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Stassen Disappoints Convention Audience

By the Editor

The honorable Harold E. Stassen was an honor guest of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, May 9, 1947. It was in the hope of hearing a Christian statesman proclaim his faith in and take his stand upon the great principles which have made our country strong that the messengers to the Convention looked forward with eagerness to hearing Mr. Stassen. Because their expectations were so high, the disappointment of these messengers was all the greater.

Early in his address Mr. Stassen said, "Before proceeding with our discussion, in order that my views may not be misunderstood by inference, I wish to state simply and directly that I do not agree with the two resolutions . . . But I do adhere to the basic American principle of the separation of church and state."

The two resolutions referred to by Mr. Stassen were those calling for the recall of Myron Taylor from the Vatican in Rome and the protest against the Supreme Court decision upholding a New Jersey law permitting the use of public tax funds to transport pupils to parochial schools.

On the basis of common courtesy Mr. Stassen's statement of disagreement with the action of the Convention was not only out of place but an insult to his host. Mr. Stassen was not invited to appear on the Convention platform to tell the Convention what it should or should not do. It is obvious that a man in his position would know the courtesies required on such an occasion and that he would observe those courtesies unless there was some personal ambition which caused him to so forget himself as to be presumptuous and even rude.

Only one construction can be placed upon Mr. Stassen's outspoken disagreement with the Convention action. He is seeking the Republican nomination for the presidency of the United States. The south is Democratic. He would lose no votes by alienating the Baptists of the South.

Obviously his statement was a bid for the Catholic vote of the nation. The Catholics will accept Mr. Stassen's statement as a pledge to keep a representative at

the Vatican and to support legislation which authorizes the use of public tax funds for transporting pupils to church schools.

Mr. Stassen knows that the Vatican is not a state but a church, and that it is a violation of the Constitution of the United States for our Government to send a representative to the Vatican with ambassadorial status and at a cost of approximately \$30,000 to the tax payers of America. He knows, too, that it is a violation of the Constitution of the United States to use public tax funds for the support of church schools. If he does not know this, he is wholly unfit for the high office he seeks. If he does know this and deliberately violates the fundamental principle of separation of church and state, he is not fit for the high office which he seeks.

Our country was settled by people seeking escape from the oppression of state religion. They established this nation upon the basic principle of religious liberty with a free church in a free state. Mr. Stassen cannot be ignorant of this fact from American history. He must also know that the Roman Catholic church has always maintained that the state should support the church and that the church should control the state.

Mr. Stassen's disagreement with the action of the Convention is a contradiction of his further statement, "I adhere to the basic American principle of separation of church and state." His disagreement with the action of the Convention and his adherence to the principle of separation of church and state are contradictory and irreconcilable positions. These two positions cannot, by any stretch of the imagination, be harmonized.

The weakness of our nation comes from men in high positions who are willing to compromise principles for votes. Obviously Mr. Stassen's attempted dual position is a case in point. Southern Baptists are not so dumb that they cannot see through such tactics. All Christian people of the nation should repudiate the men who make such compromises of principle.

★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

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

Facts of Interest

Whiskey, beer, and wine took \$8,700,000,000 of the national income in 1946, an average of \$89 for each person over 18 years of age. Compared with 1945, expenditure for whiskey climbed 15 per cent, for wines 48 per cent, and beer 2 per cent. In liquid terms, Americans drank 231,000,000 gallons of whiskey, 140,000,000 gallons of wine, and 79,000,000 barrels of beer.

Canada also reports an all time high for liquor, \$373,000,000,000 in 1946.

Present enrolment in schools of college grade or higher is now 2,100,000, according to an estimate by the U. S. Office of Education. The estimate predicts 2,700,000 students in school next fall, 3,100,000 in 1949, and a peak of 3,300,000 in 1950.

The War Department has proposed a \$17,000,000 program to increase R. O. T. C. in colleges and universities. Plans call for training 25,000 to 30,000 a year.

Mexico faces a serious meat and milk shortage because of the outbreak of the foot and mouth epidemic. It is estimated that 500,000 cattle have the infection. American authorities are helping to stop the disease before it reaches the 82 million head of cattle, 61 million hogs, and 42 million sheep in this country.

The Indian Constituent Assembly has voted to outlaw untouchability in any form for India.

Traffic deaths for the first three months

of 1947 totaled 6,920, compared with 8,240 for the first three months in 1946.

In the World of Religion

The International Missionary Council will hold its first meeting since 1939 July 5-23 in Toronto, Canada.

A survey of world mission fields is presented in the International Review of Missions for April 1947. W. Y. Chen reports that in March 1947, it was estimated that there were 2,000 non-Roman Catholic missionaries in China compared with 8325 in 1926 and 6059 in 1936. There are now 6092 Roman Catholic missionaries in China.

Church World Service is seeking to raise \$60,000,000 for overseas relief during the next two years. Contributions for relief from American churches in 1946 reached \$30,000,000.

Representative Mary T. Norton, New Jersey, has been named the "Outstanding Catholic Woman of the year."

For the first time since Presbyterianism was established in Scotland, a public dance has been held on Sunday in Scotland.

Fulton J. Sheen, nationally known Catholic priest, made the address at the groundbreaking for the \$400,000 Catholic hospital to be built in Mobile, Ala., for Negroes. He acknowledged a \$10,000 gift for the project from Mrs. Clare Booth Luce.

When the Catholic Church was destroyed in the recent tornado at Woodward, Okla., the Presbyterians made their building available for worship.

Baptist Highlights

Total mission gifts through the Executive Committee total \$2,902,622.48 for the first four months of 1947 as compared with \$2,671,097.28 in 1946.

Alabama Baptists have voted to consolidate Judson and Howard in one college in Birmingham to be known as the Baptist University of Alabama.

The sixty-eighth general conference of the Baptist General Conference of America will meet June 25-29 at Seattle, Wash.

T. F. Callaway of Georgia will deliver the historical address at the annual meeting of the Sunday School Board on June 5.

For the first time in more than a quarter of a century, E. P. Alldredge and Prince Burroughs were unable to attend the session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Since the first retirement under the Ministers Retirement Plan, only 749 of the 1300 pastors eligible have retired. The retirement age has been a fraction under 70.

David P. Dellinger, clerk of Gaston Association in North Carolina won the Southwide contest for associational minutes with a perfect score. Charles B. Deane of Pee Dee Association was second.

Evidences of Salvation

A Devotion By the Editor

"Ye see that by works a man is justified." Amid the confusion, uncertainty, and doubts of the present day, we would do well to rethink the evidences of our personal salvation. There are many people who, though they still cling to their homes, have lost the certainty to their faith.

There are three types of evidence of our personal salvation, a type of evidence suited to each of the three persons to be convinced that we are saved. If we claim salvation, those about us will look for evidence to substantiate our claims. We ourselves desire evidence that cannot be doubted as the basis of our hopes. And God who saves us must have positive proof of our salvation.

James speaks of the works of our lives as the evidence which will convince others of the genuineness of our salvation. They cannot look into our hearts and see repentance and faith and love and redeeming grace. People look for the fruits of these virtues and graces and they make up their minds about us according as they find or fail to find the fruits of salvation in our lives.

But I can never, by my own works, convince myself of my own personal salvation. What will convince others of my salvation leaves me full of doubts and fears. It requires a vital spiritual experience to banish my fears and give to me the absolute assurance of my salvation. "He that believeth hath everlasting life." I know I have believed. "The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." I know the witness of the Spirit, therefore, I know I am a child of God.

But when we come to the final judgment, it will not be enough to tell God how many good works we performed on earth, nor will the telling of our experience of grace be sufficient. There is only one conclusive evidence, in the final reckoning, which will convince all heaven and earth of our salvation. That evidence consists of the wounds of Jesus, the marks of death which Jesus bears as the evidence of His suffering for us. Let Jesus show the wounds in His hands, in His feet, and in His side, and say, "I suffered this for him" and the question of one's salvation is settled for all eternity.

"Also now, behold, my witness is in heaven, and my record is on high" (Job 16:19).

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Across the Editor's Desk

The Southern Baptist Convention

The St. Louis Convention is now history. Yet the spiritual powers released there, the high resolves formulated, the impulses and heart promptings experienced, and the plans and programs promoted will live and throb in the life of Southern Baptists through time and eternity.

