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— Religious News Service.

Opening of the Great American Baseball Season

Reports To The People

By IONE GRAY

The Orient

China: "Contrary to a statement in a recent *Time* magazine, all Protestant mission boards have not urged all their missionaries to leave China," Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, told the Board in its regular monthly meeting, May 10.

"The Board has urged our missionaries to exercise their own judgment in making their own decisions. The Board has repeatedly assured the missionaries that unqualified support would be given any decision to remain or to leave.

"The Board has assumed that the missionaries would remain in China as long as they judged their presence helpful. The time has now come when the missionaries themselves, in light of actual experience under the communists, have concluded that their presence is a hindrance and a source of vital danger to Chinese Christians."

Southern Baptists have only four missionaries left in China. They are Ruth Everley Hayes, Wuchow; Ruth Pettigrew, Kweiyang; Addie Estelle Cox, Shanton; and Pearl Johnson, Tsingtao.

Japan: A report from the president of the Japan Baptist Convention says: "In 1947 there were 15 churches, 14 pastors, and less than 1,000 Baptist church members in Japan. Today there are 37 churches, 76 mission points, 40 pastors, and more than 4,200 church members.

Islands of the Sea: Missionaries who have found it necessary to leave China are being re-located. Rev. and Mrs. Oz Quick, Miss Mary Demarest, and Miss Irene Jeffers are now in Formosa. Wonderful reports come of the opportunities for service there. Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson are waiting for visas to go to the Philippines where they will join the work of the Philippine Mission. Rev. and Mrs. Deaver Lawton and Miss Margie Shumate are helping to strengthen the Siam Mission. Miss Lora Clement has made a visit to the capital city of the Malay Federation and reports great opportunities there. A building has been purchased in Singapore for the work of the church. At least half of the money is being raised by the church itself.

Baker James Cauthen: "It would be easy to conclude that conditions are too unstable and the risks are too great to venture very far. But we have our Master's orders embracing the whole wide world. With the command of our Lord ringing in our hearts and the challenge of his cross before our eyes, we join the sailors of Bremen and say, 'We don't have to live, but we must put out to sea.'"

Europe

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, will visit mission fields this summer. He will lay the cornerstone for a building at Spurgeon's College in London on June 28. This honor comes because Southern Baptists contributed \$20,000 toward the restoration of the cloisters at the school.

The Foreign Mission Board is giving a lift to Baptist work in a number of places in Europe in addition to the established Southern Baptist work there.

In co-operation with the American Baptist Convention, the Board has recently helped Norwegian Baptists purchase a boat which

will be used in the fjords and islands of Northern Norway where there are no churches or chapels and where many people gather for worship.

Other recent appropriations include \$2,000 for construction of chapels in Austria and \$9,000 to purchase property and help construct church buildings in Southern Germany.

Latin America

Dr. Everett Gill Jr., secretary for Latin America, is visiting mission centers in Mexico, Central America, Colombia, and Ecuador.

His first stop after leaving Richmond April 16 was the Baptist Publishing House in El Paso, Texas. There he had conferences with the missionaries serving in this institution which has ministry to 25 Spanish-speaking areas.

He went from El Paso to Chihuahua, Mexico, the center of missionary activity for a wide area. There he visited a beautiful new church building which he says "is a credit to our cause."

Then Dr. Gill visited Torreon, the home of a new Baptist seminary for young men and women. A lot, 160x260 feet, has been purchased for the future home of the seminary, and it is hoped that building operations will begin this year.

Dr. Gill spent three days in Guadalajara, Mexico's second city, seeing the work of the Baptist medical clinic operated by Dr. and Mrs. E. Lamar Cole in collaboration with a Mexican physician.

Rev. and Mrs. Orvil Reid supervise a Student Home for young men and Miss Miriam McCullough directs a Student Home for girls in Guadalajara.

Dr. Gill took a mule trip—21 hours in the saddle to cover 75 miles—to the mountainous state of Guerrero, one of the most backward in Mexico. It is the home of the Benito Juarez School which is supported by Baptists. The only school in the community of Guayameo and a far-reaching mountain area surrounding it, it has an enrolment of about 140 children and young people. "After 400 years, neither the dominant church nor the state has done anything for these people," Dr. Gill wrote.

May Appointees

William Lee Clinton and Marion Frances Hulme Clinton, Georgia, to Brazil; Samuel Alvia Qualls and Emanetta Belle Harbour Qualls, Kansas, to Brazil; Davis Lee Saunders and Mary Hogg Saunders, South Carolina, to Africa.

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Ouachita College Accredited

The University of Arkansas has announced that it will take care of the credits of Ouachita College. If anyone is disturbed or discouraged about the North Central Association's action, he should dismiss all cares and misgivings along that line. The University of Arkansas will recognize the work done by Ouachita, which means that any Ouachita College student will have the endorsement and backing of the University of Arkansas with reference to his credits. This will put any Ouachita student in the good graces of any other college or University, as we understand it. To all intents and purposes this action of the University is as good as any accreditation given by the North Central Association.

"A Challenge to Faith"

A Devotion by the Editor

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord."

This is the most thrilling and potential announcement to men and women of this earth: That God is coming among us.

What an event! It takes precedence over all other events of life. There is absolutely nothing to compare with it. God is coming!

Therefore, the characteristic attitude of God's people should be expectancy. We should be constantly looking for Him. It is a joy to live when we are expecting God. And we have not tapped the rich reservoir of joy and gladness unless we are living in this expectancy. Every day becomes a thrilling adventure when we are living in the constant expectation of the coming of the Lord. Sometimes in the evening when the next day promised to be a day of thrilling work, I have said to Mrs. Duncan, "I wish I had a good night's sleep and it was morning," so anxious was I to begin the day's work with God as my companion and co-worker.

Of course, there will be difficulties to meet, problems to solve, burdens to bear, sorrows to suffer. But when God is walking by our side, when we feel the closeness of His presence, and the strength of His grace, nothing can erase the smile from our faces, nor the hope from our hearts, nor the sparkle of expectation from our eyes.

From their disasters, God bids His people look for a new day. And each new day holds out a new hope, a new opportunity, a new challenge. In the midst of their distresses, God promises comfort. But the comfort of God is not a soothing syrup, it is not a nerve sedative, it is not an opiate. The comfort of God is not a defense against the hardships of life. God's comfort quickens the powers of life for attack, it awakens the sensibilities to other and greater realities, it arouses hopes and expectations of purer delights.

Therefore, "prepare ye the way of the Lord." Don't let the way of the Lord into your life be blocked by selfishness, sin, pride, disobedience, faithlessness, or gloom. Clear away the boulders and leave the way open for God to enter into your life and the activities of each day.

So the prophet announces:

"Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our Lord . . . Say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God . . . Behold, the Lord God will come against the strong, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him." Isaiah 40:1-11.

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From The Editor's Desk

The Danger of Fixed Formulas For Spiritual Experience

Christian experience is an ever growing and expanding experience. There is always something new, even unexpected and dynamic, in the experience of the growing Christian. It requires no superior intelligence or any exhaustive research to discover the simple truth that if a living, growing thing be incased in a hard, unelastic cast, one of two things must happen: on the one hand, growth will be arrested, life will be stunted, and life powers will be cramped so that they can neither reach their full growth nor exercise their full and normal strength; or, on the other hand, the growing life within will break the mould and release itself from imprisonment.

Jesus gave a very vivid picture of this very thing in the parable of the wine skins. Containers for wine were made of animal skins. New wine expands when it begins to ferment and if it is put into old wine skins which are dry and hard and therefore have lost their capacity to stretch, the expanding wine will burst the skins and both the wine and the bottle will go to waste. Jesus spoke this parable to those who were trying to fit the new and growing life experiences of Christianity into the old unelastic moulds of Judaism.

Present Application

This parable has its pointed application for us today. It has its application to our thought formulas and the moulds into which we cast our Christian truths. The ultimate and eternal truth of God was expressed in the person of His son, Jesus Christ. God says, "My truth is a living being, personal and spiritual. You cannot confine it in rigid, shrunken, and wrinkled formulas which are incapable of stretching to accommodate the ever expanding powers of living truth." We must ever keep our minds open for the reception of truth, and our intellectual faculties alert for the discovery of truth. The closed mind is a dead mind, fit only as a museum to preserve under its glazed surface the shriveled thought formulas that are outgrown and discarded.

The same principle applies to our spiritual experiences of whatever nature. To cast one's prayer experiences, one's devotional experiences, one's worship and praise experiences into fixed moulds is to rob oneself of their chief values, the values of a growing and expanding life of constantly new and thrilling experiences.

Again, the principle of this parable applies with equal force to our Christian service, the methods and plans of kingdom building. Is it not significant that Jesus set forth broad principles for Christian service and kingdom building, but that He gave no fixed formulas and methods for carrying out that service? He instructed His disciples to go, to preach, to bear witness, to evangelize, to make disciples, to baptize, and to teach. This is a

living, growing, expanding program. It cannot be confined within fixed and unyielding formulas; to do so would be to defeat its highest purpose.

Intolerance

Some years ago, I conducted a revival meeting in a village church in West Kentucky. During the course of the meeting some item of business demanded church action. The church was called into conference to consider the matter and to pass upon it. The proposals called for a slight innovation in the fixed customs of the church. And a certain brother, sitting in the "amen" corner, said, "I ain't never saw it did that way before." And of course, he opposed it.

The hard and unyielding methods and formulas for doing the Lord's service may be expressed in such crude and undignified language, or in the most elegant and fine phraseology, but the principle is the same in either case, an unwillingness to render a living, pulsating, growing, and ever enlarging service except in the old familiar channels which have lost their fluidity and their elasticity.

To allow one's thought-forms to become hard and rigid, and his service formulas to become stereotyped, produces an intolerance toward those who keep their intellectual faculties in a fluid state of receptivity and their service powers in a state of readiness for any new and elastic methods of doing the age-old constructive work of building the kingdom of God in the world. It produces an ultra-conservatism which considers progressive programs sacrilegious and aggressive Christians as near-blasphemous. It is intolerant of venturesome faith and courage.

On the Side Lines

Now, when the rigid moulds are broken by some violent experience, or when they are left in the discard by the march of progress, or when they are shunted aside by the momentum of the aggressive currents of life; those who cling to the hard and rigid moulds of Christian experience become confused, bewildered, and defeated.

Look into the causes for so many people being on the side-lines of the Christian movement, out on the fringes of church life and spiritual experience, and in most cases you will discover that they have refused to provide for themselves expansive and elastic formulas and moulds for their Christian experience. And so they have rowed their little boats out of the swift moving current of spiritual life and activity to the safe and quiet but stagnant eddies in the protected coves along the shore. There they sit, some with their indifference, some with their wounds, and others with their cynicism and fault-finding; but all hugging tenderly their rigid and unelastic vessels into which they thought to pour the living and ever enlarg-

ing experiences of the Christian life.

With Jesus

Our Christian experience resolves itself into this: we yield ourselves to Jesus, we stand with Him forgiven, redeemed, justified; we stand with Him a new creature, regenerated, born again, with a new life and endowed with new life powers. But that is only the beginning, it is not the end of Christian experience. We must not only stand with Jesus, we must go with Him in love's conquest of the world.

If we go with Jesus to the full development and maturity of Christian experience we will have no such fixed and rigid limitations, but will keep our own souls free of restraints and ready to expand to any limits to which we may be carried by our experiences with Jesus.

