale Air Force Base.

"We believe that the airmen who signed the cards at the Shreveport rally will later report the meeting as a major boon in resisting the drink temptation," he said.

Dr. Hotalen reported that nearly 100 per cent of the 3,000 who were at the recent Louisiana Baptist Youth Assembly in Mandeville, La., and of the 200 at the Southeast Baptist Assembly held there earlier, signed pledges.

Religious Literature Increases Despite Communist Restrictions

Despite Communist restrictions on the production of religious literature, the Evangelical Publishing House in Berlin has managed to turn out publications at a steadily increasing rate.

Figures released by the firm—the only licensed Protestant publishing concern in the Soviet sector of Berlin—showed that while only one book, with 28,000 copies, was published in 1946, over 160 books, with a total of 2,000,000 copies were published in 1950.

The figures showed 51 books, with 1,037,000 copies in 1947, and 91 books, with 1,630,000 copies, in 1948.

Religious publications printed outside the Soviet Zone Republic and not licensed by the Soviet Zone Information Ministry are banned in East Germany. This makes the Evangelical Publishing House virtually the only source of religious literature for East German Protestants.

Senate Committee Exempts Church Papers from Postal Increase

Washington, D. C.—A bill increasing postal rates but exempting religious and charitable organizations from any increase in second and third class mailing tariffs has been approved by the Senate post office and civil service committee.

The bill is more liberal than that reported earlier by the House post office committee, which exempted religious organizations only from the second class mail increase. The Senate committee would also exempt churches from the proposed increase in postcard rates.

Although both committees have now completed their deliberation on postal rate increase legislation, neither chamber has yet acted. With a heavy calendar of appropriations, tax and defense legislation listed for August, it is unlikely that Congress will act on postal rates until fall.

Protestant Groups to Fight Hospital Grant Bill

Two Protestant groups are mapping a fight against a District of Columbia hospital grant bill in the Senate, charging that it would violate the Church-State separation principle.

They are the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Legislation approved by the House of Representatives would extend federal and District funds on a 50-50 matching basis to four privately-operated Washington hospitals, including two with religious affiliation.

Both Sibley Memorial Hospital, a Methodist institution, and Providence Hospital, Roman Catholic, have indicated that they will accept public funds toward new buildings if the legislation is approved.

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Imagine Jesus examining your work, as He will at the last day; and strive that there may be no flaw in it, that it may be thoroughly well executed both in its outer man and inner spirit.

A Smile or Two

Teacher: "Josephine, name three collective nouns."

Josey: "Fly paper, garbage can, and waste basket."

"Were you ever bothered by athlete's foot?"
"Once—when a football player caught out with his girl."

A telephone operator received a request for charges from a woman who'd called Philadelphia earlier in the day. The operator said, "One moment, please," and turned to her neighbor sorting tickets alphabetically according to the city to which calls had been placed. "Janie," she asked, "will you please pass me the P's?"—and heard a sudden gasp from the caller.

"Oh, operator," said the subscriber contritely, "I'm so sorry. I'll call back later. I didn't know you were still eating your lunch."
—Goulburn

The young wife had listened, with wide-eyed attention, as her husband explained about banking and economics. "It's just wonderful, darling," she breathed, "that anybody could know as much as you do about money without having any."

Tommy came to school loaded with bubble gum, which he passed out to classmates and a surprised teacher.

He explained, "I just became a brother last night."

Wife: Mr. Meek has been married for 25 years and spends every evening at home. That's what I call real love!

Hubby: The doctor calls it paralysis.

How old is someone who was born in 1898?"

"Man or woman?"

Patient to Friend: I'm worried, the doctor operated on two patients last week and had to operate on them again, he left his scalpels in them.

Friend: Why should that worry you?

Patient: The same doctor operated on me yesterday and now he can't find his hat!

"Madam, you have acute appendicitis."

"Why, doctor! You old flatterer!"

She was bitter, vengeful, and very, very angry. So she wrapped the engagement ring carefully in wadding, tucked it in the box, and addressed it to her former fiancé. Next to the address she pasted a label inscribed with large red letters: "Glass—Handle with Care."

Sergeant: "Why didn't you obey orders when I said, 'Company halt!'"

Rookie: "Well, I've been here for two weeks now and don't feel like company any more."

The telephone company put its new employe to work as collector of coins in pay phones. For two weeks after he got the job he failed to appear at the office. Then one day he walked in nonchalantly and said he had lost his key to the coin boxes.

"Where have you been?" stormed the manager. "The cashier has been holding your salary for you."

"What!" exclaimed the amazed neophyte, "do I get a salary, too!"

News From Baptist Press

Texas Students Sponsor European Youth Retreat

Baptist youth from all over Europe are getting a taste of a "Little Ridgecrest" this summer in Zurich, Switzerland, because one young lady had an idea.

When Miss Eunice Parker, former student worker in Texas, went to Zurich in 1949 as librarian of the Baptist Seminary there, she began to see visions of a summer student assembly on the Seminary campus. She wrote to Texas student friends about her vision and also about the major hindrance—European young people had no money to travel long distances to a youth retreat.

Two years later the dream is coming true. In the fall of 1949, Miss Parker's appeal was presented to the state convention of the Baptist Student Union and Texas students gave \$1,216 for travel expenses of European Baptist students to the encampment.

Youth from France, England, Holland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Portugal, Austria, Germany and Switzerland are spending a week this summer on the shore of "lovely lake Zurich" in Miss Parker's "Ridgecrest of Europe."

SBC Radio Commission Looks Toward Television

The Southern Baptist Convention's Radio Commission, meeting in Atlanta recently, approved a program looking to its entrance in the television field should financial arrangements be made in later years.

Dr. S. F. Lowe, director of the Commission, said a meeting would be held in Washington this fall with television producers to provide discussion as to how the Commission could assist local churches in their own television programs.

Dr. Lowe points out that some churches are televising services and that correlation of their activities, with expert guidance from the television industry through the Commission, should prove valuable.

There was general agreement, in the tentative discussions by the Commission that consideration would be given to televising the Baptist Hour when the field is entered. Dr. Lowe said such a program would be somewhat experimental. The Commission also discussed a series of television dramas on the Christian home and the possibility of purchasing or renting religious films for television.

"We are spending all our funds on the Baptist Hour," Dr. Lowe explained, adding that nothing would be done in the television field involving appropriations until the money becomes available.