The Master played upon the whole keyboard of spiritual emotions, impulses, and responses of the human heart. There was a profound sense of worship and devotion.

That great audience sat silently and worshipfully while men of God opened the Book and read from His word. Ten thousand voices and more were raised in hymns of praise, so that the whole audience seemed to be fused into one mighty voice ascribing glory to the matchless name of Jesus.

The spirit of prayer was dominant throughout the sessions of the Convention. There were high challenge and wholesome humor. In this great Convention Southern Baptists felt an eagerness to be about the Master's business, to tackle the tasks ahead of them, and to answer the call of lost souls around the world.

Obvious throughout the sessions of the Convention was a profound sense of responsibility. A lost world in need of a Saviour, a sinful world in need of redemption, a hungry world in need of food, a desperate and despairing world in need of hope and assurance rested heavily upon the conscience of Southern Baptists.

Many pastors and others returned with the determination to do more to meet the needs of the world even if it meant sacrifice at home. The privations, sufferings, hunger, and needs of the peoples of other lands presented a violent contrast to the abundance, the freedom, and the opportunities which we of America enjoy.

There was also a keen sense of responsibility toward our stewardship of the gospel. The commissions which Jesus addressed to the early disciples were felt anew in all their original authority, and reinforced by the cumulative Christian experience through the centuries and by the ever expanding and desperate needs of the human race.

It is not surprising that there was felt a rising tide of high resolve to unite all the forces of Southern Baptists in a great diversified, but wholly unitary, program to carry out the commissions of Jesus. The unity of spirit and purpose and plan reached a new degree of solidarity.

There was not a serious division of thought and purpose on any major issue. All the great agencies, institutions, and boards of the Convention were fused into one mighty whole.

Evangelism and missions, winning the lost to Christ at home and abroad, received the

major emphasis throughout the Convention. No matter whether it was Christian education, benevolences, radio, evangelism, or missions being discussed, the ultimate aim and objective was and is and forever shall be winning the lost to Christ.

In the auditorium, in the exhibit room, upon the streets, in the hotel lobbies, everywhere there prevailed the spirit of fellowship. That spirit was felt in worship, in prayer, and in praise. It was obvious in the formulation of plans and the devising of methods to carry out the great programs to which the Convention is committed.

There was a profound sense of partnership, community of interest, and sharing of responsibility which will make for greater advancement along all lines of endeavor and greater achievements in every field of operation.

It was truly a great Convention in St. Louis. Surely the Lord was there. It now remains for us to put into action our new resolves, to put into operation our enlarged programs, and to claim the promise of our Lord, "And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Summary of Progress

Transition from war to peace was reflected in the reports of the 26,401 churches to their annual associational meetings in 1946, as shown in the 1947 Southern Baptist Handbook.

The return of service men was reflected in record gains in church membership, Sunday School and Training Union enrolment. Spiraling inflation during the year was reflected in record giving for local causes and missions.

Creation of new associations in Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Texas brought the total number of associations in the South to 928.

26,401 Churches

North Carolina reported the largest gain in number of churches with Tennessee, Georgia, California, and Texas close behind. There were 244 churches reported as disbanded during the year. However, the number of new churches organized makes it possible to report a net gain of 267, or a total of 26,401. These were served by 17,877 active pastors. There were 3,098 pastorless churches reported.

A study of these churches shows that 10,110 are full-time, 192 are three-quarter time, 8,772 are half-time, and 7,327 are quarter-time. This is the largest number of full-time (those with preaching every Sunday) reported. Of the total, 3,450 or 13.1 per cent are city churches (over 2,500 population), 3,562 or 13.5 per cent are town churches (populated

centers 500 to 2,500), 4,173 or 15.8 per cent are village churches (populated centers under 500), and 15,216 or 57.6 per cent are located in the open country.

253,361 Baptisms

The 253,361 baptisms reported during the year was a decrease of 3,338 below the total for the 1945 Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. Church membership showed a gain of 213,751 during the year to make the total membership 6,079,305. The fact that the gain in membership almost equalled the number of baptisms, despite losses reported by death or transfer of membership, is accounted for by the return of men who had served during the war.

25,435 Sunday Schools

There were 467 new Sunday Schools reported during 1946 to make the total 25,435. This number probably does not represent all of the mission Sunday Schools sponsored by churches and by associations. A place has been provided on the 1947 report for this additional information.

Likewise, the 213,614 gain in Sunday School enrolment reported by the churches may not reflect the mission Sunday School enrolment in every case. Total membership in the Sunday School is now 3,738,924, the largest number ever reported in any one year.

Other Organizations

Training Union enrolment showed a 14.2 per cent increase to reach 802,859. The WMU enrolment, reported by the Woman's Missionary Union office at Birmingham, was 767,521, a gain of 28,161 during the year. Brotherhood enrolment in the churches reflected the return of the men by climbing from 38,538 to 71,412 during the year.

Vacation Bible School enrolment reached a new record total of 1,055,678, perhaps the largest reported by any denomination during 1946.

Church Property

According to the 1946 report, 24,979 of the 26,401 churches own their church houses, a gain of 447 for the year. The housing conditions were reflected in the big jump in the number of homes for ministers. There was a gain of 1,205 during the year to make 6,600.

The 13.4 per cent gain in church property valuation reflects some building, but it also reflects increased valuation on church property. Value of church property reached a new high of \$313,053,779 at the end of 1946, an increase of \$36,964,008. It is interesting to note that the debt on church property has increased from \$6,176,000 in 1944 to \$16,450,000 in 1946. This increase in church debt is more than offset by the \$44,280,000 in the building and reserve fund reported by Southern Baptist churches.

\$27,240,704 for Missions

For the first time, per capita giving for missions exceeded the high mark reached during the 75-Million Campaign. Southern Baptists gave \$4.48 per capita during 1946, or a total of \$27,240,704 for all missions and benevolences. Per capita gifts for local work also reached a new record high, \$14.47, or a total of \$87,986,245.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Tour to the Baptist World Alliance which is being headed by Gilbert L. Guffin, of Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., and Major Robert Argo has open spaces. Itinerary giving full details as to price, dates, and places may be secured by writing Dr. Guffin.

"The God of All Comfort" will be the subject of Dr. A. D. Foreman, Jr., next Sunday morning, May 25, in the last of his two messages on the current series of the Southern Convention's Baptist Hour. Dr. Foreman is pastor of First Church, Amarillo, Tex. The program may be heard in Arkansas at 7:30 CST over KUOA, Siloam Springs; WFAA, Dallas; and KWTO, Springfield, Mo.; and at 8:30 CST over WREC, Memphis, Tenn.

Mrs. Laura Howle, 72, mother of Mrs. J. E. Short, Gould, president of state WMU, died May 4.

Floral Church, Delbert Garrett, pastor, has begun construction on a new building on the site where a few years ago the church built a beautiful four-room parsonage. The building will be of brick veneer with approximately 3,000 feet of floor space. It will have eight Sunday School rooms.

Dr. McKinley Norman, general evangelist, Dallas, Tex., conducted a revival at Fourth Church, St. Louis, Mo., which resulted in 105 additions, 88 for baptism. Dr. Oliver Shank is pastor.

Pastor J. B. Maxwell, First Church, Bentonville, has recently held successful revival meetings in Locharbor Church, Monroe, La., and New Friendship Church, Bastrop, La.

Lexa Church observed Youth Week April 14-20. Intermediates and young people were elected to teach all Sunday School classes and to fill places of leadership in the Training Union. One of the young men had charge of the mid-week prayer service. James Gordon, age 19, was ordained to the ministry April 20. Taking part in the ordination service were Pastor J. B. Measel, Barton; Pastor Sam McNeill Lexa; Pastor W. F. Couch Marianna; Pastor E. M. Bragdon; North Helena; and Deacons Rodman, Linard Ginn, Roy Snyder and Gregory. The young minister preached at the evening service. He is full-time pastor of Rehobeth Church.

The Wichita-Archer Association of Texas conducted a simultaneous revival crusade in April with 19 churches reporting 231 additions by letter, 10 by statement and 476 by baptism, a total of 717 additions. There were

PASTORAL CHANGES

Claud W. Stripling to Bradley Church. He will continue studies in Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

Raymond Butler from White County Association where he has been missionary to Dunklin County, Missouri, where he will do mission work.