This experience will carry us through hardships, trials, disappointments, and suffering. So our experience formulas must be expansive enough to include these. We should accept these difficult experiences with a holy curiosity, inquisitiveness, and imagination. For remember, we are meeting these experiences in company with our Christ. And we should meet them with the same absorption of interest that the business man encounters a business problem, or the student gives to a difficult mathematical problem. For there is a solution for every problem of life, a value in every difficulty, a joy in every sorrow, a lesson in every pain, a truth in every disappointment.

Afraid of the New

The formulas and moulds into which we cast our Christian experience must be expansive enough to make room for new and ever enlarging opportunities and challenges to Christian service and kingdom building. It is not unusual to find people who are more afraid of new and larger opportunities and responsibilities than they are of restrictions and hardships. They can assume a defensive attitude toward the hardships of life, but the opportunities, challenges, and obligations of the Christian experience demand aggressive action, initiative and resourcefulness, and this calls for more effort and energy and may result in more wounds and bruises.

But with what eagerness and anticipation we should face toward the ever growing opportunities of the Christian experience. There are big things to be done which call for super-human strength and courage. Are we big enough of soul and courageous enough of spirit to make room for that super-human strength and courage? There are golden opportunities and privileges beckoning to us. Are we expansive enough in our conceptions of Christian service to meet them with an ever growing vision of the possibilities they offer? There are impossible tasks and undertakings which challenge us. But may we never forget that we worship the God of the impossible. The river Jordan may flow between us and the Promised Land, the fields of conquest may be bristling with fortified cities, and the cities may be inhabited with giants, but may we remember this, "If the Lord delights in us, He will bring us into the land and give it us."

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Kingdom Progress

Standard Department



Pictured above is the Junior Department, number 2, of the Second Baptist Sunday School in Hot Springs. Dr. O. L. Bayless is pastor of the Second Church and Mrs. Haynes Matthews is the superintendent of this department.

This department is composed of six classes of ten year old boys and girls, three classes for boys and three classes for girls. Five of

these classes have reached the Standard of Excellence. For the past three months this department has maintained an attendance record of 85 per cent.

Fourteen departments of the Sunday School of the Second Church have met the requirements of the Standard of Excellence for departments for this year.

MAXWELL GOES TO ALABAMA

J. B. Maxwell recently resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Ozark, to accept a call to the Alberta Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He assumed the duties of his new pastorate on May 15.

Mr. Maxwell has been a successful pastor in Arkansas for the past 18 years, having served the following churches: Greenwood, Cullendale, Bentonville, and Ozark.

The Alberta Church has a thousand members and has recently completed a \$100,000 sanctuary. The University of Alabama is located at Tuscaloosa, a city of 50,000 population.

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REVIVAL AT COAL HILL

Coal Hill Church, A. D. Corder, pastor, has completed a ten-day revival meeting with H. W. Ryan, Jacksonville, as visiting preacher. Mrs. George Gardner had charge of the music program. The revival was preceded by a Baptist Training Union Study Course on soul winning.

There were 11 conversions, nine of which are candidates for baptism, and two joined the church by letter.

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McDaniel in Revival

Arlie L. McDaniel, pastor of First Church, Mena, was with the Sarepta Baptist Church, Sarepta, Louisiana, for a ten day revival meeting in May. There were 28 additions, 21 of these for baptism.

Four Years at Walnut Street

Sunday, May 20, marked the fourth anniversary of the pastorate of James H. Fitzgerald with the Walnut Street Church of Jonesboro. These four years have been marked by steady growth along all lines and an ever expanding program of church activity and service.

The present church building, only the first floor of which was completed four years ago, has been completed and only \$12,000 indebtedness remains on the church building. In the meantime considerable remodeling has been done on the church buildings and the church staff has been enlarged.

The church membership has grown from 500 to 841 with a net increase of 341. One hundred seventy-six persons have been received into the church by baptism, 235 by letter, 16 by statement.

The Sunday School enrolment has increased from 400 to 686, the Training Union from 95 to 211. The W.M.U. and the Brotherhood have experienced a corresponding growth in total membership and the expansion of their program.

Total contributions during the four year period amounts to \$122,695.64.

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Central, Magnolia, in Revival

Central Church, Magnolia, L. L. Hunnicutt, pastor, had O. L. Bayless, Hot Springs, as visiting evangelist, and Mark Short Jr. of the Central Church, as song director for revival services recently. There were 40 additions to the church, 26 of these coming for baptism.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS IN MICHIGAN

In response to an invitation by his daughter, Mrs. F. D. Hubbs, in August 1947, pastor H. T. Starkey visited with a small group of Southern Baptists who were living in Pontiac, Michigan.

In October, 1947, Pastor Starkey held a revival meeting in Pontiac and at the close of the meeting the first Southern Baptist Church of Pontiac, Michigan was organized with members. The church adopted tithes and offerings as its financial program and sent ten per cent of its first offering to the Cooperative Program of the Illinois Baptist Convention.

In the fall of 1949, this church became a member of the Greene County Association in Arkansas. The church is a regular contributor to the Cooperative Program of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. This church also has placed the Arkansas Baptist in the church budget. It has enjoyed steady growth since its organization.

Having started without any church property the church in Pontiac now owns its own building and recently purchased a residence for their pastor. It is also planning to enlarge its building facilities in the near future.

Pastor Starkey requests that pastors within the Southern Baptist Convention territory write him concerning any of their members who have moved to Pontiac so that he may contact them and enlist them in his church. His address is: 82 East Hopkins Avenue, Pontiac, Michigan.

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Wednesday Morning Prayer Meet

Following the Laymen's Revival in the First Church of Lonoke, the men of the church established a Wednesday morning prayer meeting at 6:30 o'clock. The men come together each Wednesday morning for scripture reading and prayer. There is no discussion or speech making.

Pastor W. M. Pratt says that this week day prayer service has made a marked difference in the spiritual life of the church.

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Revival at Calvary, Texarkana

Calvary Church, Texarkana, had Dr. Paul Brooks Leath, pastor of First Baptist Church, Thomasville, Georgia, in a recent ten-day revival meeting. John Cauthron, Texarkana, had charge of the music.

There were 44 additions to the church, 27 of these coming for baptism. C. C. Ussery is pastor of the Calvary Church.



Listen to the
BAPTIST HOUR

Date: June 8

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject:
"BLOOD AND BREAD"

Arkansas Stations:

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.

KTHS, Hot Springs, 4:00 p. m.

KENA, Mena

KXLR, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.

KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.

KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

Baptist World Alliance

Greetings from the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee Meeting in Washington, D. C., April 25, 1951.

To the fellowship of Baptist churches throughout the world, greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we hear of the sufferings which our brethren in many areas are enduring for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ, our hearts are moved in deepest sympathy. We are all one, whatever the conditions under which we maintain our witness, one in faith and hope. Those who live under more favored conditions remember their less fortunate brethren in their privations and sufferings they endure in the common cause, and with heartfelt sympathy would send to Baptists everywhere an assurance of remembrance and a pledge of help in every possible way.

Baptists everywhere are one in their desire for peace, an enduring and universal peace based on the will of God. We believe that this peace must carry no suggestion of compromise with the powers of evil but must be rooted in justice and grow in the atmosphere of that liberty with which Christ hath made us free. With our faith based on the promises of God, we believe the day will come when His purpose of redemption will be brought to glorious fulfillment, and our Lord will reign in righteousness and enduring peace.

To this end we call our Baptist brethren everywhere to constant prayer for peace among men. Only by such constant intercession before God can we make the witness He expects of us at this time. In this spirit of prayer and affectionate fellowship we commend all our brethren to the Lord in whom we are all one, to the Spirit who comforts and establishes us together, and to the Father of all, remembering with joy the word of our Master that "No one is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

Yours in Christ,

F. TOWNLEY LORD, *President*

ARNOLD T. OHRN, *General Secretary*

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Extremely Rare Spurgeon's Expository Encyclopedia Now Being Reprinted

Recognized by pastors and students as the most useful and practical of the published works of Charles H. Spurgeon, Spurgeon's Expository Encyclopedia is now being reprinted by a Grand Rapids publisher, the Baker Book House. Spurgeon's Expository Encyclopedia, in 15 volumes, is a careful classification of the outstanding Metropolitan Tabernacle Sermons delivered in London by this "prince of pulpits." These classifications of sermons are then alphabetically arranged for easy reference.

The first volume of Spurgeon's Expository Encyclopedia, as an example, contains over fifty sermons and exposition on the following topics: Abraham, Adoption, Affliction, Angels, Assurance, Atonement, Backsliding, and Beatitudes. The sermons throughout the 15 volumes range in date from 1868 to 1909, the most fruitful years of Spurgeon's ministry.

Volume one was issued in February, 1951, and subsequent volumes are being released a volume at a time until the final book is made available in May of 1952.

Volunteers For Christian Service



Front row: Jan Moses, Jacque Williams, Helen Hall, Emma Jean Tollett, William Osborn. Second row: Wanzell Nix, Claudette McConnell, Viva Edd Thrash, Jo Anne Burroughs, Hershel McBay, Jimmy Dan Baber, John David Whitlow.

The young people in the above picture are from the First Church of Hope. Some of

them have answered the call to the gospel ministry; others have responded to the call of missions; while one or two others desire to become church secretaries. Pastor Whitlow says, "Our church devotes a large part of its ministry to our young people, and the Lord has graciously blessed us with an excellent group of young Christians."

McLane at Greenlee Memorial

James McLane, Columbia, South Carolina, was with the Greenlee Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, Paul E. Grimes, pastor, in a revival meeting April 29-May 13.

There were 16 professions of faith; 11 additions to the church, eight of whom came for baptism and three by letter.

Evangelist McLane is available for revivals and may be contacted at 3007 Prentice Street, Columbia, South Carolina.

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VAN HORN IN REVIVAL

S. Allen VanHorn, Southern Baptist College student, was evangelist in a revival meeting, April 22-May 9, at Greentown Mission, Lewis Parish, pastor. Marvin Reynolds, also a student at Southern Baptist College, was the song leader.

There was a total of 49 conversions during the meeting.

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Addition to Lawson Church

Lawson Church, Liberty Association, T. T. Walker, pastor, has recently completed an addition to the church auditorium which will provide five Sunday School rooms to the present building. A dedication service will be held on May 27, during a revival meeting which is to be conducted by J. D. Tolleson, pastor of Immanuel Church, El Dorado.

The building committee was composed of Mr. W. A. Chaney, Mr. E. C. Nashard and Mr. J. A. Talley.

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Mission to the Bahama Islands

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bumpus have been chosen to lead a group of eight students from the Southwestern Seminary to do Vacation Bible School work in the Bahama Islands. They will leave on June 18. The following Arkansans are included in the group: Jewel Hannah of Jonesboro; Ernest Mosley of Texarkana; and Mr. and Mrs. Bumpus and Linda of Almyra.

The expenses of the group are to be paid by voluntary contributions.

Baylor Graduates from Arkansas

The following young people from Arkansas are included among the 862 graduates of Baylor University who received their degrees at the recent Commencement exercises:

Bachelor of Music: William Edward Hercher, Pine Bluff; Miriam Byard Nethery, Pine Bluff; Joan Larie Riffey, Fort Smith.

Bachelor of Laws: Ward D. King, Fort Smith.

Bachelor of Business Administration: Benjamin Franklin Caldwell, Little Rock; John Seeva Gibson III, Hope; James Thomas Gillespie Jr., Augusta; William Franklin Puryear, Dumas.

Bachelor of Science in Home Economics: Dorothy Jaye Lewis, Success.