Dr. Lowe reported to the Commission that 240 stations are carrying the Baptist Hour during the summer months when no time is being purchased on the stations. Charles Wellborn is the speaker on these transcribed programs and has been elected for 1952.

Dr. Lowe, Commission director since 1944, was re-elected as was Dupree Jordan, associate director.

Dr. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tennessee, was re-elected for his fourth term as chairman, and Dr. Allen Graves, Tulsa, Oklahoma, was elected vice-chairman for a second term. Nathan C. Brooks, Greenville, South Carolina, was elected secretary.

Committee chairmen are Dr. W. E. Denham Jr., Macon, Georgia, finance; Dr. R. Alton Reed, Dallas, Texas, radio; C. C. Mee-den, Baltimore, Maryland, television; and Dr. Allen Graves, Tulsa, transcriptions and FM radio.

Baptist Seminaries Anticipate Increased September Enrolment

Southern Baptist seminaries this fall expect an increased enrolment of nearly 7 per cent over last year.

This is 5 per cent more than the 2 per cent increase expected in theological seminaries throughout the country according to a nation-wide survey made by the Department of Public Relations of the National Council of Churches and released by Religious News Service recently.

The survey reported an over-all total registration last year of 21,455 (based on 100 seminaries participating) and an expected total of 21,876 for this fall. Enrolment in the five Southern Baptist seminaries last fall totaled 3,256. Six theological schools, including the new Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, anticipate nearly 3,500 students in September.

Wyoming Organizes First Southern Baptist Church

The first Southern Baptist church in Wyoming was organized in mid-summer, according to O. R. Delmar, pastor of the Tolleson, Arizona, church, who assisted in the organization.

The First Southern Baptist Church of Casper has twenty-one charter members and has obtained an option on a building site which has a small brick home and ample space for future construction.

According to Delmar who was invited to come to Casper to help a group of Southern Baptists there begin a church, the prospects for growth of the church in the city of 30,000 people are good. "Oil field people are moving here by the thousands," he said. "Five hundred families from one company in Oklahoma are moving here soon."

The church will associate with the Utah Baptist Association and the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. They have called Mr. Delmar to be pastor but his decision is not yet known.

Colwell Proposes Code Of Religion for Colleges

Universities should have their own confessions of faith and give religion and morals an important place in college life. Such was the proposal of Dr. Ernest C. Colwell, former president of the University of Chicago, to the closing session of the Institute of Higher Education meeting at Scarritt College in Nashville, recently.

Emphasizing that it is impossible to be neutral in regard to religion, Dr. Colwell told university administrators from throughout the country that many colleges and universities passively throw their weight against religion.

Universities cannot afford to suspend judgment on moral matters in a time when society is selling religion on a competitive market in which it must contend with "faith in wealth, faith in the state, or faith in man's intellect alone," he said. Then he pointed out that these faiths all have their apostles and leaders on every university campus.

The church's difficulty in creating or sustaining in students a strong religious faith, Dr. Colwell said, is increased by the emphasis of educational institutions upon analysis and a detached, scientific objectivity.

Dr. Colwell will go to Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, in September as visiting professor and adviser.

Safeguard Your Trainees

By J. M. DAWSON

The National Security Training Commission recently appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate is about to open hearings, looking toward the adoption of a program for military training. Under the provisions of the law as passed by Congress and signed by the President, they are required to report back to Congress with such a suggested program not later than four months following their confirmation, which took place on June 29. This would call for a report by the last of October, but as the Commission is suggesting the idea of closing the hearings—which are executive—by the last of August, it is entirely possible that the report might come to Congress for action some time in September.

Among the instructions to the Commission that their recommendations shall include "measures for the personal safety, health, welfare and morals of members of the National Security Training Corps." In 1947 The President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training recommended "limitation of the opportunities for the purchase of trainees of any alcoholic beverages, including beer, through (a) prohibiting the sale thereof to them on any military, naval, or other camp reservation, or in any post exchange, ship's store, or canteen, (b) declaring 'off-limits' to trainees all taverns, taprooms, and similar facilities whose principal business is selling alcoholic beverages . . . and (d) making it a Federal crime knowingly to sell such beverages to any person in training."

Congress reserved to itself the right to take another look at this program, and amend it or reject it. Letters to your representatives in both the House and the Senate urging the recommendations of The President's Advisory Commission of 1947 as a pre-requisite to their approval, would be very helpful in securing adequate protection for these boys, most of whom will be around 18.

(Note: Write your Congressmen and Senators in Washington immediately about this matter for the protection of our young men who will be called into service. If we do not protest the sale of liquor to these young men we will have no one to blame but ourselves if liquor is made available to them in camp.)

WRITE NOW, TODAY.—Editor.)

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Universal Military Training

By Editor JOHN W. BRADBURY
Watchman-Examiner

On June 29, the Senate confirmed the members of the National Security Training Commission, as appointed by the President. The chairman is former Representative James W. Wadsworth — a notorious wet, one who bitterly fought prohibition. He has been an advocate of Universal Military Training since World War I. For the dry forces of this country and for those who wish to limit UMT, this appointment is ominous. The other members of the Commission are Admiral Thomas Kincaid, Lieutenant-General Raymond S. McLain, William L. Clayton, Texas, and Karl T. Compton, Massachusetts. The Commission was sworn in the week of July 4, and held its meeting for organization on July 12. Its members are quartered in the Pentagon. The Commission is really a body whose purpose is to form the basis for Universal Military Training. That innovation, in the long run, can go no farther than the parents of American boys are willing that it should.

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The churches which now have club subscriptions may easily change that club subscription. Since a sufficient number of members are families with the ARKANSAS BAPTIST and realize its value, they may be able to show the rest of the membership the value of sending the ARKANSAS BAPTIST to every family in the church membership. The paper going regularly into the homes, not now receiving it, will increase their interest in the entire church and denominational life.

RATES ARE LOW

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The budget subscription costs the church only 11 cents per month per subscription, or \$1.32 a year, as of the present. The rate is to be increased to 12 cents per month in 1952. That will still be far below the cost of production and is actually less than three cents per issue. If a church should desire to pay a year in advance instead of monthly, by subscribing now, you would get the paper at the present rate of \$1.32.

Club Rate

The club rate is \$1.50 per year. Under this plan some member of the church is responsible for soliciting the subscriptions, collecting the subscription price, and mailing to us the list of names with complete addresses and the remittance for subscriptions. Still below the cost of production, each issue costs only three cents, the price of a postage stamp. THE INDIVIDUAL rate is \$2.00 per year. Many other Baptists should subscribe individually.

