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The Southern Baptist Convention Meeting In San Francisco, June 20-24

By the Editor

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Election Of Officers

There was keen interest in the election of officers and a number of able men were nominated for the presidency of the Convention.

ifested in the election of vice-presidents. The following were nominated for first vice president: James Wesberry of Georgia, John McCall of Tennessee, Forrest Feezor of Texas, and Ramsey Pollard of Tennessee. For second vice-president: C. C. Warren of North Carolina, W. H. Westmoreland of Texas, and W. R. White of Texas, were placed in nomination. This ballot resulted in the election of



Dr. R. G. Lee (left), retiring president of the Southern Baptist Convention, congratulates Dr. J. D. Grey, newly elected president.

Those nominated for president were Dr. Marshall Craig of Texas, Dr. J. D. Grey of Louisiana, Dr. R. C. Campbell of North Carolina, Dr. J. W. Storer of Oklahoma, and Mr. George B. Fraser of Washington, D. C. Voting was by ballot and since Dr. Craig and Dr. Grey received the greatest number of votes the ballot was taken again as between these two men, which resulted in the election of Dr. Grey, pastor, First Church, New Orleans, Louisiana.

While the tellers were counting the votes on the ballot for president, the present recording secretaries, Dr. Porter Routh and Dr. Joe Burton were re-elected to their present positions. Considerable interest was also man-

Forrest Feezor as first vice-president and W. R. White as second vice-president.

A peculiar situation was created by the results of this election. Dr. Feezor and Dr. White are both from the same city, Waco, Texas. They are members of the same church in Waco, the First Baptist. Dr. Feezor is pastor of the church and Dr. White, who is a member of the church, is president of Baylor University.

Since considerable time was required for counting the ballots and since the Convention program did not provide for this time to

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Repentance and Faith

A Devotion by the Editor

"Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."

A vision of God will produce repentance and faith.

When Job saw God and heard His voice he said, "I abhor myself and repent in dust and ashes." One has never seen himself as he actually is until and unless he has had a vision of God. Men become pompous, inflated, conceited, when they forget God and lose their sense of His presence and His knowledge of them. They may say boastful things, and brag of their goodness and greatness. It requires but one clear sight of God to reveal to any person his own littleness and sins. It is not an inspiring or beautiful picture one sees of himself in the light of God and he cannot be so proud of himself.

I once had a photographer in my church. She told me that frequently men would come in to have a photograph made with two days growth of beard on their faces. They thought it would make no difference until they saw the proofs, and then they were amazed. And the photographer would have to shave the photograph.

We do not see our own deformities and ugliness until we see ourselves in the light of God. And then, blessed truth, the God who reveals to us our blemishes can also remove them and transform us into the likeness of the Son of God.

And this blessed truth will inspire our faith in God. He does not reveal to us our sins to drive us to despair, but to encourage us to trust in His redeeming grace.

A small boy was walking with his father along the river. "See, father," he said, "they are knocking the props away from under the bridge. What are they doing that for? Won't the bridge fall?" "No," said the father. "They are knocking them away that the timbers may rest more firmly upon the stone piers which are now finished."

God wants us to rest more firmly upon Him, when He reveals to us the broken props of the world upon which we have been depending.

A vision of God will enable one to pray. And, one's prayers will not be self-centered and mercenary but will be offered for others, especially for those who criticize.

"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now mine eye seeth thee.

"Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes." Job 42:5, 6.

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From The Editor's Desk

Appraising The Convention

It was a good Convention which met in San Francisco, June 20-24. While there were some real high peaks in the Convention program, proper, yet the program as a whole was on a high level. The spirit of the Convention was excellent. The California brethren proved themselves worthy of the Convention meeting in their midst and left nothing undone that would add to the comfort and convenience of those in attendance. One met with courtesy on every hand in San Francisco, in the hotels, on the streets, street cars, and other places of public service. Prices were high but that was to be expected. The weather was ideal and on several occasions people could be seen wearing top coats. It was said by those living in San Francisco that the only people who wore summer clothing there were the tourists.

Newspaper coverage of the sessions of the Convention was as good if not the best we have ever had. When someone expressed to the publisher of a San Francisco paper thanks for the coverage of the Convention, he said, "Don't thank us, thank your own publicity man, Mr. Albert McClellan; he has done the best job that we have ever had done in San Francisco, covering a Convention."

Great Addresses

There were many great sermons and addresses. The welcome addresses by Dr. S. G. Eney, executive secretary of the California Southern Baptist Convention, and Governor Earl Warren, were of the highest order. And the response by Harold G. Sanders of Florida was of the same high order as the welcome addresses. Dr. R. G. Lee was at his best in his president's address, and C. Roy Angell, Miami, Florida, delivered the Convention sermon in his own characteristic style.

The Convention as a whole was harmonious and an optimistic and aggressive attitude characterized each session. The reports from the agencies and institutions revealed marked progress during the past year and set forth challenging goals for the future. Every phase of the Convention life and activity is on the move forward. Advance is the watchword of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Expanding Program

It was to be expected, and will always be true of an expanding program, that the agencies and institutions placed before the Convention their larger needs if an expanded program is to be carried out. Scrupulous to live within their incomes, these agencies and institutions see the possibilities for a larger service when resources will justify further expansion.

We felt there were a few low points in the Convention program. This is said not in the spirit of criticism but merely of appraisal. Perhaps it is impossible to execute a program as extensive as the program of the Southern Baptist Convention without a few low points. We believe that Merrill D. Moore and Albert McClellan are doing a superb

job in their respective but related fields but the execution of their part of the program was not up to standard. It was not up to their own standard nor to the program as a whole. The presentation of the Cooperative Program did not reach the height of inspiration that was to be expected.

Proclaiming Love

We felt that one or two of the brethren were unnecessarily belligerent in their presentations, notably Dr. T. C. Gardner who read the report of the Committees on Relations with other Religious Bodies. The report was read in a fighting spirit but there was no one present to fight. The Convention has reaffirmed in each session for the past several years its position on unionism, the ecumenical movement, and other issues brought out in the report by Doctor Gardner. His report was a repetition of former statements of the Convention which was perfectly in order, but a clear proclamation delivered with conviction in the spirit of love would have been much more effective and would have made a better impression upon the Convention audience. Southern Baptists are not on the defensive. Southern Baptists are marching forward with a great program of evangelism and missions, education and benevolence, as they are entering new territory. And it is to be noted that Southern Baptists are respected by other religious bodies even though these bodies have frequently criticized Southern Baptists, these criticisms arising no doubt out of jealousy many times.

Home Mission Challenge

The field of the Home Mission Board has been greatly enlarged by the expansion of the territory in the far west and even to Alaska. It is doubtful that the Board has ever faced a greater challenge than it faces now. The Board is launching a five year program of expansion. This is commendable. However, we felt that the Home Mission Board claimed a little too much credit for itself in the growth of Southern Baptists in the past century. The accomplishments listed in the report of the Home Mission Board were aided and abetted by many other people, including local churches, pastors, state and associational missionaries. While it is true there are 25 million unchurched people in the home field, and while it is true that the Home Mission Board is committed to the evangelism of the unchurched, it is also true that the local churches, local pastors, state conventions with their mission programs, are committed to the evangelism of these same unchurched people. Having said this we wish to reaffirm our faith in the Home Mission Board and its mission.

Evangelistic Climax

It is entirely fitting that the Convention should move toward evangelistic services in the closing sessions. We believe that an all time high was reached in the Saturday and Sunday night evangelistic services of the San Francisco Convention. Reports, budgets,

Catholic Schools Receiving Public School Funds In Arkansas

So it is true that Catholic schools in Arkansas are receiving Public School funds and Catholic sisters dressed in their characteristic regalia are being paid salaries out of public school funds. This situation has developed in Arkansas quietly and without any publicity so that the tax payers of the state did not know what was going on. Since the situation has come to light it must not be covered up or hushed up until the responsible officials have corrected the situation.

For a local school board in any community to rent a Catholic building and to pay Catholic teachers out of public school funds does not make that school a public school. It is in every sense of the word a Catholic parochial school paid for out of public school funds. By no stretch of the imagination can it be considered a public school.

Mr. Mort Stern of the Gazette staff reported in the July 6 issue of the *Arkansas Gazette* that "in at least five communities Catholic sisters in uniform taught in public schools last semester, and the state paid part of their salaries."

We cannot say that Governor McMath and Education Commissioner A. B. Bonds Jr. received our open letter addressed to them and published in the June 14 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*. A marked copy of the *Arkansas Baptist* of that issue was mailed to each of these officials. However we can assure the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist* that Governor McMath and Mr. Bonds will be apprised of the situation and that the fact that public school funds are being channeled into Catholic schools and paid to Catholic teachers dressed in their Catholic uniforms will be called to the attention of these gentlemen.