Bachelor of Arts: Samuel Elton Boswell, Camden; James Leslie Davis, Warren; Beverly Greene Hudson Eberts, Little Rock; Thomas Dillon Hughes, Pine Bluff; Jimmie Faye Kennedy, Little Rock; Don D. Mitchum, Pine Bluff; Rosemary McKay, Little Rock; Walter David Oliver, Nashville; George Emmett Pirtle Jr., El Dorado; Joan Larie Riffey, Fort Smith; Carl George Schrader, Pine Bluff.

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By Religious News Service

Ministers Counsel Law Violators

Louisville Police Court, which a few months ago invited ministers to listen in on its hearings, is planning a further step.

Judge David G. Cates proposes to refer some law violators to ministers for religious counseling. Persons "whom we think the counseling would help," including many first offenders, would confer with a minister, the judge said. The clergyman would report back to the court before final disposition of the case.

Judge Cates said he already has talked with some ministers about the plan, and further discussions will be held shortly.

Grain Elevator Dedicated At Service

A new grain elevator of the Union Equity Co-operative Exchange at Enid, Oklahoma, was dedicated at a religious service.

Glen Draper of Edinburg, Texas, president of the co-operative firm, presided at the service. In attendance were employees of the company and a group of Enid ministers.

Dr. M. F. Ewton, Baptist minister, said in his dedication talk that "this would not have been possible in any other nation on earth."

Poling To Run For Mayor of Philadelphia

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, noted Baptist clergyman and editor of the *Christian Herald*, has accepted the Republican nomination as candidate for mayor of Philadelphia.

The minister will be opposed for the nomination by another candidate put up by an Independent Republican Citizen's Committee. He is Walter P. Miller, paper box manufacturer and also a newcomer in city politics.

Mr. Miller is known for his liberal labor views and may have some support from labor as well as Independents. Dr. Poling has been assured of the support of the regular Republican organization.

Philadelphia has had a Republican mayor almost throughout its entire history.

"I did not seek this invitation but I cannot find it in my conscience to refuse," Dr. Poling said. "Given complete independence and committed to no man or group and with an acceptable ticket, I will run for the office. I shall campaign with utmost vigor and, if elected, I will give everything I am and have to the task."

Chicago Christians Urged to Redeem City

Dr. John W. Harms, executive vice-president of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, warned here that Christians will not be satisfied with anything less than the complete overthrow of every corrupt criminal influence in Chicago's law enforcement agencies.

Addressing the 44th annual meeting of the Federation, Dr. Harms called on the churches and individuals to make "real sacrifices" for moral and spiritual redemption of Chicago.

Ministers "Raid" Taverns With Prayer

A group of ministers and laymen "raided" six taverns in Hancock County, Mississippi but prayers and hymns took the place of the traditional guns and badges.

Fourteen clergymen and five laymen, mostly Baptists, visited the taverns a night recently. The Rev. C. E. James, pastor of the Roseland Baptist church, said the patrons and owners received the group courteously.

"They turned the place over to us and called all other activity to a halt, while we sang and preached," he said.

But when an augmented group of 35 persons went on the same excursion on Sunday night they met outright opposition. Several tavern owners refused the group admission and told them not to come back any more on Saturdays or Sundays. One proprietor told them that "churches are the place to preach."

Mr. James reported that two professions of faith had resulted from the weekend crusade. He said that one man who had been in a tavern where the group prayed sent for him and said "As a result of your services I'll never go down there again . . . or to any other place like that again."

Another minister was called by a woman who related that her husband arrived home early from one of the visited taverns and told her, "I'm home early. I'm a changed man."

The minister said he believed the crowds at the taverns had thinned down on Sunday because word had circulated about the Saturday night excursion.

Baptists Plan Drive To Enforce Liquor Laws

The Temperance Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will sponsor a state-wide program this summer to elect officials who will enforce the liquor laws of legally-dry Mississippi.

The Rev. J. B. Smith, of Magee, committee chairman, made the announcement following a meeting of the group at Jackson.

He said that during the summer a vigorous fight will be waged in every county to bring about "better respect for law and order."

"We will urge the election of men of the highest character who will enforce the laws now on our statute books," he added.

Chinese Official Assails American Missions

An attack on the Foreign Missions Conference of North America and American missions in China as "instruments of American imperialist aggression," was made by a leading government official at the recent Peking conference of Christian organizations.

The official, Lu Ting-yi, vice-chairman of the Committee on Cultural and Educational Affairs of the Government Administration Council, told the conference, "Our aim is to wipe out thoroughly the influence of American cultural aggression."

A Smile or Two

Flo: "I thought you said you'd be deaf to any proposal from him?"

Jo: "Yes, I did (looking at the gorgeous diamond in the engagement ring). But I didn't say I'd be stone-deaf."

Little Betty Jane (in the country for the first time): "Oh, mamma, look at the cute little green snakes."

Mother: (in the country for the first time): "Put it down at once. It might be as dangerous as a ripe one."

Mrs. Newlywed: "Boo-hoo. The dog ate up all the nice cookies I baked for you."

Mr. Newlywed: "Don't cry, honey, we'll get another dog."

"Your baby learned to walk yet?"
"Goodness, no! He's just learned to drive the car."

"Tell me—who is the real boss in your home?"

"Well, my wife bosses the servants—and the children boss the dog and cat—and—"

"And you?"

"Well, I can say anything I like to the geraniums."

Mrs. Brown was complaining to her doctor that his bill was too high.

"Don't forget," he reminded her, "that I made 11 visits to Tommy when he had the measles."

"Don't you forget," she replied, "that Tommy made you wealthy by giving it to the whole school."

Mary: "Weren't you rather nervous when he gave you all those beautiful gifts?"

Jane: "No, I just kept calm—and collected."

Five-year-old Bobby was showing the family photographs to a playmate. Very shamefacedly, he exhibited one of himself, taken when he was three years old, wearing beautiful curls.

Apologetically, he explained, "I was borned a girl."

Motorist: "I have killed your cat, but I have come to replace it."

Lady: "Very well, but do you think you can catch mice?"

A hillbilly, very severely injured during an automobile accident, was in the hospital. His worried wife watched the doctor prepare to operate.

"What's that there stuff you're getting ready?" the wife asked.

"An anesthetic," explained the M. D. "Once he sniffs this he won't know a thing."

"Save your time," exclaimed the wife. "He don't know nothing nohow."

—Quote.

Freshman: "Please, Mama, could I go out tonight?"

Sophomore: "May I go out tonight? I'll be home by ten o'clock."

Junior: "I'm going out tonight."

Senior: "Good night, folks. I'll bring in the milk."

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In a Boston store, 'midst a collection of ties in bright, clashing colors, the sign read simply: "Listen."

News From Baptist Press

Baptist Church Organized In Chicago

A Southern Baptist Church was organized in Elmhurst, a suburb of Chicago, in April, with eleven charter members, the third Southern Baptist church to be organized in the Chicago area within the past seven months and the eleventh new church to be organized in Illinois since October 1, 1950.

The new church in Elmhurst chose the name Calvary Baptist Church and called Cyril D. Garrett as pastor. Garrett, a young Southern Baptist preacher from Florida, is a member of the faculty of Wheaton College.

The story of the new church in Elmhurst began with a letter received last fall by Noel M. Taylor, state secretary for Illinois Baptists, from a lady in Laurens, South Carolina, asking him to try to get her sister living in Elmhurst in touch with a Southern Baptist church. Taylor wrote A. G. Rednour, pioneer missionary in the Chicago area, who immediately contacted the Elmhurst woman. Under Rednour's leadership a small group of Southern Baptists held home fellowship meetings and rented the Odd-Fellows Hall for regular services.

At this point Rednour made arrangements for Garrett to preach for the group each Sunday. In six months the new church was established. The organization was unusual in that none of the charter members came from a church in Illinois. They were from Georgia, Florida, Virginia, and North Carolina.

Other Southern Baptists may have relatives in Chicago. If you want to see them enlisted in a Southern Baptist church, write Noel M. Taylor, 218 West Main Street, Carbondale, Illinois.

Southeastern Seminary To Open in September

The new Southern Baptist Southeastern Theological Seminary will open in September. The announcement was made by Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president of the school, following a meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Edgewater Gulf Hotel in Edgewater, Mississippi. "The opening was enthusiastically and unanimously voted by the board," Stealey said.

Over 300 applications have been received by officers of the board, but enrolment will have to be greatly limited. Classes will be open only to first year students who expect to study for the B. D. degree.

The school will open on the campus of Wake Forest College. A statement of working relationship with the college and endorsed by President Harold Tribble was approved by the seminary board. The seminary expects to acquire full possession of the campus in 1956 when the new Wake Forest College at Winston-Salem will be completed. Southern Baptists acquired the present Wake Forest properties for \$1,500,000 to be paid for at \$300,000 annually.

Faculty members elected by the Board of Trustees are W. C. Strickland of Florida, fellow and tutor in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to teach Greek and New Testament; J. Leo Green, pastor, First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida, to teach Hebrew and Old Testament, and J. B. Hipps, Richmond, Virginia, former missionary professor in the University of Shanghai, to teach missions and the study of devotional life and literature. Dr. Stealey, the president, will teach missions. One or two other faculty members may be added before opening of the school in September.

Promotion Conference Approves 1953 Study

Southern Baptists will conduct a simultaneous stewardship study course in the fall of 1953, according to Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, director of promotion for the Executive Committee. The study course will follow the doctrinal emphasis for the year and will include all phases of stewardship—life, time, talents, and possessions. The plan was developed at Edgewater Park, Mississippi, recently at the annual Promotion Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention in line with a recommendation adopted by the Convention last year at Chicago.

A three-point program for promoting the simultaneous study course was proposed by the findings committee of the conference, (1) the study course to be held in connection with the annual every member canvass, (2) preparation of graded series of materials to be used in connection with the study course, either study books or simple outlines based on the Bible passages of stewardship, (3) simultaneous associational rallies, once during 1953 emphasizing the total task of missions. Dr. Andrew Potter, Oklahoma state secretary, was chairman of the findings committee making the report.

The two-day conference was attended by more than 100 Southern Baptist leaders.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Duke K. McCall, Southern Baptist Executive Secretary, who told the group that today's world demanded a "broad base of stewardship." He emphasized expendable Christian living as the answer to total world mission needs. "The Christian who stays at home must regard himself just as expendable as the Christian who goes abroad as a missionary." McCall pointed out the vitality at the heart of Southern Baptist life, stating that a condition that finds 7,829 preachers in training in our colleges and seminaries, when we only have 27,788 churches, means that some sort of expansion is in the future. "If these men do not find existing churches to pastor they will organize new churches," he said.

Other speakers included Mr. George B. Finch, vice-president of the Jam Handy Corporation in Detroit, Michigan, who spoke on "Communication of Ideas in Promotion." Finch said that the job of promotion is to get everybody to see one simple idea and do something about it. Mr. Finch was accompanied by Scott Mitchell, one of his associates, who spoke on "Getting the Most Out of Your Visual Dollar." Both men displayed examples of the various kinds of visual aids.

The conference will be held again in 1952 at a place and time to be determined by the Promotion Committee of the Executive Committee.

Simultaneous Crusade

C. S. Maynard, Capitol Hill Church, Little Rock, was with the Belview Baptist Church, Allegra, Kentucky.

Ralph Dodd, pastor of the Tabernacle Church, Little Rock, was with the Eastern Heights Church, Columbus, Georgia.

Arlie McDaniel, First Church, Mena, was with the Drakesboro, Kentucky Church.

Loyd L. Hunnicutt of the Central Church, Magnolia, was with the Orcutt Avenue Church, Newport News, Virginia.

James H. Fitzgerald of the Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, was with the West Corinth, Mississippi Church.