Joe L. Sullivan to Earle Church from San Benito, Tex., effective June 1.

54 other professions of faith and 1,518 rededications. The campaign was directed by Dr. C. E. Matthews, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board.

Dr. Andrew Potter, executive-secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, sailed the last week in April with Mrs. Potter for Baptist mission fields in the Philippine Islands, China, India, Egypt, and Italy. Dr. and Mrs. Potter will return to this country after a visit to the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen.

Immanuel Church, Warren, reports great revival with Pastor D. D. Smothers, West Helena Church, as evangelist and Pastor Barney Flowers, First Church, Trezevant, Tenn., as music director and union worker. There were seven conversions and five additions by letter. Pastor Keith F. Babb says: "We are happy these came to the Lord, but the thing that really thrilled our hearts was that our church membership was really revived and we will see the results of this revival for years to come. On April 20 we broke all records in the history of the church. There were 146 in Sunday School and 105 in Training Union." A young people's fellowship is held each Sunday night after church services and is attended by 38 to 40. A new building program is being launched. Each family receives the Arkansas Baptist and Pastor Babb says: "This has played a great part in the building of our church attendance."

Dr. John W. Shepard, head of the Department of New Testament Interpretation and Greek in New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will retire on July 1. He has been teaching in the Seminary since 1930, before which time he was missionary to South America. His home will be in College Park, Ga. Dr. Shepard will be succeeded by his present associate, Dr. Frank Stagg, according to announcement made by President Roland Q. Leavell.

Pastor T. H. Jordan, First Church, Van Buren, baptized 28 at the evening service, May 4, and 11 on May 11. Three professions of faith were made at the Mother's Day services.

Martin Luther Nichols, Decatur, evangelistic singer and former colporteur for the American Baptist Publication Society, died April 26 at the age of 87. Funeral services were conducted at Decatur Church by Pastor J. A. Scoggins with Rev. J. B. Stephens and Missionary A. A. Brady assisting.

First Church, South Fort Smith, received 12 additions in a revival held recently. Pastor A. L. McDaniel, Mt. Ida, did the preaching, Danny Buckner led the singing, and Misses Mary Herring and Fern Russell were pianists. Pastor Samuel M. King says: "Bro. McDaniel is certainly a soul winner. His preaching is warm, sound, and spiritual."

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Small Church Sets Remarkable Record

With a membership of 101, Walnut Valley Church, near Hot Springs, has set an almost unbelievable record in seven months under the leadership of Pastor Ed Vallowe.

There were 48 additions, 26 for baptism, from the first of October to the first of May. A monthly budget of \$65 has been adopted. In the first seven months of the associational year \$4,454 have been contributed.

Both Sunday School and Training Union reached the Standard of Excellence the first quarter of 1947. There have been five study courses held by the church the past seven months.

Sunday School averaged 91 in attendance in April. A Training Union was organized in November and had an average attendance of 57 in April. A Brotherhood was organized in April with 11 members. Also a choir has been organized.

The church has purchased 60 new Broadman hymnals, new offering plates, new pews, and a Training Union bulletin board.

A five-room parsonage has just been completed. Twenty-four per cent of all offerings go to mission work. The Arkansas Baptist goes to every family through the church's budget.

Out of it 66 resident members the church has 55 tithers.

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121 Added to Camden Church During Revival

Camden Church, T. L. Harris, pastor, had 121 additions, 83 by baptism, in recent revival services. Evangelist Warren Walker, Jacksonville, Fla., preached and Gene Spearman, Shreveport, La., directed the music.

Sunday School attendance topped the previous high record of 604 with 680 present the first Sunday of the meeting and 747 the last Sunday.

The church is opening a new elementary, two primary, two beginner, and three nursery departments.

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Paper's Largest Church Budget Has 1,038 Names

First Church, Little Rock, has recently put the Arkansas Baptist in its budget, sending it to every home. The list of 1,038 names is now the paper's largest single church list.

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Southern Baptists Launch Ambitious Program

By IONE GRAY

Southern Baptists held the greatest convention in their 102 years' history at St. Louis, May 7-11. It was greatest in the number of messengers registered and probably in the number and importance of matters decided upon. Every session was characterized by a oneness of spirit.

Registration for the meeting totaled 8,378 messengers from 20 states. An estimated 12 to 13 thousand people attended. The registration was 19 more than the previous record of 8,359 set at Washington, D. C., in 1920.

With "Human Designs—God's Destiny" as the Convention theme, interest was focused on governmental matters affecting religion and moral and social problems of the day.

Continue Fight for Religious Freedom

In his presidential address at the opening session on May 7, Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga., reminded the attendants that Baptists are today confronted "by the most determined and adroit campaign to batter down the wall that separates church and state ever undertaken in America."

Dr. Newton assailed Myron C. Taylor's appointment as the President's personal representative in 1939 as "unauthorized, unfortunate, and dangerous action," and told the messengers that the President had told him and other church spokesman last June that the appointment would be terminated "at an early date, certainly not later than the signing of the treaties." The treaties relating to countries immediately adjacent to Italy have been signed, but Mr. Taylor's appointment has not been terminated.

In Washington the following day, President Truman told a news conference that, until peace is consummated, he has no intention of withdrawing Taylor as his personal envoy to the Vatican.

President Newton characterized the Supreme Court's ruling authorizing public money for Catholic school transportation as "an ominous decision." The Convention adopted a resolution endorsing a bill of Representative Joseph R. Bryson (Dem.), South Carolina, which would amend the First Amendment to the Constitution to prohibit the appropriation of money of federal, state, or local governments for the use of sectarian institutions. The bill is pending in the House Judiciary Committee.

The report of the Public Relations Committee, headed by Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., stated that, on this issue, Baptists should make common cause with any other denomination against "the common peril." The report said: "Unless this is done in relation to the present powerful drive of the Roman Catholics to capture America, we shall fight a losing battle." The report concluded with a warning to all Baptist schools, hospitals, and other Baptist institutions against "the danger of accepting grants of money from the Government for buildings or equipment or for any other purpose. The acceptance of such grants, upon any pretext whatever, will weaken the Baptist witness in behalf of the principle of separation of church and state."

Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and possible candidate for the 1948

Republican presidential nomination, in a speech before the Convention said he did not agree with the Convention's stand in favor of withdrawing the United States' representative at the Vatican and its opposition to the Supreme Court decision upholding free bus transportation for parochial school pupils. Speakers who followed renewed the attack on the Vatican representative and the bus decision. Dr. W. R. White, Austin, Tex., warned that Baptists will not stand by while "they pay taxes to support Catholic schools."

Dr. Newton read a telegram from Senator Walter F. George showing that the Vatican office had cost the State Department \$29,788 in 1946, and demanded that taxpayers protest "this waste." Rev. A. E. Barton, Montgomery, Ala., accused President Truman of flouting the Constitution by continuing the appointment.

Condemn Alcoholism

Messengers accepted the report of the Social Service Commission which condemned alcoholism and alcohol traffic and endorsed the Capper Bill (SB 265) which would forbid advertising of alcoholic beverages, including beer, by radio or interstate commerce.

Launched Move to Boycott Unwholesome Movies

The Convention endorsed a resolution to join other denominational groups in boycotting motion pictures which fail to meet church-established standards. The motion picture industry was condemned for "glamorizing loose morals by exploiting for its own profits baser tendencies in human nature."

It urged Baptists to use discrimination in their choice of pictures and to cooperate with other denominational groups in their cities in presenting standards to which they would like pictures to conform.

\$10,000 Approved for Social Service Commission

In adopting the report of the Executive Committee the Convention approved \$10,000 in the 1948 operating budget for the Social Service Commission whose purpose is to "promote morality in social relations, including the problems of marriage and the family, crime and juvenile delinquency, industrial relations, and the alcohol problem."

Dr. Newton asserted: "The home is under attack as never before and juvenile delinquency increases in alarming proportion. Southern Baptists are largely responsible for moral conditions in the South and we dare not retreat from the battleground."

Seek 1,000,000 Tithers

Enrollment of 1,000,000 tithers through the promotion of a special tithers enlistment campaign during the months of October, November, and December was endorsed by the Convention. This enrollment will insure success of the Convention's 1947 financial goal of \$10,000,000.