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New Clubs

One of the best methods of introducing the ARKANSAS BAPTIST to your people is to secure a club subscription of ten or more subscribers. When this nucleus of your members becomes acquainted with the paper it will be easy to get others to subscribe or to get the church to put the paper in the church budget. Appoint someone to canvass the homes and solicit subscriptions to form the club. Get as many as you possibly can to join the club.

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Mechanical Make-Up

It is gratifying to the editor and his staff that the ARKANSAS BAPTIST is acknowledged to be one of the most attractive state papers in the South. We are trying to produce a paper that will attract the attention of every member of the family. When you look at the front page of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST, we want you to be pleased with its appearance, and we want the inside pages to be so attractively laid out that they invite your reading.

Reading Matter

To be a well informed Baptist, the ARKANSAS BAPTIST is a MUST. There is information about churches and pastors, about both State and Southern Convention programs, and other general information. The paper carries the Sunday School lesson each week. We publish articles on doctrinal themes, feature stories and inspirational items, discussion of current issues which have a bearing on religious life, and devotional readings.

Is Goal of ARKANSAS BAPTIST

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, *Secretary*

Calling All Associations

Forty-four district associations will hold their annual meetings within the next few weeks. Each of these meetings will present a program of reports of the progress of the various phases of Baptist work; will consider plans and suggestions for next year's work; and will offer excellent periods of preaching and inspiration.

The district association is really the basic promotional unit among Southern Baptists. The association offers the primary denominational touch; presenting as it does the opportunity for fellowship among churches, and the development of that spirit of unity and co-operation which has made Southern Baptists what they are.

In the development of an effective and continuous associational program of work, Southern Baptists have come to the concept of the necessity of projecting the various phases of work along associational lines. Hence we have associational-wide Sunday School organizations, meeting regularly to promote effective Sunday School methods throughout the churches of the association; we have associational Training Union organizations; and we have associational Woman's Missionary Union organizations.

Many associational Brotherhoods, also, have been organized, and are functioning to promote Brotherhood work throughout the churches of the association. There are now thirty associational Brotherhoods in Arkansas.

The associational Brotherhoods function to carry on and carry through a program of work designed to reach the following objectives:

1. To hold quarterly meetings of the Baptist men of the Association
2. To inform Baptist men about every phase of church and denominational work
3. To challenge Baptist men to get into God's work with all they are and have
4. To promote Brotherhood organization and work throughout the association
5. To raise the level of efficiency of the service of Baptist men to their Lord
6. To unify the Baptist men of the association in order that they may deliver a mighty impact for the Lord.

The officers of an effective associational Brotherhood are:

1. President
2. Program Vice President
3. Attendance Vice President
4. Promotion Vice President
5. Chorister
6. Secretary-Treasurer

In addition to these officers there should be an advisory council consisting of three pastors of churches within the association. These officers and advisory council, along with the three members of the executive committee, should be elected to serve a term of one year, or until their successors are named.

These officers and members of the advisory council along with

three church Brotherhood presidents or officers — duly elected by the associational Brotherhood — make up the membership of the executive committee of the associational Brotherhood. The executive committee should meet at least once each quarter to make final arrangements for the next associational Brotherhood meeting, discuss promotion of various denominational objectives, and make plans for the full utilization of the associational Brotherhood in strengthening all the work of the church, association and denominational.

Now is the time for every association in Arkansas to plan for a well organized and effective associational Brotherhood for 1952. EVERY association should, at its annual meeting, elect men to serve in the above capacities, in order that the associational Brotherhood work for 1952 shall be extended to every association in our state, and also in order that more effective work shall be done in those associations which already have associational Brotherhood organizations.

Write the Brotherhood Department, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock, for free literature concerning the associational Brotherhood organization and work. You will be sent a tract setting forth some

facts concerning the associational Brotherhood, and another tract which sets forth a graphic representation of associational Brotherhood organization and work.

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Interest in the Orphanage is growing, but many Baptists have not had the opportunity to visit us. We suggest that you set this time aside as a day to visit Bottoms Baptist Orphanage and inform yourself on this phase of our work.

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Please let us know by August 20 how many we can expect from your church.

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Student Union Secretary

Summer Field Workers



Summer Field Workers returned to First Church, Fayetteville, after working in fourteen churches, in Washington-Madison Association.

Twenty-eight college students are working during the summer in six associations. During the week of July 28-August 4 they worked in thirteen churches in Dardanelle - Russellville Association. During that week they reached 551 people and organized 23 unions of the Training Union. There were 12 conversions and 236 Bible readers enlisted.

These young people are under the direct supervision of the State Training Union Director. They visit and do personal work during the week, and they organize or strengthen the Training Union in the churches so that the work will

continue long after they have left.

One of the Summer Field Workers gave this testimony, "We have seen evidences of the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of all these people and I believe many souls will be added to the one that was saved last night."

During the week of August 4-11, the workers were in Caddo River Association. On August 11 they went to Little River Association and from there to Harmony Association. Pray for these consecrated young people. Forty people have already been saved. God is richly blessing their work.

Vacation Bible Schools Report

Southern Baptists are on the march again. This time in Vacation Bible Schools. Reports of Vacation Bible Schools in the Southern Baptist Convention through July 30, 1951, showed a net gain of 631 schools over the same date of last year. There is a possibility of a goal of 1,000 more schools this year.

Arkansas reports one less school than last year or a total of 213 schools. We feel sure that many Vacation Bible Schools have been held that have not been reported.

Dear pastor friend, you can help this situation by seeing that your school is reported. Our Associational Missionaries and Vacation Bible School Superintendents can help by sending a complete

list of church, mission, and Negro schools held in your association.

In the matter of reports, more of the blanks are being filled in and the reports are becoming more accurate. The number of standard schools are increasing. Reports are good and only one thing is lacking — that is, a complete report of all of the Vacation Bible Schools held in Arkansas this year. Please send your report to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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The man who is too busy to worship on Sunday and attend mid-week prayer meeting has more business than God intended him to have.

Arkansas Goes To Ridgecrest

Over 9,000 people attended the three Training Union weeks at Ridgecrest during the month of July. During the third Training Union week, July 26-August 1, there were 65 people from Arkansas who attended the Assembly. These were from 23 different churches. The State Training Union Director, Ralph W. Davis, taught the course, *Building a Church Training Program*, to a large class of General Officers with nine states represented. Other Arkansans who were on the Ridgecrest program were Mr. and Mrs. William J. Perkinson, Mrs. Harvey Elledge, and Mrs. Carl A. Clark.