We ask all Arkansas Baptists and other friends of the public schools to be alert and to watch for information as it may appear in the *Arkansas Baptist* or in the daily press. We also urge all friends of the public school system to exert their influence to the end that this raid upon the public school funds may be stopped immediately.

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God's Message to Me on Stewardship

I. God is the maker, owner, and giver of all things. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Genesis 1:1). "The earth is the Lord's, and all the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

—Baptist Bulletin

and the programs gave place to evangelism, and we report elsewhere the results of these two services. Howard Butt and W. A. Criswell were the evangelistic preachers, though Mr. Butt is a layman, Saturday night and Sunday night respectively. Each was at his best. The high wave of evangelistic fervor swept the Convention audiences. Souls were saved and there was rejoicing, not only at the Convention, but in heaven because sinners repented and trusted Jesus.

Kingdom Progress

Pine Bluff Church Has Six Ministers



Pastor D. C. McAtee, right, Second Church, Pine Bluff, presents a Bible to Charles B. Jordan, recently ordained to the gospel ministry.

Charles B. Jordan was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by Second Church Pine Bluff, D. C. McAtee, pastor. Mr. Jordan is a native of Saint Louis, Missouri. He spent five years in the army, 40 months of which was spent in a Japanese prison camp.

Mrs. Jordan was the former Miss Clesteen Hendrix, Burnsville, Mississippi. The Jordans have one child, Barbara, two years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan attended Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, last year. For several months Mr. Jordan served as the pastor of the church at Rosa, near Luxora.

Mr. Jordan is one of six young men from Second Church who have entered the ministry in the past eighteen months. A sixth young man, Ralph Page, who is still in high school has also made public his decision to enter the ministry.

The Criswell Revival In Little Rock

By DR. K. OWEN WHITE

Undoubtedly the County-wide Criswell Revival held in the Livestock Coliseum in Little Rock has been one of the greatest spiritual experiences ever to come to Arkansas. It has assembled the largest crowds, called forth more comment, received more recognition, and made the deepest impact upon the community of anything that has happened for years.

Quite evidently, Satan is fearful lest real revival should come to our Capitol city. From the first service to the last every sort of problem and difficulty presented itself. The public address system did not adequately carry the Preacher's voice, the weather was most inclement, the Fourth of July with its attendant celebrations came right in the midst of it. There were interruptions and unexpected developments, but God's Spirit has been at work. Those who were charged with the leadership felt that they could say individually, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me and there are many adversaries."

What a thrill it has been to see nearly 9,000 people assembled together for a religious

service; to listen to a choir of 500 voices singing the gospel story; to see 1,000 or more women dedicating themselves and their homes to God; to kneel with nearly fifty other Baptist preachers in front of the platform as tears of personal repentance and concern for others fell upon the sawdust.

Dr. Criswell is a mighty preacher of the gospel. His soul is aflame, his heart is moved by a deathless compassion for the lost. Clyde Taylor has done a superb piece of work in leading the music.

It is too early yet to evaluate the meeting fully. Many have begun a new chapter in their Christian experience. The pastors and churches of this county are going to feel the impact of this meeting on and on.

We believe that this meeting has been another demonstration of God's clarion call to America to turn from our sin and seek His face!

This report is necessarily incomplete, since it was written before the close of the campaign. Complete details will be given at the close of the meeting.—THE EDITOR.

Minister Ordained



Robert Beckwith

Robert E. (Bobby) Beckwith was ordained to the gospel ministry, June 10, by First Church, Paragould, D. C. Applegate, pastor.

Mr. Beckwith is a student in Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, and is the full time pastor of the Moark Baptist Church.

Commends Pastor Newton

A genuine loss has been sustained by Harmony Association in the going of T. T. Newton from First Baptist Church, Rison, to First Church, Canton, Texas. The Executive Board of Harmony Association, by unanimous vote, expressed its love and deep appreciation for Pastor Newton and commends him to his church, the Baptist fellowship of Texas, and to Christian friends everywhere. We know Brother Newton to be a Christian gentleman of the highest type and a true yokefellow in the Lord. You will find Brother Newton to be God's man, the preacher's friend, a loyal denominational worker, a faithful Bible preacher, a lover of the souls of men, and a Kingdom builder. Since coming to Rison five years ago he has led in the construction of a mission church and the completion of a beautiful, modern sanctuary and educational plant for the Rison Church at a cost of a little less than \$100,000 but with an insurable value of \$110,000. The debt on this fine structure is very small.

May God bless Brother and Mrs. Newton and their son and small daughter. We shall cherish their fellowship and pray for them and those with whom they may work.

Executive Board, Harmony Association
Lloyd A. Sparkman, Chairman
Homer Bradley
Sam D. Davis, Missionary

Deacon Ordained

Larkin L. Presson was ordained a deacon by the Beech Street Church, Gurdon, Sunday afternoon, July 1. Pastor Dale McCoy conducted the examination and Dr. David Moore, Arkadelphia, delivered the charge. Deacon Hody Butler, Prescott, offered the ordination prayer, and Pastor Wesley Lindsey, Prescott, delivered the ordination sermon.

Others participating in the services were: Clifton Morris, Dexter Blevins, S. E. Toomby, Dave Malcom, C. H. Thompson, Thomas D. Hill, J. A. Calloway, C. E. Hammonds, E. A. Croxton, H. E. Powell, S. M. Cooper, O. J. Seymour, Fred Davidson, F. T. Tugwell, Henry W. Wood, E. W. McClain, John T. Daniel, and Hollis Carleton.

Camden Church Has 4 Missions; 6 Licensed To Preach



First Church, Camden, T. L. Harris, pastor, opened the fourth full time mission in Camden, recently, when Pastor Fowler of the Bethel Mission conducted a tent revival in the eastern section of the city. The revival resulted in 36 baptisms and a mission was organized immediately, with a preacher being sent there for Sunday and Wednesday evening services. Three of the four missions now sponsored by First Church were begun with a tent revival.

a church in the near future.

Pastor Harris reports that each of the missions provide their own operating expenses.

First Church has received 644 members by baptism and 875 by letter or statement in the past seven years, with contributions amounting to \$343,554.

On Wednesday evening, June 6, the five young men pictured above were licensed by the church to preach the gospel. Reading from left to right they are: Samuel Teel Cathey; Charles Borth; Willys O. Colyar Jr., Sidney Goza, and Ben O. Bracken. Each of

these young men is active in the church program or in the missions, or acts as supply pastor elsewhere in the state, says Pastor Harris.

Another youth, not pictured, has requested license to preach since the last action of the church; he is Verner Sawyer.

Other young ministers of the church are, Marvin Mays, student in Southern College, Walnut Ridge; Melvin Hampton, Fairview; Edsel Lusby and Willys Crosby, students at Ouachita.

Calvary Mission expects to organize into

Osceola Mission Receives 19

The mission of the First Church, Osceola, J. A. Hogan, pastor, has been engaged in a revival meeting, June 17-June 29, with Truett Murphy as visiting speaker for the services. There were 19 additions to the church during this revival.

Special music was furnished by various churches over the county. Mr. Ray Mann was singing director and Mrs. Gill Mastin was pianist.

The mission Vacation Bible School had an enrolment of 83 with an average attendance of 72.

Revival at Pleasant Grove

Pastor Ray Runyan and the Pleasant Grove Church, near Imboden, had the services of S. Allen VanHorn in a revival meeting from May 28 to June 3. There were 17 additions by baptism to the church membership.

Howard Begins Fifth Year At Central, Jonesboro

Some indication of the church program at Central, Jonesboro, under the leadership of Pastor Reese S. Howard is indicated by the following statistics:

A total of 276 members have been received into the church fellowship during Pastor Howard's ministry at Central Church or an average of 69 each year. Gifts to the denominational program have increased 35 per cent during the same period. The church property and equipment have been increased by the purchase of a home for the pastor; furnishings for three Sunday School departments; the installation of new pews in the auditorium; improvements made on the building and grounds.

While these improvements were being made the church has accumulated \$16,000 in the building fund.

Pastor Howard says, "Some of the finest Christians on the face of the earth are members of Central Church. We are having additions to the church almost every Sunday."

Adult Re-Organization Successful

Pastor W. B. Tatum and First Church, Pine Bluff, recently graded the adult department of the Sunday School. In the reorganization, three adult departments were set up with a grand total of 18 classes. A statement in the church bulletin says:

"The spirit of co-operation prevailed last Sunday morning (June 24), when every member of the Adult departments met in the main auditorium for the experience of re-organization. With few exceptions all joined in the fine spirit and manifested a willingness to make any adjustments necessary for a type of organization which is calculated to put more people to work and make possible the reaching of more people for our Lord.

"The day's activities have been rightly referred to as a spiritual experience. A Christian spirit characterized every move that was made."