September will be used as a period of preparation. State secretaries and their organizations, the executives of all Southwide agencies, and the leaders and workers in every department of our denominational organization—associational, state, and Southwide—

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A section of Convention Hall in Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, where sessions of 1947 Convention were held. With a seating capacity of approximately 15,000 the hall was almost filled at many sessions of the Convention.

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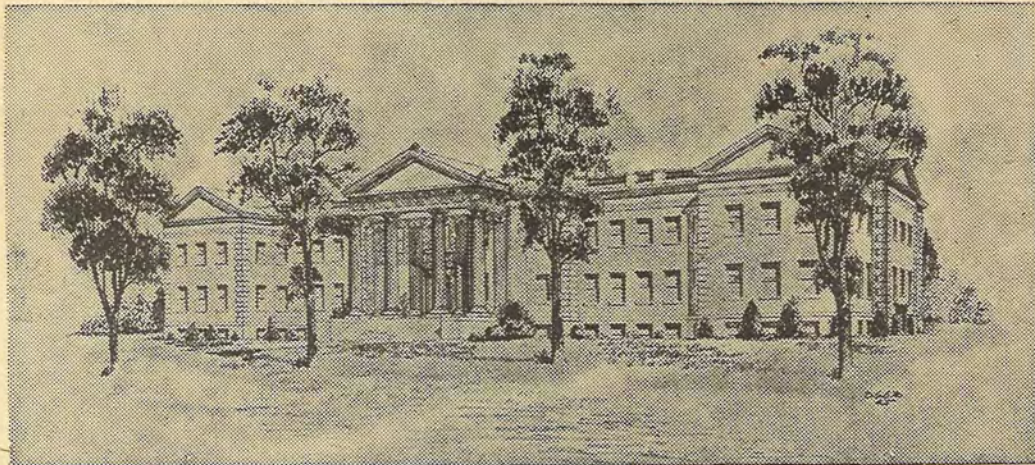
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New Men in Christ . . .

Every Pilgrim's Progress

By WILFORD LEE
First Church, Crossett

It has been facetiously remarked that the religious life of some people is like that of a wasp—they are bigger at birth than any other time of their lives. They look upon the initial experience of conversion as the one great experience. To them a life in Christ is an enclosure, something narrow and restricted, rather dull and monotonous. This is not true. The life in Christ is a highway, progressing, expanding, and alluring. Every soul that walks that way is a pilgrim in progress toward "a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God."

A few weeks ago a speaker made an interesting comment on Paul's words in I Corinthians 15:10: "By the grace of God I am what I am." He said there were two other statements every Christian could make: first, "I am not what I once was"; and second, "I am not what I shall be." His remark is true. These three affirmations can be made by every Christian for they are every pilgrim's progress.

Grace of God Transforms Man

"By the grace of God I am not what I once was." Thank God that He does not leave us as He finds us. "He that hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." The marvel of His grace is that He transforms all those who come unto Him by faith.

In Colossians we hear the Apostle thanking God "who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son." So also David the psalmist testifies to the fact that God never leaves us as He finds us. "He brought me also up out of a horrible pit and from the miry clay, he put a new song in my mouth even praises unto our God." Who would not want to praise the God who does that for a poor and needy sinner?

*From sinking sand He lifted me,
With tender hands He lifted me,
From shades of night to plains of light
O praise His name! He lifted me!*

But make no mistake; we neither drift nor work into the higher life. Contrary to popular fancy there is no such thing as evolution of the spiritual and religious nature of man. A study of the religious history of the race clearly reveals the devolution, the degeneration of the religious life and consciousness. Man is not moving invariably to the larger life. This is humanism, sheer and simple. It is a will-o-the-wisp that lures men to destruction and perdition. If life is lifted it must be done by a power without.

Resolution is fruitless. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots?" A dry creek bed cannot resolve to become a swelling stream and do so—it takes rain from above. A weed path cannot resolve to become a fruitful garden and do so—it takes the skill and care of a gardener. Nor can a sinner resolve to become good and righteous and do so—it takes the grace of God. Resolution is meaningless unless it is joined by a higher power.

God Responsible for Man's Attainment

The second milestone in a pilgrim's progress follows: "By the grace of God I am now

what I am." The Christian evaluates his present position and says: "What I am today, what I have thus far succeeded in becoming, is due to the grace of God."

Yet at his present best there is much within him that is sinful and imperfect—but that is not God's fault. No one would charge God with his sin nor would he hold the Lord responsible for his transgression. Rather he would say: "Imperfect as I am I would only be more so were it not for God's grace."

*Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.*

While Moody, the evangelist, was walking with a friend they passed a besotted drunk weaving from one side of the walk to the other. While both beheld the sorry sight Moody quietly said: "There, but for the grace of God, goes Dwight L. Moody."

Who governs your life? Upon whom are you depending today for guidance? Is it an all-wise intelligent God of love or blind and circumstantial fate?

There are thousands in otherwise enlightened America today who put their faith and money in the superstitious cult of astrology. Their creed is this: "I am what I am today because Jupiter and Saturn are in conjunction." Benighted indeed are they who bind their lives to faith in the twin idols Fate and Chance.

The Christian says: "I am what I am by the power of an intelligible God who says: "Be not conformed to this world but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

This is the last in a series of four messages on "New Men In Christ" being heard on eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

More Beyond

But the third milestone is the most glorious yet: "By the grace of God I am not what I shall be." It is said that before Columbus discovered the new world the coins of Spain carried this inscription: "Ne plus ultra"—Nothing more beyond. But after he returned with the news the inscription was changed to "plus ultra"—more beyond.

The glory of the Christian life is this: there is always more beyond. The true Christian is far from being a lover of the status quo and never proves reactionary to true progress. The spirit of Jesus has never been an opiate, lulling one into dull conformity to an unrighteous and an unequal world. On the contrary, the power of Christ will enable true believers—to use another phrase—"to out live and out die" any world system, now or ever.

The foggy mind of materialistic atheism says that a Christian's only hope is "pie in the sky when you die." It knows nothing of a present tense, salvation. "He that believeth on Him hath everlasting life." It knows nothing of this grand truth: "Beloved now are we the sons of God and it doth not appear what we shall be." It knows nothing of this assurance: Religion is of service in all directions. It contains the promise of life both for the present and for the future.

The Christian's experience masters all its critics. "By the grace of God I am not what I shall be." God has not finished with us yet. The life in Christ is not static but progressive. Our God is working in us "till we come unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." Old lives made new and new lives made perfect—this is the Christian gospel. In Christ, life becomes a constant pageant of triumph.

This is every pilgrim's progress. Will you join it today?

Pastor James A. Overton Is Speaker on New Arkansas Baptist Radio Series

Pastor James A. Overton, First Church, Mena, will be speaker on four consecutive programs beginning May 25 over 11 Arkansas stations carrying the program of the Arkansas Baptist Radio Commission.

The first of the messages by Pastor Overton will be on "The Way Made Plain," and is intensely evangelistic; the second, "Sunday's Worship—Monday's Attitude," deals with a practical problem, and the other two, "What's Right With Our Churches?" and "Christ's Church — The Divine Agency for Building a Better World," seek to magnify the churches.

Music will be by the Ouachita College Choir, directed by Miss Maxie Cleere.

The program may be heard every Sunday over:

KFFA—Helena, 7:45 a. m.
KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
KARK—Little Rock, 10:30 a. m.
KELD—El Dorado, 12:15 p. m.
KFPW—Fort Smith, 12:45 p. m.
KWFC—Hot Springs, 12:45 p. m.
KGHI—Little Rock, 2:00 p. m.
KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.



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will be called upon to make this campaign the most intensive and thorough of any that Southern Baptists have ever undertaken. Sunday, October 5, was designated as Tithers Enlistment Day and all churches will be asked to launch the campaign to secure tithers for a 90-day period on that day.

To Study Assembly

The Convention approved appointment of a committee of one representative from each of the Convention's eight states west of the Mississippi River to make a study of a Western Assembly; and when the committee agrees upon a site, it will report to the Executive Committee, which was given power to act in as far as the action does not conflict with the Convention business and financial plan.

To Study Theological Education

The Convention approved a committee to study a memorial presented by the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary asking Southern Baptists to receive the Seminary as an institution of the Convention.

The committee was appointed to study the whole question of theological education in the light of suggestions concerning the establishment of a new seminary, and the committee was instructed to bring recommendations to the 1948 Convention.