Ouachita Graduates 147

The sixty-fourth commencement was held on the campus of Ouachita College May 20 and 21 with 147 seniors graduating in this year's class. Ninety-nine of the group received their diplomas Monday, May 21, and 48 others will receive theirs in August.

Dr. Theron D. Price, assistant professor of church history at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. He is a native of Booneville and a graduate of Ouachita College.

Commencement address was delivered May 21 by Dr. J. P. Allen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia. Dr. Allen, a graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary, is pastor advisor for the Baptist Student Union of Virginia.

Dedication of Ouachita's new \$255,000 science building in honor of C. Hamilton Moses was held Sunday afternoon, May 20. Mr. Moses, who is president of the Arkansas Power and Light Company, was chairman of the Ouachita College Board of Trustees for 15 years. Dr. Ben L. Bridges brought the dedication address following a talk by Dr. J. R. Grant on the naming of the building. J. E. Berry, building committee chairman from Smackover, presented the building, and it was received by John L. Carter, president of the Board of Trustees.

On Monday morning, May 21, Governor McMath presented the Governor's Cup to the Ouachita ROTC rifle team, winners in the recent all-state competition at Little Rock.

The annual alumni luncheon was held Monday, featuring classes of 1931 and 1941. The Board of Trustees met following the luncheon.

Ostrich Plumes

By R. E. MILAM, Exec. Secretary-Treasurer
Baptist General Convention of
Oregon-Washington

I have heard Southern Baptists referred to as an ostrich, with his head "buried in the sand," by people who do not know either ostriches or Southern Baptists.

However, all observers agree that the Southern Baptist ostrich has beautiful plumes: associations, 916; churches, 27,778; baptisms, 376,085; members, 7,079,889; total gifts, \$197,242,014; total church property, \$645,271,741; and young ministers in training, 6,500. Even more gorgeous to Southern Baptists themselves are the plumes of fellowship, freedom, unity, spiritual fervor, and faithfulness to the Word of God.

The lamented thing, according to these observers, is "that the ostrich, with all its plumage, uses its long legs to keep distance and buries its head in the sand." Some have observed that the Southern Baptist ostrich has two legs—East and West, divided all the way up to the body with various associational toes and state convention joints. This they say is a sure sign "that the Southern Baptist ostrich will eventually split in two."

This writer believes that this analogy is faulty due to a lack of knowledge of the ostrich. "The ostrich does not bury its head in the sand but wisely puts its ear to the ground," according to a Florida ostrich farm owner. "Only ostriches that have lost their ability to hear danger signals stand still and become a prey losing their plumes and having their bodies divided."

This writer desperately hopes that the Southern Baptist ostrich will keep its ear to the ground. Surely, no one has reason to be more interested in the plumes than the ostrich himself!

INFORMATION CONCERNING SOUTHERN BAPTIST



Included on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 20-24, are, top row, left to right, Howard Butt, Corpus Christi, Texas, grocerman, who will speak on the Youth Night program, Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma who will speak on the Pastors' Conference program, Charles Weilborn, Waco, Texas, who will speak on the Radio Hour program: bottom row, left to

right, W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas, who will speak on the closing Sunday night Evangelistic Rally, Billy Graham, Minneapolis, Minnesota, who will speak Friday afternoon and F. Townley Lord, London, England, who will preach the Baptist World Alliance sermon, Thursday morning, speak on the Pastor's Conference program, Tuesday afternoon and the W. M. U. program.



Above are six of the speakers of the Southern Baptist Convention that meets in San Francisco, June 20-24. Top row, left to right, Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee, president of the Convention, Porter Routh, Nashville, Tennessee, senior secretary of the Convention, Duke K. McCall, Nashville, Tennessee, executive secretary of the Executive Committee. Bottom row, left to right,

B. B. McKinney, Nashville, Tennessee, director of music for the Convention, Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, Tennessee, director of promotion for the Executive Committee, who is to speak on the Promotion Hour and Dr. S. G. Posey, Fresno, California, executive secretary for California, who is to give one of the welcome addresses.

Sightseeing and Tours:

Messengers and visitors coming to the San Francisco Convention in June will find the entire West an area for sightseeing and tours.

In Texas they will find oil wells, cattle, great cities; in New Mexico, Carlsbad Caverns, mountains, Indian centers, historic Santa Fe, "glorious" Glorietta slated for opening in 1952; in Arizona, Grand Canyon, the Painted Desert, and the "sunshine" cities of Tucson and Phoenix; in California, Yosemite and Sequoia national parks, the giant redwoods, sprawling Los Angeles of 4,000,000, orange and lemon groves, and the delightfully cool San Francisco Bay Area; in Oregon, famous Mt. Hood, Portland, "city of roses," with 500,000 people; Crater Lake (snow in June) and the Columbia River Highway; in Washington, massive Mt. Ranier, evergreen Seattle with a half-million people; Puget Sound, nearby Victoria, British Columbia, and the gateway to Canada.

Southern Baptists are also urged to see Baptist progress in the Western states. The best index to the work is found in a recent pamphlet-map published by the

Home Mission Board, "Are You Going West?" The map locates every center of Home Mission work west of the Mississippi. Major highways and cities are also on the map.

Copies of this Home Mission pamphlet, "Are You Going West?" may be obtained by writing either:

The Home Mission Board
161 Spring St. N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

or

Fred A. McCaulley
1905 Grove Street
Berkeley, California

Fred McCaulley, compiler of the map and Home Mission Field Worker for the Western states, urges all Baptists to use the map in connection with regular auto maps as they journey west. Those coming in trains, buses, and planes are also urged to use this Home Mission Board guide to our work in the West.

Baptists will find it both helpful and convenient to visit the state headquarters for the Western conventions. The staff at the offices can point out centers of interest, both scenic and denominational. These are the state offices: New Mexico: West Gold

Street, Albuquerque; Arizona: 386 North First Avenue, Phoenix; California: 1405 Broadway, Fresno; Oregon-Washington: 2115 S. E. 32nd Place, Portland; Kansas: 244½ North Main, Wichita. Southern Baptist churches in Colorado affiliate with the New Mexico Convention with headquarters in Albuquerque. Southern Baptist churches in Utah and Idaho comprise the Utah State Baptist Association and are affiliated with the Arizona Convention with headquarters at Phoenix. Missionary for the Utah area is Ira Marks, 723 Los Angeles Street, Salt Lake City. He is also pastor of the Rose Park Baptist Church, Salt Lake City.

Sightseeing:

San Francisco Bay Area

With no convention session on Saturday afternoon, June 23, it is anticipated most of the messengers and visitors will desire conducted tours in the immediate Bay area. The following information is released by Will Ed Langford, 131 Bridgeview Drive, San Francisco, Chairman of the Sightseeing Committee. He is pastor of the Bayview Baptist Church in San Francisco.

The following travel agencies will be available for sightseeing tours:

The Gray Lines: This is a bus agency and will offer a variety of tours in the Bay area that include (1) The Redwoods (2) San Francisco (3) The East-Bay cities (Berkeley, Oakland, using both the Oakland Bay Bridge and the ferry (4) Palo Alto, Stanford, and other points on the San Francisco peninsula (5) Yosemite National Park.

Harbour Tours: This is a travel agency that will offer a variety of boat cruises in the San Francisco Bay.

Greyhound Lines: This is the nationally known bus agency. They will have buses available for special chartered tours.

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Victory

Faith triumphs where reason falters and fails. Faith makes the invisible visible, the physically unreal spiritually real, and turns the stormy day into a peaceful calm. When the clouds of discouragement hang low and threatening, "Have faith in God." "This is the victory that overcometh the world even our faith."

—A. L. Aulick.

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HOME—A place where the small are great and the great are small.

CONVENTION, SAN FRANCISCO, JUNE 20 - 24



Pictured are the family of Deacon Toxey T. Fortinberry and their pastor, Dr. R. G. Lee of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis. Dr. Lee and the family will participate in the Christian Home Service of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco, Sunday afternoon, June 24. Dr. Lee will speak on the subject, "Ramparts of Righteousness." The

Fortinberry family will be interviewed on the program. Also having part in the Sunday afternoon service of the Convention will be Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas and a 200-voice San Francisco choir directed by Professor Wilbur F. Martin of Golden Gate Seminary.



Convention Planning

Much planning is required to assure smooth operation of the technical side of the annual Southern Baptist Convention that meets this year, June 20-24, in San Francisco. Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee along with the Committee on Arrangements, is responsible for contacts with the local arrangements committee. Porter Routh, secretary of the Sunday School Board's department of survey, statistics and in-

formation, is the convention's senior secretary and publishes the 589 page annual after each session. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Executive Committee, looks after the Executive Committee exhibit and plans the stewardship hour on the convention program. Albert McClellan, director of publications for the Executive Committee, serves the convention as press representative and is editor of the daily convention bulletin.

Transportation to The Convention:

Automobiles: Baptists who are driving to the convention will profit by using both the Home Mission Board map, "Are You Going West?" and a good highway map. The major national highways going West are these: 90, 80, 70, 66, 60, 50, 40, 30, and 20.

A record tourist season is predicted in 1951 and motels and lodging places will be in demand. Many motorists find it advantageous to secure a motel by four o'clock in the afternoon to assure lodging for the night. Travel is then resumed at an earlier hour the next morning. This advice is especially recommended for families coming to the convention.

Trains: Baptists who come by train are advised to contact the nearest station agent to secure help in planning the trip West. The railroad agents can route passengers by most of the major scenic spots in the West with frequent stop-overs. A round-trip by train should include both the northern and southern portions of the West. If a passenger comes to San Francisco through Southern Arizona and California, his return trip can take him either through Utah and the Colorado and Yellowstone Park in Wyoming.

Special trains are being planned. A Home Mission Board train will leave Atlanta, Georgia. Information concerning this train can be secured by writing Atlanta. Another special train will leave from Chicago June 12 and will include stop-overs at Yellowstone Park; Victoria, British Columbia; Seattle; and Portland. Information regarding this special train may be obtained from (1) The Illinois Baptist, B. J. Murrie, Editor, Carbondale, Illinois, or (2) The Northern Pacific Railway, 601 Boatmen's Bank Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Buses: The major bus lines will plan the best scenic routes to and from California. Several groups are chartering buses to the convention. Such plan is both economical and safe. Baptists living in larger cities may find this plan very satisfactory, and contacts should be made with national bus lines immediately.

Airlines: Many will find it economical (both time and money) to fly to and from the convention. If such plans are anticipated, the major airlines should be contacted immediately to insure proper planning of air trips. Special rates are offered to families. There are two major airports in the Bay area: the Oakland Municipal Airport and the San Francisco Municipal Airport.

Convention Speaker



Brooks Hays

Congressman Brooks Hays of Arkansas will speak at the Christian Home Service of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco, Sunday afternoon, June 24.

A Baptist known in Arkansas and in Washington as a Bible teacher and Christian statesman, Congressman Hays will report at the Christian Home Service on "Southern Baptist and Christian Homes."

Congressman Hays is a vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Roy Rogers At Convention

Roy Rogers and his wife, Dale Evans Rogers, have accepted an invitation to appear at the Saturday night youth rally of the San Francisco Southern Baptist Convention, June 23.

With an expected attendance of 10,000, the youth rally will feature Roy Rogers and his wife in Christian testimonies in word and song. Both Roy and Dale are members of the Fountain Avenue Baptist Church in Hollywood.

Mrs. Rogers, Dale Evans to the millions who listen to their weekly radio program, is a native of Texas. Her parents live in Italy, Texas, and are members of the First Baptist Church there.

Featured speaker for the San Francisco rally is Howard Butt, dynamic young business executive from Houston, Texas. At 23 he is vice-president of one of the largest grocery chains in the Southwest.