Vacation Bible School Enrolls 324

The offering of \$54.85 given by the Vacation Bible School of the West Helena Church was designated to the Cooperative Program. The enrolment of the school reached the impressive figure of 324, with an average attendance of 231. Four conversions were witnessed during this school.

Preparation day on Friday preceding the opening of the school was climaxed with a parade two blocks long, led by the fire truck and with police escort.

Wesson Church Has Successful Meeting

The Wesson Church was engaged in a revival meeting in June with the pastor, Charles Nash, doing the preaching, and Charles Lowery, associate pastor of Second Church, El Dorado, as song director. There were 14 professions of faith as a result of this meeting.

First Church, Cushman Has Good Meeting

First Church, Cushman, Emmett Cross, pastor, had Evangelist Ken Chapman of Tennessee in a revival meeting, June 3-17.

There were eight conversions and ten additions by baptism. Fifteen family altars were established as a result of this meeting.

First Church, Hot Springs In Bible School

First Church, Hot Springs, John L. Dodge, pastor, reports an enrolment of 180 with an average attendance of 145 in their recent Vacation Bible School. A mission offering of \$40 was taken to be given to the Cooperative Program. Adam Gebhardt, associate pastor, was principal of the Bible School.

First Church, Nettleton Has Bible School

First Church, Nettleton, George W. Boyd, pastor, completed a ten-day Vacation Bible School with a commencement program in the church auditorium on June 22.

Mrs. Una Cole, principal of the school, reported an enrolment of 118 with an average attendance of 95 throughout the Bible School.

Pastoral Change

Bill Pratt, who has been pastor of the Pleasant Hill and Oak Grove Churches in Caroline Association for the past two years, has accepted the pastorate of the New Hope Church in Carey Association and assumed his duties on July 1.

Mr. Pratt is a senior student in Ouachita College.

B. S. U. Summer Officers at A. S. T. C.

Beverly Haynes, a senior Home Economics major at Arkansas State Teachers College, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union for the summer session.

Other executive council members are: Maxine Sims, devotional chairman; Jo Ann Gillum, secretary; LaRuth Jenkins, publicity chairman; and Carroll Adams, pianist.

The Southern Baptist Convention



Recording secretaries of the Southern Baptist Convention: Dr. Porter Routh, left; and Dr. Joe Burton.



Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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be occupied by other features, the Convention was both entertained and inspired by special musical numbers. Those contributing to this phase of the program were a Mrs. Parchman from Bellevue Church, Memphis, Mrs. Joe Trussell, Dr. Kearnie Keegan, who sang two Negro spirituals, and Charlie Taylor and W. Hines Sims.

This feature was a real talent show and the Convention audience enjoyed it immeasurably.

Thursday Night

The Thursday evening program was given to the Home Mission Board which presented an impressive report of its accomplishments in the past, its present program, and the challenge of the future.

During its 106 years of operation, missionaries of the Home Mission Board have organized 10,012 churches and reported 1,011,134 professions of faith. One conversion is reported for every \$34.97 expended by the Board.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, in his report states that the past ten years 988,642 square miles of territory have been added to the Home Mission Board field. In this territory there are 22,000,000 people. The greatest expansion of Home Mission Board territory has taken place within the last few years when many of the western states have been added to the Southern Baptist territory. "These western states, together with the four western provinces of Cuba, the Canal Zone, Panama, and Alaska, give to the Home Mission Board a field of 75,000,000 people, 25,000,000 of whom are wholly unchurched.

"In this group of unchurched people there are 10,000,000 foreigners, of which over 2,000,000 are Spanish speaking people; 700,000 French; 600,000 Italians; and more than 3,000,000 are in the smaller European and Asiatic groups."

It would seem logical for the Home Mission Board to curtail some of its expenditures in the more highly developed areas of the Southern Baptist Convention, particularly in the great cities where the city mission program is taken over by the churches of the city and to divert a larger portion of its funds and efforts in these great home mission fields of the far west.

Friday Morning

The special features of interest in the Friday morning session were the Alaskan Petition, the report on Baptist papers, the report of the Sunday School Board, and a sermon by Dr. H. H. Hobbs of Oklahoma.

The constituency from Alaska was admitted to membership in the Southern Baptist Convention but the Alaskan brethren will not be represented on the boards of the Convention until they reach a membership of 25,000.

Dr. L. L. Carpenter, editor of the *Biblical Recorder* of North Carolina and president of the Baptist Press Association, presented the report on Baptist papers.

Dr. Carpenter reported that the circulation of Baptist state papers in the South had gone from 200,000 in 1940 to over 850,000 in 1950. The goal set for 1950 for 1,000,000 circulation by Southern Baptist state papers. That goal was not quite reached. However circulation of 850,000 is an impressive figure.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, chairman of the Baptist circulation campaign committee, declared that, "if we are to go forward, we must be informed, indoctrinated, and inspired." It was Dr. Newton's interpretation of the function of Baptist papers to render this important service.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, presented the report of that agency of the Convention. The program presented by the Sunday School Board featured the sixtieth birthday of the Board.

Dr. Louie D. Newton of Georgia spoke to the report and reviewed the history of the Sunday School Board, noting the growth of the Board and its constantly expanding program of service to the denomination.

The morning session reached a climax in the message of Dr. H. H. Hobbs, of Oklahoma in an address on "The Bible, Our Message." In his message, Dr. Hobbs emphasized that the Bible is our only rule of faith and practice; that it has stood through the centuries against, and in spite of, the critics and those who have attempted to destroy it; that it is the vital and living Word of God today which contains the only message of salvation for sinful men.

Friday Afternoon

The Baptists of Arkansas and other friends will appreciate the fact that Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas and a member of the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, a vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, presided during the Friday afternoon session of the Convention.

While this was Congressman Hays' first experience in this capacity he assumed the responsibility like a veteran and presided with dignity and distinction.

Dr. John L. Hill, Nashville, reported to the Convention on assemblies. He stated that the Glorietta Assembly in New Mexico is being developed on the 1,300 acres of land owned by the Convention. The grounds are being prepared, a deep well has been drilled, and two buildings, the administration building and a dormitory, are being planned. "It is hoped," said Dr. Hill, "that the assembly may be opened at Glorietta next year."

Dr. C. H. Bolten, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, made a strong appeal in the interest of that agency of the Convention through which Baptists may serve the Lord through their denominational agen-

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Editors of Baptist State Papers



Top row: B. J. Murrie, Illinois; L. A. Myers, New Mexico; R. T. Skinner, Kentucky; Keuben E. Ally, Virginia; John J. Hurt Jr., Georgia; H. S. Jones, South Carolina; W. Barry Garrett, Arizona; Aubrey Clem, Kansas. Bottom row: B. H. Duncan, Arkansas; H. H. McGinty, Missouri; Leon Macon, Alabama; W. G. Stracener, Florida; Finley W. Tinnin, Louisiana; David M. Gardner, Texas; Richard N. Owen, Tennessee; Floyd Looney, California; B. F. Goodrich, Mississippi; L. L. Carpenter, North Carolina.

cies and institutions by bequests and annuity endowments.

The closing message Friday afternoon was delivered by Billy Graham, the noted evangelist. The auditorium, reported to seat 12,000 people, was packed for this particular occasion. The largest attendance yet witnessed during the sessions of the Convention.

Evangelist Graham made a profound impression upon the Convention audience as indicated by the frequent responses of applause and amens. He paid tribute to Southern Baptists and declared that if America is saved from collapse, Southern Baptists have the high responsibility of leading in a great revival of religion.

Evangelist Graham said that this is an age of intellectual failure, moral collapse, political confusion, corruption, and suicide.

Communism, he said, is empowered by a super-natural power by the devil. "We will never counter communism," said the speaker, "until we become as fanatical for Christ as communists are fanatical for communism."

He declared that evangelism must be church centered, that if it is not church centered it is not permanent. The revival, he said, must start in the church and among the church members, many of whom doubtless have never been converted.

He declared that the greatest peril of America is the judgment of God and the judgment of God, if America does not repent and come back to God, may be overrunning of America by Russian communists.

Friday Night

The Friday night session was given over almost exclusively to the Foreign Mission Board. The program was under the direction of Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Board.

The Convention audience experienced mingled emotions as the heroism, the suffering, and the faithfulness of Chinese Christians were recounted under the reign of terrorism and persecution by the communists. Many Chinese Christians have suffered martyrdom and others imprisonment and other types of persecution.

However it was the firm conviction of Dr. Rankin and others who spoke that Christianity was deeply rooted and firmly established in China and that the Chinese Christians were carrying on and would continue to carry on in the name of Christ.