Arkansas was well represented in the Southwide Tournaments with Miss Martha Jane Wilson from First Church, Little Rock, representing Arkansas in the Southwide Sword Drill; and Miss Mary Ann Woodall from First Church, Stuttgart, representing Arkansas in the Speakers' Tournament.

The following people from Arkansas attended the Assembly during the third Training Union week: First Baptist, Batesville, Jean Sanderlin, Janie Smith, Joe B. Chumley Jr., Mrs. Joe Chumley; Calvary, Batesville, Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Johnson; First, Blytheville, Cliffee Overman, David McPeake, Jack D. Mick, Gene Pierce, Patsy Bartholomew, Mrs. J. C. Roach; Blytheville, Huffman Baptist, Byron R. Epps; Dermott Baptist, Genelle Smith, Jalva Turner, Patty Gish, Osie Gene Watson; West Side, El Dorado, Jeanne Elkins; First, El Dorado, Mrs. Carl A. Clark, Carl A. Clark, Clyde Freed, Mrs. Clyde Freed; Trinity, El Dorado, Mrs. Carl Price; First, Forrest City, Mrs. Delmar Campbell; Bailey Hill, Fort Smith, Mr. William J. Perkinson, Mrs. William J. Perkinson, Jim Dick Moss; South Side, Fort Smith, Miss Ida Lee Utley, Calvary, Fort Smith, Miss Ethel Mitchell; First, Harrisburg, Tommy E. McGee; Central, Hot Springs, Mrs. F. W. Myers; Immanuel, Little Rock, Ralph W. Davis, Mrs. Ralph W. Davis, Miss Joy Vee Davis; First, Little Rock, Martha Jane Wilson, D. C. Rairford; First, McGehee, Dickson Hughes Rial; Baring Cross, North Little Rock, Mrs. H. A. Elledge; First, Osceola, John Harvard Herring, Percy F. Herring, Robert Herring, Betty Jo Pendergrast, Ira Davenport, Mrs. P. F. Herring; First, Piggott, Ralph R. Myers; First, Stuttgart, Mary Ann Woodall; Beech Street, Texarkana, Fred T. Deahl, Kenneth M. Mason, B. G. Miles, Norris Hale, Lynn Eakin, David White; Wilson Baptist, Ben Bledsoe, Tommy Brist, Carole Whitaker, Glendis McNabb, Jean Beall Greenwell, Peggy Zook, B. L. McDaniel, Mrs. J. B. Lovett, D. B. Bledsoe, Patsy Lee Greenwell.

To Parents Of College Youth

Dear Friend:

Let me congratulate you that you have reared a son or daughter with the kind of ideals which leads him to continue his education. It is wonderful that you have been able to guide his ambitions and encourage him in his plans to attend college. These four years in college will be some of the most important of his life. He will be faced with many intellectual difficulties which can only be solved through the right relationship to the Lord. On the other hand, he will face many tremendous social temptations which he has not faced in his home town. Unless his relationship to the Lord guides him through these difficulties then he can make some serious mistakes.

Arkansas Baptists have provided a Baptist Student Union on his college campus in Arkansas. This Baptist Student Union seeks to enlist and utilize every Baptist student through the local college church. It keeps him faithful and loyal to the program of the church and keeps him in vital touch with Christian friends. The B. S. U. also seeks to minister to his spiritual life through a daily prayer meeting on the campus and through encouraging him to have a program of personal devotions each day. The B. S. U. also ministers to his social life. It offers him friendships of the highest type. The finest young men and women on the campus will be members of the B. S. U. They play together for social activities and keep all of their parties on the highest Christian plane.

The friends that your son or daughter makes while in college will have a great influence on the rest of his life. Thus a B. S. U. can be a real blessing to him by providing the right kind of friends. There is no other agency or organization on the campus that will mean as much to him as the B. S. U. I trust that you will encourage him to find his place in the B. S. U. as soon as he reaches the campus. He will like the warm friendly spirit that he finds in the young people who are members of the B. S. U.

I want you to know that as State B. S. U. Director, I am keenly interested in the spiritual welfare of your sons and daughters. I look forward to knowing them personally. I trust that we can be a blessing to them in their college life. I would be glad to hear from you concerning anything that I should know about how to better serve our Arkansas youth.

Sincerely yours,

—Dale Cowling

A Prisoner Of War Reports

Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D. C.

Book Review

By DR. R. G. LEE

(NOTE: A Baptist minister who was a prisoner of war in Southern Russia returned to Western Europe in 1949. He learned the Russian language and was in touch with Baptist and Orthodox churches where he was held as a prisoner. He has sent a report to the offices of the Baptist World Alliance. He admits that conditions may have been different in other parts of Russia. He reports on things as he saw them before he was freed. We are not in a position to check on the facts but we believe the reporter is intelligent and honest. We send out the substance of his report as a news item.—A. T. OHRN.)

Famine conditions prevailed in certain parts of Southern Russia in 1947. There was little rain in 1946. There were rumors that before the end of 1947 five million people starved to death. Many in Russia expected the Western powers would attack the Soviet Union in 1947. Some who were hostile to the Soviets inside Russia were prepared to help by sabotage the invaders they expected.

In 1948 the Soviets began to liquidate certain "sects." Preachers from Jehovah's Witnesses and from Pentecostal groups were arrested and thrown into prison. They were never seen afterwards. But Orthodox Churches had a legal standing and were not forbidden. The same was true of the Baptist-Evangelical Christian

Churches. But some restrictions were laid upon the churches which were allowed to exist.

The Baptists were placed under the control of one Baptist leader in Moscow who had four men to help him direct Baptist affairs in the land. No person under eighteen years of age could be baptized, and then only after being investigated by the secret police for a year. Baptisms could be performed only inside places used for worship. Many churches had no baptistry. Once again taxes were imposed on churches. Halls used for worship were also used for political meetings. Baptists would like to get places of their own, but this is very difficult. Preachers and singers in choirs were taxed. If they paid, they were suspected of receiving money from America or England, or of belonging to the bourgeois class. If they did not pay, they were forbidden to preach or sing. Preachers were required to submit their sermons to the censor. Spies attended services in most of the churches. If preachers preached in such a way as to induce people to join church, this was called propaganda. And religious propaganda is not allowed.