Also appearing on the program will be the Wayland College International Choir and the Salvation Army Cadet Band of San Francisco.

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Department of Missions

C. W. CALDWELL, Superintendent

Negro Leadership Conference



The second Leadership Conference for Negro pastors and church workers was held in Little Rock, May 7-10. The first one was conducted at Dermott in February.

Guy Bellamy, Superintendent of Negro Work under the Home Mission Board, attended the first session of the Little Rock Conference and spoke on, "Helping Each Other". Dr. B. L. Bridges spoke on the relationship of churches to the Convention. W. M. Pratt, Lonoke, and Howard Butt, Jr., Corpus Christi, Texas, were on the program for sermons. W. H. Hicks, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, served as Bible teacher. Group conferences were conducted by the following: J. W. Buckner, First Church, Crossett; Ralph Dodd, Tabernacle Church, Little Rock; Guy S. Wilson, Reynolds Memorial Church, Little Rock; Dr. J. F. Queen, Chaplain, Arkansas Baptist Hospital; Dr. M. Ray McKay, Second Church, Little Rock; and C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent of State Missions. Dr. E. A. Ingram, Superintendent of Missions in Pulaski County Association, and Lucien E. Coleman, Assistant Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presided over some of the sessions.

Gwendoline Luster, our woman Negro missionary, had charge of the women's group conferences. Also appearing on the program were the leading Negro pastors of the state. The meeting was held at the Arkansas Baptist College, T. W. Coggs, president.

President Coggs commends the Conference in the following words:

Dear Brother Caldwell:

"The purpose of this communication is to express to you my personal feelings as well as what I think is the reaction of people who attended the Leadership Conference for Ministers, Laymen, Women, and Young People, held at the Arkansas Baptist College, May 8-10, inclusive.

"The program was very unique in its arrangement and showed that much care had been taken in the selection of the participants. It was quite evident that each speaker had made special preparation for the subjects assigned. I believe the results will be far-reaching.

"A check of the persons present revealed that the messengers came from all quarters of the state, representing twenty-three cities and many rural communities. I am sure that each community from which they came will be benefited through an improved leadership in the various church organizations. Near the close of the last session, there was a unanimous vote requesting that we have a similar meeting next year."

T. W. Coggs

Other comments are as follows:

"There were pastors and presidents of Women Missionary Societies from twenty-three cities. The attendance was very good and each conference period brought inspiration and a challenge to our hearts.

"In the women's section, with Miss Gwendoline Luster, State Field Worker, were the following leaders: Vinve Wade Douglas, National Director of Boys' Work, Na-

tional Baptist Convention, Inc.; Mrs. C. H. Ray, Mrs. R. J. Fields, Mrs. E. A. Ingram, Mrs. J. C. Fuller, Mrs. Ladd Davies, Mrs. Terry Ward, Miss Dollie Hiatt, Mrs. W. H. Mooney. Special music was brought each day by the choir of the Arkansas Baptist College, with Mrs. H. E. Dyer as director. From expressions by those attending the meeting, we feel it was the best effort toward inter-racial leadership training that has been sponsored in Arkansas."

Gwendoline Luster,
Field Worker

"The recent Leadership Conference, held at Arkansas Baptist College, and sponsored by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptist State Convention of Arkansas, the Pulaski County Baptist Association and the Missionary Baptist State Convention, Consolidated, was the greatest of its kind that I have ever witnessed.

"The fellowship was excellent; the benefits were unexcelled; and our visions were enlarged. My conviction is that all Baptists who shared in the blessed effects of this great meeting should be far better prepared to assume the great responsibilities that are ours to do.

"We are very anxious for the time to come when we shall enjoy another feast of good things."

Rev. N. Nichols, Secretary
Missionary Baptist State
Convention, Consolidated

In regard to the Conference which was held at Dermott in February, president of Morris-Booker Memorial College, P. L. Rowe, writes to commend that conference:

"Just a word or two about the institute that was held at the college March 16. Only time will tell the benefit which is being clarified from the institute that was held. The inspiration and information given out during the institute have so stimulated the ministers and laymen that they have gone back to their various churches and started tithing leagues. The fellowships, lectures, addresses, and sermons presented by our white brethren were great. We shall measure their worth and value by putting them into practice in our various churches, associations, and conventions. May God bless you and them for what you have done for us during the institute."

P. L. Rowe

Book Review

By Mrs. B. W. NININGER

Southern Baptists may well hail with pride a monumental volume in the field of church music. "O Worship the King," by Zula Evelyn Coon, leads the list of material for devotional services emphasizing music. Many such books have been used in the past by church leaders who would vitalize their music ministry. This newest compilation is superior in every respect—vibrant with new ideas, choice selections of poetry, interspersed with well-chosen passages of scripture so fitting for the musical portion of the services.

The author, Zula Evelyn Coon, offers within the pages of this work, services in song for every possible occasion devoted to spiritual emphasis in music. Whether the church is large or small, with competent choral groups or none, it is possible to use this book effectively in the presentation of the message of the gospel. It has been carefully indexed in four parts with three valuable appendices showing sources of material. Part I, under the general heading of Services in Song for General Occasions is further divided into three sections. Part II carries unusual services for Special Occasions. Choir services occupy Part III and in Part IV there is a wealth of material for use of hymns in Congregational Singing.

I recommend "O Worship the King" as an indispensable volume for every church library, pastor, organist, music director and leader of youth groups.

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Hardy Music School

One of the most delightful schools ever held by the State Director took place with the Hardy Baptist Church, April 29-May 3. Sixty people were enrolled and there was an average attendance of 32. Ten qualified for awards in Practical Music Lessons, Volume I.

A church family supper was served on the closing night and expressions of appreciation for the teaching program were voiced by the pastor, J. C. Wicker and by several members of the group. As a result of the school the church voted enthusiastically to meet each Wednesday night for a session of singing, Bible study and prayer. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Dunlap volunteered their services to lead in this meeting.

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Hugh R. Bumpas

Friends of the Arkansas Baptist State Assembly will be delighted to know that we are to have Dr. Hugh R. Bumpas with us for the Assembly period this year. He will be the speaker for the morning devotional hour. Dr. Bumpas is pastor of the Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. He is a gifted speaker and soul winning pastor.

Coming Events

July 3-11—Arkansas Baptist State Assembly

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.

Are you planning to enter college this fall—or perhaps this summer? You, too, have countless opportunities to serve your Christ by living your very best for Him day by day.

Malvern First Church Organizes Choir

The First Baptist Choir of Malvern, Arkansas organized during their business meeting Wednesday night, May 16, and the following officers were elected: President, Doyle Witherspoon; vice-president, Ed Connell; clerk, Miss Louise Scott; secretary, Miss Roylynn Humble; business manager, Mrs. A. Taylor; treasurer, Mrs. Archie Cash; and Section Leaders: soprano, Miss Norma Bray; alto, Mrs. D. G. Griffin; tenor, Jerry Rudolph and bass, Charles Perry.

The following committees were named: Social, Mrs. Peggy Butterworth, Mrs. Charles Cash and Mrs. Edwin Hardin; Library, Miss Mary Ann Wilson, Mrs. Judy Kyle and Miss Barbara Clardy; Publicity, Mrs. D. L. Patrick and Miss Marion Allred.

The Executive Council includes: Director, Miss Nettie Lou Crowder; organist, Mrs. C. J. Baker; president and section leaders.

It is the aim of the choir to fill all choir seats during the summer months at rehearsals and at both Sunday performances. The G. A. Girls of the Church will do baby sitting for choir members who have small children.

The choir is planning a musical to be presented in the near future to which the public will be invited.

Johnson At Muskogee

James B. Johnson, formerly music and education director at First Church, Russellville, is now serving in the same capacity at the Central Baptist Church of Muskogee, Oklahoma. He writes the state music director that he would appreciate hearing from his friends in Arkansas.

Northwest Zone Hymn-Sing

The regular monthly Hymn-Sing for the Northwest Zone, Pulaske County Association, took place at 47th Street Church, Sunday afternoon, May 13 at 2:30. V. C. Goode led the congregational singing and Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state music director, played the piano and led the devotional.

The next Sing for this group is scheduled for June 10 at the Levy Church.

Summer Field Work

By RALPH W. DAVIS

Summer Field work history is glorious. Since 1938 this type of work has been conducted in Arkansas each summer with the exception of 1943. Two groups of workers served during 1942, one group doing Training Union work and the other doing Sunday school work. With this one exception, Training Union work has been done each year. Since 1938, 385 summer field workers have worked in 102 associations, and have served 1,126 churches. The enrollment in their meetings during these years has been 56,255, with an average attendance of 441,024, 2,140 units of the Training Union have been organized with 26,936 study course awards granted, 800 people have been saved, and 3,813 have re-dedicated their lives to the Lord's work. During the past four years 9,314 Daily Bible readers have been enlisted.

During the early spring the State Training Union director, in co-operation with the State Student Union Secretary, extended an invitation to the students of the different colleges to volunteer for summer field work. Among the many who volunteer, 30 or 32 are selected each summer. These young people promise to give two months of their time without pay to work in the rural or small town churches of Arkansas. Thirty-two workers have already been selected this year and they will be taken in the Ouachita College bus to the Arkansas Baptist State Assembly on July 3, where they will receive intensive training during the assembly session. At the close of the assembly they will start out for six weeks of intensive work in the churches of western Arkansas. The group will be divided into fifteen teams and they will work in fifteen churches within an association for one week. They will begin their work on Saturday afternoon and close on the following Friday night.

The schedule for summer field work this summer is as follows:

July 13-21—Washington-Madison association

July 21-28—Concord association
July 28, Aug. 4—Dardanelle-Russellville association

August 4-11—Caddo River association

August 11-18—Little River association

August 18-25—Hope association

The following young people from eight colleges have been selected:

Dan Holland, Pine Bluff; Ellis Hollon Jr., DeVall's Bluff; J. P. Cheatham Jr., Eudora; Hugh Brown, Pine Bluff; David Pendergrast, Osceola; Gerald Stone, Pottsville; David May, Rt. 1, Thornton; Glenn E. Hickey, Mount Ida; Sue Wherley, Piggott; Ruth Holland, Heber Springs; Patsy Rose, Paragould; Virginia Ann Knautts, Malvern; Virginia Steed, Pine Bluff; Annette Carter,

Little Rock; Betty Brown, Damascus; Betty Lee Hodges, Hagarville; Dorothy M. Davis, Magnolia; Ruth Taylor, Monette; Wilma Owens, Van Buren; Janie Coyle, Hardy; Louise Powell, Gassville; Betty Jane Ensminger, McGehee; Eloise Ephlin, Deering, Missouri; Pat Rogers, Stamps; Betty Lou Steely, Walnut Ridge; Charlene Robertson, Watson; Muriel Evans, Benton; Patsy Ryan, Bentonville; Glenna Oglesbee, Gravelly; Irene Martin, Siloam Springs; Martha Sexton, Cabot; Martha Moreland, Tyroneza.

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Clothing and Climate

By ALBERT McCLELLAN

General summer conditions will prevail over the southwest and western area of the United States in June. Baptists journeying to the convention should wear the usual summer clothes (both sport and dress). However, heavier clothing will be needed for San Francisco and mountain areas in the West.

For these two areas (San Francisco and the Mountains) the following clothes are suggested:

Women:

Medium-weight dresses, suits, light or medium-weight coats. Sweaters and jackets may be worn in the mountain areas. In San Francisco, large hats are inadvisable because of prevailing winds; most San Francisco women prefer smaller hats. White shoes are not approved.