A fitting tribute was paid to Dr. William

L. Wallace, a medical missionary who was arrested by the communists and who died while in prison.

The missionaries to China have been relocated in the Philippines, Formosa, and other areas adjacent to the China mainland. These missionaries are preaching to the Chinese in these other locations. Only three Southern Baptist missionaries remain in China and they will move to other points as soon as practicable. Since the communists are determined to remove all foreign influence from China, the presence of our missionaries in China makes it more difficult for the native Chinese Christians. Our missionaries have remained in China as long as they have felt their services would contribute to the Christian cause in that land.

One of the most inspiring features of the program was the presentation of the new appointees to foreign mission work. It is customary to deliver a charge to new appointees who are being sent out to the various foreign mission fields. In lieu of this charge, Dr. Rankin read a letter from Mrs. Julius Hickerson, whose husband was killed in an airplane crash in Colombia, South America.

The response to this charge was delivered by one of the appointees who challenged Southern Baptists to match the lives of the missionaries with their own devotion to the cause of our Lord as represented in our foreign mission program and a further challenge to young men and young women to offer themselves for missionary service. This presentation of the new appointees was closed by a prayer by Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Convention.

The program of the Foreign Mission Board and the Friday night session were closed with a moving picture entitled "He Has Not Failed in Latin America." The picture told the story of a young man in Brazil who in the hours of his deep despondency found Christ as his Lord. He and his sweetheart attended the Baptist schools and he is now pastor of one of the Brazilian churches. It was an impressive story and presented a very clear and understandable picture of the work in South America.

Saturday Morning

The Saturday morning session opened with a Memorial service for those of our number who have passed on to their heavenly reward during the past year. Dr. John J. Hurt Sr.,

Officers Elected to Serve For 1951-52

- President,** J. D. Grey, pastor, First Church, New Orleans, Louisiana.
First Vice President, Forrest C. Feezor, pastor First Church, Waco, Texas.
Second Vice President, W. R. White, President Baylor University, Waco, Texas.
Secretaries: Porter Wroe Routh, Nashville, Tennessee.
 Joe Wright Burton, Nashville, Tennessee.
Treasurer: Duke Kimbrough McCall, Nashville, Tennessee.

Georgia, chairman of the Memorial Committee, read tributes to a number of persons who had died during the year, two of whom were Arkansans who had made a great contribution to the work in Arkansas. They were Dr. Otto Whittington and Dr. C. W. Daniels.

Also Dr. Hurt presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions which follows:

Report of Committee on Resolutions

We would record our deepest appreciation of the superb arrangements made by our brethren of California for our meeting place, and for the provision of all needed facilities for carrying on the business of this Convention;

Likewise the newspaper coverage of this Convention by religious and secular papers from far and near; and the publicity given by several different radio stations, our own men of distinction being speakers.

We have been impressed by the uniform courtesy of the people of San Francisco and their neighbors, whether public officials or citizens in private life. The East and the West, the North and the South have met together, and we believe that all of us are better because of it.

When we turn our faces homeward in a day or two, we shall go with a fervent "God bless you" for those who have made our stay on the Pacific Coast both pleasant and profitable.

Approved by Committee, John J. Hurt Sr., Chairman.

Time, Place, and Preacher 1952

Time—May 13-16

Place—Miami, Florida

Preacher—Ramsey Pollard, Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tennessee; alternate, R. E. Naylor, First Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

1953

Time—May 4-10

Place—Houston, Texas

Southern Baptist Hospital

Dr. Frank Tripp, superintendent, presented the report of the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans.

The report revealed that this is the twenty-fifth year of the hospital's services as an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. During the past year, 30,849 received treatment in that hospital. Of this number 18,081 were In-Patients and 12,768 were treated as Out-Patients. The average daily occupancy was the highest in any year of the hospital's history.

The hospital is in the process of expanding

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Billy Graham addressing the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco.

its facilities and the construction of a nine-story fire-proof building which, when completed, will add approximately 175 beds to the present capacity and provide new laboratory, X-ray, blood bank, medical records library, and physical therapy department. Also included in the new addition is an auditorium or assembly room with a seating capacity of 200. Also a new cafeteria for student nurses and hospital employees is being provided.

Public Affairs Committee

Dr. Walter Pope Binns, chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, delivered the following statement to the press:

"There has been developed in this country a clearer understanding of the issue of religious liberty and the principles of separation of church and state as a result of the Baptist Public Affairs Committee and Protestants and other Americans. The first amendment of the Constitution means much more than to prohibit the establishment of a state church. The men who made that amendment said Congress shall 'make no law respecting the establishment or prohibiting the free ex-

ercise thereof.' They intended more than merely to prohibit an established religion. They intended to build a wall of separation between church and state in the words of Thomas Jefferson.

"I approve the action of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in expressing the opinion that there is no violation of the principles of separation of church and state involved in the participation of lay church workers, of employees of Baptist schools, hospitals, and orphanages in the social security plan of the government.

"Such participation involves no grants to Baptist churches or institutions. The lay individuals who participate do so as American citizens.

"The value of the participation in social security is that it gives coverage to low income workers whose work is transient. Many of our institutions are recognizing a moral obligation to provide a plan which would take in all its low income transient employees."

Separation of Church and State

Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, delivered a message on "SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE, A SPIRITUAL IMPERATIVE."

"Thomas Jefferson was convinced that separation was best for both the church and state. Roger Williams considered religion by force as rape of the soul. The Word of God teaches that where the Spirit of the Lord there is liberty. Jesus says that the Father seeketh such to worship Him as worship in spirit and in truth.

"I think of the 'spirit' as something free, unfettered, spontaneously and voluntarily responsive. 'With' him means not only that which is true but that which is genuine, real, sincere.

"Voluntariness is essential to spirituality. The union of church and state brings in a measure of force. Pure religion and force are as incompatible as all forms of totalitarianism and freedom. The soul can no more come to its own within the framework of legal restraints than an eagle can soar in a cage.

"All free peoples invalidate testimony obtained under duress. The friends of justice every where have been horrified by the confessions obtained by force in totalitarian states. Too much pressure in democratic countries sometimes intimidates the innocent into confessing guilt. This meets with indignant reactions whenever it is evident.

"The power and prestige of the state on the side of a particular church greatly reduce the free play of voluntary choice in the individual. Even if all beliefs are united with the state in a legal compact the non-church and irreligious individuals are greatly handicapped in the exercise of free choice.

"Sincerity and genuineness take a terrible beating where the pressures of legal prestige or penalties for non-conformity obtain. Hypocrisy in life and religion is frequent enough in any atmosphere but the causes are multiplied and intensified in the atmosphere of the unholy union of church and state.

"It is harmful to the church to lean on the state. The church should earn and merit the voluntary response of its constituency. It should not rely on some political force for its prestige and strength. Its weight should depend on worth, not pressure.

"The church which is supported by tax money and the individual supporting his church by such a process are both the victims of a mechanical operation. There is no real spiritual reaction in such a transaction. The church is not careful to deserve that which it receives from one who has no choice. The man who does not choose from his own heart to support a church misses the higher rewards of generosity.

"History is replete with examples of decline in spiritual quality of those churches which could lean heavily on material props for its support and promotion. The church should ever be dependent on spiritual resources and realities for its prosperity and prestige.

"History vindicates this contention. Yes, rare souls have risen in state churches. But they have emerged in spite of the system and because they have been big enough not to be suffocated by it. Both Protestantism and Catholicism are more virile and spiritual in America than in any state church country.

"Legal superiority begets a superiority complex. It produces a pharisaical complex. The powerful prestige given by establishment tends to make many look down on others as the lesser breeds of the law. This begets a

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rankling resentment that plagues the higher ministry of the church to others.

"Privileged priority contributes to static stagnation. Necessity is not only the mother of invention in the material sphere, it is the atmosphere of creative progress. Instead of church leaders bestirring themselves to greater resourcefulness in spiritual ministries, they are inclined to exploit political advantages. In fact they become politicians planning strategy to increase or sustain their political stronghold. Shielded by a legal sanctuary they are inclined to either be at ease in Zion or to make war on the underprivileged non-conformists.

"Spiritual decay and stagnation set in as the weightier things of spiritual life are neglected. The atmosphere for spiritual growth and progress becomes foul and diseased. The wheels of the kingdom bog down. A dark age sets in.

"Realistic criticism and cross examination are essential to a healthy social organism. The state church does not receive criticism and cross examination very gracefully. In fact it has often invoked the power of the state to suppress it. In any case the full effect of exposure is nullified by this shielded sanctuary of legal status. Every institution should be exposed to the light of truth frequently. Otherwise its life becomes diseased and static.

"Spiritual health is essential to all freedoms. A sick body is not a free body. Soul liberty is the taproot of all liberty. Men who are free at the center are free in prison or concentration camps. That which fetters the soul endangers our liberty.

"It is true too often that state churches require the suppression of other freedoms in order to make secure their positions. Freedom of speech, press, and thought are circumscribed and often suppressed. The right to present one's faith to the conscience of another is denied. The right of assembly and processes of justice are frequently denied.