Papers Launch Circulation Campaign

Calling the state Baptist papers, "the most important implement of the Southern Baptist Convention," Dr. Newton, chairman of the Baptist papers' circulation campaign, reported that the combined circulation is approximately 750,000.

The Convention approved a goal of 1,500,000 circulation for the state papers by 1950. "The state Baptist paper in every Baptist home by 1950" is the slogan.

Study Comity with Northern Baptists

The Convention accepted a recommendation of the Executive Committee that a committee be named for study of comity between Northern and Southern Baptists.

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, president, and J. C.



PRESIDENT LOUIE D. NEWTON
... Campaigner for Religious Freedom.

Hazen, secretary of the Northern Baptist Convention, both of whom were in attendance at the Convention, had requested the Convention to name a committee to meet with them to study the "fixing of boundaries" for territory of the two bodies.

The Convention named a committee to consider a petition from Kansas Baptists for membership in the Southern Baptist Convention. Kansas has been recognized as a regular Northern Baptist state.

Race Education Program Launched

A long-range educational program aimed at promoting "racial understanding and encouraging Christian attitudes" in the solution of race problems was adopted in the report of the Committee on Race Relations. The committee, established at the 1946 meeting, was headed by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, professor at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

The report which termed a continuance of "un-Christian discrimination" in race rela-



DR. W. A. CRISWELL
... Preacher of Convention Sermon on "Our All-Sufficient Saviour."

tionship as a major threat to the nation's morals introduced a list of principles of conduct toward Negroes, the observance of which is "impelled by every conscience."

The principles of conduct are:

"We shall think of the Negro as a person and treat him accordingly.

"We shall continually strive as individuals to conquer all prejudice and eliminate from our speech terms of contempt and from our conduct actions of ill-will.

"We shall protest against injustice and indignities against Negroes, as we do in the case of people of our own race, whenever and wherever we meet them.

"We shall teach our children that prejudice is un-Christian and that good will and helpful deeds are the duty of every Christian toward all men of all races.

"We shall be willing for the Negro to enjoy the rights granted to him under the Constitution of the United States, including the right to vote, to serve on juries, to receive justice in the courts, to be free from mob violence, to secure a just share of the benefits of educational and other funds, and to re-



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ceive equal service for equal payment on public carriers and conveniences.

"We shall be just in our dealing with the Negro as an individual. Whenever he is in our employ we shall pay him an adequate wage and provide for him healthful working conditions.

"We shall strive to promote community good will between the races in every way possible.

"We shall actively cooperate with Negro Baptists in the building up of their churches, the education of their ministers, and the promotion of their missions and evangelistic programs."

Large Enrollment in Schools

Southern Baptist schools and colleges, with 47,763 students, have the largest enrollment in their history, according to the report of the Education Commission. The report attributed the increase largely to the presence of 15,626 veterans. Ministerial students in Baptist schools number 5,126, senior colleges and universities report 2,606 ministerial students, while the seminaries have 1,744, junior colleges have 675, and the academies have 101.

Campaigns are in progress in nearly all states for expansion of service in Baptist schools and colleges. The campaigns are as follows: for seminaries, \$10,000,000; for colleges and universities, \$36,592,790; for junior colleges, \$2,581,640; for academies, \$303,000.

Organizations Show Record Enrollment

Southern Baptist Sunday Schools had a total enrollment of 3,738,924 in 1946, largest in the history of the denomination, according to the report of the Baptist Sunday School Board. There was an increase of 213,614 during the year. The number of Sunday Schools increased 467 during the year bringing the total to 25,435.

Training Union enrollment climbed 99,527 during the year to reach a total of 802,859. More than 2,000,000 persons attended 13,145 Vacation Bible Schools.

Mission Boards Have Ambitious Plans

The Home Mission Board reported a total of 920 missionaries with 87 new appointees. Total conversions in 1946 were 27,474. One

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 9:30 Convention Call
 9:40 Make His Praise Glorious
 10:00 Vocal Development—
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3:30 How to Teach Notation —Odessa Holt
 4:00 Establishing Youth Choirs—
 Jean Prince
 4:30 Rehearsal for Festival ----Prof. Wray
 6:00 Supper

EVENING

7:30 Church Music Festival
 8:30 Address -----R. C. Campbell
 Benediction

TUESDAY

JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE DAY

MORNING

NOON
 Luncheon Served by Ladies of First Church

AFTERNOON

1:00 "Let All the People Praise Thee"
 1:30 Vocal Methods -----Prof. Wray
 Demonstrations by Youth and Adult
 Groups
 3:00 The Organists Contribution—
 Mrs. Henry Harris

9:00 Registration and Drawing
 9:30 Praise and Prayer
 9:50 Greetings to Juniors and Intermediates
 10:00 Hymn-Playing Contest (Juniors)
 11:00 Hymn - Playing Contest (Intermediates)
 12:00 Luncheon served by Ladies of First
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hundred thirty-one new churches were organized and 361 missions opened.

The Foreign Mission Board reported 62 new missionaries appointed in 1946 making a total of 565 active missionaries in 18 foreign fields.

Marked progress was reported in sending missionaries back to war areas. Already 137 have returned to China, one has returned to Japan, and plans are under way for others to follow. One couple is in Spain and another in Italy. Several additions have been made to the staff in the near East.

The report said that Southern Baptists have never confronted such wide-open doors of opportunity as are now in such areas as Latin America, Nigeria, and the Hawaiian Islands. "Our total resources could be devoted to them alone and still the calls would not all be met," the report stated.

At the request of messengers an offering was taken for foreign relief at the end of an informative and challenging program presented by the Foreign Mission Board. The offering totaled \$5,077.03. At the request of Dr. R. Paul Caudill, First Church, Memphis, who felt that someone present might want to give his life for mission service, an invitation was extended. Fourteen young people came forward.

Told Children Need Bible Teaching

Robert S. Kerr, director of the Southern Baptist Foundation and former governor of Oklahoma, told the Convention it has "the most important and most attractive message for the youth of the twentieth century of any organization on earth."

"I fear we are permitting the fast-moving pace of this modern world to deprive youth of their greatest need—the Bible," he said. "Man cannot have a Christian citizenship without the teaching of the Bible. There cannot fail to be a Christian citizenship where the Bible is taught. The greatest fields for our endeavors of tomorrow are in our own homes and Sunday School classes and to the extent that we succeed in these fields we will succeed beyond them. We live in the presence of our unfinished tasks."

Newton Re-elected

Dr. Newton was re-elected president of the Convention by a unanimous vote. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of Third Church, St. Louis, and Dr. Thomas V. McCaul, pastor of First Church, Gainesville, Fla., were elected vice presidents. Porter W. Routh and Joe Burton, both of Nashville, Tenn., were re-elected secretary and associate secretary, respectively.

1948 Meeting Place

The 1948 Convention will be held at Memphis, Tenn., May 19-23. Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor, Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky., was chosen as the Convention speaker, with Dr. Hershel Hobbs, pastor, Dolphin Way Church, Mobile, Ala., as alternate.

Greetings From Russia

The Convention exchanged greetings by cablegram with Russian Baptists. The following cablegram from Dr. Jacob Zhidkov, president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Baptists of the U. S. S. R., was read:

"We send hearty greetings to the Southern Baptist Convention. We pray our Lord to rain his blessings and wish success for your every effort. Advance his Kingdom in all

Many Stormy Sessions For . . .

Historic Convention Gavel

The gavel used by President Louie D. Newton in calling the Convention to order is one of the most historic gavels in America. On duty at 74 of the 90 meetings of the Convention held in 16 of the states, it has been used by 20 of the 23 presidents during the 102 years of the Convention's history; in fact, every session since 1872.

At the 17th meeting of the Convention at Raleigh, N. C., May 9, 1872, Dr. James P. Boyce, acting president, received the gavel from Dr. John A. Broadus, who had just returned from an extended trip to Europe and Palestine. The session's minutes show:

"Its handle is made of the balsam tree which grows by the River Jordan, forming a large part of that beautiful fringe of green trees which has always marked the banks of the sacred river, and beneath whose shade the multitudes looked on as the Saviour was baptized. The head is of olive wood, reminding us of the Mount of Olives from which He ascended to Heaven. This simple mallet thus suggests to us the beginning and the end of our Lord's public work on earth."