Orthodox priests were placed under the same restrictions as the Baptist pastors. They were not allowed to baptize persons under

eighteen years of age and then only after permission by the secret police. Priests could accompany the dead to the gates of the cemeteries and had then to leave the graveyard. In this way they were hindered from performing funeral rites. Priests were also taxed.

It looked as if the Soviets were determined to push the churches back into the position they occupied in 1941. During the war, restrictions were relaxed. But the churches expect more restrictions than ever in the future. The state did everything possible to prevent the churches from gaining an influence over young people. In the cities it was possible to prevent the youth from attending church but in the villages and in the country there never were as many young people attending both Orthodox and Baptist services. But the believers feared that the terrible "old times" were returning.

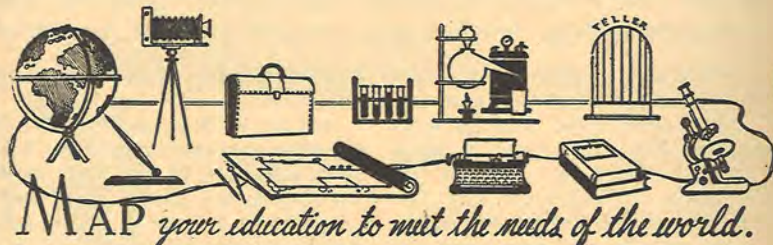
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God gives every bird food, but He does not throw it into the nest.
—J. G. Holland

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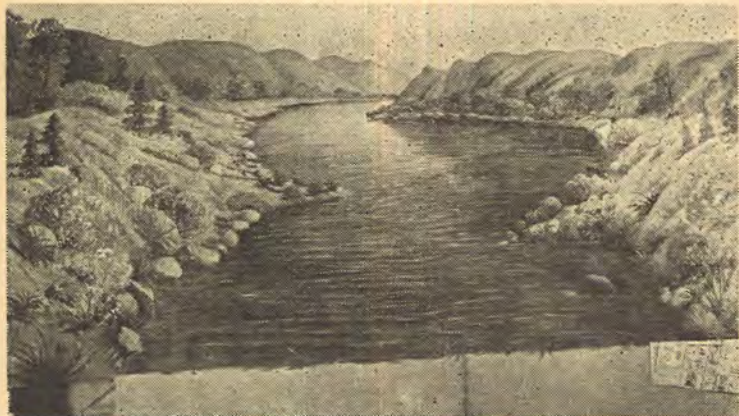
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The biggest reprint project to date will soon be launched by Baker Book House of Grand Rapids, Michigan. **THE BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATOR**, a set of 57 volumes averaging 650 pages each, will be reproduced in enlarged type and modern format and binding. The volume on Matthew has been scheduled for release January 31, 1952. Four or five other volumes of the set are planned for appearance during the course of the coming year.

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Baptist-Catholic Weddings

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

We again draw attention to the responsibility of pastors to remind their young people of the problem they create for themselves by entering into alliance with Roman Catholics. There is a glamor to youth in love which can make them reckless with regard to the future. But there is a great source of unhappiness in the sectarian schism created by the rigid rules of the Roman Catholic Church. For instance, answering the question of an inquirer as to whether a Catholic may attend a wedding of a Catholic who is to be married in a Baptist church, the **Brooklyn Tablet** declares that "the Catholic woman who intends to attempt marriage in a Baptist church thereby commits serious sin and very likely incurs the penalty of excommunication. Moreover she gives public scandal. Her marriage ceremony is not valid; therefore she will be living in a sinful union. A Catholic who attends such a ceremony gives consent to what the woman is doing, countenances her guilt, and adds to the scandal given."

This social definition is within the problem area of what some people call "interfaith brotherhood." Not one word has come out of the Conference of Christians and Jews, presumably dedicated to the cause of producing "better relationships," about such arrant, anti-social convictions. It is intolerance at its worst.

No Baptist minister would place any such inhibitions upon his people with regard to a wedding held in a Catholic church. Worst of all, not a word of the counsel is true. The marriage of people in a Baptist church is as valid as any marriage can be. It is not a sinful union, and those who attend such a ceremony cannot in any sense whatever, under the divine law of the Bible, be regarded as sharing in any "scandal." It is scandalous to say it is.

—Watchman-Examiner
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Self-restraint is feeling your oats without sowing them.

—Shannon Fife

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, August 5, 1951

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Fort Smith, First	1234	686	14
Including Missions	1477	764	
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Including Missions	678	249	
El Dorado, Immanuel	573	278	
Including Missions	624	326	
Camden, First	528	100	2
Including Missions	626	240	
Benton, First	5-8	92	
Including Missions	573	133	
Paragould, First	506	208	6
Including Missions	653		
Magnolia, Central	498	179	5
Including Missions	560	194	
El Dorado, Second	486	228	2
Crossett, First	477	201	6
Fordyce, First	474	159	
Hope, First	465	106	6
Hot Springs, Park Place	446	155	1
Springdale, First	444	172	3
Including Missions	533		
Siloam Springs, First	423	275	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	422	138	
Hot Springs, Central	415	180	7
El Dorado, West Side	402	143	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	370	163	
Rogers, First	361	137	
Paris, First	358	101	1
Including Missions	376		
Little Rock, So. Highland	345	133	9
Stuttgart, First	329	187	
Including Missions	362	206	
Fort Smith, So. Side	325	82	1
Cullendale, First	315	149	2
Monticello, First	309	92	
Texarkana, Calvary	300	70	3
Hot Springs, First	288	97	3
Mena, First	271	110	1
Rector, First	250	109	8
No. Little Rock, Levy	237	126	6
Pine Bluff, Second	222	85	1
Bentonville, First	221	57	
DeQueen, First	211	59	
No. Little Rock, First	198	71	
Star City, First	194	42	
Gurdon, Beech St.	183	94	
Augusta, First	174	68	1
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	170	119	2
Hot Springs, Harveys Ch.	169	101	
Amity	132	101	1
Pine Bluff, Bethel	122	67	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	108	73	1
Strong, First	108	61	1
Gurdon, South Fork	103	78	7
Fort Smith, North Side	90	42	1
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	68	36	

Interdenominational Television Series On NBC Network

A weekly half-hour interdenominational religious television series will be inaugurated on the TV network of the National Broadcasting Company Sunday, September 30 (1:00-1:30 p. m., EST), Sylvester L. Weaver Jr., NBC vice president in charge of television, announced today.