"The greatest of all dangers is the damage done to the souls of men in an unholy atmosphere of force, regulations, and regimentation. Stunted consciences, warped minds and atrophied souls do not provide good soil for freedom."

Saturday Night

There was no session on Saturday afternoon. The Saturday night session was a Youth rally featuring the Baptist Student Union department of the Sunday School Board and under the direction of G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary.

A unique feature of this program was the personal testimony of Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, motion picture and radio stars. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers both testified to their personal experience with Jesus and the value and the resultant joy of their Christian home. Roy spoke of their children asking the blessing at the table, and referred to these religious sessions around the dining table as the most vital experiences of their lives.

Dale Evans sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and then Roy and Dale together with other members of their troop sang "In the Garden." This was a very impressive feature of the Saturday night session.

Evangelistic Appeal

The service reached a climax in the message of Howard Butt, a young layman of Texas. Mr. Butt's subject was "What Happens When Jesus Comes?" He based his message



Dr. F. Townley Lord, London, England, and president of the Baptist World Alliance, addressing the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco.

upon the scene in the High Priest's house where Jesus was taken upon His arrest. There Peter denied his Lord and suddenly he saw Jesus looking at him. And the cock crew and Peter went out and wept bitterly.

The speaker searched the hearts and consciences of his hearers by asking them what their reaction would be if Jesus should suddenly stand in their presence and look into their eyes.

The speaker reached a climax in an evangelistic appeal and an invitation to accept Christ as Savior. Many persons came forward to confess their faith in Christ as Lord. It was like a great revival meeting, in fact it was a revival meeting. I would judge that 75 to 100 people came forward, doubtless many of them were Christian people who accompanied their unsaved friends. Perhaps others were Christians rededicating their lives. All were led to an adjoining room for further inquiry and counsel.

Sunday

On Sunday morning, approximately 175 visiting ministers preached in the churches in the San Francisco Bay area. There was no session of the Convention Sunday morning.

Since I left Sunday morning for the return trip to Little Rock, I was not present at the Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening services. However the program called for a Christian Home service Sunday afternoon under the direction of Dr. Joe W. Burton of Tennessee.

Special music was provided for this service by a 200 voice choir from San Francisco churches, Wilbur F. Martin, director.

Congressman Brooks Hays, Arkansas, delivered an address on the subject "Southern Baptists and Christian Homes." We shall publish Congressman Hays' address in a subsequent issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*. An interesting feature of the Sunday afternoon program was an interview of the Toxey T. Fortinberry family of Memphis, Tennessee. There are nine children in this family.

The principle address for this service was

delivered by Dr. R. G. Lee on the subject "Ramparts of Righteousness." This service was closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Sunday Night

The Sunday night session began with the Training Union hour directed by J. E. Lambdin, secretary, Training Union department of the Sunday School Board.

Following the Training Union hour the Sunday night service and the last session of the Convention came to a great climax in an evangelistic service under the joint direction of C. E. Matthews, superintendent of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, and San Francisco Bay area churches.

The sermon, "Christ and This Crucial Hour," was delivered by W. A. Criswell of Texas. Dr. Criswell closed his sermon with an urgent evangelistic appeal. The response to the evangelistic appeals on Saturday and Sunday nights were reported by the *California Southern Baptist* as follows:

Youth Night

Professions of faith	20
Decisions for Special Service	2
Rededications	43
Other decisions	18

Sunday Night

Professions of faith	35
Decisions for Special Service	19
Rededications	57
Combined offerings for the two nights	\$3,315.75

Arkansans on Committees-Boards Of Southern Convention

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

Foreign Mission Board: M. Ray McKay, Little Rock.

Home Mission Board: O. L. Bayless, Hot Springs.

Sunday School Board: John L. Dodge, Hot Springs.

Relief and Annuity Board: W. O. Vaught, Jr., Little Rock.

Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky: Sam Reeves, El Dorado.

Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas: E. C. Brown, Blytheville.

New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, La.: T. K. Rucker, Forrest City.

Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California: Bernes K. Selph, Benton.

Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina: W. B. Tatum, Pine Bluff.

Southern Baptist Hospital: (no report on this vacancy).

Education Commission: E. A. Provine, Arkadelphia.

Social Service Commission: Brooks Hays, Little Rock and Washington, D. C.

Radio Commission: K. O. White, Little Rock.

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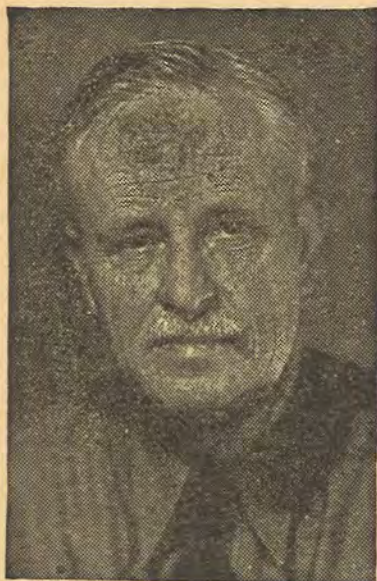
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We believe in the Lordship of Christ, and because of that we believe that the state cannot direct the religious experiences of its citizens.

Eminent Writing Instructor At Ridgecrest



Walter S. Campbell

A teacher of writing who has succeeded both as a writer himself and in training students to write successfully will conduct a workshop on writing nonfiction at the Writers' Conference, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, the first week of August.

He is Professor Walter S. Campbell, director of the University of Oklahoma's courses in professional writing. Campbell has published twenty-one books and has contributed to many magazines, both popular and literary.

During the past twelve months, his graduates and pupils reported the sale of 877 free lance items, including 15 books, movie rights to two stories.

Mr. Campbell is the author of four textbooks on writing.

The annual Writers' Conference at Ridgecrest, sponsored by the Editorial Division of the Baptist Sunday School Board, is open to all who are interested in writing. This year's program includes workshops on writing curriculum, fiction, and newspaper stories, in addition to nonfiction.

Feature addresses will be "Our Readers and Our Region" by Professor H. C. Brearley of Peabody College and "The Christian Answer to the World's Questions" by President S. L. Stealey of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Conferences dates are August 2-8.

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Have You a Son or Friend At Annapolis?

Pastor W. C. Wood, College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, Maryland, requests that all BAPTIST PASTORS AND PARENTS HAVING BOYS IN THE U. S. NAVAL ACADEMY write College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, of these boys and their address at the Academy. Our Church with its Sunday School and Training Union Organizations is eager to contact all Baptist boys in the Naval Academy and to extend to them all possible fellowship and Christian service. In addition, there are homes within the membership of the Church which from time to time welcome these boys as guests.

The church address is 90 College Avenue, Annapolis, Maryland. Three short blocks from the Academy grounds.

Baptists And Relief For Korea

DR. R. PAUL CAUDILL, *Chairman*
Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee

This question is being asked on every hand: "What are Baptists doing; and what can they do to help in the relief effort now being undertaken by other groups in behalf of the refugees in war-torn Korea?"

In answer to the above question, we wish to make the following observations.

1. Baptists as a whole are not engaged at this time in an extensive relief effort in behalf of Korea because of the fact that the military picture up until now has made it impossible for private relief agencies to operate in Korea. In fact, all relief efforts in behalf of Korea have had to be channeled through the military, with the actual distribution of supplies being made by the United States Command.

2. There are open at the present, however, a number of channels through which Baptists can assist in the relief of Korea.

First, American Relief for KOREA (ARK) with warehouses in Maspeth, New York, and Oakland, California, is prepared to process relief supplies for shipment to Korea through the military channels. Those desiring to send gifts of clothing may direct their parcels and cartons prepaid to:

The ARK
5215 Flushing Avenue
Maspeth, Long Island, New York
or
The ARK
10901 Russett Street
Oakland, California

Those sending relief supplies to ARK should likewise forward an offering to help defray the cost of processing the goods for shipment. Among the clothing desperately needed are the following items: sweaters, women's dresses and skirts, coats, socks and stockings, bathrobes, blankets and bedding, trousers, caps and gloves, overalls, mittens and mufflers, outer clothing, underwear, and shoes of all kinds and in all sizes for infants, boys and girls, men and women.

American Relief for Korea is an organization recently formed by members of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, together with the co-operation of the Department of State, with Mr. Douglas Fairbanks as the National Chairman. The headquarters of the organization is at 133 East 39th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

Second, Baptists can purchase CARE packages though these, likewise, must be transported and distributed by the military.

Third, Southern Baptist Missionary John Abernathy, who left Seoul just before the city originally fell, is now back in Korea and is prepared to minister in a limited way to those in need through funds supplied by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Missionary Abernathy, we understand, plans soon to make a survey of the needs as they exist with a view to guidance in subsequent ministries.