Men:

Business suits, tweeds, and conservative sports garb in San Francisco. White formals or flannels, white shoes or open-neck shirts are not suitable. Most hotels and restaurants require neckties and coats in dining rooms. For both San Francisco and mountain areas, a light topcoat is advisable. For mountain areas, sweaters, and jackets will be needed. Other informal sports clothes may be worn as the occasion demands: hiking, fishing, picnicking.

In most western states, the nights are cool and families are advised to take light blankets for general use. Parents should be careful to have proper clothes for children at night, and in mountain areas. Night driving is preferred by many motorists in some desert areas of Arizona and southern California.

Breakfasts, Luncheons, Special Meals

The following seminary breakfasts have been arranged to date:

1. Southern Seminary: June 21, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco
2. Southwestern Seminary: June 22, Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco
3. New Orleans Seminary: June 22, Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco
4. Golden Gate Seminary: June 20, Whitcomb Hotel, San Francisco.

SBC Messengers Attention

Pastors or church clerks should secure from the office of the Executive Secretary of the state Baptist Convention registration cards for the certification of messengers appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco, June 20-24.

These cards set out the Convention's constitutional requirements respecting appointment of messengers from churches and

Baptist Youth Night

A tornado from Texas is headed towards San Francisco!

Howard Butt Jr., dynamic young business executive, will be the featured speaker at Baptist Youth Night. The rally will take place on June 23 in the San Francisco Civic Auditorium.

Butt's life reads like something out of Horatio Alger. At 23 he is vice president of one of the largest grocery chains in the Southwest. His company operates 57 supermarkets in Texas; it also has several subsidiary firms as supply units.

When he graduated from Baylor University in 1947, he had been mentioned in "Who's Who in Colleges and Universities." Butt was senior class president in his final year at Baylor.

Butt preaches as a layman. He has recently conducted successful youth campaigns in cities of the Southwest. He talks straight from the shoulder; he brings Christian living down to practical present-day reality.

To aid Butt in the gigantic rally, which is expected to draw 10,000 to the large hall, the organizing committee, with Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan as chairman, has secured the services of several other prominent Christian personalities.

The famous Wayland College International Choir will present several musical numbers. A 500-voice choir and a military band are also on the program.

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Dr. Lee Declines Nomination

Dr. R. G. Lee, for the past three years president of the Southern Baptist Convention, desires that it be announced that he will refuse to permit his name to be placed in nomination for a fourth term as president of our Southern Baptist Convention. This announcement is made by Dr. Lee because he has received many requests that he permit his name to be placed in nomination again.

In making this announcement, Dr. Lee expressed his thanks to his many friends and to the host of Southern Baptists for their confidence and support during the past three years and for the continued blessings of God upon Southern Baptists.

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God has a way of using the most difficult trials to strengthen and bless His people.

Pine Bluff, First, Launches Building Program

By W. B. TATUM

The membership of the First Church, Pine Bluff, voted unanimously Wednesday night, May 9, to accept the all-over building plans submitted to it by its Building, Planning and Survey Committee. Authorization was given by the church to proceed with the planning and erection of the sanctuary unit. This unit comprises the main auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,500, an adjoining lounge and foyer. Facilities for the choir, organ, radio studios, and dressing rooms will be located at the rear of the pulpit stand and choir loft. An elevated baptistry flanked on each side by the organ grills will make up the main features of the front of the auditorium. In the rear of the auditorium and adjacent to the spacious lounge will be several Sunday School classrooms for adults assembling in the auditorium. A pastor's study, a mechanical room for year round air conditioning, and rest rooms complete the first floor proposals.

An additional second and third floors will give balanced height between the new structure and the present four floor educational building. These two floors comprise the balcony, additional rest rooms, and three departments for education: an adult, one primary, and two young people's departments. These additional educational facilities fit into the all-over master plan and will be a part of the church's program of expansion.

The sanctuary will have an elevated floor for every-point visibility on the part of the congregation. Four entrances will be

on sidewalk level. Semi-private outer aisles with a cloister effect will enable easy entrance and exit at any time of the worship service.

Balance between the main floor and the balcony will enable crowds of various sizes to have the feeling of fellowship at all times.

The estimated cost of the sanctuary unit is \$350,000. Bruce R. Anderson of Little Rock is architect and Joe R. Hall, Pine Bluff, is contractor.

Other phases of the long range building program to be carried out, as circumstances afford, include a wing consisting of a fellowship hall with kitchen and recreational facilities, a lovely chapel with a bridal suite, and two adult department rooms with adjacent classrooms.

Modernization and redecoration of the old educational building will be done from time to time in the development and progress toward the master set-up.

As the building projects take shape a large outdoor worship court will automatically be created as a part of the all-over scheme. This court will include an outdoor stage and will be surrounded by covered archways making all parts of the building accessible during all kinds of weather as well as giving beauty to outdoor worship.

Between this worship court and the street is to be a garden court. Both the garden court and worship court will adjoin the fellowship hall for combined indoor-outdoor social and fellowship functions.

Closing Service of Convention

The closing service of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco, June 20-24, will feature two of the most important matters facing Baptists, (1) training of church members, and (2) evangelism. Fifteen thousand are expected to attend, most of them from California. State leaders are organizing to secure representation from all of the state's churches. The meeting will be under the joint direction of Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. C. E. Matthews, Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Lambdin will direct the Training Union Hour emphasizing the Southern Baptist program of church member training. The Baptists have 15,835 Sunday evening Training Unions in which are enrolled 1,440,895. Training Union advance in work has been rapid in recent years. Two hundred five thousand, four hundred fifty-seven new people were enrolled in 1950 and 1,385 new Training Unions organized.

The Training Union Hour will follow a song service led by Dr. B. B. McKinney, Nashville, and will feature a new color film produced by Mr. Earl Waldrup, Nashville, "Training Union Is a Family Affair." Porter Routh, Nashville, will present facts and figures showing progress in church member training. Leonard E. Wedell, Nashville, director of associational Training Union work for the Southern Baptist Convention, will present "Training personal Soul-Winners." Dr. C. E. Matthews will follow this with a discussion of "Keeping Those We Win." Jimmy Rogers, Winter Haven, Florida, will bring a trumpet solo, "All on the Altar."

The Evangelistic Hour will follow the Training Hour. Dr. W. A. Criswell will be the preacher and the hour will be directed by Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

New Church Dedicated at Sparkman



The First Church of Sparkman, C. H. Seaton, pastor, dedicated their new church building on Sunday, April 29. The morning service was featured by the burning of the mortgage and the delivery of the dedicatory message by Pastor John Basinger of Trumann, who is a former pastor of the Sparkman Church.

In the afternoon the new organ, given to the church by the children of Mr. and Mrs. DeLaughter,

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Selph, and Mr. and Mrs. John T. Gaston, was also dedicated.

Pastor Seaton came to the Sparkman Church in October, 1948. During his pastorate there the debt on the church has been liquidated and at the same time additional furnishings have been added to the building. While the debt on the church was being paid, gifts to the Cooperative Program and to associational mission work have been increased. The



C. H. Seaton

present church building and furnishings are valued at more than \$80,000.

During the ministry of Pastor Seaton, 61 persons have been received into the fellowship of the church.

We Remembered Our Pastor

By MRS. H. T. WINBERRY

Not many issues ago the *Arkansas Baptist* carried an editorial suggesting that churches do something in appreciation for their pastors. The idea really appealed to me.

Soon after I'd read this, I attended one of our first W. M. U. meetings here at Nimmons. Some of the ladies were discussing our church, its pastor, and how well he had been leading us for more than five years. One lady remarked, "We really should appreciate our pastor more than we do because of the way he leads us and handles difficult situations." I was reminded of my desire while I read the editorial, so I quickly said, "Well, his birthday is coming the 22nd and that falls on Sunday."

Immediately another lady suggested a personal shower or birthday dinner. "Wait a minute," I pleaded, "what I had in mind was a spiritual pat-on-the-back—that's what he needs."

One remark led to another and suddenly we were all excited over the idea of doing something for our pastor, E. W. Gray of Nimmons. We finally agreed that if we put all our "bits" together we might be able to present him with a good watch as well as dinner on his birthday.

He had served our little church for five years, and any church or pastor knows that it takes courage, faith, love, and understanding to weather trials that will arise in that length of time. But we knew that he had led us, with the help of God, to do twice as much for the kingdom's progress than the church was doing when he accepted the pastorate.

Everyone agreed that it was all to be a surprise to our pastor and

his wife, if we could possibly keep it secret. Somehow, by the 20th of April, we had managed to raise the amount we needed for a good wrist watch. Some of us scraped down to our last dollar and some of us sold hens but we were determined to carry through.

We had invited our associational missionary, H. W. Johnston and his family to be with us on Sunday, April 22. We had also asked E. C. Polk, pastor of the Piggot Church and Sam Pillow, pastor of the Pollard Church to be there. Just before dinner was served, our deacons, these visiting preachers, and a few of the laymen gathered at the pulpit. One of them asked our pastor and his wife to come forward.

One of the deacons, D. Earl Price, made a presentation speech, or rather started it, but he was so full of emotion that he hurriedly came to the point and handed an oblong box to Pastor Gray. No one doubted that we had surprised him. Pastor Pillow opened the package for him because he was so nervous. We were all so happy and the pastor could hardly speak his thanks to us.

Following the dinner, which was served at the church, the afternoon service consisted of hymn singing, special musical numbers by a quartet and by Pastor Gray and his daughters, and a sermon by Pastor Pillow.

At the request of Pastor Gray, the service was closed by singing "O Happy Day."

I would suggest that other churches follow this idea of doing something extra for their pastors, and discover what spiritual refreshment they may derive from such a service.

Filling Big Shoes

By B. J. MURRIE, Editor
THE ILLINOIS BAPTIST

I was amused sometime ago after a preacher friend of mine had completed a splendid pastorate. He had taken a small church that had been pastorless for quite some time. It had never been rated as one of the "big churches." The theological prestige of the pastor of that church was not considered very high in the denominational politics.

He accepted the pastorate when it was quite low in finance, membership, and physical equipment. After a good deal of hard labor, sacrifice, and drudgery the church took on new life, increased in membership and built a splendid house of worship. He seemed comfortably set for several years of activity and growth but he was later called to a pastorate of a larger church.

When he resigned the church there were at least twenty preachers who wanted to be pastor of his church. This just goes to prove that when a man makes a success in a job there are usually plenty of people who know how to take hold and run it better than he does. It may be that they have never had any technical training, experience or made a success any place for themselves but they are sure that they can step into a big man's shoes after he has done all the work. The most striking thing about it is that several people know that they have "been called by the Lord" for just that situation.

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HOME—The father's kingdom, the mother's world, and the child's paradise.

How Much for Missions?

By JACK L. GRITZ, Editor
Oklahoma Baptist Messenger

Thoughtful observers of Southern Baptist life are gravely concerned with the continual decline in Southern Baptists' gifts to missions as compared with local church expenses.

Although in these times of high inflation our missionary agencies are receiving more dollars than ever before, the per cent of the "collection plate" dollar passed on by our churches to missions and benevolences continues to decrease. And this in view of the crisis among nations and the unparalleled opportunities for world evangelization. Constantly we are reminded that the only adequate answer to our world problems is spiritual and we know that the channel of that answer to the world is the message of the churches.

Figures for the last three years tell the story among Southern Baptists. Out of each dollar given to the churches on the average \$1.967 went for missions and benevolences in 1918; \$1.756, in 1949; and \$1.693, in 1950. Incidentally, only \$.0305 of this reached the Foreign Mission Board.