The broad silver band covering the handle near the head was not there when first presented to the Convention. It was during a stormy session that the presiding officer pounded the table so heavily to maintain order that he actually broke the slender and somewhat delicate handle.

the earth. We are grateful for your fellowship as fellow Baptists.

"To our great sorrow, representatives of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Baptists of the U. S. S. R. cannot be with you as meetings our pastors planned for February and March were postponed to April. Hearty thanks for your invitation. Yours in Jesus Christ our Lord."

Dr. Newton's reply to Dr. Zhidkov, endorsed by the Convention, read: "Greetings from the Southern Baptists in annual session. Your message is gratefully acknowledged. We regret your inability to come. The Convention unanimously expresses thanks for the gift of a chalice from our Russian Baptist brothers and sisters. Grace Lord Jesus Christ be with you!"

The gold chalice from the First Baptist Church of Moscow was presented to the Convention by Dr. Newton. He told the Convention that when he visited the Moscow church last summer, it voted to present the chalice to the American Baptists as a token of friendship.

Made in the 14th century, it was purchased

about 100 years ago in Florence, Italy, by a Georgian Baptist, and later removed to Moscow.

While Dr. Newton was visiting the Moscow church, the chalice was used in the ceremony of the Lord's Supper.

Birthday Greetings to President

Messengers voted to send a message to President Truman extending sincere greeting on his 63rd birthday, which he observed May 8, and to express appreciation for the great service he is rendering and to assure him of "our prayers to the end that he be given wisdom for his problems, guidance in his decisions, and strength for his tasks."

The following telegram from the President was read to the assembly:

"I am deeply touched by the birthday greetings which you sent in behalf of 8,359 messengers from the 20 states attending the 90th session of the Southern Baptist Convention. In these difficult days it is heartening and encouraging to receive the assurance that I am remembered in the prayers of my fellow Baptists. Please extend my warmest felicitations to all in attendance at the meeting."

Arkansans on Southwide Boards

Arkansas Baptists placed on Southwide boards and committees at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at St. Louis, Mo., are:

Foreign Mission Board—M. Ray McKay, Second Church, Little Rock.

Home Mission Board—Bruce H. Price, Beech Street Church, Texarkana.

Sunday School Board—O. L. Gibson, First Church, Fayetteville.

Relief and Annuity Board—W. O. Vaught Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

Southwestern Seminary—R. O. Barker, Little Rock.

New Orleans Seminary—T. K. Rucker, First Church, Malvern.

Southern Seminary—Sam Reeves, First Church, El Dorado; C. Z. Holland, First Church, Jonesboro.

Executive Committee—E. L. Compere, Little Rock.

Southern Baptist Hospital—E. C. Brown, First Church, Blytheville.

Education Commission—J. R. Grant, Arkadelphia.

Social Service—T. L. Harris, First Church, Camden.

Radio Commission—A. B. Pierce, First Church, Pine Bluff.

Historical Society—L. C. Tedford, First Church, Corning.

Baptist Brotherhood—Claud L. Durrett, Little Rock.

Public Relations—Brooks Hays, Little Rock.

WMU Work—Mrs. J. E. Short, Gould.

Committee on Boards, 1948—T. M. Prince, First Church, Paragould.

Baptist Papers—B. H. Duncan, Little Rock.

Evangelism—W. O. Vaught Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

To Consider Kansas Application—M. Ray McKay, Second Church, Little Rock.

Western Assembly—Clyde Hart, Central Church, Hot Springs.

To Study Field of Theological Education (New Seminaries)—R. C. Campbell, First Church, Little Rock.

DISTRICT WMU MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The eight district WMU meetings are scheduled to be held June 10-20 inclusive. In announcing these meetings we would urge every missionary society to help advertise the meeting of its district and begin planning for a good attendance. The schedule follows:

- West Central District—Ft. Smith First, Tuesday, June 10.
- Southwest District — Texarkana Beech St., Wednesday, June 11.
- Southeast District — Warren, Thursday, June 12.
- Central District—Lonoke, Friday, June 13.
- Northwest District—Harrison, Tuesday, June 17.
- North Central District—West Batesville Church, Wednesday, June 18.
- Northeast District — Central Church, Jonesboro, Thursday, June 19.
- East Central District — Forrest City, Friday, June 20.

Annie Armstrong Offering For Home Missions

We have received a total of \$16,000 for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions as of May 14. While the state goal has been surpassed we are very anxious to have at least a 10 per cent increase over gifts of the past year. Please glean for this offering and remit as soon as possible.

The Southwide Annie Armstrong Offering had reached a total of \$442,059.61 as of April 20.

White County RA Conclave

Twenty-seven hungry boys, together with the counselors of three Royal Ambassador Chapters in White County, met for a delicious supper and Recognition Service with First Church, Searcy. Mr. Johnson, White County RA leader, had charge of the Recognition Service. There were five boys who were recognized as pages, two of these being from the Searcy Chapter and three from the Kensett Chapter. In addition to the pages, Buddy Huff of Searcy was recognized as an Ambassador. The chicken supper and fellowship around the table was superb! The table was decorated in the Royal Ambassador colors of gold, blue and white.

Summer WMU Field Worker

Miss Kathleen Frink of North Carolina, a student at the WMU



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Training School, has been secured as summer WMU field worker. Requests for her services have been received from many associational officers and her schedule is being arranged. It will not be possible for her to cover every section of the state during June, July and August but we are doing our best to send her to those who have made requests for her services.

Fortieth Anniversary Broadcast

One of the features of YWA Camp at Ridgecrest this 40th anniversary year is the radio broadcast to be made directly from the auditorium at Ridgecrest. The regular Baptist Hour on June 22 at 7:30 a. m. is to be given over to this broadcast. Mrs. George R. Martin, president of Southern WMU, will be the main speaker with visitors from other countries giving brief messages and the music being given by the YWA girls themselves.

Of course, every YWA girl in Arkansas would like to be present for that event—either at Ridgecrest or by her own radio. Dr. Lowe, director of the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention wants 1,000 Young Woman's Auxiliaries all over the South to have breakfast in their own churches or in homes and listen to the broadcast. Plan now to be a part of this new YWA adventure. Plan to invite visitors to your breakfast, especially those girls whom you know are unsaved. If you can't be at YWA camp, be sure to be a part of the camp by listening on that date.

Southern WMU Meeting

Arkansas was one of eight states to have a full delegation of 50 in attendance at the annual meeting

A SUPREME CHRISTIAN ACTIVITY

"GO ye therefore, and disciple all nations" . . . "GO ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" . . . "GO out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city" . . . "GO out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" . . . "I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should GO and bring forth fruit."

The above words are taken from all four of the gospels; and are words spoken by Jesus in His command to His disciples to GO where the people are, with His gospel.

Experience in Christian work is experience in GOING. God's will is that we shall GO. God's work is done by those who are willing to GO.


A GOING Brotherhood is a Brotherhood which GOES! Consider what it will mean in the life of any church if its men accept the responsibility of GOING; GOING to bring men into the church services and to prayer meeting; GOING to bring men in to the Sunday School and the Training Union; GOING to take the gospel to individuals in personal soul-winning attempts, or to families in cottage evangelistic services; GOING to communities where there is no Baptist church or Sunday School; GOING to institutions (hospitals, jails, poor farms, etc.)

in St. Louis. We plan to give a report on this meeting in next week's issue of the Arkansas Baptist.

Appreciation for State WMU Annual Meeting

Mrs. Howard Samuels of For-dyce, writes: "The WMU annual meeting was wonderful. It was my first trip to a state meeting and I really enjoyed it. Every word was an inspiration to me and I feel I know a little more about WMU work than I did. It is all new to me but the more I learn the better I like it.

"The BWC Banquet was lovely. Everything about the whole meeting made me regret that our entire missionary society could not be there."



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Secretary

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Little Rock

to take the gospel; GOING to industrial establishments or to street meetings; GOING to minister with the Word and with prayer to those who are ill or bereaved or troubled or in need; GOING to the men of the church to present the claims of Christ in the matter of personal stewardship and tithing; GOING to other churches to help organize the men there in a ministry of GOING. Churches which have GOING programs are churches which GO!

"GO, and do thou likewise!"