Fourth, cash offerings may be sent to the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance through the respective denominational headquarters, or for that matter to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, so as to make possible funds for the continuing ministry of the Relief Committee in Korea.

According to Dr. Pyun Young Tai, minister of the Republic of Korea, who left Pusan on May 6, and who met with the executives of

Seminary Professor



Dr. John Newport

Dr. John Newport, Springfield, Missouri, has accepted the position of associate professor in the Department of New Testament at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, announces President Roland Q. Leavell.

Dr. Newport received his Th.M. and Th.D. from the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, and has completed his residence work on the Ph.D. from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

His pastoral experience includes four years in Kentucky and nearly three years in Clinton, Mississippi, where he was pastor of the student church for Mississippi College. He went from there to the Immanuel Baptist church of Tulsa, Oklahoma, a church that has been among the leaders in numbers of baptisms in Oklahoma for several years. It has the largest Training Union in the state.

Dr. Newport left Tulsa to teach in Baylor University where he has taught until accepting the call to New Orleans. Mrs. Newport is a native of Nashville, Tennessee. They have two children, Martha Ellen and Frank Marvin.

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Our outstanding men and women are the result of careful training during their childhood and the successful efforts of good parents. Sunday school teachers and clergymen have an unequalled challenge to reach out and influence the innermost lives of youth and adults alike. It is on both fronts that the attack against delinquencies must be made.

American Relief for Korea on May 11, states that South Korea has some 10,000,000 inhabitants with an estimated 5,000,000 refugees from North Korea who are in a state of "utter misery." It is obvious, therefore, that there is desperate need for immediate relief on the part of millions of Koreans. Let us pray that Baptists may not fail in their effort to help relieve this tragic area of need.

The Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance is now considering further plans with regard to the ministry of Baptists in help-plans materialize, they will be announced.

Dr. Jeff Ray, Baptist Leader, Dies Suddenly

Dr. Jeff D. Ray, well-known Southern Baptist pastor, teacher, and author, died June 18 in a Fort Worth, Texas, hospital.

Dr. Ray, known to many of his former students at Southwestern Theological Seminary as "Uncle Jeff," was ill about two weeks before the end came.

During his brief illness he fretted because he could not be up about his work, and even though in an oxygen tent, demanded that he be allowed to write his column, "Your Problems and Mine," for a local newspaper.

Dr. Ray celebrated his 90th birthday last November 24, something he had prayed for since he was 86. "I do not pray that I may live to be 90 years old just for the sake of living, for an alligator can do that," he related to friends. Instead, he wanted to be able to serve his Lord, Country, Church, and neighbors as long as possible. His prayer was fulfilled for he served actively until his death.

Dr. Ray became ill while returning by train from Pelham, N. Y., where he had visited his daughter, Mrs. Edward M. Freeman. His death occurred on the opening day of the Southern Baptist Convention at San Francisco. For many years he had been a familiar figure at these conclaves.

Since his retirement from the faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Dr. Ray has devoted much of his time to writing.

In anticipation of his retirement, he approached a Fort Worth newspaper in 1935



concerning writing a column. He was surprised when the paper offered to pay him for a weekly column. Friends state that he wanted to write so that he could continue to be of service to his fellowman.

Later, after he retired, the column appeared four times weekly. In addition, he wrote a weekly Sunday School lesson.

Dr. Ray was born in 1860 at Victoria, Texas. His father was killed in the War Between the States in the Battle of Atlanta in 1863.

In his early days he worked first on a

farm for \$10 a month and board. He later worked as a printer's devil, grocery clerk, a cow puncher, a country school teacher, and was co-owner and co-publisher of a newspaper.

He attended the National School of Oratory in Philadelphia, Penn., in 1879. He was graduated from Waco University, later Baylor University, in 1882.

While at Waco as a student he became acquainted with B. H. Carroll, under whom he served when the Southwestern Seminary was first established at Waco. He was a friend of Dr. L. R. Scarborough, who succeeded Dr. Carroll as president of the Seminary.

He picked cotton for a week to get money to go to his first church at Huntsville, Texas, in 1882. Dr. Ray served a dozen churches as pastor during his long ministry. His last full-time pastorate was at the First Church, El Paso, Texas.

Dr. Ray attended the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., from 1895 through 1897. In 1907 he joined the faculty of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary and served as professor of homiletics for 37 years, retiring in 1943. During this time he taught more than 5,000 seminary students.

Dr. Ray is survived by his wife, whom Seminary friends know as "Miss Georgia." Other survivors are his son, H. C. Ray, Ft. Worth; his daughter Mrs. Freeman, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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With Arkansas Baptists and their friends coming from all parts of the State, we will need lots of barbecue to make this visitation day a real event. Would you like to help furnish the meat and trimmings? A calf, or a beef, or a hog; or potatoes, cold drinks, ice cream or money! We just want people to come and visit the Orphanage, and we would like to have everything cared for beforehand. Call, write, wire or send. We will arrange to get it! Let us know, by August 20, how many we can count on from your church.

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Pine Bluff Church Ground Breaking



The Bethel Church, Pine Bluff, observed ground breaking day on June 3, and work has already begun on the first unit of the new church plant. The first unit is to be a two story educational building with temporary auditorium on the first floor. Two other units are to be added later.

The Bethel Church was organized October 15, 1950 with 65 charter members. Since that time

108 persons have united with the church. Sunday School enrolment is 197 at the present time and Training Union enrolment is 116. The church has received \$17,000 in the general fund. The Broadway Bond Plan is being followed in the construction of the new building and more than \$45,000 has been raised in bonds.

Earl R. Humble is the pastor of Bethel Church.

Coming Events

Religious Education Department

July 7—Hymn-playing Tournament, State Assembly

July 13, August 25—Organized Summer Field Work (Training Union)

Sept. 4—State Associational Sunday School Leadership Meeting, Little Rock

Sept. 16-21—Forty-four Associational Sunday School Rallies

Oct. 15-16—State Sunday School Convention, Jonesboro

Oct. 29—State Associational Training Union Planning Meeting, Little Rock

Dec. 10—Training Union "M" Night

Dec. 30—Student Night at Christmas

Power for Opportunity

"How are you getting along with your work?" I once asked a printer.

"Fine," he replied, "we're almost up with our work now since the power came on." The power had been very weak for a number of days. He added, "We had to turn away so much work while the power was off that it didn't take long to catch up when the power did come on."

And I thought to myself, there are so many opportunities that we are forced to neglect because we do not have God's power to help us do them. May He help us to keep all the connections right so that we may always have the power for any opportunity.

—Baptist Bulletin Service

Transportation To Ridgcrest

This information is given for those wishing to go to Ridgcrest by bus. A Missouri Pacific bus leaves Little Rock at 3 p. m. and arrives at Ridgcrest the next afternoon at 2:32. The bus leaves Ridgcrest at 2:20 p. m. and arrives in Little Rock the following day at 11:30 A. M. The round trip fare from Little Rock to Ridgcrest is \$25.70 including tax.

A number of people would like to go in a car and pay one and one-half cents per mile both ways per person. If some one will furnish a car and take several other people with them it would be possible for a person to have his car expenses paid in that way.

If you have a car and would like to take several people with you to Ridgcrest for third Training Union Week, July 26-August 1, notify immediately the State Training Union Director:

REV. RALPH W. DAVIS,
212 Baptist Building, Little Rock



Department of MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

This and That in Missions And Evangelism

Evangelist M. E. Wiles assisted Missionary Carl Bunch and other workers in Mt. Zion Association in the organization of a church at Bono, June 17. He writes that in spite of the rain and mud, there were 22 to go into the organization of the church. Approximately \$2,500 was raised in cash and pledges of material.

Evangelist Wiles is now engaged in a revival meeting with the Gassville Church; Guy Hopper is the pastor.

Evangelist Hill is now engaged in a revival with the Marmaduke Church, Tom Poole, pastor.

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The Mission Committee will meet at the Baptist Headquarters July 16 to give consideration to the many applications for aid on buildings and pastors' salaries. The possibility of projecting some new mission work will be discussed.

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Superintendent C. W. Caldwell assisted Pastor Al Butler and the Dallas Avenue Church, Mena, in a revival which resulted in 18 additions to the church, 12 of whom were for baptism.

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Some of the out-of-state speakers already engaged for the state-wide Evangelistic Conference in 1952 are: Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board; Dr. Joe Burton, editor of the Home Life Magazine; and Howard Butt, Jr., businessman of Corpus Christi, Texas.

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Evangelist R. A. Hill reports a great revival in the Yellville Church, where Ben Kelley is the pastor. The church now feels that it can assume the entire responsibility of paying the pastor's salary and has doubled the amount for the Cooperative Program.

Missionary W. H. Efferson in Tri-County Association states that he believes the association will be able to become self-supporting in 1952 and thus not have to depend upon the State Board for further financial help. The association has voted by buy a public address system for the missionary's use.