Higher operating and building costs at home might be offered as an explanation but this hardly explains why when our churches have more money than ever before they are giving less to missionary causes beyond the local field, including city, associational, state, home, and foreign missions.

The real explanation seems to be an indifference to missions or an apathy which refuses to care. And if true, this is tragic—to our people, our churches and our denomination.

Our Foreign Mission Board has been making marvelous advance with the funds entrusted to its use. In 1945 there were 38 missionaries appointed and in 1950 there were 111. In 1945 there were 504 missionaries under appointment and in 1950 there were 803. In five years the Board's annual income was almost doubled from \$3,592,001.82 in 1945 to \$6,014,909.49 in 1950. But while the amount was increasing the per cent was steadily decreasing.

All of the above achievements are splendid and call for rejoicing but they fall far short of the proposed program of 1,750 missionaries on the foreign fields and \$10,000,000 annually for our Foreign Mission Board.

Because more dollars have been sent on for missionary causes by most of our churches, we have had a feeling that we were doing much more for missions than ever before. And actually we are. As the number of churches has increased and the church membership has soared this was to be expected. But the missionary dollar is like every other dollar, it buys less in 1951 than at any other time in history.

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*

News from the Field

Week-End Revival at Calvary

The Brotherhood Secretary recently had the privilege of working with the new Calvary Church, Texarkana, during a week-end revival. The Lord gave 10 additions, nine for baptism. The revival was followed on Monday evening with a good Brotherhood meeting, at which about 75 men were present. C. C. Ussery is pastor of Calvary Church, and has done a great job of leading his people in a program of growth and expansion that has had few parallels in our State. The church recently completed a beautiful new auditorium, and it now has facilities for continued growth in every phase of its work.

At Eagle Heights

At a recent Brotherhood planning meeting with Eagle Heights church, Harrison, the men present voiced their approval of immediate Brotherhood organization and work.

Eagle Heights is also a new church, being until recently a mission of First Church, Harrison. Eagle Heights is indeed "planted in a very fruitful hill"; and will, in time to come, grow into a great church. Lenox Medford is pastor; and is leading his people in a constructive program of work and of expansion to meet present and future needs. Recently, the church enlarged and beautified the auditorium, added a baptistry, and is now in process of providing space for a growing educational program.

And out on the hill by the side of the church is a large neon sign which tells the whole wide world that Eagle Heights Baptist Church is located on that particular corner!

Growth Can Be Fast!

When a group of God's people get together and honestly seek to do the will of God, then God's blessings are poured out upon that group of people. In a short time the group has grown to a larger group, able to undertake still greater things for the Lord.

Growth can be fast and will be fast when God's people do the very things which God has laid out for His people to do (Matt. 28:18-20).

God's blessings are always upon those who do God's will!

Growth is a Fundamental Necessity

God's people **MUST** grow in grace and in knowledge. Growth is a fundamental necessity for an individual Christian.

God's churches **MUST** grow! When a church stops growing, it slows up in its outreach for souls.

(Rather, when a church slows up in its outreach for souls, it stops growing; and a church dies when it ceases to try to win people to Christ.)

The above truths explain why so many of our churches are operating at less than efficiency. They have failed to grow up with their community. They are struggling along on facilities that have been inadequate for years. They have failed to GROW.

Growing Men Make Churches Grow!

Christian men who are growing up in their christianity are the prime factors of a Baptist church.

God's work waits on men; and GROWING men will lead out down the middle of the road of God's will—and the church will follow.

The church Brotherhood helps men to grow up into full maturity as Christians. The Brotherhood provides a program of work, entirely Christ-centered and church-centered, which helps to pull God's men over into God's will.

When God's men do God's will, God's men GROW! Their church GROWS! The Kingdom of God PROSPERS.

That's the purpose of the Brotherhood!

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Ouachita Yearbook Dedicated

The 1951 Ouachitonian, official yearbook of Ouachita College, was dedicated to Dr. S. W. Eubanks, Ouachita College president. The yearbooks were delivered May 17 on the campus.

In dedication of the annual the Ouachitonian staff said in reference to Dr. Eubanks: "The 1951 Ouachitonian is dedicated to Dr. S. W. Eubanks, president—a man of untiring patience, of sincere devotion to the principles of Christian education, of unceasing energy in performing the duties of his position; a most capable leader and executive; a friend and counselor to all students."

Troy Carroll of Lonoke is editor of the Ouachitonian, Elsie Kennedy Warnock of Hot Springs is assistant editor, Gene Ernert of Corning is business manager, and Powell Hines of Arkadelphia is assistant business manager.

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Speaker

Rev. J. T. Gillespie Field Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, will be one of the speakers at the Rural Church Conference, Ouachita College, June 4-7.

Woman's Missionary Union

John Abernathy Writes

"On March 30th I said goodbye to Jewell at the Manila airport as I started on my way back to Korea. It is never easy, these partings, and especially hard when you know not for how long. Life is too full of separations and heartaches, but we look forward to that happy time when we can serve throughout eternity together.

"I arrived in Pusan on April 21st, having spent three weeks in Japan. Our dear friends the David Ahns met me at the airfield. It was in their lovely home in Seoul we spent our first two months last year. Now they are refugees having lost everything but their lives. Every bit of space is occupied by refugees in this and surrounding towns and cities. We give the Lord credit for having this place to live, almost in the center of the city. David Ahn saved our car, using it when they evacuated Seoul and then when they returned after the liberation. It was stolen by a neighbor the night before they planned to make their second evacuation. The thief was frightened and said he felt forced to take the car. It was almost wrecked and abandoned near Pusan. I brought new tires and other parts from Tokyo and it is again in pretty good condition.

"Have preached the past two Sundays to a group of Baptist refugees who meet in our house. Most of them are pale from undernourishment and other sufferings and their clothes are threadbare, but the light of heaven shines on their faces as they listen to the Gospel. Yesterday two of our pastors came from churches between here and Seoul. Took four days on the way. There is no end to the heart-rending stories they tell of the sufferings of the people. We know of the death of four pastors, several deacons and laymen. Since no news has come of the pastors in North Korea it is presumed they were killed after being carried away.

"There is great need for all kinds of relief. Much of the country suffered drought last year. Just when the little crop was about ready to be harvested the enemy armies came in like a flood and the people fled for their lives. When they returned there was nothing to eat, no clothing and in many cases no house to live in. Many died from exposure, undernourishment and disease. They have no money for doctor nor medicines. Large numbers of orphans roam the streets begging or stealing. Several of our churches have been destroyed. United Nations has a lot of relief supplies piled up here and in Japan but because of their intricate system of dispensing, few people are get-

ting it. My coming with Baptist relief funds, with the promise of more, has done much to encourage all who have heard about it. They will forever be grateful to Southern Baptists for thus remembering them in their darkest hour and greatest need. I am told the next three months will be the most critical.

"Please pray for me and these dear Korean leaders that we may have divine wisdom, patience and strength as we go about this needy work. Shall be glad to hear from you at any time."

Address: A. P. O. No. 59, % P. M., San Francisco, California.

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Over the Top for Missions

As of May 1st the 1950 Lottie Moon Offering for foreign missions totaled \$2,110,019.07, an increase of \$364,336.26 over 1949. These figures were furnished by Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board. The southwide goal was \$1,600,000. To date Arkansas' offerings total \$62,225.52, showing a substantial increase over the previous year.

Gratifying, also, is the response to the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. To date Arkansas' offerings total \$24,710.92, a new high. Daily remittances are being received at the State W. M. U. Headquarters for this worthy cause.

Begin planning now for observance of the Day of Prayer and the Dixie Jackson Offering for State Missions in September. May we have an increase in interest and offerings at that season to correspond with the two listed above?

Be Not Deceived—

It will be winter time in San Francisco June 18-24! So warns the publicity chairman for the convention. Leave sheers, picture hats, white shoes, etc., at home. Take along suits with topcoat.

There's still time to add your name to the list of delegates to the W. M. U. Convention June 18-19. Please notify Miss Nancy Cooper, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

**FOUR QUARTERS
for
HEADQUARTERS
June 11, 1951**

Summertime is Camptime!
Write Miss Doris DeVault,
209 Baptist Building, Little
Rock, for details.

The Restoration of Jerusalem

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

When Judah's 70 year captivity was fulfilled according to the word of the Lord, we read in Ezra 1:1-3: ". . . the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus, king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and put it in writing, saying, . . . "The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and He hath charged me to build Him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who is there among you of all His people? his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, in Judah, and build the house of the Lord God of Israel." According to the promises the Lord had given His people through the prophets, He laid it upon the heart of their ruler to encourage them to return home, and furthermore, King Cyrus provided the expense involved in rebuilding the temple. We read further in the book of Ezra where 42,360 people responded to God's call and returned home to rebuild the temple.

Bright Beginning Meets Opposition

But though the king was for them, and everything looked bright in the beginning, the Jews encountered great opposition in their God-given task. They found their land to be infested with adversaries upon their return. Their enemies first tried to align themselves with the children of God, but they wisely refused their help. The enemies then began to write letters (age-old weapon!), first to King Cyrus, but he ignored them; later to his successor, Ahasuerus; to his son, Darius; then to Artaxerxes. They charged that Judah had at one time been a dangerous, powerful nation, and it would never do to allow them to become powerful again. So the building stopped for 14 years. The temple was finished during the reign of Darius, and the Jews received further appropriations of cash from Artaxerxes.

It was during the reign of Artaxerxes too, that Nehemiah became ill over his burden for conditions in Israel. With the help of the king, letters of recommendation in hand, and the king's blessing upon him, Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem for its protection, for the people were being sorely persecuted by their enemies. But as the priest Ezra had opposition from Tatnai, so Nehemiah found his opposition in the person of Sanballat and his confederates, who were determined to subdue the Jews.

Sunday School Lesson for

June 3, 1951

Ezra 1:2-3; 6:14-16;
Neh. 4:6; 8:1-3

Nehemiah went out by night to inspect the walls of Jerusalem; he found them in a deplorable condition. The enemies heard of it and laughed him to scorn. But hear the words of the man of God: "The God of heaven will prosper us; therefore we His servants will arise and build . . ." Again we read in Nehemiah 4:6: "So we built the wall . . . for the people had a mind to work." They worked on the project day and night; figuratively speaking, they worked with a tool in one hand and a sword in the other; or one crew worked while another watched and guarded the workers from the enemy. The enemies wrote letters to the king, and letters of intimidation to Nehemiah. But in spite of all their obstacles, the temple was finished and the wall was built—because and only because the people had a mind to work.

Eight Steps to Revival

When the work was completed, it was dedicated to God. There was a great celebration. One hundred bullocks, 200 rams, 400 lambs were offered to the Lord, besides 12 goats, one for each of the twelve tribes of Israel, for a sin offering for the entire nation.

The law of Moses, which was the word of God, was brought forth and read to the people. So hungry were they for the word they stood listening for many hours, and begged for more. When the time came for the annual passover, they had a solemn fast and a season of repentance, when they confessed their sins and separated themselves from the mixed multitude.

Shall we count the steps of progress among the the Israelites as we find them in this lesson: First, God called, and 42,360 answered. Just a remnant returned to Jerusalem. Many stayed in the Gentile land for several reasons. Some were successful in business; some perhaps in politics; many were indifferent to national loyalty, they had forgotten the city of Zion; many were indifferent to the call of God. Then, as now, the majority were concerned with personal interests rather than spiritual.

(2) Service was involved for those who answered God's call. It was no easy task to return to Jerusalem and carry on the kind of labor necessary for constructing a building and a high wall around the city. It was heavy duty, the business of handling brick and mortar and timbers.