Out of every six programs in the new series, three will be Protestant, two Catholic and one Jewish, approximately in proportion to the numerical strength of the three faiths in this country. Emphasis in the programs will be on sermons and religious music. Prominent clergymen representing major faith groups will participate in the series.

The programs will originate in various cities on the NBC television network, and will be presented from places of worship as well as from television studios.

In addition to this new series, the network will continue to televise special religious events on holidays and other occasions.

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Hymn-Sing

The regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Liberty Association was held Sunday afternoon, July 15, at 2:30, at the Cullendale Church. There were 175 people present from ten churches. Mrs. Dee Hollyfield was the director for the congregational singing, developing the theme of "Salvation" with the scripture reference of Acts 16:31. Mrs. C. L. Branum was the accompanist at the piano, and T. L. Harris was the reader. Garland Anderson led in the devotional.

Grace Sufficient

It is a serious situation when one feels that all hope is gone. Elijah felt he was the only true follower of Jehovah left in all the land, so hopeless was he that he fled as far and as fast as he could, and then begged that he might die and end it all.

Judas Iscariot had betrayed his Lord and sold him for thirty pieces of silver. So he was sure a hope was gone, threw down the money on the floor, and went and hanged himself.

Job in his misery and disgrace bewailed the day of his birth and declared his days were spent without hope.

These men were wrong both in theory and in conduct.

There were still seven thousand in Israel who had never bowed the knee to Baal. Jesus would have forgiven Judas and restored him to fellowship if Judas had given him a chance. God had his eyes upon Job all the days of his affliction and made his latter end to be better than the beginning.

And so it can be and should be with us. Things are never as hopeless as they seem or might be. God is still alive; we are not fighting alone. "Behind the dim unknown, standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own."

"My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

—J. E. Dillard

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Too often our response to the need of our sin-sick world has been, "Here am I, Lord; send somebody else," instead of Isaiah's thrilling commitment, "Here am I; send me."

—Allen W. Graves

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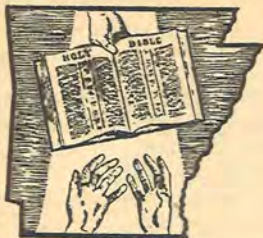
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Department of MISSIONS

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Make Mission Plans for 1952 Now

The annual meetings of the associations will soon begin. Have you thought anything about your associational mission program for the next year? Will you as a missionary, or you as an associational mission board, come to the annual meeting with no plans to present for 1952? Why not plan the over-all program—a program that includes the communities to be surveyed, the points where missions should be established, the places for new church organizations, the churches which need financial help—and have it presented to the association for adoption. Also, a calendar of activities should be adopted.

For four years now this Department has been urging every association to have a definite mission program to follow, and it is encouraging the way most of the associations are doing it.

Another thing that ought to be decided this year in regard to next year's mission work is, whether or not any churches will need supplementary aid on their pastors' salaries. The places which will receive special attention from the associational mission board, and for which requests will be made for State Mission funds, should be designated now and not wait until the middle of '52 when the funds may be exhausted. It would be a great help to the State Mission Committee, when they set up the allocations for '52, if they could know the number of churches requesting supplementary aid. We have already come to this plan on the associational missionary's salary; why not do it for the pastor's salary?

One association has, unofficially, said they would not request any aid on their missionary's salary for 1952. This ought to be followed by about four other associations. Then, many others ought to reduce their requests. There are several associations, especially through the mountain areas, which have an average of about 1500 members in all the churches and a vast territory for the missionary to cover; hence, greater financial help should be given them. The churches are giving out of proportion on the missionary's salary and still it is far below salaries in other sections of the state. If this help is given, some of the stronger associations will have to get less—and they ought to want less.

There are two associations which have great sections for real pioneer mission work and they ought to have two missionaries each. Will you not help us make it possible?

Chaplain Finch's Report for July

This has been a very busy month and a very happy month for the Lord has been so very good to us.

Services Conducted	32
Professions of Faith	30
Additions to the Church	12
Baptized into Booneville Church	2
Rededications	4
Bible Lessons Taught	10
Visits to Seriously Sick	300
Visits and Prayers with Patients	Many
Arkansas Baptists Given Out	160
Home Life	120
Open Windows	100 or more
New Testaments and Psalms	6
Bibles Given Out	9

Have received Open Windows from First Church, Morrilton, and Home Life from First Church, Booneville, and Immanuel Church, Pine Bluff. Have received boxes of clothing from the First Christian Church, Russellville, with over 400 articles of clothing, all new and well made. The children at the Masonic were made happy and the nurses almost shouted. We need those things so much.

We had our Vacation Bible School, with the help of workers from Booneville Church, and it was a good school. There were 85 enrolled, with an average attendance of more than 70; 18 professions of faith; and two rededications. Several of them joined the church and some of them are going home on L. O. A.'s and will join the home church, or they have promised to do that.

We still have so many that are so very ill and this hot weather is adding to the suffering and making it almost impossible to do much for some of them.

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When we get to the place where we see that our local churches are significant not only for their local communities but for the world-wide program of Christ, then we shall be ready to witness the greatest advance for the Lord that the world has ever seen. Are you willing to do your part?

—Howard P. Colson

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Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

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Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Annual District Meetings Schedule for 1951

Northwest	Rogers, First	October 23
West Central	Fort Smith, First	October 24
Southwest	Texarkana, Beech Street	October 25
Southeast	Crossett, First	October 26
Central	Conway, First	October 30
East Central	Forrest City	October 31
Northeast	Jonesboro, Walnut Street	November 1
North Central	Batesville, Calvary	November 2

We are happy to anticipate having as missionary speaker for these meetings, Miss Kathleen Manley, missionary nurse in Nigeria. Miss Manley has a stirring message which we need. She was guest speaker and teacher at the Intermediate G. A. Camp and also the B. W. C. Conference recently held at Ferncliff. All who heard her will be enthusiastic promoters of attendance to the District Meetings.

Some state W. M. U. officers will also be guests at these meetings. Note the date and place of meeting of the one in your district and not only attend, but urge others to go also.

State Missions Annual Season of Prayer

Preparation is being made for the immediate mailing of the program material to be used in the observance of the Season of Prayer for State Missions. The suggested date is September 17. Of course, if there are conflicts which make it unwise to observe that day, do select another when the largest number of the organization's membership may attend.