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Do you have any deaf mutes in your town or association? The Mission Department is considering entering this field of mission work. There are some fine Baptists among the deaf people in Little Rock who are willing to go over the state on week-ends to conduct services with deaf people. If classes or services can be arranged for deaf people in the various sections of the state, the Mission Committee will probably vote to pay the expenses of workers to and from the communities where services are held.

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In the Sunday school we become united in prayer for the needs of the whole world. In times of crisis on the mission field it is a wonderful encouragement to know God's people are praying at home.

—Baker J. Cauthen

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The activities program of a church Brotherhood has exactly the same scope and the same limits as the program of the church. This is another way of saying that the Brotherhood has no program of its own. The Brotherhood exists for the purpose of putting the consecrated men of the church to work in order that the church shall be able to carry out its program of work more effectively.

Remember: A Brotherhood is not a civic club brought over into the church. Neither is a Brotherhood a "meet and eat" club or society. Neither is a Brotherhood a fellowship club (per se), although some of the finest Christian fellowship anywhere is enjoyed by Christian men as they work together at the tasks of the Kingdom.

A well managed Brotherhood gives not a single member the opportunity to make substitutes, through the program of the Brotherhood, for the God-given activities of the church. A good Brotherhood does not absorb the urges that Christian men have toward worthwhile Christian service. Instead, the Brotherhood provides continuing opportunities for such urges to be extended into effective Christian work. God wants His men not only to be busy, but to be busy within His will!

The carrying out of the Great Commission in all its phases (Matthew 28:18-20), is the sum total of the work of the church. The purpose of the Brotherhood is to enlist the manpower of a church in a continuing program of work which will put God's men into God's will, and thereby make the church to succeed and to prosper in every area of its life and work.

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Summer brings church Brotherhoods many fine opportunities for service. You can hold a mission revival in a school house or under a brush arbor, or in a home. You can do cottage prayer meeting work almost anywhere without the handicap of bad weather. You can do personal work anywhere, even out in the bottomlands that are accessible only during dry weather. You can search out individuals and families that are wholly unable to get to church—and take the Gospel to them.

You can have a fish fry for the men and boys of your community, and close it out with an evangelistic service and an appeal to lost men and boys to trust Christ.

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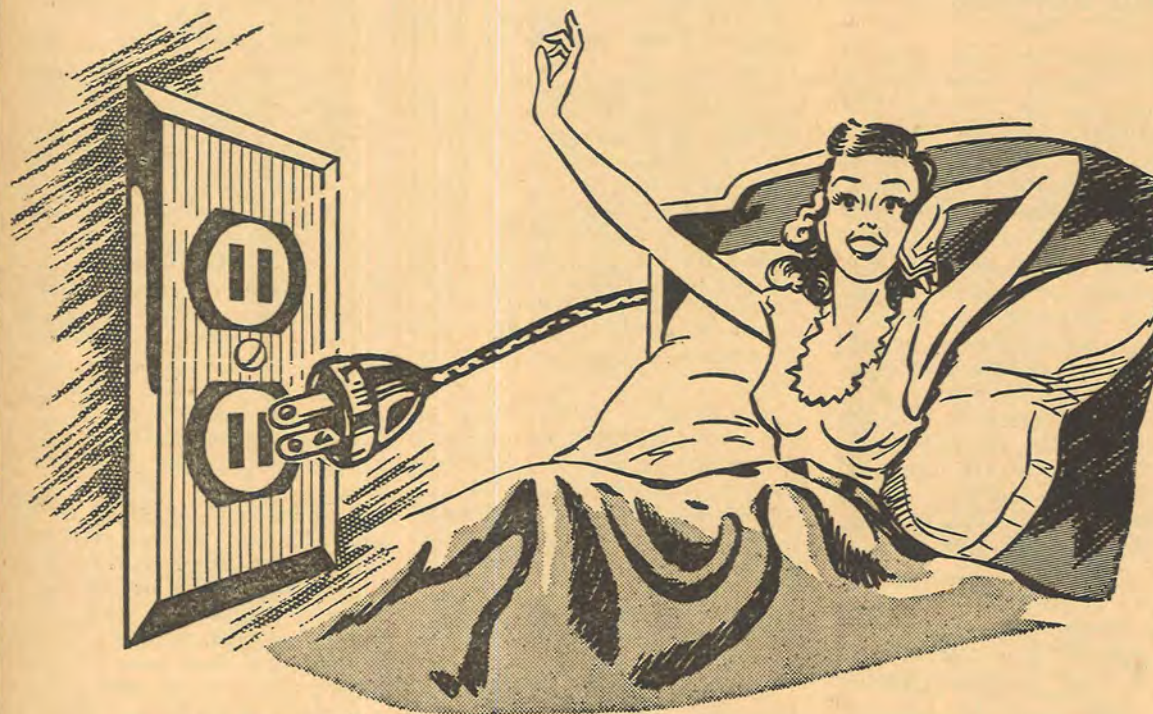
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W. H. Laubach, Little Rock, has been named Safety Chairman for the July Safety program, according to C. Stell Adams, Hot Springs, President for the Elks Association.

"Special attention should be given to safe, sane driving during July," said Laubach. "It's your responsibility to yourself, your family, and to those you meet along the road to drive a mechanically safe vehicle," he said.

Be careful—the life you save may be your own.

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No War—But Collapse

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Responsible observers are apprehensive that in our efforts to arm against Russia we can easily become involved in a fate as detrimental to our security and freedom as a disastrous war. No nation can be stronger than the moral fibre of its people. We know that the Russian people have long been under a cruel and oppressive tyranny, a tyranny so diabolical that we can expect some day the whole Soviet structure to collapse. But what of ourselves? Are we secure?

We are spending in one year almost as much for arms as the value of all the gold which has been mined since the days of Christopher Columbus! And remember that our welfare spending, vast as it is, is only one tenth the amount of our military spending.

Meanwhile, we are economizing on educational, cultural and spiritual programs vital to our people. Karl Marx forecast that communism would come to the capitalist West by collapse from within, and the Kremlin lays much store by that prophesy. America must be well armed in today's world, but if we forget the human, moral and spiritual factors, our physical might can result in a national collapse as disastrous as communism itself.

Safeguarding The Home

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

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"What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

The most despicable thing any human being can do is to break up a home. The lowest form of stealing must be to steal something that one could not possibly replace when he came to his senses. Yet we understand it is being done daily. God said don't do it, and we wonder if any simulance of happiness ever came to those who have.

But there are more ways than one to break up a home, and more times than not is a member or bad habits within the home that causes trouble rather than an outside enemy. Some who would not look at another with an evil thought allow selfishness and greed in their own lives to "put asunder" and wreck their own marriage.

Jesus gave His law concerning marriage and divorce, which should not be difficult to understand. Jesus gave us the negative side; that which we should not do. Paul gave us the positive side; Paul gave us the basic foundation for all upright relationships of life, especially that most intimate of all, marriage and the home, in I Corinthians 13. Shall we look at some ways and means of safeguarding our homes?

Love Sustains

Because love (charity) is the basis of all right relationships in life, then love must be "LONG-SUFFERING." When a loved one is wayward, when one near and dear to our hearts becomes a problem, love sustains the suffering member. Love covers a multitude of sins—and that is why somebody can always be found who loves the unlovely. If people could be more longsuffering toward others in the home, there would be fewer divorces.

Love is also **KIND. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR KINDNESS.**

The gentle soul is a generous one. Everybody will shun the presence of the rasping, clanging tongue that never has a kind word for others nor about them. If people avoid us—maybe it is our fault. Many who wear the name of Christ set themselves up as watch-dogs over all they know, and they are deluded into thinking that it is their Christian duty to nag, criticize, and knife the members of their families or their friends. All nagging and bitterness is hidden behind a cloak of pretentious love, or false anxiety,

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Matt. 19:3-9; I Cor. 13:4-7

but the nagging person deceives no one but self. More crimes have been committed in the name of love, by overly-possessive relatives than this world dreams of.

Love Cannot Hate

"Love envieth not." Envy begrudges others of any good fortune that comes their way, but love is bound to rejoice in the prosperity of the beloved. Envy covets what another has, and Paul said covetousness is idolatry. Envy, then, is an idol god, enthroned in human hearts and worshipped as really as the heathen bows to an idol of wood or stone.

Envy is jealousy; it is resentfulness towards others. Jealous people are the most miserable creatures on earth, and it always has to do with our relationship with someone else. These evil spirits, the Christian must fight almost constantly; they lurk in the dark corners of our lives; they seek every opportunity to enter in and hinder us in our Christian walk of life; they would wreck our home-life—for no home can well endure, certainly cannot be successful and happy—when jealousy, envy, and suspicion reigns supreme.