(3) It meant personal sacrifices. They were not only lacking in the comforts of life, but they met with severe persecution. The devil did not desire the rebuilding of Jerusalem. They were opposed by every conceivable means the enemy could conjure.

(4) They persevered. Maybe they did not proceed as rapidly as the Lord would have had them to, but eventually they accomplished a difficult task.

(5) They dedicated their work to God.

(6) They consecrated themselves to God. His law was opened and reviewed. They sought to know His way and His will in their lives now that they were home again.

(7) They confessed their sins and repented of their evil lives. When the spotlight of God's word was thrown upon the careless and indifferent lives they had lived, their exceeding sinfulness was revealed to them, and they were penitent.

(8) Their last step was separation. They were moved to segregate themselves from the evil influences that would mar and hinder their consecrated service to Jehovah.

(9) The natural result of these steps was revival.

Lost Millions Await Revival of Christians

The same principles that were involved in the progress of Israel is true in Christendom today. If God's people today would answer His call to service, the building of His kingdom would not move so slowly. The only answer to the lost millions around the world is in the fact that Christian people refuse to serve with all their strength, and suffer great fear that they shall be called upon to make a sacrifice for their Savior. We are a generation with an allergy to service, suffering, and sacrifice.

Too many times modern churches have a spurt of revival fire, but we have not much perseverance. We tire too easily. We allow the complainers, the Tatnais and Sanballats, to retard our growth. We fear too greatly the criticism of the world, knowing full well that the world has no use for our Lord, unless there is a storm brewing or a war to win.

If Christian people would rid themselves of everything in life that cannot be wholly dedicated to God, and consecrate themselves to really learning the word of God, then they would know better the way and will of God, and revival would have to come. "Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you that He will not hear."

Why can we not learn our lesson from God's people of old, and do what God's people of today know we ought to do?

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Figures to Inspire

SUNDAY, MAY 20

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1197	401	8
Including Missions	1414	532	12
Little Rock, First	1603	381	8
El Dorado, First	934	185	
Including Mission	1094	212	8
N. Little Rock, Bar. Cross	875	343	
Including Mission	917	368	
Hot Springs, Second	872	167	2
Little Rock, Second	757	250	3
Pine Bluff, South Side	650	237	5
Including Mission	713	274	
Fayetteville, First	642	230	4
Camden, First	628	135	
Including Missions	929	285	
El Dorado, Immanuel	614	314	31
Including Mission	676	364	43
Pine Bluff, First	607	154	
El Dorado, Second	586	271	3
Texarkana, Beech St.	526	217	1
Magnolia, Central	520	156	
Hope, First	519	101	
Crossett, First	495		1
Little Rock, Gaines St.	487	287	4
Forrest City, First	486		1
Paragould, First	479	168	4
Including Missions	735	400	
Fordyce, First	455	160	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	453	117	4
Siloam Springs, First	424	253	3
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	423	68	
Hot Springs, Central	422	166	5
Hot Springs, Park Place	409	141	1
Paris, First	393	84	1
Including Mission	420		
Conway, First	391	75	1
Fort Smith, Calvary	390	183	14
Stuttgart, First	388	188	2
Including Mission	415	204	
El Dorado, West Side	341	77	2
Monticello, First	337	117	
Hot Springs, First	336	94	2
Little Rock, S. Highland	325	110	
Hamburg, First	322	90	
Searcy, First	313	131	5
Pine Bluff, Second	289	110	
Wilson, First	271	137	27
Including Missions	342		
Mena, First	263	76	
DeQueen, First	263	73	1
No. Little Rock, First	260	74	
Levy	237	112	
Junction City, First	228	135	
Jacksonville, First	205	112	21
Including Mission	243		
Little Rock, Hebron	200	85	
Gurdon, Beech St.	188	96	2
Hot Springs, Piney	185	150	
Little Rock,			
Reynolds Memorial	181	71	2
Rt. Little Rock, Ironton	179	126	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	164	134	
Rogers, Immanuel	159		3
North Crossett, First	156	96	
Jacksonville, Friendship	154	130	
Sylvan Hills, First	149	65	
Hot Springs,			
Harvey's Chapel	147	102	12
Sweet Home, Pine Grove	144	103	10
Pine Bluff, Bethel	139	88	2
Augusta, First	137	65	
Including Mission	161		
Strong, First	130	71	
N. Little Rock, Bethany	126	52	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave.	119	60	
Warren, Immanuel	104	96	
Little Rock, West Side	100	75	8
N. Little Rock, Cedar Hts.	64	52	
Hot Springs Emmanuel	61	30	
Walker, Liberty	58	53	
N. Little Rock,			
Graves Memorial	58	30	
Little Rock, West			
Markham St. Mission	36	21	
Little Rock, Pilgrims Rest	21	19	

Training Union Week

Are you planning to attend the third Training Union week at Ridgecrest? If you are going in your car and would like to have passengers who will pay 1½ cent per mile both ways, or if you need a way to go, write to your State Training Union Director, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, immediately. We know of several people who would like to have a way to go. Let us hear from you.

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Home—A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

Executive Board - STATE CONVENTION

B. L. Bridges, General Secretary, 200 Baptist Building, Little Rock, Ark.

Our Work

The work of Arkansas Baptists is that of (1) Evangelism (2) Missions (3) Teaching (4) Healing and (5) Helping the Helpless.

(1) Evangelism is, and has always been, the basic endeavor of Baptists everywhere. It is the "mud sill" of Baptist Work. In 1950 more conversions and baptisms were reported than ever before in the history of Arkansas Baptists with approximately six thousand of these being reported through the Evangelistic Crusade, April 9-23, 1950.

Jesus set the example of soul-winning and Arkansas Baptists prayerfully and hopefully look to 1951 as the year of greatest achievement in Evangelism.

(2) Missions—State, Home, and Foreign—are our next major objects of work. Under our State Missions program, we have three full-time Rural Evangelists, one full-time Pioneer Evangelist, and pay in full or in part the salaries of 35 Associational Missionaries of our forty-four Associations. We also give help to the Negro work through the State Missions department. Our desire of making 1951 the "Achievement Year" for Arkansas Baptists in State Missions is found in the fact that the 1951 budget calls for an increase of \$10,000.00 over any previous budget allotment for this department.

Home Missions is an outstanding and worthy feature of our over-all mission program. Over 1,000 workers were employed last year by the Home Mission Board of which 779 were regular Missionaries. During the year 165 new churches were constituted and 577 new missions opened through this department in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Unto the uttermost . . ." To go abroad and win souls is our Foreign Mission objective. Over 700 missionaries are now under appointment of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board hopes to appoint an additional 125 missionaries in 1951 and increasing each year until 1954 when they hope to appoint 200.

(3) ". . . Teaching them to observe all things . . ." Arkansas Baptists are striving to accomplish the Will of God in Christian Education. We try to teach our church members and their children in our Sunday Schools, Training Unions, our Baptist Colleges, Seminaries, and Missionary Training Schools. Ouachita College, located at Arkadelphia, is our only convention-owned college. It is a four-year, co-educational, liberal arts college, offering majors and minors in Bible and Religious Education, English, French, Spanish, Speech, Biology, Chemistry, Home Economics, Mathematics, Physics, Business Administration, Education and Psychology, History, and Political Science, Sociology, Physical Education and Health, and Music; A.B. and B.S. degrees. Requirement for teachers certificates are offered.

Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge, while not owned by Arkansas Baptists, is partially supported by them. This college is the fastest growing Junior College in the Southern Baptist Convention and offers

work to students in its three schools of Liberal Arts, Vocational Arts, and Minister's Training.

The Arkansas Baptist Hospital School of Nursing operated by our Baptist Hospital at Little Rock, is a worthy and popular work of Arkansas Baptists. Over 200 student nurses are in attendance there training for service in the field of nursing.

(4) Arkansas Baptists are also striving to do God's will in the matter of healing. The Arkansas Baptist Hospital, located at Little Rock, is the property of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and is doing a marvelous work in its field of service to mankind. Although having done over \$65,000.00 in charity last year, the hospital has managed to live within its income which requires about \$80,000.00 monthly in cash.

(5) Helping the Helpless. Arkansas Baptists maintain one of the finest orphanages in the Southern Baptist Convention. While not as large as some others, it is being rapidly improved and expanded to meet the ministry of helping homeless and other unfortunate children. Located at Monticello, the orphanage, known as the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, is one of our outstanding institutions of which Arkansas Baptists are justly proud.

Arkansas Baptists also contribute their proportionate part of the cost of maintaining the Ministers Retirement Plan and for Old Age Ministers relief and that of their wives as well as for disabled preachers. Again, Arkansas Baptists are striving to accomplish the "Greatest Achievement" by doing as best they can the will of God in the matter of helping the helpless.

Our Plan of Work

The plan of Arkansas Baptists for carrying on their work as heretofore outlined is the "Cooperative Program." The Cooperative Program is a plan of Mission finance adopted by Southern Baptists over a quarter of a century ago. Arkansas Baptists find in this plan a method for "Every Baptist giving to Everything Baptists Support."

The Cooperative Program is co-extensive with the Great Commission. It is the Baptist way of spreading the gospel around the world—beginning at home. It is a plan by which the Baptist churches in the South co-operate with each other and put their money together to do missionary, Christian Education, and benevolent work. It is a method by which the Southern Baptist Convention and our Baptist State Conventions co-operate in raising funds for all missionary, Christian Education and benevolent work of both the Southern Baptist Convention and the State Convention. Southwide causes get 40 cents of each dollar you give.

Administration

Administration is the work of receiving and distributing money according to the budget percentages and according to designations. It is administering the funds and executing the plans and policies of the Convention and Executive Board, bookkeeping, publishing information, distributing tracts and literature, keeping records, paying employees, and promoting the work throughout the state and the world in accordance with the instructions of the Convention. It is also a missionary agency. The General Secretary is constantly preaching, holding revivals, speaking in stewardship conferences, stimulating interest in missions, as well as administering funds. Every precaution is taken to see that all money goes to the cause for which it is given. If the missionary side of "Administration" were separated from administrative work we would find that the thing that is called "overhead expenses" would amount to not more than two per cent, which is a very low cost for doing anything that is worth while.

1951 BUDGET

Administration	\$ 24,440.00
Arkansas Baptist	6,580.00
W. M. U.	18,800.00
Promotion and Convention	6,460.00
Brotherhood	9,600.00
Department of Religious Education	25,825.00
Retirement Plan	20,000.00
Old Debts	28,200.00
Hospital School of Nursing	25,000.00
State Missions	65,800.00
Ouachita College	100,000.00
Orphanage	23,200.00
Ministerial Education	1,690.00
Emergency Reserve	9,400.00
Baptist Foundation	4,200.00
Southern Baptist College	10,000.00
Siloam Springs Assembly	5,170.00
TOTAL	\$389,365.00
Southwide Causes	259,576.67

TOTAL BUDGET SUBJECT TO	
DIVISION	\$648,941.67
Ouachita College (Special non-recurring)	50,000.00
Central College (Liquidating Agency)	37,000.00
Office Building (Annual Payment)	7,500.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$743,441.67
All overage to be divided 50% to Southwide Causes; 25% to Ouachita College, and 25% to Southern Baptist College.	

Your Daily Vacation Bible School Offering

It has been agreed by all the leadership in the Southern Baptist Convention that we ask that all Daily Vacation Bible School offerings be made (undesignated) for the Cooperative Program. Heretofore these offerings have been given for first one thing and then another. Won't all pastors and church leaders emphasize this point and send us this month your Daily Vacation Bible School offering for Cooperative Missions?

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