The program for the Missionary Society is designed to be used in either an all day meeting or in two sessions. All program chairmen and presidents are urged to guard prayer time. Careful and prayerful planning will result in year-round prayerful support of our state mission work, which is so vital.

A limited quantity of offering envelopes will be included with the program material. A sufficient number to place one in the hands of every W. M. U. member should be ordered IMMEDIATELY from State W. M. U. Headquarters, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock. Set a challenging offering goal and work toward it.

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Concerning Remittance of "Four Quarters for Headquarters"

It is time to "clean up" the Four Quarters for Headquarters" offering for the Southern Woman's Missionary Building in Birmingham. Receipts thus far are slightly below the \$3,000 goal set at the Annual Meeting in April, but with prompt remittance

of what is now in the hands of W. M. U. treasurers in the state, a surpassing of the goal is assured.

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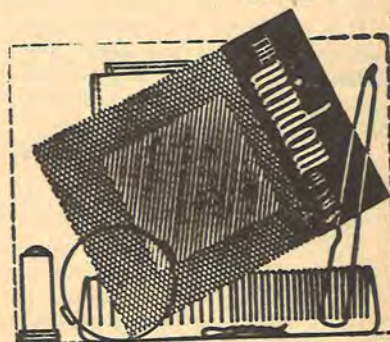
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Christian's Respect For Law

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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Jesus was not an anarchist. He accepted the established government of His day with all due respect. He never taught any man to despise the law nor to rebel against Rome. He paid His taxes when they were due, Matthew 17:24-27.

When Jesus was in Jerusalem just prior to His death, the scribes and Pharisees went all out to find an excuse to execute Him. They were determined to have Him put to death. He had made some claims along the way that He was the king of the Jews. In this lesson we find a new group of persecutors, the Herodians, a political group of followers who favored the house of Herod. While the religious sects hated the Romans and the Pharisees and Herodians hated each other, and though they all desired to be free from Rome's domination, yet all of them hated Jesus most, and banded together in their effort to trap Him on some topic of the day whereupon they could charge Him with treason or otherwise secure His death warrant.

Taxes Or No?

Some spies were hired on this occasion to approach Him with a catch question: "Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?" Should they pay taxes to the Roman government or simply refuse to do so. And they tried to state the question so that the Master would be compelled to say either "Yes" or "No." If He said "Yes" they would show Him up before the people as being their enemy, and a friend of the despised Roman government; the next move would be to incite a mob and kill Him on the spot. But if Jesus said "No", He would be a traitor to the established government and He would thereby sign His own death warrant. Surely, they had Him cornered now.

But the Lord saw through their craftiness and deceit and insincerity, He simply requested that they present Him with a coin, and He answered them with another question: "Whose image and superscription is on the coin?" They could but answer, "Caesars." Then He informed them that "they should render unto Caesar the things that are Caesars, and unto God the things that are His." Whatever honors and tributes that were due the emperor, they should be willing to bestow. And as a religious people they very well knew what their duties toward God were. Thus, they really had no problem at all.

Sunday School Lesson for
August 19, 1951
Luke 20:19-26; I Peter
2:13-17

Paul tells us in Romans 13:1-7, that "The powers that be are ordained by God." The world was without human government up till the flood of Noah's day, and history presents us with a sad array of facts as to how low depraved humanity can sink when they have not the restraining forces of an organized government. After the flood God established human government in the world for the benefit of the world, and for the protection of God's people, for Paul said, "Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil." It is the criminal and law breaker who needs to fear the laws of our land, not righteous people. It is the fleeing criminal who avoids meeting an officer of the law lest his guilt be depicted on his face and in his actions, and he be apprehended for crime. The righteous man has no difficulty in facing an officer of the law, he has nothing to fear.

Two-fold Responsibility

"Render therefore to all their dues; tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; and honor to whom honor." All are conscious of the fact that our government cannot operate without money; they cannot build roads without money; they cannot staff our police force and maintain law and order without money; our government cannot protect us against aggressive nations and political enemies without money to maintain an army and navy. All the good things we enjoy as American citizens demand that we joyfully "render unto Caesar the things that are his and unto God the things that belong to Him." We have our responsibilities as good citizens of the world, the same as we have as good soldiers of the cross. The two need not conflict in any sense whatever. The better the citizen, the better the Christian the greater will be his citizenship on earth. He will be a good example in both the earthly domain of God, and a better influence for the heavenly kingdom.

Doctrine Tested

Jesus in the last week of His life upon the earth (excepting the resurrection period) gave us the doctrine of good citizenship; but turning some years later to the epistle of Peter (2:13-17) a situation developed that tested that doctrine. Secular history tells us that unbelievers were very suspi-

cious of Christians; they were considered a peculiar sect. They had secret meetings (because of persecutions no doubt); their religious rites, baptism and the Lord's supper seemed like strange procedure to the world. As Jesus was accused of treason, it wasn't strange that His followers were suspected of being enemies of the government. So, Peter urged Christians under persecution to be careful to be submissive to the ordinances of the land — for the Lord's sake. They needed to "live down" the subversive reputation that was theirs, even though it was false. "For" said Peter, "It is the will of God that with well doing ye may put to SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH MEN." It was narrow minded ignorance that provoked such a situation, but it was not God-honoring none the less.

Christian Obligations In Unredeemed World

"But," someone might retaliate, "Apostle Paul says we are free; we are no longer under the law. And Jesus said, 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free?' Why should we be indebted to any man? To whom do we owe allegiance?" In that day as in ours, some used their liberty as a cloak of maliciousness; some hid behind the skirts of the church to cover up deliberate sin. Christians are the freest people on earth — so long as they choose to do right. When we violate our liberty and freedom we no longer deserve it. As servants of God we are "trustees." We are honor bound to do right; but some forget to be honorable and fall into sin, thereby bringing reproach upon the cause of

our Lord. It is never wrong to do right, it is never right to do wrong, and that covers our obligations as Christian citizens in an unredeemed world.

So Peter admonishes us: "Honor all men." Every human being is the workmanship of God; each person regardless of race or creed has a soul, a personality, and a life that will be lived for the Lord or wasted in service for the devil. Be aware that each human being belongs to God either by right of creation or through the new birth.

"Love the brethren." We may not be able to love the ways of individuals, but we can recognize their right to live. We may not be able to like everybody, nor admire everyone we know, but something is wrong with us when we cannot love them for Christ's sake.