Many Men Are GOING

The GOING of the men of the Brotherhood of First Church, Dumas, has resulted in more than 50 additions to the church in recent months, according to Pastor Ralph Douglas.

The GOING of the men of the Brotherhood of First Church, West Memphis, is helping the church mightily as it leads the whole Arkansas Baptist State Convention in baptisms for the current year. Brother Aubrey Halsell is pastor. J. E. Neal, Brotherhood president, writes us: "We have baptized 82 men the past year. Brotherhood had a big part in this."

Carson Burks, Brotherhood president of Lexa Church, writes us: "Are Enjoying cottage prayer meetings."

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Arkansas Valley Association Is Challenging Mission Field

By The Superintendent

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of touring over Arkansas Valley Association with Missionary J. J. Franklin. I was there one day and night, and although I drove 200 miles in the association, yet there were sections we did not get to visit. It was an interesting experience for me.

Elaine Has Worthy Program

One of the delightful experiences was a visit with the Elaine church where I preached the ordination sermon for three deacons. Pastor Harris is leading that church in a marvelous way. If I am not mistaken they have had 100 additions within the last year. Fifty some odd have been baptized just recently.

The church is sending buses out into the surrounding country to furnish transportation for the people to attend Sunday School and church. Over 100 people come in on the buses. So I can say Bro. Harris and his church are rendering a great missionary service.

Lexa Is Doing Mission Work

I met the good pastor of the Lexa church, Bro. Sam McNeal, and some of his fine members. The record that church is making is inspiring indeed. Three years ago it was a fourth-time church. Now, it is full-time with a pastor living on the field.

They have 170 members and the Sunday School and Training Union average is around 100 each. They have an active Brotherhood and a live, awake WMU with all the auxiliaries functioning. They have bought and paid for a pastor's home, spent \$2,000 on a Sunday School annex, air-conditioned the church, and have money on hand for a butane gas system. The church has also furnished Sunday School teachers for two small churches nearby. Now, I claim that is a good record.

Time and space cannot permit me to tell about the other churches and pastors in the association, all of whom, as far as I could learn, are right on the job and are writing up some splendid records.

Work Among the Mexicans

I do want to tell of some work that is being carried on among some Mexicans that I learned about. To me it is a story of mis-

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sions. Each year a large number of Mexicans go over into the delta section to pick cotton. About 12 years ago among a group who went was a man by the name of Gonzalez. He was a Christian and a Baptist—the product of Baptist missionary work in Texas. Well, he chose to remain in Arkansas. Others have done the same thing so that today there are more than 100 Mexicans near Hughes.

This Bro. Gonzalez was ordained a few years ago and has been conducting services among the Mexicans. The Sunday before I was in the association he conducted a service with 57 present. He works on the farm during the week and, of his own accord, tries to carry on services among his Mexican friends. After further investigation of this work, it might be that the Department of Mission will give some financial aid.

Need for More Churches

Missionary Franklin, Bro. W. D. Wallace of Hughes, and I, also drove through parts of the association where there are large plantations. We drove through one that had 12,000 acres in it. Many others were practically as large. I learned through these men that the landowners say they are going to have at least 50 per cent of their tenants white people. About every three miles may be seen Negro church houses, but not one for the white people.

In one section of the county there are now about 1,000 white people with no church house and no preaching except by the associational missionary in the homes of the people. We are investigating the possibility of getting a location, building a house of worship (a church was organized last summer), and finding a pastor. Don't you think that would be doing mission work? Especially when for

a distance of 25 miles there is no Baptist church house for white people.

Harvest Is White

As a whole, Arkansas Valley Association is doing a great work. But there are sections yet unreached. Bro. Franklin is doing his best to reach these neglected areas. I will probably be with him two weeks this summer for a revival. My, there is much to do! Giving larger amounts to the Cooperative Program will hasten the harvest in these mission fields.

Heard at the Missionary Conference

The fellowship, inspiration and information, as well as recreation enjoyed at the conference sends us back to our work more determined and ready for a great task. A great idea and should be done again.—W. H. Lansford, Little Red River Association.

The missionary spring retreat has been very helpful for fellowship, recreation, information, and inspiration. It has given us many ideas that will be helpful to us in promoting our work.—Louis Gustavus, Trinity Association.

This meeting fulfilled a long-felt need. We learned how the other missionaries thought and worked. A pattern of mission work throughout the state was clearly outlined along lines of thinking common among all the brethren. — A. A. Brady, Benton County Association.

The conference has been a period of rest and spiritual uplift. The fellowship has been delightful. I hope the conference will become an annual affair. — S. M. Cooper, Independence Association.

Figures to Inspire

May 11, 1947

Church	Addns.	S.S.	T.U.
Arkadelphia, First	2	461	189
Bauxite, First		382	139
Benton, First		615	188
Including Mission		675	
Camden, First		548	112
Conway, First		373	92
Dumas, First	26	363	78
Including Mission		445	
Dyess, Central		111	91
El Dorado Churches:			
First	2	821	175
West Side	1	264	101
Fordyce, First	3	355	126
Fort Smith, First	10	985	372
Hot Springs Churches:			
Park Place	9	590	135
Second	3	585	126
Including Mission		669	
Jacksonville	3	197	92
Little Rock Churches			
Baptist Tabernacle	1	480	100
Bellevue		65	
Calvary	7	153	47
Immanuel	10	1116	294
Plainview		121	76
Pulaski Heights	1	462	65
Martindale		54	30
Second	5	800	
South Highland	1	296	98
McGehee, First	1	452	118
Monticello Churches:			
First	2	221	44
Second		149	
Norphet, First		258	
N. Little Rock Churches:			
Baring Cross	8	569	225
Including Mission		622	244
Biddle		42	25
Douglasville	7	245	97
Park Hill	30	150	34
Sylvan Hills	3	125	42
Paragould, First	1	645	267
Paris, First		300	148
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First	2	787	224
Including Mission		849	271
Matthews Memorial		122	62
Second		207	42
Rogers, First	1	303	94
Searcy, First		317	80
Siloam Springs, First		309	149
Springdale, First	8	359	169
Including Mission		474	
Stamps, First		226	83
Stuttgart, First		282	102
Warren Churches:			
First		416	80
Immanuel		128	76

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Therefore, our customers get all benefits from Government-generated power distributed by us. We gain nothing in profits, but we do want this power because it helps us provide better service to our customers.



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Sin Destroys Foundations of Israel's National Strength

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

The fall of the Northern Kingdom constitutes one of the darkest chapters in the history of the Hebrew people. It hardly seems possible that a people who had been the recipients of so many divine blessings could fall so low in so short a period of time. As one surveys the account of the reigns of the evil kings preceding the fall of the kingdom, there are next to no reminders of the salutary impact of the mighty men of God who had gone before them.

The Reign of Sin

The reigns of Zachariah, Shallum, Menahem, and Pekahiah may be characterized as "the reign of sin." Of Zachariah it is said: "And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin" (2 Kings 15:9). Little is said of the reign of Shallum, for he reigned but one month. Nevertheless, we know that he ascended the throne through conspiracy and by the slaying of Zachariah the king.

Shallum was assassinated by Menahem, the son of Gadi, and reigned in his stead for 10 years in Samaria. Of him it is said: "And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin" (2 Kings 15:18).

Menahem was followed by Pekahiah, his son, as king. Of him it is said: "And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin." In Pekahiah as in Menahem and Shallum the pattern of evil went unchanged.

The two-year reign of Pekahiah was cut short by the conspiracy of Pekah, the son of Remaliah, Pekahiah's captain. Pekah smote Pekahiah in the castle of the king's house in Samaria and seized the throne in his stead. Of Pekah, as of his predecessors, it was said: "And he did that which was evil

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2 Kings 17:5-12, 22-23; Isa. 28:1-4

in the sight of Jehovah: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin" (2 Kings 15:28).

It was in the days of Pekah (Pekah reigned 20 years over Israel and Samaria) that Tiglath-Pileser, king of Assyria, came and took Ijon, Abelbethmaacah, Janoah, Kedesh, Hazor, Gilead, Galilee and all the land of Naphtali, carrying away the people captive to Assyria. Following this, Pekah who gained his throne by conspiracy and at the hand of the assassin, fell himself by the hand of Hoshea, and Hoshea reigned in his stead.