"Love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up." Love is always humble. Envy struts in pride. Love is never haughty among the beloved—people are "puffed up" only in the presence of those whom they dislike. A proud look and haughty spirit means nothing within the family circle, therefore, people seldom indulge in that passtime at home; but Christians too often try to leave a pious impression on friends and neighbors and live like the devil wants them to among those whom they should strive hardest to please.

"Love doesn't behave itself unseemly." A perfected love acts naturally and easily. Love doesn't act peculiarly; love doesn't pout and sulk, these are the products of selfishness. Pouting is a form of juvenile delinquency; it is a childish, uncultured method of an immature mind seeking to force the capitulation of another to one's selfish desires and demands.

Love Is Unselfish

On the other hand, "Love seeketh NOT her own," but the welfare of the beloved. Selfishness is the mother of pouting and greed the father of it. Self-centered people want all the attention; they crave the lime light—all the time. And it is utterly impossible for the rest of the world to give them

all the attention they desire, they are never satisfied. The selfish person is conceited, their self-esteem is abnormal, they have an over dose of it. They intend to have the first advantages and comforts. They have no consideration for the feelings and rights of others, at home nor abroad, but they expect others to be very considerate of them.

"Love is not easily provoked." Does not fly to pieces in a fit of temper at the slightest provocation and upon every manufactured opportunity. We are patient with those we love—unless we allow self to intervene. When people are impatient, and complain about every little thing that detains or displeases them, love has been dethroned and selfishness, I, Me, and Myself, have taken its place.

Love Seeks High Standards

"Love thinketh no evil." As a man or woman thinketh in their hearts—so are they, so saith the scriptures. What we think—that is what we are, and what we usually do. You and I cannot harbor and breed evil thoughts, and DO good. Right thinking is a matter of educating ourselves. It is the

responsibility of every individual. We can allow Satan to enter, and he is so happy to do so, to take possession of our thinking facilities and keep our minds filled with garbage; and that is exactly what many people do who wear the name "Christian." We should cultivate right thinking, clean thinking, charitable thoughts about our friends instead of seeking fault in them. Paul once listed the virtues of life which are the fruits of the spirit, and commanded us to "think on these things."

The nearest thing to heaven on earth is a real Christian home; where Christ is the head, and love reigns supreme. Such a home is a paradise, even amidst all the adversities of life. It is a place the father will cling to, the children will be eager to return to, and the mother need have no fear of losing. It need not be a mansion, but it must have peace and love.

The real home, the kind everybody desires but all do not accomplish, does not happen by chance; it is the product of careful planning. It must be founded on love and fortified by faith and devotion, if it endures the vicissitudes of time and withstands the destructive darts of the wicked. Satan's first attack is in the home.

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The Southern Baptist Convention Meeting

It was a great Convention. As you know, it was held for the first time in the far west—San Francisco. This is the first time in the history of the Convention that it has met west of the state of Texas. It was considered that San Francisco is so far from the center of Baptist population that the attendance would not be large, but there was a splendid attendance. The large auditorium was comfortably filled more than once. Between 6,000 and 7,000 messengers were enrolled, and there were many, many visitors. It was a good time to have the Convention in California. If Southern Baptists are really serious in their efforts to extend our ministry into the West and Northwest—and we are—then it is necessary that we meet, at least occasionally, in that territory. Although it was a long distance for many Baptists who reside east of the Mississippi River to travel, yet there is more money in circulation now than ever before, and many people can economize in travel whereas they could not take such long trips when economic conditions were poor. So, this was the logical time to have the Convention in the West. After all, it is no farther for the people of Maryland to travel to California than it is for the people of California to go to Maryland.

San Francisco is a beautiful city, indeed. It is built on hills and the inclines in many instances are very steep. Some street cars are drawn by cables because the grades in some streets are really too pronounced to make other methods practical in public transportation. The buildings of the city for the most part are white and tan in color. There are few trees to obstruct the view. The city is clean and tidy. As one approaches from the Golden Gate bridge the prospect resembles a beautiful, artistically made play house. It is worthwhile, if one can do so, to visit a city like San Francisco. There were ample accommodations in hotels and eating houses and the city authorities were courteous, generous, and kind to the visitors.

Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis, presided for the third time in this annual meeting. Many people wanted to re-elect him, but he refused to let his name go before the body for a fourth term in office. Dr. Lee is a past master in presiding over a deliberative body. He is courteous and fair. He knows the rules of order. His rulings are wise and just, and they are made in the spirit of love. Dr. Lee loves the Baptist people and the Baptist cause. He is a mighty preacher, but his preaching ability is matched by his wise and gentle and kind and lovely ability to guide a great people in their deliberations. Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, was elected to succeed Dr. Lee. Dr. Grey is keen and alert. He is well versed in Baptist position and procedures. He will make a good presiding officer. It is our humble judgment that when his tenure of office is ended and he hands over the gavel to someone else, many, many very fine things can be said about his presidency.

There were many Arkansas Baptists in attendance at this Convention. Our editor will

give a write-up of the things that were done in the Convention and from time to time we shall call attention to certain things that transpired and certain business that was transacted.

Next year the Convention will meet in Miami, Florida, and the following year in Houston, Texas. Miami has agreed to arrange for hotel accommodations at a reasonable cost.

Your Associational Church Letter

This week we are sending to the clerks of the associations the blank letter forms and statistical tables to be used as the churches make their reports to the annual meeting of the association. The associational clerks will mail these blanks to the church clerks. The church clerk, in each case, will fill the blanks with the proper information and facts and take the letter to the annual meeting of the association. In this package we are mailing at this time are instruction sheets which will help the church clerks. If the associational clerk could have a meeting with the church clerks, he could explain some lines and tables in the blanks and get a more accurate and complete and uniform report from each church. If, for any reason, the clerk in any association fails to receive this package this week, if you will let us know, we will take care of the situation.

The Cooperative Program

In the month of June the Cooperative Program receipts did not fully cover the budget allocations. It is the first month of the year in which we have fallen short of the necessary contributions. The receipts in your office often diminish during a Convention month. We are not able to say why this is true, but it is true nevertheless. The deficiency is not enough to hurt our operations greatly, but we sincerely hope that in the succeeding months we will do enough to make up this small June deficiency. We have no doubt that we will come out victorious at the end of this convention year. We never were more convinced of anything than we are of that. It is much better, however, to see to it that each month we have sufficient receipts to cover the expenditures. We know of five strong churches whose remittance for June we have not received, and their remittances would put us over the top. Did your church give to missions in June?

God's Day— Let's Give It Back to Him

Recently there has been much furor and unpleasant incidents centering around the Christian Sabbath, and there has been a defiance of the law relating to Sunday. Law violation is not unusual, but a defiance of a law is somewhat unusual. There is a difference between violation and defiance. Oftentimes there is a law violation when the violator does not mean to make such a violation a practice in his life. But it is different when one determines to defy a law and beat a law just because he himself despises it.

The word "Sabbath" signifies rest. God

created the world in six days and after He had perfected the visible and invisible worlds and reviewed all His work, He was satisfied. He blessed this day and sanctified it and rested upon it. From that day He set it apart and appointed it in a peculiar manner for worship. Afterwards, His people, in consequence of this designation, in order to preserve the memory of creation, and by the Lord's order, sanctified the day by abstaining from all work and labor and servile employments, and by applying themselves to the service of the Lord. "On Mt. Sinai by a moral and perpetual commandment God appointed one day in seven to be kept holy to Himself. In the New Testament it is called the Lord's Day and is to be continued to the end of the world as the Christian Sabbath. From several standpoints many people have not been satisfied with six days, but have proceeded to steal God's day. He asks for only one out of seven, but some of us persist in filching that one day from the Lord and desecrating it by using it for our own selfish desires. Let's give it back to God!"

Incidentally, there is Bible precedence for legal protection of the sanctity of the day. There is too much said in the Bible for us to repeat it all in this brief article, but you will note that Nehemiah, who had so much to do in restoring God's people to his fellowship and to civil and religious order after the celebrated captivity, put a stop to the secularization of the Lord's day around Jerusalem. In the thirteenth chapter of his book in the Bible he said, "In those days I saw in Judah some men treading winepresses on the Sabbath, bringing in sheaves, and lading asses therewith; and also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, who brought in fish, and all manner of wares, and sold on the Sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the Sabbath day?"

"And it came to pass that, when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the Sabbath: and some of my servants set I over the gates, that there should be no burden brought in on the Sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of wares lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if you do so again, I will lay hands on you.

You can see that Nehemiah was a faithful officer and plainly told the people that he would arrest them if they continued violating the sanctity of the Lord's day.

It is not thinkable that we should take the Lord's day and make a holiday out of it or ignore it and use it for our own personal ends. European countries did it; look at the results. Those who do so will find it just as hard "to make a living." They may find it harder, for God is still over all.

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