"Fear God. Honor the King." The time came in early Christendom when their fear of God overshadowed their obedience to the king. The Caesars demanded that they be worshiped as God. When Caesar lost sight of his true place in the lives of the people, then it was up to the people to "Render unto God the things that are Gods." So long as the king does not intrude upon the spiritual, his office should be honored, whether the man is worthy or not. But it is only in extreme cases that men should rebel and say, "We must obey God first." A good government has the sanction and the blessing of God.

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Hicks And Pulaski Heights



W. H. Hicks

Some of you brethren have, perhaps, failed to get acquainted with Pastor W. H. Hicks of the Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock. Brother Hicks is quiet and somewhat reserved. You might wonder, therefore, whether he is aggressive and whether he can bring things to pass. He is, and he can.

Pastor Hicks is in his tenth year as pastor of Pulaski Heights Church. There has been a marked growth in church membership and attendance, in finances, in enlargement and expansion. In fact, in every way in which a church can be reckoned, the Pulaski Heights Church has shown splendid development. Their Sunday School peak attendance already this year was more than 580. Since October the first of last year there have been more than 60 additions to the church, and the church has not been in a revival either. A very large budget, well planned and well promoted, is receiving flattering contributions. Last year the church received in contributions more than \$75,000 for local expenses. The contributions for the Cooperative Program the first six months of this year amounted to nearly \$4,000.

The most outstanding accomplishment has been the erection of a large, beautiful new church building. This new building will be entered early in September. It is not only a thing of beauty, but it is a marvel. We have been utterly surprised, but very happy indeed that this church, located in a very fruitful hill, has found itself able to offer to its members and constituency such accommodations as this building affords. In about a month we hope to have the picture of the building and an outline of the church's accomplishments and program published in this paper.

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Home should be something more than a filling station.

—William Ward Ayer

Church Membership Rises To All-Time High

(Associated Press, July 24, 1951)

"American church membership in 1950 rose to 85,705,280—an unparalleled 55.9 per cent of the population—an annual survey showed today. It was a gain of 2,950,987.

"The report was compiled by the Christian Herald Magazine which makes the only comprehensive and regular survey of church membership in the United States. It disclosed these counts.

"Protestant membership increased 1,409,045 to 50,083,686, up 2.89 per cent from 1949.

"Roman Catholics gained 859,784 to 28,470,092, up 3.1 per cent.

"Jewish congregations minus new statistics, stayed at 5,000,000.

"The report noted that:

"1. Protestants are still well in the lead with 58.5 per cent of all church members. Roman Catholics claim 33.2 per cent of the total while Jewish congregations account for 5.8 per cent." Other groups make up the remaining 2.5 per cent.

"2. Memberships of the various faiths climbed 3.56 per cent last year while the population grew only 1.67 per cent, thus putting church membership at an all-time record 55.9 per cent of the nation.

"3. The 1950 over-all increase of 2,950,987 compares with 2,426,723 in 1949 and 2,190,264 in 1948. But in 1950 'there was no spectacular turning to religion, no spiritual upheaval . . . But there was a continuation of even growth.'

"4. There were 3,214 new congregations formed last year, raising the total to 278,479.

"5. Southern Baptists led in membership gains, adding 318,624 members. With 7,079,889 members, the Southern Baptist now is the 'fastest growing denomination in the United States,' and within 10 years 'may well be our largest.'

"6. The Methodist Church, still the largest Protestant denomination, had the second highest membership gain, adding 143,078, to bring its total to 8,935,647.

"7. Of 221 Protestant and 32 non-Protestant religious bodies surveyed, 13 Protestant bodies have 76 per cent of the total membership; 38 have 95 per cent.

"8. Although larger denominations accounted for a 'lion's share' of the numerical increase, the small churches grew faster percentage-wise—indicating they 'were doing the best job of evangelism.' "

Send Us Your Church Bulletin

Brother Pastor we would appreciate your sending us your weekly church bulletin if we are not already on your mailing list. We are interested in your church program. Your bulletin helps us to keep up with what is going on over the state.

Brethren, identify your bulletin, please. We recently received one from "The First Baptist Church," but we were at a loss to know what town it was in.

Are You For The Cooperative Program?

A Rural Church Program

Last year the pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Clear Creek Association, A. D. Kent, handed to us the proposed budget for the year. We have not heard just how the church is coming out with its contributions, but so far as the Cooperative Program is concerned it is living up to its promise. This country church is giving \$156 for the Cooperative Program. The church finds it is easy to do it because after all, it is only \$3 a week. If as many as 30 church members give a dime a week for Cooperative Missions it would solve their problem. No, it is not a problem, just a New Testament imperative. Has your church 30 members who would give a dime each week for Christ's world mission program. Look at this budget. Pastor's salary, \$45; Annuity, \$1.35; Literature, \$3.47; Insurance, \$1.25; Gas and Electricity, \$2.31; Associational Missions, .69; Cooperative Program, \$3; Incidentals, \$2.42; Convention Expenses, \$1.45.

What We Need in Arkansas

Here is the budget of a church in Tennessee. Notice the percentage. In Arkansas we need some churches that believe in missions like this.

I. MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES:			
Cooperative Program	\$60,000		
Missions, Ed., Orphans,			
Relief	10,000		\$70,000
II. LOCAL WORK AND OPERATIONS:			
Heat, Lights, Water	2,500		
Office Supplies and			
Equipment	350		
Telephone & Telegraph	350		
Stationary & Printing	600		
Postage	360		
Miscellaneous Expense	1,500		
Travel Expense	250		
Insurance	1,100		
Pulpit Supply	150		
Church Building Repairs	4,000	\$11,160	
Knox County Association	600		
Local Christian Work:			
U. T. School of Religion	200		
Univ'ty Christian Assn.	100		
Bible in Public Schools	1,200		
People's Tabernacle	600		
Miss Jessie Parmelle	600		
Assoc. to Miss Parmelle	600	3,900	
Bulletin		1,500	
Music	400		
Salaries	6,420	6,820	
Operations—Janitors	4,576		
Clemertree Scales	520		
Harry Franklin	780	5,876	
Kitchen			
Hostess	1,500		
Cooks	1,000		
Authorized Meals	800	3,300	
Executive			
Retirement	240		
Emeritus Pastor	3,800		
Parsonage Repairs	800		
Secretaries	4,500		
Ed. Director	4,200		
Pastor	7,800	21,340	53,896
GRAND TOTAL		\$123,896.00	

Difficulties are God's errands, and when sent upon them we should esteem it a proof of God's confidence.

—Henry Ward Beecher

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