It is a sorry picture from beginning to end—the era that preceded the fall of the Northern Kingdom. The national leaders, un mindful of the laws and the will of Jehovah heaped sin upon sin.

The Apostle Paul said in Romans 6:12: "Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof: neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness." The kings of Israel did what Paul said should never be done by the children of God. They not only let sin reign in their mortal bodies; they led an entire nation into a woeful reign of sin that continued in unbroken line from kingship to kingship unto the end.

The Wages of Sin

In Romans 6:23 Paul says, "For the wages of sin is death," and again in Galatians 6:7-8 he said, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life."

In the fall of the Northern Kingdom we have a graphic illustration of the wages of sin. Let

the reader turn to 2 Kings 17 and read verses 7 through 18 for the fuller picture.

It was in the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel that the king of Assyria came and took Samaria and carried Israel away unto Assyria in captivity. "And it was so," we read, "because the children of Israel had sinned against Jehovah their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom Jehovah cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they made."

The children of Israel had built "high places" throughout their city and set up "pillars and Asherim" upon the high hills throughout the realm. Upon these high places they burnt incense "as did the nations whom Jehovah carried away before them." General wickedness prevailed throughout the land. Idols were served notwithstanding the fact that Jehovah had said unto them "Ye shall not do this thing."

Still Jehovah continued to appeal to Israel to turn back unto His ways. Through prophet and seer the message went out unto them: "Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the laws which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by my servants the prophets."

Israel would not hear, but "hardened their neck, like to the neck of their fathers, who believed not in Jehovah their God."

They rejected God's statutes and His covenant that had been made with their fathers. They disregarded the testimonies of Jehovah and following vanity they "became vain and went after the nations that were round about them." They even went so far as to use "divination and enchantments" and "sold themselves to

do that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah."

Finally Jehovah became "angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight" and Judah alone was left for a witness unto Jehovah.

As the Prophets Foretold

The fall of the Northern Kingdom need not have come unexpectedly to Israel. Fervently the prophets had pleaded for a return to the ways of Jehovah. In words of stern denunciation Isaiah had cried out against Ephraim and Judah.

"Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty . . . The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under foot" (Isa. 28:1-4).

Let the nations of today hear these words of the prophet Isaiah. The wages of sin is still death, and the nation that turns its back upon the ways of Jehovah shall one day go down to an ignoble end even as did the nation of Israel.

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BLACK IS NOT WHITE

Mr. Harold Stassen, a prominent leader among Northern Baptists, and former governor of Minnesota, was a guest speaker in the Southern Baptist Convention. In his remarks, Mr. Stassen said that he did not approve of the Southern Baptist Convention resolution on the recall of President Truman's representative to the Vatican, Mr. Myron C. Taylor; and the resolution protesting the use of tax money for transporting children to religious schools. Then he added that he did adhere to the doctrine of the "separation of church and state."

Mr. Stassen did not elaborate upon these statements. Personally we are unable to reconcile the two statements. We do not understand how one can believe in the "separation of church and state," and yet believe in the state using tax money to support churches and church enterprises.

We believe that black is black, and that white is white, but we do not believe that black is white. For a man to say that he believes in the "separation of church and state," and then say he disapproves a resolution protesting the use of tax money for church enterprises, is to say that white is black.

We cannot reconcile the statements. Such statements, however, may inspire many Roman Catholics to cast their votes for the maker of the statements. Such statements constitute a glaring contradiction.

115 Brotherhoods

Our state Brotherhood secretary, Mr. Nelson Tull, is a "wheel horse." He has been exceedingly busy organizing Brotherhoods. When a Brotherhood is organized, Secretary Tull immediately tries to show the organization the importance of its major work.

Wherever it is practicable, he conducts a revival for a few days, and leads the men in doing personal work. Usually a very fruitful revival with a large ingathering is the net result.

Secretary Tull has organized 26 new Brotherhoods, and there are now 115 Brotherhoods in the state. Tull is a great worker.

Mrs. J. R. Woods

Mrs. James R. Woods, Hamburg, recently passed to her reward. She was the devoted wife of Rev. J. R. Woods, who is a very widely known and popular man in Ashley County.

Bro. Woods has been state senator, and he is a splendid preacher. He is solid, and steady. He and Mrs. Woods reared a large family of fine children.

Mrs. Woods has been in failing health for sometime. She has been in the Baptist State Hospital for treatment more than once. She was one of the finest Christian women that we ever knew. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Bro. Woods.

S. A. Wiles Wins the Prize

Rev. S. A. Wiles was the clerk in Independence Association last year. The Sunday School Board gives a prize to the associational clerk producing the best associational minutes. Bro. Wiles won the highest grade in Arkansas last year. The grade given him by the Sunday School Board was 106.9 per cent. Brother Wiles has recently taken the mission work in Central Association and is living at Shorewood Hills, Malvern.

Rev. John Collier was clerk of Pulaski County Association, and his grade was 106.71 per cent. Bro. Collier is now pastor at Harrisburg. A close third was Pastor L. C. Tedford, Corning, who made a high grade on the "Summary" in Current River Association. The grade was 105.99 per cent. Other high grades were Roy Wright, Caddo River Association, 103.5 per cent, Rev. H. S. Coleman, Carey Association, "Summary" 95.0 per cent, and Rev. M. L. Wallis, Ouachita Association 71.40 per cent.

David P. Dellinger, clerk of Gaston Association in North Carolina won the Southwide contest for associational minutes with a perfect score.

Harris and Camden

Dr. T. L. Harris, pastor, First Church, Camden, is making great gains. On a recent Sunday there were 747 in Sunday School. They have had a great revival in which there were more than 100 additions, more than 80 for baptism. This is a great church, a great field, and a great pastor.

Dr. Compere Available

Dr. J. S. Compere, Corning, is constantly gaining strength. Although he has retired from the active pastorate, he is better able to preach than he has been for some time. His health is good, and he has his regular periods for study. He can supply your pulpit.

You can reach him by writing him at Corning. Dr. Compere is a mighty preacher. When he finishes his sermon you will not only feel that you have heard a well rounded discourse, but you will also know that you have been instructed, and inspired by his message.

Tribute to H. L. Lipford

Billy Rogers, of Earle, writes us of the work done by the former pastor, H. L. Lipford. Bro. Rogers laments that they have been slow to publish their appreciation of Bro. Lipford. Here are some of the gains that the church made under his ministry.

When Bro. Lipford went to Earle, the church was giving about 15 per cent of its receipts through the Cooperative Program. It is now giving 32 per cent. Bro. Lipford led the church in building the present educational building which is well planned and well constructed. He led in the establishment and development of two mission points which are still striving.

The church purchased a pastor's home valued at \$6,500 during Bro. Lipford's ministry there. The present enrolment is 560 resident members. This represents an increase of about 150 during his ministry. The church leads the other churches of the association. The church greatly appreciates the constructive ministry and the pungent preaching of Bro. Lipford.

The friends of Bro. Lipford will be glad to know that his health is improving. He expects to be able to become active again within the next few months.

Rev. C. L. Stocks Goes To His Reward

Sunday evening, May 11, after a happy day with his family and friends, who came to see him, Bro. C. L. Stocks, crossed the river, to be on the other side with his Lord. He was the last of the charter members of Norphlet Church.

Although Bro. Stocks had been in failing health for sometime, he seemed unusually buoyant and happy all day Sunday. Every member of his family had been present at sometime during the day. His pastor had called on him during the afternoon. About 11:30 at night he suddenly grew worse and passed away immediately.

Bro. Stocks was an ordained preacher for nearly 50 years. He had lived at Norphlet nearly all of his life. He was always a faithful church member, and had a great missionary spirit. His pastor, Loyal Prior, conducted the funeral services in the presence of an overflowing crowd.

Tract on Evangelism

If you need tracts on evangelism, we suggest that you write the Sunday School Board direct. It is impossible for us to keep enough tracts on hand to satisfy the demands.

If you write this office for tracts, please address your requests to Dr. C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of Missions, 214 Radio Center, Little Rock. Dr. Caldwell will have charge of evangelistic tracts.

A survey of world mission fields is presented in the International Review of Missions for April 1947. W. Y. Chen reports that in March 1947, it was estimated that there were 2,000 non-Roman Catholic missionaries in China compared with 8325 in 1926 and 6059 in 1936. There are now 6092 Roman Catholic missionaries in China.